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**Office of the President  
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Close-Up

## Data plus rhetorical 'texts' equals informed decision-making at USD

By CATHERINE  
MACRAE HOCKMUTH  
*The Daily Transcript*

LINDA VISTA — When Mary Lyons became president of the University of San Diego last year, she noticed a critical shortfall. Although various university facts and figures were available from multiple resources, there was no centralized data bank of information from which she and the board of trustees could plan and make decisions.

That's how the office of Institutional Research and Planning was born. Lyons named Cel Johnson, an economist working in another part of the university, executive director in charge of two other research analysts.

The staff develops analyses and data about student population, academic offerings and fiscal expenditures. The information is available on USD's Web site and internal intranet. Lyons wants to refine the data even further to add "dashboard" performance indicators that would give trustees a snapshot view of the information they need.

"It's been really invaluable," said Lyons, who was president of the College of Saint Benedict



Mary Lyons

in St. Joseph, Minn., from 1996 to 2003.

Johnson's office also led in the development of the university's new strategic plan, approved by the board last April, by conducting 19 focus groups for students, faculty, alumni, parents and Linda Vista community members. Local business, community and church leaders were surveyed by phone and more than 3,300 USD students, faculty, staff and alumni participated in a Web survey.

The goal: to identify what

See **Lyons** on 5A

USD does well and what it could do better. For example, should the university increase its academic rigor, increase emphasis on graduate and professional programs and partner more with businesses, area schools and organizations? How should the university deal with the challenges of rising tuition, which some feared could turn USD into a wealthy enclave out of reach to the very students it sought?

Full-time undergraduate students enrolled in USD for the first time this fall can expect to pay \$26,660 in tuition for the 2004-05 school year, plus \$11,260 for room and board. That's up from \$23,410 in 2003-04 and \$21,880 in 2002-03. Before the latest tuition hike — the highest in the university's recent history — Lyons said an annual review of tuition showed USD was charging the same or less than its competitors.

Nearly 80 percent of USD's students rely on financial aid, and despite the recent tuition increase, Lyons said the university received its highest ever number of applications for admission for fall 2004.

Among the university's major goals is to increase its endowment from \$160 million to \$500 million within 10 years to provide greater fiscal flexibility, reduce pressure on tuition and increase institutional aid to students. The university recently launched a two-year marketing campaign designed to build pride and affinity among its alumni, who are being counted on for greater personal involvement, investment and business partnerships.

The strategic plan identified four other goals. At the top of the list is an initiative to increase the cultural diversity of the university through trans-border and international partnerships for students and faculty. USD hopes its efforts will lead to more "globally competent" graduates for the modern work force.

University leaders also embraced a trend popular at universities across the United States, including the University of California, San Diego. Second on

USD's list of strategic goals is to create more integrated, interdisciplinary learning opportunities to give students broader skills sets and leadership training.

"I think there's probably no credible college or university these days that doesn't recognize to some extent that the major academic disciplines and the traditional way that we direct students into these traditional forms don't adequately meet the needs that they're going to have as professionals, let alone the needs of the region," Lyons. "Interdisciplinary education is really not the future, it's here now."

Lyons' resumé is a lesson in well-rounded education. Although a fifth generation Californian, Lyons spent her youth as a military dependent living throughout the United States and in Eritrea, Africa. Throughout her 35 years in education, Lyons has been a teacher, professor and administrator. Before taking over Saint Benedict's, Lyons was president of the California Maritime Academy, a California State University campus in Vallejo. Lyons spent 25 years as an officer in the Naval Reserve, including an active duty position teaching at the Naval Training Center in San Diego and two appointments as commanding officer of Naval Reserve units. She retired in 1996 as a captain.

Under Lyons, USD is embarking on a review of all academic programs that will lead to the development of a long-range academic master plan.

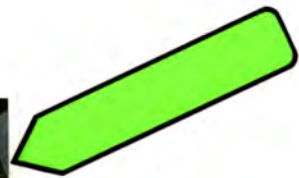
With a doctorate in rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley, Lyons first explored the university's purpose and mission by examining what she calls its "texts," such as its ornate Spanish Renaissance architecture for evidence of the founders' motivations and vision.

Rev. Charles Francis Buddy, the first bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, and Mother Rosalie Hill, founded the university in 1949 as two separate institutions: the San Diego University and the San Diego College for Women. The colleges, along with the law

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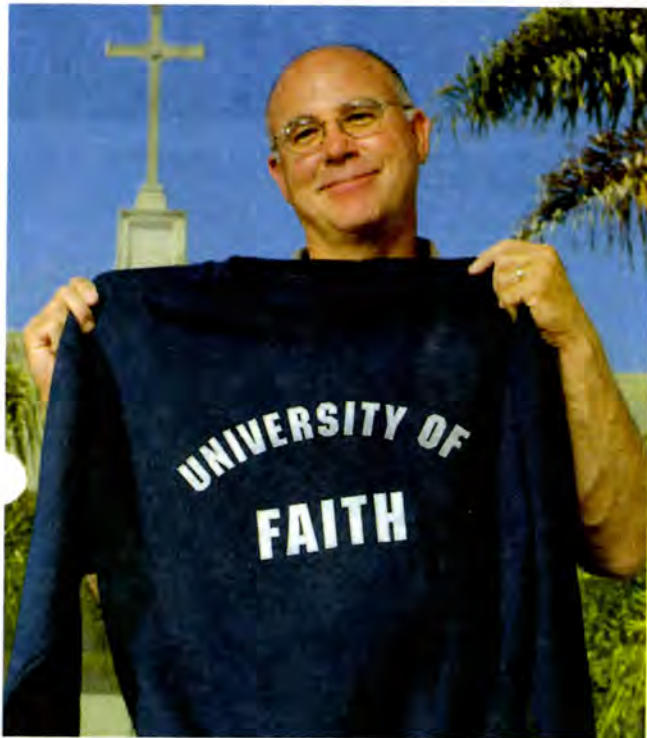
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## UNIVERSITY OF PARTNERSHIPS

USD HITS THE AIRWAVES WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM ITS FRIENDS



*Mike McIntyre, a USD alum now director of ministry at the university, shares his "University of" message.*

As Michael Phelps was swimming his way into the Olympic record books, the University of San Diego made a big splash of its own, debuting a television commercial during NBC's coverage of the games. Using the traditional university sweatshirt icon to convey USD's core values, the thirty-second spot aired in the San Diego market featured nine alumni, a faculty member and a current student.

In many ways, taking the idea of promoting the university on the airwaves required a teamwork that would be familiar to many of the Olympic athletes.

Last spring, Barney and Barney principle and BusinessLink USD board member Larry Shea invited Phyllis Schwartz, general manager of NBC 7/39, to a CEO luncheon hosted by the partnership marketing arm of the university. Over salad and iced tea, Schwartz and USD President Mary E. Lyons kicked around some ideas.

"No one disputes the influence of television on our perceptions and its influence in our community; but access to this medium seemed beyond the university's financial capacity," Lyons says. "I hoped that we might create some relationship that would be mutually beneficial."

According to Schwartz, the partnership required a little creative thinking since the university was not a traditional television advertiser. But as a local institution known for community service and first-rate academics it made good sense for the university to utilize a platform like the Olympics.

USD still faced a formidable hurdle: creating a commercial. Enter Bob Hoehn, the chair of USD's board of trustees and a BusinessLink USD member. At a meeting to discuss his automobile dealership ads, Hoehn tossed out an idea to his advertising agency, MeadsDurket.

"On a whim I asked if they'd consider doing something for USD," Hoehn says. "Gary Meads and Tony Durket didn't even blink and agreed to do a spot for the university."

Durket, the agency's chief creative officer, came up with the sweatshirt concept.

"There is an alphabet soup of universities in San Diego," he says, "but only one University of San Diego. The 'University of' concept not only reinforces the USD name, it also provides a vehicle to communicate its core values, faith, honor, peace, ideas, etc."

Those sweatshirts were modeled by notable USD alumni including Mike Whitmarsh, himself an Olympic silver medalist, William Jones, president and CEO of CityLink Investment Corp., and Nancy Ely-Raphael, former ambassador to Slovenia and currently director of Save the Children.

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"These people are not actors," Lyons says. "They are people who live the values of the university in their everyday lives. We know how special our graduates are, but to see so many of them represented in such an elegant way — I still get chills when I see the commercial."

"BusinessLink USD was the engine that drove the project, the catalyst that brought together all the talented people that made the project a reality. It's a great reminder that with the right people who have the right attitude, anything is possible."

## Rembrandt exhibit opens in Founders

By Corrine Wang  
STAFF WRITER

From Sept. 29 through Dec. 12, the Founders Gallery is holding an outstanding exhibition of a collection of etchings created over a period of 35 years by the famous Dutch painter Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn.

The exhibition, titled "The Gospel According to Rembrandt," showcases 28 prints by the revered artist. Another print by Giulio Carpioni and two by Hendrick Goltzius are also on display in the gallery. The central theme revolves around God, nature and humanity, and constitutes a somewhat complete gospel narrative. Some works of art include "The Adoration of Shepherds," "Presentation in the Temple," "Christ Preaching," "Return of the Prodigal Son," "The Agony in the Garden" and "Descent from the Cross." These works recount the most significant events of the gospel. A total of 12 prints came from the personal collection of Robert and Karen Hoehn. Mr. Hoehn, current president of the board of trustees, has magnanimously donated them to the University of San Diego.

Although Rembrandt was most renowned for his paintings, his etchings exemplify his true genius. His unrequited patience, dedication and devotion to the art of etching brought about a

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breakthrough in its techniques and the medium of etching.

According to Mary Whelan, the director of university design and the curator of the collection, "etching is a method of creating an impression on zinc or copper plates using a scribing tool. You'll first coat the plate with a resin to protect it, etch the design, and then immerse it in an acid bath. The acid eats away the parts of the plate that have been etched and produces deep crevices as a result."

Whelan was responsible for organizing the entire exhibition. A darker, more somber tone was created in the gallery by adjusting the lighting, highlighting each print individually. However, it is still dim to keep from disturbing the ink on the paper. Whelan feels that this intimate atmosphere will force viewers closer to the artwork.

Rembrandt experimented with various methods of inking

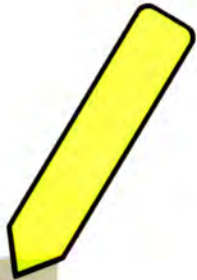
and wiping off ink from plates to create distinct impressions of the same print. He produced rich and vivid etchings by creating spatial depth and contrasting light with dark, using a technique known as chiaroscuro.

These extraordinary prints identify with the tribulations and the grace of humanity. Rembrandt was able to capture perfectly the different human emotions through his use of remarkable details and poignant scenes, evoking very personal feelings from the viewer.

Many faculty, staff and students have truly enjoyed this exhibition, so make sure not to miss this amazing opportunity to see some of Rembrandt's world-famous etchings. It is not necessary to know a great deal about art in order to appreciate the quality of Rembrandt's work.

Another exhibition with sculptures by David Smith will be presented in early November in the Fine Arts Gallery in the Peace & Justice building.

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**COLLEGES**

**Founders Gallery** *Founders Hall, USD.*  
*Open Noon to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Fri-*  
*days, Saturdays and Sundays; noon to 6*  
*p.m. Thursdays.* "The Gospel According  
to Rembrandt," an exhibition of works  
on paper by Rembrandt, runs through  
Dec. 12.

**College of Arts and Sciences**



# DIALOGUE WITH TOM BLAIR

## > DERRICK CARTWRIGHT <

**A** **T 42, DERRICK CARTWRIGHT**, the new executive director of the San Diego Museum of Art, has an impressive list of credentials. From 1993 to 1998, he taught art history at the University of San Diego. He has been an art lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley; Columbia University; the University of California, San Diego; and the University of Michigan, where he earned his Ph.D. From 1998 to 2000, he was director of the Musée d'Art Américain at Giverny, France. More recently, he was director of the Hood Museum at Dartmouth College. Cartwright and his family live in La Jolla.

**TOM BLAIR:** The city's changed a bit in the six years you've been gone. What's the biggest difference?

**DERRICK CARTWRIGHT:** Downtown—the whole debate around the ballpark that was roiling when I left here has come to complete fruition. I'm excited to see what that means for this community. I've already been to a baseball game this summer.

**TB:** Your background here was in education. In fact, much of your experience has been in academia. Now you're directing a large, urban art museum. What's the major difference?

**DC:** When I fill out those customs declarations in airports, I still identify myself as an art historian. I hope to bring to this job a sense of the scholarly purpose behind museums. At the same time, I've tried to learn from a lot of sources. I don't think, as an academic, I can know everything about the business practices of museums. I've worked in Europe, directing a museum there. I've seen a very different approach to how museums function, and I've learned from that.

**TB:** Your predecessor was very much interested in art education in the community. Are you going to pursue that?

**DC:** I admire Don Bacigalupi. It would be silly to dismantle the good things Don has done. But there's a lot of great work to be done. One thing I'm hoping to bring is new connections to the university communities. There's UCSD, San Diego State, USD, Cal State San Marcos—all these wonderful research institutions. I want to make sure they feel SDMA is an important resource for them.

**TB:** San Diego doesn't have a lot of old family money. And we have few major corporations. How do you plan to expand the financial base for SDMA?

**DC:** Dartmouth is an old institution, but in rural New Hampshire there are no big corporations. There *is* a lot of old wealth in the area, but not all of it is connected to Dartmouth. So I got a little experience doing that kind of important fund-raising. In order to take this museum to the next level, I'm going to need the support of this community, and support has to be won by sincerity of effort and hard work. I'm not afraid to do that.

**TB:** When Don Bacigalupi left for Toledo last year, he confessed he hadn't had "a sense of the magnitude" of the job when he took the post here at SDMA. "There just wasn't a good feeling about the place," he said. How do you feel about the museum you've inherited from him?

**DC:** This is an extraordinary team. Don set some high principles for management. I've been in museum jobs where I've been introduced and been asked, "Well, what are you going to do for an exhibition program?" The museum was going to open in a few weeks with no sense of where they were going. That's not the case here. It's in very good shape. I will try to make some changes and build on the strengths Don has established.

**TB:** Can you offer some specifics?



**DC:** What I'm trying to do first is listen, before I go shooting off my mouth. There are lots of good ideas for museums, but not all will work in every place, and not all are welcome in every place. SDMA has done important exhibitions in the past, but too few people know the strengths of this collection. I'd like to see us do exhibitions around those strengths, and send them out into the world so people recognize this is a museum with important resources. We haven't done that as well as I think we might. I want to see us take a few more risks. This is a place that's open enough to change that we shouldn't be the stodgy museum in the community.

**TB:** In the spring, a \$400,000 shortfall forced elimination of five SDMA staff positions—including the museum registrar. How's that going to affect programming, and what do you hope to do to turn things around?

**DC:** I don't know of a museum in the country that hasn't gone through some reorganization, downsizing. The experience here was rather mild when you think of the museums that are closing in other places. The staff made some very hard choices. I'm grateful I didn't have to be part of those decisions. I've told the staff we've got to figure out how to work in challenging times. But if we're all pulling together, I think we can accomplish good things. I obviously have to take on a role in making a more secure future for this museum. That's going to mean some fund-raising. I'm not afraid of that.

**TB:** Is it more difficult to cultivate museum attendance in a city where so many other things compete for our attention?

**DC:** This place offers so many appealing attractions. So the museum really has to make a case for itself that it's vital. San Diego is a theater town. And I think the support for those institutions shows how well they've done it. The museums have to make just as strong a case for themselves as crucial to the city's intellectual life. What I want to do is look forward and find ways to engage people again and again. And reach new communities. I think we've done a good job of reaching out to some, but not all of San Diego's communities. ■

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# The right fright

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By LAWRENCE M. HINMAN

**F**EAR IS GOOD when it is directed toward the right dangers, when it is proportionate to those actual dangers and when it leads to the right actions. But when it is directed toward the wrong threats or disproportionate to the real threats, it distorts our perceptions and leads to actions that unnecessarily harm both ourselves and others.

Those with no fear are fools, underestimating real dangers or overestimating their own abilities. Those with too much fear see threats as greater than they are, and they often underestimate their ability to respond effectively to danger. They are afraid to risk life and limb but fail to understand that these are often of less value than honor, integrity, freedom and other similar values.

Our goal in life — and in foreign policy as well — is not to be fearless but to have appropriate fears: to fear the right thing at the right time, in the right proportion and in the right way.

Terrorism seeks to create disproportionate and distorted fear, and terrorists gain power that would otherwise be far beyond their grasp through the manipulation and distortion of our fears. They seek to have us fear the wrong things, to do so in a way that is disproportionate to the actual level of threat and to act in inappropriate ways in response to those fears. In so doing, they gain a control over our lives far beyond that justified by their actual power.

Terrorists are seldom alone in the manipulation of fear, and one of the great ironies of terrorism is that its power is often increased by politicians and media who see the manipulation of fear as furthering their own agendas. These politicians may join in exaggerating and distorting our fears and then — here is where they part company from the terrorists them-

selves — they depict themselves as the answer to these inflated and distorted fears.

They exaggerate the seriousness of the threat in order to highlight themselves as the answer to these growing concerns. News media, concerned with increasing market share, ensure that this message reaches the widest possible audience. Critics are often depicted as out of touch with the real threats confronting a country, as leading the country to an eventual cataclysmic disaster.

In this process, instigated by terrorists but amplified by local politicians and news media, our appropriate fears are distorted. We begin to fear the wrong things, to fear them in a way disproportionate to their actual level of threat and to pursue courses of action that respond to these misperceived threats. In the process, other important fears either recede into the background or are attached to inappropriate objects and ineffective patterns of response.

For example, we stop fearing the loss of civil liberties and instead fear, in an exaggerated way, terrorist attacks. We fear that our way of life is under attack, but then we curtail quintessentially American freedoms in response to this fear.

We Americans need to recover our appropriate fears. We need to be afraid of the potential damage that can be done by terrorists, but we need to recognize that there are far greater threats to American life and limb, threats that persist day after day.

Of the 208 terrorist attacks launched in the last year, only a handful of them were directed against the United States; of the 625 people killed in terrorist attacks, 35 were Americans. At the same time, many other threats — depicted far less prominently in the news and discussed far less frequently by politicians — have put more Americans at greater risk,

including threats to the environment, inadequate health care resources and a reduction of funding for education. Yet we largely have ignored those threats and have been indifferent to the development of effective responses to them.

There is no shortage of greater threats. More Americans died from traffic fatalities in September 2001 than in the attacks on the twin towers. Every three days, tobacco kills the same number of people who died in the World Trade Center attacks. About 195,000 Americans die every year from avoidable medical mistakes — the equivalent of a 9/11 attack every six days.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. But fear is not a bad thing. In fact, it can be a fitting and helpful response to genuine threats. The absence of fear can lead to miscalculations and mistakes. But fear must be directed toward the real threats and must be proportionate to the actual level of danger.

When we allow our fears to be hijacked, to be distorted by the terrorists and by politicians who manipulate those exaggerated and highly selective fears for their own purposes, we no longer have appropriate fears.

When we allow ourselves to embark on courses of action that exaggerate the threats against us and to sacrifice some of our most precious freedoms in the process, we allow a distorted and disproportionate fear to lead us down a path that is ultimately destructive to ourselves and to our most fundamental values.

We do not need to stop being afraid. We just need to be afraid of the right things and in the right way.

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# Death and 10 years of border fence

## Seminar, protest oppose Gatekeeper

By Jeff McDonald  
STAFF WRITER

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For opponents of Operation Gatekeeper, it's always been about the bodies. Maids and factory workers, construction men and small children found dead along the U.S.-Mexico border at the rate of almost one every day of the past decade.

The 10-year anniversary of Operation Gatekeeper was observed in different ways at different places yesterday. But at both venues, those who died were prayed for and remembered, as activists and others worked to find a way to end the dying.

At the University of San Diego, professors and human rights advocates hosted morning-long seminar. Twenty miles to the south, at a corner park in San Ysidro, about 400 protesters waved flags, yelled slogans and marched toward the border.

Each of the events targeted Operation Gatekeeper, the push by the U.S. government that began in October 1994 to stop illegal immigrants from crossing so freely from Mexico into San Diego.

Supporters credit the effort with tightening the border; critics blame the policy for the deaths of 3,000 or more suspected illegal immigrants.

"We want to stop the operations that *La Migra* is doing," said Maydel Gomez, a high school student from Chula Vista who was among those marching toward the border from Howard Lane Park.

"These people are not a risk to the country," said Gomez, whose own father almost died crossing into the United States as a young man. "They just



At a rally at Howard Lane Park yesterday, Rosie Camarena of the San Ysidro Human Rights Committee expressed support to end Operation Gatekeeper. John Gibbins / Union-Tribune

need to survive."

Modeled after a similar program adopted along the Texas-Mexico border, Operation Gatekeeper added 1,000 immigration agents, new surveillance tactics and new fences and lighting to the stretch of border between urban Tijuana and San Diego.

Border Patrol spokesman Sean Isham said the agency believes Gatekeeper has been effective in slowing illegal immigration in the area.

Critics say there is little evidence that the policy has done that; more undocumented workers are in the United States today than there were a

decade ago.

Migrant workers are now crossing over the far more dangerous mountains and deserts east of San Diego, Gatekeeper opponents say. They die from exposure, hypothermia and thirst, often just miles from help.

"We talk constantly about these deaths and yet nothing happens," David Shirk, director of the TransBorder Institute at the University of San Diego, said at the conference.

Some attendees suggested a U.S. government policy improving economic conditions in Latin America would do more to control illegal immigration.

Others talked about the militarization of the border since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks — even though the overwhelming number of illegal immigrants entering from Mexico are looking for work.

"They're crossing not because they want to — they have to," said Enrique Morones of Border Angels, which provides emergency relief to migrants in danger. "They're hungry."

Shirk suggested policy-makers go after employers if they want to deal effectively with illegal immigration. Instead, the opposite is happening, he said.

The number of enforcement actions against people or companies that hire undocumented workers has plunged from 14,000 sanctions in 1991 to less than 150 in 2001, Shirk told the audience of about 100 at USD.

South of the U.S.-Mexico border on Friday, a small group of demonstrators marked the anniversary by walking eight miles from the beaches of Tijuana to the airport.

They hung an empty casket on the border fence to symbolize those who have died trying to find work in the United States.

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# Political Lunacy

## Carl Luna's observations on California politics

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### 2004: Year of the Latino?

Last week I addressed a breakfast meeting of the San Diego Latino-Jewish Coalition, (at the invitation of Marty Block, President of the Board of Trustees of the San Diego Community College District, without doubt one of the ablest education board leaders in the county). The coalition promote greater communication, cooperation, understanding, respect and friendship between the communities; pursue a collaborative working relationship on issues of mutual concern, and facilitate programs to benefit Jews and Latinos of all ages in San Diego County. The topic of the meeting was whether or not Democrats would be able to maintain their traditional support from both groups despite outreach efforts by President Bush and Republicans to them.

While there are differences is the composition and political outlook of both communities, they share similarities. Both groups come from strong traditional backgrounds and manifest strong concerns for issues of social justice. Both groups, while small portion of the total electorate, constitute are disproportionately (compared to their national numbers) powerful political force in key states and regions. (Indeed, while the Latino electorate outnumbers the Jewish electorate by four or five to one, higher rates of actual participation by Jewish voters help equalize the two groups' ultimate political impact.) Jewish voters tend to be older, more liberal and more politically cohesive, focusing on key issues such as Social Security, senior health care and the security of Israel. Latino voters are younger (indeed, the full power of Latinos has not yet been realized as almost a third of Latinos are younger than 18), less socially liberal, less cohesive (being composed of numerous national groups) and more

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## At home in the city

As interim assistant city manager, Jim Smith inches toward his goal

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By DOUG HABERMAN and JOHN WELSH / The Press-Enterprise

### JIM SMITH

**Occupation:** Riverside's interim assistant city manager

**Age:** 44

**Family:** Married, with a 12-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son.

**High school:** Graduated in 1978 from Ramona High School, where he played running back on the varsity football team.

**College:** Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of San Diego and a master's degree in public administration from Baruch College, part of the City University of New York.

**RIVERSIDE** - Jim Smith is one step closer to his dream. If only temporarily.

Smith, who turned 44 on Monday, has been the city's director of management and budget since 2000. Interim City Manager Tom Evans named him interim assistant city manager for administration on Sept. 14.

One day, Smith would like to be a city manager. "That really has been my goal" for many years, he said last week.

And if it could be in Riverside, "that would be great," he said.

He may not be ready to be a city manager yet, he said, but his temporary position will make him better prepared.

"The work as the interim assistant will allow me to understand the field from a different level," said Smith, who spent his formative years in Riverside before

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**Jim Smith, interim assistant city manager, admits that his goal is to one day be Riverside city manager.**

Smith said he always planned to bring what he learned elsewhere back home.

"It's a passion to contribute to make it a vibrant community," Smith said. "How many public administrators get the opportunity to come back and serve the community where they were raised?"

"I want my kids to raise their kids here," Smith added.

Councilman Ameal Moore, whose family is close to Smith's, said Smith's credentials spoke for themselves when he applied to the city in 2000.

"Acting in the position he's in will allow him an opportunity to further develop qualities and experience he will need as a city manager," Moore said.

Evans said Smith was a logical choice to be interim assistant city manager, particularly since the city likes to help its employees develop professionally. His familiarity with the city - as budget director he works with all departments - is another asset, Evans said.

"He certainly knows the organization," Evans said by phone.

Smith graduated in 1978 from Ramona High School, where he played running back on the varsity football team.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of San Diego and a master's degree in public administration from Baruch College, part of the City University of New York.

Smith has spent more than 20 years in government, including stints as a program analyst and budget officer with the Youth Services Administration of

# Teen dreams hide behind screens

■ Teenagers share thoughts and feelings with a hundred of their closest friends, in the ritualized world of blogs.

By MONIQUE FIELDS

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LARGO — Cassie Leap's room is a symphony of clicks and clangs.

The 16-year-old is on the computer. A high-pitched ring tells her a friend has signed onto his Instant Message account. The sound of a closing door tells her another friend has signed off. Now it sounds like she's winding up a toy as she scrolls through her electronic journal for messages from one of her 200 subscribers.

Cassie is part of the Internet generation, the millions of teenagers who can't fathom a time when there weren't computers, high-speed connections or their latest by-product — teen blogs.

Adults know them as Web logs, electronic journals that provide a forum for analysis, opinion and argument. Teen blogs are much flashier. They include photos, music and multimedia images, while serving as a conduit for everything from teenage rants to the mundane goings-on of teenage lives.

The blogs are similar to diaries except they

aren't entirely private. Some liken them to graffiti, but they aren't always anonymous. The best have the intimacy of a school locker or a girl's bedroom.

They are, above all, a personal space.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, Cassie wrote:

*Ugh today has been pretty boring. Homework pretty*

*much all day.. Took a real PSAT too. loonngg and boring. But they give immediate results (immediate meaning 20-30 minutes) and I did better than I expected. But still not good enough. How, oh how to raise my SAT grade in 6 days? Hm.*

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Times photo — CARRIE PRATT

Cassie Leap, a junior at Largo High School, writes online updates about her pressing concerns: *How, oh how to raise my SAT grade in 6 days? Hm.*

Teen blogs are so new there are few hard numbers about the extent of the phenomenon.

There are tens of thousands of Web logs, and about 7 percent of adults who use the Internet also have an electronic journal. About 11 percent of adult Internet users say they read some sort of blog, according to the Pew Internet & American Life Project, a nonprofit think tank that studies the social effects of the Internet.

Experts are certain all of those percentages are significantly higher for people under the age of 18.

"It's that sense of being able to say what you want, in a public way, with no one saying, 'No, you can't say that,'" says Amanda Lenhart, a research specialist for the Pew project.

Cassie started her blog two years ago. At first, she wasn't sure what to write.

*i hate these stupid online journal things. i mean, i know i can write what i feel on here, but, i cant really write what i actually feel, or at least everything that i feel. Isnt a journal supposed to be something personal? something you keep to yourself, a release from ... everything!?*

She doesn't feel that way any more. Her site opens with a photo of her smooching with her boyfriend. She tells readers her likes and dislikes in considerable detail. The format is informal. Grammar and punctuation, she says, get in the way of her creativity.

At least one English professor isn't worried about what this could mean for the language.

Samantha Blackmon, an assistant professor of English at Purdue University, says she can teach someone where to put a comma or how to organize a paragraph.

"What kids learn when they blog is something that is absolutely invaluable," Blackmon says. "They learn to think critically. When they get to college, that's the first thing we ask them to do."

Cassie has learned the hard way that critical thinking can get her into trouble, or at least raise the ire of some of her peers. When she wrote an essay this year about fashion for the *Packer Press* at Largo High School, some students took her to task for her opinions.

Cassie used her blog to fire back. This was posted on March 16, 2004:

*About the article thing- \*Isnt a goal in journalism to stir things up? Add some controversy to the boring, never-changing society? tell it like it is and then watch the debates (where no one is truly correct) form. I laugh at you if you are going to hate me because of an article. I just told it like it is, in my opinion of course. And if you hate me for it, I laugh in your face. haha. Loser. JUST KIDDING! But really.. Hah. Since i left school at lunch, ive gotten 9 different peoples opinions on my article, MAN i cant wait till tomorrow.*

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Today was mostly good. ☺

I decided to do a collage for my book project. So I'll b working on that most of the night I guess... at least its not *hard work*. o8o.

I hope the duckling eggs hatch soon

Soo, for homecoming.. Lauren decided that we're gonna get everyone to go to the same restaurant before so everyone can be hardxcore awesome. Man, homecomings gonna be so much fun, even if everyone doesnt meet before hand.. its gonna be fun cuz everyone is gonna b at the dance this year.. well.. at least all us cool magnet program kids. haha. i can't wait...

At lunch.. Ashley, Lyssa, Aurora and I started a Degrassi Club. How freakin hard-x-freakin-core is that? Awesome. haha. x3

Kelly came to visit us in newspaper today, during meeting. Always fun ☺

In 4th block, I drew Shawn a picture. Heh. I s artist, people should pay me for this stuff! Shawn came and picked me up after school today w kid. good-lookin. [[ba da boom]]

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Cassie Leap adorns her Web page on Xanga.com with icons to express her personality, along with such details as the music she's listening to.

While most blogs are public, there are enough built-in protections for teens to feel safe. They don't have to use their real name, or any name at all. They can create a password that limits who can see what. They can block replies.

"Conceptions of public and private are different online, and they are different for this generation, which has grown up online," says Susannah Stern, an assistant professor at the University of San Diego, who researches teenagers and electronic media.

Cassie says her journal is not "big, dark secret" personal, and she doesn't mind who reads it. But it is often revealing.

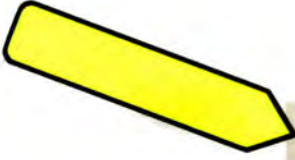
Take this posting from April 10, 2004.

*Im feeling so lost right now, I'm trying so hard too. Usually, i will do a private bible study or a devotion and pray and just relax and have some Cassie time.. but its just not working. This thing is just so heavy on my mind. And it SUCKS cuz i cannot talk to ONE of you about it.*

Such musings are accessible 24 hours a day. Friends who miss something, or want to revisit a specific moment, can search through nearly two years of photographs, poems and random thoughts.

Cassie makes no promises about what anyone will find or whether they will like what they see. She just puts it out there.






• **Death and dying:** A panel from the University of San Diego will present "How Different World Religions View Death and Dying" at 9 a.m. Nov. 5 at Tri-City Medical Center, 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside. The event is free. The program will assist health-care providers and family members in dealing with issues surrounding the end of life. Representatives from the Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu and Mexican communities will take part in the panel. RSVP to (760) 940-5935.

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• **COLLEGE PLAYERS:** The University of San Diego theater department has a different take on Shakespeare. In "Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)" by Ann-Marie MacDonald, undergraduates tell the story of a young professor who believes she has found an ancient manuscript that will prove "Romeo and Juliet" and "Othello" were originally comedies. Then one night she finds herself face to face with the title characters. Performances begin Wednesday; closing day is Sunday in USD's Shiley Theatre. Tickets cost \$8 general admission. Information: [www.sandiego.edu/theatre](http://www.sandiego.edu/theatre); (619) 260-2727

**Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)** 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 and 29; 2 and 8 p.m. Oct. 30; 2 p.m. Oct. 31. Shirley Theatre, University of San Diego, 595 Alcala Park. \$8. (619) 260-2727. Undergraduates perform this comedy about a young university professor, Constance Leadbelly, who believes she has found an ancient manuscript that will prove Shakespeare's plays "Romeo and Juliet" and "Othello" were originally comedies. One evening her obsessive attempt to decipher the cryptic manuscript becomes star-crossed with her personal love tragedy and Constance suddenly finds herself face to face with Juliet and Desmonda.



**Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)** 8 p.m. today and tomorrow, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Play Theatre, University of San Diego, 5000 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, 92161. Tickets \$8. (619) 260-2727. Undergraduates perform this comedy about a young university professor, Constance Leadbelly, who believes she has found an ancient manuscript that will prove Shakespeare's plays "Romeo and Juliet" and "Othello" were originally

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• **Theology on Tap:** Maria Pascuzzi, assistant professor in the theological and religious studies department at the University of San Diego, will speak on "What Would Peter Do? Scripture in Dialogue With Contemporary Life," 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, High Tide Cafe, 722 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach. This is part of the "Theology on Tap" series for young adults at St. Brigid Parish. Information: (619) 260-4659.



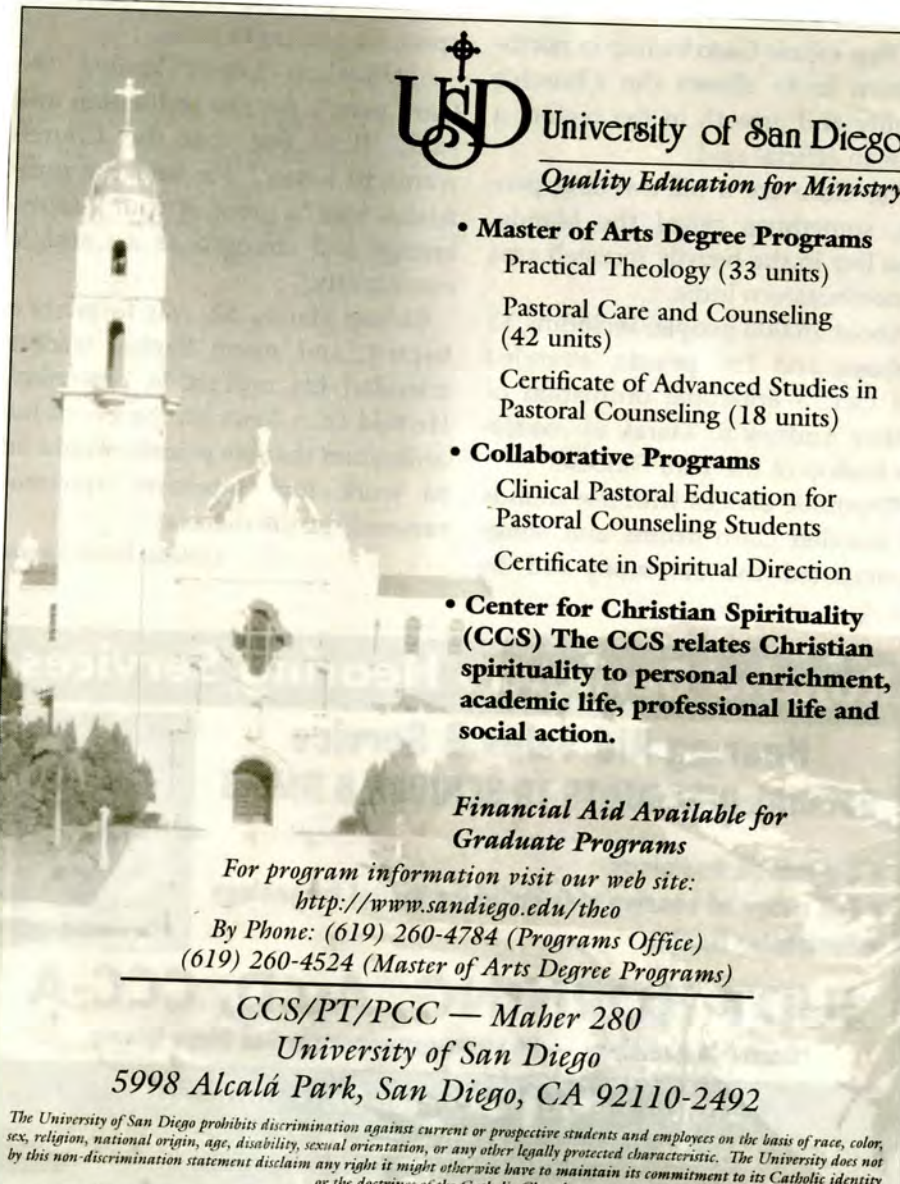
### **PB Theology on Tap to Conclude Fall Season**

Theology on Tap will conclude its fall season Oct. 13 at High Tide Café in Pacific Beach, 7-8:30 p.m. Dr. Maria Pascuzzi will speak on "What Would Peter Do? Scripture and Dialogue with Contemporary Life." The series is for young adults in their 20s and 30s to gather for food, fellowship and formation. Previous speakers have included Bishop Robert H. Brom, Father Anthony Odozi, Carole Zolezzi, Msgr. Steve Callahan and Father Matt Spahr. Theology on Tap was started in the Archdiocese of Chicago 24 years ago and claims to be most successful and longest running program for young adults anywhere in the United States. For more information, call Brian Mooney at (858) 229-6903, or e-mail him at [brian.mooney@ata-e.com](mailto:brian.mooney@ata-e.com).



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# S.D. economy gets his attention



Alan Gin's monthly readings of San Diego's economic health take a look at leading indicators. *Nancee E. Lewis / Union-Tribune*

**By Dean Calbreath**  
STAFF WRITER

Economics is often called "the dismal science."  
But for more than a year, there has been little in the way of dismal news from University of San Diego economist Alan Gin, who publishes the region's index of leading economic indicators.

While the rest of the nation has been struggling with sluggish job growth, weak retail sales and declining consumer confidence, Gin's index has shown San Diego County outpacing the state and national averages for economic growth.

"San Diego is doing quite well," he says. "It's not subject to the swings that you see in other areas, partly because it has none of the big traditional industries that are most affected by cyclical changes, such as steel or autos."

Gin's forecasts are relied upon by real estate investors, who use his monthly reports to measure the health of the local economy.

"Alan's work is brilliant," said Lisa Vander, who heads Pacific Blue Investments, a real estate investment firm in Solana Beach.

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### USD economist also keeps eye on China's surge

"I have my investors read it every month, since it's important to know what's going on in the local job market and what's going on with housing inventory and building starts," she said. "A good portion of being a long-term real estate investor is knowing how to be an economist and read the economic indicators."

Among the factors that go into Gin's index are local stock prices, to determine how businesses are doing; consumer sentiment, to forecast sales growth; local want ads and unemployment rates, to determine the health of the job market; and building starts, to determine housing supply and demand.

Economists say he presents an accurate picture of the country.

"I think pretty highly of him," said Donald Cohen, who heads the Center of Policy Initiatives, which focuses on income disparities in the region. "For economic data, most people look to Wall Street or the Federal Reserve, but those are national figures and each region is different. Alan's developed a really outstanding way of looking at our region."

Despite the recent rosy forecasts, Gin warns that there are a few problem areas for the local economy, including the wobbly health of the national economy, rising interest rates and gas prices, skyrocketing housing prices, which have pushed San Diego's cost of living far above the national average, and job outsourcing, which is increasingly threatening many high-paying high-tech jobs.

"It will be difficult for workers to do well in the future by doing the type of jobs they've done in the past," he said. "There are huge market forces working in the global economy right now. Domestic and international competition are both costing people their jobs."

Gin has recently been spending more time encouraging his students to focus on China's impact on the world economy. In recent years, Gin has led a three-week summer study course in China, taking USD business students through Hong Kong and other parts of China to meet with Chinese businessmen.

"China is so important economically in terms of international economics and business," he said. "Global business has become a lot more important than ever before."

Gin has a personal interest in China. His parents grew up in Hong Kong and southern China, migrating to San Luis Obispo in the early 1950s in search of a better standard of living.

For the next 40 years or so, they ran a Chinese restaurant, initially selling such Americanized fare as chop suey and chow mein. As Gin and his two brothers and two sisters grew up, each of them worked in the restaurant. Gin spent part of his youth as a cashier because of his ability to speak English, which he learned with the help of some American-born cousins.

But Gin says his parents took pains to ensure that none of their children would follow in their footsteps. They did not want any of them to take over the restaurant. When his parents retired, they sold the business to someone outside the family.

"It was the classic American dream story," Gin said. "Neither of them had gone through high school, but they pushed all five of us to go to college, stressing that we needed a good education to do well in life. Part of Chinese culture is to emphasize the importance of education."

When he enrolled in California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo in 1975, he initially studied computer sciences. But the computer courses concentrated too much on hardware for his tastes, so he switched to economics, focusing on the effects of government planning and community development on local economies.

"I saw the strength of pure capitalist economics, but I also realized that there are some imperfections in the market system that require government policy to rectify," he said.

While gaining his doctorate at the University of California Santa Barbara, Gin got firsthand experience in civil economics by working as an econ-

omist for Fresno's community development department and Oxnard's public works department.

After teaching stints at UCSB and Loyola University, Gin began teaching at USD in 1988 and was soon elected chairman of the undergraduate study committee, overseeing the undergraduate curriculum. One of his accomplishments was to institute a requirement for all business students to study a foreign language.

"With companies doing more and more business overseas, that just made sense," he said.

But he retained an interest in computing. His goal was to intertwine software programming with his economic background to develop a computer-driven model of local economic activity.

While he was toying with his

computer modeling, he began tracking half a dozen factors that he determined to be the key signposts of economic growth in local economics. He produced his first index of leading economic indicators in October 1991, just as the county was entering its worst recession since the Great Depression, fueled by the downturn of the defense industry at the end of the Cold War.

For the first several years of the index — as defense factories shut down, thousands of workers lost their jobs, housing prices plunged and local stocks tanked — Gin's forecasts were unremittently negative.

"Ironically, that's what helped the index get going," he said. "When the news is good, people usually don't care. When the news is bad, people wonder when it's going to turn around."

These days, Gin's work is underwritten by Burnham Real Estate and San Diego Padres owner John Moores, which together donated \$5 million this summer to USD's newly christened Burnham-Moores Real Estate Institute, where Gin is located.

Gin says he is not beholden to any outside interests when he compiles his monthly report.

"Fortunately for me, there's no payoff for anything I say," he said. "I have no vested interest in making the county's economy seem one way or another."

Gin's interests go beyond the local market. Over the past few years, he has spent an increasing amount of time studying China.

"China is booming, and I don't see it stalling any time soon," he said. "As a result, it's going to keep sucking up resources from all over the world."

China's growth has local impacts. Gin recently spoke at a meeting of local real estate executives and builders focusing on how Chinese demand is pushing up the price of concrete, lumber and other building supplies.

"The potential benefit is that if their economy keeps growing as fast as it is, the consumer class may initially buy U.S. products," he said. "But the worry is whether we're going to be manufacturing anything at all to sell them."

## Alan Gin

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**Education:** Bachelor of science in economics from California Polytechnic State University, master's and PhD degrees in economics from the University of California Santa Barbara.

**Career:** On the faculty at the University of San Diego since 1988. Previously taught at Loyola Marymount University and the University of California Santa Barbara. Briefly worked as an economist with the Community Development Department of Fresno County and the Public Works Department of the city of Oxnard.

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## Consumer confidence droops nationwide

By Dean Calbreath  
STAFF WRITER

A sluggish job market and rising oil prices have dampened the public's mood this month, pushing consumer confidence to its lowest point since March.

The Conference Board's index of national consumer confidence, which measures attitudes toward the economy, business climate and job market, has been dropping steadily for three months. But the drop in this month's index, which was released yesterday, was the steepest so far.

"There's just not much great stuff out there for consumers to be real happy about," said Michael Bazdarich, economist with the Anderson School of Management at the University of California Los Angeles.

"There's uncertainty about Iraq and the election, oil prices are rising, interest rates are rising and the economy is not spectacular," Bazdarich said. "Things are not horrible, but it doesn't look like there will be any major improvements anytime soon."

The index showed that a growing number of consumers think business conditions are bad and will get worse

over the next six months, according to the Conference Board, a corporate think tank.

While respondents to the board's poll said they are feeling more secure about the current job market, they are increasingly pessimistic about how the job market will look in six months. The overall index dropped to 92.8 points from 96.7 in September.

## Figures don't portend well for president

"Until we get really strong numbers for employment on a monthly basis, the confidence numbers are going to be weak," said Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego.

The confidence figures — coming a week before the national election — do not portend well for President Bush, currently locked in a neck-and-neck battle with Sen. John Kerry. Since the first index was issued in 1967, only one president — Ronald Reagan — has been re-elected after consumer confidence in October came in below 100 points.

Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush were

each turned out of office after consumer confidence dipped below the benchmark. But economists say consumer confidence may not affect the election as much this time around because voters are more focused on terrorism and Iraq than the job market.

"The economy is not as big an issue as it has been in the past," Bazdarich said. "Foreign policy and external issues are a much bigger concern."

Weak consumer confidence can create a sell-off on Wall Street, since many investors feel that dips in the public mood result in fewer sales of high-ticket items.

But the stock market fared well yesterday, turning in one of its best performances in months.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 138.49, or 1.4 percent, to 9,888.48, its biggest one-day increase since June 7. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 16.28, or 1.5 percent, to 1,111.10. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index added 14.75, or 0.8 percent, to 1,928.79.

One reason the market wasn't dragged down by the consumer confidence index report is that the market has already fallen so low recently that it was due for a rebound, suggests University of Maryland

economist Peter Morici.

The rebound did little to reverse a six-month slide in the market, which has been zig-zagging downward since spring. Even with yesterday's gain, the Dow Jones has lost 5.4 percent of its value since the beginning of the year, Nasdaq is down 3.7 percent and the S&P 500 has dropped 0.7 percent.

Contrary to national trends, confidence in the San Diego economy has climbed throughout the past several months. In July, for instance, as the national mood began its downturn, the mood in San Diego County rose sharply, according to a survey of local consumer confidence by *The San Diego Union-Tribune*.

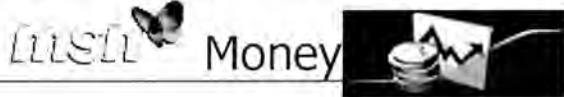
"San Diego is one of the strongest performing economies in the country," said Bazdarich, who tracks the San Diego County and Inland Empire economies at UCLA. "The job market is not spectacular across the country or across the state, but it's a lot better here. And given the way home prices have been going in Southern California, homeowners are probably feeling more confident than in the rest of the country."

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With the median home price in the Golden State nearing a half-million dollars, it's no wonder that

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It's a far cry from the days when 20% down payments and 30-year fixed-rate mortgages were the norm. Now, in overheated housing markets, everyone from real estate agents and brokers to home buyers is saying that extreme times call for extreme measures. And why not do what it takes to buy a home when prices in some places are rising \$1,000 a day?

**Borrowers on a precipice**

But not everybody is so optimistic. A small band of skeptics is warning that homeowners are setting themselves up for a financial fall. If interest rates go up and home prices dip, owners may be forced to sell their homes at a big loss, some experts warn.





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"I'm nervous about it," says Elaine Worzala, professor of real estate at the University of San Diego. "I do worry about the borrowers in markets such as this one, where homes are so expensive."

Her cautions are mostly ignored. To many aspiring homeowners, the housing market is issuing a clarion call they can't resist. In some parts of California, everyone seems to know someone whose home has skyrocketed \$50,000 or even \$100,000 in value in just the last year or two.

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Or check out Orange County to the north, where median prices jumped from \$496,000 to \$649,000. Overall, the California Association of Realtors estimates that only 18% of California's residents can afford these prices. In New York's metro area, the median house now costs \$392,000; in Boston's, \$366,500; in metro Washington, D.C., \$352,000.

**A rush to buy, now or never**

Although there are signs that several local real-estate markets are cooling, "people act like we're going to run out of homes -- if they don't buy now they'll be left out forever," says Dan Ruiz, a mortgage broker who specializes in assisting Latino buyers in southern California.

Because many of his clients can't afford to pay tens of thousands for a down payment, nearly all borrow the money, Ruiz says. And no wonder: With median-priced homes in California running at \$463,000 as of July, residents must make at least \$110,000 a year to afford a traditional 30-year fixed-rate loan with a down payment of 20%, the realtor association estimates.

In popular "80-20" or "100% financing" loans, potential homeowners borrow 80% of the purchase price of a home at one rate and the other 20% at a higher rate.

Down payments used to be virtually mandatory "because the banks wanted you to have money in the investment to protect themselves," says Worzala. But now, the complex world of mortgage securities allows more flexibility.

**Steeper risk in 'interest-only' mortgages**



# The Job Design Simulation That Keeps on Giving

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BY MIRIAM ROTHMAN

Groups of business management students manufactured notepads from recyclable paper in order to 1) learn about job design, 2) understand the relationship of job design to motivation, and 3) increase awareness of corporate responsibility to the environment.

A variety of business school courses and professional development programs provide excellent opportunities to convey to students the value of corporate responsibility to the environment. Whether in the form of experiential exercises, case studies, videos, or text, classes in organizational behavior, human resource management, business management, general business, operations management, as well as corporate and social responsibility can easily weave the theme of good corporate citizenship into class material.

Faculty can demonstrate commitment to environmental responsibility by recycling paper that is used in the classroom and discussing reasons for doing so. This can be as simple as re-using handouts from semester to semester (e.g., role-plays, instructions for experiential exercises, cases, etc.) or printing different in-class activities on both sides of the paper. During class preparation, consciously thinking about the kind of materials provided to students during the course could generate a myriad of opportunities to recycle paper. Although the activity described below used the author's personal stack of recyclable paper generated by a home fax and printer, professors can get students

involved early in the semester by incorporating a relevant lesson on individual responsibility by asking students to bring to class their own stack of paper that would otherwise be recycled or thrown away.

Because motivating workers to perform their jobs in an effective and efficient manner is an important element of business education, teachers have several choices among motivational theories to incorporate into their courses. Job design is an approach to motivation suggesting that jobs can be created or redesigned so as to enhance people's interest in doing them. Other concepts associated with this theory of motivation include job enlargement, job enrichment, and the job characteristics model. The job characteristics model is an approach to job enrichment that specifies that five core job dimensions (skill variety, task identity, task significance, autonomy, and job feedback) produce psychological perspectives that lead to beneficial outcomes for individuals and the organization (Hackman and Oldham, 1980).

The job design activity can be adapted to a variety of courses and pedagogical purposes. Although it was originally created to demonstrate the various elements of job design, the activity is flexible enough to fit other purposes given the goals and objectives of the user.

The educational objectives for this simulation were the following: 1) have students experience some of the concepts associated with the theory of job design,

2) reiterate the value of recycling by using recyclable paper in the exercise, 3) emphasize the importance of developing socially responsible and environmentally friendly corporate citizens, and 4) produce notepads that would be used in another experiential exercise later in the semester.

These objectives were accomplished by developing an activity and debriefing session that would enable students to experience the presence or absence of various elements of job design as a function of their own efforts. They would then discuss the impact it had on their motivation and on their sense of environmental responsibility. The set-up was relatively simple and inexpensive.

## Job Simulation Activity

**Materials.** Enough staplers, scissors, stacks of 8 1/2 by 11 inch recyclable paper, rulers, and pencils for each group (plus extras). Samples of 3 x 5 inch notepads (which meet the quality standards described below) should also be available. These materials are placed on a table in front of the classroom to be retrieved by representatives of each group.

**Directions.** If student teams have been established early in the semester, they remain intact for this activity. Otherwise, students are randomly divided into groups of five and provided the following instructions:

Each group is a "Notepad Manufacturing Company." Your task is to get supplies and organize people and materials for processing and producing notepads



high quality standards. Quality standards refer to transforming the 8 1/2 x 11 paper into 3 x 5 notepads of paper. Notepads will contain 20 sheets, stapled together with one staple, centered, one-quarter inch from the top, with even, flush edges all around the notepad, and with minimum waste. (Hold up an example). You will have 20 minutes to produce as many notepads as possible within quality standards. Your notepads will be judged on the basis of quality—replication of the sample notepad and quantity—number of pads produced to standard—and will be used as a notepad later in the semester.

**Process.** The job simulation required students to engage in planning, organizing, leading, and procurement in order to accomplish such tasks as tracing, folding, measuring, cutting, stapling, trimming, and monitoring quality control. (Not all tasks were completed by all groups because each group was autonomous in how it approached the job.) At the end of 20 minutes, the activity was stopped and completed notepads were counted, measured, and inspected for the presence of quality standards. A postal scale can be used to weigh amount of paper generated as waste. The judging was done by the professor.

**Outcomes.** Both processes and results varied considerably among groups. Some groups spent time up front planning and organizing their procedures and work processes, sending one student for supplies and organizing themselves into an assembly line with each member performing one, two, or more tasks, including quality control. In other groups, one and/or two students would procure the supplies, and each group member would complete an entire notepad from start to finish individually. In contrast, some groups appeared to approach the job haphazardly, working at a slow pace with no regard for quality control or minimizing waste. In some groups a leader emerged, took charge, and directed the group, but in others, people simply did what they chose to do. For example, some wrote their names or

a “company logo” on their notepads. Other groups failed to follow directions, by putting the staple in a corner of the notepad, using less or more than 20 sheets per pad, or by making notepads that were not flush on all sides or didn’t meet the 3 x 5 dimension.

Group results were measured by the number of completed notepads that met quality standards. Therefore, if a notepad did not meet quality standards, it did not count in the total output for the group.

**Debriefing.** Debriefing the activity occurred on two levels. First, students focused on the job design itself—how each group approached the manufacturing of the notepads and how group members evaluated the process. Since all students were part of a group, manufacturing the same product with the same materials, they could apply the job design concepts associated with the five job dimensions—job enlargement, job enrichment, skill variety, task variety, autonomy, and the meaningfulness of work to their direct experience. The inclusion of their name or “company logo” also contributed to a discussion of task significance. Several aspects of the job characteristics model associated with job design were highlighted in this simulation. The “employees” explored how their motivation was affected by their group’s choice of job design. Debriefing questions about how and why the groups organized themselves the way they did led to a discussion of leadership, satisfaction, productivity, competition and efficiency.

Second, students focused on corporate responsibility to the environment. Students knew they were manufacturing notepads that would actually be used in another activity later in the semester. Therefore, the incentive existed to produce a usable product, but also the existence of quality standards to be met as originally stated. The importance of business ethics, peer pressure, leadership, values, individual responsibility, corporate citizenship, social responsibility, and environmental issues were discussed in relation to how the groups did or did not

incorporate quality standards into their production processes.

### Educational Benefits

Learning theories point out the importance of learning by doing, as well as the value of using as many senses as possible in the process (Deese and Hull, 1967). From a learning perspective, the benefits of this experiential exercise are many: 1) it was physically engaging, so that students were *actively* involved throughout the process; 2) it required students to use various skills and senses, which enhances learning; 3) it provided *all* students an opportunity to learn by doing (although some exercises involved only a few students in the actual activity while others observed); 4) it had inherent value in its recycling elements; 5) it generated a lively discussion that allowed for a broad range of views to emerge on the topic of job design and business ethics; 6) students expressed enthusiasm about the simulation and seemed to enjoy the learning process; 7) the use of the notepads later in the semester allowed the class to revisit the topic of job design, which reinforced learning; and 8) the instructor was able to model the value of behaving as a socially responsible corporate citizen who produces cost-saving, environmentally friendly ideas. There were two additional benefits of this activity. First, the educational institution saved costs by not having to provide notepads to students when the experiential exercise was conducted later in the semester; second, students expressed pride in ownership at seeing their name/company logo on their notepads during the manufacturing process, and at being able to identify them later in the second activity.

In addition to teaching students about job design in a hands-on, innovative way, the inclusion of recyclable paper as part of the materials was a critical element of this exercise. Since students had the experience of designing a job and then exploring the various ways others designed the same job, their understand-

ing of job design was enhanced. Their awareness about environmental issues was raised as they saw a product emerge in a low cost, high yield format. Ryland (1998) has proposed the "greening of business education" at a macro-level. What the students learned through job design is that an efficiently planned and produced product can be environmentally responsible at the same time. By making recycling a part of the regular curriculum, business instructors are giving students the message that good corporate citizenship is a value integral to business education.

Appendix

Sample debriefing questions:

- 1. How did you (group and/or individual) a) approach the task and b) organize yourselves?
2. Did a leader emerge? If so, how and with what effect?
3. For those of you who a) repeated one task over and over again, b) did two or more tasks but not a whole notepad or c) completed an entire notepad from start to finish: how satisfied were you with your job?
4. How did quality standards in your production process become operational? If standards were not implemented, list reasons.
5. Was there a trade-off between quality and quantity? If so, how did that come about and with what effect?
6. How could this task have been designed to make it more meaningful?
7. How did your values play out in this activity?

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### Fires barely touched local economy

By: EDMOND JACOBY - Staff Writer

NORTH COUNTY ---- Believe it or not, there may have been some good that came from the fires that raged through San Diego County last October. Disaster, it turns out, is good for business.

Or, more broadly, this particular disaster may have been good for our local economy.

"The interesting thing about a disaster is that people are inconvenienced, and wealth is reduced, but it actually can spur economic growth," said Alan Gin, an economist who teaches at the University of San Diego.



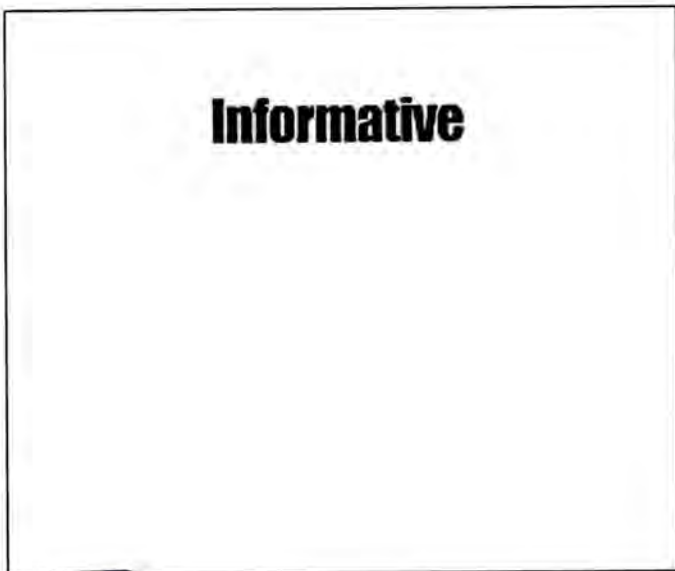
"This even disrupted people's lives, but it did not disrupt businesses. They weren't directly impacted," Gin said, taking a big-picture look at the fire's impact on the entire county.

October, Gin noted, is not a big tourism month, and by the time the number of travelers began to swell, the air had cleared. "I think the fires must have had a very limited impact on tourism," he said.

The fires that roared through residential areas seared only a couple of business properties, which meant that for all of the dislocation, people still could go to work, and the area's money pumps kept right on pumping money. In a few cases the pumps were working even harder than usual, because thousands of people suddenly needed places to eat and sleep when they couldn't go home.

"You see cash losses in cases like this, plus unexpected business for hotels and restaurants," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.

"There was a similar experience after the Northridge earthquake. Right after the quake, the economic impact you saw was people rushing out to buy household goods, to replace their dinner



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plates and drinking glasses. It was a bubble in the retail economy," Kyser said.

But that bubble burst as soon as the broken plates were replaced, and despite the widespread damage, there was very little economic evidence of what had occurred for a considerable time.

"There will be impacts (from the fires), but trying to put it in context with dollar values will be very difficult," Kyser said.

The most obvious sector in which major spending should show up is home building, because most of the structure destruction was residential. But both economists believe it's too soon to hope to capture rebuilding's effect on the economy.

"You should see it in the building permit data," Kyser said, "by next summer, maybe."

"Construction employment is up," said Gin. "But the increases are in the job skills required for foundations and interiors, not framing, and may reflect the recent surge in condominium construction here."

Gin said it will likely take a long time for the economic consequences of the fires to play out, even in home building.

"Has this contributed to the rise in the price of homes?" Gin asked. "I haven't seen any research on that."

"In a real world context, it's going to take maybe two more years for us to see it," said Kyser.

"If you look at building permit data for this year, it's running 5.2 percent behind last year. That could be because there have been disputes (between home owners and their insurance companies) about the amount of loss," he said.

Gin referred to insurance settlement issues as "bottlenecks," places along the path to recovery where progress slows dramatically. Not only is there the possibility of disagreement over the cash value of the loss, but many homeowners were surprised to learn that the insurance they bought was never adjusted to reflect the increased value of their homes in San Diego County's volatile housing market, he said.

The bottlenecks, added to a construction market that has been hot enough to keep home construction laborers employed in record numbers lately, means that rebuilding may take years.

"Another thing that may make people drag their feet is the cost of materials for reconstruction," Kyser said.

"Steel is more expensive, concrete is in short supply, and even lumber is getting more expensive and harder to get. When push comes to shove, you might be tempted to say, 'I can get by with what I'm doing a little longer,'" he said.

"Once the homes are rebuilt, people will have to replace their furniture, redo their landscaping. It would help us, I guess, if a lot of those things were manufactured here," Gin said.

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## CSU San Marcos business college seemed on the ropes; now it's bouncing back



Cal State University's \$26.8 million business building is set to open for classes in January 2006. The four-story building will include an auditorium and 20 classrooms. *Charlie Neuman / Union-Tribune*

# A school on the move

**By Shannon McMahon**  
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, the business school at Cal State San Marcos appeared to be in turmoil.

The school was on its eighth dean in 10 years. An ongoing effort to win accreditation had failed to yield results. And an audit by the chancellor's office of the California State University system criticized the administration for mismanaging funds.

Today, Dean Dennis Guseman says he is turning things around.

Since his arrival, the college has broken ground on a \$26.8 million business building and kicked off a five-year, \$12 million fund-raising campaign.

Just this week, Guseman announced the largest single donation in the university's history — a

\$5 million pledge from an unnamed North County couple.

On a smaller scale, the 56-year-old Guseman has formed a student advisory board, created a weekly faculty newsletter and set up meet-and-greets between staff and students.

And, he says he plans to lock the revolving door on the dean's office — with plans to stay for at least a few more years before retiring.

"A big part of my job has been to clarify the role of the college and create stability," said Guseman, the former chairman of management and marketing at CSU Bakersfield.

San Marcos' business school, which caters to working professionals, is the most popular college on the 7,800-student campus — with 1,800 undergraduates and 140 MBA candidates.

But it continues to face chal-

lenges.

For one thing, it is still not accredited.

About 90 percent of all business colleges in the nation are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The business schools at the University of San Diego and San Diego State University have such accreditation.

Discerning students seek out accredited programs, said Roxanne Strawn, a spokeswoman for the association.

But Guseman said he's not sure it matters that much.

"When I first came, I felt it was essential," said Guseman of accreditation. "Today, I feel it's not. We have a quality program currently, and the students recognize that."

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### Barbour wants to create 'vision document' in first 100 days

By: ROB O'DELL - Staff Writer

OCEANSIDE ---- Mayoral candidate Adrian Barbour said he wants to represent change in Oceanside. Barbour, one of the four candidates running for mayor Nov. 2, said he'd like to change what he describes as 'group think' at City Hall.

"I think a lot of people are looking for change," Barbour said. "I represent the spirit of Oceanside's future rather than the ghosts of Oceanside's past."

Part of the unfortunate 'group think' theory, he said, is that someone can't run for mayor unless he's already served on the council and unless he's over 50 years old.

He has accused the media of engaging in that same sort of thinking, adding that his campaign has been underestimated by many people because he doesn't fit in to those 'group-think' categories.

Barbour said none of that matters, though, because he's coming on strong in his first serious bid for public office in Oceanside. He ran as a write-in candidate for City Council in 1996.

"I want to change that group-think," he said.

Barbour, 35, said his first goal if he is elected mayor is to create a "vision document" in his first 100 days in office that the entire council could champion.

He said the vision document will serve as a sort of business plan for the city, identifying where the city wants to head in the future, with tangible goals for the city to accomplish.

Those goals include increasing spending on the city's redevelopment area, which he said could become the economic engine that will drive the city over the next several years.

In addition, he said increasing economic development in the city would allow the city to hire more police officers to confront the recent spate of gang shootings in the city.

On top of his late bid for council in 1996, Barbour ran then-Councilwoman Carol McCauley's unsuccessful campaign for mayor in 2000. He also initiated an unsuccessful recall campaign of Mayor Terry Johnson in 2001, shortly after the mayor told a group of San Diego black civic leaders that there was "deep-rooted racism and sexism" in the Oceanside Police Department.

Barbour said he took on the recall campaign to show the community that Johnson was not

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the "only African-American or the best we have to offer in Oceanside."

Barbour has a blemish of his own on his record. He is currently on unsupervised probation after pleading guilty to misdemeanor battery for an incident in 2003 involving his son. He received three years' probation and was ordered to undergo anger management, therapy, and parenting classes. He said he has completed the classes.

Barbour said the incident was a confrontation with an unruly son and that the situation was exacerbated by a divorce with his former wife. The child now lives with his biological mother.

In addition to his involvement in campaigns, Barbour was also the chair of the city's Police and Fire Commission and currently runs his own business called PeopleVu International, a homeland security management consulting firm.

He has a bachelor's degree from Biola University in La Mirada, and a master's degree in global leadership from the University of San Diego. He is the only one of the four candidates with a master's degree.

The other candidates in the race are Mayor Terry Johnson and council members Rocky Chavez and Jim Wood.

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### City treasurer to retire

*By Jonathan Friedman/Assistant Editor*

**Malibu City Treasurer/Auditor Pete Lippman announced he is retiring Nov. 1, amid allegations of conflict with City Manager Katie Lichtig and concern about how it seems the city does not intend to find a replacement. Lippman says he feels it is important to have an independent auditor on staff to prevent corruption.**

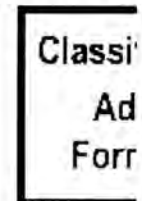
Lippman said he leaves the city with mixed feelings because he feels the workload of his job has diminished in the past few years, and said he is concerned the City Council has made no effort to replace him. Mayor Sharon Barovsky said Lippman has worked more this year than in the past.

Lippman's position is unlike most others on the city staff because he only reports to the City Council, unlike department heads who report to the city manager. Lippman is assigned projects by the City Council to independently review financial matters. He said in the past, city managers had also requested that the council instruct him to go over items that included financial matters.

"That has not happened in the last couple years," Lippman said. "The city manager [Katie Lichtig] has a different opinion of how she wants the city to operate."

Lichtig said she has in the past recommended to the council that Lippman review financial issues. But she said for the most part it is inappropriate for her to be designating assignments to Lippman. "The only thing I can construe from Pete's complaints is that he felt he didn't have enough to do," Lichtig said. "And that's between him and the council."

Barovsky said if the city manager instructs the council to use Lippman, it diminishes the independence that makes his position unique.



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"He's supposed to be working for the council," Barovsky said. "I like the fact that the city manager understands that Pete reports to the council, not to her."

But Lippman said the council has given him less projects to work on in the past few years, something Barovsky said is not true.

As for why the council has not begun a search yet for a replacement, Barovsky said that has a great deal to do with the irregularity of his job status. Because Lippman is a retired state employee, he is barred from working for the city more than 960 hours per year.

"To find a part-time person to do that would be very difficult," Barovsky said. "And secondly, his assignments are on a case-by-case basis. That's going to continue. But when there isn't an assignment, I'd just as much as assume not to pay someone."

Barovsky said she would like to bring Lippman back in April to review the budget, and hire outside agencies when a need for auditing arises. Lippman said he does not think this is a good policy, because it would be better to have somebody on staff that would be intimately familiar with what is going on with the city.

Lippman has been with the city since 1996. Prior to that, he had worked as a contract auditor for the U.S. Department of Defense. This came after 22 years of working for various school districts in California, including the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Lippman was born and raised in San Diego. He graduated from the University of San Diego in 1959 with a degree in business administration. Following graduation, he worked for Copley Press in San Diego. He was drafted into the Army in 1966. During his two years of service, he did not see any combat and spent most of his time in San Francisco. After his stint with the Army, he began his career in finance working for school districts.

A musician, Lippman plays the drums and sings. He is a member of a group called the Sophisticats, which performs jazz and big band music. Lippman is also the treasurer for the newly formed Malibu Arts Foundation and he teaches two business classes at Santa Monica College.

Lippman and his wife, Libby, have been married for 13 years. He has three older children, Daniel, David and Anne.

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# New state law places nonprofits under increased financial scrutiny

By Jeff McDonald  
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For years, one segment of American business has operated with little scrutiny. These companies pay no taxes, keep their books closed and answer to virtually no one.

But in the months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, when tens of millions of dollars were donated by victims and their families, politicians began taking a closer look at nonprofit organizations.

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer was among them. Last week, he spoke at a University of San Diego seminar to explain a new state law that was conceived and pushed by his office.

The Nonprofit Integrity Act is the first law of its kind in the country. Not surprisingly, it's creating quite a buzz among those who run the 88,000 nonprofits registered in California.

The organizations collect some \$70 billion a year in revenue and oversee total assets exceeding \$225 billion. "There's a legitimate role for government oversight" of the nonprofit sector, Lockyer said.

The legislation, which goes into effect Jan. 1, requires nonprofits that raise more than \$2 million a year in nongovernment money to perform outside audits and, more important, to release those findings. Smaller groups that choose to prepare out-

side audits also must release those reports.

All charities must comply with new rules on fund raising. The law also makes it a crime to misrepresent a charity's mission.

"Our job essentially is to maintain the confidence of the public in charitable organizations," Lockyer told a roomful of nonprofit-management students and executives at the Linda Vista university Wednesday.

The idea is for the state to become more hands-on in regulating California charities, which are generally required to do little more than file a tax form outlining expenses and top salaries, Lockyer said.

Too often, state attorneys and investigators end up responding to complaints of abuse rather than finding and prosecuting cheats on their own, he said.

"We're really very reactive and not proactive," Lockyer said. "The goal is not to go out and punish people who did bad things, but to prevent bad things from happening."

A potential candidate for California governor in 2006, Lockyer told the group that he has doubled the number of lawyers in the state Department of Justice assigned to oversee charities. His office said Friday that the number had climbed from nine to 12 since he was elected attorney general.

The law reduces the amount of time charities have to register once they begin collecting donations, and it regulates disclosures and deposits from fund-raisers. It requires boards of directors to set salaries of financial officers rather than leave that job to the executive director. And it limits the number of people who can serve on an agency's audit and finance committees at the same time.

Nonprofit industry officials are afraid the regulations will force charities to divert resources from programs and services while government funding is drying up and compliance already consumes a huge amount of time and money.

"Charities should have oversight," said Florence Green, executive director of the California Association of Nonprofits, which lobbied against the bill. "They use other people's money. We should be answerable to the community and the people who fund us, but we don't think the law actually does that."

Most of the nonprofits that have misspent revenues had audits, but the audits failed to turn up problems, Green said.

"It isn't a fix," she said. "We are creating regulations that don't achieve the end point."

Several San Diego County charities have been scrutinized for the way they handled grants and donations in recent years, most notably the Red Cross and Episcopal Community Services.

California's fresh examination of nonprofit organizations may be coming at a pivotal time for the industry.

A Brookings Institution report last month found that just 11 percent of Americans believe charities do a very good job spending their money wisely. Researchers also compared attitudes toward nonprofits before and after Sept. 11, 2001.

In July 2001, 25 percent of respondents had "a lot" of confidence in charities and 8 percent had "none." By September 2002, after numerous problems surfaced with post-9/11 dona-

tions, 18 percent had "a lot" and 15 percent had "none."

The survey findings may be even more important given the increase in the number of registered charitable organizations in recent years and the number of people employed by the groups.

Independent Sector, which represents thousands of philanthropic and charitable organizations, reported in May that the number of people employed by the nonprofit sector is 12.5 million — almost 10 percent of all American workers. By 2010, that number is expected to grow to 15 million.

Lockyer singled out telephone solicitors, car-donation requests and celebrity-themed banquets as examples of fundraisers that often get revenue diverted from the designated charity.

Many charity executives say the number of "bad apples" is relatively small and does not warrant making every nonprofit group comply with a new set of regulations.

"This legislation isn't going to do a better job of identifying those nonprofits," said Elaine Lewis, executive director of Developmental Services Continuum, which operates group homes for disabled people in East County. "It will create a lot of work for the rest of us."

Ruth Hendricks founded the Special Delivery charity in Mission Hills 14 years ago and delivers 300 meals a day to patients with AIDS and other diseases five days a week. Although the agency's annual budget is barely \$350,000, she hires outside auditors every year and shows the report to donors and anyone else who asks.

Hendricks, who also owns The Huddle cafe in Mission Hills, welcomes the new state requirements. But she said people should be aware that nonprofit budgets fluctuate depending on donations and expenses.

"Just because I have a little extra money today doesn't mean I'll have it next month, or next year," she said.

Pat Libby, who runs the Nonprofit Leadership & Management Program at the University of San Diego, said California's regulations are a good first step in making more charities accountable. She also said the extra oversight would help boost confidence among donors.

But even more needs to be done, Libby said, including re-vamping the way the federal government categorizes tax-exempt organizations.

Too many nonprofits are lumped together under the 501(c)(3) tax code section, she said, placing multibillion-dollar family foundations on the same legal footing as tiny groups like Special Delivery.

"I'd have different oversight mechanisms for charities that provide services than philanthropic foundations," Libby said.

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# Review Probes Successes, Challenges of San Diego Reforms

BY LYNN OLSON

*San Diego*

In 1998, the San Diego schools embarked on an aggressive campaign to improve instruction and achievement in the more than 140,000-student district. Now, on the eve of a school board election that could decide the fate of those initiatives, a review by more than a dozen education experts and researchers has found solid growth in elementary school literacy but few gains at the high school level.

Moreover, the fast-paced, centralized approach has come at a political price: The district administration has yet to gain the deep-seated support of teachers.

Undertaken at the request of Superintendent Alan D. Bersin, the "San Diego Review" also has the support of a range of outside foundations and sponsors, including the Council of the Great City Schools. It touches on virtually every aspect of the district, from professional development to business services.

The goal, according to Frederick M. Hess, the principal investigator for the project and the director of education policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, was not to make definitive judgments about the district or to prescribe changes, but to help researchers and practitioners learn from one another about the nature, suc-

cesses, and challenges of urban school improvement efforts. "San Diego is the longest running, continuously led urban reform effort in America today," Hess said. "It's going to hold lessons for other cities."

The 18 draft papers that comprise the review were unveiled at a daylong conference here last week at the University of San Diego. The papers will be revised based on conference feedback and published as a volume by the Har-



At the request of Superintendent **Alan D. Bersin**, **Frederick M. Hess** and other researchers studied the effects of the school improvement drive in San Diego.



vard University Press this spring.

What's striking are the pace and the scope of the San Diego initiative, known as the Blueprint for Student Success, which has sought to boost student achievement by changing teaching and learning in every school.

"It's been a fast reform. But it's also been a reform that's been very strategically rolled out,"

said Amy M. Hightower, an assistant director at the American Federation of Teachers, who co-wrote a paper about the district's efforts.

Mr. Bersin, a former U.S. attorney here, took charge of the school system in 1998. Soon after, he appointed Anthony J. Alvarado, a nationally known urban education reformer from New York City, as the chancellor of instruction. One of their first acts was to set up a new Institute for Learning in the central office to oversee all instructional and professional-development activities.

Their initial focus was on improving the ability of principals to lead teaching and learning. Instructional leaders—all former principals—held monthly, day-long conferences for principals on instructional issues. Principals were required to spend at least two hours in classrooms each day observing practice.

The district mandated a new, three-hour "literacy" block for reading and writing in elementary schools. Centrally trained "peer coaches" were assigned to each school to work with teachers on instructional strategies. In secondary schools, literacy- and math-content administrators replaced department chairs. The district also offered teachers a range of paid professional-development courses on aspects of the changes.

In collaboration with local higher education institutions, the district established an Educational Leadership Development Academy to identify and train future school leaders. Some 90 percent of principals have assumed their jobs on Mr. Bersin's watch. A re-designed human-resources strategy has reduced the number of uncertified or emergency-licensed teachers from 409 in 2001-02 to just 17 this school year. The district also increased help for struggling students, such as reduced class sizes and accelerated literacy and math classes for low-performing 6th graders and high schoolers. The system also provided extra support to eight of its lowest-performing elementary schools.



## Redirecting Resources

To pay for the Blueprint priorities, which have cost from \$62 million to \$108 million a year, the school system engaged in a massive reallocation of resources.

"I was shocked at the extent to which there really was a huge impact here, in terms of shifts of resources, both money and people," said Jane Hannaway, the director of the Education Policy Center at the Washington-based Urban Institute.

In 1999, the district eliminated 104 central-office positions that did not support teaching and learning. It did away with more than 600 instructional-aide positions, citing evidence that they did not help raise student achievement. The central office also took direct control of the vast majority of federal Title I money targeted at poor children, most of which

had previously been controlled by schools, and used it to support Blueprint activities. Similarly, the district redirected state categorical grants. And it raised nearly \$40 million from private foundations for fiscal 2001 to 2004 to support its initiatives.

Those strategies appear to have paid off—at least in elementary literacy. The proportion of elementary pupils scoring above the 50th percentile in reading on the Stanford Achievement Test-9th Edition rose from 44 percent in 1998 to 57 percent in 2003, a rate of growth faster than in seven other large California districts, according to Daphna Bassok and Margaret E. Raymond of Stanford University.

Such trends were reflected on the California standards tests from 2001 to 2003. Progress has been steepest among low-performing schools and minority students. But the district has made less pronounced gains in math and even fewer at the high school level. Moreover, scores have leveled off, and San Diego has yet to see a significant reduction in the number of schools in the lowest categories on the state's performance index.

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## Political Price

Mr. Bersin's take-no-prisoners approach also has come at a cost, including a school board bitterly split 3-2 during his tenure; a teachers' union adamantly opposed to him and his policies; and a teaching force that, while supporting many of the initiatives, is ambivalent about his leadership.

"That broad acceptance and intense commitment to retain these reforms in classrooms has yet to happen," said Larry Cuban, a professor of education, also at Stanford, who argued that without teachers' trust, the reforms "will falter and ultimately fail."

Whether a new school board can find opportunities for cooperation and consolidation awaits the outcome of next month's election of three newcomers to the board.

Several of the papers also suggested that while the single-minded focus on instruction was vital, it may have gone too far: Inattention to operational issues could compromise those efforts.

Now, the district is attempting to launch a second stage of reform in the midst of budget cuts. That next phase includes redesigning high schools, returning more autonomy and authority to school sites, and putting a new accountability framework in place.

But some of the experts gathered here questioned whether principals steeped in being instructional leaders are ready to think strategically about budgets and operations. And many argued that the biggest obstacles, provisions in the union contract, remain. Given the acrimonious relationship between the union, the San Diego Education Association, and the superintendent, significant contract changes are unlikely on Mr. Bersin's watch, observers say.

Terry Pesta, the president of the National Education Association affiliate, contends that the union has been shut out. "They look at our contract as something to get around rather than something to work with," he said.

"One of the difficulties of this urban school reform," said Mr. Bersin, "is that we somehow think we can do it without struggle."



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## NEWS RELEASE

### Hawks Elevate Chris Grant To The Position Of Vice President of Basketball Operations and Assistant General Manager

ATLANTA, GA (Oct. 26, 2004) -- Atlanta Hawks Executive Vice President and General Manager Billy Knight today announced the promotion of **Chris Grant** to the position of Vice President of Basketball Operations and Assistant General Manager.

"We have significantly upgraded our basketball operations staff and I'm very appreciative that our ownership group and Bernie Mullin have provided me with the resources to get the job accomplished," said Knight. "Chris and I have worked very closely over the past three seasons, and this promotion is a reflection of the confidence I have in his abilities. He is an important part of our organization and I know his basketball knowledge will serve us well."



Chris Grant

Grant, who is beginning his ninth season with the Hawks, has served in several different capacities for the club, most recently as the team's director



of scouting. Since joining the Atlanta organization in 1996, Grant has now held six different positions within basketball operations, ranging from video intern, to video coordinator, NBA advance scout, assistant director of scouting and director of scouting.

He will be responsible for assisting Knight in all facets of the day-to-day operations of the department, including all player acquisitions at the professional and collegiate level.

"Billy has shown great loyalty and trust in my abilities, and I look forward to continuing to help him build this franchise into a successful one for our ownership group, our organization and our fans," said Grant. "Each of us understands that we have a lot of work to do to reach the ultimate goal of winning a championship and we are committed to making the process work."



The 32-year-old Grant played collegiately at the University of San Diego where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1994. Two years later, he picked up his masters degree from USD in educational leadership.



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**Institute for Peace & Justice**

# Peacemaker shares views on conflict in Sri Lanka

By Katie Conlon  
STAFF WRITER

A feeling of surreal peace is in the air as sunlight filters through the lush Sri Lankan jungle, framing a husband and wife as they share their hopes and dreams of the future. "Not until there is peace do I want children," responds the man. Their serenity is suddenly shattered, but not because of the man's response. Government soldiers' storm through the foliage, in full camo, heavily armed, followed by tanks.

This scene is one of the beginning shots of the Tamil movie "Kannathil Muthamittal" (translated as "a kiss on the cheek"). Shreen Saroor of Sri Lanka, one of the Women

Peacemakers visiting the USD campus over the next seven weeks, screened this film Tuesday, Oct. 5, to help explain the struggles confronting Sri Lankan society. Saroor is one of four Women Peacemakers invited by the Institute of Peace and Justice (IPJ) to discuss issues facing women in tense areas around the globe. Other speakers are Luz Mendez from Guatemala, Zarina Salamat from Pakistan, and Christina Thorpe from Sierra Leone. The IPJ also recruited four female writers to document the Women Peacemakers' visit, which will result in a book compiling their perspectives from their respective countries. Responding to the IPJ mission of "Fostering peace, cultivating justice, and creating a safer world," the IPJ

decided that these women's stories, insights, and hopes for the future should be told.

In her discussion, Saroor, the Founder of Mannar Women's Development Federation, (MWDF) explained the complex Sri Lankan scenario with eloquence and displayed a deep understanding of political, economic, social, and cultural issues. She reviewed many of the scenes from the film for clarification, holding the audience in rapt attention.

The conflict in Sri Lanka is the result of animosity between the Tamil minority and the Sinhalese majority over homeland territory. The Tamil Guerilla forces, The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), also known as the Tamil tigers, have fought to gain the north and east of Sri Lanka as their own homeland.

Saroor said 'the Tamil tigers' reputation includes: rarely being caught alive by government authorities - they swallow cyanide (which hangs around their necks) if they are caught; having both women and children among their ranks; and starting the tactic of 'suicide bombing.' The LTTE's lethal suicide attacks caught the world's attention in May 1991, when a female suicide bomber assassinated the former Indian Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, while he was touring on an election campaign in Madras.

The current president of Sri Lanka, Chandrika Kumaratunga, was also a target in December 1999 and lost sight in her left eye after a female suicide bomb explosion. Over the last 17 years, there have been a total of 217 suicide bombers - the majority of them women.

The election of nine Buddhist monks to parliament in April this year exemplifies how Sinhala nationalism has embraced the island solely as a Buddhist state.

As a result, religions are pitted against each other in an "ethnic conflict." Saroor says the conflict has created unease for the minority Muslim population in Sri Lanka. Fundamentalist Muslims do not want to be left out of the bargaining and are demanding a separate territory of their own in the East.

The unregulated fighting has forced people to flee their homes, and currently 700,000 internally displaced persons are in Sri Lanka, with another 50,000 refugees in India.

Saroor recalls the standard "ready to run bag" she kept by her bedside at all times, filled with one set of clothes, water, biscuits, and medicine. If the fighting began, she would "just grab it [the bag] and run to the nearby spider holes."

The army frequently starts bombing before the villages are cleared of people. Saroor laments that this is something not typically reported in mainstream media.

Currently, under the cover of a ceasefire, LTTE continues to kill political opponents. In the recent past, LTTE has killed many Tamil politicians, journalists, and human right activists. They are also active in recruiting child soldiers - there are estimated 6,000 child soldiers in LTTE.

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Despite the ceasefire, both sides are in the process of stockpiling more weapons. Signs do not point to a lasting peace, but signal that another round of fighting is soon to begin. Saroor says that developed world powers "haven't done enough to help end the fighting."

In her time here at USD, Saroor hopes to share a firsthand account of the current situation in her country, and create understanding for what is really happening on the other side of the world.


Saroor encourages students to research on their own and learn about Sri Lanka's two decade-old civil war. For students to become better informed about the situation, and read articles not biased by mainstream media, she suggests some online journals maintained by human rights activists and freethinking intellectuals ([uthr.org](http://uthr.org) and [lines-magazine.org](http://lines-magazine.org)).

Taking a proactive approach to bridging the gap between nations, Saroor represents the collective aspiration for peace.

The Women PeaceMakers will be holding a series of lectures and events at the IPJ over the following weeks for the benefit of USD students and staff.

These events provide the opportunity to learn about world issues, and assess how these topics should be handled legally, ethically, politically, culturally, and economically - evoking critical questions that correlate with all aspects of studies.

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The University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice will sponsor the **2004 Women's Peacemakers Panel** "Our Worlds, Our Paths to Peace with Justice," 7 p.m. tomorrow, Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. Information or reservations: (619) 260-7509 or [ipj@sandiego.edu](mailto:ipj@sandiego.edu).



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# San Diego Peacemakers Honored: TKF Event Celebrates Successes in the Fight Against Youth Violence

Eight individuals and organizations in San Diego County dedicated to the fight against youth violence were honored with the "Gandhi Nonviolence Award" for 2004 at a special Awards Ceremony on September 18 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. The Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF), a non-profit organization dedicated to combating youth violence through education, hosted the seventh annual event.

TKF founder Azim Khamisa said, "As we have done with my son Tariq's death, and as our Gandhi Award recipients have also done, let us take the tragedy of violence and let it propel us all to do good in the world, to work together and personally pledge to fight for peace. This group of dedicated men, women and youth is willing to risk it all for the sake of our children. We celebrate their success and we are proud to call attention to their important work on this day."

Gandhi Nonviolence Award winners for 2004 include:

### San Diego National Bank—Business award

The people of SDNB support more than 350 local organizations with funds and volunteers. SDNB's culture embraces community involvement and takes responsibility firsthand for the quality of life in San Diego.

### Community Leader (Individual)—Walter Philips

Walter Philips is Executive Director of San Diego Youth & Community Services (SDYCS). SDYCS is a major provider of social services in San Diego, providing a wide range of services for homeless and at-risk youth, their families, and communities. SDYCS serves more than 25,000 individuals per year through 14 major programs throughout San Diego. All SDYCS programs include violence prevention, including school-based mediation programs, education on alternatives to gang violence, anger management and delinquency intervention. When prevention isn't enough, SDYCS's emergency shelter and residential services offer youth a safe haven from abu-



Azim Khamisa

sive situations and therapeutic and support counseling to victims of violence and abuse.

### Community Leader (Organization)—Hands of Peace

This powerful program was designed by the Quakers in the 1970s to help mentor teens away from a life of incarceration. Since 1992, volunteers in San Diego with this grassroots organization facilitate three-day "Creative Conflict Resolution" workshops, teaching alternatives to violence through increased communication. Volunteers work on many levels: with youth in the AmeriCorps work program, who may be far from home in unfamiliar situations; with people who have already experienced violent situations such as prison inmates and recovery home residents; and the community at large. The four women responsible for the program in San Diego include Evelyn Cohen, Fran Howard, Miriam Newman, and Tanja Winters.

### Education—The Preuss School, UCSD

The Preuss School UCSD is a public middle/high school dedicated to providing an intensive college prep education for motivated low-income students. The school was chartered under the San Diego Unified School District in 1998. Before being admitted, students must demonstrate their motivation to attend college and represent the first generation in their families to graduate from a four-year university. This year, the Preuss School held its first graduation ceremony for 55 young men and women receiving their high school diplomas. Every single graduate is continuing on to college, and to a brighter future.

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## THE WORLD SERIES

BOSTON RED SOX VS. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

# A New-Age General Manager Helps End an Age-Old Curse

By GINIA BELLAFANTE

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27 — Until Theo Epstein became the general manager of the Boston Red Sox two years ago, at 28 — an age when many young people are still wrestling with decisions over whether to become novelists or prosecutors — life had offered him little cause to believe in superstition.

Fortune had not been stingy with Epstein, the Yale-educated son of a prominent literary family. In the world of the Red Sox, though, where omen is identity, Epstein began to embrace habits peculiar to serious-minded corporate managers, especially in recent weeks, as the Red Sox have proceeded to historic successes.

"After Game 3 with the Yankees," Epstein said Tuesday in the dugout at Busch Stadium, "I was feeling so horrible, I went to a friend's house, we had a few drinks, and I crashed there."

The next day, Game 4 of the American League Championship Series, was the start of his team's stunning turnaround. So Epstein visited the same friend and stayed over that night. "I did it again, and then I did it again," he said. "I did it until we were playing in New York and I couldn't do it anymore."

Noticing that a colleague was taking Metamucil on days the Red Sox won, Epstein took it for six straight game days just for luck.

Such attention to premonition is a rare characteristic he shares with the Red Sox managers who preceded him during the era of the Great Curse. The team's first World Series title since 1918 represents not only a historic moment in the life of the Red Sox, and a singular career achievement for Epstein, but also the triumph of a new wave of thinking in baseball, one that has begun to place increasing importance on the kind of intellectually ambitious stewardship that stresses rigorous quantitative analysis over instinct and whim in team development and strategy.

Epstein's résumé is the kind that was a rarity in the front office until recently. His father, Leslie Epstein, is a novelist, Rhodes scholar and chairman of the creative writing department at Boston University. Theo Epstein graduated from Yale with a degree in American studies, then went on to the University of San Diego School of Law.

Epstein's older sister, Anya, a Yale alumna, is a screenwriter in Los Angeles. His twin brother, Paul, is a social worker in Boston. The children's grandfather and great-uncle, the identical twins Julius J. Epstein and Philip G. Epstein, were among the screenwriters for "Casablanca," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Theo Epstein is among the new-wave followers of the baseball theorist Bill James, who joined the Red Sox two years ago as a consultant. James is at the center of a movement devoted to evaluating player performance in terms of arcane metrics like win shares and runs created rather than the traditional runs batted in and batting averages.

"In baseball, too many people try to discount someone like Theo, someone who could be the C.E.O. of a Fortune 500 company and probably will be," said Billy Beane, whose success carrying out Jamesian thinking as general manager of the Oakland Athletics was chronicled in the best-selling book "Moneyball."

"Guys like Theo have really opened the door for other bright young guys who might otherwise go to Wall Street," Beane added.

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Above, Barry Chin/The Boston Globe; left, courtesy Epstein family

General Manager Theo Epstein with Terry Francona, the Boston Red Sox' field manager, at Fenway Park.



Red Sox relief pitcher Bronson Arroyo jumped for joy after Boston defeated the St. Louis Cardinals last night to win the World Series in four games. *Associated Press*

# RED SOX CURSE DIES AT AGE 86

Boston sweeps Cardinals  
for 1st Series title since '18

**By Tom Krasovic**  
STAFF WRITER

ST. LOUIS — Now that the Boston Red Sox have won the 2004 World Series, the pundits and pooh-bahs can try to figure out what it all means.

"Some people have told me it's the biggest thing since the Revolutionary War," said John Henry, the club's principal owner.

A 3-0 victory over the dazed St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium last night decided the 100th World Series in four games and gave the Red Sox their first World Series title since 1918.

Propelled by Johnny Damon's leadoff home run and Derek Lowe's strong pitching, the Red Sox turned baseball-mad New England into a weepy mess.

"It's grandmothers, it's granddaughters, it's not just men and older white men," Henry said when asked to describe Red Sox Nation. "It's the whole population of New England. It's quite remarkable."

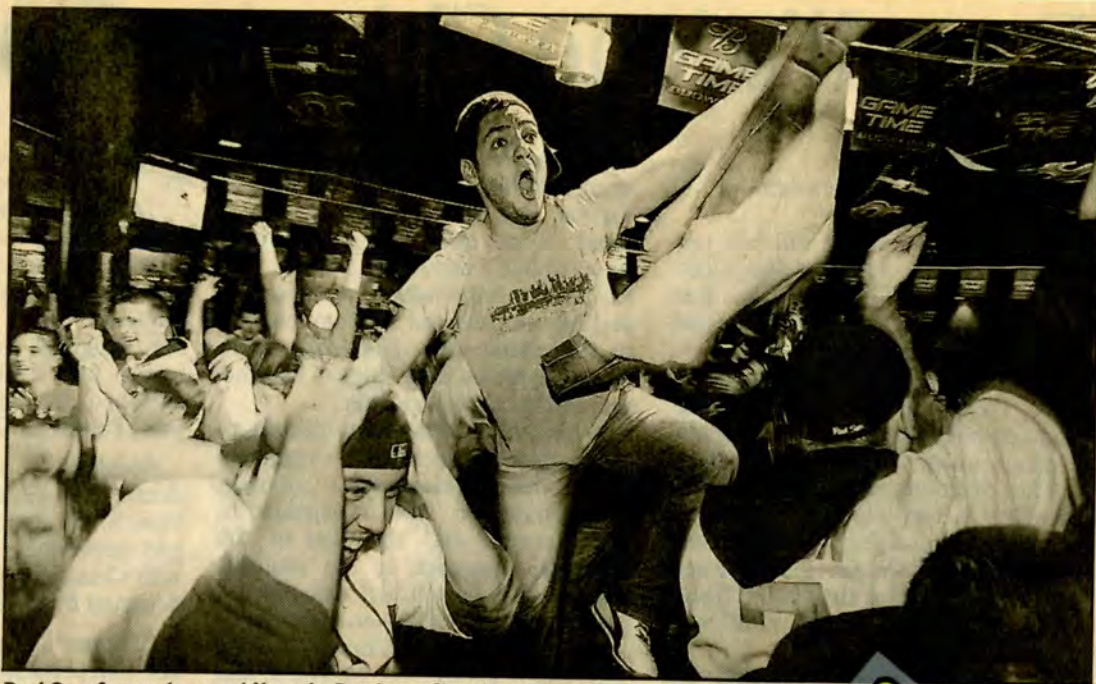
Babe Ruth probably wondered why it took so long. Ruth pitched for the most recent Red Sox team that won a World Series, against the Chicago Cubs, but in one of the biggest blunders in professional sports, the Red Sox sold Ruth to the rival New York Yankees after the 1919 season.

Since then, the Yankees won 26 World

### IN SPORTS

• Sox slugger Manny Ramirez named MVP of the World Series. **D1**

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Red Sox fans whooped it up in Boston after the home team shut out the St. Louis Cardinals to win its first World Series since 1918, breaking the Curse of the Bambino. *Jessica Arnold/Reuters*

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### Front office includes band of ex-Padres

Series and the Red Sox had won none, creating the legend of the Curse of the Bambino.

But in an October that New England will never forget, the Red Sox mounted an epic comeback against the hated Yankees to win the American League Championship Series, and last night they completed the 18th World Series sweep.

A band of former Padres executives and scouts helped make it happen. "Shoot, half of the San Diego organization now works for the Red Sox," said Red Sox scout Craig Shipley, a former Padres scout who attended last night's game. "The Padres are a great organization."

Shortly after taking over as the Red Sox president and CEO in February 2002, former Padres executive and minority owner Larry Lucchino — fired the previous summer by Padres Chairman John Moores — brought in several of his former Padres employees.

Chief among them was Theo Epstein, who became Boston's general manager.

Epstein had worked eight

years for the Padres, many of them under General Manager Kevin Towers, a former scout who trained Epstein to evaluate talent and pitch trades. A Yale graduate, Epstein earned a law degree from the University of San Diego while working 70 hours a week as the Padres' director of baseball operations.

Epstein grew up near Fenway Park and in the early 1990s told fellow Yale students he would become general manager of his beloved Red Sox. In November 2002, Lucchino installed Epstein, who at 28 became the youngest GM in history.

Inheriting a nucleus that included stars such as pitcher Pedro Martinez and slugger Manny Ramirez, Epstein made several upgrades to the roster, and the team's offense went on to lead the majors in runs scored in 2003 and 2004.

Epstein's additions this summer included Dave Roberts, a former Rancho Buena Vista High School football star who, in Game 4 of the ALCS, stole a crucial base that helped launch Boston's comeback. The Red Sox became the first team in baseball history to overcome being down by three games in a postseason series.

On July 31, Epstein made his gutsiest move, trading star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra as part of a complicated four-club trade that improved Bos-

ton's defense at several positions. The Red Sox went on to win 42 of 60 games, earning them the wild card spot in the playoffs.

Henry, a billionaire who worked in the hedge-fund industry, was asked how this Red

"Shoot, half of the San Diego organization now works for the Red Sox."

#### CRAIG SHIPLEY,

Red Sox scout and former Padres scout

Sox regime differs from others in the past.

"We have resources," he said. "We have a brilliant general manager, a general manager who is as bold as he is brilliant."

Epstein said he learned how to stretch dollars from Towers. Powered by a rabid fan base that swelled their local TV revenue, the Red Sox gave Epstein a payroll budget of \$130 million, double that of the Padres this season and second only to the Yankees.

"I'm confident we'll have more than enough money to win (a playoff berth) next year if I don't screw up with a bunch of bad decisions," Epstein said last night.



## Sox front office has SoCal roots

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By John Schlegel / MLB.com

ST. LOUIS -- For the denizens of Red Sox Nation, the time elapsed between Boston's last World Series title in 1918 and the remarkable run of 2004 might as well have been a million years.

For the front office management team that helped put together the 2004 saga, now just one victory away from that elusive title, a journey of similar proportions took place in just the last few years.

It might not be a million miles away, but Boston sure is a long way from San Diego, the decidedly different locale where many of the members of the team's front office were last seen turning around a franchise and reaching the Fall Classic.

When Larry Lucchino signed on to be the president and CEO as part of the John Henry-Tom Werner ownership of the Sox, he brought with him a promising young baseball executive and a cadre of other front office executives whose hard work and loyalty helped create a new identity of the Padres under the ownership of John Moores.

While the experience in Boston has been very different at its core, in some ways it has been very much the same.

"It's an interesting story," said Lucchino, who spent 14 years in the Baltimore Orioles front office before his move to San Diego. "We took so many of our front office people from San Diego with us when we came to Boston. We had all that background of doing things with one franchise, and then coming here hopefully we've done it a little bit better."



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Thus far, it's hard to argue that they haven't done it better -- and better than it has ever been done in Boston.

Put it this way: Members of the 1918 Red Sox front office could not be reached for comment.

### Young and tested

Of course, the young front office man who made the trip from San Diego to Boston is Theo Epstein, who became general manager of his hometown Red Sox two years ago, at age 28.

Epstein had spent the better part of the previous decade in San Diego, first in the Padres' media relations department, then in the baseball operations department, while earning his law degree at the University of San Diego.

After his graduation from Yale and an internship with Lucchino's Orioles front office, San Diego and the Padres became a significant era in his young life.

"It was great," said Epstein, who grew up in Brookline. "I mean, I spent most of my 20s in San Diego. What more could you ask for? You know, there was a real evolution there. I showed up and I was 21, and genuinely out of control. By the time I left, I was at least ready to be assistant GM of the Red Sox."

"I'd made plenty of mistakes and learned from them. Most important, I had terrific friendships there and mentorship from a lot of people, mainly Larry and KT."

The initials "KT" refer to Kevin Towers, the GM of the Padres who had Epstein by his side as director of baseball operations from 1997-2001.

While Epstein was working toward his law degree, he was working on a baseball degree at the same time. He was studying under a career baseball man in Towers, who was a minor-league pitcher and beat the bushes as a scout before becoming GM following the 1995 season.

**"It's amazing what**

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San Diego Roman Catholic Bishop Robert Brom (center) celebrated the University of San Diego's Red Mass on Monday in Founders Chapel. The historic Mass, which dates back to the 13th century in the Catholic Church, traditionally honors the start of the judicial year and the legal community. The local service was co-sponsored by the USD School of Law and the Thomas More Society of San Diego. *Crissy Pascual / Union-Tribune*

# Economic Scene | Jeff Madrick

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Where economists stand, or don't stand, on the issue of corporate scandals.

**W**HEN you think about the economic issues facing the next president, you have to wonder why either candidate wants the job. There are the outsize budget deficits, high levels of private debt, a soaring trade deficit, growing numbers of Americans without health insurance, a possible bust in the housing bubble and an expansion that is not creating enough jobs and is probably already tapering to a crawl.

But at least these issues have come up in the campaign. One issue that has not is the corporate scandals that rocked the nation two years ago. Now Eliot Spitzer, New York's attorney general, has uncovered another dark hole of apparent corporate wrongdoing among the nation's largest, most respected insurance companies.

It is fair to ask where the federal government has been. But it is also fair to ask where the economists are.

"The economists are leaving this mostly to the law schools," said the Yale economist Robert J. Shiller, author of "Irrational Exuberance," the best seller about the overvalued stock market. "They are not comfortable with issues concerning human behavior."

To be a little more precise, there is a lot of economic research in the field, but it often

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reduces behavior to a set of predictable possibilities. "They see the organization as merely a nexus of individual contracts," complains Rakesh Khurana, an assistant professor of organizational behavior at the Harvard Business School and author of "Searching for a Corporate Savior" (Princeton University Press, 2002). "This is a highly unrealistic description and has no support in any social science other than economics."

Of course, knowing economists, that might make them proud. But the result is that many economists lean against financial regulation in general and have been in favor of only modest reforms in the wake of the scandals.

The general argument they make is that free markets check corrupt behavior more than is realized, the courts can handle other disputes, and government regulations often serve business interests anyway.

To David A. Skeel, a University of Pennsylvania law professor, however, reforms are badly needed to correct conflicts of interest and abuses in executive compensation. And the opportunity to adopt them does not come around often.

Interest in any serious reform almost fizzled, in fact, after the Enron scandal in late 2001, and was revived only with revelations that WorldCom misstated profits by roughly \$11 billion.

"After WorldCom, President Bush made a speech saying it was just a few bad apples," Mr. Skeel says. "But that didn't go over well in the financial community any longer. They wanted firmer action. Finally, he supported the Sarbanes-Oxley bill."

Mr. Skeel and others say Sarbanes-Oxley, the principal reform measure to come out of the scandals, is inadequate. It largely calls for new disclosure requirements and more independent auditors. In a new book, "Icarus in the Boardroom" (Oxford University Press), Mr. Skeel proposes a number of new reforms, including more stringent demands

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for independent auditing. He would require auditors to be assigned by the stock exchanges themselves.

The true measure of the lame regulatory environment, however, has been the lack of action, either by the accounting standards organization or the government, to restrain the stock options so generously given to top executives.

Academic research strongly supported aligning executives' incentives with rising stock prices. But when options gave them the right to buy shares in the future at a given price, executive income soared.

In 1991, the average chief executive of a large company earned 140 times the pay of an average worker. By 2003, it was 500 times.

Lucian A. Bebchuk, professor of law, economics and finance at Harvard Law School, and Yaniv Grinstein of Cornell Business School find that a proper calculation of the total compensation of the top five executives of all companies, including salaries, stock options and pensions, came to a stunning

\$260 billion over the last 10 years.

This might be justifiable if there were ample evidence it was based on market performance or corporate earnings. But Mr. Bebchuk and Mr. Grinstein find that since the early 1990's pay has risen about twice as fast as the market value of stocks and much faster than corporate income. Total compensation was 5.7 percent of total corporate income in the early 1990's; it is now under 10 percent.

Mr. Bebchuk concludes that, contrary to arguments made by many economists, compensation agreements between boards and high-level executives are not done at arm's

length; managers have a great deal of influence over what they get paid. Moreover, the options so widely advocated by these economists can often induce misbehavior as executives misstate earnings and liabilities, and take on dubious projects, to pump up stock prices in the short run.

In a new book, "Pay Without Performance" (Harvard University Press), Mr. Bebchuk, along with another law professor, Jesse M. Fried of the University of California, Berkeley, propose reforms to link compensation and performance more closely. Like many other observers, they want options listed on financial statements to make compensation transparent.

But they also say directors' compensation should be tied to stock prices. Most important, they argue, making directors more independent, as the New York Stock Exchange now requires, is not enough. They want shareholders to have far more power to vote for new directors, and thereby make directors more accountable. Now, access to the corporate board is limited.

In the meantime, it is Mr. Spitzer, not Washington, who keeps up the most pressure on corporations. Mr. Spitzer got investment banks to agree to separate stock analysis from corporate underwriting. Analysts were producing misleading research to win investment banking business for their firms. And while the Securities and Exchange Commission is issuing some new requirements, Frank Partnoy, a law professor at the University of San Diego, says corporate whistle-blowers now tend to go to New York, not Washington.

The next president may be able to generate the enthusiasm needed for serious reform. But given the near silence during the campaign, only another major round of scandals may accomplish that.

At least there are cracks in the economists' armor. Some, usually at the law and business schools, are making economically sound cases for new rules and regulations. Whoever is president in the next four years can use some fresh advice.



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# CEO Denied Accounting Problems

*Raines's '03 Comments  
Conflict With Report*

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As investigators dig into Fannie Mae's financials, they will find detailed statements defending the company's accounting practices by Franklin D. Raines, Fannie's chairman and chief executive, that are directly contradicted by the highly critical report issued last week by the company's chief regulator.

Lawyers say Raines will be under scrutiny as the various investigations intensify



BY DAVID SCULL—BLOOMBERG NEWS

**A year ago chief executive Franklin D. Raines said Fannie Mae had not used accounting to reduce earnings volatility.**

both because he has certified Fannie's financial results as accurate and because he denied in public comments that there were problems with Fannie's accounting. The Securities and Exchange Commission, which is conducting one probe, will determine whether the company's accounting has stayed within the rules. Executives can face fines and prison for knowingly or will-

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# Report Contradicts Raines Comments

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fully issuing false certifications.

Raines issued the statements last year when, as he put it, Fannie Mae was suffering "collateral damage" from revelations of improper accounting at rival Freddie Mac. From Wall Street to Capitol Hill, people were asking if Fannie had operated the same way.

In an effort to allay the concern, Raines said that Fannie Mae did not have "similar issues." He denied that Fannie tried to reduce the "earnings volatility"—unpredictable swings that can make investors uncomfortable and hurt a company's stock price—that resulted from a new rule, called FAS 133. The rule governs the accounting for complex contracts called derivatives that both companies use to protect themselves from sudden shifts in interest rates.

Fannie and Freddie borrow money from investors to buy mortgages from banks and other lenders, thereby replenishing the funds that lenders can use to make more loans.

In the summer of 2003, an investigation commissioned by Freddie Mac's board found that Freddie had used elaborate strategies to mask changes in the value of its derivative contracts. Several Freddie executives, including chief executive Leland C. Brendsel, were forced out.

In June and July of 2003, Raines issued "Answers from the CEO" to the following questions: "Why do you have confidence that you have done your derivative accounting properly?" and "Can you assure us that Fannie Mae does not have the accounting issues raised in the 'Report to the Board of Directors of Freddie Mac'?"

The answer to the second ques-

tion was an unqualified "Yes."

"In short," Raines wrote, in a statement still posted on the Web site, "our two companies' approach to the earnings volatility created by FAS 133 was radically different: They tried to reduce the volatility. We reported and explained the volatility."

In the report the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight released last week, regulators told a different story. Minimizing earnings volatility "was a central organizing principle in the development of key accounting policies" at Fannie, the regulators wrote, citing internal company records.

The report said "misapplications" of accounting rules "are not limited occurrences, but appear to be pervasive and reinforced by management whose objective is to reduce earnings volatility at significant cost to employee and management integrity."

In a March 2003 memo cited in the report, Jonathan Boyles, Fannie's senior vice president for financial standards and corporate tax compliance, listed "several tenets that . . . drove our decisions" in implementing the rule, including: "1. Earnings volatility was to be minimized and if there were earnings volatility it should be as predictable as possible. . . . In a July 2003 presentation also cited in the report, one of Fannie Mae's goals when implementing the rule. The presentation was prepared by Chief Financial Officer J. Timothy Howard and others, sources familiar with the document said.

"Either Raines wasn't telling the truth or he was unaware of his employees' practices," said Frank Partnoy, a professor at the University of San Diego School of Law.

The more likely explanation "is

that he, like a lot of CEOs, simply is not in a position to know all of the details about goings-on at a complex financial institution," Partnoy said. But Partnoy added, "It's much more difficult for the CEO to claim he's in the dark when the answers are so obviously from, come from, a detailed review rather than just one person's response."

Fannie Mae spokeswoman Janice Daue declined to comment for this story and said Raines declined to comment.

In his defense of the company, Raines said Fannie's confidence in its accounting for derivatives was based in part on its consultations with the rulemakers. "More specifically, years before the FAS 133 accounting practices pertaining to derivatives were adopted, we worked closely with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) to make sure we understood how the new requirements would apply to our business," Raines said in a June 2003 statement.

The regulators' report said Fannie consulted and lobbied the rulemakers—and then ignored them. "At times, even though the FASB had rejected the requested treatment, Fannie Mae disregarded the FASB's guidance and accounted for their transactions the way they had originally proposed," the report said.

In his Web site statements, Raines also delved into the nitty-gritty of complex accounting treatments—saying, for example, that accounting for individual hedges was documented in writing before Fannie entered such transactions and "cannot subsequently be changed."

Regulators disagreed. They found that Fannie had failed to properly document or test the accounting for its hedges—one of the

basic failings that Freddie admitted.

Raines's defense also addressed one of the most common corporate accounting abuses, setting up artificial reserves that can be drawn down and used to boost earnings as needed.

"We do not create or use reserves to meet earnings expectations," Raines said.

But OFHEO said Fannie, in effect, "developed policies and methods to create a 'cookie jar' reserve." The regulators reported that internal policy allowed Fannie to defer a certain amount of income or expenses each quarter. In 1998, even before that policy was adopted, Fannie deferred \$200 million of expenses, enabling several top executives to receive their maximum bonuses.

Raines, one of the most highly paid executives in the Washington area, received \$17.1 million in compensation last year, plus stock options that Fannie Mae estimated were worth \$3 million.

# Business law is targeted

## Prop. 64 would curb suits; foes say they're a key tool.

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One in a series examining the state propositions on the Nov. 2 ballot

By Kevin Yamamura  
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In 2002, the Trevor Law Group sent letters to more than 3,000 small auto-repair shops and Los Angeles-area restaurants, demanding they pay thousands of dollars or face legal action under the state's unfair business practices law.

The law firm's claims were later found to be unfounded and fraudulent.

In 1998, a California environmental group cited the same law to sue major oil companies for selling gasoline that contained MTBE,

an additive known to pollute groundwater. That action led to cleanup efforts and helped force the removal of MTBE.

The state's 71-year-old Unfair Competition Law has been used for both greed and good.

Corporations, trial lawyers and public-interest groups have tussled for nearly a decade over ways to improve the law. But after failing to find a suitable Capitol compromise, businesses have moved the issue to the ballot box in the form of Proposition 64.

The well-financed initiative seeks to limit who can file suits under the law by requiring private parties to show they have suffered financial harm in order to have legal standing.

Proponents have appealed to voters by promoting Proposition 64 as an opportunity to protect small-business owners from firms similar to Trevor.

But public-interest groups charge that big businesses, which have helped contribute more than \$13 million to support the initiative, instead want to kill a key tool environmentalists and consumer groups use to stop companies from harming the public.

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In addition to the MTBE case, examples include a Sierra Club suit to stop Squaw Valley from cutting down trees and a Consumers Union suit against Alta-Dena Dairy challenging the company's claims that unpasteurized milk is healthier than pasteurized milk.

"The Unfair Competition Law gives consumers and the public the broad ability to stand up against corporate wrongdoing even before someone's been hurt," said Steve Blackledge, legislative director for the California Public Interest Research Group, which has three active UCL suits against pharmaceutical companies and nursing homes.

The state's business community responds that Proposition 64 would eliminate only one tool used by public-interest groups. Business interests suggest countless other state and federal laws remain through which environmental and consumer lawsuits can be filed.

"(Opponents) have made people believe the end of the world is around the corner if this passes," said Peter Welch, president of the California Motor Car Dealers Association, the measure's largest financial backer. "We're not amending a single environmental or consumer law. The only thing this initiative does is to change the standing requirement."

Marc Stelzer received a letter last year at his 22-employee South San Francisco door and window company asking that he pay \$6,500 to avoid a potential lawsuit for a mistake he made in a newspaper advertisement.

The lawyer, Steven Cohen, began his letter by describing it as a "formal settlement proposal" to Stelzer's company, American Home Renewal. Cohen explained that the advertisement had illegally failed to cite the potential finance charge for customers in a "90 days same as cash" offer.

"I was nervous and scared," said Stelzer, who said he made an honest mistake.

Stelzer said he corrected his advertisement to conform with the law. Stelzer's brother, a lawyer, told Cohen that his letter was a frivolous claim. But Cohen said his case was different from the Trevor cases because he had raised a substantive issue that could have continued.

"When you have a slightly misleading advertisement, you want to get more customers," Cohen said. "The business has no incentive to stop violating the law unless it has some formal comment made to it."

Stelzer said "the penalty doesn't fit the crime," referring to Cohen's proposed \$6,500 settlement. Cohen said he did not pursue the case further because the ad had been changed.

John Sullivan, president of the business-backed Civil Justice Association of California, argued that local prosecutors should play Cohen's role instead of attorneys who have a personal interest in receiving fees. Under Proposition 64, district attorneys and the state attorney general would still be able to use the unfair business practices law.

Still, state Attorney General Bill Lockyer said recently that public prosecutors simply cannot pursue every small violation of law. Lockyer opposes the initiative.

For Proposition 64 proponents, the Trevor case has become a lightning rod that has figured prominently in advertising dramatizations.

But opponents point out that under existing rules, three Trevor lawyers were driven out of business for abusing the law. Last year, the State Bar suspended their licenses before they resigned and left the profession. The State Bar cited the lawyers with 36 counts of misconduct because they filed lawsuits "for a fraudulent purpose."

# Prop. 64: Work to find a compromise to improve the law has failed

## PROPOSITION 64 AT A GLANCE

**What it would do:** Limit an individual's right to sue on grounds of unfair business practices in cases in which he or she has been physically injured or suffered property damage.

**Supporters:** California Motor Car Dealers Association, California Chamber of Commerce, HMOs

**Opponents:** Consumer Attorneys of California, Sierra Club, Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights

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Public-interest groups condemned Trevor-type suits. With the threat of Proposition 64 looming this year, those groups proposed changes to the law in the final week of the legislative session that they said would have blocked frivolous cases.

The bill, SB 185, would have limited unfair business practice suits to nonprofits, public-interest groups, unions and those who suffered actual damages. It also required courts to approve settlements, private parties to notify the attorney general and lawyers to give defendants a list of rights.

"Proponents of 64 opposed those reforms," Blackledge said. "They didn't want to reform the law. They wanted to gut it."

Sullivan, however, said the proposals would have responded to problem lawsuits only after they had been filed, and businesses still would have been subjected to threatening letters.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared in May at the California Chamber of Commerce breakfast that "we will get rid of the shake-

down lawsuits." But he also suggested to environmental groups that he would work with them to seek a legislative solution.

After all sides failed to agree on a Capitol compromise, Schwarzenegger decided to back Proposition 64, stating in a September press release that the existing law "turns lawyers into bounty hunters, stalking innocent small businesses."

But that notion oversimplifies the ramifications of Proposition 64, said Robert Fellmuth, a law professor at the University of San Diego who worked with the California Law Revision Commission

in assessing the unfair business practices law in 1996.

He said he thinks Proposition 64 would cause more damage to the law than good.

"It's a really bona fide reform," Fellmuth said. "The trial lawyers want to give the patient a pill that's candy, but tort reformers want to give it arsenic."

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Saturday: Surplus property

# Tort-Reform Measure May Create Problems

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SACRAMENTO — A San Diego law professor has been proposing reforms of the state's unfair-competition law for years.

He is the author of the most comprehensive study ever done on the issue.

But Bob Fellmeth, director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego, opposes the measure on the November ballot to reform Section 17200, as the unfair-competition laws are known.

Fellmeth agrees with opponents of Proposition 64 that it would gut Section 17200 of the Business and Professions Code.

The ballot initiative would so restrict the broader uses of the statute that it would give businesses a carte blanche to profit in ways that harm the public, Fellmeth said.

However, other opponents of Proposition 64 hardly are rallying to Fellmeth's side.

The professor's own proposals for reform have left both sides dissatisfied.

Fellmeth has been pushing for reform of Section 17200 since 1995, when he conducted a study for the California Law Revision Commission that led to a set of recommended changes to the statute. San Mateo Superior Court Judge Quentin Kopp, then a state senator from San Francisco, carried the proposal.

But trial lawyers shot it down, contending that there just wasn't evidence of rampant abuse of the law. That's the same argument they made at a legislative hearing in January 2003, after lawmakers started hearing from hundreds of constituents complaining they were targets of frivolous lawsuits under Section 17200.

Leaders of Consumer Attorneys of California said that the abuse was limited to a few unscrupulous lawyers. The Trevor Law Group sued hundreds of small businesses and was responsible for most of the constituents' complaints in late 2002 and early 2003.

The plaintiffs' lawyers said existing laws were sufficient to put an end to those lawyers' practices. With stories of the abuses appearing daily before voters' eyes, the State Bar and attorney general went to work, and their investigations resulted in the Trevor lawyers resigning from the bar.

Since then, tort reformers and the California Chamber of Commerce repeatedly have brought forth other alleged abuses of the law, with the victims ranging from nonprofit groups to health clubs.

Despite the continuing problems, no one has a handle on the size of the problem, other than the reported cases.

"Nobody knows how many 17200 claims are filed each year," Fellmeth said.

He said Tom Papageorge, chief of Los Angeles County deputy district attorney's fraud division, found in a study eight years ago that public prosecutors were filing 220 cases a year using the statute.

With that knowledge, Fellmeth said, he believes the number of private individual cases must number in the thousands.

Fred Hiestand, general counsel for the Civil Justice Association of California, a business-backed tort reform group, said it's become a standard tactic for plaintiffs' lawyers to include a 17200 complaint in



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Bob Fellmeth, director of the Center for Public Interest Law, opposes the Nov. 2 measure on the unfair-competition law.

nearly all litigation against a business.

"It would almost be malpractice for a plaintiffs' lawyer not to put an [Unfair Competition Law] claim in as a cause of action," Hiestand said.

Because those claims are highly subjective and fact-specific, defendants have difficulty getting a judge to dismiss them pre-trial, so the claims add to the costs of business litigation, he said.

"If you're a big company hit with hundreds of these, even though you feel they are groundless, your defense lawyer is saying, 'There is no way to get rid of the UCL claims short of a trial,' and you say, 'Jesus, these things are costing us money,'" Hiestand said.

James R. McGuire, a San Francisco partner at Morrison & Foerster, said he has defended a dozen 17200 cases, some of them filed by parties outside the state.

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James R. McGuire,  
San Francisco lawyer

"One could accurately say 17200 has made California a magnet jurisdiction for plaintiffs' lawyers," McGuire said. "I handle cases in California that are filed by plaintiffs all over the country. They are using 17200 to file lawsuits here."

Fellmeth said far too many 17200 com-

plaints are filed. He said the numbers could be pared without barring meritorious suits if some of his reforms were adopted.

Chief among them is requiring notice to the public through the Internet each time a complaint is filed on behalf of the general public as well as requiring a judge to approve any settlements.

The professor also would require a judge to decide early whether the plaintiff can represent the public adequately in the filing.

The plaintiff and his- or her attorney should not have conflicts of interest in which their own interests conflict with those of the general public they purport to represent.

"Public notice would work as a res judicata," Fellmeth said. "Without it, you have no finality."

Defendants could be sued repeatedly, and that would be unfair, he said.

Filtering out plaintiffs and attorneys with conflicts of interest would help ensure that the public really benefits from an action and doesn't just get a few cents while the attorney makes a few million dollars, the professor said.

"I believe that most cases now should not be brought, and this is not what you will hear from the trial lawyers," Fellmeth said. "The reason is that most cases are filed simply for leverage to maximize the risk to a defendant by threatening a larger business-practice-change demand or a large restitution fund."

Many judges are more than happy to approve a settlement, even if it doesn't benefit the public much, because it gets the case off their burdensome calendars, Fellmeth said.

That wouldn't happen with public notice of the case, he said.

But James Sturdevant, president of the Consumer Attorneys of California, said Fellmeth's reforms are flawed.

Plaintiffs' lawyers have no trouble with the prior-notice requirement but don't believe in the res judicata aspect because the equitable relief the public gets is at the discretion of a judge and not a jury, Sturdevant said.

The primary mission of the trial lawyers' group is to protect the jury system.

Defendants who have profited unfairly should be required to disgorge all of those profits into a fund when the injured parties can't be located, Sturdevant said.

Monies from the fund should be set aside to help those similarly injured, he said.

Fellmeth said he also supports the disgorgement provision.

But tort reformers see it simply as a way for plaintiffs' lawyers to beef up their fees, which are usually based on the size of the case. So the business community remains opposed to the idea.

Fellmeth said he would guess that Proposition 64 would bar 60 percent of truly meritorious complaints.

"If I can absolutely know that my unlawful act has no other private remedy and that the victims are not financially damaged — or at least are not so damaged right away — I have a license to go to town unless the attorney general or district attorney acts, and I know about limited resources there," Fellmeth said.

Daily Journal staff writer Peter Blumberg contributed to this story.

## Lawyers big donors in city attorney race

**Ethicist says source could pose problem**

**By Greg Moran**

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The two candidates running to be San Diego's next city attorney are relying on their own bank accounts and a group they know best – other lawyers – to fund their campaigns.

Attorneys are the largest single donor group to candidates Mike Aguirre, a securities lawyer in private practice, and Leslie Devaney, San Diego's executive assistant city attorney, according to a computer analysis of campaign contributions done by *The San Diego Union-Tribune*.

Aguirre and Devaney are squaring off in Tuesday's election as each tries to succeed Casey Gwinn, who can't seek re-election because of term limits. The job pays \$183,000 a year.

Aguirre leads in overall fund raising, with \$727,902 collected in contributions and loans since the race began last year. The bulk of that – some \$558,400 – comes from Aguirre's own pocket in the form of personal loans.

Devaney has raised \$429,746 in contributions and loans in the same period. On Monday, she made a personal loan of \$100,000 to the campaign. In all she has loaned her campaign \$131,000.

Both candidates said they have no plans at this time to hold fund-raisers to pay themselves back for the loans.

When not writing personal checks, the candidates have relied on the county's lawyers for campaign funds. That could pose problems, said Robert Fellmeth, a legal ethicist and executive director for the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego School of Law.

Lawyers contributing to campaigns for city attorney – as well as for judges and elected prosecutors – is a "source of concern" because it creates the appearance of a potential conflict of interest, Fellmeth said.

The city often hires outside lawyers and firms to work on city projects, though Devaney and Aguirre have said they want to curtail this practice. Because of that, Fellmeth said, if a law firm that is a major contributor to the winner's campaign is in line for a contract, the city attorney should not be involved in the hiring or the issue.

"It's not required now, but if I were the city attorney in the same position, I think it's just prudent to do that," he said.

Devaney has collected \$76,000 from attorneys so far. Aguirre has raised \$47,276 from lawyers.

Aguirre said he would set up an ethics office within the City Attorney's Office. All potential conflict questions would be reviewed by the ethics lawyer for a "thorough legal ethics analysis," he said.

"Whatever the ethics analyst says is the right thing to do, that's what I will do," Aguirre said.

The point is to make sure "we don't have anyone expecting any special treatment because they gave, or have anyone who feels penalized because they didn't give," he said.

Devaney's contributions from the legal community have come from lawyers who work for some of the city's largest law

firms that have done work on city projects over the years.

She said she would designate a person in the office to oversee hiring of outside counsel and be independent of her.

Lawyers from the Latham & Watkins firm have made 32 contributions totaling \$5,800, the largest single employer supporting her efforts.

The firm has been hired by the city to work on a variety of projects, among them the appeal of the \$100 million verdict in the Roque de la Fuente case in which the city was found to have damaged the value of the developer's business park.

Her next biggest contributors are lawyers from the firm of Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch, which, among other projects, has worked on the Chargers stadium lease issue. They have made 34 contributions totaling \$5,424. The firms of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps and Higgs, Fletcher & Mack also have contributed \$4,255 and \$4,700, respectively. Both have city contracts.

Devaney said lawyers have a heightened interest in the position, so it's not surprising they are the largest donor group.

Aguirre's largely self-funded campaign relies less on contributions from individuals and more on his own pocket. Still, his largest group of contributors is prosecutors with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office.

The political action committee for the labor union representing the prosecutors has endorsed Aguirre. Records show he has collected \$5,175 in individual contributions from deputy district attorneys.

Aguirre also has received 18 contributions totaling \$3,350 from the law firm of Hatch & Parent, which has done work for the city on water law and other issues.

The campaign records show that the second largest group of contributors to Devaney's campaign comes from real estate and developer interests. Individual contributions from supporters in those professions have combined to contribute \$48,513 to her coffers.

The second largest group of contributors to Aguirre's campaign are people who identify themselves as "retired." He has collected \$24,798 from that group.

Devaney criticized Aguirre's loans to his campaign, saying that in his previous runs for office he also has largely self-funded the efforts. "He is really attempting to buy his office," she said.

Aguirre said the loans give him independence from special interests. "That's the only way right now in San Diego we can assure there is independence, and the city attorney is not beholden to anyone," he said.

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# The Right Stuff

New State Bar president John Van de Kamp is committed to remaking the bar, including bolstering services to its members. **By Don J. DeBenedictis**

In 1977, John K. Van de Kamp, the district attorney in Los Angeles, was under consideration to become director of the FBI. The first letter supporting his candidacy sent to President Carter came from Rep. Barry Goldwater Jr., R-Studio City.

What makes the incident noteworthy is that, eight years earlier, Goldwater had defeated Van de Kamp in a special election for the seat in Congress that Goldwater still held in 1977.

"That shows that life is long in the political world," Van de Kamp says. "The lesson is that there's always tomorrow, and the way you treat people today ... will come back either to hurt you or, in this case, to help you."

Goldwater, now back in Phoenix, says he hasn't seen his old opponent since the 1969 campaign. But he remembers him and why he recommended him to Carter.

"I liked him a lot. He was a decent human being, he was fair, he was honorable," Goldwater says. "He conducted himself with a great deal of dignity."

Van de Kamp did not get the FBI post, which went to William H. Webster. Instead, after six more years as district attorney, he served eight years as California attorney general.

By now, he should be the new president of the State Bar. He was slated to be sworn in Saturday by Chief Justice Ronald M. George.

"We're basically thrilled to have someone of John's stature assume the office of president," says bar Executive Director Judy Johnson.

Johnson says Van de Kamp "really is committed to making the bar a better institution to protect the public and ... serve the members."

Those indeed are key objectives that the new bar president intends to address in the coming year.

Van de Kamp says he wants to bolster member services, such as insurance offerings and other programs that would "reduce their costs and make life more tolerable for them."

Like most bar presidents, he wants to improve the image of lawyers with the public. Unlike most, he has a plan to do it.

Although the plan is not ready for unveiling, Van de Kamp, who was the voice of his student radio station at Dartmouth College, says it will involve radio public-service announcements.

Van de Kamp also knows the public-protection side of the bar well, and not only because he was the chair this past year of the committee that oversees attorney admissions and discipline.

As attorney general in the 1980s, he implemented legislation requiring the bar to modernize and professionalize its backlogged volunteer-run discipline system.

He also has made special efforts to understand the system, including spending four hours helping out on the bar's toll-free complaint line, according to Mike Nisperos Jr., the bar's chief discipline prosecutor.

"He was willing to do more to learn about the discipline system than any other board member I've ever seen," Nisperos says.

Last year's bar president, Anthony P. Zizzi of Fresno, says his successor has a



Photo by Xing Xing Zhou

"Life is long in the political world," John Van de Kamp says. "There's always tomorrow, and the way you treat people today ... will come back either to hurt you or ... to help you."

great ability to make everyone on the sometimes fractious Board of Governors feel they have been heard.

"That's the great thing about him," Capozzi says. "He listens to all sides."

Van de Kamp, 68, draws universal praise from those who have worked with him for his intelligence, professionalism, fairness, dedication and, especially, his integrity.

"I really have not met many public officials with his level of integrity," says Robert Fellmeth, the head of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego Law School. "All he wants to know is what is the right thing to do."

Alan Wayte uses a similar phrase to describe his law-school friend and colleague at Dewey Ballantine's Los Angeles office.

"About all he does is do good things," Wayte says.

Fellmeth got to know Van de Kamp well in 1986 when the attorney general put the former "Nader's Raider" and San Diego prosecutor in charge of monitoring the State Bar's discipline-reform efforts.

He describes Van de Kamp as a quintessential gentleman who is civil, calm, fair and intelligent.

"He's of the old school," Fellmeth says. Wayte calls him "a very steady guy, a good friend, loyal, extremely thoughtful."

"He's the consummate public servant," adds Andrea Sheridan Ordin, who held top posts under Van de Kamp in the district attorney's and attorney general's offices on either side of her own stint as the U.S. attorney in Los Angeles. "He's serious and devoted to duty."

He is not, however, someone who figures in many amusing anecdotes, Ordin notes, laughing at the incongruity.

"I've never seen him do anything that would create an anecdote," Wayte says. "He doesn't let a lot of emotion flow out."

Stories about Van de Kamp, rather, center on his commitment to doing the right thing.

Criminal defense attorney Michael Lightfoot of Lightfoot, Vandevelde, Sadowsky,

Medvene & Levine, who worked for Van de Kamp in the federal public defender's office, describes the time Attorney General Van de Kamp flew to Washington, D.C., just to testify on behalf of another attorney of the defender's office who was in conflict with a federal judge. The man, Lightfoot won't identify, was a ...

Lightfoot says about ... known example is the time District Attorney Van de Kamp agreed with his deputies not to prosecute Hillside Strangler suspect Angelo Buono in the deaths of 10 girls and young women in 1977-78.

Superior Court Judge Ronald M. George rejected the deal proposed by Van de Kamp's office that would have allowed Buono to plead only to pandering charges.

George sent the case to the attorney general's office for prosecution, and after a two-year trial, Buono was convicted of killing nine women and sentenced to life in prison in 1983.

Van de Kamp's decision not to press murder charges "was a principled decision of the highest order," says 9th U.S. Circuit Court Senior Judge Stephen S. Trott, who was the chief deputy district attorney in Los Angeles during that period.

"It made me very proud the way he made that decision," Trott says.

The only evidence against Buono at that point was the testimony of his cousin and partner in the killings, Kenneth Bianchi, whose story changed regularly and often and who happily told prosecutors he'd testify to anything they wanted, according to Trott. There was no corroborating evidence.

"Instead of doing what a politician would do" and running the risk of an acquittal that would put a serial killer back on the street, Trott says, Van de Kamp sought a way to keep Buono in prison while more evidence could be developed.

"I will be proud to my grave that I worked for that guy," Trott adds.

Ultimately, the police did find corroborating evidence, which state prosecutors used in winning the conviction. By that time, Van de Kamp was the attorney general.

"When we were doing that trial, he was supportive," notes Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Nash, who was one of the deputy attorneys general who prosecuted Buono.

"We were wrong, in retrospect," Van de Kamp says of the case.

Despite controversies such as that case, Van de Kamp says becoming a lawyer was the best decision he ever made. Born in 1936, he grew up in Altadena and Pasadena, where his father was a bank teller and his mother was a teacher.

From fifth through ninth grades, Van de Kamp attended a private boys school in town called Trailfinders, which emphasized camping, hiking, classical music and current events.

He developed an interest in conservation and the outdoors from the school.

He also learned self-reliance, he says.

"You had to cook your own meals," Van de Kamp says. "That was a chastening experience."

The family knew some lawyers and judges in town, including Donald Wright, later the state's chief justice but, at the time, a Superior Court judge in Pasadena. Van de Kamp used to go watch trials.

He graduated from Pasadena's John Muir High School at 16 — he'd skipped part of the fourth grade and all of the eighth grade — and headed off to Dartmouth, receiving a degree in government in 1956.

Next came Stanford University School of Law, where Van de Kamp graduated in 1959.

He says that a legal career appealed to him in part because he wanted to be independent of the growing family business.

Van de Kamp's uncle, Theodore Van de Kamp, and a brother-in-law, Lawrence L. Frank, had started the Van de Kamp Holland Dutch Bakeries after World War I.

Later, Frank and other family members opened a pair of restaurants, the Tam O'Shanter Inn in 1922 and Lawry's The Prime Rib in 1938.

The new State Bar president does not get royalties, however, every time someone buys a grocery-store doughnut or fish stick. The bakery and food products company was sold in the 1950s.

The Frank and Van de Kamp families still own the restaurants, including four Lawry's, the Tam O'Shanter, Five Crowns in Corona del Mar and Lawry's Carvery in Costa Mesa. The families oversee four Lawry's franchises in Asia. The Lawry's seasoned salt and food products business was sold in 1977. Van de Kamp sits on the restaurant company's board.

After law school, Van de Kamp joined the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles, rising within a few years to be chief assistant under Manuel Real.

In 1966, when Real moved on to the federal bench, the district court judges appointed Van de Kamp to serve as the U.S. attorney until President Johnson appointed W. Matthew Byrne Jr. to the post the following year.



Since the time he joined the office, Van de Kamp has been involved with most of the important legal and social events of the late 20th century.

In 1965, as the chief assistant U.S. attorney, he showed Justice Department officials around Los Angeles following the Watts riots, and later, he sent regular reports to the department on the status of race relations in the city.

He served two years as deputy director and director of the Justice Department's executive office for U.S. attorneys in Washington, D.C.

He also headed a department task force investigating irregularities in the military draft. The panel recommend prosecution of prominent draft opponents, including Dr. Benjamin Spock.

After President Nixon's election, Van de Kamp returned to California to run for Congress. Because the seat had come open at midterm, he and Goldwater ran in two elections within 60 days.

"I had the best political education I ever had," Van de Kamp recalls. "Wonderful."

His slogan in the general election was "A Voice, Not an Echo," a play on Barry Goldwater Sr.'s presidential-campaign slogan, "A Choice, Not an Echo."

Later in 1969, he served for a while as the campaign manager in Assembly Speaker Jess Unruh's run for governor.

In the summer of 1970, he returned to Washington, D.C., as a special assistant to a presidential commission on campus unrest investigating the shootings at Kent State University in Ohio. Byrne was the commission's director.

"He's a very hard worker. ... He's been willing to take on difficult tasks in the past,"

Byrne, now a senior U.S. district judge in Los Angeles, says about his former assistant.

**O**n Labor Day of 1970, Van de Kamp left Washington, D.C., for Southern California, where he ran Edwin L. Miller Jr.'s successful campaign to become district attorney in San Diego.

His strategy was to get Miller out to meet as many as 3,000 people a day, shaking hands at factory entrances and anywhere else they could find voters.

Miller squeaked a win in the election and served in office for 24 years.

"He was one of the best DAs we've had in California," Van de Kamp says.

In July 1971, the federal judges in Los Angeles appointed Van de Kamp to start the Central District's federal public defender's office.

The lawyers in the office were involved in the Pentagon Papers case, briefly representing Daniel Ellsberg's co-defendant.

"He's a terrific lawyer and a terrific administrator," Lightfoot says, adding that Van de Kamp set "very high standards, very high expectations" for the lawyers he hired. He and those lawyers, in fact, still have reunions.

In 1975, the Los Angeles district attorney, Joseph P. Busch, died. Van de Kamp applied for the post and was selected by the Board of Supervisors, narrowly beating out his old boss Real, among others.

For his first task, Van de Kamp "reorganized the [district attorney's] office like crazy," recalls Trott, who was a deputy at the time.

"There were a lot of old-timers who were old-timers," Van de Kamp explains.

Among his changes were to set up special

vertical-prosecution units to handle sexual-assault, career-criminal, domestic-violence and police-shooting cases. He also set up an early victim-witness program.

"He has an enormous commitment to innovation and change," Ordin says.

He also worked to boost diversity in the office, putting first Ordin and then Johnnie Cochran in as assistant district attorney.

In 1982, Van de Kamp won election as attorney general. In his eight years in that post, he greatly expanded the office's work on antitrust, the environment and energy matters.

In the criminal-law area, he expanded the law enforcement division and led the development of its Cal-ID fingerprint database system.

Van de Kamp is particularly proud of legislation he advocated, including the Trial Court Reduction Act to strengthen judges' control of their caseload.

Because of that law, he calls himself "the father of fast-track."

He also pushed through a law that allowed California to begin testing drugs to treat AIDS.

"We started testing drugs, and all of a sudden, the [federal Food and Drug Administration] started to roll out some approvals of drugs," Van de Kamp says. "Thousands of lives were saved."

Michael J. Strumwasser of Santa Monica's Strumwasser & Woocher, who was a special assistant attorney general under Van de Kamp, says his former boss is "completely dedicated to public service."

Strumwasser remembers one time when he recommended that the attorney general not pursue a "no-win issue."

"He bristled at that. 'You do the right thing, and politics will take care of itself,'" he says. Van de Kamp responded.

That philosophy failed Van de Kamp in 1990 when he ran for governor. He was defeated in the primary by former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, in part because of the Hillside Strangler case.

"We did a couple of things that were quite unusual," he says about his campaign. "They were not effective."

One move was to qualify three measures for the ballot, dealing with environmental issues, government ethics and abortion rights.

"They all three got trounced in November," Van de Kamp says. "By that time, I had lost in June."

"He is a super government official but a lousy candidate," state Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly told the Daily Journal in December 1990 for a three-part retrospective of his career as attorney general.

Van de Kamp joined Dewey Ballantine as a partner in 1991, where he has worked on some major civil litigation and on governmental and regulatory matters. He also has developed a practice as an arbitrator.

In 1996, he became of-counsel at Dewey Ballantine to take on a job as president of the Thoroughbred Owners of California.

As the head of that trade association for racehorse owners, Van de Kamp worked on regulatory and legislative matters, including tax and workers' compensation reform issues.

He left that post in June on being elected to the bar presidency.

"It's interesting how life takes turns," Van de Kamp says about his position as president.

In the early 1970s, he says, he was offered a chance to become the bar's executive director.

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# Slapdash Effort Is Touted as Revolution

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Many years ago, when I was reporting from the capital of a large Northeastern state, I developed a couple of theorems regarding reform proposals for state governments.

One is that reformers always find there are either too many state agencies or too few.

If a state has lots of departments and regional offices, the reformers will propose creating a few superagencies to enhance efficiency. But if a state has lots of big centralized departments, they'll propose breaking them up into smaller bodies to bring government closer to the People and, yes, enhance efficiency. As a corollary, whichever step is taken, within three to five years it will be deemed a failure and the alternative will be tried.

The latest test of this finding comes courtesy of the California Performance Review, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's overhyped "streamlining" of state government.

A close look at his proposal is timely because it has crossed a key threshold: With a hearing last week at UC Irvine, the citizens commission that the governor appointed to take testimony on the plan completed its work and issued a joint paper on its findings. The performance review now goes to state agency heads, who will pick over the 1,200 recommendations and comment on those pertaining to their departments. Schwarzenegger then will decide which of the remaining measures to submit to the Legislature or (if possible) implement on his own.

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## Proposals Put 'the People' in the Dark

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efforts of the 275 state employees who labored on the review under severe time pressure. But testimony at the commission's hearings suggests that an effort once labeled, with the usual tiresome gubernatorial hyperbole, "unprecedented," "visionary" and "innovative" has produced a remarkably shallow result.

Some of the commission's 21 members, who include elected officials, business executives and academics, are plainly nonplused at the slapdash nature of much of the plan and at its hijacking by special interests, who conferred with the reorganization team behind closed doors.

"This commission's role is to create the illusion of openness," J.J. Jelincic, president of the California State Employees Assn. and the panel's most outspoken member, told me during a break in the Irvine session. "These proposals were all developed in secret."

Much about the performance review makes one wonder whether the governor ever meant it as more than window dressing. Although a successful large-scale reorganization would need to take into account California's complex politics, Schwarzenegger hired as its codirector a Texas bureaucrat who said at the outset that he intended to visit Sacramento every couple of weeks, when he could cadge personal time from his job in Austin.

The project team had less than six months to examine the workings of a state bureaucracy that serves 35 million Californians and employs more than

300,000 workers (and that included the time spent writing the 2,500-page report). To guide their work, members of the team were handed a roster of bromides: "Put people first," "be productive and performance-driven," "be accountable and efficient," etc., etc.

Although the governor's office proclaimed that the staff had "literally combed the world looking for good ideas," the performance review's centerpiece turned out to be a version of the bureaucratic reshuffle seen in every such "reform": the abolition of 119 state boards and commissions and the shift of their responsibilities to 11 mega-departments.

There's no question that many such boards are merely sinecures for termed-out state legislators and other Sacramento barnacles. But the California Performance Review fails to distinguish between those and the many others that provide the state and its citizens with valuable independent judgments.

The state Air Resources Board, for example — cavalierly targeted for elimination — is one of the premier environmental regulatory bodies in the country. (The citizens commission is advising the governor to retain that board and several others.)

This would be amusing if there weren't a troubling aspect to the proposals: They would concentrate decision making where the public can't go.

As Robert Fellmeth, a government expert at the University of San Diego, explained to the commission, many of the targeted boards "have to make

decisions in public" and "have to hear public comment" under the law. Shifting their duties to appointed department heads, he noted, would mean "someone making a decision in their office, in secret," after hearing from campaign contributors or from the governor, at whose pleasure the decision maker serves.

Is this really "putting people first"?

Like so much else in the Schwarzenegger era, the California Performance Review amounts to a lost opportunity masquerading as a revolution. A true reorganization, for example, would have tackled four-square the state's irrational finances by reexamining Proposition 13 and the rest of our patchwork, ballot-driven tax structure; instead the plan recommends consolidating three state tax agencies into one. Big deal.

Asked at the Irvine hearing why so many of the recommendations seemed so narrow or tilted toward special interests, one of the reorganization staff members responded that he and his colleagues "simply didn't have the time or resources" to talk to all sides that might be affected by every proposal.

Perhaps unwittingly, he had put his finger on the most important potential "innovation" the California Performance Review overlooked: actually taking the time, and making the effort, to get it right.

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## Financial Watchdog: City Pension Plan May Be Void

### *Public Officials Allegedly Used Power For Financial Gain*

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**SAN DIEGO** -- Performance Institute, a financial watchdog, says San Diego taxpayers maybe able to get out of paying for the lofty pension benefits given to city workers, 10News reported.

According to PI, a state law that protects taxpayers from public officials who could use their powers for financial gain could make the 2002 pension agreement null and void. It might also make the 2002 San Diego city pension giveaway illegal.

At one time, Judie Italiano was a clerical assistant for the city of San Diego making less than \$12,000 a year. Now, as the president of the Municipal Employees Association, union members pay her \$116,000 anually.

"I'm not prepared to dicuss that today. That's not what we're here to talk about," said Italiano during an interview.

10News does not want to talk to her about her pay. 10News wants to know why she stands to make \$110,000 a year as a city retiree -- a retirement San Diego taxpayers will pay.

"I don't want to talk about my pension any more. If you want to talk about MEA, that's important, but not my pension," Italiano said.

Sources told 10News that Italiano's pension package increased up to 2000 percent when the San Diego City Employees Retirement System Board voted in 2002 to boost benefits. It also gave her a special retirement package.

"This package gives her to a lump sum payment of almost \$500,000. Insiders say Italiano pulled strings to get the deal done. Her lawyer denies this happened," 10News reporter Thom Jensen said.

The city's firefighter's union president, Ron Saatoff, is also in the spotlight. He was on the retirement board and voted for the benefits increase, which gave him a \$32,000-a-year retirement boost, 10News reported.

University of San Diego law professor, Bob Fellmeth, said, "If you are being disproportionately benefited, you ought to be recusing yourself and not voting on that matter. And if you did vote, that's a vote that might be potentially rescinded."

So are taxpayers stuck with a deal that Italiano and Saatoff got with the 2002 pension deal? Maybe not.

PI President Carl DeMaio said, "Because they personally financially benefit from that agreement, we could essentially nullify it. We could consider it void, because that individual was not negotiating in good faith."

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## Santa Clara County foster kids may go to relatives in Mexico

### CONSIDERATION REQUIRED IF LOCAL HOMES NOT FOUND

By Edwin Garcia  
Mercury News

Santa Clara County social workers seeking foster homes for children of Mexican immigrants must now consider sending the children to relatives in Mexico if a suitable home can't be found here.

A historic agreement Tuesday between county officials and representatives of the Mexican government could lead social workers to move dozens of kids a year to Mexico, usually to live with their grandparents.

Sending children across the border is advantageous to the kids, because they will be reared by relatives, social workers say. Taxpayers benefit too, because the children are kept out of costly foster care. Officials couldn't estimate the savings on Tuesday, but while foster parents in California receive government funding to support foster children, no such payments exist in Mexico.

News of the agreement drew praise from child welfare advocates across California, who said the new policy is a novel solution to a complex problem.

"It provides a vehicle for giving children the stability of an extended family, hopefully keeping sibling groups from being torn apart, and providing children with the kind of permanence they're not likely to get if they grow up as part of the foster system," said Miriam Krinsky, executive director of the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, which serves as the appointed counsel for more than 20,000 children in foster care.

But the new rules also raise questions about the willingness of Mexican welfare officials to cooperate, logistical challenges and the differing laws of both countries.

"Let's just hope that the safety of the children is always ensured," said Debra Back, staff attorney with Children's Advocacy Institute in San Diego.

Santa Clara County social workers have informally followed a similar procedure for four years, relocating to Mexico more than two dozen children whose parents could no longer care for them because of mental illness, incarceration or deportation. The new agreement spells out guidelines that must be followed beginning the moment children of Mexican origin come to the attention of social workers.

The policy affects children who immigrated from Mexico, as well as those born here.

The policy is the first of its kind in the Bay Area; a similar rule has been in place in Sacramento since 2001, and Monterey County has expressed interest in following suit, said Bruno Figueroa, the consul general of Mexico in San Jose.

"Among all migrants, children are the most vulnerable," Figueroa said in a prepared statement. "When they live the tragedy of being separated from their parents for any reason, we have to ensure that they can regain a safe and proper environment, in the first place within their families or relatives."

Santa Clara County supervisors and social service officials say the informal program has been successful. They point to the 26 children, from toddler-age to teenagers, who have been reunited with grandparents in Jalisco, Michoacán and other states. The new system will allow for even more placements in Mexico, Figueroa said.

"We've had some extraordinary experiences," Figueroa told reporters after a special signing ceremony between consular and county officials in a packed conference room that displayed flags from both countries.

Citing privacy concerns, Figueroa declined to speak about specific cases or provide information that could divulge the identities of children who have been reunited with family members.

The new rules are based in part on the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, which requires local government to notify the consulate of foreign nationals who have been detained or face medical emergencies. If a Mexican national is sentenced for abusing or neglecting a child, for example, that child is placed in the custody of county or state authorities, who are charged with finding a suitable home.

If family in Mexico is a viable option, social workers work with the state Children and Family Services Division and consular officials to contact relatives by telephone. Arrangements are then made with the Mexican social service agency, Desarrollo Integral de la Familia, to conduct a home study.

A Santa Clara County social worker visits Mexico, gets to know the family, returns home and flies back to Mexico to drop off the child.

Once a child moves to Mexico, his or her case is closed and then reopened by Mexican social workers who are responsible for checking up on the family. If the parents in the United States improve their situation, and social workers recommend they should get their children back, then a Mexican judge would have to approve their release.

It is unknown how many children could end up in Mexico under the new system. County statistics show that as of June 30, 91 Spanish-speaking children were in foster care; the vast majority are believed to be of Mexican origin.

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# Attorneys' 'Inner Circle' Adds San Diegan to Group

## After 20 Years, Media Law Attorney Relocates

Craig McClellan of the San Diego law firm **McClellan & Gomez** is used to taking on the kinds of cases that get noticed by the likes of "60 Minutes," the "MacNeil-Lehrer Report" and high-profile books. Among McClellan's career cappers: in 1987, the much-heralded case that led to the recall of three-wheel all terrain vehicles.

McClellan's firm also is representing the family of Gregory de Villers in a civil suit against his wife, Kristin Rossum, the San Diego toxicologist convicted of poisoning him.

In all, his practice has racked up some 68 verdicts for \$1 million or more in settlements over 17 years. And now, McClellan has another victory — being tapped as the first lawyer in San Diego to join the Inner Circle of Advocates, a prestigious national organization of the 100 best plaintiff lawyers in the United States.

McClellan will be formally inducted into the Inner Circle next summer and said he looks

forward to participating in this prestigious legal think tank.

"This gives each member a considerable advantage in accessing the best legal minds in the country to represent his clients, particularly in complex, high-stakes litigation," he said.

Fellow members have included vice presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. John Edwards, and Morris Dees of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

"Most plaintiff lawyers know about the Inner Circle since the start of their career and aspire to it," he said. "It's a crowning achievement of a professional career."

McClellan's firm specializes in product and governmental liability, worker safety and business disputes. According to McClellan, his work is never done, especially when it comes to all those hot wheels on the road, such as SUVs.

"It's incredible the difference in vehicles between now and the '60s, not only in terms of performance and the way a vehicle handles and brakes, but in terms of safety,"

he said. "There is a huge difference, with the new technology — restraints, airbags, tire pressure indicators, but it's been a fight to get that far, a combination of legislation and lawsuits over 35 years, and we're still not there."

But, said McClellan, government has been slow to pass regulations on such automotive hazards as collapsing roofs and rollovers. And, he added, manufacturers tend to play the odds, rather than make a safer product.

"They figure that with litigation, there is a 50-50 chance of winning for the plaintiff because of all the factors — who was driving, were they restrained, all these different

issues that are involved, saying that it wouldn't have made any difference if the roof was stronger."

The absence of morality in such matters rankles McClellan, and not just when it comes to automobiles.

"We're seeing a lot more consumer fraud. It's a hot topic and it doesn't seem to be only manufacturers. We're seeing a pau-

city of corporate morality," he said, noting the unsafe diet and medical products that have been pulled from the market ("Why did it take so long?"), and the Enron-style scandals, leaving investors and workers high and dry.

"There is a lot of distrust of corporations that has developed," he said. "We're getting more and more involved, because there is a lot more of it."

McClellan, who lives in La Jolla, also is a three-time recipient of the "Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award" from the San Diego Trial Lawyers Association; a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates; a Master of the American Inns of Court; and has been voted by his peers as one of the "Best Lawyers in America."

McClellan received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in 1969. Following service in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1969 to 1972, where he rose to the rank of captain, McClellan attended California Western School of Law, and received his J.D., magna cum laude, in 1976.

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### LAW

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## Law: Media Law Expert Moves

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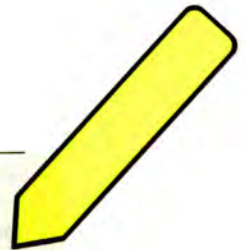
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**On Board:** Guylyn Cummins has joined the San Diego office of **Sheppard Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP**, as a partner in its entertainment and media group.

Cummins, who has spent her entire career working in media law, was previously with **Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich**, where she practiced for 20 years.

A magna cum laude graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law, Cummins is on the governing board of the American Bar Association Forum of Communications Law, co-chair of ABA Forum and the National Association of Broadcasters Annual Legal Seminar, and adjunct professor of media law at California Western School of Law.

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In 1992, after seven years of working her way through the San Diego City Attorney's Office, Leslie Devaney decided it was time for a change.

To the shock of some of her colleagues, she took a job as a senior litigator for insurance giant American Insurance Group.

Four years later, following a lunch with the new city attorney, Casey Gwinn, Devaney concluded it was time for a change.

She returned to the office she had left, this time to be Gwinn's top assistant. Now, eight years after that lunch, Devaney is attempting one more change: moving up from No. 2 in the office to the top slot.

But in a year when City Hall has been rocked by revelations about its debt-ridden pension fund and federal investigations into financial disclosure practices, Devaney is faced with an unusual



Leslie Devaney

SEE Devaney, B4

# Devaney carries insider baggage in city attorney fight

By Greg Moran  
STAFF WRITER

## DEVANEY

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### Husband, Frank, is also a lawyer in the office

challenge.

As a candidate for city attorney, she promises to bring changes to how the office operates. She wants to make it more open, more accountable. She has proposals to make the office more efficient, such as assigning attorneys to specific city departments to work on legal issues and boosting the work of a unit that collects civil fines and penalties owed to the city.

But at the same time, she has to fend off attacks from her opponent, Mike Aguirre, a securities lawyer in private practice, that she is part of the City Hall culture that is responsible for the city's current predicament.

"Devaney's biggest problem is she is too associated with the Gwinn faction," said Carl Luna, a political science professor at Mesa College. "With all this

bad news coming down, it makes everyone in City Hall look bad."

Aguirre is running hard as a government outsider with the skill to clean up the financial messes. Devaney said her message — in a time of what she acknowledges is voter disaffection with city government — is more nuanced.

"It's easy to identify the problems," she said during an interview in her Scripps Ranch home.

"It's a whole other thing to say I see the problems and I have the solutions and the experience," Devaney said. "And I can hit the ground running."

She warns audiences at candidate forums that Aguirre, who has sought office four times and lost, will use this post as a platform for higher office if he wins.

Devaney, 46, said she has no such ambitions. At a debate in front of the San Diego Bar Association Sept. 21, Devaney said near the top of her opening remarks, "I am not a politician. I am not a perennial candidate."

She sounded the same theme the following afternoon

## Leslie Devaney

Age: 45

Education: Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California San Diego; law degree from the University of San Diego.

Experience: Executive assistant city attorney (on unpaid leave for campaign); former deputy city attorney; senior litigator for American Insurance Group.

Personal: Married to Frank Devaney; two daughters, Kaitlin, 16, and Brenna, 14.

at a lunch forum at the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce. "I'll be the type of city attorney who does not leave for issues outside of San Diego, but stays here," she said.

Though the office is officially nonpartisan, Devaney is a Republican and Aguirre is a Democrat.

Devaney said her view of the city attorney's role comes from the city charter. As the city's lawyer, she said, she would advise the mayor, council and department heads on issues. She would not become a policy set-

## City attorney

The city attorney earns \$183,156 a year and advises the mayor, City Council, city manager, and city departments and agencies. The city attorney also oversees an office of 300 employees, including 132 lawyers who prosecute misdemeanor crimes, draft laws, defend the city in court and enforce city ordinances.

ter or, as she puts it, a "decision maker in the government."

That position, she said, stands in contrast with Aguirre's. She charges repeatedly in forums that he has an incorrect understanding of the role of the city attorney and wants to make the office a policy arm of the government.

Devaney has been on an unpaid leave from the City Attorney's Office for the past year. In her campaign, she emphasizes her experience, the things she would do differently from Gwinn and Aguirre, warning that her opponent would unduly politicize the post.

Her campaign slogan — "Professionalism. Not politics" — plays off those themes. She appeals to voters to elect her as



a steady, reliable hand to steer the 300-person office.

She is endorsed by Gwinn and a list of other organizations — such as the Lincoln Club, a Republican business group, and the association representing state deputy attorneys general. Devaney has raised \$314,881 in cash for her campaign, including a personal loan of \$31,000.

Devaney, whose husband, Frank, is also a lawyer in the City Attorney's Office, said she left the office in 1992 in large part because she felt she was being shut out of the bigger, more interesting cases. She had begun working there in 1985, concentrating on cases of alleged police excessive force and dangerous road conditions.

"It was nothing personal, but I felt I had reached the potential the office was willing to give me or use me for," she said.

Recruited by AIG to establish a corporate office here, she jumped at the chance. "It was a whole new world," she said. "There is a whole other mentality in private practice — the work ethic, other things. You always have to be constantly learning."

But after four years, she got a call from Gwinn asking her to lunch. He was about to succeed John Witt as city attorney and wanted to discuss ideas he had for the office, she said.

At the end of the lunch, Gwinn offered her the job as second in command. "I thought it would be a great challenge," she said of her decision to return. "And as the second in charge, I could help shape it into what I thought the office could become."

On the campaign trail, she heralds several of her accomplishments, including working on the city's \$300 million share of the national settlement with tobacco companies and formulating the first policy on hiring outside lawyers for some cases.

The new policy, Devaney said, reduced the number of cases going to outside firms and set up stricter billing procedures. She helped create a task force on the homeless and de-

velop ordinances on adult entertainment.

But a major issue in the campaign has become the council's penchant for closed-door discussions. Devaney was the liaison with the mayor and council and dealt with any legal aspects relating to the council's agenda.

A couple of years into her tenure, Devaney said, she began to raise objections with Gwinn over the closed sessions but was rebuffed.

Now, she says, if she is elected she will work to reduce the number of closed sessions by requiring a presentation from the city lawyers describing what issues are to be discussed and saying why they can't be talked about in public.

Devaney bristles at Aguirre's efforts to hold her responsible for a series of ills — from the pension debacle to the Chargers' ticket guarantee and the \$100 million verdict against the city in the Roque de la Fuente II case. The huge verdict came in a suit where de la Fuente said the actions of city officials devalued an Otay Mesa business park he developed. She tells audiences she expects Aguirre to next blame her for global warming.

But the task of touting her experience in the office while trying to distance herself from the office's controversial actions is tricky. "She is trying hard to present herself as a capable administrator," Luna said. "The problem is, that does not gibe with things not going very well lately."

Devaney said that Gwinn clearly outlined the scope of her role in the office, and that there were areas — such as the de la Fuente case — where she would raise concerns but was told, "This is not your area, Leslie."

"I was given my marching orders on a lot of things," she said.

If she is elected, her husband would leave the City Attorney's Office to avoid potential conflicts of interest, Devaney said. She and her husband have two teenage daughters.

Her supporters believe in her ability to administer the office. Charles Froehlich, a retired appeals court justice who has worked for the city on some cases while Devaney has been in office, said he backs her because of her intelligence, professionalism and good judgment.

"There is so much discussion these days swirling around the city, its agents, the City Council," Froehlich said. "You really need a city attorney who will not be political, who will represent the interests of the city, rather than trying to create some sort of persona for themselves."

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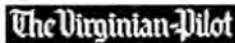
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Billy Franklin dies at 62; he was Sen. Robb's most vocal critic

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VIRGINIA BEACH — Private investigator Billy A. Franklin, who for years waged a battle of words and lawsuits with Sen. Charles S. Robb, died at his home Saturday after a long illness. He was 62.

Franklin's 1991 book, "Tough Enough," made him one of Robb's most vocal detractors.

The book was the product of Franklin's two-year investigation of the former governor.

It tied the Virginia Democrat to cocaine parties in Virginia Beach during his gubernatorial term from 1982 to 1986. It also made several other unfavorable allegations that became fodder for Robb's political opponents.

Robb denied the allegations and threatened to sue Franklin but never did.

"There's only one reason he didn't sue, and it's because everything in there was 100 percent true," Franklin said in 1994.

Franklin did sue Robb in 1993 for \$3.5 million, claiming that Robb smeared and threatened him.

The suit accused the Robb campaign and Robb associates of recording his private cellular telephone calls in 1988, circulating the tape, intimidating Franklin and driving away his business.

At the time, Franklin was investigating rumors — never independently substantiated — that Robb used drugs, had sexual affairs and associated with drug dealers and prostitutes while he was governor.

A federal investigation did discover that Robb supporters and one of Robb's lawyers used campaign money to buy Franklin's phone



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records and falsely reported the nature of the payment.

Franklin suddenly dropped the suit without explanation in 1994.

Franklin, a native of Chula Vista, Calif., graduated from the University of San Diego and later received his license to practice law in Virginia after completing the Law Readers Program.


After serving in the Army, he became an expert in polygraph and security measures.

He founded and was president of Franklin Security Systems of Norfolk and also founded the Virginia School of Polygraph, where he served as director for 34 years.

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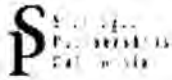
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## California's Leading Public Affairs Agency Joins with Texas' Premier Procurement Firm to Form Strategic Partnerships California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. & AUSTIN, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 12, 2004--

Firm to Tap Emerging Opportunities in \$4 Billion Public Business Sector

Kahl Pownall Companies, the largest public affairs management firm in California, today announced it has entered into an alliance with Strategic Partnerships, Inc. (SPI) of Austin, Texas to create a new business focused on providing clients with the tools to boost their sales to public agencies and win state and local government contracts in California.

"This is a logical extension of KP Companies' existing services in advocacy, research and communications," said Michael Burns, CEO of Kahl Pownall Companies. "Companies large and small, with valuable goods and services to sell, often face a daunting task in trying to master the complicated process of doing business with state and local governments."

"SPI has developed a proven methodology that's already providing benefits to companies and taxpayers alike in Texas," said Mary Scott Nabers, President and CEO of SPI. "By combining our expertise with Kahl Pownall Companies' experience in and understanding of California government, we are able to offer a truly unique new service to California's business community."

Strategic Partnerships California (SPC) will offer a sophisticated array of services and products to help its clients capture a large share of the \$4 billion that public agencies in California spend on goods and services each year. SPC's service offerings include, but are not limited to:

- Customized analyses of state budget trends and upcoming funded opportunities in state and local governments
- Individually tailored business and procurement opportunity assessments
- Strategic planning keyed to matching needs in the public sector with client's products and services
- Daily monitoring and tracking of opportunities
- Customized bid proposal services
- Frequent updates on procurement opportunities and competitor intelligence
- Networking opportunities with potential business partners, state and local decision makers and elected officials
- Positioning, marketing and presentation and communication services
- Newsletter reporting on state procurement issues

"The need for the services we can offer is greater now than ever before, and we believe the demand can only grow," said Tommy Huntress, Senior Vice President of SPI. "Public agencies at every level of government are looking at new ways to accomplish objectives. Efficiency and cost reduction are critical issues. Taxpayers are demanding reform and many of the solutions will come from private sector firms."

"California has recently experienced enormous pressure on the state budget," Burns pointed out. "The Schwarzenegger Administration has responded with plans for a fundamental restructuring of state agencies and

services. Plans call for outsourcing to the private sector and redesigning enormous amounts of previously state-run services. Smart California business leaders will be looking for experienced guidance to make the most of these new opportunities."

The strategic alliance will be headed in California by David K. Takashima, former Chief Deputy Director for the California State Department of Finance. He previously managed the Public Affairs office of Pacific Gas and Electric, and prior to that managed the Public Affairs office of Southern California Edison. He is a graduate of San Diego State University and the University of San Diego School of Law.


About Kahl Pownall Companies and Strategic Partnerships Inc.

Kahl Pownall Companies uses knowledge, experience and an unparalleled expertise in California government to forge winning strategies for its clients. Since its founding in 1970, the firm has grown steadily and strategically to become California's largest public affairs firm, representing many of the largest companies and business associations in the nation.

Strategic Partnerships Inc. (SPI) is a research, procurement consulting and business development firm that was founded in 1994 by Mary Scott Nabers. SPI's corporate offices are located in Austin, Texas. SPI has a ten-year record of successful business development that has secured contracts worth billions of dollars in business for its clients. SPI's current client base features numerous Fortune 500 companies, some of them clients of SPI since the company was founded.

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## Dorsey & Whitney LLP Expands Southern California Office

LOS ANGELES & IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 21, 2004--The Irvine office of Dorsey & Whitney LLP has hired three experienced associates -- two in the corporate group and one in the labor and employment group - adding to its existing corporate, labor and employment, investment banking practice groups.

Joe Hayashi joins Dorsey from Montgomery & Co., a boutique corporate firm in the Silicon Valley. Prior to joining Montgomery & Co., Joe spent four years at the law firm of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP in the firm's Palo Alto office. Joe joins other Brobeck alumni in Dorsey's corporate group, where he will engage in a corporate and securities practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and venture capital financings, as well as general corporate representation.

Jason Wisniewski graduated from Georgetown University, where he received his Master of Laws (LLM) after completing his JD at the University of San Diego School of Law. Jason will also join the corporate group. "I was thrilled with the idea of working with such strong corporate attorneys and having the opportunity to work on exciting corporate finance deals," says Wisniewski.

Mandana Massoumi joins Dorsey's Labor and Employment practice group from Jackson and Lewis LLP, where she counseled clients and litigated a wide variety of employment related matters. She has expertise on wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, leaves of absence, employment agreement, wage and hour class actions and employee benefits. "Mandana has an excellent trial record and tremendous experience counseling clients. She is an excellent addition to the Dorsey employment group," said Gabrielle Wirth, head of the California Labor and Employment Group.

Kathy Lowe, the Managing Partner of the Southern California office commented on the expansion: "Dorsey sees tremendous opportunities in the Southern California and Orange County marketplace and expanding our practice in corporate and employment allows us to better serve our clients."

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# Fort Morgan Times

## Battle for 4th Congressional District Matsunaka, Musgrave repeat

By ROB JENKINS  
Times Staff Writer

Friday, October 22, 2004 -

In attempt to prove that 2004 will not be a repeat of 2002, Stan Matsunaka is making another run at Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave in the 4th Congressional District, and this year's race has proven to be no less vitriolic than 2002's.

Musgrave, a Republican congresswoman from Fort Morgan, attracted international notoriety as well as a presidential endorsement for her proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

Matsunaka, who fell to Musgrave by 13 percentage points for the same position in 2002, has spoken out against Musgrave saying that she has ignored the issues of the district while pushing her gay marriage amendment.

"She's been battling Massachusetts and California (battleground states for gay marriage) but forgot issues in her own back yard," Matsunaka, 50, said.

But Musgrave, 55, refutes Matsunaka's accusations saying it is simply Matsunaka up to his old tricks.

"It's the same old Stan; he doesn't change," Musgrave responded.

Musgrave has criticized Matsunaka's "liberal, tax-and-spend" approach injecting a nickname given to Matsunaka by Gov. Bill Owens: "Taxunaka."

Matsunaka, 50, has targeted the lack of return on federal tax dollars in the district as proof of Musgrave's failures in the district.

"For the last 10 years we're getting less and less of our tax dollars," Matsunaka said. "We are getting \$.65 on the dollar in the 4th Congressional District while your representative was working on a federal marriage amendment. We need somebody in Congress who is fighting for us,"

Matsunaka has also pointed his focus to the areas of health care, economic opportunity in renewable energy and transportation as issues crucial to voters in the 4th.

Matsunaka, a Loveland lawyer, has criticized Musgrave's optimistic economic forecasts as unrealistic in that the optimism that the congresswoman has is not shared by others in the district, particularly with regards to the amount of uninsured people in the 4th district, he said.

"(Of the) 43 million uninsured people in the United States, over 100,000 of them are in the 4th. Eight out of 10 of those people are working and another eight out of those 10 people are discussing if they can afford insurance. It's an irresponsible situation."

With a major portion of the 4th Congressional District agricultural, Matsunaka believes that more attention should be paid to the amount of renewable energy resources in the district and the economic opportunity they can create.

Matsunaka, who served as president of the State Senate from 2000 to 2002, has also criticized Musgrave for the lack of transportation funding she has allocated for the district. He was particularly critical of a fight that Musgrave undertook with Don Young, chairman of the House Transportation Committee, as a cause for the district's transportation woes.

Musgrave, who stands in stark contrast to both Matsunaka and Green Party hopeful Bob Kinsey, has returned the fodder from the Matsunaka camp mainly through the support of other conservative leaders both on the state and national level.

"To say Marilyn is ignoring other issues is hogwash," GOP State Sen. Mark Hillman of Burlington said.

But Musgrave, who is a staunch supporter of military spending and the president's foreign policy in Iraq, has come under fire in her district particularly for her support of the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) which potentially could put domestic sugar producers at risk.

"I think she's dropped the ball, basically," Sterling sugar beet farmer Darren Luft said. "She's not paying attention to the issues that could be devastating to our industry."

Musgrave has still campaigned with agriculture right at the heart of her key issues along with military spending and the war in Iraq.

While farmers have criticized her for her CAFTA support, Musgrave has highlighted the \$3 billion in funding to provide drought relief to state farmers as a sign she is on the district's farmers' side. Musgrave, a former member of the Fort Morgan school board, has also discussed her work on securing funding to combat West Nile virus and BSE as proof that she is working for ag.

Musgrave has made no bones about her support of the president and his defense spending as well as America's involvement in Iraq.

"Much of my time in Congress has been devoted to the ongoing war on terror," Musgrave said. "I am very supportive of the president in this ongoing effort. There are many more issues than whether we found WMDs."

On the outside of this race stands Kinsey, a retired United Church of Christ clergyman, who promotes the ideals of an environmentally conscience campaign.

Like Matsunaka, Kinsey has been outspoken in his criticisms of Musgrave including calling Musgrave's support of the president's claims that Sadaam Hussein's ties to al-Qaida "false witness."

Kinsey, 68, has taken the issue of greenhouse emissions to the front of his campaign claiming the emissions' effects on nearly every issue important to voters.

Kinsey has criticized America's global economic growth as a major contributor to the decline in the health of the environment.

"We have to face the impact that the economy is having," Kinsey warned. "We need to change. There are responsible ways for us to do the work we need to do on our planet."

Matsunaka, a native of Akron, grew up in Fort Morgan and graduated from Fort Morgan High School. He is a graduate of Colorado State University in Fort Collins as well as the University of San Diego Law School. Matsunaka and his wife, Kathy, have three children, Melissa, Brian and Kristi. He and his family live in Loveland.

Musgrave, a native of rural Weld County, graduated from Eaton High School and attended CSU. Musgrave and her husband, Steve, have four children, Chad, Becky, Amy and John. The Musgraves live in Fort Morgan.

Kinsey is a longtime Colorado resident, and he and his wife, Rita, have seven children.

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## Elizabeth Hunter, Brett Broge

**E**lizabeth Evelyn Hunter, the daughter of Anne and Stephen Hunter of Blooming Grove, N.Y., and Brett Allen Broge, the son of Constance and Allen Broge of Temple City, Calif., were married yesterday. The Rev. Thomas J. Curley, a Roman Catholic priest, performed the ceremony at the Church of St. Columba in Chester, N.Y.

Ms. Hunter, 26, is keeping her name. She is a third-year law student at the University of California, Berkeley. She graduated magna cum laude from Wellesley College. Her father is a lawyer in Goshen, N.Y., and a judge for the Village of Chester, and her mother is a lawyer for the Legal Aid Society of Orange County in Goshen.

Mr. Broge, 29, is an associate at Lerch Sturmer, a law firm in San Francisco. He graduated from Grinnell College and received his law degree cum laude from the University of San Diego. His mother is a public relations representative at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, which operates Del Mar racetrack in California. His father retired as a deputy in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, in the Santa Anita Court, in Monrovia, Calif.

Ms. Hunter and Mr. Broge met when they were working in Washington in the summer of 1998 in the office of Senator Tom Harkin, the Iowa Democrat. Mr. Broge was the mailroom manager and intern coordinator, and Ms. Hunter was an intern.

They said they knew then that they liked each other. "I tried to make an effort to smile, make jokes and to tease him a little," she said.

They said they hesitated to pursue a relationship, however, because it was the summer of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Mr. Broge added that, as Ms. Hunter's supervisor, he felt especially vulnerable to disciplinary action.

A week before Ms. Hunter's internship ended, however, they kissed at a Democratic fund-raiser in a Washington nightclub. "I think it took both of us by surprise a little," Ms. Hunter said.

They kept in touch while Ms. Hunter studied at the International Institute in Madrid and Mr. Broge continued working for Senator Harkin.

The following January, they went to the Capitol building for the Senate impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton. It was the first time they were out in public alone together.

"During that visit," Ms. Hunter said, "we decided that enough time had passed and that it would not be scandalous for us to start dating."

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# How we came to the 'us against phlegm' situation



The World Series! Baseball fans know what that means: a showcase for top-notch pitching, fielding and

batting.

Oh, and there's one more skill. The Fall Classic, which began Saturday, is the nation's foremost display of a habit that was once as American as Mom, apple pie and the split-finger fastball, but is now regarded as a vulgar, unhygienic, bad habit.

Spitting ain't what it used to be.

It's no longer a national obsession. A century ago, Oscar Wilde could aim his dry wit at this wet subject. "America," he

snipped, "is one long expectoration."

He was joking. Right?

"I remember in my youth a lot of spitting on the New York subways," said Alma Koch, a public health professor at SDSU who spent her childhood in the Manhattan of the 1940s. "I think people did it as a matter of course, in the streets or on the subway."

Western cities were even more generously stocked with spittoons and spit-ees. Despite a tough anti-spitting ordinance, San Diego police found many scofflaws in a 1916 sweep. "The sidewalks," an enforcer noted, "had become a depository for tobacco users as well as those

persons affected with T.B. and other diseases of the throat and lungs."

Why so many Americans stopped hawking and hoicking is a tale of epidemics, ambition and pre-rolled smokes. One of the great successes of the nation's public health agencies, this victory was so complete and one-sided that it is almost forgotten.

But if that campaign had not been fought and won, flu seasons would be even deadlier than they are today. "Influenza," Koch noted, "can be spread by droplets."

Outside of the national pastime, in the United States spitting is no longer a socially acceptable pastime. It's decline began in the mid-19th century, when scientists first slipped sputum samples under a microscope and found them rich in bacteria. By 1873, roughly 130 cities had enacted laws prohibiting public spitting. Many more followed a decade later when a German biologist found TB in an infected patient's phlegm.

Worse, the tubercle bacilli is hardy, able to survive in sunlight for two hours and in dried sputum for several months.

"Saliva is not a problem," said Mary Jo Clark, professor of community health nursing at the University of San Diego. "Coughing, hacking, spitting up is a problem."

During the TB epidemics of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, though, all moisture was suspect. Spittoons were adopted as public health devices, some filled with antibacterial fluids.

Cuspidors were common in saloons and many public buildings. Victor Walsh, a historian at Old Town State Historic Parks, admits that no one has done the definitive study on this topic. (But you can imagine the titles: "Sagebrush Sprayers," "The Good, the Bad and the Juicy," "The Cuspidor Kid.") But he believes that spittoons were common in courthouses, jails and even in Old Town's *tiendas*.

Walsh's guess is based on the fact that currency was scarce on the frontier. In many markets, buyers and sellers bartered. Often, one or both parties was chewing tobacco.

"They could be in there for quite a long time," Walsh not-

ed.

Spittoons were considered a polite alternative to splashing tobacco juice at your feet — or someone else's. As one popular turn-of-the-century barroom sign advised:

"If you expect to rate as a gentleman,

"Do not expectorate on the floor."

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### **Cynthia A. Villis**

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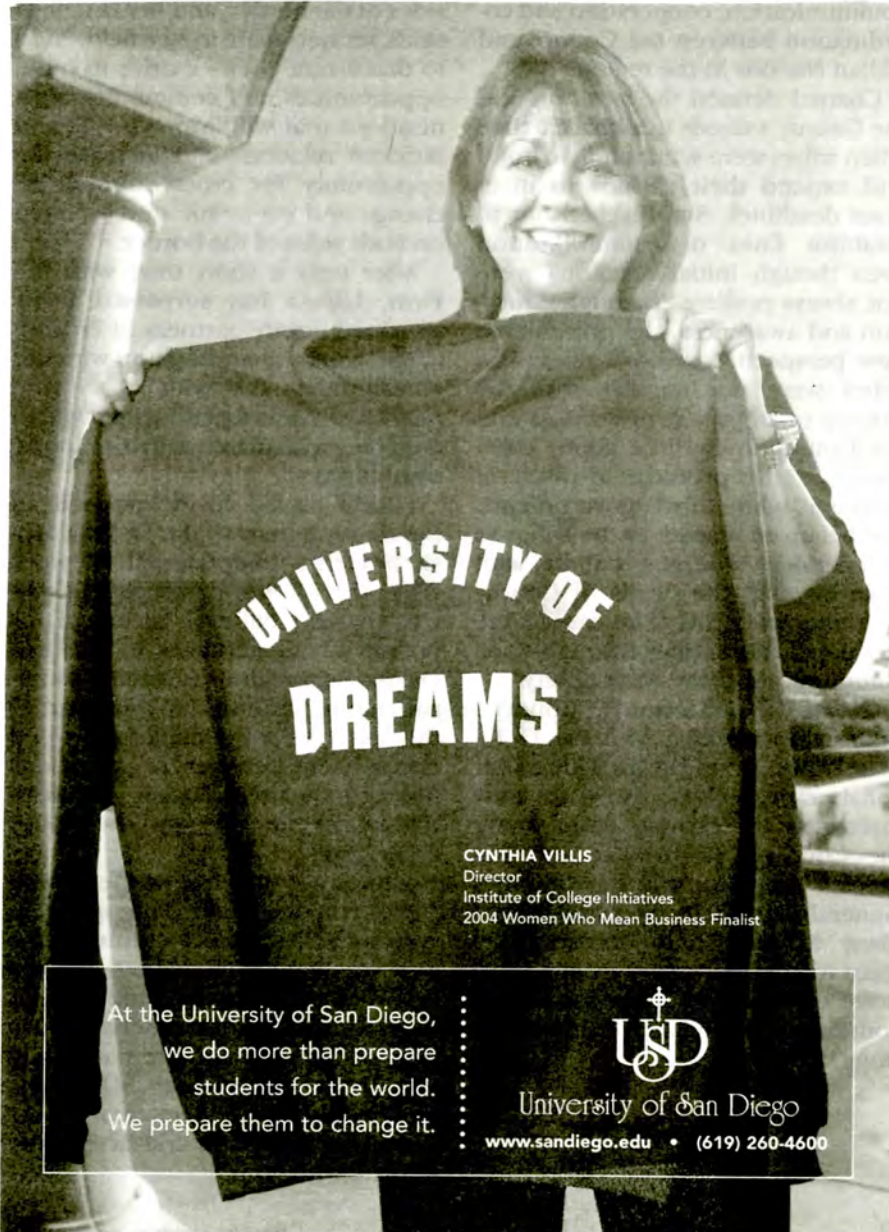
Dr. Cynthia Villis has been a university administrator and higher education activist for 25 years. She has been with the University of San Diego for the past 17 years where she has served as a dean, an associate provost and now a director of an institute, which she founded. One of Cynthia's greatest gifts is to identify and nurture the potential between USD and the great-

er San Diego community. She makes the university environment especially inviting to students, their families and those who wish to make the academic dreams of others into a reality.

As the first in her family to graduate from college, Cynthia is an advocate for first generation students and those from low-income backgrounds. Among those whom she has introduced to USD are students from refugee families, including the Lost Boys of Sudan.


A Rotarian since 1997, Cynthia focuses the same trademark intensity and energy to outreach through her La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club (LJGTRC). She is President Elect 2005-06, and since 2001 has co-chaired its International Service Committee. She is also a member of the Club's board of directors and its Vocational Service Committee, and was secretary for three years. Cynthia is also a Paul Harris Fellow. She writes matching grant proposals for LJGTRC projects, such as for the Esperanza International medical clinic in Tijuana, consults with a Somali Sewing Center in City Heights that she played a role in founding, brings Preuss School students to USD for leadership training, and co-chairs a highly innovative District Pathways to Peace Committee.

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# WEEK IN REVIEW

## TOP BUSINESS NEWS: OCTOBER 1 - 7, 2004

**Taking Flight:** More passengers flew in and out of Lindbergh Field during August than any other month in the airport's history, according to a report by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

August was also the fifth consecutive month that the airport's passenger levels reached all-time monthly highs.

Lindbergh Field served 1.6 million passengers in August, a 5.6 percent increase from 1.5 million passengers served during the same month last year. For the first eight months of 2004, the airport's passenger count totaled 11 million, up 7.3 percent from 10.3 million during the same period last year.

It is projected that Lindbergh Field will serve more than 16 million passengers by the end of the year, which would be an all-time annual high.

— **Connie Lewis**

**Fired Up:** The Regional Emergency Preparedness Task Force, formed after the October 2003 wildfires that burned more than 383,000 acres, destroyed more than 3,200 structures and caused 16 deaths in San Diego County, has completed its review of how the crisis was handled and what should be done to improve the region's response to disasters.

Created by San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy and county Supervisor Greg Cox and co-chaired by Sheriff Bill Kolender and San Diego fire Chief Jeff Bowman, the task force has met regularly for almost a year.

The group's recommendations include improving communication systems among government, the media and the public; coordination of resources already in place; updating regional evacuation plans and making them available in the field electronically; regional training for wildland fires; improving radio networks and cell sites for public safety and fire officials; and implementing a more

effective system to keep the public informed.

— **Pat Broderick**

**Nursery Schooled:** The district attorney's office has filed and settled a consumer and environmental protection action against the owner of a San Marcos nursery.

The lawsuit alleges that **Tropical Connection** nursery owner Carolyn Wood and Carolyn Wood, Inc. imported plants into California from Florida in violation of state and federal quarantine and unfair competition laws.

The court ordered Wood and her company to pay \$175,000 for penalties and costs, and ordered them not to violate the laws.

All shipments to Tropical Connection nursery will be subject to inspection in the future and any new violations could result in enhanced penalties or criminal action.

The truck drivers who transported the plants were arrested and pleaded guilty to criminal charges.

"The pests that these laws seek to exclude from our state can devastate our agricultural industry, estimated to be \$1.3 billion in San Diego County," said District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis.

— **Pat Broderick**

**Photon Acquired:** Raytheon Co., a Massachusetts defense contractor, announced last week that it had bought a privately held San Diego-based engineering company, **Photon Research Associates Inc.** Terms of the deal

## Quote of the Week

*'It's been going on for years. It's not widespread, but more than a few companies were doing it.'*

— **Ken Bender, managing director, Software Equity Group, on high-tech companies padding revenues in light of the indictment of several top Peregrine Systems executives.**  
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were to be disclosed in Raytheon's third-quarter filing with securities regulators.

Photon specializes in computer simulations. One of its recent projects identifies missiles among decoy warheads and space debris.

— **Brad Graves**

## Price Hike:

While predicting that fewer homes will be sold in 2005, the California Association of Realtors said

it expects the average price of a resale house to continue increasing next year. In its housing market forecast released Oct. 6, CAR said 2005 will still be the second-best year on record for California resales. The number of sales is expected to drop by 2.5 percent from an estimated 619,300 homes in 2004 to 603,700 homes in 2005.

The association predicted that the California median home price will increase by 15 percent from an estimated \$454,720 at the end of 2004 to \$522,930 by the end of next year. That price hike is on top of 22 percent appreciation from 2003 to 2004 and 18 percent appreciation from 2002 to 2003.

The median price of a resale home in San Diego County was \$579,040 in August, according to CAR.

— **Mandy Jackson**

**Fleet's In Town:** This year's lineup of Fleet Week events has been expanded to include the Stockdale Leadership Symposium. It also

includes a perennial favorite, the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show.

• Retired Adm. Stanley R. Arthur will speak about "Ethics From the Battlefield to the Boardroom" at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Shiley Theater at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego.

The event is free and will be preceded by a reception at 5:30.

Arthur, a San Diego native, is president of Lockheed Martin Missiles and Air Control in Orlando, Fla. His 38-year Navy career included service as vice chief of naval operations.

• The Miramar Air Show runs Oct. 16 and 17. Again, the show features the Navy's Blue Angels Jet Demonstration Squadron.

General admission is free. Grandstand, reserved box seating and chalet seating may be purchased online at [www.miramarairshow.com](http://www.miramarairshow.com) or by calling the Miramar ticket office at (858) 577-1016.

• Fleet Week includes several other events. Information is available online at [www.fleet-weeksandiego.org](http://www.fleet-weeksandiego.org).

— **Brad Graves**

**For Kicks:** The San Diego Sockers of the Major Indoor Soccer League, which was set to open their season Oct. 9, announced that Raj Kalra, who purchased a professional lacrosse franchise in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, is the team's new majority owner.

Former majority owner David Altomare now holds a minority interest in the team. The Sockers also named Jim Hartley, a marketing executive with 25 years' business experience, the team's new president.

Ralf Wilhelms remains in his current role as executive vice president, while Brian Quinn enters his fifth season as the Sockers' general manager and head coach.

— **Mike Allen**

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## USD should 'lock in' tuition

I am a sophomore at the University of San Diego. In 2003, when I decided to attend USD, tuition was 4 percent less than it is for the current school year. Furthermore, tuition was raised over \$1,000 for incoming freshmen and the size of the incoming class size rose 20 percent. Despite increases in living costs, the added increases of tuition and growing class sizes, financial aid was not adjusted in kind.

The right of USD to charge more for tuition is undisputed. However, when a student like me accepted a place in the incoming freshman class in 2003, we did so knowing not only the amount of tuition necessary but also how much was being afforded in financial aid. I make up the difference via work study and an off-campus weekend job. Now I, like hundreds of other students on maximum financial aid, am placed in the situation of either falling into greater debt or leaving the university. A higher dropout rate decreases the university's national ranking.

I suggest that USD follow in the footsteps of many Ivy League universities in the nation and establish a "lock-in" tuition, one price guaranteed for all four years of college to ensure that enrolled students will not be forced to leave the university because of increased tuition.

At \$40,000 a year, financial aid is a necessity at USD for many students. To raise tuition even a few percentage points is to demand hundreds of dollars from broke college students.

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## Community gathers for debate

### Academic panel answers questions for students

By Corinne Hill  
MANAGING EDITOR

**O**ver one hundred USD students, faculty and community members gathered to watch the third presidential debate and participate in a discussion with a panel of political analysts from the USD faculty on Oct. 13 at the Institute for Peace and Justice theater.

Tom Cleary, director of community and government relations, organized the viewing of the debate to get students involved in the 2004 election. He was aided by a panel of professors including Dr. Larry Williamson, Dr. Eric Pierson and Dr. Tracey

Quigley of the Communication Studies department and Dr. Mike Williams, Dr. Noelle Norton, and Dr. Del Dickson, of Political Science.

"There are 24.7 million young people in the United States. Campaign strategists have noticed that you're not collectively apathetic anymore and they are after your vote now more than ever," Williamson said.

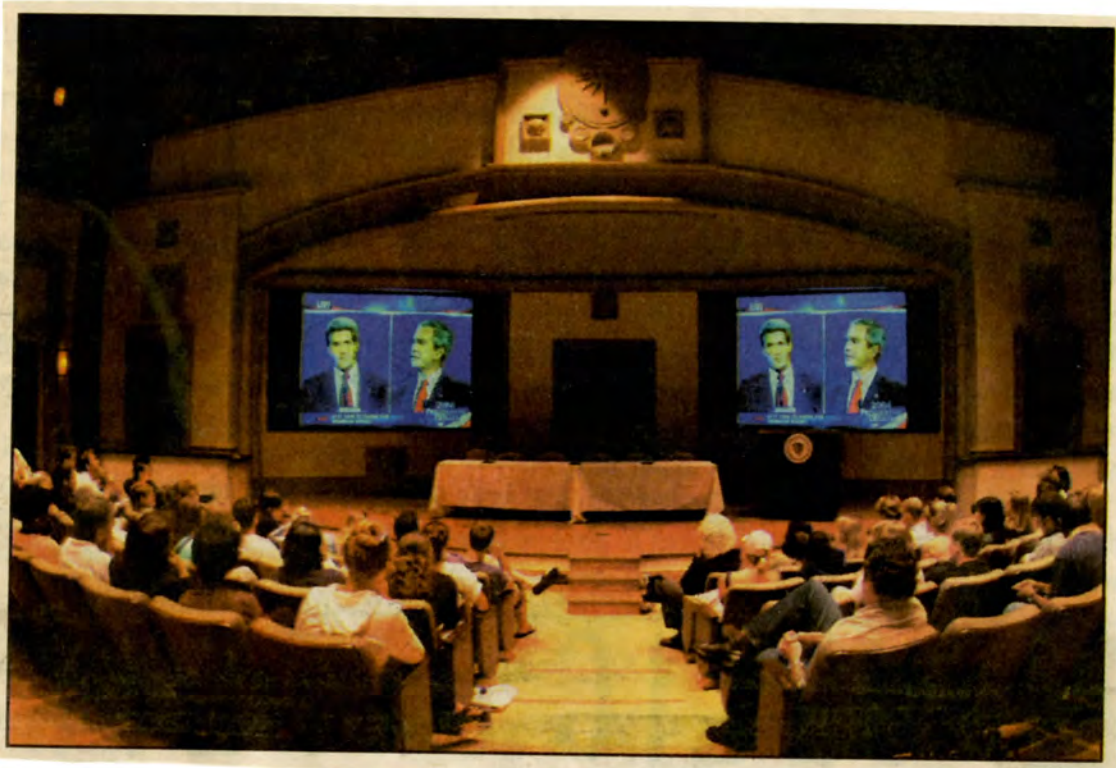
Students were active in reacting to the candidates' responses to issues with questions regarding social security, education, minorities and the war in Iraq. "I was impressed with the quality of the students' questions," Dickson said. "They demonstrated terrific non-partisan, critical and sophisticated observance."

Williamson challenged the audience to use the debates to get themselves interested and seek out the objective facts.

"I learned a lot from the panel. They were respectful and dignified and they made me want to learn more about the issues, said Jacqueline Monroe, a senior.

Dr. Pierson stressed the importance of informing oneself with the topics of the debate. "We're not making a purchase, we're picking a president," he said.

Future 2004 election events include a debate among candidates for the 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District for the California state legislature. USD will also host an on-campus polling station on Nov. 2.



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The final presidential debate between Senator John Kerry and President George W. Bush drew USD students to the Institute for Peace and Justice last Wednesday night. Following the debates, students engaged in political discussion with professors from the Communication and Political Science departments.



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## Consumers push businesses away from cash-only transactions

01:00 AM EDT on Monday, October 11, 2004

BY DAN THANH DANG  
The Baltimore Sun

Janice Simmons hates cash.

The 45-year-old Elkridge, Md., mother of two teenage sons rarely carries money in her purse anymore -- cash is too easy to lose, get stolen and last, but not least, spend.

"Cash has legs," Simmons says. "It just wants to go everywhere but in your pocket. I just don't like to have it on me."

Simmons, who also forgoes writing checks by paying her bills online, could go entirely paperless if not for those few remaining souls who don't take plastic: "There are times when you do need cash -- like when my boys ask me for \$5."

Thanks to consumers like Simmons, plastic recently outpaced paper as the preferred mode of payment at the nation's checkout lines for the first time, and experts say it will soon be commonplace to pay for nearly everything with a card.

Paper steadily has been losing out to the various forms of plastic -- credit, debit or prepaid cards -- and last year, the balance tipped: Cards were used for 53 percent of store purchases, while cash or checks were handed over for 47 percent of them, according to the most recent Study of Consumer Payment Preferences.

It used to be that consumers had only three payment options: cash, check or credit card. But these days, companies are heavily promoting the use of the newer debit and prepaid cards, which look like credit cards but act like cash in that users don't incur debt or interest charges.

Television ads have long featured comedian Jerry Seinfeld demonstrating the benefits of using his American Express at gas stations and supermarkets, but lately he's been joined by baseball team owner George Steinbrenner, allegedly preserving his sore check-writing hand by instead using a Visa check card to pay the stadium utility bill and players' salaries.

Card companies are aggressively soliciting industries that have traditionally accepted only cash or checks -- such as parking garages, insurance companies and fast-food restaurants -- to start taking their cards.

As a result, consumers, who once reserved their cards for big-ticket items such as kitchen appliances and summer vacation trips, now use them for things big, small and in

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Simmons uses her Visa debit card to pay for gas and the occasional lunch.

"It's so much easier," she says.

Card companies love Simmons. They're hoping she and others like her will lead the way toward a cashless society someday. While that's still far in the future, the average U.S. household owns from 7 to 13 payment cards, including credit, debit and store cards.

By 2007, the majority of payments -- not just for in-store goods and services, but also bills such as mortgages, medical fees and car payments -- will be made with a card rather than cash or checks, speculates The Nilson Report, the leading publication covering consumer payments systems worldwide.

Consumers increasingly are comfortable using cards, and the companies that issue them have been working with businesses and government agencies to create new ways of transferring money via plastic rather than paper.

For example, students at the University of San Diego and Northwestern University who used to hit up their parents for a check can now use their student-identification badges to tap into an account set up to pay for books, snacks and other incidentals. Tax filers, instead of waiting for a check, can receive their refunds on prepaid cards.

Businesses such as U-Haul and Stanley Steemer have converted employee paychecks into electronic cards that can be reloaded each pay date. Government agencies similarly have transferred child support and unemployment payments to cards.

Each year, 4 million paychecks are damaged, lost or stolen, and reissuing them costs U.S. businesses \$48 million, according to the American Payroll Association. Avoiding those costs has lured many companies and states toward using electronic payment cards.

"Electronic delivery is much more reliable," says Craig R. Goellner, director of Colorado's child-support enforcement agency, which began offering electronic cards to clients three years ago. "There's a lot of overhead costs associated with checks. With cards, we no longer have to worry about lost, stolen, counterfeit, returned, undeliverable or fraudulent checks."

The cards also help offer new options for people who don't have a bank account.

Maria Smith of Taneytown, Md., can attest to that.

Every time her daughter's father makes a child-support payment, the money is automatically loaded onto Smith's CashPay card, which she can use much like a credit or debit card. Smith does not have a bank account.

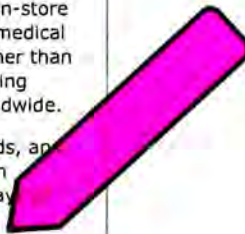
Smith uses her CashPay Visa card to shop at the local Wal-Mart, order dinner, buy groceries or purchase gas. Recently, she used the card as collateral to rent a car during a family trip in Tennessee.

"It's my only card, so I wouldn't have been able to rent a car without it," says Smith, who works at a medical center in Frederick, Md. "Not having a bank account was really difficult. I had to pay a fee to cash my checks. . . This card has made my life so much easier. I can use it anywhere."

The CashPay program also allows clients like Smith to load their own paychecks and tax refunds onto card as well, says the cash-averse Simmons, who manages the program.

Industry experts are predicting that most local, state and federal agencies will eventually convert to electronic payment

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Headline >> **Senate allies with TRUTH**  
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The Student Senate approved a revised resolution in support of a campus gay-straight alliance 13-0 with one abstention on Monday after less than 40 minutes of debate. Speaker Sheena Collum withdrew a previous resolution to put the revised one out for debate.

Student Government Association President Kyle Graham has until next week's meeting to approve or veto the resolution.

Graham said he supports TRUTH but will consult University President Msgr. Robert Sheeran before making a final decision. He has been unable to contact Sheeran as of yet, as Sheeran has been in Rome. Graham plans on making a decision after consulting other executive board members and students from both sides.

The senate would require a three-fourths vote to overrule Graham if he vetos the resolution.

Of the nearly 50 students present, 22 students came in support of Trust, Respect and Unity at the Hall, 14 came in opposition and the others did not affiliate with a side. Some of the students in favor of TRUTH were College Democrats, who have chosen gay rights as their issue of focus this year. Each side was given 15 minutes for opening remarks.

Also in attendance were Dawn Williams, dean of Community Development, and Kevin Clark, associate dean of Community Development.

The resolution was written by Diplomacy Sen. Jennifer Ko, Secretary Ann Armbrust, Freshman Sen. Adam Smego and Collum.

The resolution was amended after a suggestion by Arts and Sciences Sen. Matthew Steele to modify it from a resolution from the Student Senate to one from the entire SGA. The authors agreed to the change.

"At its heart, it's taken from Resolution 6," Ko said. "It has the same intentions of getting to the same place with slightly different means."

Its short title was changed to say the SGA grants support, not recognition, of TRUTH. It was also modified so the SGA would no longer be responsible for funding TRUTH's programming. TRUTH students agreed to fund their own programming.

If passed, the resolution also calls for the SGA to sponsor a campus-wide forum on the TRUTH issue.

The task force was also renamed the "Student Senate TRUTH Alliance" and modified to include four TRUTH members alongside senators and a TRUTH member serving as chair.

Education Sen. Nicole Chmielewski, Business Sen. Tamyra Hunt, Commuter Sen. Phil Carpentier and Steele were appointed to the alliance. Each serves on a different senate committee.

The following senators voted for the resolution: Amrbrust, Carpentier, Freshman Sen. Michael Catelli, Chmielewski, At-large Sen. Stephanie DeVita, Freshman Sen. Radim Dragamoca, At-large Sen. David Hartley, Hunt, Ko, Arts and Sciences Sen. Jason Marquis, Parliamentarian Allison Quatrini, At-large Sen. Emily Ruskin, Smego, Steele and Resident Sen. Benjamin Zipf.

Commuter Sen. Christopher LoSapio abstained.

Gallery members opposing TRUTH including freshman Christopher Stark and junior Matthew Miklius suggested the group have supervision such as a senator or a priest to be sure the Catholic mission is upheld.

"It's a very responsible thing to do," Miklius said of the priest being present.

Freshman Jesse Babenfriar said if a senator were appointed. it should not be a member of TRUTH. Freshman Gino Chiriboga spoke against the resolution, saying Senate approval would mean a larger implied approval from Seton Hall.

"This would be bending back our moral foundations, which are not 50 or 100 years old," Chiriboga said. "They are thousands of years old."

Stark also spoke against the chalkings for National Coming Out Day and the large number of potential students touring the campus that day.

"That could have cost this university students who would be here in years to come," Stark said. "Walking around, I saw parents and potential students snickering."

Stark also said he believes students have come to Seton Hall because it deplores groups like TRUTH.

Graduate Student Beth Mainardi questioned the language of the resolution, asking why the TRUTH students would be "celebrated" as being "created in the image of God."

"Why would we as a Catholic institution seek to celebrate a disorder?" Mainardi asked.

Several students who were against TRUTH did not share the idea that homosexuality was a disorder, including senior Lynne Seborowski, who said she supports gay rights in a general sense but not TRUTH. Seborowski also said the group inflated the number of gay students on campus in its recent chalking.

Miklius suggested the TRUTH students look to the Catholic-endorsed group Courage, a suggestion that drew scoffs from TRUTH students.

On the pro-TRUTH side, junior Sailesh Naidu said there is too much focus on the possible sexual activity of TRUTH members.

"All student organizations promote sex by promoting people interacting and meeting each other," Naidu said. "After any event on campus, sex might occur. The burden of proof is that TRUTH members are more likely to take part in pre-marital sex than other students."

He also said the idea of calling homosexuality a disorder was "complete intolerance" and called senators who were unaffected by that "heartless."

Shiela Rivera, a junior, also spoke for TRUTH.

"We're trying to create an alliance," she explained. "We're not trying to have gay sexual escapades on the Green."

Junior Camilo Forero addressed a point of the opposition citing the chalkings overestimated the number of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students on campus. He said it shouldn't matter if there were one or 1,000 students. He also said TRUTH is not an issue of disordered and normal students.

Kelly Juleson, a junior, also commented on the disorder idea.

"If this were a group of bipolar or schizophrenic students, would you deny them?" she asked the senators.

Sophomore Adam Goguen said he was accepted at Seton Hall with a scholarship even though the university knew he was gay and not Catholic. He said the church's teaching is to accept sinners into the church and then teach them not to sin.

No senators spoke in opposition to TRUTH.

Armbrust said the SGA's role is to inform the student body the group would not go against Catholic doctrine.

Ruskin agreed, saying, "We are here to protect the minority from the tyranny of the majority."

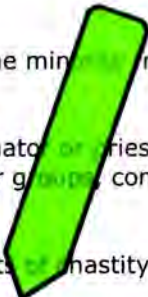
Senators were against the idea of assigning a senator or priest to TRUTH, saying it would be treating the group differently than other groups, constituting discrimination.

"Are we going to make other groups sign contracts of chastity?" Ruskin asked.

Treasurer Santino Certo also noted if TRUTH is officially recognized, it would not be the first at a diocesan university. The University of San Diego has a gay-straight group called the Rainbow Educators. Certo also noted the existence of Seton Hall law's group Lambda Law, which sponsors dialogues on legal issues affecting the gay community.

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Rob Hoffman / THE SETONIAN - Left to right: At-large Sen. Emily Ruskin and Resident Sen. Benjamin Zipf listen to Diplomacy Sen. Jennifer Ko's comments about the resolution supporting Trust, Respect and Unity at the Hall Monday night in Kozlowski Hall. The resolution passed 13-0 with one abstention.



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# Asian celebration, despite uncertainties, adding innovations



By David Elliott  
MOVIE CRITIC

As film lovers keep learning, light truly rises from the East — even though such rising film hives as Japan, Korea, Iran, China, Taiwan and India are all to our west.

The San Diego Asian Film Festival comes back for four days starting Thursday. Founding director Lee Ann Kim is confident that it's here to stay, even if its main venue has entered a period of suspense.

Kim, a TV journalist (Channel 10-KGTV) who has made the fest a perennial, says, "It's our fifth anniversary, and we thought, 'We've made it for five years and we'll just breeze on through.' It never works out that way." As

George Bush would say, it's hard work.

After the usual scouting of festivals and tips from the diaspora of previous SDAFF entrants (some returning), Kim and her programmers put together 20 features and a bulging cluster of 16 shorts programs. Panels and workshops will also sprout.

The fest, begun in 2000 as a fund-raiser for the local Asian American Journalists Association, has shrunk from five to four days because the Mann Hazard 7 plex would not make an extra day available. The site where the Asian fest has built

become rather problematic.

The theater's sub-lease, New York's Madstone Theaters, we

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## ASIAN

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### Film festival hopes to sell 10,000 tickets

bust last summer. The venue reverted to operation by the Mann chain, though not Mann's previous manager here, the fest-nurturing Mark Madero.

"Mann will admit they don't want the location for long-term lease," says Kim. "With Madstone, there was a true independent spirit. So we're not sure about coming years."

She adds, "We like it there. You'll know you're at a festival, with our art display and booth."

Among innovations is a young film critics' competition co-sponsored by the *Union-Tribune* (see the winning reviewer's comments on "Home Run" on Page D1). That is sweetened by a \$500 scholarship.

The festival sold 8,000 tickets last year, and, notes Kim, "we hope for 10,000 this year." The annual budget is about \$300,000, and "for the first time we have full-page ads so our costs have gone up. Most goes to travel and lodging for filmmakers. Over a hundred should be here."

She points to the "Locals Only" packet of short films by San Diegans (5 p.m. Thursday at Mann, 6:15 p.m. Saturday at USD), and the daring "Queer Shorts: Unzipped" (7 p.m. Saturday), "because gay Asians are an underserved community. This is our first."

Most shorts are Asian-American made, most features (14 of 20) are foreign. "An independent festival will be shorts-driven," says Kim, "because so many artists can't yet afford to make a feature. And I would rather see five minutes of excellent than two hours of horrible."

Among the names expected at the festival are Dat Phan, winner of the "Last Comic Standing 2003" show on NBC; Lisa Ling of "National Geographic Explorer"; actor Sung Kang; singer Vienna Teng; actress Kelly Hu; "Fame" 2003 winner Harleem Lee; and actor John Cho of "American Pie."

Not eager to highlight one work over another, Kim will burble a bit for the opener, Nathan Kurosawa's Hawaiian surfer drama "The Ride," which "is fascinating and clearly a great fit for San Diego." And the closer, "The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam," Anne Marie Fleming's documentary on a Chinese vaudeville acrobat and magician who inspired both Harry Houdini and Orson Welles.

The shorts (more than 120) are "great fun, because we got films that sift into certain themes, like love or animation or gay life or travel. We even have a group about people who are rebels. And we have our first music video program."

Hip to martial arts movies from long exposure, Kim feels that "Ong Bak," a kick-boxer movie from Thailand, "has scenes that outdo anything from Jackie Chan."

And no other fest offers a panel talk called "Harold & Kumar Go to San Diego," in which actor Cho ("Harold") will appear (2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley; cost \$7).

## The features

Tickets at the Mann Hazard 7 box office range from \$6.50 to \$15 (opening and closing films, including receptions). Passes range from \$35 to \$80. Call (858) 650-3459 or visit the Web at [info@scaff.org](mailto:info@scaff.org). Here's a look at the feature films as they are scheduled:

● **"The Ride" (7 p.m. Thursday):** Nathan Kurosawa (no relation to Akira) made his first feature about the fabled Hawaiian surfer Duke Kahanamoku,

acted by Sean Kaawa, who teaches an arrogant young surfer the better way. It had its premiere last year at Waikiki Beach.

● **"Ong Bak" (9:30 p.m. Thursday):** A really large B-movie celebration of Thai kick-boxing, said to be instantly a martial arts cult attraction. (Repeats at 10:15 p.m. Saturday).

● **"Please Teach Me English" (4:30 p.m. Friday):** From South Korea, Kim Sung-Su's comedy about a shy girl who must master English fast has a romantic spin. (Repeats 7:15 p.m. Sunday).

● **"Arahan" (7 p.m. Friday):** Martial arts socked around by comedy, in a South Korean film from Ryu Seung-Wan, with masters making mayhem. (Repeats 4:45 p.m. Sunday).

● **"Like Asura" (7:15 p.m. Friday):** Yoshimitsu Morita's Japanese movie about four grown sisters dealing with their father having an affair, spilling open their own problems.

● **"Home Run" (9:30 p.m. Friday):** From Singapore (and in Mandarin Chinese), Jack Neo's film about a brother, a sister, a race and a crucial pair of shoes, when the Brits ran the island city. (Repeats 2 p.m. Sunday).

● **"My Suicide" (10 p.m. Friday):** A Thai film about a wannabe suicide who turns to a self-help specialist and, of course, sees a better way. It's a romantic comedy and even spoofs horror films. (Repeats 9:45 p.m. Sunday).

● **"Keka" (10:15 p.m. Friday):** From the Philippines (in Tagalog) about a sassy girl who revenges her boyfriend's murder by mastering martial arts, but Quark Henares directed mostly for comedy.

● **"Love Me, If You Can" (12:30 p.m. Saturday):** A Taiwanese (in Mandarin) film about four lovers in a harbor town, their stories twining together.

● **"Lisa Ling, Explorer" (12:30 p.m. Saturday):** A presentation by the host of "National Geographic Explorer" on TV. At the Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley. (Repeats at USD at 8:30 p.m. Saturday).

● **"Josee, the Tiger and the Fish" (2:45 p.m. Saturday):** A college student and a girl with cerebral palsy fall in love, in Inudo Isshin's Japanese film said to be sharp, not schmaltzy. (Repeats 9:15 p.m. Sunday).

● **"Mama's Gold" (3 p.m. Saturday):** A Chinese film in English and Mandarin, about a remarkable but controversial woman who mothers orphans near the Tibetan border. From Joanne Cheng. At the Doubletree.

● **"Cosmopolitan" (7:15 p.m. Saturday):** Nisha Ganatra's American film about a middle-aged romance involving Indian and American lovers, with Rohan Seth, Madhur Jaffrey, Carol Kane. (Repeats 6:30 p.m. Sunday at USD).

● **"Steamboy" (7:30 p.m. Saturday):** A Japanese sci-fi anime set in Victorian London, from Katsuhiro Otomo of "Akira." (Repeats 11:30 a.m. Sunday).

● **"A Tale of Two Sisters" (9:45 p.m. Saturday):** Two sisters return home from an illness to confront horror, in a South Korean spooker by Kim Ji-Woon, reputedly quite elegant in the "Kwaidan" manner.

● **"Silence of the Sea" (11:45 p.m. Sunday):** An Iranian man in Swedish "exile" longs to return home, and makes it to Qatar, in Vahim Mousian's drama of displacement.

● **"North Korea: Beyond the DMZ" (12:30 p.m. Sunday):** Hour-long documentary on a woman who enters isolated North Korea to search for her relatives. Is it soulful propaganda? At USD.

● **"Magnifico" (2:15 p.m. Sunday):** A boy of 9 has the pluck to fight his family's economic crises in a Filipino film (in Tagalog) praised for its honesty, from Maryo J. de los Reyes.

● **"First Morning" (5 p.m. Sunday):** A family that migrated to America after the fall of Saigon must examine its difficult past in Victor Wu's Vietnamese-American feature debut.

● **"The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam" (7:30 p.m. Sunday):** See remarks above.

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## Edge of the Orient

The San Diego Asian Film Festival celebrates its fifth year of innovative works from all over Asia.

**By Thomas Kim**

*Contributing Writer*

A film festival is not just a collection of screenings, as this year's annual San Diego Asian Film Festival will be. The festival, which runs from Oct. 21 to Oct. 24, will feature over 150 films from 12 countries and hopes to bring together actors, filmmakers and viewers alike to interact through workshops, panels and receptions.

The festival was conceived by organizer Lee Ann Kim while she was "lying in bed in 1999." The first San Diego Asian Film Festival was organized by the Asian American Journalists Association of San Diego and held at the University of San Diego in 2000. Since then, the festival has given birth to the San Diego Asian Film Foundation, a nonprofit organization for which Kim serves as executive director. In its mission statement, the SDAFF states that it is "dedicated to educating the community about the rich diversity of the Asian Pacific Islander culture through films and videos." Although the primary event of the SDAFF is the annual festival, the foundation also promotes cultural awareness in local high schools and colleges by offering internships and cultural literacy programs.

The festival kicks off with "The Ride," a film by UCSD graduate Nathan Kurosawa, on Oct. 21. The piece follows a cocky surfer who travels through time to Waikiki, Hawaii in 1911 to meet Duke Kahanamoku, the legendary father of modern surfing. The film was made in 17 days with a budget of around \$1 million and won two awards at the Hawaii International Film Festival. Kurosawa's short "Kadomatsu" won the Audience Award for Best Short Subject at the same festival in 1996.

Action-flick buffs will enjoy the Thai film "Ong Bak: Muay Thai Warrior," a film about the brutal world of Muay-Thai-style kickboxing. "Josee, the Tiger and the Fish," is a Japanese movie about a romance between a college student and a disabled woman. "When 705 Attacks," made by "three Tustin chumps," offers a whimsical set of ridiculously funny short films. Anime fans will be able to watch "Steamboy," the most expensive anime film ever made. Films at the festival are not limited to those from East and South Asia; "Silence of the Sea," a documentary feature about an Iranian man's fight to return home, will also be shown. "The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam," a documentary by Ann Marie Fleming about her vaudevillian great-grandfather, closes the festival on Oct. 24.

Several prominent members of the Asian-American film community will attend the festival. In addition to Kelly Hu ("X2") and Sung Kang ("Better Luck Tomorrow," "Pearl Harbor"), John Cho and Kal Penn of this summer's "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" will also make an appearance. Cho and Penn will participate in a panel, "Harold and Kumar Go to San Diego," that will reveal an honest look at the pros and cons of working in Hollywood and feature the real Harold Lee, on whom the character in the movie was based.

A reality television/documentary film panel called "Getting Real with Reality" will include comedian Dat Phan, the winner of NBC's "Last Comic Standing," in addition to Harleem Lee, the winner of NBC's "Fame." Lisa Ling ("The View") will also attend to present two pieces of her work with National Geographic: "Basketball Diplomacy: From Mao to Yao," and "China's Lost Girls." The former deals with Houston Rocket's center Yao Ming's rise to fame in the United States, and the latter focuses on baby girls orphaned in China due to the country's one-child policy.

Kim encourages both Asians and non-Asians to attend the festival, saying, "Film transcends cultural and economic barriers, and the San Diego Asian Film Festival is the only place where you can journey through Asian America through provocative, entertaining and enlightening films that you won't see anywhere else."

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## Film Festival Focus:

An in-depth look at San Diego's cinema events.



### San Diego Asian Film Festival



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#### San Diego Asian Film Festival Thursday, Oct. 21 - Sunday, Oct. 24

In just five years, the San Diego Asian Film Festival has grown to one of the nation's premier Asian film fests. The festival is known for its outreach to local communities, support for independent filmmaking, and showcase of excellence.

Among the many guests at this year's festival include Kelly Hu (*X-Men*, *The Scorpion King*), Lisa Ling (*National Geographic Ultimate Explorer*, *The View*), Dat Phan (*Last Comic Standing*) and John Cho (*Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle*, *Better Luck Tomorrow*). There will also be a selection of panels, workshops and specialty events throughout the weekend.

Several ticket and event packages are available. Festival passes and individual tickets are now being offered through the SDAFF.org.

#### San Diego Asian Film Festival Info:

**When:** Oct. 21 - 24, 2004

**Where:** Mann Theatres Hazard 7

**Tickets:** Multiple ticket packages are available.

**More Info:** [www.sdaff.org](http://www.sdaff.org)

### Film fest at 5

Asian celebration, despite uncertainties, adding innovations

By David Elliott  
MOVIE CRITIC

October 18, 2004

As film lovers keep learning, light truly rises from the East – even though such rising film hives as Japan, Korea, Iran, China, Taiwan and India are all to our west.

The San Diego Asian Film Festival comes back for four days starting Thursday. Founding director Lee Ann Kim is confident that it's here to stay, even if its main venue has entered a period of suspense.

Kim, a TV journalist (Channel 10-KGTV) who has made the fest a perennial, says, "It's our fifth anniversary, and we thought, 'We've made it for five years and we'll just breeze on through.' It never works out that way." As George Bush would say, it's hard work.

After the usual scouting of festivals and tips from the diaspora of previous SDAFF entrants (some returning), Kim and her programmers put together 20 features and a bulging cluster of 16 shorts programs. Panels and workshops will also sprout.

The fest, begun in 2000 as a fund-raiser for the local Asian American

#### The Features:

**"The Ride"** (7 p.m. Thursday): Nathan Kurosawa (no relation to Akira) made his first feature about the fabled Hawaiian surfer Duke Kahanamoku, acted by Sean Kaawa, who teaches an arrogant young surfer the better way. It had its premiere last year at Waikiki Beach.

**"Ong Bak"** (9:30 p.m. Thursday): A really large B-movie celebration of Thai kick-boxing, said to be instantly a martial arts cult attraction. (Repeats at 10:15 p.m. Saturday).

**"Please Teach Me English"** (4:30 p.m. Friday): From South Korea, Kim Sung-Su's comedy about a shy girl who must master English fast has a romantic spin. (Repeats 7:15 p.m. Sunday).

**"Arahan"** (7 p.m. Friday): Martial arts socked around by comedy, in a South Korean film from Ryu Seung-Wan, with masters making mayhem. (Repeats 4:45 p.m. Sunday).



Journalists Association, has shrunk from five to four days because the Mann Hazard 7 plex would not make an extra day available. The site, where the Asian fest has built its rep, has become rather problematic.

The theater's sub-lease with New York's Madstone Theaters, went bust last summer. The venue is now operated by the Mann chain, though not Mann's previous management. Here, the fest-nurturing Mark Madero.

"Mann will admit they don't want the location for long-term lease," says Kim. "With Madstone gone, it was a true independent spirit. So we're not sure about coming years."

She adds, "We're it there. The location is very good, and so is parking. And you'll know we're at a festival, with our art display and booth. We're also at two other locations for some events, the Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego, and the Brickstone Salon at the Mission Valley Doubletree Hotel."

Among innovations is a young film critics' competition co-sponsored by the Union-Tribune. That is sweetened by a \$500 scholarship.

The festival sold 8,000 tickets last year, and, notes Kim, "we hope for 10,000 this year." The annual budget is about \$300,000, and "for the first time we have full-page ads so our costs have gone up. Most goes to travel and lodging for filmmakers. Over a hundred should be here."

She points to the "Locals Only" packet of short films by San Diegans (5 p.m. Thursday at Mann, 6:15 p.m. Saturday at USD), and the daring "Queen Shorts: Unzipped" (7 p.m. Saturday), "because gay Asians are an underserved community. This is our first."

Most shorts are Asian-American made, most features (14 of 20) are foreign. "An independent festival will be shorts-driven," says Kim, "because so many artists can't yet afford to make a feature. And I would rather see five minutes of excellent than two hours of horrible."

Her "grads" include writer-director Justin Lin, who showed "Better Luck Tomorrow" at the festival and has "moved on to bigger things, including 'Annapolis' for Disney. But he's still very keen on us. Many of our alumni are good ambassadors for the festival, and they tip us on what's good."

Among the names expected are Dat Phan, winner of the "Last Comic Standing 2003" show on NBC; Lisa Ling of "National Geographic Explorer"; actor Sung Kang; singer Vienna Teng; actress Kelly Hu; "Fame" 2003 winner Harleem Lee; and actor John Cho of "American Pie."

Not eager to highlight one work over another, Kim will burble a bit for the opener, Nathan Kurosawa's Hawaiian surfer drama "The Ride," which "is fascinating and clearly a great fit for San Diego." And the closer, "The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam," Anne Marie Fleming's documentary on a Chinese vaudeville acrobat and magician who inspired both Harry Houdini and Orson Welles.

The shorts (more than 120) are "great fun, because we got films that sift into certain themes, like love or animation or gay life or travel. We even have a group about people who are rebels. And we have our first music video program."

Hip to martial arts movies from long exposure, Kim feels that "Ong Bak," a kick-boxer movie from Thailand, "has scenes that outdo anything from Jackie Chan." And no other fest offers a panel talk called "Harold & Kumar Go to San Diego," in which actor Cho ("Harold") will appear, without White Castle burgers, and other guest might include writers of "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley; cost \$7).

**"Like Asura"** (7:15 p.m. Friday): Yoshimitsu Morita's Japanese movie about four grown sisters dealing with their father having an affair, spilling open their own problems.

**"Home Run"** (9:30 p.m. Friday): From Singapore (and in Mandarin Chinese), Jack Neo's film about a brother, a sister, a race and a crucial pair of shoes, when the Brits ran the island city. (Repeats 2 p.m. Sunday).

**"My Suicide"** (10 p.m. Friday): A Thai film about a wannabe suicide who turns to a self-help specialist and, of course, sees a better way. It's a romantic comedy and even spoofs horror films. (Repeats 9:45 p.m. Sunday).

**"Keka"** (10:15 p.m. Friday): From the Philippines (in Tagalog) about a sassy girl who revenges her boyfriend's murder by mastering martial arts, but Quark Henares directed mostly for comedy.

**"Love Me, If You Can"** (12:30 p.m. Saturday): A Taiwanese (in Mandarin) film about four lovers in a harbor town, their stories twining together.

**"Lisa Ling, Explorer"** (12:30 p.m. Saturday): A presentation by the host of "National Geographic Explorer" on TV. At the Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley. (Repeats at USD at 8:30 p.m. Saturday).

**"Josee, the Tiger and the Fish"** (2:45 p.m. Saturday): A college student and a girl with cerebral palsy fall in love, in Inudo Isshin's Japanese film said to be sharp, not schmaltzy. (Repeats 9:15 p.m. Sunday).

**"Mama's Gold"** (3 p.m. Saturday): A Chinese film in English and Mandarin, about a remarkable but controversial woman who mothers orphans near the Tibetan border. From Joanne Cheng. At the Doubletree.

**"Cosmopolitan"** (7:15 p.m. Saturday): Nisha Ganatra's American film about a middle-aged romance involving Indian and American lovers, with Roshan Seth, Madhur Jaffrey, Carol Kane. (Repeats 6:30 p.m. Sunday at USD).

**"Steamboy"** (7:30 p.m. Saturday): A Japanese sci-fi anime set in Victorian London, from Katsuhiro Otomo of "Akira." (Repeats 11:30 a.m. Sunday).

**"A Tale of Two Sisters"** (9:45 p.m. Saturday): Two sisters return home from an illness to confront horror, in a South Korean spooker by Kim Ji-Woon, reputedly quite elegant in the "Kwaidan" manner.

**"Silence of the Sea"** (11:45 p.m. Sunday): An Iranian man in Swedish "exile" longs to return home, and makes it to Qatar, in Vahim Mousian's drama of displacement.

**"North Korea: Beyond the DMZ"** (12:30 p.m. Sunday): Hourlong documentary on a



## Two facilities completed at USD

*Barnhart Inc.* recently completed work on the Degheri Alumni Center (top photo) and the West Hill Parking Structure for the University of San Diego.

The three-story, 30,425-square-foot alumni center is located on the former site of Harmon Hall and provides a home away from home for USD alumni. The \$6.3 million steel structure features USD's 16th Century Spanish Renaissance architecture and was designed by *Wheeler Wimer Blackman Architects*. The building features an alumni living room, with fireplace, where alumni can review old photographs and yearbooks. This area also features USD traditions and history. An open-air courtyard is included, along with an outside rear patio and conference room for events and gatherings.

The 249,000-square-foot, \$10 million West Hill

Parking Structure consists of six stories of cast-in-place post-tensioned deck construction, three levels of which are below grade. The structure adds 774 parking spaces to the university.

Two tram stations are also strategically located, one at ground level and one at roof level to service students, staff and guests. The structure also has two elevators and a carbon dioxide diminution system.

USD project team members included Roger Manion as assistant vice president of facilities management; Conley Robinson as planning, design and construction manager; and Tom Coffin as capital planner. Gayne Wimer represented the designer and Don Leonard represented *Mosher Drew Watson & Ferguson*. Mike Derouin, Steve Ybarrando, and Tim Berry and Vicki Bonino represented *Barnhart*.

**Wedding Joel Hermosillo and Pam Hooper**

# Hushed romance now

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By Nina Garin  
STAFF WRITER

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Even before they met, it was impossible for Joel Hermosillo not to notice his classmate, Pam Hooper.

As one of the few women at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo's construction management program, the shy San Diegan found that it wasn't easy to blend into the background.

But as the two kept getting put together on school projects, over time, her shyness gave way to a quiet friendship.

"There was always chemistry between us," says Hermosillo. "It was just strange to think about dating someone from the department, because it was so small. Everyone hung around with each other. So if two people started dating, everyone else started acting weird."

Still, Hermosillo and Hooper began talking about more than just drafting tables and construction sites. And after some time, their friendship turned into romance — even though they hid it from many of their friends at school.

But last weekend, there were plenty of college friends around to celebrate the couple's wedding at the University of San Diego's Immaculata Parish. The wedding incorporated both traditional Catholic traditions with Hermosillo's Mexican heritage.

"I'm really excited to be settled; it feels cozy," says Hooper, 31. "We can be together in our own place and just be comfortable."

The couple values peaceful times because their romance wasn't always smooth sailing.

Even when they graduated in 1997, Hooper and Hermosillo still didn't tell people about their relationship. Both got jobs working for the same general

contractor in San Diego, and they didn't want to bring their personal lives into their new

jobs.

The couple even moved into the same apartment complex,

but in separate places.

Along with their hushed romance, Hermosillo didn't want

to settle down until his two sisters were married.

He had these unwritten obligations

to his family," she says.

"And I didn't want to put on the pressure. I could see he wasn't ready for that."

Because they weren't moving forward, they decided to take breaks from their relationship. Still, they always found themselves back together.

But nothing seemed to change. So to distance herself from Hermosillo, Hooper took a job in the Caribbean.

"During that time, I really took some time to reflect on myself and worked through some issues," says Hermosillo, 35. "I wanted to have something better to offer. So when we started talking again, I was able to be a lot more open and honest."

Hermosillo went to visit Hooper in the Caribbean, and their relationship became more serious and intense. They finally began talking marriage.

And when he did propose to her in June 2003, Hermosillo gave Hooper his mother's wedding band.

"It was a paper-thin band," he says.

But the small ring didn't stop her from saying yes.

"I didn't care," she says. "I thought it was special that his mother was accepting of us. And after I said yes, he gave me my real engagement ring, which was beautiful. It's just like Joel to play a trick like that."

A few months later, Hooper moved back to San Diego, where they now share a house in Clairemont.

And now that they've gone public with their relationship, they're looking forward to setting down a foundation and building a family.



Joel Hermosillo and Pam Hooper were married last weekend at the University of San Diego's Immaculata Parish. The couple incorporated Catholic and Mexican traditions in their ceremony. *Nelvin Cepeda / Union-Tribune*

# Underage-drinking ordinance that targets adults who allow parties is struck down

By Greg Moran  
STAFF WRITER

A San Diego city law aimed at curbing underage drinking by punishing adults who allow parties where young people drink has been struck down by a panel of Superior Court judges.

Ruling on a case involving a University of San Diego student who was cited under the city's House Party Ordinance, the judges said the law is unconstitutional because it does not contain the basic legal requirement that an adult has the knowledge that minors are drinking alcohol at the party.

In a statement, City Attorney Casey Gwinn stood by the law and said he will recommend that the City Council change the wording to comply with the ruling. He also said the council could appeal the ruling to the 4th District Court of Appeal.

The ordinance has been suspended in the wake of the ruling, said Maria Velasquez, a spokeswoman for Gwinn. She said there were about 50 cases that have been filed under the law, and the charges would be dismissed in those cases that have not been resolved.

The ordinance, passed in May 2003, made it a misdemeanor for homeowners to allow people under 21 to drink alcoholic beverages in their homes in groups of three or more. Under the law, only one of the minors would have to be drinking to constitute a violation.

Violators could face punishment of up to six months in jail or a \$1,000 fine. The law exempted religious celebrations at which alcohol was served, and did not prohibit parents from letting their children drink at home — as long as it was not in a party setting and no other minors were present.

Proponents heralded the ordinance as a key

step in curbing underage drinking. San Diego was the first large city in the state to pass such a law, which has been copied by other cities.

In their ruling last Thursday, the judges said the ordinance was fatally flawed because people could be prosecuted — even if they had absolutely no knowledge underage drinking was occurring — for simply holding a party. In effect, under the law a host could be held liable for “the illegal act of a third party,” the judges ruled.

“No criminal intent, knowledge, or criminal negligence is required to establish a violation of the ordinance,” wrote Judge Louis Hanoian, who headed the three-judge panel.

“The act of hosting or allowing a party where illegal activity takes place cannot constitute a crime absent knowledge or intent.”

The case involved Derek Blithe, who was the host for a fraternity mixer in November at a home in Mission Beach where he and other fraternity brothers lived. A neighbor complained, and when police arrived they found two underage girls drinking beer.

After his arrest, Blithe challenged the law but a judge ruled against him. Under Superior Court rules, appeals of misdemeanors are heard by a three-person panel of judges, instead of heading directly to the state appeals court.

Patrick Dudley, Blithe's lawyer, welcomed the decision. He said that the way the law is written, the host of a party could be charged with a crime even if an uninvited minor “crashes” the party and — without the host's knowledge — starts drinking.

“It was an incredibly broad statute,” he said.

The city argued it was always the intent of the

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council that the person know there was underage drinking, but the judges flatly rejected that argument.

No such language exists in the ordinance or the materials spelling out the legislative intent of the ordinance, Hanoian noted.

“Like the Legislature, the City Council, if it wishes, knows how to express its intent that knowledge be an element of an offense; the absence of such a requirement in the ordinance indicates it intended no such requirement,” Hanoian wrote.

The ruling also rippled through the race for city attorney between Michael Aguirre and Leslie Devaney, the second in command in the office, who is seeking to replace Gwinn.

Aguirre said the decision was another example of what he has called poor legal work by the office, and he blamed Devaney. “It shows again how the council has been let down by its legal adviser,” he said.

Devaney — who during the campaign points to her work on youth and underage-drinking issues — defended the ordinance as a new approach to the problem of underage drinking.

“Mr. Aguirre is criticizing me for doing this, but what is his solution to this major social problem — to do nothing?” she said.

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# Tale of Woe Is Scheme to Get Cash, DA Says

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By Claude Walbert  
Daily Journal Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO — The family had a run of misfortunes beginning in 1999.

The father and one daughter were killed while cliff diving in Mexico and the mother was suffering from lymphoma, a San Diego lawyer and his assistant told a new friend.

Then in 2001, the mother died from her lymphoma and another daughter, the assistant, learned in 2003 that she was in the late stages of lymphoma.

The friend offered to help financially — before he became suspicious and went to the San Diego police.

Now, the district attorney says, the deaths and illnesses were concocted as part of a scheme to get money.

The office has charged the lawyer, Marc Brandon Levine, 40, and his assistant, Giuliana Lisa Bosco, with five counts: three counts of grand theft, theft from an elderly adult and conspiracy to defraud.

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# Tale of Woe Was Plot to Steal Money, DA Says

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Levine and Bosco allegedly stole \$573,000, according to court documents.

"It is truly the most elaborate series of stories to take money I've ever seen," said Deputy District Attorney Lisa Crawford, a veteran fraud prosecutor.

Levine, a labor lawyer, declined to comment, and his lawyer was on vacation and not immediately available for comment.

Levine has been a sole practitioner for eight years after working at several San Diego law firms. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1990 and has no public record of discipline.

Little information about Bosco is available besides what is in court documents.

"There is some money that is owed, and she is going to repay it," said her lawyer, Robert L. Grimes of San Diego's Grimes & Warwick. She is working with the district attorney's office to learn exactly who is owed how much, he said.

Grimes also said Bosco has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, but through therapy and medication is seeking to prevent a recurrence of the condition.

The district attorney's complaint lists three people who allegedly were defrauded by Bosco and Levine: Stephen Ahn of San Diego, who loaned \$53,000; Carmine Perna of Canada, who is Bosco's uncle and who loaned \$120,000; and Jerome and Ghita Levine of Maryland, who are Levine's parents and who loaned \$400,000.

According to court documents, the reason given for the urgent need of loans always was the same: medical emergencies.

In March 2003, Perna provided money after being told by Bosco that a surfing injury in Fiji had caused Levine to be medically evacuated to a Los Angeles hospital. Such an injury never occurred, court documents allege.

The Levines sent their son \$400,000 for the treatment of Bosco's adopted sister, who supposedly was dying from cancer. Bosco has no adopted sister, the district attorney alleges.

But those stories are far less complex than the ones Levine and Bosco told Ahn over a four-year period, according to a statement by San Diego Police Detective Brett MacFarlane in support of a court order to freeze the assets of Levine and Bosco.

MacFarlane said in court records that Levine met Ahn in the summer of 1998, and over time they became good friends.

In the summer of 1998, the detective said, Levine told Ahn that Bosco was his law clerk as well as being a student at the University of San Diego School of Law, and that Bosco's mother was the chief financial officer at Hewlett-Packard. Much later, MacFarlane said, Ahn learned that Bosco had never been a University of San Diego student and that her mother never worked for Hewlett-Packard.

MacFarlane further said that Levine told Ahn that he was engaged to Carolyn Krottedier, who he said was Bosco's adopted sister, and that Krottedier was a pediatric surgeon. But Krottedier doesn't exist, the detective said.

In September 1999, the tale of family tragedies began, according to MacFarlane, who gave this account:

Levine and Bosco told Ahn that Bosco's father, Aldo, and her sister, Anna, died while cliff diving in Mexico. Bosco's mother, Connie, was so distraught that her lymphoma, previously in remission, flared up. Levine told Ahn that he was handling all Connie's affairs while Krottedier took her to Sweden for treatment.

In November 2001, Connie died, Levine told Ahn. Levine and Bosco each were to inherit \$1.8 million from Connie's estate, Levine said, according to court records.

Meanwhile, the friendship of Levine, Bosco and Ahn flourished.

Bosco told Ahn that as soon as she completed her work for a master's degree in law at the University of Chicago School of Law, she planned to live in San Diego and work for a prominent law firm. Bosco has never graduated from a law school or even attended one, detectives later said.

MacFarlane said the rest of the alleged scheme unfolded beginning in the spring of 2003, when another medical emergency arose. Bosco was diagnosed with lymphoma, she tearfully told Ahn by telephone. Soon a person police believe was Bosco disguising her voice called and said she was Krottedier and told Ahn how worried she was about her sister, the detective said.

Bosco as herself and Krottedier "bombarded" Ahn with telephone calls in June 2003, according to MacFarlane's statement. Bosco was in one hospital, then another, she told Ahn. She was in the last stages of life, and her treatment would cost millions. Ahn agreed to loan as much as he could afford.

Ahn transferred \$53,000. On four occasions, Ahn, Levine and Bosco went to Ahn's bank, where Bosco also had an account. Ahn would transfer the money to Bosco's

account, and she would immediately wire it to another account, which she claimed was that of a doctor providing treatment.

Bosco also frequently called Ahn during that period pretending to be Krottedier. Once, she said she had made reservations for the two of them in a Mexican resort. Wanting to provide a surprise for Krottedier at the resort, Ahn called ahead to arrange it. The resort told Ahn it had no reservations in his name or Krottedier's.

MacFarlane said the lack of reservations, together with Ahn's uneasiness over the way Bosco immediately wired away the money he loaned her, caused Ahn to seek out more information about Krottedier on the Internet and by telephone.

Ahn told MacFarlane he couldn't confirm anything he had been told about Bosco's background. And, Ahn said, he could find no record of the doctor who supposedly was treating Bosco.

On July 9, 2003, he made a report to police, saying that he had been the victim of a theft by deception.

When MacFarlane checked out the report, he said, he learned that Krottedier didn't exist and that Bosco's parents and sister Anna, all supposedly dead, were alive.

The detective then asked Ahn to record phone calls with Krottedier, Bosco and Levine.

On July 21, 2003, Ahn spoke with the supposed Krottedier by telephone. The woman on the phone told Ahn that Bosco was ill and that Levine was in New York. That night, as Ahn was dining with friends in a San Diego-area restaurant, he saw Bosco and Levine walk in together. He didn't let them see him, MacFarlane said.

The detective said that on Aug. 4, 2003, the purported Krottedier called Ahn. Detectives taped the phone call, and a woman identifying herself as Krottedier talked to Ahn, and later Bosco talked to Ahn, MacFarlane said. After reviewing the tape, MacFarlane said, "it is very obvious that Bosco and Krottedier are the same person."

The detectives also concluded that Bosco and Levine had no intention of repaying Ahn because they had no inheritance from Bosco's mother, who is still alive.

Bosco and Levine were arraigned Sept. 14. A preliminary hearing is scheduled Nov. 2, Crawford said.

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## Cara Markowitz, Christopher Tilker

**C**ara Lynn Markowitz and Christopher Sean Tilker are to be married today by Rabbi Ari Fridkis at the Angel Orensanz Foundation in Manhattan.

The bride, 33, designs and manufactures custom jewelry in Brooklyn. She graduated from Syracuse University. She is the daughter of Germaine Odom Markowitz and Dr. Paul J. Markowitz of Franklin Lakes, N.J. Her father is a dentist in Fair Lawn, N.J. Her mother retired as a French teacher at Ramapo High School in Franklin Lakes.

The bridegroom, 37, is the director of sales and marketing for the Sarut Group, a Brooklyn-based distributor of fragrances and home décor products from Europe. He graduated from the University of San Diego. His mother, Theresa Tilker of San Diego, is a clinical social worker in private practice there. His father, Dr. Harvey Tilker of Paducah, Ky., retired as the owner of Four Rivers Clinical Research, a pharmaceutical research company, in Paducah. The bridegroom is a stepson of Jean Tilker.

When Mr. Tilker moved from San Diego to Manhattan in July 2002, he was looking for an apartment, not love. He found both.

"I had decided that I wanted to move to the West Side, and a mutual friend of ours knew that she lived in the neighborhood," Mr. Tilker recalled. "She came along with me to lend advice, listen to what the real estate agents were saying, and overall was just a friendly set of eyes to look at the apartments with."

After looking at a few rentals one day, the broker, who had taken notice of the banter between Mr. Tilker and his helper, asked how many years they had been together.

Mr. Tilker recalled that when he took an apartment six blocks from Ms. Markowitz's, his landlord, who knew they were not a couple, nevertheless told his new tenant: "This will be great. It will be convenient for you guys to date."

Fifteen months later Mr. Tilker proposed.



# Many look to mom, dad or in-laws for help

By Emmet Pierce  
 STAFF WRITER

**W**hen first-time home buyers enter the California housing market, many fall back on what San Francisco Bay Area home seller Ray Brown calls "GI financing."

The term normally is associated with military veterans, but Brown's GIs are "generous in-laws."

"A lot of kids today have pretty good incomes but not a lot of money saved up" for a down payment, said Brown, co-author of the real estate primer "Home Buying for Dummies." "Here in the Bay Area, the median-priced home is over a half-million bucks. Where are you going to get \$50,000 plus closing costs?"

In a formal equity-sharing arrangement, parents typically provide the down payment while children occupy the property and make monthly mortgage payments. At a predetermined date, the children buy the parents out. Ideally, both parties benefit from the property's appreciation.

"It is very important to get this all in writing, especially with a transaction of this magnitude, where we are talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars," said Marin County real estate law attorney Brian M. Collins.

Even with a contract, there can be downsides to buying a home with your offspring. By sharing the title, parents become responsible for repayment of and property taxes if their children drop the ball. And if the children fail to make mortgage loan payments, the parents could lose their investment altogether.

"One of the concerns is if either parent or child has a financial problem and gets sued, the entire house can be at risk," said longtime San Diego real estate agent Gary Kent. "People should be careful about that."

Most parent-child real estate partnerships are based on trust, not legal contracts, Kent said. Brown agreed.

"What I am seeing is 'Let's just talk out some way that you mom and I can loan you money,'" said Brown.

That's how it worked for Luke Hampleman, 23, a real estate agent based in Tier Point. With little credit history, the University of San Diego graduate had to come up with a \$20,000 down payment to attain financing for a Fashion Valley-area townhome.

In July, his parents loaned him the money. "It was vital," he said. "I don't think anyone under the age of 27, 28 can afford anything without a little help."

Informal loans to children may work, but a formal equity-

sharing contract can create financial benefits for both parent and child, Collins said. "The agreement can be structured to maximize tax benefits to both parties for mortgage-interest and property-tax deductions."

Generally, equity-sharing contracts provide that the parent-investor is not liable for losses in excess of the original down payment. The child-occupant typically agrees to be responsible for repairs and maintenance.

Also, the contract can be crafted to require the child to sell the property if there is a change in marital status or if the child becomes insolvent.

A contract may seem cold and detached, but it's the best way to ensure that cordial family relations will continue, Collins insists. "It is human nature that things are going to go sideways if it is not in writing."

More information on equity sharing is available on the Web site of the Sullivan Collins law firm, [www.marinatty.com](http://www.marinatty.com).

## Tips for getting ready to purchase

Financial consultant Paul S. Richard, executive director of the nonprofit Institute of Consumer Financial Education in San Diego, has strong opinions about how young adults should prepare for homeownership:

- **Be patient.** Richard says we've reached what he believes to be the peak of a real estate price cycle. While opinions vary, several top housing economists recently warned that the San Diego region is experiencing increases in home prices that can't be sustained. If buyers can wait a few months, prices may decline, Richard holds.

- **Save for a large down payment.** Richard recommends large down payments because they typically translate into more affordable monthly mortgage fees.

- **Reduce debt.** Eliminating debt, especially from credit cards, is important if you want mortgage lenders to consider you a good risk for a home loan.

- **Know the score.** Lenders pull your credit scores from three national credit bureaus to gauge your overall credit-worthiness. To know what they know and correct any errors, contact the bureaus by phone or on the Web: Equifax, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), (800) 685-1111; Trans Union, [www.TUC.com](http://www.TUC.com), (800) 888-4213; Experian, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), (888) 397-3742. Another source of information is [www.myfico.com](http://www.myfico.com).

- **Repair credit problems.** If you have late payments on your credit history, "the best thing you can do is start making every payment on time and before," Richard said.

- **Read agreements with care.** Some credit-card companies that offer low interest rates have very strict rules and default procedures that can increase your costs, he said.

- **Forget the dream home.** First-time home buyers should focus on getting into the housing market, not attaining the home of their dreams, Richard said. Their goal should be to meet their basic housing needs.

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## **Lakers Training Camp at the Jenny Craig Pavillion**

## LAKER REPORT

# Bryant Avoids War of Words

By MIKE BRESNAHAN  
Times Staff Writer

There's rarely anything substantial to be gleaned on media day for NBA teams, where optimism flows predictably from fountains of exuberance amid talk of imminent success in every city.

Then there are the Lakers, whose first official day of media access to players brought numerous subplots to the surface, all comfortably within the span of two hours at HealthSouth Training Center on Monday.

**Kobe Bryant**, speaking publicly for the first time since felony sexual assault charges against him were dropped last month, would not talk about criminal or civil proceedings.

Bryant also passed up a chance to engage in a cross-country battle of words with **Shaquille O'Neal**, ignoring his former teammate's escalating criticism of him by saying, "We had great times, we had some not-so-great times. . . . I sincerely just wish him the best."

O'Neal, despite being traded to the Miami Heat, apparently still carries some cachet within the organization: Forward **Brian Cook** requested jersey No. 34 this season. Cook, who wore No. 34 most of his high school and college career, had his plea denied. He will wear No. 43.

"I don't know if they're going to retire it or what," Cook said. "They wouldn't let me get it."

**Gary Payton's** old No. 20, however, will be worn by forward **Jumaine Jones**, who asked for and received it without a fight.

**Vlade Divac** will wear his familiar No. 12, although that probably won't happen until the season opener Nov. 2 against the Denver Nuggets. Divac, who sustained a herniated disk two weeks ago after making a spin move during an informal workout, will probably miss all eight exhibition games.

Divac, 36, will undergo further treatment Thursday, receiving the last in a series of three epidural shots, a team spokesman said.

"I hope I'm ready for the opener," Divac said. "I hope earlier, but realistically, it takes time."

On top of that, **Devean George** is expected to miss another six to eight weeks because of surgery on his left ankle in July.

The injuries, coupled with the fact that only six players are back from last season, will throw open the competition as training camp begins today at the University of San Diego.

There are plenty of players who have abilities to prove, careers to forge.

Center **Chris Mihm**, drafted seventh overall in 2000, has averaged only 6.9 points while playing for six coaches with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Boston Celtics.

Point guard **Chucky Atkins** must replace both Payton and **Derek Fisher**, who left for Golden State as a free agent.

Forward **Caron Butler** averaged 15.4 points as a rookie with the Heat, but he tumbled to 9.2 points last season, struggling with a knee injury sustained in a knee-to-knee collision last October.

"I feel like a lot of people out there thought I lost a step or something," Butler said. "It was just that I had an injury. I averaged nine and five [rebounds] on probably one leg. . . . Now I'm going full force and I'm ready to go."

Meanwhile, **Lamar Odom**, back in Los Angeles after a successful one-year stay with the Heat, professed newfound maturity and pledged to play a satisfied second fiddle to Bryant.

"I consider myself a good to great teammate," said Odom, indicating his personality has improved "like good wine" since leaving the Clippers after four up-and-down seasons.

"If you leave [wine] in the cellar, it gets better with age and matures," he said. "I'm a different person in my head. I've grown up."



# With Others in Limbo, Grant Figures to Be Busy

By MIKE BRESNAHAN  
Times Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO — As **Karl Malone** vacillates between returning and retiring, and **Vlade Divac's** back fluctuates between hurting a lot and hurting a lot more, **Brian Grant's** role with the Lakers grows considerably.

If Malone decides to call it a career, Grant would inherit the power forward spot anchored by Malone last season. Or if the herniated disk in Divac's back doesn't cooperate by the time the regular season begins, Grant could be the Lakers' starting center Nov. 2 against the Denver Nuggets.

Grant remains noncommittal — "I'll play whatever [position]," he said — but the Lakers expect to get plenty of power minutes from the 6-foot-9 Grant, who is undersized but not undervalued.

Grant, 32, has tendinitis in both knees that forced him to miss numerous practices with the Miami Heat. But he has sat out only six games over the last two seasons, averaging 9.6 points and 8.6 rebounds.

"He is healthier than 90% of the players in the NBA," said Grant's agent, **Mark Bartelstein**. "He gets a little soreness, but I have 30 clients, and all of them have soreness. The one guy I wouldn't worry about with injuries is Brian."

That's probably a good thing for the Lakers, who will need all they can get out of Grant, especially if Malone's knee forces him to retire in the next couple of months.

Grant, in his 10th NBA season, was initially stunned to receive the call that he would be one of three players going to the Lakers in the **Shaquille O'Neal** trade. Grant and his wife have four children, making any move difficult, let alone one that would span more than 2,500 miles.

"He was happy in Miami," **Bartelstein** said. "His family was settled. They were in school and had friends. Basketball players make a tremendous amount of money and nobody's asking them to feel sorry for them, but his family had to pick up and move the family across the country."

Grant has adjusted to Los



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**WELCOME:** Kobe Bryant jokes with Brian Grant, the new Laker with the easily recognizable locks, at the first practice.

Angeles and found a suitable home in Studio City, although he said the transition would be that much smoother if one last piece fell into place.

"I don't have Karl's phone number, but I wish I did. I'd love to call him and tell him how much it'd mean to me to be playing alongside of him," Grant said. "He was the perennial All-Star power forward I looked up to. I understand if he's got to retire, but if he does come back, I'll be one of the happiest guys on the team."

As the Lakers began training camp Tuesday at the University of San Diego, there's another theme besides replacing O'Neal:

Replacing **Phil Jackson**.

After practice, Coach **Rudy Tomjanovich** was asked if he felt "Phil Jackson's ghost." Tomjanovich, mildly amused, looked in the direction of the person who asked the question and squinted at the TV camera lights before answering the question.

Two days earlier, he provided a more entertaining answer.

"I'm that dummy who if you were at a concert, who wants to be on after **Frank Sinatra**," Tomjanovich said. "The guy was fantastic, probably the best coach of all time. It's going to be a tough act to follow, but there have been some hit songs after Frank. That's what I've got to shoot for."

# It's Kobe's team now, and that's how he likes it



As the Lakers open training camp, the focus is on Kobe Bryant, who has taken it upon himself to welcome newcomers like Caron Butler (left, in photo at right). Sean M. Haffey / Union-Tribune photos

By Jay Posner  
STAFF WRITER

Shaquille O'Neal and Gary Payton are playing on the other side of the country. Derek Fisher is nearby but with a different team at a different gym. Rick Fox is retired and Karl Malone is contemplating joining him.

That leaves Kobe Bryant.

He is 26, a free man and, for the first time in nine NBA seasons, the leader of his own team. For better or for worse.

"He's got no choice," center Vlad Divac said yesterday after the Lakers first training camp practice at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion. "It's on his shoulders."

Just what Bryant has been waiting to hear.

"I like it," he said of the added pressure. "I've been through way more pressure situations than this."

Think back a year ago, for instance, to when Bryant reported to camp just a few months after his arrest on felony



sexual assault charges. He used the word "terrified" to describe his emotions.

After yesterday's workout, Bryant conceded he "sometimes" thinks back to where he was a year ago. "And when I do," he added, "I just count my blessings because I've seen many long days and I'm just thankful that they're

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### Encinitas students attend Lakers practice

By: BEN FRUMIN - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- Instead of studying poetry, plate tectonics and statistics, La Costa Heights School teacher Arlene Oyagi's sixth-graders spent Thursday morning watching the Los Angeles Lakers practice in the Jenny Craig Pavilion at the University of San Diego.

Oyagi's students were among several hundred youths from Encinitas campuses ---- including La Costa Heights, Flora Vista and Oak Crest Middle schools ---- who were invited by the professional basketball team to attend the two-hour practice.

About 1,200 students, parents and teachers, many clad in team jerseys, hats and shorts, cheered wildly for Kobe Bryant and his supporting cast as the players did shooting, footwork and pass-and-weave drills, ran laps, stretched and scrimmaged.

"They look really tall," said Kristen Garrett, a sixth-grader at La Costa Heights, as she snapped photos of the players.

Kristen, sporting a jersey of former Laker Shaquille O'Neal, a feathery purple hat and an ear-to-ear smile, said the moment she found out she would get to attend the practice was "unbelievable."

"I was about to cry," she said. "I was so happy."

Not all of Kristen's schoolmates were so lucky.

Chris Patton and Jan Patterson, sixth-grade teachers at La Costa Heights, said they used



*Fifth graders from Flora Vista Elementary School in Encinitas, left to right, Jackson Schulz, Aram Mahmoudzadeh and Steven Lee watch the Los Angeles Lakers practice at University of San Diego, Thursday morning.*  
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the practice as an academic incentive for their students by issuing an ultimatum: Turn in your assignments, go to the practice. Miss five or more, stay at school.

Both teachers said nearly all of their students turned their performance up a notch with the promise of attending an NBA practice dangling in front of them.

"They worked hard and they earned something," Patterson said. "They earned a fun activity for the morning."

Patton said two of their 58 students missed six assignments over the past two weeks.

"They're sitting in another classroom doing those assignments they missed," Patton said.

Team officials said the practice was part of the league's "Read to Achieve" program, which "focuses on instilling in children the joy of reading" and "encouraging adults to be active in their kids' lives by reading a book to them." No players spoke at any length about the importance of education.

Read to Achieve reaches about 50 million children each year and "is the most extensive educational outreach initiative in the history of professional sports," according to the NBA's Web site.

As students filed into the pavilion, Laker Girls handed out folders filled with colorful word games, bilingual bookmarks and a "Scholastic News" packed with articles such as "Read Like a Pro," "Get a Reading Workout" and "A World of Books."

"To know these big-time basketball players are interested in reading will be motivating to these kids," said Jenae Smith, a seventh-grade teacher at St. John School in Encinitas.

To Deb Cruse, an administrator who coordinates Oak Crest's allocation of federal funds for low-income students, the Read to Achieve message seemed perfectly tailored to her 60 middle school students who attended the practice.

"It's not even called a field trip," Cruse said. "It's called an educational experience."

The students, many of whom come from low-income families, are in a special program that uses computers to improve their reading and language arts skills, Cruse said.

Because many of the students are first-generation Americans to whom the idea of college is foreign, Cruse said they would also tour the university's campus.

"This is very thrilling for them," she said.

Though nearly all students, parents and teachers applauded the positive aspects of Thursday's practice, Oyagi and Jill Brodtkin, a fifth-grade teacher at Flora Vista, said a handful of district parents had expressed reservations about their children attending the practice, where Bryant would be portrayed as a role model.



*Most eyes were on Kobe Bryant during the Los Angeles Lakers practice*

**Jamie Scott Lytle**

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Bryant was charged with sexual assault in July 2003, though Colorado prosecutors dropped the case last month because they said his accuser no longer wanted to continue with the case.

Brodkin said parents who expressed concern about Bryant's legal issues were urged to talk individually to their children about the situation.

"One person is not the whole team," she said.

Hannah Belitz, an eighth-grader at Earl Warren Middle School in Solana Beach, said she does not "think you should look up to someone who raped someone, if he really did it."

Hannah's schoolmate Kendra Bills had a different take on Bryant as she watched him weave between defenders.

"He's cute," Kendra said, adding quickly, "and he has a cool way of playing basketball."

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**Sonics training camp at a glance**

Monday, October 25, 2004

Compiled by **DANNY O'NEIL**

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER

- **GRUDGE MATCH:** This will be the second time the Lakers and Sonics have played in the preseason, but the first meeting since Ray Allen said Kobe Bryant played selfishly in that first game, which Seattle won 87-80 in its preseason opener Oct. 12.

Bryant told the Los Angeles Times the next day that people can say what they want, but will have to face him on the court. Allen said after yesterday's practice that he's not focused on anything other than the Sonics and what's going on with his team. "The only thing I said was my opinion," Allen said. "I couldn't care less about what goes on on that team or any other team in this league."

The Lakers had won three of their past four games before playing Phoenix in Las Vegas last night.

- **PRESEASON PRECEDENTS:** Seattle is 1-4 in the preseason after Saturday's 91-82 loss in San Antonio. The Sonics have lost four in a row after winning the opener over the Lakers. Seattle must win two of its final three to avoid losing six preseason games for the first time since 1985.
- **LATEST LINEUP:** Center Vitaly Potapenko sat out yesterday's practice with a strained left Achilles tendon, and he was also icing his lower back. His status for tonight's game isn't known, but coach Nate McMillan said he planned to start Jerome James at center, Allen and Luke Ridnour at guards, Vladimir Radmanovic at small forward and most likely Nick Collison at the other forward spot.
- **BACK PAIN:** Allen was not on the practice floor at the end of yesterday's workout at the University of San Diego gym because of a stiff lower back, which has bothered him for almost a week now.
- **GO PLAY IN TRAFFIC:** The Sonics committed 22 turnovers in Saturday's preseason loss, the third time in five preseason games that Seattle has passed the 20 mark in turnovers. McMillan said it's the result of his players trying to force a play despite the presence of multiple defenders, either dribbling into traffic or trying thread-the-needle passes.
- **ACHING WHEELS:** Forward Rashard Lewis did not practice with the team yesterday, but did some light jogging and shooting drills. He has been out 10 days with plantar fasciitis in his left foot, which is still sore, but he said it is less painful than it was. Guard Ronald Murray is not with the team, resting a strained quadriceps suffered Oct. 5.
- **WILKINS WOWS 'EM:** Damien Wilkins, who is playing for a spot on the Sonics' roster, led all Sonics with 17 points Saturday. He made eight of 12 shots, had five rebounds and no turnovers.
- **IT'S IN THE BAG:** A player nearly left his laundry bag at the gym the Sonics used for practice, but a custodian found it and gave it to the Sonics' equipment manager before the team left. One guess which player left it. (Hint: His initials are J.J.).

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# Bryant criticized again

O'Neal says book tells 'truth,' and Allen calls him 'selfish.'

By KEVIN DING

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

## LAKERS NOTES

**SAN DIEGO** • It has been a great camp, which wraps up today at the University of San Diego. Kobe Bryant on Thursday praised newcomers Chris Mihm for an "incredible camp" and Caron Butler for a "great camp."

Outside of Bryant's new crew, though, there are plenty of critics.

Shaquille O'Neal told reporters in Miami on Wednesday that he's excited about former Lakers coach Phil Jackson's book to be released with juicy details of Bryant's past misbehavior.

"I'll just wait until Phil's book comes out, and then you guys will know the truth," O'Neal said. "But just keep in mind that everything I've said over the years has been true. So when it all adds together, then you'll see and then people will see. But I've been around many people, and I've never had problems with anybody. So I'm not the problem here, and I wasn't a problem there, but it doesn't matter now.

"I'll just sit back and laugh while I read it and say, 'I told you so.'"

Asked if Jackson might criticize O'Neal in the book, O'Neal said: "I'm sure he won't have that much bad to say about me. But if he does

have some bad stuff to say about me, I'll be a man and own up to them. And that's why I'm a great guy. Because I'm real. When I mess up, I mess up, and I say I mess up."

In Portland on Wednesday night, one day after Ray Allen helped the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Lakers in the teams' exhibition opener, Allen had an harsh assessment of Bryant, too.

"He's going to be very selfish," Allen said. "And he feels like he needs to show this league and the people in this country that he is better without Shaq."

Allen and Bryant, both drafted in 1996, have had fierce head-to-head battles in games before and squared off at times Tuesday night, too. Allen scored 25 points, and Bryant had 35 — plus a stare-down of Allen after blocking one shot and lots of trash talk.

Allen and Bryant embraced after the game, but Allen seems to be eagerly awaiting Bryant falling flat without O'Neal.

"If Kobe doesn't see he needs 2½ good players to be a legitimate playoff contender or win a championship in about a year or two, he'll be calling out to (Lakers owner) Jerry Buss that 'We need

some help in here,' or 'Trade me,'" Allen said. "And we'll all be saying, 'I told you so,' when he says that."

Although Bryant said after the game that the new Lakers are "a very tight group," Allen doesn't see it.

"It seems like he's isolated out there," Allen said. "As much as it's five-on-five, I don't see much camaraderie going on out there with his teammates."

Allen was critical of Bryant last season, too, disputing the praise Bryant received for playing well while facing sexual-assault charges.

"It's tough for me to comment on his ability to focus, because his lack of focus got him into this problem in the first place," Allen said then.

## NOTES

Butler (right thigh) and Luke Walton (left ankle) returned to practice Thursday, though Walton was limited and isn't expected to play Sunday in Bakersfield. ... Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich praised guards Tierre Brown and Tony Bobbitt, each trying to earn the 15th roster spot. ... Students representing 11 local grade schools and San Diego native Walton's middle school and high school watched Lakers practice.

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NBA Notebook: Shaq fires another shot at Bryant

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In other Shaq Daddy news, the oft-injured center didn't play Friday in a Hawks exhibition game and won't play tonight because of a tight left hamstring. O'Neal said he hurt the hamstring at practice earlier in the week.

"I'm good ... just being cautious," he said.

#### Lakers hurting

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The Lakers lost their exhibition opener, 87-80, to Seattle on Tuesday in Anaheim. They face the Golden State Warriors on Sunday in Bakersfield and the Sacramento Kings two days later in Fresno before playing their first preseason games at Staples Center on Thursday and Friday nights.

#### Around the league

☐Hawks: Forward Chris Crawford had an MRI on his injured right knee that he injured in an exhibition game Thursday. He had to be helped off the floor after he was fouled by Kevin Garnett trying to convert a steal into a basket. The team said results would not be known until today.

☐Pacers: Rookie center David Harrison sprained his right shoulder during practice and will not play in today's preseason game at Memphis. Harrison was injured while dunking in practice, but said he not think the injury was serious.

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### NBA Beat: Kings will face the new-look Lakers in Fresno

Kobe Bryant is back for Los Angeles, but many others aren't.

By Joe Davidson -- Bee Staff Writer  
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Only in today's NBA can a team - the Kings - jet 16 or so hours to China for two preseason games, then arrive home with their time clocks completely kaput and regain their sense for one practice. Then board that same charter for a quickie flight to Fresno.

And only in today's NBA can a team so familiar for so long - the Lakers - be transformed so quickly, via trades or free-agent defections. Say hello to new-look Los Angeles, whom the Kings will play Tuesday night in Fresno for the least-anticipated meeting among rivals since at least the early-to mid-1990s. And be sure to bring an updated roster for this one.

You'll hardly recognize this Lakers lot, with Shaquille O'Neal, Rick Fox, Derek Fisher, Gary Payton, Karl Malone and coach Phil Jackson gone. (Malone might return sometime after the first of the year if his surgically repaired knee so allows.) New coach Rudy Tomjanovich inherits a club that isn't projected by any bookmakers or anyone across the NBA to make a realistic run at an NBA championship.

How about just making the playoffs? The Lakers broke training camp Friday in San Diego with plenty

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of crutches, ice bags and medical charts in tow. Vlade Divac, the former Kings captain who re-joined his first NBA team in the Lakers this summer, has been sidelined with a herniated disc. He's hoping to return by the start of the regular season. Others who aren't expected to play Tuesday are Devean George, Kareem Rush, Luke Walton and Slava Medvedenko, all of whom are nursing assorted ailments.

So it really *is* Kobe Bryant and four other guys running around.

"I don't even know who we are," Tomjanovich told camp reporters Friday.

He knows who Kobe is, the undisputed star left in the fold and the alleged taskmaster in running Jackson and O'Neal off in his apparent quest to make the Lakers solely his. In the Lakers' preseason opener against Seattle, Bryant scored 15 of Los Angeles' first 20 points and finished with 35 in 41 minutes, a ton of time for a marquee player in a preseason game. Lamar Odom, the key figure brought in from Miami in the O'Neal deal, looked a bit lost, making just 2 of 10 shots.

Seattle All-Star Ray Allen, never a real fan favorite of Bryant (and vice versa), predicted last week that Bryant would be a selfish player this season, perhaps asking for a trade if the Lakers don't win a championship in the next two or three seasons.

And with Bryant, there's always more. He has declined to comment in depth about a tell-all book Jackson wrote on the Lakers' 2003-04 season in which the Lakers guard was heavily criticized as a difficult player to manage with petty issues with O'Neal. Asked if he would read it, Bryant smirked

and said, "Why?" (Tomjanovich, meanwhile, said he'd read the book - "Just curious.") Bryant also clowned with the media at the University of San Diego, fibbing a bit when he said he and his fellow Lakers swam with killer whales at SeaWorld as part of a bonding trick. But he also made it clear he's bored with the questions of last season.

"I don't know how many times people want to talk about last year," he said. "It's a new year. You've got to come up with a new question."

### Kobe and Rudy T

Bryant and Tomjanovich said they like each other already. No feuds or personality clashes here, folks.

Bryant offered an assessment on the differences between his old coach and his new one in camp, saying, "Him and Phil are completely different as far as their relationship with players and how they approach the game. Everybody here, we all love Rudy. Rudy's great for us, him and his coaching staff. It's fun to be

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Injuries a cause for concern

By Ross Siler  
Staff Writer

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George is expected to miss the start of the regular season, and Divac might have to as well. Rush won't play the next two exhibition games, Medvedenko has been ruled out of Sunday's exhibition game against Golden State in Bakersfield. Walton is doubtful, and Butler said he would try to play.

Otherwise, the Lakers played video games and went to dinner together in San Diego and tried to account for the chemistry that is developing. Tomjanovich said the players probably felt he had installed "99.9 percent" of what he wanted to in camp when the true figure was a fraction of that.

"Our best play might not even be in my mind yet," Tomjanovich said.

The Lakers also had a relatively quiet camp, with one-ninth the number of media members as last year in Honolulu, when Kobe Bryant faced reporters for the first time after being charged with sexual assault in Colorado.

"This is a good place," Bryant said. "It's calm. You're able to get away a little bit. Just keep your mind focused on the game and one another. It's a good spot."

Detente: The one-sided war of words between Shaquille O'Neal and Bryant appears to be nearing an end. O'Neal told Miami reporters on Thursday that he was sick of answering questions about Bryant.

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But O'Neal still talked up Phil Jackson's book once again: "I hope this guy sells 2 million books because I'll probably buy 100,000 copies and pass them out for free."

Hands on: One common camp topic was the difference in coaching style between Tomjanovich and Jackson. Bryant has been effusive in his praise of Tomjanovich, who has done the same for his star guard, even as Bryant has been battered in excerpts from Jackson's book.

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# Bryant shrugs off Jackson's criticism

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The book will be released this month, but an excerpt will be published in next week's issue of Los Angeles magazine. The Los Angeles Times printed excerpts from the magazine article on Tuesday.

Jackson wrote he became so frustrated with Bryant that he told general manager Mitch Kupchak in January: "I won't coach this team next year if he is still here. He won't listen to anyone. I've had it with this kid."

## NBA NOTES

**NETS** — Knicks players believe that after a year of cost-cutting to be overtaken by the Nets as top team in the New York media market area. Richard Jefferson does not agree. "Similar statements were made after they got Stephon Marbury during the middle of last year," Jefferson said Wednesday. "And you guys know as well as I know that a lot of things are easier said than done." The Nets have won the Atlantic Division the past three seasons and swept the Knicks in four games in the first round of last season's playoffs. But that has not stopped the Knicks from looking forward to playing a Nets team that does not have Kenyon Martin or Kerry Kittles.

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**Rudy may be healthiest Laker**

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**SAN DIEGO** - In March of last year, Rudy Tomjanovich stepped down as coach of the Houston Rockets because he had bladder cancer.

Nineteen months later, Tomjanovich is back as coach of the Lakers.

Tomjanovich, 55, has demonstrated drills to his players in training camp, run up and down the court and kept up with his young coaching staff.

He's not scheduled to have another treatment - he's already had three - until after Thanksgiving.

Tomjanovich is ready to go.

"I haven't felt run down at all," he said Friday.

"To be honest, I feel better now than I did in my late 30s," Tomjanovich added. "I had a lot of bad habits back then, drinking and smoking. I haven't smoked for almost two years now, and that's the greatest thing that ever happened.

"I'm cancer-free. That's awesome."

The Lakers broke camp and headed back to Los Angeles after 10 days of practice at the University of San Diego. The season opener is less than three weeks away.

Tomjanovich faces several challenges; at the center of more than one is Kobe Bryant, who is out to show he can lead the Lakers with Shaquille O'Neal and Phil Jackson out of the picture.

But Bryant's brand of leadership could leave his teammates pouting over not being involved in the offense.

Tomjanovich will likely be bombarded with questions about Bryant and how to deal with the melodrama that is sure to continue as long as Jackson has a book tour and O'Neal has an audience.

None of this matters to Tomjanovich.

"I'm happy to be back coaching," he said. "Life is good."

**Brown the Backup Point?**

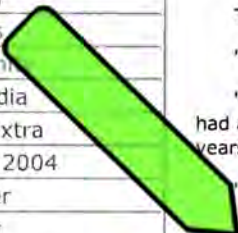
The Lakers are in need of a point guard to back up Chucky Atkins. They may have found their guy in free agent Tierre Brown.

The 6-foot-2 Brown has been solid in training camp. He has turned heads with his ability to penetrate, knock down open shots and dish the ball.

"I've got to say that he's got a chance," said Tomjanovich, who was already familiar with Brown.

Brown worked out for the Houston Rockets in 2001 when Tomjanovich was the coach.

While on the road before the 2001 season, Brown asked Tomjanovich what his



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## Book turns page on Kobe trouble

By Ross Siler  
Staff Writer

**Thursday, October 14, 2004** - SAN DIEGO -- Phil Jackson's new book has yet to arrive in stores but a nearly 4,000-word excerpt detailing the former coach's troubled relationship with Kobe Bryant will be in the mailboxes of Sports Illustrated's 3.3 million subscribers in the coming days.

Jackson recounts that over an 11-day period before last season's All-Star break he asked general manager Mitch Kupchak to trade Bryant, then conferred with Shaquille O'Neal and Rick Fox in his Miami hotel room for their thoughts on offering Bryant a leave of absence.

The leave of absence, which would have become a suspension with pay had Bryant declined to accept it, was opposed by Fox and O'Neal, who told Jackson that Bryant would "contribute to the team in a positive manner" when he recovered from a finger injury.

Jackson also described an enraged Bryant going from teammate to teammate in April, trying to attribute an anonymous newspaper quote asking how he could be forgiven after taking only one shot in the first half of a crucial April loss to Sacramento.

"Nobody said a word, until Karl (Malone) finally broke the silence," Jackson wrote. "Obviously, Kobe, no one said it or no one wants to admit they said it," Karl said. 'You've just got to let it go now.' Karl and Kobe, who have become buddies, launched into a shouting match that I had to stop."

Shaquille O'Neal, meanwhile, told Miami reporters Wednesday that "you guys will know the truth" when Jackson's book comes out.

"I'll just sit back and laugh while I read it, and say, 'I told you so,'" O'Neal said.

Jackson wrote that Bryant did not return any of the three messages he left after Bryant was charged with sexual assault. Bryant later criticized O'Neal for not calling him over the summer, even though Kupchak relayed a message from O'Neal to Bryant.

"I'm not going to take any (expletive) from Shaq this year," Jackson wrote that Bryant told him during their first meeting of the season in August. "If he starts saying things in the press, I'll fire him. I'm not afraid to go up against him. I've had it."

Jackson's final appraisal of Bryant: "He may still win a championship or two, but the boyish hero image has been replaced by that of a callous gun for hire."

Meanwhile, O'Neal said he wasn't concerned about how he will be portrayed by Jackson. "He won't have that much bad to say about me in the book," O'Neal said, "but if he does have something bad to say about me, I'll be a man and own up to it."

**No Vlade:** The Lakers will break camp today at the University of San Diego and return to Los Angeles with Vlade Divac not having participated in any of the team's 11 practices because of a herniated disc in his back.

Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich had hoped to have Divac ready for the start of the regular season on Nov. 2. But Divac still is at least "a few weeks away," according to trainer Gary Vitti, and the timetable for his return is uncertain.

"I've got to plan that he's not going to be here so that if we get him, that's a positive," Tomjanovich said. "That's just the way

I do it. If somebody's out, I just assume they're not going to be there."

Tomjanovich said Divac's progress has been "encouraging," even if the 36-year-old center has not been able to practice with his new teammates.

Fan favorite: The doors to the Jenny Craig Pavilion were open Thursday for more than 1,200 San Diego-area students invited to watch practice. No one received more cheers than Bryant, who was greeted with shrieks while he stretched.

Even though he faced rape charges last season, Bryant still was voted to start the All-Star Game by fans. He was asked Friday what kind of reception he expects to receive on the road this year.

"I don't know," Bryant said. "I always just go in expecting the worst."

No rush: Kareem Rush said he would be held out of the Lakers' next two exhibition games in Bakersfield and Fresno while recovering from a foot injury.

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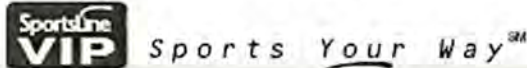
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## Lakers Notebook: Visit by Malone stirs speculation

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SAN DIEGO - The delivery time was about an hour later than expected, but the simple fact that the Mailman stopped by Lakers training camp Saturday afternoon was enough to create a minor stir.

With his young son in tow, Karl Malone arrived at the University of San Diego with 10 minutes left in practice - looking ready by everyone's standards but his own, apparently - to play a 20th NBA season.

Malone's visit had been scheduled, and the Lakers players were informed he would be there before practice. But his presence was enough to turn heads in the gym and bring owner Jerry Buss down from the stands to sit with Malone at courtside.

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Williamson could be an instant fan favorite before he even plays a game.

All the 76ers had to do to get the former Arkansas All-American was trade disgruntled and injury-prone **Derrick Coleman** and seldom-used **Amal McCaskill**.

Williamson is seven years younger than Coleman and not nearly as fragile. Williamson has never missed any major chunks of time with injuries and played all 82 games two seasons ago.

Essentially, Philadelphia got rid of players it didn't want, and the Pistons created considerable salary-cap space for the future.

## Lakers

Center **Chris Mihm** drew positive reviews from Los Angeles coach **Rudy Tomjanovich**.

Mihm, who split last season between Cleveland and Boston, is one of many new players looking to make the Lakers' roster. The four-year veteran averaged 6.9 points per game last season.

"He plays with a lot of energy," Tomjanovich said. "He has some inside presence even though he wouldn't be the guy that we'd run a play to in the teeth of the defense. Also, he has a very nice jump hook."

The Lakers conducted an abbreviated practice yesterday at the University of San Diego, wrapping up their first week of camp.

"A lot of guys are doing well," Tomjanovich said. "But I haven't been doing a whole bunch of evaluating. Instead, I'm giving information. I'm trying to get it out and process it."

The Lakers play their first exhibition game tomorrow against Seattle in Anaheim, then return to San Diego for the final three days of camp.

Forward **Luke Walton** was sidelined half the week after his ankle was injured in practice on Thursday. X-rays showed no fractures and he's listed day-to-day.

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## New-look Lakers ready to roll out

Wire reports

October 12, 2004

SAN DIEGO · Three months and 27 days since they walked off a concrete-strewn court at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the Lakers will be reintroduced to the public tonight bearing little resemblance to the team that went to four NBA Finals in five years.

After nine practices to get acquainted at the University of San Diego, the Lakers will open the exhibition season tonight against the Seattle SuperSonics at Anaheim with nine new players, four new starters and a new coach in Rudy Tomjanovich.

About all that is certain is Tomjanovich will send out Kobe Bryant, Chris Mihm, Chucky Atkins, and former Heat stars Lamar Odom and Caron Butler as his first starting lineup and the Lakers will push the ball in ways seldom seen during the days of the triangle offense.

Everything else is up in the air.

"It'd be great to say, 'Oh, we're going to be a machine, it's going to flow,'" Tomjanovich said Monday. "We're just getting to know each other. It's been a week. I think they [the Sonics] are going to know themselves a little bit better than we are."

With Vlade Divac sidelined by a herniated disc, Brian Grant, another former Heat star, working his way back from a sore neck and Karl Malone a private citizen, Tomjanovich's first act will be to see what the 6-foot-10 Odom can do at power forward.

Odom averaged 17.1 points and 9.7 rebounds last season at the position for the Heat. But he was used primarily as a small forward, starting alongside Elton Brand when he last played in the Western Conference, with the Clippers.

"He's just a versatile player," Tomjanovich said of Odom.

### Knicks feel good

CHARLESTON, S.C. · Six days after arriving, and after a final team breakfast and late-morning practice on Sunday, the Knicks broke training camp, feeling uncommonly upbeat about their progress even though little was clarified and coach Lenny Wilkens is still working at coming to a starting five for the Nov. 3 opener. That's for the eight exhibition games to bring out.

The least enviable contest -- for the right to wrestle Shaquille O'Neal four times this season has Nazr Mohammed having an edge over Vin Baker at center.

And, by all accounts, blooming prospect Mike Sweetney is pushing incumbent Kurt Thomas hard at power forward.

"I don't feel I had that great of a camp," Thomas said, "but Sweetney's been playing great. We'll see."

### Monday's exhibition

PACERS 85, WIZARDS 84: Stephen Jackson looked sharp in his debut for Indiana, scoring 19 points on 7-of-14 shooting to lead the Pacers past Washington in an exhibition opener in Muncie, Ind.

"I was just happy to be in the blue and white," said Jackson, acquired in an offseason trade that sent Al Harrington to the Hawks.

Jandy Holcomb tipped in a rebound as the clock expired for the winning basket.

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### Injured Mauresmo quits Porsche GP

Lindsay Davenport won the Porsche Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany, on Sunday when top-ranked Amelie Mauresmo quit after losing the first set because of an injured left thigh. Davenport captured this No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown for her tour-high seventh title of the year and 45th of her career. Mauresmo will undergo tests to see if she can play in next week's Kremlin Cup. If the Frenchwoman withdraws, Davenport needs to win just one match to gain the top spot. Davenport trails Mauresmo in the WTA rankings by just 15 points. Davenport won the first set 6-2 before Mauresmo withdrew because her heavily taped thigh hampered her movement. Mauresmo was hurt in the third game when Davenport broke serve to lead 2-1. After the next game, she left the court to have her thigh taped and was unable to chase down the American's shots the rest of the set.

**MORE TENNIS:** Jiri Novak settled his game after a rocky start and beat Taylor Dent 5-7, 6-1, 6-3 to win the Japan Open in Tokyo for the sixth title of his career. Novak, seeded fifth, upset top-seeded Lleyton Hewitt in the semifinals. . . . Robin Soderling won his first ATP singles title, using a strong serve to defeat Xavier Malisse 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 in the Lyon Open final in France. Soderling previously lost finals in Stockholm and Marseille.

### SOCCER: U.S. women blank New Zealand

Cindy Parlow scored twice, and Mia Hamm added a goal and an assist to lead the U.S. women's national team over New Zealand 6-0 in Cincinnati. The exhibition game was part of the team's "Fan Appreciation Tour" after winning Olympic gold this summer in Athens. Aly Wagner also had a goal and an assist for the Americans, who have outscored New Zealand 11-0 in two consecutive games. Sunday's game drew a crowd of 18,806, the largest to watch the U.S. women play in 28 matches this year -- including the Olympics.

**MORE SOCCER:** David Beckham could be sidelined up to six weeks after cracking a rib during England's 2-0 World Cup qualifying victory over Wales in which he scored a goal and drew a suspension for the next game. The England captain will return to Real Madrid, his Spanish league club, rather than accompany his national team to Wednesday's qualifier in Azerbaijan. Beckham was examined by Real Madrid's medical staff in England and it was hoped he could take part in light training, the team said on its Web site. . . . Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago moved into prime position to advance to next year's regional finals of qualifying for the 2006 World Cup. Mexico won 1-0 at St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Jared Bogetti's goal in the 30th minute, and Trinidad defeated visiting St. Kitts and Nevis 1-0 behind two goals by Stern John, who increased his total in qualifying this year to six.

### NBA: Tomjanovich happy with Mihm

Center Chris Mihm drew positive reviews from Los Angeles Lakers Coach Rudy Tomjanovich. Mihm, who split last season between Cleveland and Boston, is one of many new faces looking to make the Lakers' roster. The four-year veteran averaged 6.9 points per game last season. "He plays with a lot of energy," Tomjanovich said. "He has some inside presence even though he wouldn't be the guy that we'd run a play to in the teeth of the defense." The Lakers conducted an abbreviated practice on Sunday at the University of San Diego, wrapping up their first week of camp. Forward Luke Walton was sidelined half the week after injuring his ankle in practice on Thursday. X-rays were negative and he's listed day-to-day.

### SWIMMING: Crocker sets record in 50 fly

Ian Crocker set a world record in the 50-meter butterfly and the United States avenged an earlier loss to Australia with a victory in the women's 400 freestyle relay at the Short Course World Championships in Indianapolis. The Americans won two of five finals, giving them 16 victories in 28 events so far. The meet ends today. Crocker touched first in 22.71 seconds, lowering the old mark of 22.74 by Geoff Huegill of Australia at the 2002 championships in Berlin. Brooke Hanson of Australia won the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley, tying the record for most golds at a short course championships with five. American Kaitlin Sandeno won four golds.

### HORSE RACING: Azeri back on top

After a three-race losing streak earlier this year, some questioned if 6-year-old Azeri still had what it takes to reach the winners' circle. Horse racing's top female career money winner answered critics with a steady three-length win over Tamweel in the Grade 1 \$500,000 Overbrook Spinster Stakes at Keeneland in Lexington, Ky, winning the 11-8 mile in 1:49.74 and earning \$310,000. Azeri, the 1-5 favorite, won for the third time in seven starts this year for trainer D. Wayne Lukas and for the 17th time in 23 career starts, raising her

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## Mihm impresses in 1st week of camp

Wire reports

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"A lot of guys are doing well," Tomjanovich said, "but I haven't been doing a whole bunch of evaluating. Instead, I'm giving information.

"I'm trying to get it out and process it."

The Lakers play their first exhibition game on Tuesday against Seattle at Anaheim, then return to San Diego for the final three days of preseason camp.

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X-rays were negative, and he's listed day-to-day.

### Sonics welcome Turkish newcomer

SEATTLE · Ibrahim Kutluay should have no problems adjusting to his new surroundings, as his SuperSonics teammates and management are trying to make the Turkish center as comfortable as possible.

After a voluntary practice on Friday, Vladimir Radmanovic, another long-range European shooter a long way from home, spoke to Kutluay at length about life in the NBA.

Minutes later, Luke Ridnour invited Kutluay, nicknamed "Ibo," to shoot baskets with him and Nick Collison after everyone else had retreated to the locker room.

Seattle is hoping Kutluay displays a scoring touch from beyond the 3-point arc and, judging from the friendly shootaround, he looks like he can deliver.

Without a defender in his face, the 30-year-old guard effortlessly drained a series of 3-pointers from the corner.

His delivery is quick, his right-handed release is high and it appears it will be difficult to block.

"He can shoot the ball and that's been the strength of the club," coach Nate McMillan said. "Losing Brent [Barry] and Richie [Frahm], we had the opportunity to add another shooter."

Kutluay wanted to play in the United States six years ago.

"Philadelphia was interested in me," Kutluay said. "I felt that Seattle wanted me a lot more."





## Strange visions

### You can't get away from it. It's everywhere: Yankees vs. Red Sox.

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MANHATTAN, N.Y. -- So I was walking down Amsterdam Avenue on Sunday when I saw a man in a Red Sox hat set upon by a mob of beefy guys in pinstripes, as if he were a hot dog bun tossed into a crowd of seagulls. It was brutal. It was merciless. The Yankees fans absolutely had at the poor schlub, cackling with glee and bobbing their heads in a peculiar forward-back motion all the while.

Then I rubbed my eyes and realized that it wasn't a Red Sox fan at all but rather an actual hot dog bun, and those were indeed seagulls. Or at least the big, fat, relatively flightless gray ones that are indigenous to NYC. Yes, a strange vision to have, but when you live in Manhattan, you get accustomed to such things. I once saw a taxi driver jump on the hood of another taxi driver's car and start collapsing his windshield with the back of his boot heel at 2 in the afternoon. But that's another story.

Anyway, there's something brewing here in the city. I'd say vitriol, but I don't think Yankees fans really hate Red Sox fans, or the Red Sox. To a degree, it seems they pity them, or just enjoy tormenting them. Which is why this week should be so interesting. Especially at places like Harrison's on the Upper West Side (which happens to serve Harpoon UFO, the finest of hefeweizen beers). Harrison's is owned by a Beantowner, and tends to fill up with enthusiastic (that is, desperate-looking) Boston fans for most games.

I'll leave the prognosticating and telestrating and bombasticating (if that's a word) to the baseball experts (care to weigh in, **Chen** and **Habib**? But I will say Sox in 7. It seem if ever there were a year (Curse is broken) to get an even, well-played series (**Kevin Brown** implodes), this is it. May the best team win. Actually, scratch that. What I'd really like is a meaty, soap-operatic series full of drama and comebacks and heroic home runs and bench coaches at the plate and pitchers and ludicrous promises and 28-inch microhumans. Which is probably not another typical Sox-Yankees series. So may the least dysfunctional, and perhaps most durable, team win.

### Thoughts from the West

Spent a day at a few NBA training camps last week. Some observations, thoughts, etc.

**LAKERS** -- Caught the first day of camp at the University of San Diego and the team looked good. Which is to say, **Kobe** looked good. He also appeared to have instituted a discussion and deferment procedure. First, there was to be discussion of how good Kobe is (in this case initiated by -- surprise! -- Kobe himself and with regards to whether or not he lost in a competition or scrimmage that day). This was followed by the deferment of his teammates (**Caron Butler** and **Brian Grant** made meek attempts to argue that Kobe actually went 4-1 before being shouted down by Bryant and, in Butler's case, making the sorry proclamation, "I'll take 1-4 man, I'll take that!"). **Vlade** looked good, at least as good as a starting center can look while riding a stationary bike and nursing a sore something-or-other. Grant remains one of the best human beings in sports, though how long that man's body can hold up guarding seven-footers is anyone's guess. Bryant ended the session by going through an extra half hour of individual work -- wind sprints, shooting drills, free throws, etc. Then he sat down and was swamped by media members who asked such hard-hitting questions as, "How is it you and your teammates have



Don't keep your eyes closed for too long, A-Rod. You might miss something.

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# Pasadena Star-News

## Malone visits practice

By Ross Siler  
Staff Writer

**Saturday, October 09, 2004** - The delivery time was about an hour later than expected, but the fact that "The Mailman" stopped by Lakers training camp Saturday afternoon was enough to create a minor

Karl Malone, with his new son in tow, arrived at the University of San Diego with 10 minutes left in practice and looked ready to play a 20th NBA season by everyone's standards. Except his own.

Malone's visit was scheduled earlier and the Lakers players were informed he would be there before practice. But his presence was enough to turn heads in the gym and bring owner Jerry Buss down from the stands to sit with Malone courtside.

"I told him, 'Go over there and pick up a baggie and get dressed,' and he said, 'I'm not in basketball shape right now,'" Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said.

"I don't know what that means. For him, he may not think he's in great shape but I don't know, he looks pretty good to me."

Only 10 days ago, Malone met with Buss and informed him he would not play for a team other than the Lakers. But he also said he was not ready to play this season as he still recovers from the right knee surgery he had in June.

Malone told former teammates and members of the Lakers staff that he felt good. He has not officially retired and agent Dwight Manley said nine days ago that Malone should be fully healthy in December.

Malone, who turned 41 in July, declined to comment other than saying, "I ain't doing nothing. Talk to the guys that are doing something."

There will be no shortage of speculation as to what Malone's visit signified. The Lakers are proceeding under the assumption Malone will not play this season and Kupchak cautioned against reading too much into things.

"It's not really a sign one way or the other," said Kupchak, who joked that Malone was an hour late due to a faulty navigation system.

"We expected him to come today. A week or two ago, Jerry and he met, and they kind of talked about coming to practice today. So we expected it. It's just a visit. It's not a bad sign but I wouldn't say it's an indication of anything."

Malone tapped Vlade Divac on the back to say hello, greeted Devean George and hugged assistant coach Frank Hamblen. As the Lakers ended practice, he took a seat next to Kobe Bryant, his Orange County neighbor.

Kupchak did not know whether Malone will be a recurring presence at Lakers practice. Malone said he probably would be back.

"I don't know," Kupchak said. "He's welcome. My guess is we might not see him much. It's to be a one-day visit, and that's all we expect."

Added Kareem Rush: "I think he knows how much we want him back. But that's sort of his personal decision. Hopefully, he can just be around us and be around the team all year like (Brian Shaw)."

Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich, who earlier said he would roll out the red carpet should Malone elect to play this season, added he had not reached the stage to start talking terminology with Malone.

The Lakers had penciled in Malone to be their starting power forward and have only five true frontcourt players.

"I'm respecting his decision, so his decision is that he's not doing anything right now," Tomjanovich said. "So I'm not going to even get into that wishful thinking and all that because that'd be something that'd just be grinding and grinding all the time."

"So for the mental health of the team right now, just go as if it isn't going to happen. Then you're not disappointed if he decides to go on



Friday, October 08, 2004

Tomjanovich hopes Lakers can cook up some teamwork

New coach puts Lakers through a rigorous workout on the second day of training camp at the University of San Diego.  
From news service reports

SAN DIEGO — Rudy Tomjanovich sounded more like a chef than the first-year coach of the Lakers.

“If you are making soup, you have all those ingredients in there, but now they’re starting to mix together,” Tomjanovich said Tuesday. “You have those spices going and all that stuff and we are just putting those ingredients together right now.”

Tomjanovich put the Lakers through a rigorous workout on the second day of training camp at the University of San Diego. He planned a full scrimmage Tuesday night. With nine new players in camp, it’s no wonder Tomjanovich is talking about developing team chemistry.

“I don’t know what the end result is going to be on certain plays, certain things, that’s the magic of teamwork,” he said. “Things will develop as the season goes on, new relationships on the floor with different players.”

One of those players is Lamar Odom, who came over in the trade that sent Shaquille O’Neal to Miami. Tomjanovich would like to see Odom work well with Kobe Bryant.

“He’s such a versatile player and I just think he’s going to be a very big factor in our team,” Tomjanovich said. “He can play so many positions. The ball is going to go through Kobe and Lamar and they’re going to be the playmakers too.

Odom said he has “a little reconciliation to do with the city of L.A. for my play with the Clippers” from 1999-2003.

“Last time I would say I left on a downswing,” Odom said. “Now I’m back on the upswing and am going to do things the right way playing for the greatest franchise in the sport’s history, the Yankees of basketball.”

Odom is also looking forward to playing with Bryant.

“I look to Kobe Bryant to be Kobe Bryant,” Odom said. “He’s great on the court, he’s a great person off the court. If we follow his lead we’ll be all right.”

Tomjanovich liked hearing Odom compare the Lakers to the New York Yankees.

“This is a big deal,” he said. “You look up in the arena and see all the great players who have played there. And now we are a part of it. You want to live up to that standard.”

Bryant said he shares Tomjanovich’s vision for an up-tempo team — “Getting out on the break, creating some turnovers with our defense and getting out running and creating as many easy opportunities as we can.”

“At the same time we’re going to be a very skilled team in a half-court setting,” Bryant said. “You can’t be a completely up-and-down type of team without having a clear concept of a half-court game.”

Bryant already has Tomjanovich marveling about his determination.

“He is unbelievably focused,” Tomjanovich said. “I’ve just got to tell you how impressed I’ve been. I’ve been around a lot of great players, I’ve been around a lot of hard workers. He’s on another level.

“These guys have been really busting it down here, they’ve been working real hard. But a lot of these guys are leaving, and Kobe’s still here. And I’m not saying they haven’t worked hard, but he’s in a different galaxy.”

The Lakers's first exhibition game is Tuesday against the Seattle SuperSonics in Anaheim. They open the regular season Nov. 2 against the Denver Nuggets at Staples Center.

It is especially imperative that the new-look Lakers get off to a good start as their schedule stiffens considerably after Jan. 1.

"The good news is we're all sort of coming from different places," Tomjanovich said. "It's not going to be everybody's used to this one system, they're all seeing it from a different perspective."

Even Tomjanovich faces an adjustment. He was part of the Rockets organization from the day he was drafted to the day he was hired to succeed Phil Jackson as Lakers coach. Now Tomjanovich is getting used to taking walks along the beach in Santa Monica, getting noticed by fans every step of the way.

"We're all coming from different perspectives because when they said heat wave, I just laughed," he said. "I've been in Houston and it was like the air conditioner was on."

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## LAKER REPORT

## Odom Impressed Williams at Olympics

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SAN DIEGO — Laker General Manager **Mitch Kupchak** was in North Carolina last month for a golf outing, ready for a few days' worth of doglegs and discussions of Tar Heel basketball at his alma mater.

What Kupchak didn't expect was **Roy Williams'** unsolicited analysis of Laker forward **Lamar Odom**.

Williams, hired to coach North Carolina last year, was an assistant for the U.S. men's basketball team that didn't do so

well in Athens. Odom apparently fared a little better.

Kupchak didn't have to ask Williams' opinion of Odom, one of three Miami Heat players acquired in July for **Shaquille O'Neal**. Williams was quick to supply it.

"Roy spoke highly of his maturity, how he was great in the locker room," Kupchak said. "I think he did improve maybe some peoples' opinions of his ability on and off the court. I think a lot of that happened last year in Miami, [but] it was a good summer for him."

The U.S. finished with a

bronze medal after losing three games, including a semifinal loss to Argentina.

Odom was one of three U.S. players to score in double figures in all three medal-round games, but Olympic followers, and Odom, will remember only the bottom line — no gold medal for the U.S.

"I was hurt," Odom said. "That last game against Lithuania, we showed what being an American is all about, never quitting when all odds are against you."

"To tell you the truth, mentally and emotionally, it would

have been easier just to give that game up and just win it. . . . We showed a lot of heart to finish up strong."

Coach **Rudy Tomjanovich** has less than four weeks to install the new Laker offense, particularly one with six small forwards under contract and an injured starting center, **Vlade Divac**, who might not play an exhibition game because of a sore back.

"There's so much stuff [to learn]," Tomjanovich said. "It's just like we're cooking soup and we just chopped up the vegeta-

bles. It's going to take some time."

Forward **Luke Walton** sprained his left ankle and also strained a tendon in the ankle when he landed awkwardly on a teammate's foot during practice Thursday at the University of San Diego. He will be reevaluated today. . . . Forward **Brian Grant** did not practice because of a sore neck. An MRI test was negative and the injury, though uncomfortable, is not believed to be serious. "It should be OK, but I looked like Frankenstein when I woke up today," Grant said.



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## Butler feeling healthy again

By Ross Siler  
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SAN DIEGO -- Two days into training camp, Caron Butler can point to the healthy left knee hiding underneath his gray sweat pants and say his season is off to a better start than a year ago.

Rudy Tomjanovich can't say enough good things about his 24-year-old forward, even if the Lakers' coach hasn't figured out exactly where Butler will be playing.

It was during the Miami Heat's first practice last October that Butler's second season derailed after banging knees with a teammate. The knee still was swollen several days later when Butler learned he would need surgery for a bone spur.

Doctors placed the recovery time at three months, but when the Heat opened the season 0-7, Butler raced back in just five weeks. He never was the same.

"I wanted to provide some lift," said Butler, whose scoring average slipped from 15.4 points to 9.2. "The stands were empty and since I had such a great rookie season, the fans wanted to see me. But I didn't come back healthy."

Traded to the Lakers in July along with Brian Grant and Lamar Odom, Butler now is trying to recapture the form that had him mentioned in the same breath with Yao Ming and Amare Stoudemire as a rookie.

He wasn't back to full strength until after last year's All-Star break, but wound up averaging the second-most minutes for the Heat during the playoffs.

"This is a big year for him because a lot of people don't mention him in this trade," Odom said. "He hurt himself last year, and I told him, that might work in his favor because sometimes when people are sleeping on you and not expecting, that's the perfect time to get them, when their guard is down."

Tomjanovich prepared for this season by watching tape from several Heat games. He could tell everything was not right with Butler.

"I felt for the kid because he was not himself," Tomjanovich said. "I've watched a whole bunch of tapes on him and the injury really set back his timing and all that. And already I've seen more in that first practice, in that scrimmage, him attacking the basket, being aggressive."

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The biggest problem is finding Butler a place to play. The Lakers have five small forwards on their roster and expect to start Odom, whom they view as a potential All-Star at the position.

Butler could play small forward when Odom moves to power forward for stretches. He also could play shooting guard with Kobe Bryant handling the ball. But Butler's most likely role will be as a sixth man.

"If I am, I know that I've got to provide a lot of energy," said Butler, who came off the bench once in his college career at Connecticut and only 12 times with the Heat. "I've got to be the sparkplug on the team."

For now, Butler recites the difference in his stats between the regular season and playoffs.

"Nine (points) and five (rebounds) on one leg," Butler said. "Thirteen and eight healthy."

Kobe watch: Although criminal sexual-assault charges have been dismissed, Bryant still is facing a civil suit brought by his accuser. He missed several practices and one game because of the case last season but said Wednesday he does not expect to lose playing time this year.

"Barring injuries, no," he said.

For the second consecutive day, Bryant also put in extra time after practice, lifting weights alongside students in the University of San Diego gym. Bryant bulked up to 230 pounds this summer but said he was not trying to target a particular weight.

"I hopped on the scale," Bryant said, "when I went to go take my physical, and said, 'Damn, 230.' "

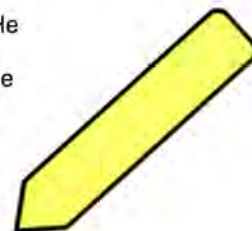
New player: The Lakers signed 6-foot-11 forward Ike Nwankwo, who played at Long Beach State and UCLA, to their training-camp roster Wednesday. Nwankwo spent parts of the last two seasons with the NBDL Huntsville (Ala.) Flight.

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# Lakers Open Training Despite Roster Changes

## Teams Off-Season Saw Coach's Departure And Star Player's Trade

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**LOS ANGELES** -- The Los Angeles Lakers open training camp Tuesday at the University of San Diego, amid uncertainty and optimism following a major roster overhaul and a mostly new coaching staff.

It is believed to be the first time the Lakers have held their training camp in San Diego, said a team official.

"I love it," said Laker forward Luke Walton, who graduated from the University of San Diego High School, across the street from the USD campus.

"We're down there to work, but I'm going there to be able to see my family and spend a couple of days at home before we start the season."

The Lakers will practice at Jenny Craig Pavilion through Oct. 15, then return to San Diego for an Oct. 25 exhibition game against the Seattle SuperSonics at the San Diego Sports Arena.

All practices are closed to the public, said John Black, the team's public relations director.

The Lakers open camp following a tumultuous off-season that saw the departure of coach Phil Jackson and the trade to the Miami Heat of perennial all-star center Shaquille O'Neal.

Six players return from last year's team that the Detroit Pistons upset in the NBA finals.

"We're real good," Walton said Monday as the team conducted its media day at its El Segundo headquarters. "We're a lot better than people give us credit for, and we're going to show that when the season starts."

New coach Rudy Tomjanovich said he anticipates the Lakers to be a "high-energy, fast-breaking team."

"That's what we're going to try to shoot for. But we have to understand

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(that) even the best running team, it's only about 30 percent of the time that you do that," Tomjanovich said.

"The rest of the time, you have to have a good half-court offense. I love working on that. My feeling is very positive that we can be good, but I'm not one of those guys that's going to go out and start throwing predictions around."

Tomjanovich said he is most excited about all-star guard Kobe Bryant's work ethic, demonstrated in part through his actions at recent voluntary practices.

"I've been blessed to have had some great players, very professional guys -- Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler, Sam Cassell, guys who really worked hard," said Tomjanovich, who coached the Houston Rockets from 1992-2003. "Kobe's routine is at another level. As a coach, you feel blessed to have your best player as your hardest worker."

Tomjanovich also praised Bryant for his leadership.

"I think he's been the connector of the team," said Tomjanovich, who played for the San Diego Rockets during their final 1970-71 season before moving to Houston.

"He has called me several times, just to talk basketball. He's talked to my assistant coaches. I know he has talked to people in the organization to express his gratitude for their support.

"I've come in here and he's been sitting around with the guys, talking basketball. I think he's been an ideal leader."

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## Kobe leads, still plays by his rules

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By BRODERICK TURNER / The Press-Enterprise

**EL SEGUNDO** - Kobe Bryant began to fidget when asked about Shaquille O'Neal and their on-going bitter relationship.

The Lakers begin training camp today at the University of San Diego with a new coach, plenty of new players and with Bryant the undisputed leader.

A three-time NBA champion with a new \$136 million contract, Bryant certainly has the credentials. He organized off-season workouts while fighting felony sexual assault charges.

Yet all anyone wanted to hear from Bryant on Monday at the Lakers' media day was how he figured he could be trusted by his teammates.



Terry Pierson / The Press-Enterprise

**New Lakers (from left) Brian Grant, Caron Butler and Lamar Odom open training camp with the rest of the team today at the University of San Diego.**

In transcripts from Bryant's case that were reported last week, Bryant told police that O'Neal had paid up to \$1 million to keep various women quiet in "situations

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## Malone not ready to play, not ready to retire

By The Associated Press  
 Saturday, October 2, 2004

LOS ANGELES -- Karl Malone told the Los Angeles Lakers he's not ready to play, but he didn't rule out returning some time this season or beyond.

"Karl's not playing, but he's also not retiring," Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, said Friday. "He's leaving his options open. Nothing's carved in stone.

"He will be 100 percent physically in the next couple months and his skills are obviously still great. He still could play this year. Anything's possible -- the door is still open."

The 41-year-old Malone, the second-leading scorer in NBA history, underwent arthroscopic surgery his right knee in late June. Malone opted out of his \$1.65 million contract with the Lakers at season's end, making him a free agent. Several teams, including San Antonio, Minnesota and Miami, express interest.

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The Lakers open camp Tuesday at the University of San Diego. Their first preseason game is Oct. 1 against Seattle in Anaheim, and they open the regular season Nov. 2 at home against Denver.

- Former NBA rebounding champion Dennis Rodman agreed to play two games with Monter Fuerza Regia team next week, though Rodman ultimately hopes to return to the NBA. Fuerza Regia president Sergio Ganem said yesterday that Rodman will join the team for games of Oct. 8 against San Luis Potosi and Oct. 10 against Tampico.
- Pau Gasol has been in the NBA for three seasons. That's been long enough for the 7-foot Spaniard to realize he wants to keep working wi



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# Changes evident at first practice

By Ross Siler, Staff Writer

When the doors opened to the Lakers' first practice of the season Tuesday, Kobe Bryant was running the wing in a purple jersey, playing five-on-five with a team of Chris Mihm, Jumaine Jones, Luke Walton and Sasha Vujacic.

It was as good an indication of any of how much the Lakers have changed in the span of one summer. Not to mention how much they have to do in the four weeks before the regular season begins.

The only parallel Rudy Tomjanovich could cite as training camp opened at the University of San Diego was the 1998 United States team Tomjanovich coached to a bronze medal at the world championships in Athens, Greece.

With the NBA lockout keeping the league's all-stars from playing for USA Basketball, Tomjanovich had to field a team led by Jimmy Oliver and Jason Sasser, filled with players from overseas teams and minor leagues like the CBA.

"We had 30-something guys and had to cut it down to 12, and then just create a team in a week," Tomjanovich said. "Very similar in having so many guys coming from so many places. In this situation, I don't have a week. We have 28 days to get ready."

Tomjanovich's job is to pull together a team with nine new players, four new starters and a new offense. The Lakers have all of nine practices before they open the exhibition season Oct. 12 against Seattle in Anaheim.

So he got to the gym two hours early, then installed what he called "1/100th" of his offense. He stopped early so as not to overload the players, and the Lakers will wait until today to go over their first halfcourt sets.

But the workout was by all accounts energetic and enjoyable, with Bryant throwing down a dunk at one end.

"I think what Rudy's doing with us is great," Chucky Atkins said. "He's letting us kind of feel each other out, play on the run, play a little loose. That's great for us."

In a new city with a new set of reporters, Bryant was asked Tuesday if he thinks back to where he was a year ago, facing sexual assault charges at the start of training camp in Honolulu.

"Sometimes I do, sometimes I do," he said. "And when I do, I just count my blessings. Because I've seen many long days. Just thankful that they're all behind now."

The setting for camp could not be more surreal for Walton, who went to University of San Diego High next door to the campus, winning one state title and four section



Los Angeles Lakers head coach Rudy Tomjanovich appears happy as he dismisses his players following their opening practice at training camp Tuesday Oct. 5, 2004 in San Diego. (AP Photo by Lenny Ignelzi)

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Walton was a regular at the Lakers' facility over the summer, working to hone his jump shot. Now Walton finds himself as one of five small forwards on the roster, with Tomjanovich planning to play him some at power forward to find more minutes.

"I'm always ready to play (power forward),' Walton said. "I love playing the (power forward), I like banging down low. I usually have the ability to get by bigger guys easily to make plays so I look forward to playing that.'

Neil Yanke looked a little out of place Monday at media day in a No. 49 Lakers jersey. As it turns out, Yanke hasn't even played organized basketball in the last three years.

After graduating from Yale in 2001, where he was a second-team all-Ivy League center, Yanke went to work as an assistant controller at his family's company in Akron, Ohio, which manufactures orthotics and prosthetic limbs.

But Yanke started working out this summer with Larry Nance and landed a camp invite with the Lakers. He scrimmaged Tuesday on the same team as Bryant, though Yanke's future lies overseas or in the NBDL.

"He cut to the middle and I dished him a pass and he scored a layup,' Yanke said of Bryant. "It's like, 'That's probably the best assist I've ever had in my life."

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### Shaq seeks to skirt Miami soap opera

Center tells Wade Kobe-like conflicts won't become rerun

By News Wire Reports  
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MIAMI - The first thing Heat center Shaquille O'Neal did upon arriving in Miami was invite guard -Dwyane Wade out to dinner.

Thus began O'Neal's role as team leader, and Heat players seem to be accepting.

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O'Neal told Wade all the drama that happened between him and Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant won't happen between O'Neal and Wade.

But O'Neal told Wade not to take his word. He told Wade to ask others about his reputation, which Wade did. After consulting with Heat guard Eddie Jones, a former O'Neal teammate in Los Angeles, and Minnesota forward Kevin Garnett, among others, it seemed Wade liked what he heard.



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"I said, 'OK, now that we have that established that stuff that happened between me and him we can't ever let that happen between me and you,' " O'Neal said to *The Palm Beach (Fla.) Post*. "I said, 'I don't care whose team it is - your team, my team - it doesn't matter to me.' "

So far Wade and his teammates like what they see from O'Neal.

"He's as advertised," Wade said. "You see him being goofy and you see him being serious when he has to be. But he's a real down-to-earth person."

As vital as that talk with Wade might have been toward establishing leadership, others say O'Neal's actions before talking to Wade were the real start of his role as a team leader.

By showing up in Miami at a relatively svelte 335 pounds, the 7-1 O'Neal, whose weight was a huge concern in Los Angeles, immediately started leading by example.

"It really makes a statement as a leader when you see what he's done," coach Stan Van Gundy said. "They see what he's all about."

O'Neal said there's no big secret to how he dropped the weight. He said all he has done is get on a treadmill twice a day for an hour each session.

No weight training. No special diet. He said he just got on the treadmill for an hour in the morning and an hour in the evening, and in two months he went from 355 pounds with 16 percent body fat to his current 335 pounds with 14 percent body fat.

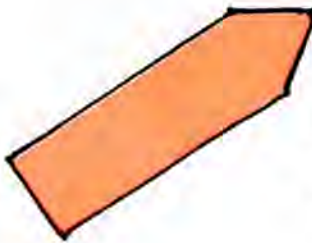
Heat president Pat Riley seems convinced O'Neal's new body should help him extend his physical reign.

"With Shaquille," Riley said, "you probably should have the most dominant defensive rebounder in the game."

**MEMORY LANE:** There will be no shortage of nostalgia for new Los Angeles Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich as training camp opens Tuesday in San Diego. But it has nothing to do with the wistfulness that losing O'Neal, Karl Malone and Gary Payton ordinarily would bring.

Thirty-four years ago, Tomjanovich was a rookie forward with the San Diego Rockets. The franchise moved to Houston the next summer, but Tomjanovich spent his first season playing for coach Alex Hannum and practicing at the old Sports Center gym on the University of San Diego campus.

"When we drove up the hill when we were going to go look at that gym," Tomjanovich said to the *Los Angeles Daily News*, recalling the process of scouting camp sites, "I just got that feeling of, man, 1970, and being a young punk rookie and just the whole California experience."



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He can remember the scene of walking out of Rockets practice to see coeds lounging in bathing suits by a pool near the gym. It was not what Tomjanovich, who grew up near Detroit and played in college at Michigan, had come to expect.

Now Tomjanovich is traveling back in time to start the next stage of his career at age 55, or at least it feels that way.

He will return to USD for 11 days of camp starting the process of putting together a Lakers team that will feature nine new players and four new starters.

**BIG TUMBLE:** Sacramento Kings center Greg Ostertag will miss four to six weeks after breaking his right hand in a fall at his home Saturday.

Ostertag signed with the Kings in July after nine seasons with Utah. He is expected to be the backup to All-Star center Brad Miller.

The Kings, who have lost key players to injuries the past four seasons, also will be without starting guard Doug Christie throughout training camp. Christie is recovering from plantar fasciitis in his left foot.

The Kings depart for a preseason trip to China next week.

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## Vlade Divac suffers back injury

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### Vlade Divac sidelined with herniated disc

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Divac, 36, signed a two-year contract in July that will reportedly pay him \$4.9 million this season. He began his career with the Lakers in 1989 as the 26th overall pick in the NBA draft and played seven seasons in Los Angeles before being traded to Charlotte in the summer of 1996 for the rights to Kobe Bryant.

Divac played for the Sacramento Kings the past six years, averaging 9.9 points in each of the past two seasons. The Lakers signed him after trading center Shaquille O'Neal to the Miami Heat for Lamar Odom, Brian Grant and Caron Butler.

Black also said he doesn't know if forward Karl Malone is going to play this season. Malone, who underwent surgery on his right knee in late June, is a free agent and reportedly is being pursued by several teams.

"Our understanding is he's not going to be ready to return for a couple months," Black said. "We're hopeful he does decide to play another season and he decides to play for us."

Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, refused comment.

Malone, 41, played 18 seasons with the Utah Jazz before joining the Lakers as a free agent last summer. He is the second-leading scorer in NBA history.

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# Graduation rate climbs at SDSU

By Brent Schrottenboer  
STAFF WRITER

The San Diego State football team reported its best graduation rate of the past five seasons, with 65 percent of the freshman scholarship players who enrolled in 1997 graduating within six years.

That figure was 10 points ahead of the national average for freshmen who entered school six years ago, the standard used by the NCAA.

It also ranked second in the Mountain West Conference behind Colorado State, which graduated 67 percent of its football players who entered as freshmen in 1997, according to NCAA figures released this week. Air Force isn't included because it doesn't offer athletic scholarships.

SDSU's 65 percent rate for its '97 freshman class was up from 64 percent for the '96 class and 26 percent for the 1995 class.

"Things have gotten better considerably," said Tom Craft, who is in his third season as head coach at the school.

On the down side, the Aztecs men's basketball team posted a zero rate for freshmen for the '97 class. But that was because Aaron Brown, the only player

from that class, was no longer on the team a year later.

The men's basketball team posted a 33 percent rate for the four freshman classes from 1994-97, tying for third in the nation. BYU was first at 50 percent.

The national Division I average for men's basketball for those four classes was 43 percent.

"We recognize that men's basketball is a sport across the country that needs to improve, as well as our program here at San Diego State," SDSU Athletic Director Mike Bohn said.

To protect the privacy of athletes, the NCAA does not disclose exactly how many athletes graduated in a certain sport, instead providing a range. The Aztecs men's basketball team's 33 percent rate for the past four freshman classes was for a group of 6-10 players. The football team's 65 percent rate was for a group of 16-20.

San Diego State's overall graduation rate for the 73 freshman student-athletes who entered school in 1997 was 52 percent — an improvement from the 46 percent rate for the 56 scholarship freshmen in 1996. Both marks are still below a 70 percent goal set by Bohn, who plans to introduce

academic performance incentives in the contracts of his head coaches.

The NCAA calculates graduation rates by counting all freshmen who graduated within six years. If the student-athlete left or transferred from the school within that period, he or she counts against the school's graduation rate.

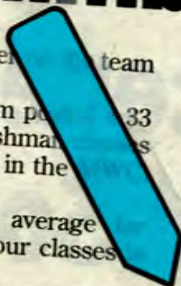
USD, meanwhile, reported a 78 percent rate for its 32 freshman athletes of 1997. The men's basketball team graduated 80 percent of the freshmen who entered in 1997 and reported a 67 percent rate for the four freshman classes that entered from 1994-97.

USD's 75 percent rate for all scholarship athletes in the four freshman classes of 1994-97 ranks fourth among California Division I schools.

The national Division I average for freshman athletes who entered in 1997 was 62 percent. The overall average for all 1997 freshman students was 60 percent. The Division I football average for the '97 class was 55 percent.

Staff writer Kevin Acee contributed to this report

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## Santa Clara University Athletics Post Leading Graduation Rates; Broncos Have Highest Grad Rates in WCC, Second-Best in California

SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 26, 2004--For the third straight year, student-athletes at Santa Clara University graduated at the highest rate in the West Coast Conference and the second-highest among Division I institutions in the state of California, according to a report compiled by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

According to the report, SCU student-athletes graduated at a four-year average rate of 78 percent while the overall student body at the institution graduated at a slightly higher rate of 82 percent. The report examines a four-year rolling average ending with freshman entering school in 1997-98.

Santa Clara's student-athlete graduation rate is considerably higher than the NCAA Division I average of 60 percent for student-athletes and the 71 percent average for Division I private institutions.

"One of the hallmarks of Santa Clara athletics, year in and year out, is solid academic performance, as evidenced by consistently stellar graduation rates," said Dan Coonan, director of athletics and recreation at SCU. "This year's rates are no exception. Students and student-athletes at SCU are genuinely interested in furthering their education at one of the top institutions in the country and taking their broad-based experience to success beyond graduation. Student-athletes at Santa Clara are performing at an extremely high level both on the field and in the classroom. The University takes great pride in the consistent record of academic and athletic achievement posted of its student-athletes."

The 78 percent graduation rate for SCU student-athletes roughly equals the average for student-athletes at the institution since the NCAA began tracking the data in 1990. The highest student-athlete graduation rate for SCU, based on the four-year average, was an 82 percent rating for the class entering in 1988-89, which was released in the NCAA's 1995 report.

The two institutions with the highest graduation rate in the state of California -- SCU and Stanford are in Santa Clara County. Student-athletes at Stanford graduate at a rate of 87 percent. U.C. Santa Barbara was third in the state rankings, graduating student-athletes at a 76 percent rate, while the University of San Diego slipped to fourth with 75 percent ranking.

Among West Coast Conference institutions, Santa Clara rated at the top of the list, ahead of second-place San Diego and third-place Gonzaga University. Among the overall student population, SCU's league-leading 82 percent is nine percentage points better than Pepperdine University's second-best 73 percent.

According to the NCAA report of the federally mandated graduation rates, 62 percent of all NCAA student-athletes who entered Division I colleges and universities in 1997 graduated in the six-year period now established by the U.S. Department of Education as the standard. This year's rate remains unchanged for student-athletes when compared to 2003 figures. The six-year graduation rate for the overall student body grew one percentage point, to 60 percent, over the past year.

### About Santa Clara University

Santa Clara University, a comprehensive Jesuit, Catholic university located in California's Silicon Valley, offers its 8,047 students rigorous undergraduate curricula in arts and sciences, business, and engineering, plus master's and law degrees. Distinguished nationally by the second-highest graduation rate among U.S. masters' universities across the country, California's oldest higher-education institution demonstrates faith-inspired values of ethics and social justice. More information is online at [www.scu.edu](http://www.scu.edu).

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## Basketball finals set for USD

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After a seven-year run at San Diego State's Cox Arena, the San Diego Section high school basketball championships will be played this winter at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

It's the first season in a two-year agreement.

The section boys and girls championships have never been played in the 5,100-seat arena, which opened in 2000 and has hosted events such as the West Coast Conference men's and women's basketball championships.

The 2005 championships will be held March 4-5. Boys and girls champions in all five divisions will advance to the state tournament, as well as runners-up in divisions II through V. There is also a possibility the Division I runners-up could advance to state-tournament outbracket games, pending state approval.

After years at the Sports Arena, the section basketball finals were played at UCSD's RIMAC Arena in 1997 before moving to the 12,414-seat Cox Arena.

—STEVE BRAND

## Captain coach

Ex-Colt Harbaugh follows father's footsteps

By **Jeff Rabjohns**  
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 October 30, 2004

The University of San Diego is picturesque in many regards. From a number of places, there are views of the Pacific Ocean. The campus is renowned for its Spanish architecture.

Then there's the office of first-year football coach Jim Harbaugh: a trailer near the university's 7,000-seat football stadium.

"It's a double-wide; what some people would call portable," Harbaugh said, laughing. "I've got a window and I can look out and see the stadium.

"I've got everything I need: computers, a white board, meeting rooms . . ."

The former Indianapolis Colts quarterback couldn't care less about the less-than-luxurious office. He's coaching football. And he loves it.

After ending his 15-year NFL playing career in 2001 with the Carolina Panthers, Harbaugh spent two seasons as the Oakland Raiders' quarterback coach.

In December 2003, he took over at Division I-AA San Diego, which plays at Butler today.

This will be his first trip as a head coach back to the city where he had his best professional season, leading the Colts to the 1995 AFC Championship game.

"My memories of Indianapolis are thick and good," said the 40-year-old Harbaugh, who played for the Colts from 1994-97, during which time his second child, James Jr., was born. "The relationships I made, not just with the guys on the team, but with coaches and friends.

"I still consider those the best years of my life."

As for coaching, Harbaugh considered that inevitable.

### Born to coach



Jim Harbaugh had his best NFL season in 1995, leading the Colts to the AFC Championship game. He played 15 seasons in the league. -- Steve Healey / The Star

#### HARBAUGH FILE

- **Name:** James Joseph Harbaugh
- **Age:** 40
- **Background:** Born in Toledo, Ohio. Lives in San Diego with his wife, Miah, and three children, Jay, James Jr. and Grace.
- **College:** Played four years at Michigan, starting three. Graduated in December 1986.
- **Pro career:** Played 15 seasons with the Bears (1987-93), Colts (1994-97), Ravens (1998), Chargers (1999-2000) and Panthers (2001). Completed 2,305 of 3,918 passes for 26,288 yards and 129 touchdowns with 117 interceptions.
- **Coaching career:** Unpaid offensive consultant to his father, Jack, at Western Kentucky (1994-2001); quarterbacks coach with the Raiders (2002-03); head coach at the University of San Diego (current).
- **Notable:** Attended Ann Arbor (Mich.) Pioneer High School, the same school as Aaron Bailey, who was on the other end of the near-miss Hail Mary pass in the 1995 AFC Championship game.

#### 'CAPTAIN COMEBACK'

A sampling of what earned Jim Harbaugh the nickname "Captain Comeback" in the 1995 season:

- **Sept. 10:** The Colts trailed the New York Jets 24-3 in the second half, but Harbaugh relieved Craig Erickson in the third quarter and threw two touchdowns. The Colts won

His father, Jack, coached for 41 years, 36 in college, leading Western Kentucky to the I-AA national title in 2002 in the final of eight collegiate coaching stops. Jack Harbaugh was an assistant at places such as Stanford, Iowa, Michigan and Pittsburgh. Jim remembers attending Rose Bowl games and being on the sideline when John Elway played at Stanford.

"It's rewarding to see your youngsters watch what you do through your life and want to do that," said Jack, 65, now the running backs coach for his son at San Diego.

"They see it all. The good and bad, ups and downs, the losses, the problems you bring home. With all of that, for them to still decide that's what they want to do with their lives makes us feel very proud."

Coaching is a way of life for all three of Jack Harbaugh's children. Jim's brother, John, began coaching in 1984 and is in his seventh season as an assistant with the Philadelphia Eagles. Sister Joani is married to Tom Crean, men's basketball coach at Marquette.

Those who knew Harbaugh when his career was at its height with the Colts saw him as a future coach.

"I didn't think there was any question, because he enjoyed the game of football so much," said Ted Marchibroda, who coached Harbaugh in 1994 and '95.

"I don't think I ever saw a guy who enjoyed football as much as he did. He enjoyed everything. Not just the games, but the practices, the meetings, the training room, the equipment people. He was so open, so honest, never complained about anything."

### The magical run

When the Colts entered the playoffs during the 1995 season, they were underdogs from the beginning, expected to lose in the wild-card game at San Diego.

But Harbaugh led them to a 35-20 upset of the Chargers and a 10-7 upset at Kansas City before they fell 20-16 at Pittsburgh in the AFC Championship game.

Colts fans will forever remember that AFC title game for the Hail Mary pass from Harbaugh that was nearly caught by Aaron Bailey in the end zone. It was the first time since the Colts moved to Indianapolis in 1984 that they came that close to the Super Bowl, a feat that wasn't matched until last year's loss at New England in the AFC title game.

Harbaugh has a picture of the Hail Mary play in his office.

"It comes up a lot," he said. "Whether it's somebody asking about it, looking at a

27-24 on Mike Cofer's 52-yard field goal in overtime.

• **Oct. 8:** The Colts again trailed 24-3 in the third quarter, but Harbaugh threw three second-half touchdowns, including a 21-yarder to Aaron Bailey with 1:09 to play, to tie the score against Miami. Cary Blanchard's 27-yard field goal in overtime gave the Colts a 27-24 victory. The 21-point comebacks matched the biggest in franchise history.

• **Oct. 15:** Harbaugh threw a 33-yard pass to rookie tight end Ken Dilger on the final drive to help set up Blanchard's 41-yard field goal with 2:36 left as the Colts beat defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco 18-17.

• **Dec. 17:** The Colts trailed San Diego 21-13 with 11:12 left, but Harbaugh led drives to tie the score at 21 and at 24 before kicker John Carney gave the Chargers a 27-24 victory with a 43-yard field goal with three seconds left.

• **Dec. 23:** The Colts trailed New England 7-0 until Harbaugh threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Floyd Turner in the third quarter. Harbaugh then directed a drive that led to Blanchard's 30-yard field goal with 5:51 to play, giving the Colts a 10-7 victory and putting them in the playoffs for the first time since 1987.

• **Jan. 7:** In the AFC Divisional playoffs against Kansas City, the Colts trailed 7-0 before Harbaugh threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Turner on third down to tie the score in the second quarter. The score came at the end of an 18-play, 77-yard drive, including an 18-yard scramble by Harbaugh on third-and-11 from the Colts' 22. Blanchard's 30-yard field goal in the third quarter was the difference as the Colts upset the AFC's No. 1 seed, which had been 8-0 at home.

Source: Colts media guide

### TODAY'S GAME

- **Who:** San Diego (4-4, 1-1 Pioneer) at Butler (1-7, 0-2)
- **Kickoff:** 1 p.m.
- **Radio:** WCBK-102.3 FM

picture at home or in my office or just hearing from somebody on the team."

The playoff run was the culmination of Harbaugh's best season and earned him the nickname "Captain Comeback." He had career highs in completion percentage (63.7), touchdown passes (17) and passer rating (100.7). The latter was the best in the NFL, the first time since John Unitas in 1965 that a Colt led the NFL in that category. Harbaugh, 32 when the playoff run ended, was named to the Pro Bowl, finished second in NFL MVP voting and was the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year.

"We had a team of individuals who gave their all from the opening whistle to the final gun, and I think he was the leader in that aspect," Marchibroda said. "He was physically tough, mentally tough, and when he left the field there was nothing left. And he had a lot of fun doing it. It wasn't a job with him."

The next year, the Colts lost at Pittsburgh in the first round of the playoffs. After the game, Harbaugh asked for a few minutes before talking to the media.

"He had his teeth knocked out and wanted to clean his mouth out before talking," Colts broadcaster Bob Lamey recalled.

"That was Jim Harbaugh, gutty. He wasn't the best quarterback who ever played here -- Peyton Manning probably has more ability -- but Jim was just a gritty, hard, give-you-everything-I've-got quarterback."

### The current task

San Diego, like Butler, is in a unique group of football programs. They are two of only 38 schools playing non-scholarship football among the 238 that play at the Division I-A or I-AA level.

Harbaugh's first team, currently 3-4, has played at Holy Cross in Massachusetts and against Ivy League schools such as Penn and Princeton.

"There is a lot of football we run here that was a part of when I played with the Colts as far as what I want to give to these guys," Harbaugh said. "I want to let them experience the joy of football that I experienced in Indianapolis, the memories of playing, the relationships you make, having fun playing the game."

Jack Harbaugh said he expected his son, after 15 years in the NFL, to understand the X's and O's of the game. What has been a surprise is Jim's adeptness at the personal side of coaching. After all, two seasons as a quarterback coach in the NFL meant he dealt with three players, not an entire roster.

"I've marveled at how he's picked up the nuances of the profession: dealing with a coaching staff, the relationships with the players, knowing when it's time to let off the gas a little and have some fun and when it's time to put the pedal to the metal," Jack Harbaugh said.

Jim has plenty of time to lean on his father if he needs advice. The two drive to work together, usually eat lunch together, then drive home together.

"I've enjoyed every minute," Jack said.

Jim Harbaugh lives in nearby Coronado, Calif., with his wife, Miah, and three children, Jay, James and Grace. Dating to his playing days with the Chargers in 1999-2000, he's had multiple ties to USD, including the Chargers chaplain, who also works on campus. When the coaching position opened last year, it seemed a natural fit: Harbaugh could get his first experience as a head coach while staying in an area he enjoys.

San Diego athletic director Ky Snyder sees the University of Michigan graduate as a perfect fit.

"He's so appealing as a person and that's a great outreach to the community, but more important is, Jim believes in the student-athlete," Snyder said.

"He believes that there is academics and there is football, and they work together very well. He lives that in how his team is run, what the emphasis is. He's one of those dream coaches you love to have."

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### San Diego County roundup: Two Falcons notch scholastic honor

By: North County Times

Max Schechter and Angela King of Rancho Santa Fe were named HP Scholastic Junior All-Americans by the American Junior Golf Association Tuesday. The team is made up of 10 boys and 10 girls from around the country. Boys must finish in the top 10 in an AJGA event and girls must finish in the top 5, while both must have exhibited exemplary academic performance.

Schechter, 17, has accumulated a 4.58 GPA at Torrey Pines High and notched three AJGA top 10 finishes. King, 16, is a fellow Falcon. She maintains a 4.5 GPA and placed third at the Golf Pride Junior Classic.

Schechter and King will be honored Nov. 21 at the Rolex Junior All-American Awards Banquet at Sea Island Golf Club in Sea Island, Ga.

### Comet is honored

Palomar College women's volleyball player Julie Hafemann was named co-women's athlete of the week in the Pacific Coast Conference. She shared the honor with Christa Clegg of San Diego City College.

Hafemann, a sophomore out of El Camino High, hit .625 and notched 17 kills in the Comets' sweep of San Diego City.

### Plaudits for two Toreros

University of San Diego players Evan Harney and Jeff Langdon were named Pioneer Football League players of the week after leading the Toreros to a 56-0 rout of Davidson on Saturday.

Harney took the offensive honor after rushing for three first-quarter touchdowns. The junior from Fallbrook High finished with 89 yards on 18 carries in just over 20 minutes of playing time. He also became USD's new all-time leader in career touchdowns, with 33 over two seasons of play.

Langdon recorded a game-high 10 tackles and led the Toreros' defense in limiting Davidson to just 71 yards of total offense in the first half. The senior linebacker also had one sack and one interception.

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# USD rolls, planting 56-0 rout on Davidson

By Nicole Vargas  
STAFF WRITER

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The milestones keep coming for USD's Evan Harney.

Despite being a junior, the running back from Fallbrook

is now the school's career scoring leader after running in three first-quarter touchdowns in a 56-0 victory over Davidson in front of 3,287 at Torero Stadium last night.

**Toreros**

**56**

**Davidson**

**0**

"He's got the heart of a lion," said USD head coach Jim Harbaugh, whose Toreros (4-4, 1-1 PFL North) have now won two straight and three of their last four after starting the season 1-3. "He's a tremendous competitor."

Harney, who needed just 17 games to break the career

scoring record, also gained 86 yards on 18 carries in a quarter and a half against the PFL South's Wildcats, finishing the game with a carry of his second straight first-quarter touchdown, which would be a first by a USD player.

"It meant so much to see the offense starting strong," said Harney, who was unaware of the record until lineman Matt Collins approached him before his final touchdown.

Equally as meaningful was what Harney saw after his touchdowns were scored and USD had built a 42-0 halftime lead.

"Seeing guys who don't normally play do so well . . . was more impressive," he said.

Added Harbaugh: "We found out we have some pretty good players on our second string. I'm really proud of the way they played."

Harney, who initially accepted a baseball scholarship to UC Irvine before transferring to USD, was just one of the stars on an offense that continues to put up big numbers. The Toreros put up a combined 100 points in their previous two home games before scoring a season-high 56 that ranks second to the all-time record of 69 set in 1970 against Cal Tech.

Harney's three short first-quarter scores were followed by a trio of touchdown passes from senior quarterback Todd Mortensen — two to Michael Gasperson, another to Nick Garton — all in the first half.

"He's really playing the position," Harbaugh said of Mortensen. "The offense is clicking on all cylinders."

The defense couldn't be overshadowed, setting the tone early by forcing two turn-

overs — one on a fumble forced by cornerback Philip Bretsch, another Fallbrook product, and the other on an interception by linebacker Jeff Langdon. USD allowed 12 yards of offense in the first quarter.

That allowed Harbaugh to substitute freely throughout the rest of the game, with the payoff coming in the way those reserves played.

After Mortensen finished 14-of-20 passing for 170 yards and the three touchdowns, freshman Joshua Johnson hit 8-of-14 for 69 yards. Johnson scored one touchdown on the ground.

The passing of Mortensen and Johnson accounted for much of the Toreros' 438 yards of total offense, which dwarfed the 188 collected by Davidson (2-5, 1-1).

Defensively, University City

## Pioneer League

North	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Drake	3	0	6	2
Dayton	2	0	7	1
USD	1	1	4	4
Butler	0	2	1	7
Valparaiso	0	3	3	6

### Yesterday's Results

USD 56, Davidson 0  
Dayton 49, Butler 10  
Drake 37, Valparaiso 10

### Saturday's Games

USD at Butler, 10 a.m.  
Drake at Dayton, 10 a.m.

alum Dustin Ernst delivered a sack in the fourth quarter for a 23-yard loss. Eric Stern's sack later ended Davidson's final chance at avoiding the shut-out. Defensive back Mike Cuevas and linebacker Jordan Johnson collected late interceptions.

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## LOCAL COLLEGES

# BYU is runaway winner in golf tournament at Barona

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Brigham Young University ran away with the Barona Collegiate Cup/Callaway golf championship, winning by 19 strokes after posting a 42-under 822 at the Barona Creek Golf Course yesterday.

The Cougars' Oscar Alvarez sank a 36-foot putt on the second playoff hole to win the individual title after he and James Love of the University of Denver tied in regulation with 13-

under-par 203.

Fresno State's Brian Kelley was the top local finisher at 9-under 207. The University City High graduate tied Colorado State's Derrick Whiting for seventh place.

San Diego State finished tied with Fresno State for seventh at 13-under 851. Junior Josh Warthen led the Aztecs, posting the low round of the day with 66. Warthen finished tied for 15th at 210.

### Men's soccer

Point Loma Nazarene (11-4-1 overall, 5-3-1 Golden State) clubbed visiting Concordia 5-0. Matthew Horak scored two goals.

### Women's basketball

Point Loma Nazarene, which returns all of its starters from last year's 23-13 team, is ranked No. 11 in NAIA's pre-season poll. The Sea Lions were ranked 16th in the nation

last year.

### Honors

USD linebacker Jeff Langdon and running back Evan Harney both drew Pioneer Football League Player of the Week honors after the Toreros' 56-0 drubbing of Davidson. Langdon had 10 tackles, a sack and an interception. Harney rushed for three first-quarter touchdowns.



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USD quarterback Todd Mortensen (No. 16) and wide receiver Nick Garton celebrate a touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was the second time the two hooked up for a score. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

## Toreros top Valparaiso, avenge last year's loss



**By Glae Thien**

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

No players or staff members brought up last season's painful loss to Valparaiso to first-year USD coach Jim Harbaugh

**Toreros  
49**

**Valparaiso  
14**

ahead of yesterday's meeting with the Crusaders. Oh, but it was hardly forgotten. The Toreros exacted some revenge with a 49-14 victory, and at the same time they offered a blueprint of how they hope to stay in contention for the title in the Pioneer Football League North.

Evan Harney got the Toreros (3-4, 1-1) going early with his rushing, eventually adding up 191 yards and a touchdown on 32 carries. Todd Mortensen helped put the game away with three second-half touchdown passes. Also, there was a boost from a blocked punt by Michael Gasperson for a TD.

The Toreros lost 41-34 at Valparaiso last year, and when the two schools ended up tied for first place in the division, the Crusaders went to the conference championship game by virtue of that victory.

"After last year, we knew this was one of our key games coming into this season," Harney

## Pioneer League

North	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Drake	2	0	5	2
Dayton	1	0	6	1
<b>USD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Butler	0	1	1	6
Valparaiso	0	2	3	5

### Yesterday's Results

USD 49, Valparaiso 14  
Dayton 29, Robert Morris 12  
Drake 43, Butler 6

### Saturday's Games

Davidson at USD, 7 p.m.  
Butler at Dayton, 10 a.m.  
Valparaiso at Drake, 11 a.m.

said. "We wanted to come out against Valparaiso and just smoke them."

Both schools lost their league opener this season, so this meeting also meant avoiding a second league loss that essentially takes a team out of title consideration in the five-school division.

"If we want to win the conference, we have to win out," said Mortensen, who went 17-of-27 for 264 yards passing and also ran for a score. "We're in control of what we can do, and that's the only thing that we're going to worry about."

The Toreros took a 21-7 half-time lead en route to handing

Valparaiso (3-5, 0-2) its third straight setback.

Harney had a 16-yard TD run to open the scoring with 5:47 left in the first quarter. Of the six plays on the 64-yard drive, he ran five times for 51 yards.

The Toreros' Kyson Hawkins subsequently forced Valparaiso to punt after a sack for a 15-yard loss on third down. Then came Gasperson's blocked punt.

Chris Ramsey recovered the ball and pitched it to Gasperson for a 4-yard return into the end zone and a 14-0 lead with 3:31 left in the first quarter.

"I was going to pick up the ball, but Chris got there first," said Gasperson, who also blocked a punt in the season opener. "I saw him make a heck of an athletic play. It was scoop and score."

The Toreros eventually extended their lead to 42-14 when Nick Garton had a 56-yard reception for his second TD of the game with 7:54 left. It came after the Toreros stopped Valparaiso at the USD 5 on fourth down with the Crusaders' third incomplection in a row.

"Offensively, we were balanced," Harbaugh said. "Defensively, we came up with critical stops. That was all encouraging."

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### Toreros pull away from Valpo

By: Associated Press

SAN DIEGO ---- Todd Mortensen passed for three touchdowns and ran for another as University of San Diego pulled away in the second half to top Valparaiso 49-14 on Saturday.

Evan Harney (Fallbrook High) rushed for 191 yards and one touchdown on 32 carries for the Toreros in a game that matched the two schools who tied for first place in the division last year.

USD (3-4, 1-1 Pioneer North) took a 21-7 halftime lead en route to avenging a 41-34 loss at Valparaiso last year and handing the Crusaders (3-5, 0-2) their third straight loss.

Mortensen, who went 17-of-27 for 264 yards, extended USD's lead to 42-14 with a 56-yard TD toss to Nick Garton with 7:54 left in the game. The scoring strike came after the Toreros stopped Valparaiso on the USD 5-yard line as the Crusaders threw three straight incomplete passes.

Garton also had a 16-yard TD catch to open scoring in the third quarter. The Crusaders followed with a 5-yard TD run by Jeff Horton, but USD answered with a 3-yard TD catch by Matt Koller.

Dustin Shamburg started at quarterback for Valparaiso but gave way in the second half to Joe Milazzo. The Crusaders passed for 161 yards overall, going 13-of-27.

With 3:31 left in the first quarter, USD's Michael Gasperson blocked a punt and scored on the play to increase the Toreros' lead to 14-0. Chris Ramsey recovered the ball and pitched it to Gasperson for the 4-yard return.

In the second, the Crusaders cut the deficit to 14-7 on a 4-yard TD catch by Kenny Keil.

Valparaiso advanced to the Toreros' 10 in the closing minute of the first half, but Scott Cooper intercepted a pass in the end zone 20 seconds before halftime.

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# Toreros hitting the Pioneer trail

## Drake poses first test in division title quest

By Nicole Vargas, STAFF WRITER

USD football player Matt Collins can tell you all about the little intricacies that come with playing at Drake — the way the wind blows a little differently, the way the grass grows a little longer and the crowd is a bit more hostile.

"They're going to have a home-field advantage," Collins said. "There's no two ways about it."

A senior offensive lineman making his 32nd start for the Toreros (2-3), Collins has seen about all there is to see in the Pioneer Football League-North.

But after being a part of the league's co-championship squad last year, Collins has his sights set on finishing his last season with USD alone on top.

"Last year we knew when we left Valparaiso that (the Toreros' fate) wasn't in our control," said Collins, a 6-foot-5, 280-pound native of Scottsdale, Ariz. "It was out of our hands; we needed help and we didn't get that help, unfortunately."

"This year, we want to be able to handle our business ourselves, and that's how we treat it. This is a business trip. We're not going to see cornfields and farmers. We're going to win a football game."

Play in the Pioneer Football League-North opens today for the Toreros with a trip to Des Moines, Iowa, to meet Drake,

## Toreros at Drake

**Site/Time:** Drake Stadium, Des Moines, Iowa / 1 p.m. today

**Records:** USD 2-3, Drake 3-2

**Webcast:** A link to Drake's broadcast can be found at [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com)

**Outlook:** Play in the Pioneer Football League-North begins with the Toreros, last year's league co-champions, visiting the Bulldogs. This is the first time USD has been on the road in three weeks. Last week the Toreros routed Southern Oregon 51-10. Drake holds a 7-4 series lead, but USD has won the last three meetings.

— NICOLE VARGAS

the first step USD must take if it hopes to achieve its goal of winning the conference.

"It's like playoff hockey," Toreros coach Jim Harbaugh said. "You have four games and you have to win them to keep your destiny in your hands."

Coming off a 51-10 drubbing of Southern Oregon, USD proved it has what it takes to remain in control of its fate.

"Offensively, defensively and on special teams, we played well and at a high level," Harbaugh said.

But Harbaugh knows what's done is done.

"This week is (the start of) a new season," he said. "It's critical you have the

stomach to compete at this time of the year because to me, this is the playoffs."

The PFL-North has established itself as slightly better than the South, winning five of nine cross-conference contests.

When it comes to record, the North has the South beat. Three of the North's teams — Dayton, Drake and Valparaiso — are .500 or better, something the South lacks altogether. In fact, if USD were to play in the South, the Toreros would be tied for first with Morehead State and be the early pick to take the division's berth in the PFL championship game.

In the North, they are sitting at fourth, two spots behind Drake.

"They're a good football team," Collins said of Drake. "They're a lot better football team than we lined up against last week. We recognize that."

USD has had Drake's number in recent years, winning the last three games. However, the Toreros' last loss in the series (in 2000) was a drubbing, 52-12, and Collins hasn't forgotten what that felt like, either.

"We got our (rear ends) whupped," Collins said. "We were not in the game the whole time, so it's really important that the offense — especially the quarterback and the receivers — get that quick start, get that consistency we had (in last week's victory)."

"I just want to win as many games as possible, be on the field for all this, because whoever wins the North is going to win the championship."

Now, it's up to the Toreros to be that team.

# Toreros waste kicker's second-shot gift

By Mike Malloy *4154*  
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DES MOINES, Iowa — USD needed more than a second chance yesterday.

The Toreros lost 41-38 to Drake in the Pioneer Football League North Division opener for both teams despite 347 passing yards from quarterback Todd Mortensen.

**Drake**  
**41**

**Toreros**  
**38**

USD kicker John Koker missed a 44-yard field goal try with 26 seconds left, but the officials gave Drake a timeout a split second before the ball was snapped.

"We were trying to ice him," Drake coach Rob Ash said. "I was killing myself for that."

Koker's second attempt was long enough but sailed a few feet outside the right upright. "He hit the ball well, it just didn't go through," Toreros coach Jim Harbaugh said.

The miss was the final drama of a big-play-filled game that saw the lead change hands four times and 945 yards of combined total offense.

"We got lucky," Ash said. "Overtime would have been mentally tough on us."

Mortensen completed 21-of-33 passes, including three touchdowns

## Pioneer League

North	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Dayton	1	0	5	1
Drake	1	0	4	2
Valparaiso	0	1	3	4
USD	0	1	2	4
Butler	0	0	1	5

### Yesterday's Results

Drake 41, USD 38  
 St. Francis, Ind. 35, Butler 7  
 Dayton 38, Valparaiso 7

### Saturday's Games

Valparaiso at USD, 1:30 p.m.  
 Dayton at Robert Morris, 10:30 a.m.  
 Drake at Butler, 11 a.m.

against a well-scouted defense.

"It was pretty funny," Mortensen said. "We were calling out where they were blitzing from before their defensive coordinator did. We'd point at the them and here they'd come."

Mortensen, a graduated senior who now has a PFL-best 10 touchdown passes, faked a handoff to Evan Harney and threw to a wide-open Adam Hannula for a 33-yard touchdown pass that put San Diego ahead 38-34 midway through the fourth quarter.

"That's a short-yardage pass we've been working on," Harbaugh said. "It

was the right call. We needed a few more calls like that I guess."

Hannula finished with 123 receiving yards; Michael Gasperson caught two touchdown passes and had five catches for 94 yards.

"That's unbelievable receivers for our level of football. They're the best in our conference," Ash said.

San Diego (2-4) began blitzing heavily in the second half to stop Drake's Scott Phaydavong, who ran for 179 yards in the first half.

"We paid more attention to the backside to not let him cut back as much," Harbaugh said.

Phaydavong was held to 30 yards in the second half, but he proved a valuable decoy on the winning touchdown pass. Drake quarterback Connor Jostes faked a handoff to Phaydavong, then rolled to his right and hit tight end Daniel Marx for a 21-yard touchdown pass with 3:38 remaining.

"They hurt us with the bootleg all day," Harbaugh said.

Harney was stopped on third-and-1 at the Drake 27 on the Toreros' final drive, and Harbaugh didn't hesitate to send his kicker onto the field. "As an athlete, I always want to have the ball in my hands to win the game, but I agree with Coach's decision," Mortensen said. "We were expecting him to make it."

# CATCHING A BREAK

Toreros' Gasperson fortunate to be back after only 17 months

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

It happened near the end of the final USD football intrasquad scrimmage in the spring of 2003.

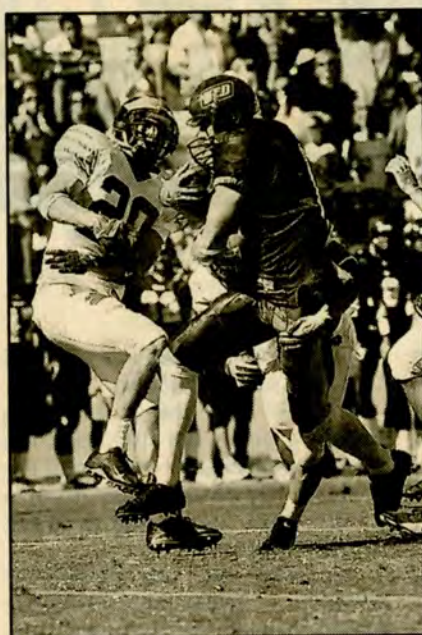
"The coaches had been kind of riding us receivers about going up for the ball, catching it at its highest point and stuff like that," Michael Gasperson recalled. "I was just running a fade (route), the ball was thrown kind of short and inside. I stopped, planted my foot and was going to jump for it and right when I jumped, on the way up, my knee just popped.

"I knew it was pretty bad right away because the pain was pretty extensive."

Gasperson, a 6-foot-4, 222-pounder who had earned All-Pioneer League honors and led USD in receptions as a sophomore in 2002, had suffered damage to the anterior cruciate ligament of the left knee. That injury was later found to be further complicated by a bone chip in the same area.

He underwent reconstructive surgery April 22, 2003. Two days later he was in the USD training room, starting a rehabilitation process that would consume 2½ hours a day, six days a week for the first four months.

The work continued over the summer at his Monterey home and back at USD last fall. He was able to start running five months after the surgery and started feeling better — the strength returning to atrophied muscles — a



USD receiver Michael Gasperson has successfully returned from reconstructive surgery on his left knee. John Gibbins / Union-Tribune

few months later, soon after the end of his 2003 redshirt season.

Now Gasperson says he's again 100 percent, and his performance in the Toreros' first four games is verification.

Two weeks ago against Penn, Gasperson had eight catches for 100 yards, the fourth 100-yard game of his Toreros career and the first since November 2002. Last week against Princeton he led the Toreros with five catches for 73 yards, the longest a 35-yarder, to boost his season totals to 18 catches for 251 yards with no touchdowns.

A commendable comeback from an

injury that had career-ending potential.

"A couple of days after the surgery I was at the doctor's office and an assistant said, 'If this was my son or brother I would probably tell him not to come back and play,'" Gasperson recalled this week. "But I had it in my mind that I was coming back, whatever I had to do."

USD's is a Division I-AA nonscholarship program. Players at that level, such as Gasperson, don't necessarily abandon NFL dreams kindled in childhood. But most understand their chances of realizing such dreams are only marginally better than winning the Super Lotto jackpot.

So what was Gasperson's motivation for enduring the mental and physical pain of rehab?

"I just love the game of football," Gasperson said. "My motivation was just to play football with my buddies again. These are some of my best friends, my teammates."

With Gasperson and fellow juniors Adam Hannula and Nick Garton, USD has depth at receiver that it has exploited for 1,008 yards and three touchdowns in four games and hopes to exploit further in today's home game against Southern Oregon and Pioneer Football League games in subsequent weeks.

"We have a great running back (Evan Harney), don't get me wrong," Gasperson said. "But I feel we could pass the ball every down and be successful."

"We have tremendous depth, and I feel that on any given play there's always going to be someone get open."

After a season away, Gasperson is happy to be one of the someones.

## Southern Oregon at USD

**When/where:** Today, 1:30/Torero Stadium

**Records/series:** Southern Oregon 2-2, USD 1-3/tied 1-1

**Webcast:** [www.usdtoreros.com](http://www.usdtoreros.com).

**Southern Oregon update:** The Raiders from Ashland, Ore., are recovering from a 13-9 loss to NAIA archrival Azusa Pacific last week that dropped SOU six spots to No. 23 in the NAIA poll. USD lost to Azusa 24-17 in its Sept. 4 season opener. SOU's strength has been a defense that has yielded only one TD per game and ranks 11th in the NAIA in yardage and scoring allowed. It is led by David Zauher, No. 2 among NAIA independent affiliate players with a 10.3 tackles per game average. Offensively, the Raiders have fared slightly better through the air than on the ground with QB Brandon Griffith throwing for 676 yards and four TDs, three of them to Bobby Poeltl.

**USD update:** Jim Harbaugh looks for his first home victory as head coach after failing to get it against Ivy League representatives Penn and Princeton the past two weeks. Junior RB Evan Harney, who has five rushing TDs this season, will establish a Toreros career record with his next one, which will be No. 24 for the Fallbrook product. Sophomore linebacker Kyson Hawkins, another Fallbrook High grad, led USD with 14 tackles against Princeton and leads the team with 47 overall.

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# Rout has USD on roll entering league

By Nicole Vargas  
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The USD football schedule shows that play in the Pioneer Football League's North Division begins next week with a trip to Drake.

**Toreros**  
**51**  
**Southern Oregon**  
**10**

North crown had to begin yesterday against visiting Southern Oregon.

"This week was the start of league competition for us," said USD head coach Jim Harbaugh. "We wanted to get on a roll now."

USD (2-3) said it's ready to move on to the next chapter of the 2004 season with a 51-10 victory over Southern Oregon in what was the team's first home win of the season.

"One of our goals this year is to win the PFL," said USD wide receiver Nick Garton. "It's taken us a little longer than we might have liked to

get that cohesiveness, but this week we finally showed we're hitting our stride."

Harbaugh admitted that watching tape early in the week of the Raiders (2-3), who fell by just four to fellow NAIA power Azusa Pacific a week earlier, had him discouraged.

USD, though, responded not only with a dominating performance on defense for the second consecutive week, but with its first real display of balance on offense and a stifling special teams effort that had the Toreros' first-stringers calling it a day with 2:15 left in the third quarter.

"It shows you how far this team has come," said Harbaugh, whose Toreros fell to Azusa Pacific 24-17 in their opener. "You can just see them getting better."

With 203 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns — bringing his career total to a USD-record 24 rushing TDs — Toreros junior running back Evan Harney showed off the skills that made him a preseason All-American.

And complementing Harney

was the most productive performance yet by senior quarterback Todd Mortensen and the Toreros wide receivers. After completing just one of his eight passes in the first quarter, Mortensen used the next two quarters to find all three of his receivers and Harney with at least two passes each, finishing 10-of-20 for 149 yards with four touchdowns.

And each one of those receivers — Garton, Adam Hannula and Michael Gasperson — helped build a scoring total that is one point less than USD scored in all three of its losses combined.

"The West Coast offense has to be balanced," Harney explained. "It helps to establish the run (early) because it opens up the passing game. It all came together today, and it showed in the outcome of the game."

Being short-handed with injuries to key players such as defensive back Chase McBride, lineman Joe Maietta and linebacker Paul Kumer seemed to motivate the de-

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Butler	0	0	1	4

### Yesterday's Results

USD 51, S. Oregon 10  
Drake 20, Jacksonville 7  
Dayton 45, Davidson 27  
Morehead St. 29, Valparaiso 23  
Butler 21, Austin Peay 14

### Saturday's Games

USD at Drake, 11 a.m.  
Butler at St. Francis, Ind., 11 a.m.  
Dayton at Valparaiso, 11:30 a.m.

fense, which forced five turnovers and held Southern Oregon to 227 yards in total offense.

The Toreros nearly doubled that total with 442 yards and, after two games lost with the help of numerous turnovers, USD turned the ball over just once late in the game on a botched punt return.

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**SOUTHLAND**

Evan Harney ran for 203 yards and two touchdowns to lead **San Diego** (2-3) to a 51-10 victory over visiting **Southern Oregon** (2-3). . . . Geno Randle rushed for 92 yards and a touchdown to lead host **Cal Poly San Luis Obispo** (4-0, 1-0) to a 14-7 victory over **South Dakota State** (3-2, 0-1) in a Great West Conference game. . . . Joseph Cappola scored two touchdowns to lead **Pomona-Pitzer** (1-4, 1-2) to a 27-26 victory at **Cal Lutheran** (0-3, 0-2) in a SCIAC game. . . . Patrick Josten rushed for two touchdowns and passed for another to lead **Chapman** (3-1) to a 33-12 victory over **Lewis and Clark** (0-3) at Portland, Ore. . . . Adam Hazel threw for 299 yards to lead **Menlo** (1-2) to a 28-6 victory over visiting **Whittier** (2-1). . . . **Carroll (Mont.)**, 5-0 and the NAIA's top-ranked team, used a stingy defense for a 12-0 victory at No. 7 **Azusa Pacific** (4-1).



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## San Diego steamrolls Southern Oregon

### Raider Roundup

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Very little went right for the Southern Oregon University football team Saturday as the University of San Diego handed the Raiders their worst loss in 10 years.

Evan Harvey ran for 203 yards and two touchdowns and Todd Mortensen completed 10 of 20 passes for 149 yards and four touchdowns as the Toreros romped to a 51-10 victory over the Raiders.

The loss was the worst for SOU since a 54-6 shellacking at the hands of Western Washington in 1994.

"I'm not doing a good job of getting this team ready," said SOU coach Jeff Olson, whose team, ranked 23rd in this week's NAIA poll, dropped to 2-3. "All the way around, we didn't get it done."

The Raiders' running woes continued Saturday as they mustered only 48 yards on 24 carries. SOU compounded its woes with five turnovers, including three interceptions, that led to 24 USD points.

"We're inexperienced at the tailback position and in the offensive line, and it shows," Olson said. "But we need to find a way to move the football."

USD raced to a 16-0 lead in the first half before freshman quarterback Boomer Marshall got the Raiders on the board with a 17-yard touchdown pass to Bobby Poeltl. Marshall, the former South Medford High

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standout, came off the bench to complete 4 of 8 passes for 71 yards and the score. But he was also intercepted twice, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

Olson used four quarterbacks in the game. Their combined statistical line was 15 of 33 for 179 yards, one touchdown and three picks.

Poeltl had five catches for 85 yards.

Senior placekicker Ryan Baker's 32-yard field goal with 10 seconds left in the first half got the Raiders within 30-10, but USD scored 21 unanswered points in the third quarter to put the game away.

Defensively, the Raiders were led by the nine-tackle, two pass deflection effort of senior rover Toby Walker.

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USD — Harney 3 run (Parker kick)

USD — FG Parker 30

USD — Pol 8 pass from Mortensen (pass failed)

SOU — Poeltl 17 pass from Marshall (Baker kick)

USD — Gasperson 42 pass from Mortensen (Parker kick)

USD — Harney 33 run (Parker kick)

SOU — FG Baker 23

USD — Garton 14 pass from Mortensen (Parker kick)

USD — Hannula 29 pass from Mortensen (Parker kick)

USD — Johnson 1 run (Parker kick)

**TEAM STATISTICS**

**SOU USD**



First downs 12 20

Rushes-yards 24-48 49-267

Passing 179 175

Comp-Att-Int 15-33-3 13-24-0

Return Yards 149 53

Punts-Avg. 7-40.0 4-42.0

Fumbles-Lost 3-2 1-1

Penalties-Yards 5-50 9-70

Time of Possession 24:46 35:14

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### RUSHING

**Southern Oregon** — Mahasin 12-31, Kerley 8-23, Marshall 1-5, J. Despotakis 1-0, Downey 1-(-6).

**San Diego** — Harney 30-203, Herron 8-26, Cianciulli 1-14, Mortensen 3-11, Johnson 2-7, Hannula 1-6, Hanson 1-1, Cale 1-0.

### PASSING

**Southern Oregon** — Griffith 8-14-0 80, Marshall 4-8-2 71, J. Despotakis 2-8-0 19, Downey 1-3-1 9.

**San Diego** — Mortensen 10-20-0 149, Johnson 2-3-0 18, Cale 1-1-0 8.

### RECEIVING

**Southern Oregon** — Poeltl 5-85, Mahasin 3-15, Hill 2-29, Dice 2-19, Olson 1-20, B. Despotakis 1-7, Kerley 1-4.

**San Diego** — Hannula 3-40, Gasperson 2-51, Garton 2-27, Harney 2-23, Doyle 2-18, Lazarus 1-8, Polk 1-8.

### Volleyball

• **SOUTHERN OREGON 30-30-30, EVERGREEN STATE 14-12-17** — At Ashland, The 15th-ranked Southern Oregon University volleyball team extended its home-court win streak to eight straight with a 30-14, 30-12, 30-17 romp over Cascade Conference rival Evergreen State College at McNeal Pavilion Saturday night.

Freshman outside hitter Jaclyn Hamilton-Smith keyed the Raider rumble with a collegiate-best and match-high 15 kills to help SOU (13-4, 8-1) take over sole possession of first-place in the conference standings.

The cellar-dwelling Geoducks, who had more attack errors (29) than kills (24), dropped their sixth straight match and fell to 1-13 overall and 0-9 in



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## Undeclared but wary

### Del Campo coach provides team with perspective

By Jason Jones -- Bee Staff Writer

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Mike Dimino isn't patting himself on the back. Not yet.

His Del Campo High School football team is 7-0 and ranked No. 11 by The Bee entering Saturday's home game against two-time defending Capital Athletic League champion Casa Roble.

But Dimino doesn't want the Cougars sticking their chests out. Though he wants the players to be confident, the last thing Dimino wants is for them to think they have it made.

"You better get up, or you get knocked off," said Dimino, in his second year at Del Campo. "If Casa plays our schedule, they're 7-0. If anything, they're the Goliath, and we're the David."

So far, Del Campo has played the role of giant coming off a 5-5 season. But Dimino would tell you all his team has done is beat the teams it is supposed to beat.

The combined record of the Cougars' opponents so far is 14-35, and Del Campo vanquished them as a ranked team should. The Cougars have outscored their opponents 264-40, with the closest call being a 17-14 win in Week 1 over Rocklin.

"Del Campo is really well-coached," said Rio Americano coach Bob O'Connor, whose team lost to the Cougars 50-0. "They've got that good running back, (Donald) Butler, they've got some good receivers, and they can throw. I think on any given day, they can play with anybody."

Still, Dimino tempers his excitement. And when he needs a reality check, he turns to a reliable source. Dimino's father, Jim, coached El Camino to Sac-Joaquin Section Division II titles in 1984 and '85 and watches each game.

"He helps me out by giving me phone calls and telling me what I'm doing wrong," said Mike, who played football at Mira Loma from the mid-to late 1970s. "He's always critiquing me in a positive way. ... He has a lot of wisdom."

While there may be room for Del Campo to improve, there are Cougars who stand out.

Shane Scott, a wide receiver-defensive back, makes big plays despite being 5-foot-8 and 150 pounds. The senior has seven interceptions, returning three for touchdowns. Scott also is the

team's leading receiver.

"I don't think there are too many DBs in Sacramento that have seven interceptions," Dimino said. "He is the team leader. ... He's got a huge heart - the first person on the field, the last to leave."

Senior quarterback Matt Greenly has completed 63 percent of his passes for 1,242 yards and eight touchdowns with four interceptions. He also is the team's second-leading rusher with 322 yards and four touchdowns.

Another key on offense is Butler, a 6-1, 210-pound junior who fancied himself as a wide receiver before the season.

"He basically had a choice," Dimino said. "He could get the ball, based on single or double coverage, three to eight times a game, or he could he get the ball 20. He chose 20. Secondly, he's very team-oriented."

Dimino had success at Johnson with all-purpose back Vince Mays (Fresno State), reaching the section Division I semifinals in 2001, and running back Ken Stivers (University of San Diego) last season at Del Campo.

Butler has rushed for 948 yards and 13 touchdowns, and caught 17 passes for 250 yards and one score.

"I think this team is reflective of the fact that coach Dimino is in charge at Del Campo," Casa Roble coach Norm Ryan said. "He's got one of the premier running backs in the area in Butler. It looks like one of those very good Johnson teams that Dimino coached."

The Rams are decidedly bigger up front, and Del Campo uses several linemen who weigh fewer than 200 pounds. Casa Roble also has the returning league MVP, quarterback Mark Weight, who has passed for 1,279 yards and 16 touchdowns and rushed for 164 yards and two scores.

Many expected Casa Roble (4-2, 2-1) to be unbeaten at this point. But the Rams were humbled 41-18 by No. 14 Placer on Sept. 17, then lost to Bella Vista, last year's CAL runner-up, 25-21 Oct. 1.

Four teams are still in the race for the CAL title and the league's two playoff berths. Del Campo, 3-0 in league play, controls its own destiny. Win out, and the Cougars are in.

The Rams were 18-3-1, including 11-0-1 in the CAL, in Ryan's first two seasons. In Year 3 under Ryan, Casa Roble wants a postseason breakthrough after final-minute losses in the first round of the Division II playoffs in 2002 and 2003.

"Casa Roble is the defending champion," Dimino said. "Casa Roble has developed a powerhouse, and we're not a powerhouse. Until someone wins the championship, they are the champions. We give them the respect."

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## Voluntary response key to BCA grading

By Malcolm Moran, USA TODAY

The grade on the report card was "F." The University of Nevada was one of four colleges that failed to meet the standards for a football coaching search as outlined by the Black Coaches Association.

But the circumstances behind the university's decision illustrate how an examination by the BCA can overlook an important part of the process.

Nevada was one of 28 Division I-A and I-AA programs to change head football coaches during the 2003-04 academic year. The university decided to forgo a national search. Instead, then athletics director Chris Ault returned to his old position as head coach after a tumultuous period that included 10 felony and four misdemeanor charges against players.

Ault, who was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2002, had a record of 163-63-1 at the school over 19 seasons. Athletics director Cary Groth said university President John Lilley felt Ault's return to coaching was a necessary step to restore discipline.

"There was no national search," Groth said. "The president felt that was the best move."

Grades were determined by evaluating five elements suggested by the association:

- Communication with the BCA or the NCAA Minority Opportunity Interest Committee.
- The number of minority members on the search committee.
- The number of minority candidates interviewed.
- A reasonable time frame to complete the process.
- Adherence to the school affirmative-action policy.

Nevada chose not to respond to the BCA survey, which was voluntary. "There was no explanation," Groth said. "You either did (comply) or you didn't."

The lack of a response earned Nevada and two other schools an "F." C. Keith Harrison, the author of the report, has recommended the NCAA mandate cooperation for future surveys. BCA executive director Floyd Keith said future report cards, which are planned to include women's basketball, athletics director and conference commissioner hirings, could reveal schools' patterns of behavior.

The other F grades went to I-AA schools Southern Utah, the University of San Diego and Texas State.



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College Football

## Notebook: Most schools get good grades on hiring practices

By Seattle Times news services

INDIANAPOLIS — Most Division I schools that hired new football coaches this year received passing marks on the first Black Coaches Association report card.

Seventeen of 28 Division I-A and I-AA schools received either an "A" or "B" in the report released yesterday, while six schools received a "D" or "F." The report card measures minority hiring practices.

The only I-A school to receive an "F" was Nevada, which rehired Chris Ault for the third time. Ault had been the school's athletic director since 1986 but resigned that post last December. Nevada did not turn in the requested survey, which the BCA said would result in an automatic "F." Southern Utah, the University of San Diego and Texas State, all I-AA schools, also received "F" grades.

Kent State was the only I-A school to receive a "D."

Grades are based on results in categories that included the percentage of minorities involved in the hiring process, the number of minority candidates who received interviews and the schools' contacts with either BCA executive director Floyd Keith or the chairman of the NCAA's Minority Opportunity and Interests Committee.

Only one I-A school actually hired a minority head coach — Sylvester Croom became the Southeastern Conference's first black coach when he took the job at Mississippi State. But six schools — Akron, Arizona, Cincinnati, Eastern Michigan, Texas-El Paso and Mississippi State — received "A" grades.

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### West Virginia QB nears rushing record

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia's Rasheed Marshall has already run past Michael Vick in the Big East record book. Next up, Donovan McNabb.

Marshall needs 44 rushing yards tonight against Syracuse to break McNabb's conference mark of 1,561 career yards for a quarterback.

"When I hear Syracuse, I think Donovan McNabb first," Marshall said. "I would love to break Donovan's record. It would be a great accomplishment, but the primary concern is winning the game."

Sole possession of first place in the Big East is at stake when Syracuse (3-3, 1-0) travels to No. 15 West Virginia (5-1, 1-0).

Marshall will try to send West Virginia to its third straight win over Syracuse, something that hasn't happened since 1972-74.

Last season, it was Marshall's arm that helped beat the Orange. He threw two touchdown passes to Chris Henry in the 34-

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## Black coaches group gives Wolf Pack an 'F'

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Nevada's fast-track hiring of Chris Ault without the normal national search is one of the reasons the school did not respond to the Black Coaches Association's survey on hiring practices, school officials said.

Nevada was the only Division I-A school to receive an "F" in the first BCA report card on minority hiring -- a grade that was ensured by the fact school administrators did not respond to the group's questionnaire on the hiring of football coaches.

School officials said the survey probably got lost in the transition between Chris Ault's move from athletic director to football coach and the hiring of Cary Groth as athletic director.

But Groth acknowledged she was given a second chance to respond and decided against it.

Ault, the AD since 1986, fired coach Chris Tormey after the 2003 season. A few days later, without conducting a national search, university president John Lilley appointed Ault as head coach, Ault's third stint heading the program.

Ault continued to serve as athletic director on an interim basis until mid-April, when Groth was hired.

Ault told the Reno Gazette-Journal on Wednesday that he did not remember receiving the survey.

"If I would have got it, I certainly would have returned it. I am very supportive of that organization," he said.

The BCA surveyed the 28 Division I-A and I-AA schools that had head coaching openings during the 2003-04 academic year and graded the hiring process at each using five categories, which led to a cumulative grade.

Groth said shortly after she was hired that she received notice that the school was going to get a failing grade for not turning in the survey. She said she asked for another copy, reviewed it and decided not to fill it out.

"We did talk with them and told them we were not going to fill out their survey," Groth said. "We were going to get an F regardless. The result would not have changed."

Groth said the "F" was a lock because of the categories being judged -- the number of minorities involved in the hiring process, the number of minorities interviewed, communication with the BCA, time frame for the coaching search and adherence to the schools own hiring practices with concern for race.

It would have failed in each of those because there was never an actual search, Groth and Lilley said.

"Some people say Chris appointed himself. That is not true. I appointed Chris," Lilley said. "We didnt follow the usual processes. We do have a great commitment to diversity. Our athletic department has a great commitment to diversity."

"Chris Ault was simply an exception to how we usually do business."





Seventeen of the schools received passing marks -- an "A" or a "B." The BCA flunked Nevada as well as I-AA programs Southern Utah, the University of San Diego and Texas State. Southern Utah and San Diego also did not respond to the survey.

Keith Harrison, director of the Paul Robeson Research Center for Academic and Athletic Prowess, compiled the survey data and wrote the report for the BCA.

"What does it mean in the era of cultural diversity and so called "colorblindness" that a school refused to participate in a study this significant?" the report said.

On a conference call on Wednesday, Harrison was asked why so many schools were given a passing grade even though only one minority was hired to fill the 28 vacancies last season.

"We evaluate the process," Harrison said. "We are not looking at the outcome."

When asked if the BCA was being too tough on Nevada because it essentially hired from within instead of conducting a national search, Harrison said, "We evaluate everyone on the process. If they don't follow the process, you receive an F."

Lilley and Groth said the appointment of Ault as football coach was an unusual hire but one that was warranted considering the rash of felony arrests involving football players in the last two years.

"The president made a decision that was best for the program and I think he made a good decision," Groth said. "We need Chris discipline."

The two officials also pointed to the recent hiring of Shantel Twiggs, who is black, to coach the women's track and field team as a representation of the school's commitment to diversity.

"The report card that I am most interested in is how we evaluate ourselves," Groth said. "I appreciate and respect the BCA. But the bottom line is how we evaluate how we are doing and are we serving the mission of the institution? I think we walk the walk."

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### Some NCAA schools get high marks from black coaches group

- MICHAEL MAROT, AP Sports Writer  
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(10-20) 14:22 PDT INDIANAPOLIS (AP) --

The Black Coaches Association still wants more minority hires in college football. But the group's new report card finds that most Division I schools are increasing their efforts to include minorities in the search process.

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Only one I-A school actually hired a minority head coach -- Sylvester Croom became the Southeastern Conference's first black head football coach when he took the job at Mississippi State.

"When you look at one of 28 we're not happy," BCA executive director Floyd Keith said. "We're not happy with the results, but it is what it is."

The only I-A school to receive an F was Nevada-Reno, which rehired Chris Ault for his third stint with the school. Ault had been the school's athletic director since 1986 but resigned that post in December.

Nevada-Reno did not turn in the requested survey, which the BCA said would result in an automatic F. School officials did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

Southern Utah, the University of San Diego and Texas State, all I-AA schools, also received F grades. The report said those with an F were far below par and needed to re-examine the entire hiring process.

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Keith Harrison, director of the Paul Robeson Research Center for Academic and Athletic Prowess, compiled the data for the BCA and said some of the results were better because of factors such as how long the search took.

Six I-A schools -- Akron, Arizona, Cincinnati, Eastern Michigan, Texas-El Paso and Mississippi State -- received the highest grade. Two Division I-AA schools -- Cornell and Holy Cross also received an A. Cornell was the only school with a perfect score.

Even Nebraska, which Keith had criticized for hiring former Oakland Raiders coach Bill Callahan, got a B. Callahan is white.

"Nebraska probably would have gotten an A if there was a little more diversity on the search committee," Keith said. "But they graded high on everything else. The bottom line is that they got a B."

But after three years of prodding, Keith and his group are concerned that little progress has been made. Only





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## Neuheisel cleared of gambling

### Washington has probation extended 2 years

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SEATTLE - Former Washington coach Rick Neuheisel was cleared of wrongdoing by the NCAA on Wednesday for gambling in a college basketball pool, but the university had its probation extended two years.

Washington's NCAA probation — initially imposed because of men's basketball recruiting violations — now runs until Feb. 9, 2007. The school also was reprimanded for failing to monitor the football program.

Thomas E. Yeager, chair of the NCAA's Committee on Infractions, said Neuheisel avoided punishment because the school's compliance officer had written memos mistakenly saying participation in gambling pools was allowed.

Neuheisel coached four seasons at Colorado before compiling a 33-16 record in four seasons with the Huskies, including a Rose Bowl victory.

Neuheisel was fired in June 2003 by then-athletic director Barbara Hedges after he acknowledged taking part in a high-priced NCAA college basketball tournament pool.



#### In other news

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• **Bowl changes name** — The Tangerine Bowl has a new sponsor — and a new name. The postseason college football game is now titled the Chick-fil-A Bowl. Florida Citrus Sports announced it has signed a multiyear contract with the Bradenton, Fla.-based athletic clothing retailer.

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## Reeces are key pieces

By Michael Mirer/Enterprise staff writer

They discovered the game together as Dan, a 10-year-old tailback, followed the blocking of his brother, 8-year-old Ben, down the field for their Pop Warner football team. A decade later it was Ben who did the following, applying to UC Davis to play football with his brother Dan.



**TWO OF A KIND:** UC Davis brothers, Ben Reece, left, and Dan Reece each play key roles on a sturdy Aggie defense this season. Greg Rihl

Senior strong safety Dan Reece and junior linebacker Ben Reece walk onto the field together now, starters on what is one of the best defenses in Division I-AA.

Saturday night they'll take the field about 30 minutes south of where they took their first snaps as UCD hits the road to play No. 5 Cal Poly.

The brothers went to school at Paso Robles High, which is about 30 miles north of Mustang Stadium. Both say playing in front of family and friends will be another special moment in what has been a special season.

Football has been something they've shared since Dan was in the fifth grade. At Paso Robles they won a pair of Southern Section championships. After seeing time on special teams together in the past year, they are healthy at the same time and sharing the field.

"It's awesome, it's just like high school," Dan said this week. "I can always count on him because he's a solid player. And when he smacks somebody and hits them, you always get a little juiced because that's part of your heritage out there, bringing it."

"Bringing it" on the football field was always a common bond for the brothers. The two youngest of six children, they were a natural pair growing up. When they found athletics in elementary school, it was a perfect fit.

"That's all we did was just sports," Ben said. "We started sports because we loved it and we had the ability to play, so that was cool."

The story of how they came to UCD is the really Dan's story. The only school that recruited him heavily out of high school was the University of San Diego. The non-scholarship Division I-AA program held little interest. Cal Poly ignored him, saying he was too small.

He planned to walk on at Fresno State until defensive coordinator Lou Bronzan called and offered him a place in the UCD program. He accepted.

"I didn't know much about the program, didn't know much about Davis in general, but my first year here I just loved it," Dan said.

A year later, when it was time for Ben to pick a college, he never really looked anywhere else.

"This is only school I applied for and, thank God, I got in," Ben said. "I'm really glad I came to



## Group OK With Most Football Coach Searches

### Report Card by Black Coaches Group Gives Passing Marks to Most Division I Football Coach Searches

*The Associated Press*

**INDIANAPOLIS Oct. 20, 2004** - Most Division I schools that hired new football coaches this year received passing marks on the first Black Coaches Association report card.

Seventeen of 28 Division I-A and I-AA schools received either an "A" or "B" in the report released Wednesday, while six schools received a "D" or "F." The report card measures minority hiring practices.

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Only five of 117 Division I-A schools have black head football coaches.

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**Toreros can't run down Drake back**  
 By: North County Times wire services -

DES MOINES, Iowa ---- Freshman Scott Phaydavong rushed for 209 yards and two touchdowns and Daniel Marx caught a 21-yard TD pass with 3:38 left, lifting Drake to a 41-38 victory over the University of San Diego football team Saturday.

With a chance to send the game into overtime, USD's John Koker was wide right on a 44-yard field goal attempt with 20 seconds remaining.

Drake (4-2, 1-0 Pioneer Football League) trailed 38-34 before driving 63 yards in four plays for the winning score. At the USD 21, Connor Jostes rolled to his right and found Marx, his tight end, for the touchdown.

There were five lead changes in the game. USD (2-4, 0-1) went ahead for the final time on Todd Mortensen's 33-yard touchdown pass to Adam Hannula with 8:21 to play.

Mortensen also threw touchdown passes of 28 and 12 yards to Michael Gasperson and finished 21 of 33 for 347 yards and no interceptions.

Phaydavong carried 26 times and scored on runs of 5 and 43 yards. He had 107 yards in the first quarter alone and topped 100 for the fourth time this season.

"We knew he (Phaydavong) would be the best back we have faced all year," Toreros coach Jim Harbaugh said. "They mixed it up a lot and kept us off balance with the play action pass. They called a great game on offense."

USD's Evan Harney, who entered the game leading the conference in rushing, carried 30 times for 119 yards and two touchdowns. Harney, a Fallbrook High graduate, had been averaging 116 a game.

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## Gasperson's injury seems healed

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A 17-month rehabilitation assignment from a serious knee injury has paid dividends for Michael Gasperson.

The University of San Diego flanker is again one of the top Division I-AA receivers in the nation with 20 catches for 302 yards and one touchdown through five games.

The 6-foot-4, 222-pound Palma product leads the Toreros in receiving yards, average yards per catch (15.1) and average receiving yards per game (60.2).

His best game came against the University of Penn when he caught eight passes for 100 yards, his fourth 100-plus yard receiving game of his collegiate career.

Prior to suffering a knee injury during spring practice in 2003, the Monterey native was named to the Sports Network Division I-AA Mid-Major Preseason All-American team and the Dan Hansen's Football Gazette NCAA 1-AA Mid-Major Preseason All-American team.

As a sophomore for San Diego in 2002, Gasperson caught 57 passes for 907 yards and 10 touchdowns to earn all-conference honors for the Toreros.

Gasperson, who lettered in football, basketball and volleyball at Palma, was named the school's Outstanding Senior Athlete in 2001.

### Tennis club in nationals

The Carmel Valley Athletic Club 4.5 women's tennis team will compete Friday in the U.S. Tennis Association National Championships in Tucson, Ariz.

The 20-player squad earned a trip to the nationals after winning the Northern California sectionals last month.

Captaining the team is Stephanie Lichtenegger.

Joining her are Lauren Haase, Andrea Eisinger, Christi Taylor Patton, Christina Romeka, Julie Forrest, Shelly Scott, Tisha Aldrete Palma, Gabriella Clifton, Lori MacPherson, Lynne Sheehan, Nancy Froistad, Gina Martorella, Allyson Mitchell, Jennifer Kibort, Susie Brown, Mary Ryniewicz, Kelly Newton, Jodie Hollander and Lynn Holt.

### Kiwis win soccer title

Two blocked penalty kicks in the championship game by goalie Jenna Piini helped the Salinas Valley Kiwis 14-under soccer team win the Class One District II Cup.

The Kiwis, who are unbeaten this year, posted a 2-0-2 record in the tournament.

Piini was sensational between the posts in the title game for Salinas, not allowing a goal through regulation and two overtimes before the game went to penalty kicks.

While Piini was swatting two shots away, teammates Patty Magdaleno, Brittany Bostick and Gabriella Bozzo all scored to seal the win.

Haley Clark, Kellen Shade, Jo Ortiz and Magdaleno were all defensive standouts for the Kiwis. Annika Rose and Jessica Ayala each scored two goals in the tournament while Hana Lopez produced one.

### Given piling up spikes

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### SOU looks to put it together today

By **JOE ZAVALA**  
for the Mail Tribune

ASHLAND — A year ago, the Raiders couldn't stop opposing offenses from moving up and down the field at will.

Now, the Southern Oregon University football team is getting plenty of stops. Unfortunately for the Raiders, so are their opponents.

In a flip-flop of strengths, SOU (2-2) enters today's crucial road clash at University of San Diego (1-3) with a rock solid defense and a sputtering offense.

When the 23rd-ranked Raiders face the NCAA Division I-AA Toreros, they'll roll out a defense that's giving up just 268 yards and 14.8 points per game — 11th in the nation in both categories.

In years past, those kind of numbers would translate into Raider blowouts because SOU routinely racked up about twice that on offense.

Not this year. SOU is averaging just 286 yards of total offense per game. Worse, they're scoring a shade under 11 per contest.

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side of the ball," Raider head coach Jeff Olson said. "We're inexperienced at quarterback and we're inexperienced at tailback, then if you go on the defensive side of the ball we've got experience all over the place right now."

The Raiders' offensive woes hit a low point last Saturday, when SOU shut down seventh-ranked Azusa Pacific's highly touted running game but lost anyway after getting blanked in the second half.

It got so bad that early in the fourth quarter, Olson yanked starting quarterback Brandon Griffith, a senior team captain, and replaced him with redshirt freshman and local fan favorite Boomer Marshall.

The move didn't produce the results Olson was looking for — Marshall completed just 4 of 15 passes for 33 yards and was picked off twice — but Olson liked the poise Marshall showed under pressure and will give him another shot against San Diego.

"Both Boomer and B.G. (Griffith) will get a lot of snaps on Saturday," Olson said. "B.G. has won the job, but Boomer has moved up significantly and played well under tough circumstances last week. We want to see how he does in a different situation."

The Toreros should provide another stiff test for the Raider defense, particularly the secondary. Led by quarterback Todd Mortensen, San Diego is gaining 252 yards per game through the air.

Mortensen has completed 87 of 159 passes for 960 yards and five touchdowns. His main targets are Adam Hannula (21 receptions, 249 yards), Michael Gasperson (18, 251) and Nick Garton (13, 149).

Mortensen has a good mentor to work under. The Toreros are coached by former NFL quarterback Jim Harbaugh.

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### QB Verbit has Princeton on upswing

In a preseason poll, the Princeton football team was picked to finish sixth in the eight-team Ivy League.

Even though the Tigers went 2-5 and placed seventh in the league last season, that prediction did not sit well with senior quarterback Matt Verbit.

"You never want to be picked to end up near the bottom of the standings," Verbit said.

"We're out to prove people wrong. We think we can turn things around."

If Princeton's nonleague performances are any indication, the Tigers could very well surpass expectations. They are off to a 2-0 start for the first time since 1995.

Verbit, a 2000 graduate of Council Rock High School, completed 12 of 22 passes for 185 yards in Saturday's 24-17 road win over the University of San Diego. He ran for a 4-yard touchdown early in the first quarter.

With 3,846 career passing yards, the 6-foot-2, 215-pound Verbit is third on Princeton's all-time list. He needs only 429 more to become the school's No. 2 career passer. Jason Garrett (Class of 1998) threw for 4,274.

After starting five games as a sophomore, Verbit last season threw for 2,499 yards. That is the fourth highest single-season total in the Tigers' history. He completed 174 of 327 passes (53.2 percent) and threw for 13 touchdowns.

"He's gotten better each year," said Roger Hughes, Princeton's coach. "He's been very precise with his throws. His accuracy has improved tremendously."

In this season's opener, Verbit connected on 18 of 26 passes for 227 yards and two scores as the Tigers stormed past visiting Lafayette, 35-18. Early in the fourth quarter, he threw a 50-yard TD

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Princeton runs a pro-style offense, similar to the West Coast offense used by the Philadelphia Eagles. In its first two games, the squad has averaged 206 yards passing and 201 rushing.

"We throw a lot of short passes," Verbit said. "Also, we spread the ball around to a lot of receivers."

Against both Lafayette and San Diego, Verbit passed to eight players. On Saturday, a 52-yard completion set up his second scoring run of the season.

"He's got a very strong arm," Hughes said. "And he's a much better athlete than people give him credit for."

Last season, Verbit carried the ball 95 times for 200 yards. "With this offense, we do a lot of bootleg runs," said the 22-year-old from Newtown, Bucks County. "In the off-season, I worked on my footwork."

In his final year at Council Rock, Verbit completed 163 of 310 passes for 2,345 yards and 23 touchdowns. In his high school career, he passed for more than 4,000 yards.

Verbit committed to Princeton as a senior in high school, but his admission was deferred when he was involved in a fight on the Princeton campus during Memorial Day weekend. The altercation occurred when Verbit and other football players were working for a caterer.

"It's something I didn't want to happen," Verbit said. "But I learned a lot from it and I moved on."



Before coming to Princeton, Verbit spent a year at Valley Forge Military Academy. During that period, he considered several other four-year colleges, including Oklahoma State and Delaware, but re-enrolled at Princeton.

"Getting an Ivy league education was important to me," said Verbit, who is majoring in politics.

Verbit's father, Steve, is Princeton's defensive coordinator. He has served in that role for the last two seasons.

"It's been great to have him here," Matt Verbit said. "He concentrates on the defense, of course but he gives me advice whenever he can."

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Local TV exposure for the 2004-05 USD men's basketball team will double from recent years via a 10-home-game agreement with Channel 4 San Diego that was announced yesterday.

The package, begins with the San Jose State contest on Nov. 27 and continues through the final regular-season game against West Coast Conference rival Saint Mary's on Feb. 26. It also includes games with Eastern Washington (Dec. 13), Northern Arizona (Dec. 18), UC Santa Barbara (Dec. 22), Creighton (Dec. 31), Portland (Jan. 20), Gonzaga (Jan. 22), Loyola Marymount (Feb. 3) and Santa Clara (Feb. 24).

"What we need to do is build our brand in the community, and there's no better way than through San Diego television," said USD Athletic Director Ky Snyder. "Channel 4 is where people go for San Diego sports."

The agreement is the culmination of several months of talks between Snyder and Dan Novak, vice president of programming and communications for Channel 4 San Diego.

Five are Saturday games with tipoff times moved up from USD's usual 7:05 p.m. to 4:05 or 4:35 p.m.

"Our games are affordable family entertainment," said Snyder, who has switched the Toreros' football kickoff times from traditional evenings to afternoons in this, his first full year as AD.

"We want people to be able to come out as families, enjoy themselves and still get home at a decent hour. It was a combination of that desire, and TV opportunities (causing the switch)."

NBC Channel 7/39 sportscaster Jim Stone will do the play-by-play on the Channel 4 telecasts with former NBA player Jim Brogan serving as color analyst.

The Toreros do not have a radio package, but all games, home and away, will air on their Web site, www.usdtoreros.com, with either a simulcast of the Channel 4 account or a dedicated line providing Stone's calls.

In addition to their own Channel 4 package, the Toreros have games at Arizona (ESPN2), at home against San Diego State (Channel 4), against USC at Cox Arena (Channel 4), at Loyola Marymount (Fox), and at home against Pepperdine and San Francisco (Fox) slated for telecasts.

San Diego State will have at least 22 of its 27 regular-season games on live TV, the fourth straight season 20 or

more Aztecs games will be televised. Every Mountain West Conference game will be carried for the second straight season.

Channel 4 will air at least 20 games, with 12 locally produced and eight picked up from a syndicated (ESPN Plus or SportsWest) telecast. There's also a chance Channel 4 could pick up SDSU's Dec. 28 game at Iowa State.

Two more games — Jan. 24 vs. Colorado State and Feb. 21 at Wyoming — will be carried on ESPN as part of the network's "Big Monday" package.

## USD receives 'F'

The Black Coaches' Association issued a report card on NCAA Division I-A and I-AA college football minority hiring yesterday, and USD was one of three I-AA schools to get an "F." USD filled the head coach opening last year with former NFL quarterback **Jim Harbaugh**, who hired two black assistants, **Charles Dimry** and **Reggie Davis**, on his 10-member staff.

"We did not participate in their study and that's why they gave us the mark they did," Snyder said. "University policy is to not release information on job searches. It's disappointing because we are an equal opportunity employer and we're proud of our job search procedures."

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### Toreros start new season like they ended old one

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer

Men's basketball practice at the University of San Diego begins Saturday with the Toreros sporting an image that practically defined their season last year ---- key players watching the proceedings in street clothes.

Four players will miss this weekend's two-a-day practice schedule with injuries, continuing a trend that decimated the team last season and contributed to USD's school-worst 4-26 record.

The Toreros hope the similarities end there.

Internal expectations are considerably higher for the Toreros, who at times dressed just five scholarship players last season.

At the very least, USD can contend that none of the four injured players ---- wings Corey Belser (bone spur) and Floyd North (stress fracture), forward Michael Shepherd (mononucleosis) and guard Michael Hubbard (recovering from knee surgery) ---- will miss more than a few weeks.

"Their injuries aren't very serious," USD coach Brad Holland said. "Hopefully, in a couple weeks we'll all be healthy and ready to go."

The Toreros open the season Nov. 16 at Arizona in the Preseason NIT.

West Coast Conference coaches picked the Toreros to finish sixth in the eight-team conference. At first, Holland labeled that prediction "fair," then admitted he would be disappointed if the team finishes that low.

USD lost only two players ---- guard Brad Lechtenberg and Mike McGrain ---- from last year's team. Belser is returning from a medical redshirt, and the Toreros added five more scholarship players.

Whereas walk-ons played vital roles for USD last season, this year's team promises fierce competition at every position except center, where All-WCC performer Brice Vounang returns.

"I think we have an opportunity to be 10 deep this year," Holland said.

Senior Brandon Gay and juniors Michael Shepherd and Nick Lewis join Vounang in the frontcourt. North and Belser, both juniors, figure to battle for the small forward spot.

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And the backcourt that put the Toreros at such a disadvantage last season now has enough depth at point guard ---- with newcomers Michael Kirkpatrick and Ross DeRogatis in the mix ---- that sophomore Michael Hubbard has returned to shooting guard, his natural position, to challenge senior Brett Melton.

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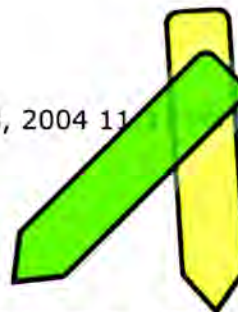
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### Guards commit to play basketball for Toreros

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Overmatched in the backcourt throughout the worst season in its history last year, the University of San Diego men's basketball team has begun its 2005-06 recruiting class with verbal commitments from two prep guards.

Athletic Arizona-based guard Ray Murdock and Kansas sharpshooter Danny Brown both confirmed Saturday that they have committed to join the Toreros. Both said they will sign binding national letters of intent with USD on Nov. 10, the first day of the fall signing period.

Murdock is a 6-foot-3, 200-pound shooting guard whose long arms and jumping ability have enabled him to play almost every position at Phoenix Pinnacle High, Pinnacle coach Charlie Wilde said. Murdock led Pinnacle in every major statistical category last winter (17 points, 10 rebounds, four assists, 2.6 steals) and guided the team to a 22-6 record and a berth in the quarterfinals of the state's 4A classification, Arizona's second-largest.

"I think (USD) was a good situation for me," Murdock said. "I can get a lot of minutes my first year, then compete for a starting spot by my sophomore year."

A slasher but not a prolific shooter on offense and a stalwart on defense, Murdock committed to USD in June before any other school offered him a scholarship. When he starred at Las Vegas' Big Time Tournament in July, Arizona State and Oregon State expressed interest.

"He's just an all-around player for me, unselfish," Wilde said. "He'll do whatever he needs. What's nice is he really improved his outside shot for this year."

The 6-foot-4, 175-pound Brown is the brother of USD head team manager T.J. Brown. He chose USD while receiving offers from Creighton, Wichita State and Wyoming.

Danny Brown averaged 19 points and was an All-Johnson County and All-Valley League pick as a junior at De Soto (Kan.) High, midway between Kansas City and Lawrence. He projects as a shooting guard, though he admits he must add bulk to be a successful college player.

Like Murdock, Brown said USD's abysmal 4-26 record last season did not sour him on the Toreros.

"The only reason they didn't have a good year last year is because of all the injuries," Brown said. "They're in a good conference. They're usually right up there with Gonzaga. ... I just have faith in the coaching staff and the players."

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Both Murdock and Brown were recruited by assistant coach Sam Scholl, a former USD player who was recently promoted to the No. 2 assistant spot. Scholl's duties prior to this season primarily involved scouting and exchanging film with upcoming opponents as well as monitoring the players' academic performances.

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## Sports Council Returning to Its Roots

The San Diego International Sports Council was formed to attract a National Football League team.

Now, the council is trying to help keep the NFL team it attracted some 45 years ago by getting a new football stadium in San Diego.

Formerly the Greater San Diego Sports Association, the sports council is committed to promoting the San Diego-Tijuana area as the preferred region for sporting events and activities that benefit the community, economically and socially, according to its mission statement.

Well, one of the best ways to generate big bucks is by bringing a Super Bowl to your town.

Without the **San Diego Chargers**, there will be no more Super Bowls in America's Finest City, and without a new stadium, there will be no Chargers here.

"The (NFL) commissioner has stated that we will not have another Super Bowl in San Diego until there's a new facility," said Joe Moeller, who started as the sports council president in February. "It's certainly important to keep the Chargers here. But I think also, to be a world-class city, and I think people look at San Diego as America's finest city, you need not only a great stadium in your city, a great arena in your city ... it's important to our city."

The economic impact of a Super Bowl on a host city has been widely debated. However, \$300 million seems to be the figure most folks who study these things can live with.

Even if the world's biggest one-day sporting

event generates half that amount for San Diego, it seems like a noble venture to bring the game here.

If it costs half a billion dollars or so to build a stadium and that facility hosts a few Super Bowls (a virtual guarantee since the NFL loves coming to San Diego), then we win, right?

Founded in 1960, the council tries to keep the local sports teams and organizers of local events happy, as well as bring or create new competitions to the area, Moeller said.

However, the group is hampered by a lack of funds and inadequate facilities, he added.

Two years ago, the council received \$200,000 in transient occupancy tax money from the city. This year, that figure is \$160,000 — all of which is used to make bids to try to lure events, Moeller said. While the council col-

lects \$160,000, its competitors could have \$3 million or \$4 million, he added. Given the dire financial picture the city is facing, that money could disappear soon.

Thanks to an annual fund-raiser that generates about \$100,000 and contributions from board members, this year's budget for the not-for-profit group is \$600,000, he said.

It is well known that Qualcomm Stadium and the San Diego Sports Arena are anything but state-of-the-art venues.

These issues make it difficult for the council to convince sports event organizers to come here, said Moeller, a former senior associate athletic director

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## Notebook: Sports Council Seeks to Continue Bringing Successful Events to S.D.

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for San Diego State University.

At one time, only the major cities had sports associations. Now, the suburbs of major cities have them — and they're often backed by "huge dollars" from city coffers, according to Moeller. That money is used to pay organizers to bring their events to those towns.

"ConVis (the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau) and the Convention Center work to bring conventions to town to put heads in beds," said Moeller, a 35-year-old Carmel Valley resident. "What we do at the sports council is do the same thing except we try to bring sporting events to town, which ultimately brings fans, friends and hopefully people to our town to enjoy the sporting events."

So, what has the sports council done for San Diego, besides help bring the Chargers here?

Sports council groups created the Holiday Bowl college football game and the Buick Invitational golf tournament; hosted three Su-

per Bowls, Major League Baseball's All-Star Game and the America's Cup; and brought the X Games extreme sports event to San Diego, Moeller said.

Enticing those competitions to come to San Diego has helped generate an economic impact of more than \$1 billion, according to the council.

Now, the association is focused on the San Diego Slam men's college basketball event — a competition it created in partnership with SDSU.

The first Slam will include a kickoff event called Slam Jam (details are still being worked out, but the evening will feature food and possibly interactive competitions among athletes, coaches and fans) on Dec. 10 at the Town and Country Resort. On Dec. 11 at SDSU's Cox Arena, the Aztecs will take on UC Berkeley, while the University of San Diego will square off against the University of Southern California. Earlier in the day, Slam Fest will feature bands,

food and interactive games for children.

"It's gonna be really fun; San Diego's gonna enjoy it," an excited Moeller said. "We're hoping that it will be similar to the success that people have enjoyed with the Buick Open (at the Torrey Pines Golf Course) on an annual basis and the Holiday Bowl. We're hoping that this becomes another event that people, as soon as they hear the date, will put it on their calendar and plan on attending."

Events that the council is trying to attract include the Breeders' Cup, the biggest one-day event in horse racing, baseball's All-Star Game and another extreme sports type of competition, Moeller said.

One of the big reasons for the council's success is its impressive board of directors, according to the group's president.

Among the 70 directors are: Dick Freeman, the president of the **San Diego Padres**; Bob Breitbard, founder of the San Diego Hall of Champions Sports Museum; builder Douglas

Barnhart; **Cush Automotive Group** President Steve Cushman; and Ernie Hahn, the general manager of the San Diego Sports Arena.

This year's chairman of the sports council, Dan Novak, said the panel's 70 board members understand the value of sports to a community.

"They have a real passion for sports and the economic, cultural and social development it brings," said Novak, the vice president and general manager of Channel 4 San Diego. "We really believe that sports brings a significant benefit to the region."

In terms of helping to get the Chargers a new stadium, Novak said the council would support an extensive dialogue between the team and the region.

If meaningful talks don't materialize, be prepared to say goodbye to the Bolts, the Super Bowl and the economic benefits they offer.

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Men's Hoops WCC Preseason Favorite

Bulldogs garner five first-place votes

Oct. 11, 2004

**SAN BRUNO, Calif.** - Gonzaga University is the favorite to capture its fifth consecutive regular-season West Coast Conference men's basketball crown in 2005 in a vote of the conference coaches.

The Bulldogs tallied 60 points, receiving five first-place votes to edge Saint Mary's College as the Gaels collected the other three first-place votes and 56 points.

Last season, Gonzaga became the first team since Pepperdine University in 1992 to go undefeated in WCC play and became the first team in Bulldog history to post a 14-0 WCC record. Gonzaga enjoyed one of the best seasons in school history, reaching as high as No. 2 in the Associated Press Top poll and finishing the season third in the final AP rankings. Gonzaga went 28-3 overall and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in making its sixth straight NCAA appearance.

The return of All-WCC forwards, senior Ronny Turiaf (All-WCC first team) and sophomore Adam Morrison (All-WCC freshmen team), should help ease the departures of two-time WCC Player of the Year Blake Stepp and three-time All-WCC first team performer Cory Violette.

The Gaels return all five starters from last season's squad that posted a 19-12 overall record and tied for second in the WCC with a 9-5 mark. Headlining the list of returnees for the Gaels is a pair of All-WCC first-team members in senior guard Paul Marigney and junior forward Daniel Kickert (14.9 ppg, 5.9 rpg). Marigney, who led the conference in scoring (20.1 ppg in WCC play), will team with 2004 WCC all-tournament selection E.J. Rowland (13.3 ppg, 4.5 assists/game) to give the Gaels one of the best backcourts in the league.

Pepperdine was picked third in this year's poll with 51 points. The Waves return four starters from last year's team that tied the Gaels for second place in the conference with a 9-5 record. Senior All-WCC first team forwards Glenn McGowan (17.8 ppg, 5.4 rpg) and Yakhouba Diawara (18.5 ppg, 6.2 rpg) return to give the Waves a solid frontcourt tandem.

Santa Clara University was selected fourth with 36 points, followed by the University of San Francisco (28), University of San Diego (20), Loyola Marymount University (19) and the University of Portland (18), respectively.

The Broncos will be led by the all-Alaskan senior backcourt of Kyle Bailey (12.4 ppg, 3.7 assists/game) and Doron Perkins (14.1 ppg, 1.9 steals/game in WCC action). First-year head coach Jesse Evans looks to lead USF to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1998. USD will rely on senior forward/center Brice Vounang (19.7 ppg, 7.7 rpg in WCC play) and senior forward Brandon Gay (16.5 ppg, 8.1 rpg in WCC play). Vounang was the 2004 WCC Newcomer of the Year.

LMU, led by senior guard Charles Brown, returns a wealth of talent in the backcourt, while the Pilots return All-WCC first team junior guard Pooh Jeter (16.6 ppg, 3.2 assists/game) and junior wing Donald Wilson (12.9 ppg, 4.7 rpg).

**WCC Men's Basketball  
Preseason Coaches Poll  
(First-place votes in parentheses)**

- 1. Gonzaga (5) 60
- 2. Saint Mary's (3) 56
- 3. Pepperdine 51
- 4. Santa Clara 36
- 5. San Francisco 28
- 6. San Diego 20
- 7. Loyola Marymount 19
- 8. Portland 18

**WCC Preseason Top Returnees**

(as voted by the league coaches)

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Ronny Turiaf and the Bulldogs are favored to win the WCC title again this season.

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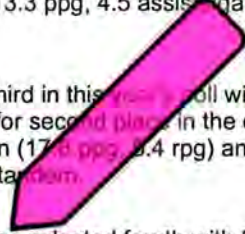
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## Basketball: Van Vliet commits to Fresno St.

BY RYAN PHILLIPS  
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Eric Van Vliet went with his gut instinct. The 6-10 Santa Cruz High basketball star gave a verbal commitment to Fresno State University on Tuesday, picking the Bulldogs over a host of suitors that included St. Mary's College and the University of San Diego.

"I felt real comfortable with the coaches and players," said Van Vliet, who made up his mind after taking an official visit to the school last weekend.

Van Vliet is the second of three Santa Cruz seniors expected to sign with Division-I schools that has already done so. Forward Cliff Sammet signed with Santa Clara on September 15.

The third player, Austin Swift, is the 2003 SCCAL player of the year and the Cardinals leading scorer, but has yet to pick a school. Van Vliet said Swift is taking a visit to Montana this weekend, but is also being pursued by Fresno State.

Van Vliet is happy to have the recruiting process over.

"It was getting stressful," Van Vliet said. "A lot of calls, and it doesn't matter what you're doing, you have to talk with them. It got old."

Now he can concentrate on school and basketball.

"If I didn't sign early, there would be more pressure," Van Vliet said. "I'd be worrying about every little thing. Now the pressure's off and I can just have fun and try to win CCS."

Fresno State is coached by Ray Lopes, a third-year coach, who was the WAC Coach of the Year in 2002-03 with a record of 20-8. The Bulldogs went 14-15 last season.

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## San Diego State Men's Basketball Media Day Quotes

Aztecs open practice Saturday looking to return to postseason for third time in four seasons.

**Oct. 15, 2004**

The San Diego State basketball opens practice on Saturday with nine returning letterwinners off last season's squad. In addition to returning starters senior forward Chris Walton, sophomore guard Brandon Heath and sophomore forward Marcus Slaughter, SDSU welcomes eight other returnees and five newcomers.

A good sign for Aztec fans is that Steve Fisher has led all eight of his teams that returned at least three starters off a team he coached to the postseason. Included in that total are six NCAA Tournament appearances and two trips to the postseason NIT. In addition, those eight teams have averaged 22.6 wins per campaign.



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thought they were when you recruited them, they've got a lot to learn and yet we like our new players. We've got size. Mohammed Camara is a big junior college transfer, we've got a legitimate point guard with size in Matt Thomas, so we feel good about that. The three most important people returning for us right now, Chris Walton, Brandon Heath and Marcus Slaughter, are penciled into the starting lineup. They will be the corner stone of our team and we're ready to get going. This

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We're hoping to win every game we play, but it probably won't happen. We better have a team that every time we walk out, plays hard, plays with a great deal of intelligence and plays like they've seen their teammates before. If you do that and you've recruited well and you've got pretty good players, then the winning takes care of itself. Without turning the page back, we lost too many games last year where we were up with two minutes left. So we have to win close games because we're going to have a lot of close games. We want to have program that our players, fans and community can say 'Boy, I like what I'm seeing.' And everyone wants to win and so do we.

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**On sophomore forward Marcus Slaughter:**

Marcus Slaughter a year ago was very quick to defer. The older guys were the ones that were going to do the talking and the playing. I think he's stepping up to say, 'Hey, now I'm ready to assume a more prominent role on both ends of the floor.' He's much more confident right now and he has justification for that confidence. We've got high expectations for Marcus Slaughter. He's very talented. We're hoping to see that on a consistent basis. We need Marcus to play well for us to be as good as we think we can be.

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**On sophomore guard Brandon Heath:**

In Heath and Slaughter, we have two of the premier sophomores in the country. They're good and talented. If you take film clips of certain games from last year, especially non-conference games, you would say Brandon Heath is phenomenal. He had 30 points against Texas Tech, 28 against Ohio State, and he made huge baskets against the University of San Diego to win that game. He had some great games. Then you look at other games, he couldn't throw it in the ocean. I might have had a little impact on Brandon Heath because when he started missing I think I made him a little afraid to miss and you can't play afraid or to make a mistake. You have to know what a good shot is and not miss five shots in a row no matter whether they're open or not. I think Brandon having gone through all of that, the good and the bad, will be much better prepared to fight through the bumps in the road this year. I will be better prepared to help him get through it because I don't think I did Brandon a good enough service at being his coach and teacher. As he struggled, I maybe helped him struggle more by dealing with it the way I dealt with it.

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**On San Diego State's point guard situation:**

Everyone knows that Wesley Stokes is ineligible for the first semester. Whether he's eligible for the second semester is up to Wesley. I have not fully decided what that's going to mean in terms of practice. He has to be prepared to practice and that means he has to be doing what he needs to do in other areas. We don't have him. So what is one man's misery is the next guy's opportunity. We're going to look at a lot of people, starting with Brandon Heath and then looking at John Sharper and Matt Thomas. I would say those three will get ample opportunity to be the guy with the ball in a lot of those situations. We might be a team that doesn't play with a true point guard if that's what it proves to be. Matt Thomas is a legitimate point guard in high school, so whether or not he is ready for the competition, what we're going to see here remains to be seen. We think he is. We're excited about him, but we've got proven players in Heath and Sharper that we will take a look at that spot.

**On the Mountain West Conference:**

If we want to be successful, we're going to have to go on the road in this league and win. The Mountain West is the second-most difficult league in the United States behind the Big Ten, statistically, to win on the road. I think it was the only league in country where every conference team had a home winning conference record. Usually there are bad teams that everyone beats, home and away. With our league, everyone had a home winning record in league play.

**On junior guard John Sharper:**

John Sharper, last year was a terrific defender and a guy who made some big-time baskets for us. John was not a point guard and at times, he was a deer in headlights when heavy pressure was put on him when he had the ball. He is much





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## Wakeup Call: Oct. 18

October 18, 2004

### WHAT A DIFFERENCE

#### 100 GAMES MAKE

Iowa's football game against Ohio State Saturday was the 100th game for the Hawkeyes' Kirk Ferentz as a head coach. His first was in 1990 for NCAA Division I-AA Maine, against Villanova at Philadelphia.

Maine lost by 24 points, and then lost the pilot of the chartered airplane that was to take the team home.

"I looked in the cockpit, and there were stuffed dice hanging down," Ferentz told the Des Moines Register. "Right then, I figured this wasn't a good deal."

The pilot had decided to take a side trip to Atlantic City, N.J. Another pilot had to be flown up from Florida, and the team didn't get back to Maine until 7 a.m. the next day.

"It was a total disaster," Ferentz said of the trip.

Things went a bit better for Ferentz's team Saturday — Iowa beat the Buckeyes, 33-7.

### HOW ABOUT JACKIE?

The 1939 University of Southern California football team that finished 8-0-2 and won a share of the national championship was honored at halftime of the Trojans' game against Arizona State on Saturday.

Bob Voigt of Palm Springs, Calif., a reserve on the 1939 UCLA team that tied USC, 0-0, recalls how the Bruins almost won.

"In the fourth quarter, UCLA had a first-and-goal at the 2, and not once did the ball go to halfback Jackie Robinson," he said. "Quarterback Ned Matthews, calling the plays, decided to use Robinson as a decoy."

### WE'RE ALL NO. 1

Former UCLA coach Bill Barnes, who turns 87 Wednesday, was a 175-pound tight end on the Tennessee team that was unbeaten and unscored-upon before losing to the '39 Trojans, 14-0, in the Rose Bowl. However, a pulled hamstring kept Barnes out of that game.

Texas A&M, Cornell and USC ended up being voted No. 1 in the various polls that year.

"To be honest, back then we didn't even know they kept track of such things," Barnes said.

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### SAY WHAT?

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Brad Holland, the former UCLA player who coaches at the University of San Diego, got in a small dig at his alma mater.

"This is my 11th year representing USD, which means I'm on my third UCLA coach," Holland said.

(Jim Harrick, Steve Lavin and Ben Howland, if you're counting.)

Holland, mentioned as a candidate when Howland was hired, said he got a few phone calls from people with too much wax in their ears.

"They called and said, 'Wow, that's great, you got the job.' And I said, 'No, that's Ben Howland,'" Holland said.

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Tuesday, October 19, 2004

UCLA basketball team a Pac-10 sleeper

Clearing out the notebook while baseball shivers through its winter season:

Scouting report -- Arizona is the preseason pick in the Pacific-10 Conference basketball race, followed by Stanford, Washington, Oregon and California.

UCLA coach Ben Howland said it: "The sleeper is USC."

He appreciates the talent, experience and depth of the Trojans.

Now that Howland has had a year to figure out his players, and they have had the same year to figure him out, it's UCLA who is the real Pac-10 sleeper.

The Bruins have much more talent than is generally understood, and with their schedule, they actually have a chance to bounce back with a 20-win season after Howland's 11-17 debut record. ...

Sense of humor required -- A sign of the intensity of the USC-UCLA rivalry was seen in the way some Bruins took exception with former-UCLA-now-USC-assistant Jim Saia joking at the Los Angeles Athletic Club Tipoff Luncheon he destroyed the UCLA program since he knew he was headed for USC.

In a serious moment, Saia, who was out of work for a year after UCLA fired Steve Fisher and his staff, said, "I'm just grateful to have a job." . . .

A time to needle -- Brad Holland, the former UCLA star now coach at the University of San Diego, said it: "When Ben Howland was hired as UCLA's coach, reporters asked me, 'Were you disappointed you did not get the job?' (pause) No, I was happy. (another pause) That was a great media question." ...

More needling -- Cal State Fullerton's second-year coach Bob Burton joked about the rest of the coaches in the room: "These guys were my friends when they recruited my players (at West Valley Community College in Saratoga, which is north of Santa Cruz). Now I can't stand any of them." . . .

Add scouting -- San Diego State coach Steve Fisher said, "We've got the last Walton who can walk and play."

That's 6-foot-8 Chris Walton. The Aztecs also have former Westchester High star Brandon Heath. . . .

Traveling -- LMU's basketball team had a 12-day, five-game trip during the summer to France and Italy. Cal State Northridge coach Bobby Braswell joked: "At Northridge, an overseas trip is going to San Francisco." . . .

Etc. -- You know the joking will stop next month when the games start. ...

Opinion -- While UCLA's four-game football winning streak was an illusion because the competition was so weak, the Bruins gained stature by competing in their loss at Cal.

Pencil UCLA in for a semi-respectable 6-5 season with the Bruins closing with wins against Stanford (yes, that's a shaky prediction) and Washington State, both in the Rose Bowl, and losses to Arizona State and Oregon on the road and USC in the Rose Bowl.

While holding your breath is not advised, an upset win against battered (thank you, USC) Arizona State or up-and-

Portland Sneaks By GU Volleyball

Bulldogs combined for 92 digs in loss

Oct. 22, 2004

Box Score

**SPOKANE, Wash.** - On the floor Gonzaga University and the University of Portland played an evenly matched contest on Friday night in Spokane but it was the Pilots who were able to sneak out the 3-1 win after winning games one and four 32-30 over the host Bulldogs in West Coast Conference action. Portland improved to 10-10 on the season and 1-6 in the WCC winning 32-30, 24-30, 30-21 and 32-30. Gonzaga falls to 4-17 overall, 0-7 in the WCC as the teams completed the first half of the WCC schedule.

The Pilots finished the night hitting .199 as a team while Gonzaga posted a .180 clip. The Bulldogs could not find an answer for Pilots attacker Sara Vercruyssen who finished with a match-high 23 kills on 64 attacks. Gonzaga countered with seniors Lauren Armas and Rebecca Wood, each player finishing with 13 kills for Gonzaga.

Michelle Oakland added 18 kills for Portland as each team had four players reach double-figure kills. Liz Lord added 12 for the Pilots while Monique Kettler had 10. Briawna Mueller collected 11 kills and Becky Jones 10 kills to round out the Gonzaga players with double-digit kills.



Briawna Mueller had 11 kills and 9 digs against Portland on Friday night.

On the defensive side both teams had exceptional nights digging the ball. Portland finished with 101 digs while Gonzaga had 92. Three Pilots had 20 or more digs led by Vercruyssen with 24. Jessica Herrera led all players with 26 digs for Gonzaga while setter Emilee Gihring added 16. Gonzaga also dominated play at the net with 27 blocks. Mueller led the Bulldogs defensive wall with nine blocks, four of them solos. Oakland was the top Pilots blocker with six blocks, two solo.

"Our defense really played well tonight finishing with 92 digs. Jessica (Herrera) continues to be a solid back row player for us and Briawna (Mueller) is developing into a great blocker with every match with play," mentioned head coach Kip Yoshimura on the play of some of his top defensive players from Friday night.

Gonzaga returns to action next weekend when they host the University of San Diego and Santa Clara University at Martin Centre. Both matches will start at 7 p.m.





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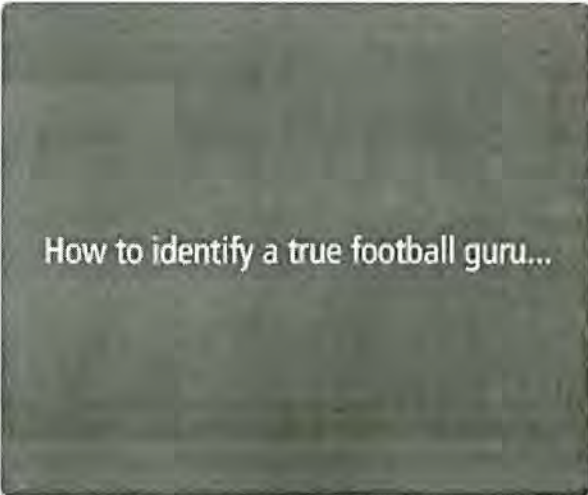
Freshman Becky Jones picks up three solo blocks against USD

Oct. 29, 2004

**SPOKANE, Wash.** - The University of San Diego Toreros showed why they are one of the top ranked teams in nation on Friday night as the 22nd-ranked Toreros connected for 61 kills and a .361 team attack percentage in a 3-0 win over Gonzaga University. San Diego (15-4, 8-0 WCC) remained unbeaten in West Coast Conference action with the 30-16, 30-19, 30-15 decision over the host Bulldogs (4-18, 0-8 WCC).

Devon Forster led all players with 15 kills as four San Diego players reached double-figures. Senior Lauren Armas was the Bulldogs' top blocker finishing with seven kills, over a third of the Bulldogs team total of 19 kills on Friday night. Kristen Hurst and Christie Dawson added 14 kills each while Moira McCarthy rounded out the USD top attackers with 13 kills. Dawson and McCarthy each finished the night hitting over .600.

Freshman Briawna Mueller was the Bulldogs most effective attacker on the night finishing with a .308 attack percentage and six kills on 13 attack attempts. Mueller also contributed three block assists. Fellow freshman Becky Jones was the top GU player at the net finishing with three solo blocks while senior Rebecca Wood chipped in with three block assists. Dawson was the top San Diego blocker with four blocks, two of them solos.



Freshman Becky Jones picks up three solo blocks against USD

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San Diego also dominated play on the defensive side with 57 team digs. Jackie Bernardin led all players with 24 digs while Hurst added 10. Jessica Herrera and Lacey Bell had 10 digs each for Gonzaga. For Herrera the 10 digs marked the 21st time this season that the junior libero has reached double-digit digs.

"I think San Diego showed why they are

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Yoshimura on the Toreros hot hitting performance. "Our team played well in spurts and we had some nice efforts from our younger players including some outstanding solo blocks by Becky (Jones). Despite the outcome I think our team sees where they need to get to in order to compete on a nightly basis with teams like San Diego. We will come out and play hard again tomorrow night against a very good Santa Clara team and see what happens."

Gonzaga continues its homestand on Saturday night with a match against No. 19 Santa Clara. Game time is 7 p.m. in Martin Centre.

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**Volleyball Poised for Run at WCC Championship**

San Diego owns a 25-match winning streak against Portland and has won 19 of its last 20 meetings with [Gonzaga](#)

Oct. 27, 2004

Roland Hu (USD Media Relations)

(San Diego, CA) - San Diego's quest for its first West Coast Conference Championship since 1998 continues this weekend when the 22nd-ranked Toreros (14-4, 7-0 WCC) travel to the Pacific Northwest. Gonzaga (4-17, 0-7 WCC) and Portland (10-10, 1-6 WCC), two teams USD defeated convincingly in early October, will be the opposition. After last weekend's sweep of league rivals Pepperdine and Loyola Marymount, USD sits firmly atop the WCC standings with an unblemished 7-0 WCC record.

**USD IN THE NATIONAL POLLS**

USD ranked 22nd in the USA Today/CSTV Top-25 Coaches Poll  
San Diego tabbed 20th nationally by Volleyball Magazine  
RichKern.com/AVCA Division I Regional Ranking has San Diego 6th in Pacific Region

After beginning the season just outside the Top-25, USD climbed to a season-high ranking of No. 20 in the September 6th poll after defeating then-No. 17 Arizona in three games in the Hawaiian Airlines Wahine Volleyball Classic. Two weeks later, a loss to Oregon State dropped the Toreros out of the Top-25 before a win over then 12th-ranked Santa Clara October 9 propelled USD back into the Top 25 the following week. This is the seventh straight year that USD has appeared in the AVCA USA Today/CSTV Top-25 Poll.

**FORSTER ONCE AGAIN NAMED WCC PLAYER OF THE WEEK:** Senior outside hitter Devon Forster (Boulder, CO/Boulder HS) was named the West Coast Conference co-Player of the Week as announced by the league office Monday. Forster led USD to a pair of convincing victories over WCC



Junior setter remains on Katie Lindquist

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rivals LMU and Pepperdine. The 6-foot-1 all-league player has helped the Toreros run the table over the first half of WCC play (7-0) for the first time since USD's WCC Championship season of 1997. Forster put down 36 kills (5.14 per game) in seven games this weekend. Her match-high 19 kills and proficient .429 attacking % Saturday night vs. LMU allowed the Toreros to sweep the Lions in just 1 hour and 29 minutes. She also hammered home 17 balls during a four-game

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rou of perennial national power Pepperdine Friday. Forster added 16 digs (2.29 per game) defensively and served three aces. Forster has 144 career aces, just six shy of USD's all-time record of 150 set by Leisa Hagen (1985-1988). Hagen happens to be the sister-in-law of USD head coach Jennifer Petrie. This is the fourth time Forster has received the WCC's weekly honor and the second time this season.

**USD PROVING CRITICS WRONG:** Coming off of a third straight NCAA Tournament appearance, the University of San Diego Toreros were picked to finish 4th in the West Coast Conference, behind Pepperdine, Santa Clara, and Loyola Marymount. San Diego has raced out to a 7-0 WCC record and is looking to win its first WCC Championship since 1998, when they finished with a program best 12-2 conference record. Behind the hard hitting of Devon Forster, the crafty setting of Lindsey Sherburne, and the defensive plays of Jackie Bernardin, the Toreros are poised to capture their third-ever WCC crown.

**GONZAGA BULLDOGS:** The Zags (4-17, 0-7 WCC) are still in search of their first WCC victory. In the previous meeting between USD and Gonzaga this year, the Toreros routed Gonzaga in convincing fashion, winning 30-17, 30-12, and 30-17 in San Diego October 2. Senior middle blocker Lauren Armas leads the Bulldog attack, averaging 3.01 kills a game, while hitting a team-best .297 on the season. Middle blocker Briawna Mueller has done a wonderful job in her first season at Gonzaga, as the freshman is blocking a team-high 1.24 balls a game. Junior libero Jessica Herrera has proven to be one of the WCC's top defensive players, digging 4.41 balls a game.

**PORTLANDS PILOTS:** The Pilots (10-10, 1-6 WCC) registered its first WCC victory last week, beating Gonzaga on Saturday. The Toreros and Pilots last met in the beginning of October, with USD coming away with the 30-20, 30-24, and 30-22 win. USD owns a 25-match winning streak against Portland, last losing in 1991. Leading the Pilots in kills is junior outside hitter Sara Vercruyssen, who ranks among the top WCC attackers, with 4.03 kills a game. The Pilots most efficient hitter is senior middle blocker Michelle Oakland, who averages 3.38 kills a game at a .323 clip. Oakland, along with fellow middle blocker Monique Kettler, mans the net for the Pilots, blocking 0.77 balls per game.

**RECAP OF LAST WEEKS MATCHES:** The University of San Diego swept perennial national powerhouse Pepperdine (5-11, 3-4 WCC) and league rival Loyola Marymount (13-7, 4-3) last weekend to improve their WCC record to 7-0. Against the Waves Friday night, the Toreros endured a 24-30 first game loss before bouncing back to claim the next three, 34-32, 3-22, and 30-21. Outside hitter Devon Forster had a match-high 17 kills to lead USD, while middle blocker Emily Haas chipped in 16 kills. Middle blocker Christie Dawson and libero Jackie Bernardin played awesome defense, as Dawson tallied a match-high six blocks



and Bernardin dug a career-high 32 balls. On Saturday, Forster and Haas were once again the offensive stars, teaming up for 31 of USD's 55 kills. The Toreros pounced on the Lions from the get-go and cruised to a relatively easy 30-17, 30-20, and 30-24 win. Setter Lindsey Sherburne handed out 44 assists while guiding the team to a sizzling .396 hitting percentage. With victories over the Southern Californian schools, the Toreros are riding an eight-game win streak heading into this weekend's play.

**SHERBURNE CONTINUES ASSAULT ON USD ASSIST RECORD:** Junior setter Lindsey Sherburne remains on target to surpass Katie Lindquist, USD's all-time assist leader. Recently named the WCC's Player of the Week on October 18, Sherburne has the Toreros hitting at a .259 hitting percentage, tops in the league. With 3,924 career assists to her credit as of October 25, the Saratoga, California native only needs to 478 assists to break Lindquist's record of 4,402. Since her arrival in San Diego, Sherburne has been considered one of the top playmakers in the country, consistently ranking in the Nation's Top 15 in assists throughout her three years at USD. This year, the All-America candidate is averaging 14.12 assists a game, good for No. 5 in the country. In addition to chasing the USD record book, Sherburne is attempting to overtake former Santa Clara setter Roz Pelayo for the WCC's all-time lead in assists (5,732).

**FORSTER PUSHES FOR ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION:** This season, senior Devon Forster is looking to earn her first AVCA All-America award. The native out of Boulder, Colo. is making a great case for a spot on one of the three coveted teams. Currently, she ranks among the Top 10 nationally in kills, hammering 5.38 balls a game. Named the West Coast Conference's Player of the Week on September 6 and October 25, the outside hitter will also be in contention to earn All-WCC accolades, after garnering a spot on the All-WCC First Team her previous three years as a Torero. In addition to going for national and conference recognition, Forster is chasing former great Petia Yanchulova for USD's school record in kills. Thus far in Forster's storied USD career, she has accumulated 1,644 kills to Yanchulova's 1,892. If recognized, Forster would join Yanchulova as the second All-American in USD school history.

**CARLSON SLOWED BY INJURY:** Kristen Carlson, one of the Toreros leading outside hitters, has sat out of the last four matches due to injury. Through the first 14 matches of the season, the 6'2" sophomore was averaging 3.37 kills and 2.03 digs a game. After Carlson earned a spot on the Pac-10 All-Freshmen team a year ago, the hard-hitting product of Purcellville, Virginia, decided to transfer from Washington State to the University of San Diego.

**SUPER SOPHOMORES:** As freshmen, Christie Dawson and Emily Haas played like veterans and immediately made an impact for the Toreros, starting a majority of the matches last season. The two 2003 All-WCC Honorable Mention picks once again have played a major role for the Toreros. Anchoring USD's net game, the 6'1" Dawson and 5'11" Haas have teamed up to account for 47% of the team's total blocks. In addition to their outstanding defense, both sophomores are averaging at least 2.50 kills a game, adding to the number of offensive options the Toreros can chose from.

**PETRIE WELCOMES TOP FRESHMEN CLASS IN 2004:** University of San Diego Head Coach Jennifer Petrie signed one of her strongest recruiting classes in school history in November 2003. Ranked 25th by PrepVolleyball.com, the incoming freshmen class brings size and speed to an already talented Torero squad. Headlining the group is Jessica Nyrop, a 5'11" setter who will push incumbent setter Lindsey Sherburne everyday in practice. Petrie beefed up the middle by signing three tall and skilled blockers: 6'0" Moira McCarthy, 6'3" Lauren McClure, and 6'4" Laurel Abrahamson. Rounding out this exceptional class is 6'2"



Sophomore Christie Dawson (Apple Valley, CA/Granite Hills HS)



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**Girl Scouts, Waves Invade JCP Friday Night**

No. 22 San Diego host Pepperdine Friday and LMU Saturday. Matches will start at 7pm

Oct. 20, 2004

Roland Hu and Nick Mirkovich (USD Media Relations)

(San Diego, CA) - First place and 22nd-ranked San Diego (12-4, 5-0 WCC) battles perennial national power Pepperdine (5-9, 3-2 WCC) and WCC rival Loyola Marymount (13-5, 4-1 WCC) this weekend at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. After reeling off five straight conference wins, USD sits firmly atop the WCC standings with an unblemished 5-0 league record. The Toreros' 7pm date with the Waves is part of the USD Athletic Department's annual 'Girl Scout Sports and Slumber Night'. 450 young scouts from the San Diego Imperial Council are expected to be in attendance.

**San Diego is ranked 22nd in the latest AVCA USA Today/CSTV Top 25 Coaches Poll**

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USD also earned a national ranking of No. 20 by Volleyball Magazine this week

San Diego has earned a No. 7 regional ranking by *RichKern.com/AVCA*

**TOREROS RANKED 22nd BY AVCA:** Currently, the University of San Diego is ranked No. 22 in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA)/ USA Today/CSTV Top-25 Poll released on Monday, October 18, 2004. After beginning the season just outside the Top-25, USD climbed to a season-high ranking of No. 20 in the September 6th poll with a defeat against then-No.17 Arizona in three games in the Hawaiian Airlines Wahine Volleyball Classic. Two weeks later, a loss to Oregon State dropped the Toreros out of the Top-25 until a win over then 12th-ranked Santa Clara University on October 9 propelled the USD back into the Top 25 the following week. This is the seventh straight year that USD has appeared in the AVCA USA Today/CSTV Top-25 Poll.

**Lindsey Sherburne NAMED WCC PLAYER OF THE WEEK:** San Diego setter Lindsey Sherburne (Saratoga, CA) was honored as the West Coast Conference Volleyball Player of the Week as announced by the league office Monday. Sherburne and the 22nd-ranked Toreros have raced out to a perfect 5-0 league record- bidding to win the school's first WCC Championship since 1998. The 5-foot-9 junior recorded 58 assists, 15 digs, five kills and a pair of blocks to help USD defeat 14th-ranked St. Mary's Friday. Sherburne leads the WCC in assists for



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the second consecutive season and ranks 7th nationally in assists per game as of October 10. This is Sherburne's first WCC weekly honor and USD's second weekly honor this season.

**Volleyball Home ACC**

A product of the Bay Area's Archbishop Mitty High School, Sherburne returned home to help San Diego (12-4; 5-0 WCC) overpower WCC rivals St. Mary's and San Francisco. Sherburne's assault on the USD and WCC all-time record books continue. In two matches and eight games this weekend, Sherburne totaled 122 (15.25 p/g) assists. Last season Sherburne shattered USD's single-season assist record by handing out 1,524- ranking second nationally in per game average.

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Sherburne immediately made an impact upon her arrival in San Diego in the fall of 2002, earning the WCC co-Freshman of the Year award. In 2002 and 2003 Sherburne collected All-WCC Honorable Mention honors and is making a strong case for All-America and Academic All-America honors as a junior.

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**THE PEPPERDINE WAVES:** After an outstanding season a year ago, running the table in WCC play and reaching the Sweet 16, Pepperdine was favored to win their fourth-consecutive WCC Championship at the start of the season. Surprisingly, the Waves have struggled thus far in conference play and own an overall record of 5-9. Pepperdine does own a two-match winning streak coming in to Friday's meeting with USD. The outside duo of Katy Daly and Kristen Schultz lead the Waves offensively, with 4.30 and 3.02 kills a game, respectively. Returning to run the squad is Melissa Melhorn, who earned All-WCC First Team Honors in 2003. Sophia Milo, the WCC's Freshman of the Year in 2003, gives Pepperdine a huge presence in the middle, as she is averaging 2.94 kills and 1.32 blocks a game. Senior Christina Hinds has been a bright spot for the Pepperdine defense, leading the WCC in digs with 5.21 per game.

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**THE LOYOLA MARYMOUNT LIONS:** LMU and San Diego will play Saturday night at 7pm at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion. Employing a balanced attack that has five Lions averaging over 2.50 kills a game, Loyola Marymount is currently in second place in the competitive WCC. LMU enters the weekend having won five consecutive matches. Freshman outside hitter Heather Hughes has been a great addition to the Loyola Marymount line-up, as she leads the team in both kills (3.28) and aces (0.52) and has proven to be one of their best defenders, with 2.53 digs per game. Senior middle blocker Kelli Nerison is a force up at the net, registering 1.76 blocks and 3.03 kills per game. Setter Nicole Oehlman has the team hitting at a .250 hitting percentage, good for third in the WCC.

**USD PROVING CRITICS WRONG:** Coming off of a third straight NCAA appearance, the University of San Diego Toreros were picked to finish 4th in the West Coast Conference, behind Pepperdine, Santa Clara, and Loyola Marymount. San Diego has raced out to a 5-0 WCC record and is looking to win its first WCC Championship since 1998. Behind the hard hitting of Devon Forster, the crafty setting of Lindsey Sherburne, and the defensive plays of Jackie Bernardin, the Toreros are poised to capture USD's third-ever WCC crown. The Toreros won back-to-back WCC titles in 1997 and 1998, finishing with a program best 12-2 conference record in 1998.

**RECAP OF LAST WEEK'S MATCHES:** The University of San Diego traveled to the Bay Area last weekend and came away unscathed, scoring 3-1 victories over both 14th-ranked St. Mary's College (16-2, 5-1, WCC) and the University of San Francisco (9-13, 2-4 WCC). On Friday, seniors Kristen Hurst and Devon Forster combined for 39 kills to hand the Gaels just their second loss of the season. Freshman Erin Wiskar had a good night as well for USD, chipping in 12 kills and 6 digs. Junior Lindsey Sherburne dished out 58 assists and directed USD to a respectable .208% hitting percentage, enabling the Toreros to come away with a hard-fought 30-27, 20-30, 30-21, and 30-27 victory. The next night, USD defeated San Francisco 28-30, 31-29, 30-17, and 30-21 to extend their winning streak to six matches. Middle blocker Emily Haas was a terror at the net, hammering down a career-high 17 kills to go along with 4 blocks during the four-game win. Fellow middle blocker and classmate Christie Dawson blocked a match-high 7 balls to complement her 11 kills. Libero Jackie Bernardin, Forster and Hurst were absolutely solid in the back-row, as the trio accounted for 52 of the Torero's 79

digs for the match.

**SHERBURNE CONTINUES ASSAULT ON USD ASSIST RECORD:** Junior setter Lindsey Sherburne remains on target to surpass Katie Lindquist, USD's All-Time Assist Holder. With 3,818 career assists to her credit as of October 17, 2004, the Saratoga, Calif. native only needs 584 assists to break Lindquist's record of 4,402. Since her arrival at San Diego, Sherburne has been considered one of the top playmakers in the country, consistently ranking among the nation's top 15 in assists throughout her three years at USD. This year, the All-America candidate is averaging 14.00 assists per game, ranking her No. 6 in the country. In addition to chasing the USD record book, Sherburne is attempting to overtake former Santa Clara setter Roz Pelayo, who accumulated 5,732 assists in her stellar four-year career as a Bronco, for the WCC All-Time Assist Record.

**FORSTER PUSHES FOR ALL-AMERICA CONSIDERATION:** This season, senior Devon Forster is looking to earn her first AVCA All-American award. If recognized, Forster would be USD's second-ever All-American in school history. The Boulder, Colo. native is making a great case for a spot on one of the three coveted teams. Currently, she ranks among the top 10 nationally in kills, hammering 5.41 balls per game. Named the West Coast Conference's Player of the Week on September 6, the outside hitter will also be in contention to earn All-WCC accolades after garnering a spot on the All-WCC First Team her previous three years as a Torero. In addition to going for national and conference recognition, Forster is chasing former USD great Petia Yanchulova for USD's school record in kills. Thus far in her career, Forster has accumulated 1,608 kills to Yanchulova's 1,892 kills.

**TRANSFER CARLSON, MAKING IMMEDIATE IMPACT:** After Kristen Carlson earned a spot on the Pac-10 All-Freshman team a year ago, the talented outside hitter decided to transfer from Washington State to the University of San Diego. And luckily for the Toreros, Carlson has not missed a beat since her arrival on campus as the 6'2" starter is currently averaging 3.37 kills and 2.03 digs a game. With her solid contributions on the court, Carlson has a chance to earn All-WCC honors in her first year at USD.

**SUPER SOPHOMORES:** As freshmen, Christie Dawson and Emily Haas played like veterans and immediately made an impact for the Toreros, starting a majority of the matches last season. The two 2003 All-WCC Honorable Mentions are picking up where they left off last year, once again aiding USD's net game with their terrific skills. The 6'1" Dawson and 5'11" Haas have teamed up to account for 51% of the team's blocking percentage. In addition to their defensive skills, both sophomores are averaging at least 2.50 kills per game, adding to the number of offensive options the Toreros can choose from.

**BERNARDIN AND HURST DOING INTANGIBLES:** Junior Jackie Bernardin, a 5'6" libero from Bakersfield, Calif., was named the 2003 WCC Co-Defender of the Year in just her first season as a Torero, averaging a team best 3.53 digs per game. The University of Texas transfer was instrumental in USD's tenacious floor defense and continues her superb play this year as Bernardin is once again near the top of the conference leaders in digs with her 4.12 game average. Senior right side hitter Kristen Hurst had a solid year in 2003, garnering All-WCC Honorable Mention for the second consecutive season. The 6'1" hitter is one of USD's best all-around players, as she is equally successful in the front-row as she is in the back-row. Presently, the senior, who also hails from Bakersfield, Calif., is averaging 2.71 kills, 2.71 digs, and .66 blocks per game. Hurst plans to play basketball for USD head coach Kathy Marpe when the volleyball season concludes this fall.

**PETRIE WELCOMES TOP FRESHMEN CLASS IN 2004:** University of San Diego Head Coach Jennifer Petrie signed one of the strongest recruiting classes in school history in November 2003. Ranked 25th by PrepVolleyball.com, the incoming freshmen bring size and speed to an already talented Torero squad. Headlining the group is Jessica Nyrop, a 5'11" setter who will push incumbent setter Lindsey Sherburne everyday in practice. Petrie beefed up the middle by signing three tall and skilled blockers: 6'0" Moira McCarthy, 6'3" Lauren McClure,



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### San Diego County roundup: SDSU tennis player loses in third round

By: North County Times

San Diego State tennis player Alesya Vidov lost in the third round Saturday at the ITA Western Regional Championships, which were held at the Barnes Tennis Center. The loss kept the Aztecs from moving into the quarterfinals of the regional tournament.

Vidov's opponent in the round of 16 was USC's Nicole Leimbach, the tournament's No. 7 seed. The sophomore lost in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, to her Pac-10 counterpart. The defeat knocked the Aztecs out of the annual competition for the rest of the weekend.

The competition continues today at the Barnes Tennis Center with quarterfinal and semifinal matches taking place.

#### Aztec in semis

San Diego State's Armando Carrascosa upset No. 3 seed Roger Matalonga of Arizona 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals of the men's ITA Western Regional Championship at Malibu.

Carrascosa will face Pepperdine's Scott Doerner in the semifinals today. Doerner defeated USC's Johan Berg 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

#### Pros pulling away

After two days of competition in , the professional team leads the amateurs 7 1/2 to 4 1/2 in the match-play Century Club Matches at the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club. The pros earned four points in Saturday's competition from these pairings: Tim Parun and Justin Hicks; Chuck Miner and Rick Undermann; Greg Casagranada and John Mason; and Shay Blechynden and Michael Jack.

The amateurs earned two points with 1-up victories from the team of Brian Bazzel and Pete Roberts and the combo of Rick Martin and David Schnider.

#### USD women win

The University of San Diego women's volleyball team swept visiting Loyola Marymount 30-17, 30-20, 30-24 to improve to 7-0 in West Coast Conference play.

Senior All-America candidate Devon Forster led the Toreros (14-4 overall) with a match-high 19 kills. USD needed just 1 hour, 29 minutes to dispose of the Lions (13-7, 4-3).

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**LMU Falls in San Diego**

Lions drop tough WCC road match to #22 San Diego.

Oct. 23, 2004

**San Diego, Calif.** - Loyola Marymount volleyball dropped a tough West Coast Conference road match to the No. 22 University of San Diego 3-0 (30-17, 30-20, 30-24) Saturday evening in Jenny Craig Pavilion. Junior Dina DeBernardi tallied 10 kills and two blocks for the Lions (13-7, 4-3 WCC), but it was not enough to knock-off the Toreros (14-4, 7-0 WCC), who remain undefeated in WCC play.

Tonight's match concluded the first half of WCC play, as the Lions sit at 4-3 at the half-way mark. San Diego sits in first with a perfect 7-0 record.

DeBernardi hit .600 with six kills in game one, but San Diego went on a 6-0 run at the end of the game to take the first game 30-17.

San Diego's Devon Forster took over in game two and led the Toreros to the 30-20 win with eight kills.

Though USD used its momentum to carry the lead through most of the third game, LMU battled back within two at 19-17 to force a Torero timeout. The Lions tied the game at 21, thanks in part to kills by Nicole Oehlman and Sandy Krone, but USD used another late-game 5-0 run to seal the match with a 30-24 game three win.



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In addition to DeBernardi's 10 kills, senior Kelli Nerison added eight.

The Lions were without the play of their starting libero this weekend, as Michelle Look was out with an injured left knee. Look's status is listed as day-to-day.

LMU returns home to start the second half of WCC play. The Lions will host San Francisco on Friday and 15th-



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### Key Volleyball Weekend Will Shake Up WCC

Third place LMU will battle fourth place Santa Clara and first place San Diego on the road this weekend.

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#### Briefly...

LMU hits the road again for the toughest travel weekend in West Coast Conference play. Not only will the Lions travel between San Jose and San Diego for matches on Friday and Saturday, but they will face two ranked programs in 19th-ranked Santa Clara(12-4, 3-2 WCC) and 22nd-ranked University of San Diego (12-4, 5-0 WCC). With LMU sitting in third place in one of the nation's top volleyball conferences, the Lions will look to shake up the standings by meeting the fourth and first place teams. Both matches will begin at 7:00 p.m. with live streaming video available for Friday's match.

#### Nerison Among Nation's Best...

Senior middle blocker Kelli Nerison remains among the nation's best this week in the NCAA statistic leaders. She currently ranks seventh in the nation in blocks per game (1.76) and 24th in hitting percentage (.386).

#### Volleyball Alums To Be Inducted Into LMU Hall of Fame...

With many of the jerseys already hanging in the rafters of Gersten Pavilion with their numbers retired, the 2005 Inductees to the LMU Hall of Fame are some of the most recognized and accomplished former student-athletes in the history of LMU athletics. The LMU Hall of Fame Class of 2005 includes Terry Buckley ('57), Hank Gathers ('91), Tracy Holman ('98), Bo Kimble ('91), Anthony Napolitano ('94), Mardell Wensch ('96) and the 1989-90 Men's Basketball Team. The 2005 class will be inducted into the hall during the LMU Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, Jan. 28 on the campus of LMU. The formal induction ceremony will be held during the dinner while the new inductees will be recognized during halftime of the LMU vs. Pepperdine men's basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 29. As a group, the 2005 Hall of Fame class won 10 conference championships, 18 all-conference honors, nine academic all-conference honors, three All-American honors, a trip to the Sweet 16 in volleyball and the Elite Eight in men's basketball. With those honors, it is no surprise that four of them have their numbers retired. Gathers and Kimble both had their numbers retired in 2000, and joined the retired jerseys of Wensch and Holman of women's volleyball. While Gathers and Kimble and the rest of the 1989-90 men's basketball are the most remembered student-athletes at LMU, Wensch and Holman were key in putting LMU women's volleyball among the nation's elite. Holman was the first student-athlete in LMU history to win four straight first-team all-conference honors in the West Coast Conference. She helped the women's volleyball team to three straight WCC titles in 1994-96. The 1996 squad rivals the 1989-90 men's basketball team as the best LMU squads of all-time. Holman helped that team to the 1996 Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament, going 26-3 overall, a perfect 14-0 in the WCC and advancing to the Pacific Region semifinals. A teammate of Holman's for two seasons, Wensch was a part of the first two title runs, winning it in her junior and senior campaigns. She was a three-time first-team All-WCC selection in her tenure and was named Academic All-Conference all four years.

#### LMU Wins Fifth Straight...

LMU held WCC opponent Gonzaga to just 50 total points, a season-low for LMU opponents, as the Lions took the three-game sweep 30-12, 30-14, 30-24. Freshmen Jania Motton and Heather Hughes combined for 23 kills to lead LMU to its tenth win in Gersten Pavilion this season. The win improved LMU to 13-5 and 4-1 in conference action, while Gonzaga fell to 4-16 and 0-6. The Lions are now 10-1 at home. Three Lions registered double-digit kills, as Dina DeBernardi joined Hughes' 12 and Motton's 11 with ten of her own. Senior Kelli Nerison added nine kills and five blocks. The Lions maintained a .440 team hitting average, their second-best mark of the 2004 campaign. Motton, the Lions' redshirt freshman who earned her first career start last night against Portland, totaled 24 kills in the two matches.

#### Stratos Gets #300 vs. Portland...

The Lions' 3-0 sweep of Portland gave LMU Head Coach Steve Stratos his 300th career victory, making him just the second coach in WCC volleyball history to reach the milestone. With the 300



Heather Hughes and the Lions are fired up for a tough WCC road weekend.

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Bulldogs host Portland on Friday night

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**2004 GONZAGA BULLDOGS: 4-10-6 WCC**

**GU LOOKING FOR FIRST WCC WIN:** The Gonzaga University Bulldogs host the University of Portland on Friday night to complete the first half of the West Coast Conference season. Both teams enter the contest 0-6 in league play looking for their first win. Gonzaga has lost 10 straight matches and have only won one game in a match since losing the services of senior outside hitter Christina Davis. The match against Portland will be the first in a string of three straight home matches for GU as they host the University of San Diego and Santa Clara University on Halloween weekend.

**ARMAS OUTPUT CONTINUES TO CLIMB:** Senior middle blocker Lauren Armas continues to serve as the Bulldogs top offensive weapon in conference play as she is averaging 3.05 kills per game. Armas has led the Bulldogs in kills in five straight matches and is hitting a team-best .268 in WCC play. Armas has also increased her defensive output averaging 1.24 blocks per game in WCC matches to hold a slight edge over freshman Briawna Mueller who is averaging 1.19 blocks per game. Armas and Mueller currently rank sixth and seventh in the WCC in blocks per game during league matches.

**THIRD CAMPAIGN FOR YOSHIMURA:** Kip Yoshimura is in his third season as the Bulldogs head coach and continues the rebuilding project of the Gonzaga volleyball program. Yoshimura produced an 8-50 record in his first two years as the Bulldogs head coach with hopes of improving that mark this year with his first true recruiting class in place. His career record is 263-138 during 11 seasons as a head coach including nine seasons at Lewis-Clark State College where he guided the Warriors to nine straight NAIA tournament appearances. A 1990 graduate of Long Beach State University, Yoshimura entered the coaching ranks as a student assistant on Long Beach State's 1989 NCAA National Championship team. He then coached at Weber State before one season as an assistant coach at Gonzaga during the 1992 season.

**GAMETRACKER AVAILABLE FOR NEXT THREE MATCHES:** Gonzaga fans can follow all the action of the Bulldogs next three home matches on the internet as GameTracker statistics will be available on GoZags.com. GameTracker provides up to the minute play-by-play and statistical information.

**PORTLAND PILOTS (9-9, 0-6 WCC):** Gonzaga and Portland battle on Friday night with each team still in search of their first WCC win of the season. Portland enters the match 9-9 overall, 0-6 in the WCC the Pilots losing six straight after opening the year 9-3. Sara Vercruyssen is the Pilots top offensive player with 3.98 kills and 3.24 digs per game. Michelle Oakland is also a force with 3.28 kills per game. GU leads the all-time series 26-11 with the two teams splitting their match-ups last season.

**HERRERA DIGS IN:** Junior libero Jessica Herrera has been a steady force for the Bulldogs back row during her first season as the team's libero. Herrera currently leads the team with 278 digs for an average of 4.28 digs per game. She currently ranks fifth in the WCC for digs per game and second in the league for total number of digs standing just seven total digs behind Murphy McClenahan of Portland who has 285 total digs and a 5.67 digs per game average. For the season Herrera has reached double-digit digs in 19 of the Bulldogs 20 matches, the lone match she failed to reach 10 or more digs was a 3-0 loss to San Diego.

**PLAYING EVERY GAME:** Gonzaga currently has four players who have played in every game this season led by seniors Lauren Armas and Emilee Gihring. Armas currently leads the team with 3 kills per game and a .298 attack percentage while



Gonzaga hosts Portland on Friday night with both teams looking for their first WCC win of the season.



USD Aims for Sole Possession of First Place in WCC

San Diego is currently ranked No. 25 nationally by the AVCA

Oct. 12, 2004

Roland Hu (USD Media Relations)

(San Diego, CA) - West Coast Conference play continues for the 25th-ranked Toreros of San Diego (10-4, 3-0 WCC) when they travel to Northern California to take on 14th-ranked St. Mary's (15-1, 4-0 WCC) Friday, October 15th and the San Francisco Dons (9-11, 2-2 WCC) Saturday, October 16th. Fresh off a decisive four-game victory over then-12th ranked Santa Clara Saturday, USD is hoping to extend its current four-match winning streak and take sole possession of first place in the WCC standings. San Diego hopes to avenge last season's Bay Area swing, in which the Toreros were beaten in five games by both the Gaels and the Dons.

**ST. MARY'S GAELS:** Sitting atop the WCC standings, St. Mary's College has employed a diverse attack and stingy defense to propel the Gaels inside the AVCA's Top 15. The attacking trio of Lindsay Bogason, Kauli Salzman, and Cassandra Kolkka account for 62% of Saint Mary's offense. Bogason leads the team in kills, putting down 3.75 a game. Recent WCC Player of the Week, setter Mandy Bible runs the Gaels' offense and dishes out 12.71 assists a game. Defensively, Kolkka and middle blocker Stacey O'Connor lead the squad in digs and blocks with 4.50 and 1.53 a game, respectively. The Gaels have won six straight.

**SAN FRANCISCO DONS:** After opening WCC play 0-2, San Francisco rebounded last weekend to even their conference record at 2-2 with wins over Gonzaga and Portland. Outside hitters Theresa Hart and Stephanie Voelckers are among the conference's top attackers, as they average 3.94 and 3.64 kills a game, respectively. In addition, the Dons boast one of the best liberos in the WCC in Brynn Maurer, who is able to dig 4.60 balls a game.

**TOREROS RETURN TO AVCA TOP-25:** Following a resounding victory over then 12th-ranked Santa Clara, San Diego was rewarded with another appearance in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) USA Today/CSTV Top-25 Poll released on Monday. With a total of 84 points, the Toreros are currently ranked 25th in the nation. After beginning the season just outside the Top-25, USD started the year off on a strong note and climbed to a season-high ranking of No. 20 on September 6th. Two weeks later, a loss to Oregon State dropped the Toreros out of the Top-25 until this week's return appearance. USD has appeared in the AVCA's Top-25 Poll in each of the last seven seasons.

**RECAP OF LAST WEEKS MATCHES:** The University of San Diego Toreros traveled to Peterson Gym Tuesday night and swept cross-town rivals San Diego State (1-16, 1-3 MWC). Senior Devon Forster turned in another outstanding performance Tuesday, claiming 21 kills and hitting at a very efficient .366 percentage. After a close opening frame in which the Toreros edged the Aztecs by a score of 30-28, USD took control, easily taking games 2 and 3 by margins of 30-17 and 30-23. On Saturday night, USD upset then 12th-ranked Santa Clara (11-3, 2-1) in a key WCC affair. With the loss, the Bronco's eight-game win streak was snapped. Following a tense first game in which the Bronco's were able to win 34-32, USD took control of the match and easily won the next three games by scores of 30-23, 30-19, and 30-17. Lindsey Sherburne set an efficient offense that saw five Toreros register double-digit numbers in kills. Leading the way once again was Forster, who claimed 17 kills on the night. Kristen Hurst had an excellent all-around match, as she pounded home 14 kills and dug 13 balls. Libero Jackie Bernardin proved to be a menace for the Bronco offense, as she collected a match-high 17 digs. In addition, Bernardin's tough jump serves resulted in a career-high six aces. With the victory, the Toreros remain unbeaten in conference play.

**SHERBURNE CONTINUES ASSAULT ON USD ASSIST RECORD:** WCC assist leader (13.81 p/g) Lindsey Sherburne remains on target to surpass Katie Lindquist, as USD's all-time passing leader. With 3,653 career assists to her credit as of October 2, 2004, the Saratoga, Calif. native only needs to 749 assists to break Lindquist's record of 4,402. Since her arrival at San Diego, Sherburne has been considered one of the top playmakers in the country, consistently ranking in the Nation's Top 15 in assists throughout her three years at USD. This year, the All-American candidate is averaging 13.81 assists a game, good for No. 7 in the country. In addition to chasing the USD record book, Sherburne is attempting to overtake former Santa Clara setter Roz Pelayo for the WCC All-Time Assist Record, as the All-WCC selection accumulated 5,732 assists in her stellar four-year career as a Bronco.

**FORSTER PUSHES FOR ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION:** This season, senior Devon Forster is looking to earn her first AVCA All-American award. If recognized, Forster would be USD's second-ever All-American in school history. The native out of Boulder, Colo. is making a great case for a spot on one of the three coveted teams. Currently, she leads the WCC in points (6.15 p/g) and kills (5.41 p/g) while ranking among the nation's top 15 in kills. Named the West Coast Conference's Player of the Week on September 6th, the outside hitter will also be in contention to earn All-WCC accolades, after garnering a spot on the All-WCC First Team her previous three years as a Torero. In addition to going for national and conference recognition, Forster is chasing former great Petia Yanchulova for USD's school record in kills. Thus far her in career,



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Forster has accumulated 1,565 kills to Yanchulova's 1,892 kills.

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**USD LOOKING TO PROVE ITS CRITICS WRONG:** Coming off of a third straight NCAA appearance, the University of San Diego Toreros were picked to finish 4th in the West Coast Conference, behind Pepperdine, Santa Clara, and Loyola Marymount. But with the hard hitting of Devon Forster, the crafty setting of Lindsey Sherburne, and the defensive plays of Jackie Bernardin, the Toreros have legitimate aspirations of the school's third-ever WCC crown. The last time the Toreros were Conference Champions was in 1998, when they finished with a 12-2 conference record.

**SUPER SOPHOMORES:** As freshmen, Christie Dawson and Emily Haas immediately made an impact for the Toreros, starting a majority of the matches and earning All-WCC Honorable Mention honors. The pair have picked up from where they left off last year, leading USD's efforts at the net. The 6'1" Dawson and 5'11" Haas have teamed up to account for 49% of the team's blocks. In addition to their defensive skills, both sophomores are averaging at least 2.50 kills a game, adding to the number of offensive options the Toreros can choose from.

**BERNARDIN AND HURST ESSENTIAL IN USD'S SUCCESS:** Junior Jackie Bernardin, a 5'6" libero from Bakersfield, was named the 2003 WCC co-Defender of the Year in just her first season on Alcalá Park, averaging a team best 3.53 digs a game. The transfer from the University of Texas is a tenacious defender and has continued her superb play this year- ranking near the top of the conference in digs with a 4.04 per game average. Opposite Kristen Hurst had a solid year in 2003, garnering All-WCC Honorable Mention honors for the second consecutive season. The 6'1" hitter is one of USD's best all-around players. Presently, the senior is averaging 2.49 kills, 2.65 digs, and .47 blocks a game.

**PETRIE WELCOMES TOP FRESHMEN CLASS IN 2004:** University of San Diego Head Coach Jennifer Petrie signed one of her strongest recruiting classes in school history in November of 2003. Ranked 25th by *PrepVolleyball*, the incoming class brings size and speed to an already talented Torero lineup. Headlining the group is Jessica Nyrop, a 5'11" setter who will push incumbent setter Lindsey Sherburne everyday in practice. Petrie beefed up the middle by signing three tall and skilled blockers: 6'0" Moira McCarthy, 6'3" Lauren McClure, and 6'4" Laurel Abrahamson. Rounding out this exceptional class is 6'2" attacker and Canadian import, Erin Wiskar. Wiskar was a member of the Canadian Youth National Team.

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**Volleyball Drops 3-0 Decision To San Diego**

Aztecs struggle against high-powered Torero offense

Oct. 6, 2004

**SAN DIEGO** - After a slow start that resulted in a tightly-contested opening game, the University of San Diego turned on the offense and defeated San Diego State, 3-0 (30-28, 30-17, 30-23) Tuesday evening in SDSU's Peterson Gym. The win was the third straight for the Toreros, who improved to 9-4 on the season. The Aztecs, meanwhile, saw their record drop to 1-15.

In the opening game, USD scored nine straight points to take a 15-5 lead, the SDSU fought back to tie the contest at 22-22. The Toreros scored the next three points and were able to hold off the Aztecs for the two-point win. Then, after hitting .234 in that first game, USD went on a tear, hitting .423 over the final two contests and finishing the match with a team attack percentage of .347.

USD's Lindsey Sherburne led all players with 21 kills, and was joined in double figure in that stat by teammate Christie Dawson with 14. The Toreros notched 61 kills over the three games to 30 for the home side.



Kara Moriarty had eight kill three blocks and three digs in loss to University of San Diego on Tuesday.

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San Diego State was led by senior Kara Moriarty's eight kills. Melissa Stapley and Audra Dent also contributed seven apiece, but the Aztecs were unable to get an offensive rhythm going.

One area that SDSU did enjoy an advantage was on the block, where it finished the match with 10.5 team blocks to seven for the visitors. Junior Ashley Bowker led the Aztecs with five while Dent and freshman Lindsey Mahan had four each.

Up next for San Diego State is a two-match road trip to the state of Utah, where they will start with a contest at Brigham Young on Friday (Oct. 8) at 7:00 p.m. (MDT).



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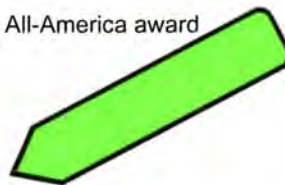
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**USD Volleyball Will Host No. 12 Santa Clara Saturday Night at 7pm**

Devon Forster is looking to earn her first AVCA All-America award

Oct. 6, 2004

Roland Hu (USD Media Relations)



(San Diego, CA) - The University of San Diego Toreros (9-4, 2-0 WCC) traveled to Peterson Gym Tuesday night and swept cross-town rivals San Diego State (1-15, 1-2 MWC). Riding a three-match winning streak, USD will play host to No. 12 Santa Clara Saturday night at 7pm in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Senior Devon Forster turned in another outstanding performance Tuesday, claiming 21 kills and hitting at a very efficient .366 percentage. After a close opening frame in which the Toreros edged the Aztecs by a score of 30-28, USD took control the rest of the match and easily took Games 2 and 3 by margins of 30-17 and 30-23.

Sophomore Christie Dawson continues to be a presence at the net, collecting 14 kills and 4 blocks against the Aztecs. Junior Lindsey Sherburne distributed 43 assists and had the team hitting at a .347 clip. On October 9th, USD will host No. 12 Santa Clara (11-2, 2-0 WCC) in a key West Coast Conference match-up at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.



Lindsey Sherburne remains target to surpass USD great Lindquist for the Torero school record in assists

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**THE SANTA CLARA BRONCOS:** The nationally ranked Santa Clara Broncos will come to the Jenny Craig Pavilion featuring the WCC's top blocking tandem of Annalisa Muratore and Anna Cmylo. The two freshmen are ranked #2 and #4 in the conference in blocks, with Muratore and Cmylo averaging 1.65 and 1.38 blocks a game, respectively. Muratore also leads the Broncos in kills with 3.50 a game, while her older sister Toni is second on the team with 3.29 kills a game. Santa Clara also

possesses the WCC's top hitting team, as setters Crystal Mattich and Kristen Luxton run an efficient offense that is hitting .254 on the season.

**LAST WEEK:** The Toreros went 2-0 to open WCC play, as they swept visiting Portland and Gonzaga. Against the Portland Pilots on Friday evening, Devon Forster led the way with 15 kills, as San Diego methodically dismantled the Pilots by scores of 30-20, 30-24, and 30-22. Aiding Forster in the front-row was Christie Dawson, who hammered home 12 kills on the night. Defensively, senior Kristen Hurst was a bright spot for USD, who accumulated a three-game career high 17 digs during the sweep. The very next night, the Toreros continued their excellent play by dominating the Gonzaga Bulldogs, 30-17, 30-12, and 30-17. Forster was once again a main reason for the victory, as she totaled 17 kills on a .500 hitting clip. Setter Lindsey Sherburne ran a very potent offense, as she had the team hitting an astounding .421 while dishing out 51 assists on the night. Fans saw a glimpse of the future as freshman outside hitter Erin Wiskar tallied eight kills in her WCC debut.

**SHERBURNE CONTINUES ASSAULT ON USD ASSIST RECORD:** Junior setter Lindsey Sherburne remains on target to surpass USD great Katie Lindquist, who holds the school record in assists. With 3,595 career assists to her credit as of October 2, 2004, the Saratoga, Calif. native only needs to 807 assists to break Lindquist's record of 4,402. Since her arrival in San Diego, Sherburne has been considered one of the top playmakers in the country, consistently ranking in the Nation's Top 15 in assists throughout her three years at USD. This year, the All-America candidate is averaging 13.71 assists a game. In addition to chasing the USD record book, Sherburne is attempting to overtake former Santa Clara setter Roz Pelayo for the WCC All-Time Assist Record, as the All-WCC selection accumulated 5,732 assists in her stellar four-year career

**FORSTER PUSHES FOR ALL-AMERICA CONSIDERATION:** This season, senior Devon Forster is looking to earn her first AVCA All-America award. If recognized, Forster would be USD's second-ever All-American in program history. The native out of Boulder, Colorado is making a great case for a spot on one of the three coveted teams. Currently, she ranks among the Top 10 nationally in kills, hammering 5.42 balls a game. Recently named the West Coast Conference's Player of the Week on September 6th, the outside hitter will also be in contention to earn All-WCC accolades, after garnering a spot on the All-WCC First Team her previous three years as a Torero. In addition to going for national and conference recognition, Forster is chasing former great Petia Yanchulova for USD's school record in kills. Thus far in her career, Forster has accumulated 1,548 kills to Yanchulova's 1,892.

**TRANSFER CARLSON HAS SMOOTH TRANSITION:** After Kristen Carlson earned a spot on the Pac-10 All-Freshman team, the talented outside hitter decided to transfer from Washington State to the University of San Diego. And luckily for the Toreros, Carlson has not missed a beat since her arrival on campus, as the 6'2" starter is currently averaging 3.44 kills and 2.12 digs a game. With her solid contributions on the court, Carlson has a chance to earn All-WCC honors in her first year at USD.

**SUPER SOPHOMORES:** As freshman, Christie Dawson and Emily Haas played like veterans and immediately made an impact for the Toreros, starting a majority of the matches last season. The two 2003 All-WCC Honorable Mentions are picking up from where they left off last year, once again playing an essential role in USD's net game. The 6-foot-1 Dawson and 5-foot-11 Haas have teamed up to account for 59% of the team's blocks. In addition to their defensive skills, both sophomores are averaging at least 2.00 kills a game, adding to the number of offensive options the Toreros can chose from.

**BERNARDIN AND HURST ONCE AGAIN SHINE ON THE COURT:** Junior Jackie Bernardin, a 5-foot-6 libero from Bakersfield, was named the 2003 WCC Co-Defender of the Year in just her first season in Torero blue, averaging a team best 3.53 digs a game. The transfer from the University of Texas was instrumental in USD's tenacious floor defense and continues her superb play this year as Bernardin is once again near the top of the conference leaders in digs with her 4.00 per game average. Opposite Kristen Hurst had a solid year in 2003, garnering All-WCC Honorable Mention for the second consecutive season. The 6-foot-1 hitter is one of USD's best all-around players, as she is equally successful in the front-row as she is in the back-row. Currently, the senior is averaging 2.42 kills, 2.67 digs, and .51 blocks a game.

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**USD PICKED TO FINISH FOURTH IN THE WCC:** Coming off of a third straight NCAA Tournament appearance, the University of San Diego Toreros were picked to finish 4th in the West Coast Conference, behind Pepperdine, Santa Clara, and Loyola Marymount. Behind the hard hitting of Devon Forster, the crafty setting of Lindsey Sherburne, and the defensive plays of Jackie Bernardin, the Toreros are looking for their third-ever WCC crown. The last time the Toreros were Conference Champions was in 1998, when they finished with a 12-2 conference record.

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## Volleyball Falls To 9th-Ranked Colorado State In Three Games

Dent, Stapley lead Aztec attack with eight kills apiece

Oct. 3, 2004

**SAN DIEGO** - Colorado State showed why it is the number-nine ranked team in the nation as it defeated San Diego State, 3-0 (30-23, 30-23, 30-20), Saturday night in Peterson Gym. The Rams hit a scorching .414 for the match and recorded twice as many kills (62-30) as SDSU.

The win was the 11th in a row for CSU, which has not lost since their season opener on Aug. 28 vs. then number-one Minnesota. With the victory, the Rams improved to 12-1 overall and 4-0 in the Mountain West Conference while the Aztecs fell 1-14 (1-2 MWC).

Although the final score of each game heavily favored the visitors, the Aztec actually played even with CSU in each contest. All three games saw the teams tied at 12-12 before Colorado State slowly pulled away for the win in each contest.

San Diego State was led offensively by Audra Dent and Melissa Stapley, who tallied eight kills apiece. Dent and teammate Ashley Bowker were also prominent at the net for the Aztecs with three blocks each.

Colorado State finished the match with three players in double figures in kills, led by Tess Rogers with 16. The team defenses were even with both sides recording 34 digs on the night. Individual honors in that stat went to SDSU's Aime Cordeiro who had a dozen.

San Diego State now takes a short break from league play as it hosts cross-town rival University of San Diego on Tuesday (Oct., 5) at 7:00 p.m. in Peterson Gym.



Audra Dent had eight kills and three blocks in the loss to Colorado State Saturday evening.

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**Volleyball Falls Flat In Loss To San Diego**

Bulldogs held to 20 kills in three-game setback

Oct. 2, 2004

**SAN DIEGO** - One night after nearly pulling the upset over No. 13 Santa Clara University, the Gonzaga University Bulldogs came out flat in their second West Coast Conference match of the season as the University of San Diego Toreros steamrolled the Bulldogs in three games. USD (8-4, 2-0 WCC) won easily by scores of 30-17, 30-12 and 30-17. Gonzaga playing without the services of senior outside hitter Christina Davis fell to 4-11 overall, 0-2 in the WCC. Davis suffered an injury during last night's loss to the Broncos and will be evaluated when the team returns to Spokane on Sunday.

Devon Forster provided all the offense San Diego needed on Saturday night collecting 17 kills on 28 attacks as the Toreros finished with 60 kills compared to just 20 kills for Gonzaga. Christie Dawson and Emily Haas also reached double-figures with 10 kills each. USD combined for a team attack percentage of .410 with their lowest attacking game coming in the opener with a .341 clip.



Senior Lauren Armas had seven kills of Gonzaga's 20 kills on Saturday night.

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Bernardin led USD with 13 digs.

Gonzaga struggled on offense all night without Davis in the line-up as senior Lauren Armas was the top Bulldogs attacker with seven kills. The Bulldogs did battle at the net finishing with 12 blocks led by freshman Briawna Mueller's five block assists. GU also struggled to dig several San Diego attacks with Jessica Herrera the top player with eight digs. Jackie

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# SDSU women get first win

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San Diego State's women's volleyball team got its first victory of the season last night, 30-27, 29-31, 30-19, 30-22 over Wyoming in Mountain West Conference play.

Wyoming entered the match with a 7-5 record overall, 2-0 in MWC play.

Aztecs sophomore Melissa Stapley recorded 17 kills, senior Kara Moriarty 16 and junior Ashley Bowker 11. Freshman setter Kristen Castillo handed out 45 assists. Defensively, Rachael Booth and Sara Maytorena both had 16 digs.

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UCSD's Stacy Dunsmore recorded 14 kills and Teresa Ohta 46 assists as the Tritons, ranked No. 3 in NCAA Division II, clobbered **Cal State Dominguez Hills** 30-19, 30-23, 30-21. The Tritons are 16-1.

**USD** clubbed **Portland** 30-20, 30-24, 30-22 in its West Coast Conference opener. The Toreros (7-4) used Kristen Hurst's 17 digs and Devon Forster's 15 kills to advantage.

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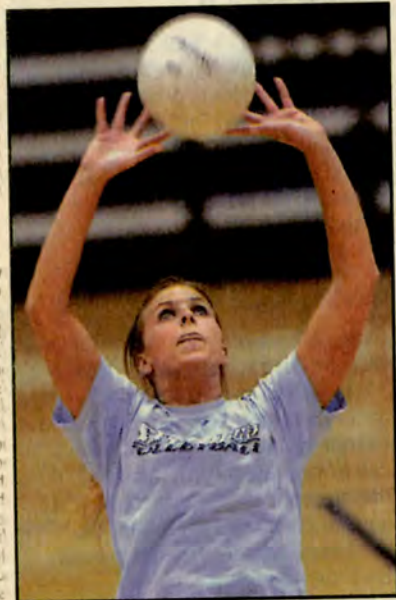
UCSD's Bryan Swatt and Brent Molden teamed up to win the Small College Division II ITA West Region Championship in doubles on the Tritons' courts, defeating Thomas Morton and Andy Muesse of **Sonoma State** 8-3 in the title match. Molden also finished third in singles, losing 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 to **BYU-Hawaii's** Dorian Porada in the quarterfinals.

SDSU's Dita Hauerlandova, Nina Spaeth and Eliska Krausova advanced to today's semifinals in the San Diego State Fall Classic with straight-sets wins in the opening and quarterfinal rounds.

### Soccer

UCSD jumped out early and cruised to a 3-1 win over **Sonoma State**, improving its record to 8-1 overall and 4-1 in California Collegiate Athletic Association play. Ali Lai, Megan Dickey and Kelly Cochran scored goals.

The Tritons' men played to a scoreless tie against Sonoma State.



**USD junior setter Lindsey Sherburne and the Toreros want to win the WCC title this season.**  
*Nancee E. Lewis / Union-Tribune*

## USD setter is eager for WCC opener

■ **By Nicole Vargas**  
STAFF WRITER

■ **B**arely a month into the season, Lindsey Sherburne already feels a sense of urgency.

■ Each of Sherburne's first two seasons on the USD volleyball team have ended with a trip to the NCAA tournament.

■ But Sherburne — who statistically was the nation's top returning setter — sees the potential to do more with the teammates around her this season.

■ "We want to win (the West Coast Conference)," said the 5-foot-9 junior, whose team opens WCC play tonight at 7 against visiting Port-

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# Sherburne tops WCC with 13.51 assists a game

land. "We want to keep our (postseason hopes) in our hands and not let somebody else be the deciding factor on whether we go to the tournament or not.

"We want to prove ourselves and make a statement."

Sherburne wasted no time making a statement when she came to USD after a stellar prep career at San Jose Archbishop Mitty, where she won a Division I state championship and the title of Miss Volleyball State Player of the Year.

"She came in as a freshman and started running the program right away," said USD coach Jennifer Petrie. "She's always found a way to get our hitters to score, no matter who they were. She makes our hitters look good."

Sherburne's first season ended with WCC Co-Freshman of the Year honors, and she finished her sophomore year as USD's single-season record holder for assists (1,524) and ranked second in the nation in assists per game

(14.37).

After 10 matches this season, Sherburne is again atop the WCC with an average of 13.51 assists, which puts her 13th in the nation.

But as long as her list of personal accomplishments may be, Sherburne won't focus on individual goals.

"It's a lot more exciting to get the 'W' than to be on the top of the (stat lists)," she said.

Numbers aside, Sherburne credits her success at USD to the players around her. She says the Toreros entered the season with an intensity and a drive she hadn't seen.

That intensity wasn't wasted on Sherburne, who traded a summer in the Bay Area with her family for wind sprints and weightlifting in San Diego.

Part of that drive comes from ending the 2003 season with seven straight losses; part of it is inspired by the Toreros' potential, even in a league in which six of eight teams last season reached the postseason.

"We definitely struggled at the end of last year," Sherburne said. "But we've moved on. It gave us the motivation to work our (rear ends) off this summer and everyone came back excited and ready to prove themselves and show people we are a better team than that."

## NCAA Div. I volleyball

### USD (6-4)

**Tonight:** Portland at USD, 7 (conference opener)

**Best win:** 3-0 over then-No. 17 Arizona.

**Outlook:** Even without injured outside hitter Ryan Maspero, USD should have the depth to finish higher than its predicted fourth.

### SDSU (0-13, 0-1)

**Tonight:** Wyoming at SDSU, 7

**Best win:** Still searching.

**Outlook:** Without injured Kara Moriarty for nearly the entire preseason, SDSU has had a difficult start, including a 3-0 loss at UNLV to open MWC play.

The preconference season included a victory over then-No. 17 Arizona and four straight victories that helped the Toreros (6-4) rise as high as No. 20 in the national rankings. Three of USD's four early losses came in five-game matches.

But with conference play comes a fresh start, and no one knows that more than USD.

"We still have a lot to prove," Sherburne said. "We've played some tough matches and lost a few we should have won. But now we're excited to come out and get the wins we've worked for. We're ready."

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**SAN DIEGO, Calif** - The Gonzaga University women's soccer team fell in a West Coast Conference match to the 25th ranked Toreros of the University of San Diego in overtime Sunday at Torero Stadium 1-0.

After the teams battled to a scoreless first period, and despite USD holding a decisive advantage in shots (21-8) and corner kicks (8-0), the Bulldogs had a great scoring opportunity midway through the second half when senior midfielder Sarah Hawkins was awarded a penalty kick. The shot went towards the lower left corner of the goal and was batted away by San Diego's freshman goalkeeper Karen Cook.

Three minutes into the overtime period the Toreros were able to hand the Bulldogs its second shutout in as many games when midfielder Veronica Ambort netted a rebound off a shot by Brittany Young.

Gonzaga's junior goalkeeper Ashley Haugen recorded nine saves in the loss for the Bulldogs and her counterpart Cook recorded two saves in picking up the win for San Diego.

The Bulldogs will be back in action Oct. 31 as they host Saint Mary's College in a 2 p.m. WCC match at Martin Field.



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Senior forward Sarah Hawkins recorded the 1-0 loss to San Diego.

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**Zags Take To The Road**

Bulldogs travel to California for a pair of WCC contests.

**Oct. 20, 2004**

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**SPOKANE, Wash. (Oct.20, 2004, www.gozags.com)** - The Gonzaga University women's soccer team (10-6-0, 2-1-0 WCC) is off to its best conference start in program history and will try and improve upon that this weekend when the Zags travel to the Golden State for a pair of West Coast Conference matches. On Friday the Zags will travel to Santa Clara, Calif., for a 7 p.m. match against No. 10 Santa Clara University. On Sunday the Bulldogs will travel to Southern California for a 1 p.m. match against the 25th ranked University of San Diego.

**LAST TIME OUT:** Gonzaga University picked up two wins over West Coast Conference foes last weekend. On Friday, the Zags handed Loyola Marymount University a commanding 3-1 loss, snapping the Lions' five-match unbeaten streak. Freshman midfielder Heather Horn scored two first-half goals and senior Ashley Pryor added one goal. On Sunday the Bulldogs faced their second nationally-ranked opponent in as many weeks. This time the Zags were on the winning end of the match. GU's identical twins Annie and Sarah Hawkins each tallied one goal in the 2-0 shutout over No. 20 Pepperdine University.

**HAUGEN GETTING IT DONE:** Gonzaga University junior goalkeeper Ashley Haugen played a pivotal role in the Bulldogs 2-0 record last weekend. In Friday's win over Loyola Marymount University Haugen only allowed one goal and recorded eight saves. On Sunday, she recorded six saves in the shutout. Haugen is posting a 1.25 goals-against-average and has recorded 87 saves. Haugen's play last weekend earned her a West Coast Conference Player of the Week nomination.

**RANKED OPPONENTS:** Gonzaga University is 2-31-0 all-time versus ranked opponents. The two wins have come against Pepperdine University over the past two seasons. GU will have a chance to improve upon that record this weekend as they face two nationally ranked opponents.

**HEATHER IS TOOTING HER HORN:** Gonzaga University freshman



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midfielder Heather Horn has made her impression on the team. Horn is ranked second in goals scored with five and is tied for second in total points with 12.

**ZAGS ON THE ROAD:** Gonzaga University is posting a .500 record on the road this season at 4-4-0 and is being outscored 15-11 in those matches. GU's lone three-match losing streak of the season came when the Zags were on the road from Sept. 26 through Oct. 3.

**IN THE POLLS:** In the Oct. 18 Soccer Buzz West Region Poll, Gonzaga University received a vote as one of the top teams in the region. This was the second time this season the Bulldogs have received a vote for the West Region poll, the other time Sept. 6 when the Zags had a 3-1 record.

**ZAGS HIT 10 WINS:** Gonzaga University has hit the 10-win barrier for the second time in program history. Last season the Zags won a school-record 11 matches and this season's squad could match that with one win this weekend.

**SCOUTING THE BRONCOS:** The Santa Clara University women's soccer team enters the week with an overall record of 9-4-2 and a 2-1-0 mark in the West Coast Conference. SCU holds a 11-0-0 all-time record over the Bulldogs. The Broncos are outscoring their opponents 25-14 and hold a decisive 206-97 shot advantage. The offensive charge for the Broncos is led by sophomore forward Tina Estrada who has posted a team-leading seven goals and added three assists for 17 points. Sophomore goalkeeper Julie Ryder has a goals-against-average of 0.95 with 25 saves and five shutouts.

**SCOUTING THE TOREROS:** The University of San Diego enters the week with a 9-6-1 overall record and are unblemished in the West Coast Conference at 3-0-0. San Diego is currently on a five-match win streak. The Toreros are 10-1-0 all-time versus Gonzaga University with the Bulldogs claiming the last meeting 1-0 in 2003. San Diego's offense is led by freshman forward Amy Epsten with 10 goals and three assists for 23 points. The defense is led by freshman goalkeeper Karen Cook with a 1.20 goals-against-average and has recorded 60 saves. USD is outshooting its opponents 206-165 and has a 28-20 advantage in goals.

**LIVE ON THE INTERNET:** All Gonzaga University home matches as well as all West Coast Conference road matches will be available via Gametracker on the internet at <http://www.gozags.com>. Check the Gonzaga web site for all Gametracker links.

**THE STILES FILE:** The first female head women's soccer coach in the history of the West Coast Conference, Shannon Stiles enters her sixth season at Gonzaga with the program coming off the most successful season in school history. The Bulldogs posted their first winning season in school history with an 11-8-0 record and a 3-4-0 mark in WCC play. The three wins in WCC play surpassed the previous total of two conference wins Gonzaga had collected during 10 previous seasons of WCC play. For her efforts Stiles was named WCC Coach of the Year. Her overall record as a collegiate head coach is 37-70-2, making her the winningest coach in program history.

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Gonzaga Blanks No. 20 Pepperdine

Zags record second shutout of the season.

Oct. 17, 2004

SPOKANE, Wash. - Gonzaga University's identical twin sisters Annie and Sarah Hawkins each tally one goal as the Bulldogs pull off the 2-0 upset over No. 20 Pepperdine University in a West Coast Conference match Sunday at Martin Field.

With the win the Bulldogs are of to their best WCC start in program history at 2-1-0 and are 10-6-0 overall. With the loss the Waves drop to 7-4-2 overall and 0-2-1 in WCC play.

GU wasted no time in scoring as in the eight minute Annie Hawkins recorded her seventh goal of the season. Hawkins hit a one-timer off a cross from junior defender Rachael Manning from about 10 yards out that skied into the net to give the Zags the early advantage.



Sarah Hawkins goal of the se

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The Waves had several good looks at the net in the first period with their best scoring opportunity coming in the 30th minute. Junior forward Megan Woods found herself in front of the Bulldogs net about 10 yards out and launched a rocket that hit the lower part of the cross bar and bounced to the feet of Gonzaga's junior goalkeeper Ashley Haugen who then cleared the ball out of the goal box preserving the Zags one goal lead.

Despite Pepperdine outshooting the Bulldogs 12-3 in the second period it was the Zags who were able to put another point on the scoreboard at the 76:04 mark. Senior forward Walker Loseno, recording her second assist, was in a crowded goal box and managed to tap the ball over to Sarah Hawkins who then hit a rocket into the back of the net to give GU a two goal cushion.

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Haugen recorded six saves in recording her second shutout of the season. Her counterpart Anna Picarelli recorded three saves in taking the lead for Pepperdine.

The win marked only the second time in program history that the Bulldogs were able to defeat a ranked opponent.

The Bulldogs will be back in action on Friday when the Zags will travel to Santa Clara University in a 7 p.m. WCC match. On Sunday Gonzaga will then travel to San Diego, Calif. for a 1 p.m. WCC match against the University of San Diego.

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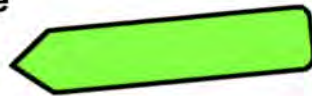
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**USF Lose a Close One at Home**

Despite a furious rally, USF falls to #25 USD 2-1



Oct. 16, 2004

(San Francisco) - On a cold and damp evening in San Francisco, the USF Dons (7-4-3; 1-1-0) squared off against the #25 ranked University of San Diego Toreros (8-6-1; 2-0-0) in tightly contested WCC match at Negroesco Stadium. USF fell behind early and despite a spirited comeback were unable to pull even as they ultimately lost the contest by a 2-1 margin. The loss represents USF's first defeat in five games.

Thirty-four seconds into the game, San Diego forward Michelle Rowe was able to break free from the Dons defense as she found herself all alone with only USF goalkeeper Stephanie Beall to beat. Rowe accurately unleashed a booming shot that sailed past the far side of the Dons net as USD pulled ahead 1-0. The Toreros goal broke a streak of three consecutive shutouts for San Francisco and their goalkeeper Stephanie Beall.



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USF was able to regain their composure after allowing the early goal and they played the Toreros evenly through remainder of the game. The shots total reflect just how close this contest was, as USD out shot USF by an 11-10 margin.

In the second half, USD was able to get some breathing room for a short time as sophomore forward Veronica Ambort headed in a corner kick at the 54th minute to push San Diego out in front by a 2-

0 score. The goal was Veronica's second of the season.

The San Diego goal proved to be a wakeup call for the Dons, as USF was able to re-group and begin to mount a stronger counter attack. Their determined efforts



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were rewarded in the 62 minutes as sophomore forward Chelsea Hunt was able to connect from 20 feet out and score USF's first goal of the game. For Hunt, the goal represented her seventh of the season, which puts her in first place in both goals scored and overall scoring at USF.

With the clock winding down San Francisco made a strong push for the tying marker, but their efforts proved fruitless as San Diego was able to suffocate the Dons offense, and the Toreros were able to hold on to preserve the 2-1 win.

USF will have a chance to bounce back as they play host to #14 ranked Santa Clara this Sunday at 1:00 at Negroesco Stadium.

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Iris Mora and the rest of her Bruin teammates will head to the Pacific Northwest to take on Washington and Washington State this weekend.

By **Robert Costa**  
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With the seventh-ranked UCLA women's soccer team playing unheralded Washington State on Friday and highly ranked Washington on Sunday, it would be understandable if the team overlooks its first match.

But according to coach Jill Ellis, the team's focus will be squarely on the Cougars on Friday.

"The way we look at this, Washington State is our biggest match of the year," Ellis said. "It's a matter of trying to take care of what we need to take care of on Friday."

The Bruins have learned not to take the Cougars for granted. Last year at Drake Stadium, the Cougars took UCLA (9-3, 2-0 Pac-10) to overtime before the Bruins prevailed 2-1.

"We've always had close games with them. I don't remember any games that were really lopsided," Ellis said. "They are a hard-working team, have decent athletes, and are a team that can show up and be a real handful."

Although the team is currently focusing on the Cougars (5-5-2, 0-2), their marquee game will be against No. 8 Washington (9-2-1, 0-1-1).

The Huskies have had an extremely tough schedule thus far, having played five top-25 schools and compiling a 4-1 record against those teams, including wins against No. 3 Penn State and No. 4 Portland. The Huskies will also be playing their first home match in over a month and a half.

"They've been on a roll and had some great wins. Their coach, Lesle (Garrison); I have so much respect for her," Ellis said. "They play well as a team. I wouldn't say that they have a lot of superstars, but they are good front to back."

UCLA's schedule has been just as grueling with the Bruins also playing five top-25 schools and going 4-1 against them. However, just one of those victories came against a top-ten team. An encouraging sign for the Bruins may be that they defeated the one common top-25 opponent they and the Huskies have played, University of San Diego, 4-0, while the Huskies lost to the Toreros 2-1.

One of Ellis' concerns is that the fields the Bruins will be playing on have much longer grass than Drake Stadium, which will take away the Bruins' advantage in speed.

"The surface is always a factor," Ellis said. "The grass is longer so our type of up-tempo play slows us down and it's a little more conducive to teams that may not have as much pace as we have."



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**USF Women Make the Grade**

Soccerbuzz.com has USF ranked 14th in the west

**Oct. 13, 2004**

A great season is getting even better for the USF women's soccer team. After reeling off four straight wins and building an impressive 7-3-3; 1-0-0 WCC season record, the USF Dons have been recognized by soccerbuzz.com as the 14th ranked team in the west region. The last time USF women's soccer was ranked occurred during the 2001 season.

Head Coach Pamela Kalinoski was pleased with the news, but remained focused on the remainder of the season, "this is a great accomplishment for our team and it is a step in the right direction. I hope the team will continue to build on our early season success."

Much of the success USF is enjoying this year can be attributed to their excellent team defense. So far this season the Dons have shutout their opponents five times and have currently shutout their opposition in three straight games. Furthermore, the Dons have been able to produce a balanced offensive attack that is led by the sophomore forward combo of Shuree Hyatt (15 points) and Chelsea Hunt (14 points).



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Of USF's six remaining WCC games, three opponents are nationally ranked, including #4 Portland, #15 Santa Clara and # 21 Pepperdine. Additionally, WCC rivals Loyola Marymount and San Diego are also ranked in the west region.

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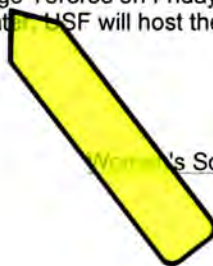
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take anything for granted. Our ultimate goal is to reach the NCAA tournament and that is where our focus must be." Said Kalinoski.

The Dons will continue their playoff push with a WCC matchup as they will host the University of San Diego Toreros on Friday, October 15 at 7:00 pm at Negroesco Stadium. Two days later USF will host the Santa Clara Broncos at 1:00 pm also at Negroesco Stadium.



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**U soccer opens conference play during Fall Break**

by Matthew Ouellette

The U soccer team (7-3-1) will begin its Mountain West Conference title defense this weekend, while other students rest up during Fall Break. The Utes will take on UNLV (7-2-2) on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Ute Field, and will return on Saturday at 1 p.m. to take on San Diego State (3-6-3).

UNLV and Utah are tied at No. 10 in the West region, according to the NSCAA. The Rebels will likely pose the toughest MWC challenge for the Utes this season. Much like the Utes, the Rebels have goals from many different sources this season, 10 to be exact. Junior forward Nickie Olson leads the team with three goals, and four other players are tied at two goals each.

The Rebels are second only to the Utes in every offensive statistical category, but they are the MWC leader in fewest goals allowed with only nine this season, to Utah's 12.

San Diego State is ranked last in the MWC in every significant offensive statistical category, and the Aztecs also rank last in goals against average.

The Utes should handle the Aztecs easily, but the Utes have been caught playing to the level of their opponents on more than one occasion this year, including last Sunday when they lost 3-0 to an inferior University of San Diego squad.

The Utes, however, did notch the MWC's only win over a ranked opponent this season, beating No. 7 UCLA 2-1 in Los Angeles. Freshman forward Chelsea Card earned her second consecutive MWC offensive player of the week honors for her efforts, which included the game-winning goal.

Sophomore defender Melissa Wayman was similarly honored by the MWC this week for her defensive efforts against UCLA. Wayman was instrumental in stifling one of the strongest attacks in the country and helped keep the Bruins to just one goal.

If the Utes can sweep their two-game home stand this weekend, it would get them off on the right foot in conference play and help set up a dramatic showdown against BYU at Ute Field on Oct. 30.

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**State**

The Aztecs are 3-6-3 overall and 1-3-2 on the road this season. San Diego State faces BYU on Thursday before taking on the Utes. Last weekend, SDSU lost 3-0 at Arizona State on Friday and fell 1-0 to No. 3 Washington at home on Sunday.

Junior defender Alexis Solovij leads the team with three goals and has one assist. Sophomore midfielder Jen Klunder has contributed a goal and an assist this season. Senior

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goalkeeper Sophia Perez has surrendered 10 goals and made 54 saves in 11 games. Dr. Michael Giuliano, in his first season as head coach at San Diego State, has a 197-48-18 career record in 12 seasons.

Utah has a 7-3-0 record all-time against the Aztecs and a 2-2-0 mark in Salt Lake City. Last season, the Utes won 2-0 on Oct. 18 in San Diego.

**From The Training Room**

- Sophomore defender Melissa Wayman suffered a lacerated liver late in the San Diego game last Sunday and is out indefinitely.

**Utah In The Rankings**

- The Utes are among five teams receiving votes in the Soccer Buzz Top 30 poll released on Oct. 4. Utah ranks eighth in the Soccer Buzz West Regional ranking.

- Utah is tied for 10th with UNLV in the NSCAA/adidas West Regional ranking released on Oct. 5

**Card and Wayman Earn MWC Player of the Week Honors**

Freshman forward Chelsea Card and sophomore defender Melissa Wayman have been named Mountain West Conference Players of the Week. It is the second consecutive and second career honor for Card, who earns offensive player recognition, while Wayman receives defensive player accolades for the first time in her career.

Card, from San Clemente, Calif., posted the game-winning goal in the Utes' 2-1 upset victory over seventh-ranked UCLA last Friday. Despite coming off the bench, Card has netted four goals in the past four games, including three game winners. She leads Utah with four goals on the season.

Wayman, a native of West Valley City, Utah, helped hold the UCLA offense to just one goal in the Utes' upset win. The Bruins average 2.25 goals per game. Wayman thwarted several potential UCLA scoring chances by clearing three of five Bruin corner kicks and several free kicks that were sent into the penalty box. Wayman also scored Utah's first goal of the game.

**Wayman Named to Soccer America Team of the Week**

Defender Melissa Wayman was named to the Soccer America Mountain West Team of the Week for Sept. 27-Oct. 3 in recognition of her performance against UCLA and San Diego. This is the second consecutive week a Ute has been on the team. Soccer America recognized Chelsea Card last week.

**Last Week**

Utah split its southern California road trip, defeating No. 7 UCLA 2-1 on Friday night and losing to the University of San Diego 3-0 on Sunday afternoon.

The Utes' first goal against UCLA came 31:19 in off a corner kick. Kim Lloyd, a junior transfer from UC Irvine, sent the ball in from the right side to Melissa Wayman, who punched it in from five yards out. After the Bruins tied the game 1-1 in the 51st minute, Utah took the lead back at the 65:50 mark when Whitney Dorsey slipped behind the defense and took a pass from Lloyd. Dorsey slotted a low pass in the middle of the field to Chelsea Card, a freshman from San Clemente, Calif. Card put it past charging UCLA goalkeeper Valerie Henderson from 10 yards out. Ashley Mason made eight saves in goal for the Utes.

The Toreros jumped on the Utes early and set up six corner kicks in the first 20 minutes. As a result, San Diego scored two goals in the first 14 minutes of the game. It added a third 74:47 in. Mason made five saves in the game.

#### **Head Coach Rich Manning**

Rich Manning is 36-9-6 in his third season at Utah. Last season, Manning was named the 2003 West Region Coach of the Year by the NSCAA/adidas and Soccer Buzz. The Utes went 16-2-2, won the MWC regular-season (6-0-0) and tournament titles, and went to the NCAA Tournament. In 2002, Manning led Utah to a 13-4-3 mark, including a 4-1-1 record in Mountain West play, and the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Before joining the Utah program, Manning was an assistant and associate head coach at Santa Clara (1998-2001).

#### **Rich's Remarks**

On last weekend: "We looked at our trip to southern California as preparation for Mountain West Conference play and for a possible NCAA Tournament berth. One of the qualities that a championship team needs to have is mental toughness. Being on the road brings obstacles that challenge your resolve and focus. I don't think we brought the kind of intensity necessary to win during the first half of the San Diego game and we paid for it. To compete against two programs of the quality of UCLA and San Diego on the same weekend can only make our team stronger. I think we played some good soccer and, hopefully, learned some valuable lessons."

On this week's games: "We are enthusiastic about the start of conference play. As always, the games will be close and hard fought. We are committed to bringing passion and intensity on a more consistent basis. I am confident that we will be a tough team to beat."

"UNLV has had a terrific season so far, which is great for our conference. They play hard and together. They are quick and have some skillful players. As in the past, when talking about their team, it starts with their goalkeeper, Jenna Huff. She is good in all facets of the game and capable of making great saves. Also, I think Jenny Ruiz, their central defender, is a terrific player. She not only stops the attack of the opponents, but also is terrific on the ball and helps their offense."

"San Diego State also has terrific defensive qualities as a team. They defend together and have two excellent players in Amanda Swiader and Alexis Solojiv."

#### **MWC Statistical Rankings**

- In the team statistics as of Oct. 4, Utah ranks fifth in shots (12.09 per game), first in points (5.18 per game), first in goals per game (1.64), first in assists per game (1.91), fourth in goals against average (1.05), sixth in saves (3.55 per game), second in fouls (14.27 per game), first in corners (6.18 per game) and tied for fifth in shutouts (3).

- In the individual rankings as of Oct. 4, Kim Lloyd is tied for eighth in shots per game (2.00), tied for seventh in points per game (0.73), first in assists per game (0.55) ... Hailey Marsh is third in goals per game (0.88), fourth in goals per game (0.38) ... Amanda Feigt is fourth in points per game (0.82), tied for ninth in goals per game (0.27), tied for seventh in assists per game (0.27) ... Chelsea Card is fifth in points per game (0.80), second in goals per game (0.40) ... Melissa Wayman is tied for ninth in goals per game (0.27) ... Kiley Jones is tied for seventh in assists per game (0.27) ... Whitney Dorsey is tied for seventh in assists per game (0.27) ... Ashley Mason is fifth in saves per game (3.67), tied for fifth in shutouts (2), seventh in goals against average (1.20) ... Glennis Donnelly is tied for eighth in saves per game (3.00), tied for eighth in shutouts (1), second in goals against average (0.45).



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## Ute Women's Soccer Falls 3-0 At San Diego

Utah splits West Coast road trip

Oct. 3, 2004

Final Stats

**SAN DIEGO** - Utah wrapped-up its two-game swing through southern California with a 3-0 loss to the University of San Diego on Sunday afternoon.

The Utes, who opened the trip with a 2-1 win over No. 7 UCLA on Friday night, fell to 7-3-1 on the season. San Diego picked up its second consecutive home win over a quality opponent after taking down No. 3 Washington 2-1 on Friday night. The Toreros evened their mark at 6-6-1 on the season.

The Toreros jumped on the Utes at the start of the game and set up six corner kicks in the first 20 minutes. In addition to giving up three goals, Ute goalkeeper Ashley Mason also made five saves in the game. San Diego outshot Utah 14-5 and had a 9-2 advantage in corners for the game.

USD's first goal came 7:05 in when Lee Klopschinski scored from close range off a tipped pass. Brooke Roby and Michelle Rowe, who played a part on all goals, were credited with assists.

The Toreros got to Mason for the second time with 31:12 still remaining in the opening half. Rowe took a pass from Marie-Claude Henry on a breakaway opportunity and beat the charging Mason.

The Utes then settled down and set up their first scoring opportunity in the 30th minute. Junior forward Kim Lloyd had a direct free kick from the left side of the penalty box, but Torero goalkeeper Karen Cook made an excellent save. Cook had two saves in the game.

Utah also had some scoring opportunities late in the game when Lauren Field and Carisse Winegar slipped behind the USD defense, but were able to connect.

After Utah clamped down defensively for the middle 60 minutes of the game, San Diego scored its third goal with a little over 15 minutes to play when a cross by Rowe deflected off Mason. Amy Espsten pounced on it for the score.

"San Diego was the better team and deserved to win," said Ute head coach Rich Manning. "They came out from the opening kickoff and took it to us. It was disappointing that we didn't give the effort we needed in the first half. But, it was good to see that we regrouped and put a consistent run together to give ourselves a chance to still win the game. Now we get ready for conference play."

Utah returns home to open is Mountain West Conference schedule against UNLV on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at Ute Field.

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goals in a 10-9 victory over Grossmont.

### Baylor wins Aztecs' tourney

The final round of the Lady Aztec Invitational golf tournament at the Auld Course in Chula Vista was rained out. Baylor won the title with a two-round total of 14-over 590. Fresno State's Laura Luethke took individual honors at 4-under 140.

San Diego State finished ninth with a 38-over 614. The Aztecs' low individuals were Anna B... and Veronica Ojeda, tied for 14th at 6-over 150.

### USD swimmers to WAC

The University of San Diego will join the Western Athletic Conference in swimming and diving for the upcoming season. Northern Arizona also will join the WAC in the sport. The Toreros had competed in the Pacific Collegiate Swimming Conference since 1976.



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## Tickets now on sale for soccer tournament

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Tickets for the 2004 Western Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Tournament, Nov. 4-6 at the Waipi'o Peninsula Soccer Stadium are on sale now.

Single-session tickets are \$8 for adults, \$3 for children, and \$4 for UH students. All-session packages are available for \$20 (adults), \$8 (children), and \$10 (UH students).

Tickets are available at the Stan Sheriff Center box office, UH Campus Center, Windward Community College and Rainbowtique Ward Centre. They may be purchased online at [etickethawaii.com](http://etickethawaii.com) or by calling 944-2697.

This is the first year UH will host the tournament. The winner receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

## BASKETBALL

### HPU will host third Halloween Hoop-La

The Hawai'i Pacific University men's basketball team will host the third annual Hallo-ween Hoop-La on Oct. 28 at the Neal Blaisdell Arena.

The event offers the public a chance to meet the 2004-2005 Sea Warriors team, as well as enjoy food, games, prizes and more.

Parking and admission are free. The Hoop-La runs from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

## SWIMMING

### San Diego, No. Ariz. to join WAC women

The Western Athletic Conference announced yesterday the University of San Diego and Northern Arizona accepted invitations as affiliate members for women's swimming and diving, effective for the 2004-2005 season.

Northern Arizona is a member of the Big Sky Conference, but its swimming and diving team has competed in the National Independent Conference since 1998-1999.

San Diego, a West Coast Conference member, had previously placed its team in the Pacific Collegiate Swimming Conference.

## FOOTBALL

The Northern Arizona swimming and diving team has accepted an invitation to compete as an affiliate member of the Western Athletic Conference, effective this year. The University of San Diego also will compete in swimming and diving as an affiliate member.

NAU swimming and diving has competed in the Western Athletic Conference since 1998 and has four second-place team finishes in six years. The Lumberjacks had seven individual conference champions in 2004.

## Football

NAU place-kicker/punter Paul Ernster, a senior from Glendale, was named Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player of the Week after kicking field goals of 44 and 42 yards in NAU's 34-14 victory over Western New Mexico.

Ernster moved into third on NAU's career scoring list with his 200th career point. He also averaged 50.6 yards on five punts, increasing his Division I-AA-leading season average to 48.4.

## Tennis

A team from Phoenix representing the USTA Southwest Section finished third in an adult national championship event in Tucson, defeating Pawtucket, R.I., 5-0 in its final match.

The team of captain Gary Richwine, Randy Blanchard, Patrick Dahnert, Josia Barnett, Ryan Richert, Christopher Tolson, and C.J. Colburn, lost in the semifinals to San Francisco, which won the championship.

## Soccer

Goalkeeper Lauren Fowler, a Tempe Corona del Sol High graduate, recorded a shutout as Point Loma Nazarene defeated Grand Canyon 4-0 Monday in San Diego.

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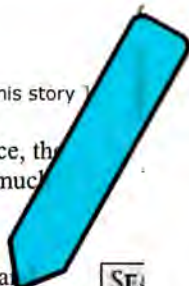
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After spending the last six years in the strangely named National Independent Conference, the Northern Arizona swimming and diving programs have found a new home that's, well, much closer to home.

NAU has accepted an invitation to join the Western Athletic Conference for swimming and diving only, and the school will begin swimming in the league immediately. The University of San Diego was invited as well.

Hawaii, Nevada, Rice, San Jose State, Fresno State and Southern Methodist are the other league members. SMU is the defending champion. The WAC championships are Feb. 23-26, 2005, in San Antonio, Texas.

"We are very excited to have been accepted by such a quality conference," NAU athletics director Jim Fallis said.

"I think this will significantly enhance our visibility within the region and be a positive for our program for years to come."

NAU has competed in the NIC since the 1998-99 season. The NIC includes such far-flung schools as Cincinnati, Oakland (Mich.), Florida Atlantic and La.-Monroe.

NAU has finished second in the NIC four times in six years and have only once finished outside the top three. NAU coach Andy Johns was the 2003-04 NIC coach of the year.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to swim in the WAC Championship meet," Johns said. "This is going to be a great challenge for our program, and it's one we're looking forward to. We're pleased to become a member of a name-recognizable conference for the region in which we compete and recruit, and this is really big for us.

"This will help us continue to improve the caliber of swimmers and divers in our program, and hopefully enable us to send more of our athletes to the NCAA Championships."

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# Marley leads USD to cross country win

The USD women's cross country team won the UNLV Invitational in Las Vegas yesterday with a team score of 36. The Toreros' Tiffanie Marley finished the 5K course first with a time of 18:40.51. Cassandra Chavez took third for USD, finishing in 18:58.89.

San Diego State's women took second place with 49 points. They were led by Cristal Cuadra, who finished fourth in 19:35.87. Aztecs Celeste Tyson and Brookie Determan finished seventh and eighth, respectively.

## Swimming and diving

The San Diego State women's swim team (1-0) placed first in all 10 events, earning a 53-19 victory over Loyola Marymount (0-1) in the season opener for both schools at San Diego's Joan Kroc Community Center.

Junior Emily Schmied, sophomore Stella Karoly and freshman Adrienne Conte were all part of relay teams that took first in three events.

In the diving competition, freshman Kathleen Heuring placed first in both the 1-meter

and 3-meter events.

## Men's soccer

Point Loma Nazarene (9-4-0, 3-3-0 GSAC) was routed 9-2 by host No. 6 Fresno Pacific (12-1-1, 4-1-1). FPU scored six times in the first half. Matthew Horak scored both Sea Lions goals.

## Women's soccer

The PLNU women's soccer team (6-4-2, 1-3-2 GSAC) fared a little better than the men, losing 3-2 to Fresno Pacific (7-6-0, 2-4-0).

## Rebels Finish Third At Own Invite

Michele Suszek takes second to lead UNLV.

**Oct. 16, 2004**

## Final Stats

**Las Vegas** - Michele Suszek finished in second place to lead the Rebel women's cross country team to a third-place finish at the UNLV Invite held at Floyd Lamb State Park on Saturday morning.

Taffanie Marley of the University of San Diego won the 6k women's race with a time of 18:40.51, more than 12 seconds ahead of Suszek who crossed the finish line in 18:53.21. Cassandra Chavez of USD came in third with a time of 18:58.89, Christal Cuadra of San Diego State was fourth with a time 19:35.87 and Anna Attano of Golden West College finished fifth with a time of 20:14.53.



Michele Suszek had a season-best second-place finish at the UNLV Invite.

The first-third finish of Marley and Chavez carried USD to the team championship as it scored a meet-low 36 points. San Diego State was second with 49 points, UNLV was third with 57 points, Golden West came in fourth with 106 points and Cal State University Dominguez Hills finished in fifth with 127 points.

Samantha Serrano came in 11th (20:40.17), Ashley Pierce was 12th (20:41.09), Heather Walsh came in 15th (20:48.04) and Sarah Loughlin came across the finish line in 17th (20:52.48) to round out UNLV's top-five.

Other UNLV runners that participated were Erin Hammond (18th, 20:58.29), Leta Rose (23rd, 21:19.89), Colleen O'Brien (33rd, 22:13.95), Deanna Appuglise (37th, 23:05.53), Terri Trautwein (42, 24:30.91), Christine Spence (43rd, 25:05.25) and Teann Hemmans (48th, 28:04.22).

In the men's 8k race, Dennis Sheehan of USD won the individual championship in a time of 25:21.57. Citrus College won the team title with 28 points, one point ahead of USD, which had 29. Golden West College was third with 75 points.

The Rebels will have next weekend off before running in the Mountain West Conference Championships in San Diego, Calif., on Oct. 30.

## Leimbach Captures Two Upset Victories At ITAs

Women's tennis freshman advances to quarterfinals with notable tournament wins.

Oct. 9, 2004

**PACIFIC PALISADES, Calif.** - USC women's tennis freshman Nicole Leimbach impressed many as she advanced to the quarterfinal round of the 2004-05 Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championship before falling to fourth-ranked Julie Coin of Clemson. The Trojan newcomer won three matches in the qualifying rounds then captured two more wins in this week's main draw.

Leimbach upset Oregon's eighth-ranked Daria Panova, 6-4, 6-3 in the opening round on Thursday, then beat 23rd-ranked Shadisha Robinson of Georgia, 6-3, 7-5, in Friday's Round of 16. Later that day, Leimbach fell to Coin, 6-1, 6-4, to end her run.

Coin was defeated by Audra Cohen of Northwestern in the semifinals. Cohen will face the state and top-ranked Cristelle Grier in Sunday's final.

The two-week tournament is the first of three ITA national and singles and doubles championships throughout the year. This premier hard court event of the fall collegiate season features the top players in NCAA Division I tennis.

The Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships date back to 1983 when Georgia's Lisa Spain won the inaugural title. Several past champions have gone on to professional careers. In 1999 the University of San Diego's Zuzana Lesenarova made history at the Riviera when she won her record fifth national collegiate singles title. Stanford boasts the most singles and doubles champions at this event with a total of eight, and Texas is not far behind with six. Duke's Kelly McCain topped Old Dominion's Nataly Cahana in last year's singles final; Vanderbilt's Sarah Riske and Aleke Tsoubanos won the doubles title.

Following are complete tournament results.

### Riviera/ITA All-America Championship Main Draw - Oct. 7-10

#### First Round Singles

Nicole Leimbach (USC) def. #8 Daria Panova (Oregon) - 6-4, 6-3

#### Round of 16

Nicole Leimbach (USC) def. #23 Shadisha Robinson (Georgia) - 6-3, 7-5

#### Quarterfinal

#4 Julie Coin (Clemson) def. Nicole Leimbach (USC) - 6-1, 6-4

### Riviera/ITA All-America Championship Qualifying Rounds - Oct. 5-6

#### First Round Singles

Zerene Reyes (Florida) def. (11) Carine Vermeulen (USC) - 6-1, 6-2  
(15) Nicole Leimbach (USC) def. Dominika Dieskova (Oregon) - 6-0, 6-2  
(6) Anca Anastasiu (USC) def. Megan Rancette (Iowa) - 6-3, 6-3  
Audra Cohen (Nwstern) def. Dianne Matias (USC) - 6-2, 6-0

#### Second Round Singles

(15) Nicole Leimbach (USC) def. Caitlin Burke (Wisc.) - 6-3, 6-2  
Story Tweedie-Yates (Stanford) def. (6) Anca Anastasiu (USC) - 3-6, 6-2, 6-4

#### Third Round Singles

(15) Nicole Leimbach (USC) def. Ashlee Davis (Wake Forest) - 6-3, 6-2

#### First Round Doubles

Mintz/Rancette (Iowa) def. Leimbach/Vermeulen (USC) - 8-6

### Riviera/ITA All-America Championship Prequalifying Rounds - Oct. 2-4

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Nicole Leimbach scores two upset victories before falling in tournament quarterfinal.



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## UA men's Tennis in Malibu for regionals

**By Michael Schwartz**  
Arizona Daily Wildcat  
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After suffering second-round singles losses in the Midland Tennis Classic last week in chilly weather, the Arizona men's tennis team looks to warm up a bit at the Roley West Regional in Malibu, Calif., today through Sunday.

This regional event will be one of 17 Division I Regional Championships taking place this weekend and next at campuses throughout the country. Nearly 600 schools annually send more than 7,000 players to their respective regional events.

UA head coach Bill Wright said the UA will compete against Southern California schools including Southern California, UCLA, Pepperdine and the University of San Diego, on Pepperdine's home court.

The winners of the singles and doubles tournaments will compete in the 2004 International Tennis Association National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. That tournament is the nation's top collegiate indoor tennis tournament and the second of three non-team national championship events this season.

Junior Roger Matalonga said that reaching the National Indoors is definitely one of his goals for this season.

"It's very important," he said. "It's not the main goal, but if I do well and I can go there, then great. You have the potential to play against great players."

Wright said that Matalonga will be joined by seniors Colin O'Grady and Paul Warkentin, sophomore Jason Labrosse and freshman Bruno Alcala in the main singles draw. The nation's fifth-ranked doubles team of Matalonga and O'Grady will compete in the doubles draw along with Warkentin and junior Tim Mullane and possibly Alcala and junior Daniel Andrus.

Matalonga said he will hold a top-five singles seed and his doubles team will be seeded second. After losing in the round of 16 of the Icy Hot/ITA Men's All-American Championships, Matalonga said he and O'Grady look to validate their lofty national doubles ranking.

"The first round we played good (at the All-American). We were right there and we were against a good team," he said. "We really want to play good here. We're looking forward to having a lot of wins and having the best tournament possible."

Matalonga pulled out of the singles All-American tournament because of cramps in his back, which he said represent a recurring problem. Last year his back forced him to retire in the Pacific 10 Conference Championships and the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"That's the reason I was a little concerned and a little afraid, but hopefully this year I can play a lot of matches," he said. "I've been drinking a lot of Gatorade and eating a lot of bananas. I carry with me stuff during the match to make sure that is not going to happen again. I have been massaging, doing everything possible to make sure that won't happen again."

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# SDSU golfer tied for 3rd at Fresno

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San Diego State's Andrew Scott, who fired a 6-under 66 in the morning, added 71 in the afternoon, dropping from first place into a tie for third on the first day of the Fresno State Lexus Golf Classic yesterday.

Scott, who led by two strokes with his 66, is four strokes behind leader Greg Machtaler of Brigham Young (11-under 133). Machtaler was 11th after the morning round.

The Aztecs also tumbled out of the team lead in the afternoon, shooting 1-over on the Fort Washington Country Club course. The Aztecs had gone into the second round tied with BYU at 11-under, but BYU shot 18-under to take a 12-stroke lead over second-place UC Riverside. Fresno State stands third at 12-under and SDSU is fourth at 9-under.

SDSU's Aaron Choi is tied for eighth at 3-under, eight shots back. Teammates Josh Warthen and Chad Moscovice are tied for 33rd at 1 over.

## Men's tennis

USD junior Pierick Ysern defeated Boise State's Luke Shields 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 to move into the quarterfinals of the Icy Hot/ITA Men's All-

American Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn., qualifying him for next month's National Indoor Tournament.

San Diego State, meanwhile, had crosstown rival USD running for cover in the first Surf and Volley Challenge on the Toreros' courts. The Aztecs swept the three doubles matches and took five of six in singles.

## Men's soccer

Junior Matt Couch scored twice in host SDSU's 3-0 victory over Air Force in Mountain Pacific Conference play. The Aztecs are 2-7-1 overall and 2-1 in conference play; the Falcons are 6-3-1 and 2-1.

USD (4-3-3, 0-1-2) and Saint Mary's (2-3-4, 0-1-1) fought to a scoreless draw in double overtime in West Coast Conference play in Moraga. The Toreros outshot the Gaels 21-13.

## Women's volleyball

No. 2-ranked UCSD (18-1, 8-0) routed visiting Sonoma State (9-7, 4-4) 30-17, 30-16, 30-22 in just 80 minutes behind Katie Hogan's 15 kills and Teresa Ohta's 38 assists.

## Injury forces Matalonga's exit from All-American tournament

By Michael Schwartz Arizona Daily Wildcat

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) – While the nation's top singles players competed in the Icy Hot/ITA Men's All-American Championship this weekend, muscle cramps ended up being the toughest opponent for University of Arizona tennis junior Roger Matalonga.

Leading Greg Oullette of Florida 7-6 (5), 3-4 in the first round of this tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., cramps forced Matalonga to withdraw from the singles bracket.

Coach Bill Wright said that he thinks that Matalonga likely would have held on to his lead if he were not forced to pull out.

"I would have thought he'd win that match for sure," he said.

Arizona's fifth-ranked doubles duo of Matalonga and senior Colin O'Grady failed to live up to its ranking while being upset by Georgia's 11th-ranked combination of John Isner and Antonio Ruiz, 8-6 in sixteenth round. They also beat Montana State's Marek Gebicki and Braden Olson 8-3 in the 32nd round.

The Wildcats finished the trip 4-4, starting with the pre-qualifying event Oct. 1.

O'Grady lost to Treat Huey of Virginia, 6-4, 6-4, in the qualifying 64th round after beating Middle Tennessee's Greg Pollack 6-2, 7-6(6) in the 128th round. In the pre-qualifying round, junior Paul Warkentin won his first two matches before losing to Matt Roberts of Arkansas, 6-0, 6-4.

Wright said that tough competition UA encountered would help them figure out what they need to work on later in the season.

"It will help a great deal," he said. "The tougher the pre-season is the better, so we try to make it as tough as we can. It's very early on in the season so it's good to get some matches under our belts. Any time you do that it's a positive."

On the other side of the country, other Wildcats played in the San Diego Collegiate Classic, which Wright said was only recently added to the schedule. All competitors played three round-robin matches, but no tournament champion was crowned. UA competed against players from University of Southern California, University of San Diego and University of California-San Diego.

Freshman Bruno Alcala won all three matches, including a victory in his first collegiate match of his career over No. 83 Drew Hoskins of USC, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Fellow freshmen Jed Wyler won two matches and Luka Cerenko won one match.

"Everyone played really well," Wright said.

Hollands knocked out early for second consecutive tourney

For the second straight tournament, senior Dianne Hollands fell victim to an upset in her first match.

This time Hollands lost to Margarita Karnaukhova of Sacramento, 6-2, 6-0, in the first round of the 2004 Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif. Hollands, ranked seventh in the nation, also fell in her first match of the Baylor Invitational before winning its consolation championship to open the season.

Hollands lost to Alabama's Robin Stephenson, 6-3, 6-2, in the consolation semifinals of the All-American Championships. Earlier, she beat Maryland's Romana But, 7-5, 6-2, in the quarterfinals and Tulsa's Daniela Muscolino, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, in the sixteenth round.

After finishing the tournament with a 2-2 record, Hollands is 6-3 on the season.

Head coach Vicky Maes said that Hollands has "got some catching up to do" after taking the summer off, which can be accomplished by playing at highly competitive tournaments such as the All-American. Maes also said a lack of confidence is plaguing Hollands.

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## CORKY: Egoless Francona leads Sox

The ex-UA star pulled off the greatest comeback in baseball history in guiding Boston to the World Series.

CORKY SIMPSON  
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It had to be Terry Francona who'd carry the torch, across the long years, for the greatest bunch of overachievers ever in collegiate sports - the 1980 University of Arizona baseball team.

You think the Red Sox had a great comeback against the Yankees under manager Francona?

Well, the Wildcats were dead last in the "Six Pac," the Southern Division of the Pacific-10 Conference, at semester break in Francona's junior year. Then they got clobbered at a tournament at the University of San Diego, after which a players-only meeting was called.

Francona took charge of the meeting and the spirit of the team.

Arizona went on a tear, fought its way to first place, won the conference championship, the regional tournament and defeated Hawaii for the NCAA title at the College World Series in Omaha, N.

Francona was chosen the college player of the year, was drafted by the Montreal Expos and went on to a nine-year major league career, despite blowing out both knees at various times.

Now he's managing his second big league club, the Red Sox.

And you know their unbelievable story. In bringing Boston back from the brink of defeat - annihilation, really - to its first American League pennant in 18 years, Francona accomplished one of the greatest managerial feats in baseball history.

Down 3-0 to the New York Yankees, the Sox, under their rookie manager, came storming back and swept four in a row. The last two games came in Yankee Stadium, one of the most intimidating venues in sports.

No major league baseball team had ever come back from a 3-0 deficit to take a seven-game series.

The media second-guessed Francona on virtually every move he made and didn't make.

Bulldogs Upset No. 22 LMU

Josten's team-leading fifth goal gives GU 1-0 win

Oct. 29, 2004

Box Score

**SPOKANE, Wash.** - Gonzaga University recorded its first win over a ranked team since 2002 with a 1-0 West Coast Conference men's soccer victory over league-leading and 22nd-ranked Loyola Marymount University on Friday at Martin Field.

The Bulldogs (6-10-0; 2-6-0) last win over a ranked opponent was a 3-2 double-overtime victory at 15th-ranked University of San Diego on Nov. 1, 2002, just three days shy of exactly two years to Friday's win over the Lions (8-5-3, 4-1) who suffered their first WCC setback of the season.

The lone goal of the match came when forward George Josten scored his team-leading fifth goal of the season from 15 yards straight after taking a pass from the right wing from senior Arni Pjetursson. The assist was the 13th in his career to move him into a tie for fourth with Scott Yuska (2000-03). Josten and Pjetursson are now tied for the team points lead with 11.

The Bulldogs have now won every match in which they have scored a goal this season, all 10 Gonzaga losses this year via shutout. Gonzaga keeper Sean Sosnovec recorded his second shutout of the season and the first for the Bulldogs in WCC action.



George Josten's goal gave Gonzaga a 1-0 upset of No. 22 Loyola Marymount on Friday.

The Lions, the hottest team in the WCC entering Friday's match, were 7-1-1 overall and 6-0-1 in WCC play since starting the season 1-3-2. Included in LMU's wins was a 4-0 shellacking of then-No. 2 ranked Santa Clara University.

Friday's match was a stark contrast to the first meeting in Los Angeles to open the WCC season in when the Lions took a 2-0 victory. Although the teams were tied in shots on Friday with 12 each, only five LMU shots were on goal. In the first meeting the Lions held a 12-9 edge in shots and eight of them were on goal. The Lions grabbed a 2-0 halftime lead in the first meeting.

Both teams had some excellent scoring chances, Gonzaga seemingly dominating the match early and LMU holding territorial advantage late, despite the fact the Lions played the final 15:08 shorthanded when Nick Blanco was issued a red card following a hard tackle on the Bulldogs Robert Anderson.

Luke Miller missed what appeared to be a sure goal when his rebound shot of a John Reha miss was shot wide left of the open net just 4:47 into the contest. LMU's Matt Kovar appeared ready to find the left post for a goal when Scott Campbell came from the blind side for the block. LMU had another chance late in the first half, Junior Ybarra's free kick from 25 yards knocked out of bounds by Sosnovec for one of his five saves in the match.

Pjetursson just missed giving the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead just minutes into the second half, his hard shot from 12 yards from the right wing save by LMU keeper Shaun Kalnasy for one of his two saves. Kovar was denied at 61:35 on a header to the far post off a throw in that Sosnovec was able to save, and Kovar's header from the far side just slipped by the left post at 83:19.

The physical contest saw the Bulldogs whistled for 18 fouls to 15 for the Lions. Gonzaga also received a pair of yellow cards.

Gonzaga will make its final home appearance of 2004 on Sunday when San Diego visits for an 11 a.m. match, followed by the Bulldog women against Saint Mary's College at 2 p.m. which is also the final home match of the season for the women.



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Seniors bid adieu to Martin Field on Sunday

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**BULLDOGS END HOME SEASON:** Gonzaga University ends the home portion of the 2004 season this weekend when 22nd-ranked Loyola Marymount University visits Friday at 3 p.m. and the University of San Diego comes to town Sunday at 11 a.m.

**THORARINSSON RETURNS TO BENCH:** After 22 days and five matches Gonzaga University head coach Einar Thorarinsson was back on the bench last Sunday when the Bulldogs hosted the University of Portland. The 10-year Gonzaga head coach was injured Oct. 2 in Los Angeles in an automobile bicycle accident. Among his injuries was a broken jaw that required surgery on Oct. 4, and other facial injuries were also repaired during the surgery.

**RANKED FOES:** No. 22-ranked Loyola Marymount University will be the fourth ranked team Gonzaga University has played this year, the Bulldogs still looking for a win over a ranked foe this year.

**TWO MORE GOOSE EGGS:** The University of Portland continued Gonzaga University's scoring woes last week, blanking the Bulldogs by identical 2-0 scores in the home-and-home series Friday in Portland and Sunday in Spokane. The Bulldogs have now lost 10 matches and, in somewhat of a rarity, the Bulldogs



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have yet to score a goal in any loss. The Bulldogs were blanked a school-record 12 times in 1987 in a 3-18-0 season. Since joining the West Coast Conference in 1993, the most the Bulldogs have been blanked in a season is nine in 1994, and one of those was a 0-0 deadlock with Loyola Marymount University.

**PJETURSSON DUE BACK:** Senior forward Arni Pjetursson, Gonzaga University's leading scorer with four goals and a pair of assists for 10 points, is due back in the lineup after sitting out last Sunday's match against the University of Portland. Pjetursson injured an ankle last Friday at Portland.

**SENIOR DAY:** Gonzaga University will bid adieu to three seniors on Sunday. Jon Baune (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho), Mike Herzog (Kalispell, Mont.) and Arni Pjetursson (Reykjavik, Iceland) will make their final home appearances. They will be honored prior to the match with Loyola Marymount University.

**FALL BACK:** Don't forget to set the clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night or you'll be early for Sunday's 11 a.m. match. Standard time officially begins at 2 a.m. Sunday.

**BOO:** Halloween hasn't been the friendliest of holidays for Gonzaga University's soccer team. The Bulldogs bring a ghostly 1-3-0 Halloween mark into Sunday's Trick-or-Treat contest against the University of San Diego. The Bulldogs have yet to scare up a win at home on Halloween, falling to USD 2-1 last year and to the University of Washington 1-0 in 1997. Gonzaga has played two road Halloween matches, losing at Saint Mary's College 2-0 in 1999 and winning at Loyola Marymount University 3-1 in 1992.

**LION SPOILER:** While Gonzaga University has been officially eliminated from the West Coast Conference title chase - the Bulldogs can get only 18 points while Loyola Marymount University currently has 19 - the Bulldogs could play the role of the spoiler Friday against LMU. Since joining the WCC in 1993 the Bulldogs have had the most luck with the Lions, posting a 7-4-1 mark in WCC play including this year's WCC opening 2-0 setback in Los Angeles. The Bulldogs also took a 3-1 non-league win in 1992, a year prior to joining the WCC. LMU has now won the last three meetings.

**TOREROS WERE BULLISH:** The University of San Diego took the first meeting with Gonzaga University this year in San Diego 4-0. The Toreros now lead the series 9-3-1 and have won two straight and three of the last five. The last Gonzaga win in the series was 3-2 in double overtime at USD in 2002, Gonzaga's only win on Torero turf.

**REPEAT:** Last Sunday's match with the University of Portland began Gonzaga University's second time around the West Coast Conference schedule. The WCC went to a double round-robin format this season for men's soccer. Following this weekend's home matches the Bulldogs will conclude the season with three straight WCC road outings at Santa Clara University, Saint Mary's College and the University of San Francisco. Gonzaga's lone WCC victory thus far this year was a 2-1 verdict over SMC in the first meeting in Spokane.

**ON THE INTERNET:** All Gonzaga University home matches and several road matches can be followed in real time on the Internet via Gametracker. Go to the Gonzaga web site at <http://www.gozags.com> and look for the Gametracker link in the Upcoming Events listing. Click on the link and follow the Bulldogs up to the minute. Gametracker is a service of College Sports Online, official athletic website provider for Gonzaga.

**THE THORARINSSON TALE OF THE TAPE:** Gonzaga University head coach Einar Thorarinsson is 84-74-10 in his 10th season with the Bulldogs. His overall record is 203-126-23 that includes nine seasons across town at Whitworth College. After going 3-10-2 in his first season of 1995, the Bulldogs have had winning seasons in six of the last eight seasons under Thorarinsson. His teams led the West Coast Conference in wins with a 14-4-0 record in 1997 and 12-4-2 mark in 1998, capturing WCC co-championships in each of those seasons. The

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## Talent anchored in Tahoe

Jeremy Evans

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On a recent fall evening, Alex Torres scores on a beautiful header that bounces off the far post and into the net. A few minutes earlier, Nestor Flores chases down a pass in the corner and sends a ball into the penalty box, a nifty display of vision that results in another goal.

To those familiar with the South Shore soccer scene, those actions aren't surprising. After all, Torres was a star striker for South Tahoe's 4A state championship team last year. And Flores, a former midfielder for Whittell, helped lead the Warriors to the state tournament in each of his four years there.

But while their actions aren't surprising, the location of where these events happened is: Torres and Flores should be scoring goals and tallying assists on a college soccer field this fall, not in the Douglas County Parks and Recreation men's league.

Flores, for his part, played at Orange Coast Community College in Southern California last year and said he plans to join the University of Nevada, Las Vegas men's soccer team this spring. Until that happens, however, he joins a large list of local soccer players who had college level ability and never used it.

"It's a shame," said first-year South Tahoe High boys coach Chris DeLeon. "I don't know what it is about Tahoe. The kids just don't want to move on. Sometimes it's a lack of motivation, other times it's the family structure. A lot of times with the Hispanic kids, they just don't want to leave. They are perfectly comfortable here and I can understand that. But I want them to know what else is out there, that Tahoe isn't the only thing in the world."

The South Shore has produced more than a dozen college-level soccer players in the past five years, but only Leon Abravanel, the Vikings' star midfielder last year, is playing at the next level. Abravanel is a starting defender as a freshman for the University of San Diego, the same school that 1999 STHS graduate Alex Romagnolo started at for four years.

For an area with a population of roughly 20,000, the Division I boys soccer players in six years is actually an astonishing ratio. Reno, for example, which is **more than 10 times** the size of this area, hasn't even produced a handful of players with similar ability in the last decade. But that does little to justify the astounding number of quality soccer players in this area who never played collegiately.

Torres was a certain Division I prospect, but when asked why he isn't playing in college right now, he says with a shrug, "I just didn't want to leave. I want to take a year off." Torres and Flores, who both play for Tahoe Mutiny in the Douglas County league, are two of the players who could've left the basin to play.

Noe Estrada, a solid defender who was a member of South Tahoe's team that reached the state semifinals two years ago, also had the ability. Estrada doesn't hide the fact he isn't playing in college. However, he said after a recent men's league game that he plans on trying out for a Mexican professional team later this month. Instead, he's teaming up with Victor Mariscal to help lead San Antonio to the championship in the local men's league.

Mariscal, an integral part of South Tahoe's state championship team, almost made it out of Tahoe. He briefly attended Peninsula College, a two-year school in Port Angeles, Wash., then returned after encountering eligibility and scholarship problems. Not surprisingly, Tahoe Mutiny and San Antonio are atop the league standings.

The list doesn't stop there. Tim Head, who played with Abravanel on a Sacramento-based club team, is attending school in the San Diego area but isn't playing. Several South Tahoe players who graduated in 1999 went to school but never played, while Dave Brown, a crafty midfielder who graduated from South Tahoe in 2001, and Enrique Avina, who was also on the Vikings' state championship team, have stopped playing altogether.

Along with Flores, Whittell has also produced several college-level players. Scott Corwin played two years of community college soccer in Oregon and is now playing for Tahoe Mutiny. He said he plans to play at Warner Pacific University, an NAIA school in Portland, Ore. Todd Echan, a 2000 Whittell graduate, played at Redlands University in Southern California.

"It's pretty amazing the number of kids from here who could go and play but haven't," said Whittell coach Steve Maltase, who played at Warner Pacific University. "They need to understand there are places to play. It might not be at a big Division I school. But if you want to play, there are places out there. You just have to be willing to go. You also have to want to go."

DeLeon wants that to change. When the University of San Diego played in a tournament last month in the Bay Area, DeLeon brought members of this year's South Tahoe boys soccer team to watch Abravanel and the Toreros.

"That's what I'm trying to do with my team," said DeLeon, who was an assistant the last two seasons under former South Tahoe coach Joe Winters. "I want them to see the college game and show them what it's all about. I just want them to see what else is out there."

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Gaels Look to Rebound From WCC Opening Loss to Santa Clara

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**THIS WEEK:**

The Saint Mary's men's soccer team will play two West Coast Conference home matches this week. The Gaels will open the week on Friday, October 8 when they host the San Diego Toreros at 3:00 p.m. SMC will close the week on Sunday, October 10 against Loyola Marymount beginning at noon. Both games will be played at Garaventa Field.

Saint Mary's is coming off a week that saw the Gaels fall to No.4-ranked Santa Clara on October 1, by a score of 1-0. San Diego posted a 1-0-1 record to open WCC action last week, following a tie to No. 20 Portland (0-0) and a win over Gonzaga (4-0). LMU posted a perfect 2-0 record last week after recording back-to-back 2-0 wins over Gonzaga and Portland.

**SCOUTING THE TOREROS:**

The University of San Diego Toreros enter the week with a 4-3-2 overall record and a 1-0-1 mark in West Coast Conference play. Last week, the Toreros opened WCC action with a 0-0 tie to No.20-ranked Portland then defeated Gonzaga by a score of 4-0 for their first conference win of the season. The four-goal outburst was the most goals scored in a game this season by USD.

The Toreros are led in scoring by Ryan Guy who has 11 points on three goals and a team-leading five assists. Guy, who has two game-winning goals, is tied for the team lead in goals scored with Andrew Ehrich, who also has three tallies and one game-winner. Goalkeeper Lance Friesz has played in all nine games this season and has recorded 837:35 minutes in net. Friesz has a 0.86 goals against average while allowing eight goals, stopping 30 shots, and three shutouts.

**SAINT MARY'S VERSUS SAN DIEGO, THE SERIES:**

Friday's match-up between the Gaels and San Diego will mark the 23rd game played between the two schools. San Diego holds a 17-3-2 advantage in the series. The Toreros are riding a 12-game winning streak over the Gaels. The last win in the series for SMC was a 1-0 win in Moraga in 1991. In last years meeting, USD posted a 1-0 victory in San Diego.

**SCOUTING THE LIONS:**

The Loyola Marymount Lions enter the week riding a three-game winning streak. The Lions are coming off a 2-0 victory over No. 20 Portland on Sunday. Prior to that win, LMU posted a 5-2 win over UC Riverside, which defeated the Gaels 4-2



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**Puget Sound 4, at Whitman 0**

UPS (6-1-2, 3-1-1 NWC) scored twice in the first seven minutes of the game on the way to the win over Whitman (4-5-1, 2-3-1).

**At San Diego 4, Gonzaga 0**

The University of San Diego exploded for three second-half goals in defeating Gonzaga. Four different USD players scored as Gonzaga (4-6-0, 0-2-0) lost its 10th straight West Coast Conference match over the past three seasons.

• In a result from Saturday, visiting Pacific Lutheran topped Whitman (4-4-1) 1-0.

**Women's soccer**

**Washington 1, at San Diego State 0**

Junior forward Kim Taylor's 14th-minute goal gave fourth-ranked Washington the victory, helping the Huskies equal their best nonconference record.

The Huskies recovered from Friday's 2-1 loss at San Diego to close out the nonconference portion of their schedule with a 9-1 record, matching the school record established by the 2000 team. That UW squad went on to win the school's only Pac-10 women's soccer championship.

Nikki Gamble set up the game's only tally. She passed the ball to Taylor, who blasted a 20-yard shot from the top of the box into the upper right corner at 13:16.

Goalkeeper Kelsey Rasmussen made the goal stand up, blanking her third opponent in the last four games.

**Portland 2, at Washington State 0**

The sixth-ranked Pilots (10-2-0) handed the Cougars their first loss on Lower Soccer Field this season. WSU (5-3-2) held strong for 53 minutes until the Pilots' Natalie Budge headed in a cross from Michele Scifo for a 1-0 lead. Less than four minutes later Portland added another goal when Lindsey Huie dribbled to the Cougars' goal line and passed it to Christie Sinclair, who finished from 8 yards out.

**Loyola Marymount 3, at Eastern Washington 1**

The visiting Lions scored on their first two shots of the game on the way to beating Eastern Washington (3-7-1). Loyola's first goal came 6:37 into the game when Jessica Hanson headed in a cross ball from teammate Jessica Johns. The second goal came in the 14th minute, when Tana Smothermon shot the ball into the bottom right corner of the net. The Lions' final score came on an Eastern own-goal.

**Oregon 1, at Gonzaga 0 (OT)**

Gonzaga (7-5-0) was on the losing end of a defensive struggle in an overtime loss

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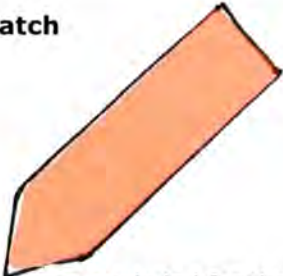
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### Gonzaga loses 10th straight WCC match



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Box Score

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** - The University of San Diego exploded for three second half goals and went on to defeat Gonzaga University 4-0 Sunday in a West Coast Conference men's soccer match.

Four different USD players scored as Gonzaga (4-6-0, 0-2-0) lost its 10th straight WCC match over the past three seasons. The Toreros (4-3-2; 1-0-1) defeated Gonzaga for the second straight year and ran their all-time home record against the Bulldogs to 6-1-0.

San Diego took the lead in the 14th minute when Ryan Guy took a pass from Kevin Meissner, dribbled around a defender and drilled the ball into the back of the net for his third goal of the year as USD took a 1-0 halftime lead.

Seven minutes into the second half, Gonzaga was called for a foul, giving USD a free kick inside the box. Guy and Meissner double tapped the ball to Calle Rendahl who fired the ball into the goal.

The Toreros made it a 3-0 game in the 85th minute as Jan Prochazka scored his first goal of the season on a pass from Michael Caso. Dustin Guerrero added a fourth USD goal with just 2 seconds remaining as he put in the rebound after Blaine Smith had a shot hit the crossbar.

San Diego outshot Gonzaga 26-12, including 20-7 in the second half. Gonzaga keeper Sean Sosnovec had a pair of saves. USD starting keeper Lance Friesz had just one save before giving way to Ian Coffman for the final 5:58 as the duo combined for the fourth USD shutout of the season. All six Gonzaga losses this season have been via shutout.

The match concluded six straight matches away from home for the Bulldogs, who return home Sunday for the first time since Sept. 11 to face Santa Clara University in the WCC home opener.

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Gonzaga keeper Sean Sosnovec saw San Diego erupt for three second-half goals on Sunday.

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## Brophy golf star keeps his plate full

Tim Tyers

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Is Brophy Prep's Nick Shimon a man for all seasons? Technically, no, but it's a fact that he's good for at least two, and even his "off" hours can be construed as very much "on."

Shimon, a 6-foot, 155-pound junior, has evolved into the No. 1 golfer on a Broncos team that perennially challenges for the state Class 5A championship and will again this year.

After spending a year on Brophy's junior varsity basketball team, Shimon plans on taking the next step to varsity this year as a shooting and point guard.

Brophy golf coach Mike Ward says Shimon also is heavily involved as a campus leader as well as being an excellent student.

In other words, Shimon consistently takes on a full plate.

"Consistency is his strength," said Ward, who also extols Shimon's leadership as a junior on a team featuring three seniors. "He won't let a bad hole ruin an 18-hole round. He's long off the tee, and he's a very good putter who is excellent around the green."

It hasn't always been that way. Shimon said he was inconsistent, if anything, last year as a sophomore. It was not uncommon for a round of 34 to be followed by a 42 the next day.

"I've pretty much been shooting even par every day, and it has helped my confidence a lot," he said of this season. "That was a thing last year. I would have one or two bad holes where I'd go pretty high, and then I couldn't focus on the rest of the round. This year, I don't have those bad holes, and if I do, I can put it behind me because I know I can make it up. I think it's just a growing process through the game."

Much of that growing process came during last summer, when he represented Arizona on its junior golf America's Cup team and qualified for the USGA Junior Amateur, although he missed the match-play round by six strokes.

"It was still an excellent experience, and I think it has helped me through this season," Shimon said. It helped him enough to be medalist last week at the Mountain Ridge Tournament, shooting 35-70-105 for 27 holes at Scottsdale's Continental Golf Course to help the Broncos win their third tournament of the year.

He also believes they have an excellent chance to challenge region rival Desert Mountain and Mesa Red Mountain for the state championship.

"We're playing really well right now," he said. "If we just worry about playing our own

game, we have a good chance to win."

Shimon started playing golf nine years ago, following his father and uncle to the course. He got serious about the game at 12, when he started entering tournaments. Now he is tutored twice a month by Phoenician pro Scott Watkins, whom he considers an "excellent" teacher.

Golf, not hoops, remains his top priority and the vehicle he hopes will earn him a college scholarship, preferably to the University of San Diego, which has already corresponded with him. That said, he's quick to say he doesn't mind putting golf on hold during the winter for basketball.

"It has been difficult," he said, laughing. "When basketball season comes around, it's kind of my break from golf. During that time I try to keep my putting and chipping in tune, and every now and then I'll go out to the range and hit a few balls, but I keep my focus on basketball.

"It's good because it kind of keeps my mind away from golf when I'm playing it year-around. I manage my time pretty well, and it helps me a lot. I have to be organized."

Shimon also is a Big Brother at Brophy. It's a program where an upperclassman is assigned a handful of freshmen for guidance purposes. His group of six includes four burgeoning football players but no golfers.

"When I was freshman entering Brophy I was kind of scared about all the homework and all you have to do," he said. "I know it (the program) helps relax a freshman and makes them feel more at home."

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### USD

**Coach:** Tim Mickelson, 2nd season  
**2003-04 postseason:** 4th, WCC championship

**Top players:** Luke Antonelli, Bucky Coe, Adam Fowler, Jimmy Harris, Preston Lancaster, Garrett Lupis, Brian Phan, Kevin Riley, Michael Shelly.

**Outlook:** Mickelson has brought a new level of expectation to the Toreros campus, saying his team could reach the regional this season for the first time. The proof will come in the performances, because USD still has much ground to gain. In the first two events this season, the Toreros finished eighth and 13th.

# Tee for two (and more)

College coaches know it's hard to spell 'team' in golf using the letter 'T'

**S**an Diego State golf coach Ryan Donovan remembers the time a couple of years ago when, while working as the Aztecs assistant, he saw two players almost come to blows.

One golfer had called a penalty stroke on another, and when the player charged with the infraction did not agree, their argument could be heard loud and clear all over the otherwise serene golf course.

Funny thing, too, because the golfers happened to be Aztecs teammates. And this wasn't the NCAA Championship; it was the school's own qualifying event.

"Guys want to get into the lineup," said Donovan, "and that's where they can get a little selfish."

And you think U.S. captain Hal Sutton had his hands full at the Ryder Cup?

Sutton only had to deal with it for a week. College golf coaches face a seven-month season while nurturing the fragile egos of teens still trying to find their place in the world, let alone a team.

And the team in this case is comprised of a dozen individuals who have been playing for most of their lives a sport in which the only score that mattered was their own.

"Technically, you have five people playing for themselves," said Mike Wydra, UCSD's coach for 27 years. "But you look at the best golf teams, and that's not what's happening. It's like the Ryder Cup — the Americans were playing for themselves and the Europeans were playing for their teammates."

There's no need to break down game films in golf. The grade on your performance is immediate — there in black and white on your scorecard.

The star of the squad may shoot 68, but if the No. 5 player stumbles to 80, the team's in trouble. Sometimes, it's No. 1 who shoots 76 and No. 5 cards a nice 72. Then watch who's doing the finger pointing on the plane ride home.

That can tear a team apart, which is why, from the time coaches begin re-

**By Tod Leonard**

STAFF WRITER

cruiting athletes, they look for a kid who understands the team concept.

"My way to do it is to make sure the best players show up on time, do all the practice drills and use all the course management strategies we plan out," said Fred Hanover, the Cal State San Marcos men's and women's coach for the past seven years. "If they do everything right, everybody else will follow."

"If you get your top two players and bottom two players to cooperate, you've got a great situation."

Coaches have numerous tangible means to bring a team together. They come up with fun formats during practice rounds, and they create games such as a putting drill in which a player has to make, say, 30 4-footers in a row before everyone can leave.

Donovan said he has his players stand behind one guy on the driving range and call shots — draw, fade, knockdown — that the player has to produce.

At tournaments, teams often meet to discuss course strategy the night before a round. They'll dissect a par-5, for instance, and the coach may dictate that each player lays up instead of going for the green in two.

Not that everyone listens. Donovan recalled that in a late-season tournament a couple of seasons ago, one star Aztecs player eschewed the coach's advice, pulled out a driver and made 8 on a par-5.

"We went from third place to sixth, and he sat down the next week," Donovan said.

"If you go out there and you don't have your 'A' game, you're grinding for the team at that point," said Ben Foster, Point Loma Nazarene's coach for 30 years. "You're making course management decisions for the team. If you're in trouble, chip it out instead of trying to make the miracle shot."

Coaches face a minefield of emotions and decisions before they ever get to a tournament. Because only five golfers generally travel to a given event, team members must earn a spot on a trip through qualifying.

Every coach handles it differently, but many try to give themselves flexibility by guaranteeing two or three spots and leaving the rest to qualifying.

"Every year I hear about a kid who wins a qualifier and the coach still leaves him off the trip," Hanover said. "Boy, talk about wrecking a team's chemistry."

USD coach Tim Mickelson said he had the opposite problem in his college career at Arizona State and Oregon State. He struggled in qualifiers, but once he got to a tournament, he considered himself a "gamer."

"It's an inexact science," Wydra said. "You've got professional qualifiers who can light it up in town and on the road can't hit their (behind) with both hands."

In her first two seasons coaching the women at SDSU, Felicia Brown, a former professional player, said her amped-up attitude about qualifiers carried over to her golfers, who immediately felt like adversaries. She changed her tact after some input

from upperclass players last spring, and has "let them get to know each other before they knock heads."

"It's made all the difference in the world," Brown said. "Some people are still more competitive than others, but we can walk through the door as a team."

There are times when it does all come together on the course. It happened for a veteran San Marcos squad in winning the Grand Canyon Thunderbird Invitational last April. The Cougars shot 26-under in three rounds — an outrageously low score for an NAIA outfit.

Hanover describes it with bliss in his voice.

"All the trips together, hitting balls together, ragging on me together," he said. "They came together for that one event."

"I wish it had been the nationals," he added with a chuckle. "But they'll remember that for the rest of their lives. They'll look back and say, 'That was amazing.'"

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