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College costs must rise, CSU chancellor says

SAN DIEGO: Leaders in California higher education gathered in San Diego yesterday to talk about how to attract and train future community college administrators, but one top official had sobering news.

No matter what happens, said California State University Chancellor Charles Reed, the cost of an education will have to rise if the state is to keep pace, and campus leaders, students and parents must adjust.

"We all need to get real," he said.

Reed spoke at the University of San Diego while serving on a consulting panel of the Community College Leadership Summit. He was introduced by California Community College Chancellor Jack Scott and USD President Mary Lyons.

More than 60 educators attended the event, which concludes today.

Reed, Scott and Lyons stressed the need to better nurture college leaders. Reed said the interest is there and pointed to Long Beach State, which received 300 applications for 30 slots in an educational doctorate program.

Community College Leadership Development Initiatives, a USD partner, sponsored the event. -J.V.



Turning on the Tears: Should Men Cry?

Controversial 'Bachelor' Sparks Debate on Men Tearing Up

By ANDREA CANNING and LEE FERRAN

March 4, 2009 —

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EDITORIAL

Escondido's ugly face surfaces yet again

Escondido's ugly face once was portrayed by three majority council members. Now, alas, it is borne by the city's Police Department.

The face of nativism, of ethnic tension, of class repression was once that of Sam Abed, Marie Waldron and Ed Gallo. The region came to recognize that face only too well, through an unconstitutional rental ban, an overnight parking permit system proposed only for the inner-city, and council-member calls to cross-train police officers as immigration agents.

Gallo was rejected by the voters in November and Olga Diaz made history by becoming the city's first true Hispanic policymaker. Abed and Waldron can still make divisive statements, if they choose, but the ruling triumvirate is no more. Moderates Diaz, Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler and Dick Daniels carry the day.

But Escondido's Police Department has not received the message that a new day has dawned. In a city 45 percent Hispanic, many perceive the police as the enemy. Why? Escondido provides space at the police station for an immigration agent. Escondido stands alone in the frequency of its driver's license checkpoints, a policy driven not by the council but by the police chief. Escondido has mailed a reprehensible union flier that has opened old wounds.

As Escondido's other employee unions were acquiescing to pay cuts or losses in benefits because of hard times, the Escondido Police Officers' Association was coming across as a pack of spoiled brats. Police were being asked only to accept a pay freeze, and the department's budget, the biggest slice of the city's pie, was left almost intact by a council too timid to offend a public safety union.

Against this backdrop, POA President Michael Guerrero inexplicably decided to risk considerable political capital to try to gain very little, just to preserve future experience step increases and training incentives. A militant law firm was hired, and the flier, the very offensive flier, was crafted.

The union's militancy failed miserably. No member of any other municipal union supported the police at a council hearing. No Hispanic citizen spoke up for the force that represents the city. No council member praised the POA for offering budget alternatives as the union presented none. The vote was 4-1 to declare a negotiating impasse, freeze police salaries and move on.

The effects of the union's unfortunate rhetoric, of fostering a climate of fear based on unfounded or twisted statistics, of promoting stereotypes with images of tattooed young Hispanics seemingly straight from Central Casting, will linger. That rhetoric will slow efforts to bring the community together.

Now police, or at least the Guerrero-led POA, are threatening civil disobedience against the public they are sworn to serve and protect. Guerrero has said he wants police to respond to burglary incidents by canvassing the entire neighborhood, to request backup on every call. That is a major work slowdown for a department with 12 vacancies and tasked with standing at the curb and examining driver's licenses every time the chief so demands.

Police Chief Jim Maher finally has cho-

sen to speak up. In a commentary published today, he sets the record straight about crime statistics. But there is so much more the chief could and should do. He has fostered an environment so permissive of ethnic tensions that his own rank and file feel safe in sending out a hateful flier. He has created a climate where his own employees talk openly of rebellion in the form of a work slowdown. He has continued an atmosphere of distrust so strong that many Hispanics are too afraid to give the police information or even report crimes.

The corrosive atmosphere in Escondido must be changed.

Yes, the chief has promoted bilingual Leticia Garduno to do outreach to community groups. At the end of the day, however, all understand that it is not Garduno, but Maher who sets department policy.

The chief must end the checkpoints that so split the population. The union leader sees nothing wrong with them, particularly if detectives instead of patrol officers are used. The mayor, however, sees them for what they are: "Why are they taking cars away from people who don't have a driver's license when all they are trying to do is go to work?"

There's plenty for the council to do as well. Escondido's budget is falling apart, coming up short \$4 million this year and \$6 million or more for next year. A timid council cannot govern the city fairly if it leaves untouched the 46 percent or so that goes to the police.

The wretched flier is just a piece of paper. But after so many years of Hispanics feeling repressed or unrepresented in their city, it has tipped the balance in what is now an evolving relationship. The flier has galvanized the concerns of Hispanic groups over what still is happening and what will continue if responsible people fail to act.

Chief Maher can tolerate inappropriate behavior in his own department and he can continue to set up checkpoints as a last-gasp attempt to stop the wave of change reaching Escondido. Or, he can choose to be a force for a better Escondido.



Steve Breen / Union-Tribune

The flier lists several other 'threats' to public safety. Why isn't the main fearsome image a picture of . . . the city as a Daddy Warbucks lender?

Scapegoating the marginal is wrong — at any time

The recent Escondido Police Officers' Association political lobby flier depicting Latinos as an overwhelming gang threat, and portraying the police as an overworked, underpaid all-white force is a troublesome appeal to racist panic and should be strongly and clearly denounced by the Escondido City Council.

As scholars whose life works explore and interpret racism, diversity and social justice, we view the action by Police Department officials to distribute this flier to Escondido residents as morally reprehensible and out of step with the democratic hopes and aspirations of today.

The opening image depicts Latino youth as gang members, an unfair and non-specific depiction that glosses over the facts that not all young Latino males are gang members, and not all gang members are Latinos. This is an immediate, obvious and unfortunate race-based depiction that plugs

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a general fear of gangs into a broader fear of Central and South American immigration in order to score political points. The enlarged image and text present Latino youth, and Latinos in general, as criminals who are not welcome in "our" community. Further, the statistic is problematic: 382 gang members to 158 officers is 2.4 to 1, not "almost" 6 to 1. Of course, it would not be fair to count "gang associates" (an undefined term) without also counting the full law enforcement and court staff that make up the institutional response to gangs.

The opening exaggeration, as well as the remaining series of images, paints the Escondido Police Department as an embattled and imperiled "last stand" against the onrush of brown bodies, a bad policy approach that cannot help but further divide our communities. The argument is that "we" need more police and more prisons, which take more money away from spending on the education and enrichment, employment and support that gives young people in the still-segregated neighborhoods of our county opportunities other than gangs — a downward and backward spiraling cycle that we should avoid at all costs.

The flier does not state that gang policing is ineffective, and also does not clearly show that current and projected levels of crime warrant special concern during this recession's global budget cuts. Thus, public safety is portrayed as protection against a general and non-specific fear of a "brown tide" or "brown underclass," rather than a factually rooted analysis of the range of factors that make Escondido residents and community members safe or unsafe.

The flier lists several other "threats" to public safety, including a "hotel project," "city loans," "Arts Center" and "City Council raises." Why weren't those given front-page coverage? Why isn't the main fearsome image a picture of a dilapidated hotel, fingering the developers and real estate speculators as the true threat? Why not the city as a Daddy Warbucks lender? How about an evil Arts Center staff trying to drain the city coffers? Or that greedy City Council with its 5 percent pay raises?

In times of financial crisis, it seems easier to scapegoat the most marginal members of society than to dig in collectively as a community to solve the common problems that we all face. But to base policy on this bully-like orientation prevents us from pursuing the democratic ideals we hold so central.

We urge the City Council to take all appropriate action to discipline the public officials who are responsible for the race-baiting political flier, to denounce the use of racial panic as a basis for "public safety" and to ensure that the Escondido Police Department comply with local, state and national non-discrimination laws.

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NORTH COUNTY TIMES

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Matter of society's priorities

A photograph in the Local section of the March 13 North County Times motivated me to ponder the question of compensation for various



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professions and vocations at all levels of our society. The photograph, titled "Unhappy Teachers," depicted a group of Escondido teachers holding signs that protested "stalled contract talks and the proposed layoffs of 55 teachers." The description below the photograph explained that the teachers "in past negotiations had agreed to lower salaries in exchange for health benefits without monthly premiums." However, in this negotiating session, the Escondido Union School District was offering two medical insurance plans, one with no premium and one with a \$300 premium.

I decided to read the rest of the paper from cover to cover to determine whether others were faced with a similar dilemma. I didn't have far to look. The same edition of the NCT described how Sacramento County Judge Patrick Marlette ruled that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger "can cut pay for an additional 15,000 state workers who don't directly report to him." Clearly, members of California's working class were taking some pretty good cuts in terms of salaries and fringe benefits.

My next stop was the Sports section. The article, "Offseason work just starting for Bolts," went into considerable detail regarding contract negotiations with several members of the Chargers. Although a specific dollar amount was not identified in the agreement with LaDainian Tomlinson, it was obvious that he had agreed to a multimillion-dollar contract over the next three seasons.

Other players who were approaching free-agent status over the next few years were identified as extremely valuable commodities who would command similar multimillion-dollar contracts. Darren Sproles is expected to sign a one-year contract for \$6.62 million. Phillip Rivers is expected to sign a contract comparable with Pittsburgh Steeler Ben Roethlisberger's eight-year \$102 million contract. Other soon-to-be free agents like Antonio Gates and Shawn Merriman will someday command similar multimillion-dollar contracts.

I am as much of a Chargers fan as anyone else, but are they really that much more important to our community than our teachers?

My final stop in the March 13 North County Times was at an Associated Press article written by Laurie Kellman. The headline, "Lawmakers dodge chance to end automatic raises," addressed congressional salaries. Members of Congress, who receive some of the best health care available, voted to skip next year's pay raise, leaving them with salaries of \$174,000. However, they refused to scrap "automatic pay raises ... even with the economy slumping and millions of Americans unemployed."

I suppose one could argue that professional athletes deserve multi-million dollar salaries and members of Congress, who make decisions that profoundly affect

our nation's future, deserve six-figure salaries. But don't our nation's K-12 teachers, who hold the fate of future generations in their hands, deserve affordable health care to supplement their considerably more modest salaries?

It's all a matter of perspective.

Dennis Clausen writes for the Escondido and is an American literature professor at the University of San Diego.

S.D. Scientists Close to Figuring Out Genetic Secrets of Good Health

Envision San Diego & KPBS Special Report
 Mar 25, 2009

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Learn more about the aging process and scientists' quest for the fountain of youth on The Aging Code, Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. on KPBS TV.

Natalie Nestadt: I'm 80 years old and I think I attribute everything to genes, just good genes.

Forrest Adams: Longevity's not for sissies.

George Dehnel: The human body is a powerful thing. It can take incredible abuse and still you might say, come up smiling. In our case, come up living.

That's George Dehnel. He's one of four San Diego seniors you're going to meet tonight. They are part of a very special population.

Hello everyone, I'm Joanne Faryon. Welcome to tonight's Envision special, The Aging Code. We are going to explore the secret to a long and healthy life. A secret that may be locked away in our genetic code.

San Diego scientists are close to figuring out why our bodies age and why old age is the leading cause of disease. Tonight, you'll meet those scientists and you will get to know some people who are remarkably healthy for their age. They are the subjects of the first genomics study of its kind in the world.

Let's start with George Dehnel. Before I tell you how old George is, watch him ride his bike. And now, get a closer look at his face. There's barely a wrinkle. George Dehnel is 82 years old.

George: I got a few aches and pains in the hands particularly, little bit of knee thing, not very much, but basically I've been pretty much the same.

Just how George has been able to stay pretty much the same all his life is the subject of a nationwide study into the genetics of the so-called Wellderly – that is people 80 years and older with no history of chronic disease.

George: And every morning and night I do 80 to 100 pushups too just to kind of make me think I'm not as old as my birth certificate tells me I am.

Scientists believe if they can figure out what's keeping George this healthy, this long, they could prevent age related disease in the general population.

And that could have a dramatic effect on how long we live.

A baby born today has an average life expectancy of 77 years. That same baby, born 100 years ago would have only lived to be 50.

The science of aging is advancing so rapidly these days – this baby, in her lifetime, could nearly double her expected life span.

Scientists now know that aging healthy and living long is not just determined by how we live, it's programmed in our genetic code.

Dr. Andrew Dillin: In fifty years will we see the first person living until 150. I think it's on the scope, I don't know it will happen but I think the possibility is definitely there.

Sarah Topol: You look great.

83-year-old B is the newest enrollee into the Wellderly study.

Sarah: You're okay with the stairs I imagine.

She's a triathlete, cycling more than 20 miles routinely and swimming several mornings a week – in the ocean.

B's blood is taken and her DNA is going to be studied.

Those in the Wellderly Study must be 80 years or older with no history of major or chronic disease such as cancer or diabetes.

This study is the brainchild of Dr. Eric Topol, chief of Genomic Medicine at Scripps Health.

Joanne: How many people in your study right now?

Topol is focusing his work on healthy people, old healthy people and their genes. He plans to enroll 1000 people into the study. So far, 600 have contributed blood and saliva samples.

Dr. Eric Topol: What we know already is people in the Wellderly group, they have bad genes. They have genes for Alzheimer's, genes for heart attack, cancer and other illnesses, but they don't get these diseases, and a lot of them don't practice healthy lifestyles.

Topol believes people who live disease free so long, must have some kind of genetic protection.

Dr. Topol: We have some of them that are in their late 80's who still smoke. So this is not just a lifestyle story. There is genetic inheritability (that accounts for this so if we can understand what are the genes for the modifiers that titrate the risk, that cancel out this susceptibility to diseases wouldn't that be exciting?

Topol isn't sure whether he's looking for a single longevity gene or a series of genetic mutations that protect against specific diseases. With 30,000 genes in the human genome, Topol is navigating a vast and complex landscape with the genetic code as his compass. In the end, he's embarking on a journey not knowing whether his destination even exists.

We spent time with three of the subjects enrolled in the Wellderly study. You've already met George Dehnel. There's also Dr. Forrest and Natalie Nestadt. Natalie is 80 years old. And she's a smoker.

Natalie: I don't have anything in particular, any notes to tell you. I did mention my grandparents came from Lithuania. They were strong healthy people. My dad was a healthy man and that's obviously what's happened to me. I just got their genes.

Joanne: You smoke?

Natalie: Yep.

Natalie: No, I haven't smoked for 80 years, nearly...65 maybe. 81 years possibly, but I'm not a chain smoker. I have my ten, 12 a day.

Natalie, her husband Stanley and four of their five children emigrated from South Africa to the United States more than 20 years ago after Stanley retired.

Photos of their past life show a big family who went to the beach often and traveled.

There's Natalie with her thick brown hair.

Hair that stayed thick and brown until Natalie was 75.

Natalie: It just fell out. I had thick lovely beautiful hair. Day by day it came out in clumps, I was virtually bald.

But it grew back. Thick and curly and grey. She's still not sure why.

Natalie also has good vision. She only uses reading glasses. She stills drives, sometimes to the casino. She bakes. And she travels.

Natalie: I'm going to Israel in June. I'm going to Alaska in July. I'm hoping to go to South Africa next year to my daughter. And travel is a great thing. I think that's what's very important as you get older.

And she's been married to Stanley for 59 years.

Natalie: We are definitely the kind of people who you would say opposites attract because there is nothing we both like the same, food, where we're going to go on holiday...

Natalie says she does not live a particularly healthy lifestyle.

Her exercise is marching up and down these stairs.

She eats whatever she wants.

Natalie: We really are going to Home Buffet for dinner tonight.

Stan: Just like two of us doesn't pay to cook and they make the best meat loaf there.

And of course, there's the smoking.

Joanne: Why not stop smoking? Maybe you'll live 20 more years instead of 10 more.

Natalie: No, I wouldn't like to live 20 more years. I couldn't imagine being 100. I would hate to be in a wheelchair or hate to be in one of these assisted facility. No, I wouldn't like another 20 years.

She would however want another 10 healthy years. But she believes that will not be up to her – it will be up to her genes.

Natalie: I was at the Los Angeles station one time and there were two young girls in front of me and I asked them if I could lean on their trolley, and they said to me, "How old are you?" And I said, "I'm 78." And they said, "How come you look so good?" I said, "It must be my genes." And they obviously didn't know what genes are, and they looked, like it was denim or something. They don't know what genes are, they think you're stupid, must be my genes...

Forrest Adams: I'm sure that I will have a number of genes that protect me from all sorts of infectious diseases.

Dr. Forrest Adams will be 90 years old in a few months.

He doesn't smoke, rarely drinks and eats a healthy diet.

And as you can see, he exercises.

But he believes lifestyle has little to do with his good health.

Forrest: I've arrived at the conclusion the majority, 90 to 95 percent, of man's medical illnesses are determined genetically in a sense we're predestined to get certain things, like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, heart disease...

Forrest is a descendant of John Quincy Adams, sixth president, a man who lived to be 81, a great feat back in the eighteen hundreds. Forrest's grandparents and great grandparents all lived into their eighties and nineties.

Spent some time with Dr. Forrest Adams and it's apparent he is a man of science. A pediatrician, cardiologist and researcher, he has spent a lifetime solving problems.

Joanne: It sounds like you could go back into the lab today. This is what excites you.

Forrest: I would if somebody asked me.

In the meantime, he's not waiting around for an invitation. He's been researching his new project.

Forrest: Then I want them to get my stem cells and put them in liquid nitrogen and save those.

Adams believes so much in the healing power of his genes, he's arranging to have his stem cells harvested and frozen while he's still alive.

Joanne: If you want your stem cells frozen then you want this long life for other people.

Forrest: Exactly.

Joanne: Why do you want this long life for other people?

Forrest: I don't say they need to live until they're 100 or 120. Longevity's not for sissies. As one deteriorates, what you perceived you were when you're 20 is no longer that way. All you got do is look at the commercials on television. It's about women's health thing and everything they're selling for the face and the skin. They're talking about 20 year olds. They're not talking about 50 year olds or 70 year old women. That part you don't look forward to. On the other hand, for people who are getting things that possibly could be prevented or cured, in the case of stem cells prevented.

George Dehnol: I just grind these things up, sesame, flax grind them up in here into a powder."

82 year old George Dehnol isn't so convinced he can rely only on his good genes.

Joanne: And this tastes good to you?

George: Yeah, it tastes pretty good, you'd be surprised.

Joanne: If you didn't do any of this, if you didn't eat this way and exercise, do you think you'd look and feel the way you look and feel right now?

George: Absolutely not.

He eats chicken and greens for breakfast. He makes his own roughage concoction with these grains, blends a smoothie for lunch and eats oatmeal for dinner.

He doesn't smoke, rarely drinks and does vigorous exercise every day.

George: I used to think, "George, if you do all these things right, you're probably going to be healthy and happy and active right up to the day you die." And I'm beginning to realize this is not going to be this way, that the body ages and the hands get sore and you can't do all the things with as much strength and quickness and coordination like you use to do. So aging is a problem for me in the sense that I expect it to be perfect forever and then croak. And it's not going to be that way.

But George may come as close to perfect as he can. He still sits in his rocker like a young man and moves around his kitchen like a teenager showing off his latest gadget, his Cuisinart.

George is right, though, eventually age catches up to everyone.

Our bodies go through a typical aging process. Forget about wrinkles. Think about the systems in your body. Your heart, your digestive system, your brain. They all lose function over time. Let's take a look at the normal aging process.

For men, risk of heart disease begins at 45, for women 55. Forty percent of deaths in people 65 and older are heart related, making age the biggest risk factor for heart disease.

Eighty percent of cancer is diagnosed at 55 or older.

Once you reach 65, you are now at risk for Alzheimer's, and every five years that risk doubles.

By age 75, you have a one in three chance of losing your vision to macular degeneration, and you'll almost surely have hearing loss.

Add to that a long list of age related ailments like arthritis and osteoporosis. Your skin will also get thinner, your mouth drier, even your digestive system slows down.

Joanne: When do we start seeing these age onset related diseases, when do they start happening is it forties, fifties, sixties? It's in your forties?

Dr. Dillin: Forties.

Dr. Andrew Dillin is a researcher at Salk Institute.

Dillin: Fifteen years ago it was argued it was environmental and there was very little genetics involved. So now that we've actually found genes that we can manipulate and make an animal live twice as long, it's really opened up the door. There are genes that play a role in it.

Dillin uses a tiny worm to study the aging process.

He believes if scientists can control aging, they can control the onset of age related disease.

Dillin: I have no interest in making people live longer. I want to have them live healthier a longer period of time and so that's the ultimate goal. To not increase life span but increase health span.

But the two may go hand in hand. At least that's what Dillin's research has shown so far.

This is video of some of Dillin's experimental worms. Researchers injected some of the worms with a protein associated with Alzheimer's disease. They were also able to reverse the effects of the disease. In other words, cure the worm of Alzheimer's. But the cure had a side effect, it doubled the lifespan of the worm.

Dillin: We don't want to increase the bad years of your life span. We want to increase the youthful period of your life span and ideally we would not like to increase lifespan at all, but just the youthful period. So when you're 90, you feel like you were when you were 60, but you're not going to live until 150 years old, you're going to live to be 100 years old. That would be the ultimate goal, but so far, we haven't been able to uncouple that. So every time we increase the health span we increase his lifespan as well, so we haven't figured out how to uncouple those two events. So it may be a side effect that comes from this research, you might actually increase life span by 50 years and health span by the same time.

Dr. Topol: The Alzheimer's, the apoE3, you don't have it. This is also for long life. This is the most important of all the whole scan right there. You are so lucky. You'll be around a long time."

Back in Eric Topol's lab, Topol learned his daughter Sara, who is also a nurse working on his study, doesn't have the Alzheimer's gene, something he believes may be linked to the longevity gene.

And while there is excitement at the prospect of his daughter living a long life, Topol says the real goal of his research is to increase health span and not life span.

Topol: What if we start to learn what keeps people healthy? And if we can learn that wouldn't that be a much better way to get the information we need to enable health over the years ahead?

Topol believes environment does influence how one ages, but he's excited at the prospect of discovering a genetic mutation that buys some people protection against age onset disease. He says if he can find that, researchers can eventually inoculate the rest of the population.

Topol: It could be a vaccine. It could be a pill.

Dillin: If you know of genes that control aging and they would be targeted as pharmaceuticals, you can imagine that somewhere down the road, someone is going to develop a drug that will possibly change the aging process.

Topol's lab will begin sequencing the genes of the hundreds of Wellderly subjects in the next several months, but so far, he's been able to put together a body type of the average person enrolled in the study.

Here she is: female, short average metabolism, and lean, a slower than

Topol: The short stature story, that's really interesting, because in all species, dogs, elephants, all species, the shorter that the species is, the more long life and health that person is endowed with. The other one that was a surprise was about thyroid disease. And Sara Topol has noted there have been many people in this study that have a history of a low thyroid. So the question is, does that protect people? Does that slow down the process? Is there something inborn? Should we all be walking around a little hypothyroid, to make us healthier?

B: I'm happy I have found love in my life at 78 and that makes me happy.

There's something else, not so scientific that Sara Topol has noticed about the people in the study. They have a positive attitude toward life. They want to live.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the so called oldest old – people over 75 – are among the fastest growing populations in the world.

In 2020, American baby boomers will add to this population explosion as they begin to turn 75.

They will consume proportionally greater amounts of healthcare than younger populations.

The Census bureau warns "the rapid growth of this population segment will pose challenges with issues of long-term care, institutionalization, and pension reform."

Dr. Larry Hinman: If they could fifty years to my life in my forties, I'd really like that. If they add it in my eighties, I'm less convinced this would be highly desirable.

Lawrence Hinman is a philosophy professor at the University of San Diego. He says prolonging a healthy life would be a wonderful thing, provided society was prepared for a growing older population.

Hinman: I think one of the things that's important from an ethical point of view is that this has to come as part of a much larger package. Otherwise we're going to have disaster. Think about social security. You think it's in trouble now. Imagine what it would be like if people retire at their current age and then draw social security for the next 60 years.

There's something else we must consider. Will a society in search of eternal youth begin to value age?

And what happens when you have the longevity gene but those around you don't?

Forrest Adams is an atheist. For him, there is no religious comfort in death.

Joanne: So do you think about death?

Forrest: Do I think about it? All the time. Yeah. One of the offshoots of that is I have no fear of dying but I think one of the reasons people have such strong religious beliefs is they're fearful of dying and religion helps provide a cushion.

Joanne: You think about it all the time. Is it because you're 90 that you think about it?

Forrest: I would say it's more because most of my friends are dying and I now have a folder of the obituaries from people that I worked with who have since died.

George: Yeah I think about dying a lot. And I don't have any idea what it's going to be. Probably if I knew I'd commit suicide. I don't know. That's all I can say about that.

Joanne: Do you believe in an afterlife?

Natalie: Do I? I don't know. I don't think so. I think when you're dead you're dead. You mean, do you come back as something else or no? I'm not spiritually inclined that I expect someone to come and visit me in my dreams or something. You know you dream about your parents or an incident or something like that but it's not something that you read books where you think someone's looking after you or something, I don't think so.

George: I believe in an afterlife only that I'm going to have my ashes thrown in the Pacific Ocean and I think it's marvelous. I love the thought of becoming a dolphin or a fish or a whale or a piece of seaweed or a little plankton floating in the Pacific Ocean, but in the afterlife in the Christian sense? Absolutely not. No.

Hinman: I know my mother who last year passed away, she was almost 99, and she loved life, but she was ready. Her husband, my dad, had died 10 years earlier. All her siblings had died more than a decade before that. She came from a family of seven other kids. All her friends from high school, the neighborhood had passed on and there was a loneliness and increasingly at the end there was a debility. She just died of old age, but there was very little coming into her world. It was hard to see. It was hard to hear it was hard to move. You want presumably, you don't want to lengthen that by a couple of decades.

Topol: Most people, when you poll them, they're not interested in living until they're 110. They want to live to whatever age, but be healthy all the way through. So this concept of Wellderly, everybody wants to be in the Wellderly club. That's what we're really after. If we can keep people who otherwise very highly likely to develop a particular condition disease, if we can keep that in check, well, it may not make their life expectancy 100 plus but it may increase their quality of life and certainly if it was a serious condition it could increase their expectancy in some matter of time.

Joanne: How long do you want to live?

Forrest: As long it's going the way it is right now, indefinitely.

Forrest Adams, a man of science, knows exactly how he will live forever. Not in an abstract afterlife, but in the here and now.

DNA, locked into each one of our chromosomes, is remarkably resilient. In fact, scientists uncovered the DNA of a prehistoric beetle trapped in amber more than 120 million years old.

Forrest: In a very philosophical sense my chromosomes are going to, the electrons are going to continue and that's going to be me. It's not going to be you, it's not going to be anybody else, and that's the way you live forever."

The Wellderly Study is still accepting volunteers. If you are 80 or older and healthy, they want your DNA. To find out if you, a family member or loved one might qualify to volunteer for the study, call 1-800-SCRIPPS (1-800-727-4777), or e-mail wellderly@scrippshealth.org.

For KPBS and Envision San Diego, I'm Joanne Faryon. Thanks for watching.



You Be the Judge: Should This Soccer Mom Go to Jail?

A woman escaped from prison at 20 and led a law-abiding life for the next 32 years. Should she be required to serve out her sentence?

By Vicki Glebocki From Reader's Digest

What do you think of the verdict? Share your opinion!

When U.S. marshals knocked on Marie Walsh's door last April and asked if her name was really Susan LeFevre, she said no.

She was lying -- sort of.

Marie Walsh hadn't been Susan LeFevre since 1976, the year she escaped from a Michigan prison. At age 19, she'd been arrested after selling three grams of heroin to an undercover cop. She'd served just over a year of a 10- to 20-year sentence when, one morning, she climbed over a barbed wire fence, ran to a nearby street where her grandfather waited in a car, and drove away. Weeks later, she bummed a ride to California.

That's where she'd been ever since, going by her middle name, Marie, and using a Social Security number she says she made up. She married waste-industry executive Alan Walsh and raised three children, lived in an \$800,000 house in San Diego, drove a Lexus SUV, and volunteered with several charities. She was a fugitive, yes. But for almost two thirds of her life, she'd also been a law-abiding soccer mom. That is, until an anonymous tipster led federal agents to her door.

When the marshal showed LeFevre, 53, fingerprint evidence (and reminded her she could get into even more trouble for lying), she came clean about her true identity. Then she asked him, "Are you sure you have to take me?"

He was. Not only was she required to serve the remainder of her sentence (she wouldn't be eligible for parole until 2013), she also faced five more years in prison for the escape. She was held in a San Diego jail for three weeks, then transferred back to Michigan, 2,000 miles from her husband and children, who, she says, didn't know about her past until she was arrested.

But Susan LeFevre did not go quietly. After her rearrest, she told her version of the story to the press -- a different version from the one that emerged in 1975. Back then, authorities described LeFevre as a dealer who made \$2,000 a week. Now she claimed she was a recreational user who sold drugs only a few times. She said that since the offense was her first, her attorney had advised her to plead guilty, betting that the judge would be lenient. The plan backfired, and the judge sentenced her to 10 to 20 years.

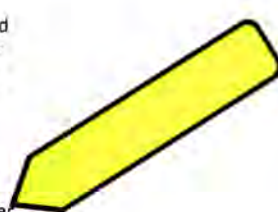
More than three decades later, in July 2008, LeFevre's new lawyer, William Swor, asked a Saginaw County circuit judge to throw out the 1975 sentence. He argued that Michigan law (and federal law) required that most sentences be tailored specifically to the offender and the crime. "It appears to us that there was a policy in Saginaw County that anyone involved in a heroin transaction got 10 to 20 years, regardless of their background," Swor says. The county prosecutor, Mike Thomas, opposed the request: "If she were to be let out now," he wrote in a court filing, "what does that say to the 51,000 people serving a sentence in the state? You don't have to serve your sentence if you escape?"

Meanwhile, friends, relatives, and strangers from around the country sent hundreds of letters to Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm's office pleading for clemency for LeFevre. Their argument: Why should taxpayers spend \$33,000 a year to lock up a woman who seems to have rehabilitated herself? Others insisted she had to pay her debt to society. "Her case tapped into some fundamental questions," says Lawrence Hinman, a University of San Diego philosophy professor and ethicist. "What does it take to set things right?"

The Verdict

Five months after Susan LeFevre's rearrest, a judge showed mercy, giving her two years' probation for the escape charge. That still left the issue of the original sentence. Should LeFevre remain in prison for the drug offense? The judge punted the decision to the ten-member Michigan parole board.

On January 28, the board voted unanimously to set her free, though she has to stay behind bars on good behavior until May 19. "She effectively did what we want our offenders to do -- live a crime-free life once they leave us," says John Cordell of the Michigan Department of Corrections. "Of course, she did commit a crime in order to live that crime-free life."



Ethics in the Age of the Robot

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Maureen Cavanaugh: The makers of Roomba, that handy robot vacuum, have now modified their device into a robot warrior to help out US soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Japan and North Korea, robot devices help disabled people care for themselves, and act as playmates for children.

None of these advances may trigger concerns that we need John Connor to save us from the Terminator just yet, but they do raise ethical issues. If elderly people can be cared for by robots, will they suffer from lack of human contact? If a robot with a gun makes a mistake and kills the wrong person, who's fault is that?

As part of our monthly series on ethics in science and technology, we'll discuss the role of robots in our lives. They hold out the promise to relieve us from danger and drudgery, but what are the risks?

The next Ethics Center forum "Our Robots, Our Selves" is Tuesday, March 4, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park. The event is open to the public.

Guests

- **Larry Hinman**, professor of philosophy at the [University of San Diego](#) and co-director of the Center for Ethics in Science and Technology.
- **Vernor Vinge**, professor emeritus of mathematics and computer science from SDSU, and award-winning science fiction author. His more recent book, "Rainbow's End: A Novel with One Foot in the Future," was the 2007 Hugo Best Novel winner.



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SAN DIEGO

Girls get an up-close look at careers in math, science

By Janine Zúñiga
STAFF WRITER

Maria Salazar of Oceanside was surprised that so many organisms lived in her mouth — but there they were yesterday on a slide, magnified 100 times under a microscope.

Maria, 13, an eighth-grader at Madison Middle School in Oceanside, attended a health and medicine workshop on the mouth's unseen bacterial guests at the seventh annual "Expanding Your Horizons" conference targeting middle school girls interested in exploring careers in math and science.

This year's conference was held at the University of San Diego. Spon-

sors included Qualcomm, Gen-Probe, the General Atomics Sciences Education Foundation, Cubic Corp. and Northrop Grumman Corp. More than 250 USD professors and students, along with scientists, doctors, engineers, and other professionals, gathered for the daylong event.

"Wow," Maria said after viewing her bacteria and cheek cells, colored with dye for better viewing. "It's interesting and fascinating. At the same time, it's kind of scary. You don't know these things are in your mouth."

The conference is geared toward

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Rochele Mothokakobo (left) of the marine education group Aquatic Adventures guided middle school students (from center) Janelle Janiec, Steffany Moreno and Antigone Brickman in dissecting a shark yesterday at the annual "Expanding Your Horizons" conference at the University of San Diego. John Gibbins / Union-Tribune

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Girls selected 3 workshops from a list of 41 topics

academics, but with an emphasis on "hands-on, fun things," said its president, Sue Lowery.

"We target sixth- through 10th-graders because it's an age at which particularly young women, who had an interest in science and math, say they don't like it anymore," said Lowery, a USD biology professor. "We show them a community of girls and women who share their interests."

Lowery said women make up 46 percent of the country's work force but hold only 27 percent of jobs in engineering and science overall and 12 percent of engineering jobs. She said that while interest in science and mathematics among girls has increased, there is room for more.

For some girls, the conference was an adventure. For others, it was an educational experience like they've never had before. Some had never visited a college campus.

Parents got involved, too. About 90 of them, including Maria Hopper of Linda Vista, had their own workshops to attend.

Hopper said she learned about college admissions and money management.

"I learned how important good writing skills are, and community service," Hopper



Guadalupe Oliveres, a ninth-grader at San Marino High School in Los Angeles County, wiped a slide with a swab of bacteria from her mouth so she could examine it under a microscope yesterday during the "Expanding Your Horizons" conference at USD. John Gibbins / Union-Tribune

said. "That makes you stand out. And I learned that you have to start already in middle school looking for grants and financial aid."

Girls from schools around Southern California selected three workshops from a list of 41 topics, including shark dissection, crime-scene sleuths, robotics, and acoustics and sounds.

Janelle Janiec and Maria Albarrañ, both 13, attended the shark-dissection workshop. Maria, from Vista, hesitantly cut through part of a nearly 3-foot-long dogfish's rough skin

with a scalpel, and touched its skin.

"Squishy, ooh," said Maria, an eighth-grader at Madison Middle School in Oceanside.

But when asked if she wanted to touch the shark's liver, Maria had to flee the laboratory. She returned after a few minutes looking refreshed and completed the workshop.

Janelle, who attends Olive Peirce Middle School in Ramo-

na, said her harsh opinion of sharks changed after learning that they aren't mean and ugly, but really smart.

"This was the best dissection I've done so far," said Janelle, who has previously cut open a sheep's eye, a frog and a lima bean. "I learned the cool things about sharks, like they have two extra senses."

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Focus on Faith: Hope in tough times

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In this week's Focus on Faith, we talk about finding hope in hard times through spirituality, no matter the faith. A | A | A

Sr. Kathleen Dolphin, the director of the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's College, joined us to speak on how spirituality can help people face the challenges of the current economic climate.

Sr. Dolphin thinks of spirituality as a conscious and intentional integration of our daily lived experiences with what we believe. She states during these tough times it is important to make sense of your suffering through spirituality. □

Many people believe the economic downturn is a punishment from God. But, Sr. Dolphin encourages people to look at it a different way, as if life is testing us, not God.

And the way to respond to these tests is through faith.

Sr. Dolphin says some people are tempted to lose faith during these times because they feel as if God had abandoned them and that is why they lost their house, job, etc. The more proper response, Sister says, is to think of it as God suffering with us, not just watching us, so he feels our pain as well.

Sr. Dolphin offers a lecture series at Saint Mary's called "Hope During Hard Times". You can hear more on this matter by attending one of the lectures.

The lectures are free and open to the public. All of them are located on Saint Mary's campus. The information is below on the series:

Lecture #1: The Market Can't Imagine, But We Can: Creativity as a Spiritual Response to the Financial Crisis

Speaker: Maureen H. O'Connell, assistant professor of theology, Fordham University, New York

When: 7:30 p.m., March 3

Where: Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall

Lecture #2: Did Jesus Laugh? What Humor has to do with Spirituality

Speaker: Anita Houck, associate professor of religious studies, Saint Mary's College

When: 4:30 p.m., March 25

Where: Earley Rooms D, E, & F, Student Center

Lecture #3: The Hidden Face of Hope

Speaker: Barbara Quinn, RSCJ, director of the Center for Christian Spirituality, University of San Diego

When: 7:30 p.m., March 31

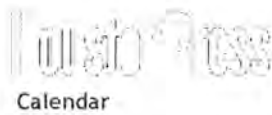
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Bradford Gray Telford and Jericho Brown

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By Dusti Rhodes

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Bradford Gray Telford

In his book *Please*, poet **Jericho Brown** speaks for the dead, living and imagined. Brown uses his verses to interpret the tortured minds of Janis Joplin, the Scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz*, Diana Ross, the burning bush and more. Brown adds to the drama with a delivery style that sets each line to a lulling rhythm that would make a few of his subjects proud. Currently an

assistant professor of English at the University of San Diego, Brown is no stranger to the Bayou City. He received his Ph.D. in creative writing from the University of Houston. He went on to edit poetry for a handful of journals, earn a Cave Canem Fellowship and receive two travel fellowships to Poland's Krakow Poetry Seminar. Brown reads today with fellow UH Ph.D.-receiver Bradford Gray Telford. 7 p.m. Brazos Bookstore, 2421 Bissonnet. For information, call 713-523-0701 or visit www.brazosbookstore.com. Free.

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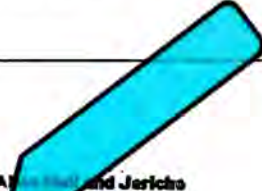
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NIGHT & DAY



Poets James Alan McMillan and Jericho Brown James Alan McMillan reads from his new book of poems "Now You're the Enemy"; USD professor Jericho Brown reads from "Please." D.G. Mills Books, 7461 Girard Ave., La Jolla-UTC. Through March 28. 858-456-1800. Free



Poet sees Motown stars as 'super- human figures' in his work

Posted by John Liberty | Kalamazoo Gazette March 29, 2009 14:40PM

KALAMAZOO - Growing up in Shreveport, La., Jericho Brown remembers driving in his parents' old van, listening to the same oldies station.

While other kids were listening to a new genre called hip-hop, Brown thought the Temptations "was the next big thing." One of his earliest memories was Diana Ross' two-day concert in Central Park in 1983. The park was packed with her fans, despite inclement weather. One of his first memories is Ross performing in a beaded orange body suit, her hair blowing in the wind.

"I thought she was a superhero, like a comic book come alive," Brown said during a phone interview from Atlanta where he was giving a reading of his poetry. "I really thought that about her. I didn't think of her as a person. Because of that, I saw these figures as superhuman figures."

READING

• Jericho Brown and Patty Seyburn -- 8 p.m. Thursday, Gwen Frostic Reading Series, WMU's Little Theatre, corner of Oliver Street and Oakland Drive. Free. 387-2572.

Brown's adoration of such musicians, including Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder, had such an impact on his life, they were worked into his debut book of poetry, "Please," which was released in November on Western Michigan University's New Issues Poetry & Prose. He'll read from the book at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Little Theatre, along with poet Patty Seyburn.

Brown, who is an assistant professor of English at the University of San Diego, said some of the pieces in "Please" are persona poems; he's not necessarily the voice but that of a character used to express a theme or subject. For example, "Track 5: Summertime," is about singer Janis Joplin seeing a black man being beaten.

Brown said the positive reaction to his relatively new book, which is in its second printing, surprised him. He said he hopes it's because people seem to have a shared experience in some of his poems.

"There is a voice of intimacy in the book, so when people read the book, they feel like someone is talking to them directly," he said.

Brown said he learned to understand the world through some of these musicians: Motown and integration, the civil rights movement, violence, religion, addiction and more.

Brown's knowledge of some of these musicians is impressive. He said he did very little research for the book, since there is a lot of detail, such as Marvin Gaye being shot by his father (which is referenced in the poem "Lion"), that he "doesn't remember not knowing."

In his neighborhood, the grocery store was across the street from the library. When his mother went shopping, she dropped him off at the library, where he'd read about his heroes, such as biographies on Sammy Davis Jr.

He was brought up in a religious home where "children were seen and not heard." As early as 10, he felt more comfortable expressing himself in words and wrote poems and songs.

"It was very automatic to write," he said.

Years later his readers seem to respond well to that early reflex.

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Documentary films about Palestine and her people

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2008 marked the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the state of Israel and the simultaneous destruction of Palestinian civil and political society. The two events are as intimately connected as two sides of a coin, yet each side offers a distinct narrative that remains at odds with the accounts of the other. Feelings of belonging and claims of ownership irrevocably separate, yet permanently connect Arabs and Jews in their struggle for a land that is called Palestine by one group and Israel by the other. Each of the two cultures wants to hold on to every inch of land claimed by its opponent. The Palestinians strongly feel that they belong to the land, while the Israelis insist that the land belongs to them.

The narrative of displacement and experiences in exile of the modern Palestinians remains relatively unfamiliar to most Westerners and especially to the majority of Americans. By contrast, Israel's narrative of rebuilding a homeland for the Jews has been deeply imbedded in the Western psyche and continues to dominate the political discourse regarding the Palestinian / Israeli conflict. The documentary films we create at SittingCrow Productions explore the personal narratives and artistic expressions of Palestinians.

Some of the films that we have completed, as well as others that are currently in progress, present the memories of a small group of men and women selected from an aging and rapidly dying generation of Palestinians who directly experienced the catastrophic ethnic cleansing of their homeland in 1948. They are referred to as the generation of the Nakba (the Arabic term for the Great Catastrophe that began in 1948) and are the men and women who directly experienced the destruction of Palestinian civil and political society as well as the ethnic cleansing of 85% of the Palestinian population from the land that became Israel in 1948. The survivors of that generation are now in their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Many still live in refugee camps in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and neighboring Arab countries, while those who were not expelled in 1948, or managed to return to their homeland, live in Israel as Arab citizens of the Jewish State. Their stories have seldom been recorded, and their experiences and memories of life before, during and since 1948 are rapidly disappearing as that generation ages and dies.

Other films that we are producing at SittingCrow look at Palestinian men and women who use art, poetry and dance as

a way to rejuvenate the traditions of a shattered culture and to revive a history that has long been suppressed and denied. Their art bridges the shattered past of Palestinian society with the tragic present of life under occupation and reaches for a desired future of peaceful existence.

During periods of extended political conflict, art can often be the best way for a society under the stress of cultural annihilation to sustain itself, critique its attackers and project its historical identity to the world. This is very much the case in Palestine today, where art is seen and used as a tool of cultural survival. Driven by a desire to persevere as a historical culture in the face of an extended military occupation, the visual, literary and performing arts are flourishing in complex ways in Palestine.

The recent and current projects at SittingCrow Productions are a continuation of the focus on displacement, exile and identity construction that have been at the core of my artwork over the past two and a half decades. During the past two years, those topics have been developed and presented in the form of documentary films. Prior to that, these issues were explored and continue to be presented in the form of paintings and drawings. My name is John Halaka, I am a Visual Artist and the founder, creative director and producer of the work that comes out of SittingCrow Productions. I am also a Professor of Visual Arts at the University of San Diego. As an activist artist, my creative work serves as a vehicle for meditation on personal, cultural and political concerns. I present personal narratives in my films and create allegorical images in my paintings in order to raise questions, for myself as well as for the viewer, about some of the pressing issues of our time. Our goal at SittingCrow is to present the viewer with complex and seldom heard narratives that compel her/him to reflect on their relationship to the cultural, political, historical and emotional issues presented.

Our films are designed and intended to be screened at community forums, universities, schools and religious centers, where they can provoke discussion and reflection regarding the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. If you would like to screen one of our films and invite me lead a discussion regarding the past, present and future of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict as well as our relationship to that conflict, you can e-mail me at sittingcrowproductions@gmail.com or call me at 619.260.4107. I welcome your comments and feedback regarding the films and this website. Please feel free to email me with your comments and questions.

Our projects at SittingCrow Productions have been funded through small grants and community contributions. We greatly welcome and need financial support from the community. If you would like to contribute to one of our current productions please contact me at sittingcrowproductions@gmail.com or call me at 619.260.4107.

For additional information about my painting and drawing projects please visit my other web site at www.johnhalaka.com.

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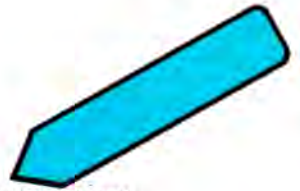
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LPT's 'Light In The Piazza' Wins Multiple Awards

Lamb's Players Theatre (LPT) resident ensemble member Deborah Gilmour Smyth received her second consecutive Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Lead Performance in a musical Jan. 26. She was honored for her performance as Margaret Johnson in LPT's regional premiere of Adam Guettel's "The Light in the Piazza."

The previous Monday, Jan. 19, she received a Patté Award for the same performance. The Patté Awards are presented by Emmy Award-winning theatre critic Pat Launer and televised on Channel 4, San Diego.

The Critics Circle Award, named for San Diego theater legend Craig Noel, is the second consecutive win for Smyth. She received an Outstanding Lead Performance in a Musical award for her 2007 performance as Mother in Starlight Musical Theatre's production of "Ragtime."

Lamb's Players productions also featured heavily in local critics' end-of-year assessments of San Diego theater. The San Diego Union-Tribune's James Hebert named "The Light in the Piazza" his top theater pick for 2008. LPT was also featured in best-of lists from San Diego Magazine and

Gay + Lesbian Times, with citations for Tracy Hughes' performance in "Pretty Fire," as well as raves for Mike Buckley's premiere comedy "The Hit."

• Mike Buckley, Patté Award, scenic design for "The Hit"

Since 1984 Buckley has designed more than 100 productions at Lamb's Players Theatre in addition to many shows at such companies as Moonlight Theatre, San Diego Repertory Theatre and the Old Globe/USD MFA program. Recent favorites include lights for "No Way to Treat a

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Lady" at North Coast Rep, sets for "The Winslow Boy" at LPT, for which he received his second Theatre Critic's Circle Award, and "Bad Dates" at the San Diego Rep, for which he received his fourth Patté Award. Buckley also designs residential interiors through his business Weekend Makeover.

• Jeanne Reith, Patté Award, costume design for "The Light in the Piazza," "The Hit" and Cygnet Theatre's "A Little Night Music"

Resident designer for LPT, Reith's creative work has achieved Theatre Critics Awards such as the Craig Noel, KPBS Patté and Billie Awards for "An Ideal Husband," "A Woman of No Importance," "Till We Have Faces," "The Boy Who Fell Into a Book," "Joyful Noise," "Tarantara! Tarantara!," "Dr. Faustus," "The Winslow Boy" and "Metamorphoses."

• Smyth, Critics Circle Award, Patté Award, Lead Performer in a

Musical for "The Light in the Piazza"

Smyth is an active actor, director and composer. Directing credits include "Art," "Steel Magnolias," "Sleuth," "Alice in Concert," "Oklahoma Rigs," "Ring Round the Moon," "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," "1776" and "The Winslow Boy." Smyth has performed in more than 100 productions at Lamb's Players Theatre, including "My Fair Lady," "The Taming of the Shrew," "Metamorphoses," "Joyful Noise" (at LPT and Off-Broadway), "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Edith Stein," "Talley's Folly," "1776," "Private Lives," "The Boys Next Door" and "Into the Woods." She created the musical score for such productions as "Metamorphoses," "Cold Comfort Farm," "Edith Stein," "Flight," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "The Great Divorce," "Till We Have Faces," "Dracula" and "Hamlet."

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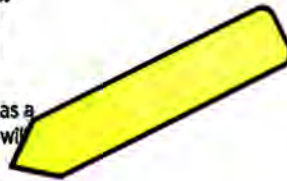
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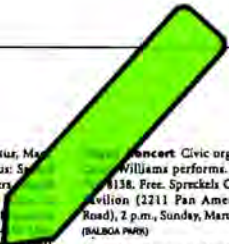
Grace Bible Church is holding a worship service at 11:15 a.m. tomorrow at 7250 Eckstrom Ave. A free lunch follows. Information: (858) 762-4646.

Meeting San Diego Evening Aglow will have its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Thursday. Food and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. The center is at 8404 Phyllis Place. Information: (619) 226-2342.

One-day program "Geography as a Metaphor for the Spiritual Life" will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Saturday at the University of San Diego Center for Christian Spirituality, 5998 Alcalá Park. The program includes field trip to desert, mountains and ocean. Fee: \$35. Preregistration required. Information: sandiego.edu/ccs or (619) 260-4784.

The University of San Diego will celebrate LIFE (Living is for Everyone) Week starting Monday at noon to raise awareness of major life issues. Informational tables will be set up in front of Hahn University Center, 5998 Alcalá Park, Linda Vista, with interactive activities, free food and representatives from community organizations. Evening events will also be held. Information: (619) 260-4735.





titled "Chani, Conductor, Musician and Motet" for Angelus Shrine. Early Music in Founders series. Concert takes place at Founders Chapel of the University of San Diego (500 Fitchell Park), 8 p.m., Friday, March 27. (LINDA VISTA)

Virtuosity and Poetic Pense British pianist Imogen Cooper performs for La Jolla Music Society's Frieman Family Piano Series. Program showcases Bach's "Partita No. 2 in E Minor," "Six Little Pieces" by Schoenberg, Schubert's "Moments musicaux," and "Sonata in G Major." 858-459-3728. \$25-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Friday, March 27. (LA JOLLA)

Orchestras Feeding America San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory participate in first national food drive by America's symphony orchestras. SDYS volunteers will collect nonperishable food at open rehearsals outside of room 207 in Casa Del Prado. Food will be donated to local food bank Feeding America San Diego. 619-233-3232. Casa del Prado (El Prado), 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 28. (MILBURN PARK)

Tragic Melodrama! San Diego Opera season continues with Giuseppe Verdi's *Rigoletto*, transporting audience members to Italian Renaissance with traditional staging. Cast includes Slovakian soprano L'ubica Vargicová, Albanian tenor Giuseppe Gipal, Georgian baritone Lado Ataneli, Armenian bass Arutjun Kotchinian, many others. Conductor is Edoardo Müller, director is Lotfi Manaouri. Performed in Italian with English translations above the stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. \$28-\$175. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, March 28; 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 31. (DOWNTOWN)

Choose Your Own Adventure Bring your sense of adventure to help San Diego Symphony create a story with many twists and turns during family festival concert led by conductor Phillip Mann. Program is based on popular children's book series. Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$10-\$25. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (DOWNTOWN)

Concert Civic organist and organist Williams performs. 619-236-5810. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (MILBURN PARK)

"Ecco la primavera (Spring is Here!)" Local Renaissance-music group Courty Noyse, with John Cassboom, Laury Flora, Penoy Hawkins, Vickie Jenkins, Jay Sacks, and Sandra Stram, plans family concert with musicians in period costumes performing vocal, instrumental Renaissance music related to theme of springtime. Listen for entertaining songs about a cricket ("El Grillo") and birds ("Le Chant des Oyseaux"), a madrigal sung by a cuckoo, an owl, a cat, a dog, and a cow ("Contrapunto bertale alla mente"). Composers to be performed include Joaquin del Pres, Francesco Landini, Anthony Holborne, Christopher Tye, Clement Jannequin, others. 619-236-5810. Free. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Northlands" Grossmont College Symphony Orchestra and Grossmont Master Choral perform Stravinsky's "Violin Concerto in D Major," a neoclassical violin concert in four movements composed in 1931; and "Symphony No. 1 in E Minor" by Sibelius, written in 1898. Guest artist: violinist Felia Orlchofska. 619-644-7254. Free. East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street), 3 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (M. CAJON)

"The Power and Passion of Beethoven" Jeffrey Siegel plays "Keyboard Conversation" with notes from "Für Elise," the humorous "Rage Over a Lost Penny," "Moonlight" sonata, and "Sonata Opus 110," written after deafness had engulfed Beethoven. Siegel shares remarks to make music more accessible and listening experience more focused and meaningful. 800-948-4253. \$27-\$30. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 4 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (ESCONDIDO)

CLASSICAL

"Baroque Bonanza" Enjoy "lush sounds of an illustrious era" when Camarada presents celebration of baroque period, playing selections by Telemann, J.S. Bach, Vivaldi, other masters of genre. Ensemble includes Beth Ross-Buckley (flute), Mary Barranger (harpsichord), Susan Barrett (oboe), Erin Breeze (cello), David Buckley (violin). 619-231-3702. \$15-\$25. Saint Paul's Cathedral (3728 Sixth Avenue), 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 27; 6 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (BANKER'S HILL)

"A Celebration of International Women's Day" Hutchins Consort plans concert featuring music of several revered women composers, in program dedicated to American luthier Carleen Hutchins, woman who designed and built the octet of instruments that they perform on. Program includes selections by McNauley, Clara Wieck Schumann, Francesca Caccini, Karen Elaine, Consuelo Velazquez, others. Visual artist Nori Green will unveil her new portraits of Carleen Hutchins, along with several of her paintings and other works. 760-632-0554. \$15-\$25. Neuroscience Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 27. (LA JOLLA)

"Medieval Music for Lent" The Oregon ensemble In Mulieribus presents program sub-

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"Smallmouth Bass in the Desert: The History of a Species" Join the UCSD Natural History Society for a presentation with "Smallmouth Bass" by John E. Graves. This talk will explore the history of the species in the desert, from its introduction to the region in the 1930s to its current status as a native species. The talk will include a Q&A session and a book signing. **UCSD Natural History Society, 3602 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161. Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. Free. Reservations: 619-594-5171.**

"Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" Seven principles of xeriscape, plant selection, planting techniques presented by landscape designer Connie Beck. **Reservations: 619-660-4350. Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 17122 Capistrano College Drive West, San Marcos, CA 92069.**

"Crack in America" Local artists share their work during video, lecture, discussion event hosted by Poetry Arts and Crafts Guild. **859-513-2900. Saturday, March 21, noon. Free. Power Library, 13135 Howe Road, Irvine.**

"Exploring Antiafrica" Stories, photographs from "Journey of a Lifetime in the mid of the Earth...from Tierra del Fuego to Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula" K&VP. 619-548-0981. Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m. Free. In Travel Store, 435 South Avenue, Glendora.

"Nexting, Results of the California Laas Tern and Western Snowy Plover" The California Laas Tern and Western Snowy Plover are two of the most important birds in the state. This talk will discuss the history and current status of these species. **UCSD Natural History Society, 3602 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161. Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m. Free. Pinnacled Quarry Water Center, 1000 Canyon Way, San Marcos, CA 92069.**

Options for Economic Stimulus UCSD professor of economics James Hamilton examines alternatives for an economic stimulus plan when San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry gathers. **619-521-5844. Sunday, March 22, 7 p.m. Free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street, Hillcrest.**

"Photographing Your Pets" Learn tips about taking pictures of your pet from professional photographer Jen Petit. Topics range from technical, including camera choices and lighting strategies, to artistic methods. Bring your camera and questions, but no pets. Fee includes materials, light snacks. **Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street, Linda Vista.**

"Publishing for Success" Antoinette Kurtz leads interactive workshop for San Diego Writers/Editors Guild. Kurtz is founder of La Jolla Writers Conference, host of *Writers Round Table* radio show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m. **760-471-5323. Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street, Hillcrest.**

"Reliably Reliable Retail" Presented when Spore won't "Sonia when called" Remedy problem during workshop. **Registration: 619-259-7012 x2704. Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m., \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street, Irvine.**

"Ronda" Andronik Brijanilo from Institute for Democracy and Capitalism, New York speaks by Hansen/Hosler Distinguished Lecture Series Fall examining international issues facing President Obama take place at Hotel Tower room 148. **619-594-624. Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m. UCSD Diego State University, 394 Compadre Drive, San Marcos.**

"Small Steps, Big Changes" A talk on the importance of small steps in creating a sustainable future. **UCSD Natural History Society, 3602 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161. Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m. Free. Pinnacled Quarry Water Center, 1000 Canyon Way, San Marcos, CA 92069.**

"The 101" The 101st anniversary of the birth of the United States is commemorated by a series of lectures on the history of the nation. **UCSD Natural History Society, 3602 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161. Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. Free. Pinnacled Quarry Water Center, 1000 Canyon Way, San Marcos, CA 92069.**

"The His and Hers of Prosocial Behavior" Alice Eagly returns as speaker for 2009 Michael Haney Distinguished Lecture in Psychology. When and why are men or women are more likely to help others? She will highlight contextual variation of sex differences in helping behavior. **Eagly is Northwestern University professor of psychology, 619-260-4003. Tuesday, March 24, 12:30 p.m.; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, Linda Vista.**

"The Landscape: California Women in Public Office" An all-star panel of California female public officials addresses history, the "real diet," practicalities, and successes during this Run Women Run event. Panelists: Dede Alpert, Midge Constanza, Crystal Crawford, Mary Salas, Lynn Schenk. **Talk offered in Hotel Auditorium, 858-248-9465. Sunday, March 22, 1:30 p.m.; \$25-\$35. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla.**

"The Nuts and Bolts of It All" Mary Harrison, senior planner with City of San Diego, discusses "How the City of San Diego Evaluates Potential Impacts to Historical Resources" for San Diego County Archaeological Society. **What has archaeological excavating discovered? 858-538-0955. Tuesday, March 24, 8:30 p.m. In the Pinnacled Quarry Water Center, 1000 Canyon Way, San Marcos.**

"The Religion Virus" Author Christopher Clark explains "self-growth" in humanity, from an evolutionary perspective" for Achebe Coalition of San Diego. **619-260-4003. Tuesday, March 24, 8:30 p.m. In the Pinnacled Quarry Water Center, 1000 Canyon Way, San Marcos.**

"The Inside of Doing How to Build Our Cities Again?" David Foster explains "the urban form" in the city. **UCSD Natural History Society, 3602 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161. Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. Free. Pinnacled Quarry Water Center, 1000 Canyon Way, San Marcos, CA 92069.**

"Water, Water..." Phil Pride plans to give a lecture on future water supply. **UCSD Natural History Society, 3602 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161. Friday, March 20, 7 p.m. Free. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla.**

"Wise Choices for a Water-Wise Garden" Gardening maven Judy Wigand focuses on environmentally friendly gardens boasting year-round bloom and interest when MiraCosta Horticulture Club gathers at Alta Vista Gardens in Bengle Terrace Park. **760-729-8172. Saturday, March 21, 12:45 p.m.; free. Bengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista.**

"Women as Leaders: Negotiating the Labyrinth" Alice Eagly, Northwestern University professor of psychology, is featured speaker for 2009 Michael Haney Distinguished Lecture in Psychology. **Talk will focus on psychology**

of prejudice toward female leaders, other reasons women may face challenges navigating path toward leadership. **619-260-4003. Monday, March 23, 7 p.m.; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, Linda Vista.**



School of Business Administration

The Best Undergrad B-Schools

BusinessWeek online

By Geoff Gloeckler
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Mike Anello has been preparing for his job search since he stepped onto the University of Notre Dame campus four years ago. A December graduate of the Mendoza College of Business, he had been pursuing a career in financial services, and last month his hard work seemed about to pay off — three companies were showing interest. But after seeing many of his classmates' job offers rescinded, Anello started to wonder if he was making the right choice. Luckily, he had an alternative: football. A starter for the Fighting Irish with a year of eligibility left, Anello suspended his job search and asked the coach if coming back to play was an option. It was. Today, Anello is taking finance classes and working in Mendoza's investment office. "The way the job market is right now," he says, "it's not going to hurt to wait it out a little longer."

As graduation approaches for the Class of 2009, and the job market looks more dismal by the day, students who began their college careers with high hopes are now being forced to rewrite the script. For some, that means continuing education; for others, part-time college jobs have become full-time; many are coming to grips with the idea of moving back home. "Expectations are quickly changing," says Jackie Chaffin, director of Seton Hall University's Career Center.

The results of BusinessWeek's fourth annual ranking of undergraduate business programs reflect the job market's uncertainty. With 54% of responding seniors lacking an offer as of January (compared with 44% in 2008), the schools that excelled in our survey have put an intense focus on guiding students through the career search. Leading the way is No. 1-ranked McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia, where nearly three of four seniors have job offers, thanks largely to the school's innovative efforts to build student-recruiter relationships. The same applies to second-ranked Notre Dame, where administrators tap the school's well-connected alumni network to scout jobs and offer advice to students. Both overtook the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, which fell to third place after three years at the top.

To rank these programs, BusinessWeek uses nine measures, including surveys of 85,000 senior business majors and nearly 600 corporate recruiters, median starting salaries for graduates, and the number of graduates each program sends to top MBA programs. We also calculate an academic quality rating for each program by combining SAT scores, student-faculty ratios, class size, the percentage of students with internships, and the number of hours students devote to class work.

In general, student satisfaction was down, with more than half of the 101 ranked schools taking a hit. Institutions that succeeded in helping students navigate the difficult job market improved their standings the most. Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business rose 17 spots, to No. 42, in large part because of a recruiting focus centered on regional banks and such large local companies as Procter & Gamble (NYSE:PG - News) and Limited Brands (NYSE:LTD - News). Others, including No. 29 University of San Diego School of Business Administration, saw their fortunes rise due to a strong focus on accounting, where jobs are still plentiful. New York University's Stern School of Business didn't fare as well, falling to No. 15 from No. 8 after some students returned from summer internships on Wall Street without the job offers they had expected. Some who did receive offers are seeing start dates delayed and are now wondering if the jobs will be there when they graduate — and if the \$38,686 a year they spent was worth it. "Stern's steep price tag makes it difficult to realize the value in an education that doesn't lead to any job prospects," one finance student complained.

For many students, getting "the" job is no longer a priority. Any position will do. Eight years ago when Meagan Crowder took a part-time position at AirAdvice, her father's environmental services company, it wasn't supposed to be a career move. But when she graduated from the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business last year, the worst job market in decades changed her mind. "I was sending out resumes and wouldn't get any response," she says. "Not even a 'Thank you for your submission.'" In early February a sales slot opened at AirAdvice, and Crowder took it. "Eight years ago I said I'm never working for my dad's company full-time," she says. "Now I'm grateful to have it as an option."

Many won't be so lucky. Both on-campus interviewing and job postings are down significantly. At Miami University Farmer School of Business, the number of companies participating in the annual spring career fair has dropped 30%. Farmer's dean, Roger L. Jenkins, is advising students to consider spending a year in China to hone their skills and learn about a new culture. At Emory University's Goizueta Business School, Undergraduate Director Andrea S. Hershatter says she will be happy if 85% to 90% of grads have job offers within three months of graduation, compared with 98% last year. "Companies who came to campus looking to hire 10 students are now looking for one or two," Hershatter says. "Many are coming to keep the pipeline warm, but they aren't actually hiring."

That wouldn't surprise Casey Leiser. For every 10 companies contacted by the senior marketing major at the University of Texas at Austin, she hears back from one. At graduation, Leiser hoped to move to New York or San Francisco, but she found few companies in those cities hiring, with most of the companies recruiting on campus headquartered in Texas. "It made my search harder," Leiser says. "I would love to go elsewhere, but I need to think about what's best for my career." She's staying put.

Gone are the days when business undergrads could choose between multiple job offers. This year, the challenge is finding one. "At this point, I know I can't be picky," explains Villanova senior Christin Rodriguez, who has been looking for a marketing position since last fall but has yet to get an offer. "Any job is experience. I'm not going to strike anything out."

For the complete ranking, plus slide shows, video, tables, and profiles of each of the 101 ranked undergraduate programs, go to businessweek.com/bschools/

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BusinessWeek ranks USD program 29th in U.S.

SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego ranked 29th in the nation on BusinessWeek's 2009 list of the top 50 undergraduate business programs.

USD, which has ranked in the top 50 for three years in a row, rose 18 spots this year, the largest jump on the magazine's list.

USD was one of three California schools listed, along with UC Berkeley and the University of Southern California.

The ranking comes as USD celebrates its 60th anniversary.

At USD, more than 850 undergraduate business students can choose from bachelor's degrees with majors in accountancy, economics and business administration, and marketing and finance.

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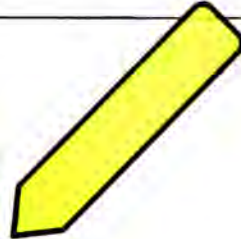
USD's undergrad program is now one of the top three in the state of California along with the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Southern California. *BusinessWeek* released the list late Thursday afternoon.

USD was the highest-ranked school in the West Coast Conference of athletic teams. **Source Code: 20090227czf**

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USD Business Program Among Best in Nation



ALCALA PARK — The University of San Diego now ranks 29th in the nation on *BusinessWeek's* 2009 list of the top 50 undergraduate business programs. USD, which has ranked in the top 50 for three years in a row, rose 18 spots this year, the largest jump on the magazine's list. USD's undergrad program is now one of the top three in the state of California along with the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Southern California. *BusinessWeek* released the list Feb. 26. Last year, USD ranked 47th on the list. USD's rise, was due in part to its ranking of 11th this year in corporate recruiter satisfaction with students. For the second year in a row, USD students also gave faculty an A+ for their teaching efforts. The ranking comes as USD is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2009.



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Mortgage Help That Hurts

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Obama administration's \$75 billion plan to rework up to 4 million mortgages is no doubt welcome relief for those who qualify.

But in the worst-hit parts of the country--places like Nevada, Arizona, California, Michigan and Florida--tinkering with mortgages could come with higher risks for borrowers and taxpayers. A toxic mix of market conditions and the terms of the administration's mortgage plan could potentially leave people tied to homes where the unemployment situation is particularly bleak.

"There is a school of thought that home ownership can tie you down," says Nicholas Retsinas, a professor at Harvard's Joint Institute of Housing. "Mobility is important because it allows for a much more efficient marketplace."

The administration's mortgage plan aims to refinance or modify as many as 9 million at-risk mortgages in order to dam the next wave of foreclosures. The plan has two distinct components aimed at different groups of borrowers.

An estimated 4 million to 5 million people with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgages--and who have paid on time--will be able to refinance to current rates. They can do this even if their home is 5% "underwater," meaning the borrower owes more than the home is worth. In the hardest-hit parts of the country, however, nearly everyone is underwater and will not be eligible for this program.

The other half of the plan focuses on modifying mortgages for 3 million to 4 million borrowers. Those sinking more than 31% of their income into their homes each month--and who are now at risk of default or already delinquent--will be able to get a lower payment thanks to joint effort by taxpayers, lenders and the government to lower interest rates and reduce principle.

Sounds great, right? The only problem: It leaves out at least two significant groups. Those who are more than 5% underwater on their mortgages don't qualify for refinancing. And those who can't conceivably reduce their mortgage payments to 31% of their income aren't eligible for modification, even with government help.

Moreover, many of these ineligible people live in the most blighted areas of the country, where neighborhoods are half built or mostly empty, where jobs continue to evaporate and where home prices have plunged.

According to First American CoreLogic, a real estate information company, there are 10.5 million mortgages nationwide that are underwater or nearly underwater. Almost half of them are in five states: Arizona, California, Florida, Michigan and Nevada.

In Arizona, California and Florida more than a third of all homeowners owe more on their mortgage than their home is worth, or close to it. Some 59% of Nevadans have less than 6% equity in their homes, and nearly half of Michigan homeowners are in the same position. Not surprisingly, these states also lead the country in mortgage loan delinquency rates, according to a survey released this week by the Mortgage Brokers Association.

The unemployment situation in these states is dismal as well. Propelled by struggling manufacturers, the unemployment rate reached 10.6% in Michigan in December. In Florida it's 8.1%; Nevada, 9.1%; California, 9.3%. Much of the problem is simply a hangover from the housing binge. Only in Arizona is the jobless rate relatively better at 6.9%, which is lower than the national average of 7.2% in December.

Friday, the government reported that unemployment has risen 0.9% nationally since December. When state numbers are revealed next week, they'll undoubtedly be worse as well.

None of this is good news if housing prices continue to fall. According to Retsinas, studies have shown that when mortgages reach 15% to 20% of the value of a home, there's a "tipping point" where borrowers give up on the mortgage. Even if borrowers modify now, homeowners could still find themselves 15% underwater in a year if home values plummet.

In other words, in the worst-hit regions of the country the government's assistance may be a losing bet for some borrowers--particularly if they are stuck in a community with a crummy job market that could take years to recover.

Many people in the worst housing markets won't be able to qualify for a taxpayer-subsidized modification or refinancing anyway, says Norm Miller, a professor of real estate at the University Of San Diego School of Business Administration. Many homes were purchased with mortgages so far beyond the means of the borrower that almost no amount of modification can reduce a monthly mortgage payment to 31% of the borrower's income.

If there is a "sweet spot" where the government's assistance will be most successful, it's in communities with only slightly depressed markets, according to Miller. But "those areas are going to rebound faster anyway," he says.

What to do about the most distressed parts of the country? "I'm a big fan of the overall economic stimulus idea," says Miller, "But if we can accelerate the foreclosure process, [the worst-hit areas] are going to recover quicker. The kind of thing the government could do is go in and buy abandoned homes and turn them into rental stock, or create urban parks by demolishing them."

At \$100,000 a home--not an unrealistic price in some of the most dire boomtowns that have turned into foreclosure-plagued ghost towns--the government could take the \$75 billion for the modification plan and buy 750,000 houses.

That's certainly better than modifying mortgages that are likely to either default again or keep the borrower struggling for years in a bad job market.

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Mortgage Delinquencies Rise to Record on Job Losses (Update1)

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By Kathleen M. Howley

March 5 (Bloomberg) -- Americans fell behind on their **mortgages** and banks seized homes at a record pace in the fourth quarter as unemployment rose to a 15-year high and real estate **values** tumbled.

Mortgage delinquencies increased to a seasonally adjusted 7.88 percent of all loans, the highest in records going back to 1972, the Mortgage Bankers Association said today. Loans in foreclosure rose to 3.30 percent, also an all-time high.

The U.S. real estate market lost \$2.4 trillion in value last year, according to First American CoreLogic, and unemployment jumped to 6.9 percent in the fourth quarter, the highest since 1993. As the recession enters a second year, unemployment is becoming a major cause of delinquencies, said **Jay Brinkmann**, the Washington-based trade group's chief economist.

"When it's a loan structure issue, you can deal with that, but when it's an unemployment issue, unless you go out and find them a job there's not much you can do," Brinkmann said in an interview. "Eventually that loan will go into foreclosure."

The combined percentage of loans in foreclosure and at least one past due was 11.18 percent, the highest ever recorded by the Mortgage Bankers. The percentage of loans 60 days past due and 90 days or more past due all broke records set last quarter.

Enticing Lenders

The median U.S. home price plummeted 12 percent in the fourth quarter from a year earlier, with almost half the transactions **foreclosures**, according to the National Association of Realtors.

President Barack Obama introduced a plan to use \$75 billion to entice lenders to modify or refinance home loans, stem foreclosures and rescue delinquent homeowners. Obama also said the Treasury Department will double stock purchases of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to as much as \$200 billion to expand the availability of mortgages.

To qualify for a refinanced loan **applicants** will have to fully document their **income** with pay stubs and tax returns, and sign an affidavit attesting to "financial hardship," according to documents released by the U.S. Treasury in Washington yesterday.

More than 8.3 million U.S. mortgage holders owed more on their loans in the fourth quarter than their property was worth as the recession cut home values by \$2.4 trillion in 2008, First American CoreLogic said in a report yesterday. An additional 2.2 million borrowers will be underwater if home prices decline another 5 percent, according to First American, a Santa Ana, California-based seller of mortgage and economic data.

Prices Drop

"There's no doubt that declining house prices have been a major driver of mortgage delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures," Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta President **Dennis Lockhart** said yesterday during a speech in Miami. "Efforts to prevent foreclosures appear to have had only modest success so

far.”

A third of owners will stop making mortgage payments if the value of their homes drop 20 percent or more below what they owe, a situation known as “**rational default**,” said Norm Miller, director of real estate programs at the University of San Diego School of Business Administration.

The jump in late payments from the prior quarter for all types of mortgages was 0.9 percent, the largest gain ever recorded by the Washington-based trade group.

Subprime Rates

The delinquency rate for prime mortgages rose to 5.06 percent from 4.34 percent in the third quarter and the foreclosure inventory increased to 1.88 percent from 1.58 percent, the Mortgage Bankers report said. The share of so-called seriously delinquent prime mortgages, a number that combines payments 90 days or more overdue and loans in foreclosures, was 3.74 percent, up from 2.87 percent.

Subprime delinquencies rose to 21.88 percent from 20.03 percent, the foreclosure inventory grew to 13.71 percent from 12.55 percent, and seriously delinquent subprime loans increased to 23.11 percent from 19.56 percent.

The Mortgage Bankers report is based on a survey of 45.4 million **loans** by mortgage companies, commercial banks, thrifts, credit unions and other financial institutions.

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Housing data has glint of stability

Median price registers first rise since April '08

By Roger Showley
STAFF WRITER

A slight increase in home prices in February, along with improvement in other indicators, offered a hint of a stabilizing, if not recovering, housing market for San Diego County in the months ahead.

MDA DataQuick reported yesterday that the overall median price rose \$5,000 to \$285,000, the first monthly increase since last April, while active listings fell to their lowest level in three years.

In addition, foreclosure homes represented a smaller share of the sales that were completed.

"It's possible we're picking up on signs that price stability could be down the road, meaning months ahead," DataQuick analyst Andrew LePage said. He cautioned, "I think the road to housing recovery will be long and undulating, and some submarkets will be ahead of others."

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Prices are off 31% from level of last year

Norm Miller, a real estate professor at the University of San Diego, discounted any talk of recovery but agreed some areas might begin stabilizing.

"In 2009 we're not going to have the kind of disaster we had in 2007 or '08," he said. "The softening will slow and better markets are going to stabilize sooner. Those with a lot of foreclosures — they'll continue to decline."

Prices, while up from January, were still off 31.3 percent from year-ago levels and 44.9 percent off the all-time peak of \$517,500 in November 2005.

The San Diego Association of Realtors said there were 14,733 active listings as of yesterday, the fewest in three years and the fourth straight monthly decline. That's still more than four times the 3,083 properties available in April 2004 when the buying boom was at its strongest.

DataQuick said 52.2 percent of resales during February involved homes foreclosed in the previous 12 months. That was down from the 55 percent record in January.

Analysts caution against drawing broad conclusions from the typically slow housing activity that takes place in the early months of the year.

This year is especially unpredictable, with the shaky economy on top of the fragile housing market. For example, February saw more sales than January, as is usually the case, but the 0.4 percent increase was one-tenth of the usual bump.

Overall, sales increased from 2,459 transactions in January to 2,470 in February and were 26.4 percent higher than year-

FEBRUARY HOUSING PRICES FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY

	Feb. '08	Jan. '08	Feb. '09	Change Feb. '08-'09
Median price				
Resale houses	\$430,000	\$320,000	\$320,000	-25.6%
Resale condos	\$300,000	\$195,000	\$195,000	-35.0%
New homes/condos*	\$553,500	\$455,000	\$452,000	-18.3%
All combined	\$415,000	\$280,000	\$285,000	-31.3%
Number of sales				
Resale houses	1,106	1,567	1,577	+42.6%
Resale condos	518	773	725	+40.0%
New homes/condos*	330	119	168	-49.1%
All combined	1,954	2,459	2,470	+26.4%

*Includes condo conversions

SOURCE: MDA DataQuick

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USD real estate professor

ago levels. It was the eighth straight month of year-over-year increases, following 48 months of year-over-year declines.

The slower selling pace was partly the result of a drop in low-price foreclosure sales, which have dominated the market.

Experts suggested that bargain-hunting buyers could not find as many properties as in previous months for two reasons: too much competition from multiple bidders and fewer foreclosed homes for sale, as lenders hope to work out new lending terms with distressed owners.

Kurt Kinsey, chairman of the North San Diego County Association of Realtors, said buyers find slim pickings, particularly

in coastal neighborhoods. He said Oceanside, where he is based, has one-third of the home listings than it did last fall, and Carlsbad is down by half.

"The number of buyers is still there — there's a tremendous amount of demand," Kinsey said. "But literally there aren't that many properties to choose from."

Agents say the listings count is inflated by short-sales — homes listed for less than their mortgage balance — that typically take months to close escrow because lenders take so long to approve the price. The result is that the inventory looks bigger than it really is.

At the February rate of home sales as measured by the Sandicor Inc. multiple listing service, it would take 7.3 months to sell all homes on the market. A year ago, the backlog would have taken 13.7 months to clear. Market analysts say a five- or six-month supply is considered a healthy balance for both buyers and sellers.

However, USD's Miller said the "shadow inventory" of homes whose listings expired will likely keep the backlog high if sellers, seeing any slight recovery in the works, put their homes back on the market.

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Pumping More Value Into e-Valuations

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By John Adams

The mortgage tech industry's been working feverishly to freshen the data cocktails used by automated property valuation models (AVMs) to meet industry demands for greater predictive acumen in an uncertain market. But with more downward-weighted recessionary factors now in the stew, it's the borrowers who may want a stronger drink.

Used by a vast majority of originators, servicers and capital markets participants, AVMs calculate probable selling prices via a Web browser by leveraging prior sales of similar properties in the local area, public record data and automated decisioning logic.

"AVMs were designed for normal and up market times, it's unclear how they are doing in a down market," says Richard Beidl, a San Diego-based mortgage consultant.

To provide greater clarity in the current downward-spiraling market, AVM providers such as LPS Applied Analytics, First American and Fiserv are adding elements similar to those found in collateral risk scoring (CRS) models, a product similar to AVMs which include more detailed macro economic data such as local employment, income, inflation, mortgage fraud and other similar factors.

But these expanded models also come with their own risks. One challenge is inertia - a recent downward trend in prices tends to result in predictions of future softness, and vice versa. "It makes it difficult to slam on the brakes on a market movement. The same thing happened during the run up as well," Beidl says.

Most large lenders are mum on how they are changing use of AVMs given the uncertain future of property values, though executives from the tech firms report an increased demand for added macroeconomic data as part of AVMs. "Our clients' needs are changing almost across the board," says Tyler Sawyer, svp of automated business lines for LPS Applied Analytics in San Diego. "They not only want the valuation, but the supporting information and the details on what's going on in the surrounding neighborhood that can affect prices."

Fiserv's expanded AVM, for example provides a current estimated value, a future value, distressed value and a retrospective value. It incorporates the firm's own modeling, the Case Schiller Home Price Index and forecasting tools that were developed specifically for Fiserv as part of a joint venture with Moody's Economy.com. The AVM also incorporates a model that updates a neighborhood's economic profile based in income, employment housing starts, consumer price indices and manufacturing data. "In regards to using an AVM or whatever approach you choose to take to access collateral value, what it comes back to is the tools support a decision process, but they don't answer the question," Cameron Rogers, svp, valuation services, Fiserv in Boston. "In an appreciating market the AVMs may have lagged the market a bit. In the appreciating market this lag didn't matter. People didn't worry about the collateral exposure, they were worried about getting deals done."

When REO Sneezes, Healthy Borrowers Catch Cold

Among the decisions lenders have to make is whether to include a local market's REO impacts on a non-REO sale in their use of AVMs, a decision that in theory could shut out relatively health borrowers from refinancing.

Norm Miller a University of San Diego professor who researches collateral technology, says in San Diego, for example, there's an \$80 per square foot difference between sales of distressed and non-distressed residential properties, with some neighborhoods sporting foreclosure sales rates of more than 50 percent.

This gives rise to a "contagion effect," which can force down other the prices of "healthy" surrounding properties. If an AVM takes this contagion effect in account when valuing a healthy property, the valuation for a refi or home equity loan can be driven downward far enough to disqualify the borrower. "Anybody that has any kind of high-LTV loan is going to have a hard time. And most AVMs are not going to adjust for the transaction behind the sale," Miller says.

Nima Nattagh, a svp for LPS Applied Analytics, says the firm offers models that do and don't include REO as a weighing factor. "There is a place where you could argue that level of foreclosures in certain markets is such that by not including sales of REO in a valuation, you're not taking into account a major price correction," Nattagh says. "But given there is no standard definition of valuation practice, sometimes you run into controversies as to whether REO sales should be included."

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Most housing indexes overstate downturn -analysts

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By Lynn Adler

NEW YORK, March 30 (Reuters) - Most closely watched U.S. home price measures lack enough local data to truly reflect house values and are overstating the extent of price drops, executives at a real estate analytics firm said on Monday.

Some key markets in those indexes are dominated by distressed foreclosure sales, exaggerating the price weakness that is often extrapolated to the national market, the co-founders of Collateral Intelligence said on a conference call conducted by UBS.

Closely watched indexes cited by the firm's co-founders, Michael Sklarz and Norm Miller, included those provided by Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller, U.S. regulator the Federal Housing Finance Agency – formerly the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) – and the National Association of Realtors.

"Some of the widely followed indexes such as Case-Shiller, OFHEO, NAR and so on are way too broad to be meaningful," said Sklarz, the Honolulu-based president of Collateral Analytics as well as a co-founder of Collateral Intelligence.

"To properly track the real estate market you really need to get down to all the local markets," Sklarz said. "Now we have the tools to properly track that. So why track these overly simplistic indicators that can be very biased, as they are in the current environment, when there's so many more complicated things going on in the market?"

Collateral Intelligence does not publish competing monthly indicators. Collateral Analytics is preparing to launch an index, a spokesman said, without specifying the timing.

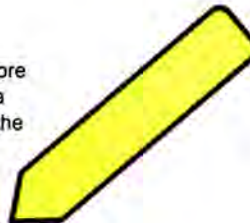
While the S&P/Case-Shiller regional indexes show a 26 percent slide in prices since the peak in mid-2006 and the S&P national index shows a more than 18 percent in the 2008 fourth quarter from a year earlier, Miller said a more realistic estimated drop is in the 12 percent to 15 percent range for the typical homeowner.

"What we find is that on the way down, Case-Shiller overestimates the decline by about 10 percentage points or so, and on the way up will do the same thing," said Miller, who is a professor at the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate as well as a co-founder of Collateral Intelligence.

The typical homeowner's price change probably is about 50 to 60 percent of the downturn shown by the index, he said.

David Blitzer, chairman of the index committee at S&P, defended the S&P indexes. "We believe that our indices are accurate and reliable and provide a fair representation of what's going on in housing in the United States," he said.

As for the question of foreclosures or distressed sales distorting the indexes,



Blitzer said they must be included. "If you only want to include cases where people hold out for the best price, you'll get a much happier index but it would not be an accurate representation of the market."

The S&P/Case-Shiller indexes of 10- and 20-metro area home prices for January will be reported on Tuesday.

Sklarz and Miller said the existing indexes often lack the zip code and neighborhood details that prove that housing is local, not national, and most of the measures are not comprehensive in terms of loan sizes and quality.

Inventory levels and the number of days a house sits on and the number of days a house sits on the market before being sold or delisted need to be looked at closely as more fundamental concerns like unemployment, they said.

Some individual housing markets are bottoming now, and some will in the next year to 18 months, Sklarz and Miller said on the conference call.

The key question is whether President Barack Obama's economic stimulus will stymie the leap in joblessness that keeps the housing market from turning around, they said.

Unemployment is at a 25-year high and has yet to peak. Sklarz and Miller estimate that within a half a year defaults and foreclosures will reach their cyclical highs. (Editing by Leslie Adler)

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Jobless rate in county at 8.6 percent

10 percent possible, economists warn

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The jobless rate in San Diego County jumped to 8.6 percent in January — matching its highest level in at least two decades — as retail clerks, restaurant waiters and temporary workers hit the unemployment lines, according to data released yesterday by the state.

Economists say they would not be surprised to see the local unemployment rate top 10 percent before the job market stabilizes — which, they say, will probably not occur until the first half of next year.

"It could easily hit 10 percent," said Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego. "This is becoming a self-feeding cycle. People are losing jobs and not spending money, which causes more jobs to be lost."

Kelly Cunningham, economist at the National University System's Institute for Policy Research in San Diego, said he had anticipated that the jobless numbers would not be good,

"but this is really worse than what we were predicting. I didn't expect the unemployment number would get this high until summer."

From December to January, the county lost 28,300 payroll jobs, according to the California Employment Development Department. A large percentage of job losses came from retail layoffs, as retailers cut their work force to cope with a sharp drop in sales. Retail cuts hit every major retailer in January, including department store stalwarts as well as private education and government.

Since January 2008, the county has lost 28,000 payroll jobs, a 22 percent drop in employment. The hardest-hit industries have been construction, which has shed 10,000 jobs; retail, which lost 9,100; and manufacturing, which dropped 4,100.

"You expect construction to be down; given that we only had 88 housing starts in January," Gin said. Housing starts are now at their lowest level on record. "But it was surprising to see such a large drop in manufacturing, even though it has

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Companies that are hiring taking longer

been slowly bleeding jobs over the past eight or nine years. And in retail, it's striking how the numbers have spread through department stores and clothing stores."

Nearly every segment of retailing lost workers last year, led by a loss of 2,300 workers at department stores and 2,200 at auto dealerships.

"Part of the decline at department stores comes from the closure of stores like Mervyn's," Gin said. "But a lot of it just reflects a consumer cutback in spending."

The only retail outlets to grow during the year were health and personal care stores, which added 100 workers.

Because of seasonal layoffs at retailers, the unemployment rate typically spikes in January. But this January's 8.6 percent rate reflects a sharp jump from the previous January's rate of 5.1 percent.

That puts the county's rate about even with the unadjusted national average of 8.6 percent. (The seasonally adjusted national rate last month was 7.6 percent.)

By comparison, California's unadjusted rate was 10.8 percent, or 10.1 percent after seasonal adjustments. The state does not provide seasonal adjustments for counties other than Los Angeles.

The last time San Diego County's jobless rate reached this high was July 1993, and comparable data only go back to 1990.

Still, San Diego outperformed most other counties in the state. Forty out of California's 58 counties now have unemployment rates in the double digits. Most of those are sparsely populated areas in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada, but they also include such nearby counties as Los Angeles, Riverside,

San Bernardino and Imperial.

The slowdown in hiring was also noticeable at temporary employment agencies, which lost 800 contract employees in January and 3,200 over the past year.

"Companies are petrified about where this economy's going," said Phil Blair, a co-owner of the regional operations of the Manpower employment agency. "Instead of bottoming out, things are getting worse rather than better. I don't expect the numbers from February or March to be any better than January."

Blair said the situation is not totally bleak. He said his firm is doing slightly better than it was last year. He's trying to fill openings for 150 clean-room technicians in Temecula, 20 medical building clerks in San Diego and 40 customer service and online marketing workers for a local high-tech firm.

But Blair said most of his competitors are in worse shape. He estimated that the typical job placement firm is down by 20 percent to 40 percent from last year.

Susan Afan, the San Diego regional director at the Robert Half job placement firm, said companies that are hiring are sitting on a glut of qualified workers.

"They know that there are plenty of good people available, and they're taking their time to find the best ones they can," she said.

Afan said the best prospects for employment are health care, private education, green technologies and "things we can't do without," such as utilities and waste management.

But even those areas had a rough January. Health care operations shed 1,200 jobs during the month, and private education services were down 200.

The weakness of the job market is being reflected in consumer confidence surveys. One such survey released yesterday by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* showed the most pessimism since the newspaper began polling in 1996. Consumer confidence dropped 9.3 percent from January to February. Since February 2007, it has dropped by more than 66 percent, from 106.8 points to 34.9 points last month.

Local unemployment has mostly been rising for more than a year, following the bursting of a real estate bubble that led to massive layoffs in construction, real estate and finance, which in turn contributed to a decline in consumer and business spending.

Economists say one of the few encouraging signs in the January jobless data is that employment in the beleaguered real estate market seems to be hitting bottom.

In January, only 100 mortgage workers and 200 real estate workers in San Diego County lost their jobs — a low number for two industries that have been at the center of the crisis.

"In both real estate and mortgages, we're basically flat compared to where we were a year ago, which might be due to a recent pickup in sales," Gin said.

Bargain hunters have begun returning to the market, taking advantage of the large number of foreclosure homes.

Blair said employment may soon pick up for mortgage workers, thanks to a rise in loan renegotiations and refinancings. At Manpower, he is working with a client who is exploring hiring as many as 120 mortgage reproducers.

Gary London, who heads London Group Realty Advisors, said the federal stimulus program could help stabilize local employment numbers, although he does not expect a rapid boost in employment.

Based on data from the San Diego Association of Governments, London estimated that if San Diego gets a proportional amount of the stimulus package, it could create as many as 96,000 jobs in the region.

About 60,000 of them, he said, would be relatively short-lived positions in infrastructure construction, "but that would leave 36,000 jobs, which would make up for all the job losses we've had in the last year and a half."

But he said that would merely stabilize the market instead of leading to an upswing.

"The stimulus package is only part of the solution," he said. "People have to feel stimulated from the stimulus to get the economy moving."

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AUMENTA DESOCUPACIÓN EN TODO CALIFORNIA

Perdió San Diego 28 mil empleos en enero

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SAN DIEGO.- El número de desempleados en el condado de San Diego alcanzó los 135,000 al sumarse para finales de enero otros 28,300 despidos en puestos de trabajos con salarios regulares. San Diego tiene ahora una tasa del 87.5 por ciento en desempleo, que es más baja que la estatal de California, del 10.6 por ciento para enero, pero que sigue causando fuertes estragos y por lo menos un experto local asegura que llegará a los dobles dígitos sin mayores obstáculos.

Todas las cifras oficiales se refieren al mes de enero, pues son las estadísticas más recientes. Un mes antes, en enero, la ciudad de San Diego tenía un desempleo de solamente el 5.1 por ciento.

La ciudad de San Diego en particular, tiene un desempleo más alto que el condado en su conjunto, de 8.6 por ciento y "fácilmente podría alcanzar el 10 por ciento" de desempleo, dijo el economista Alan Gin, el analista económico principal de la Universidad de San Diego (USD).

Hay contrastes claves en los porcentajes en el Estado. En Fresno, por ejemplo hay un desempleo del 15.9 por ciento, sin embargo se traduce en 11,900 puestos laborales perdidos para enero. San Diego con una tasa promedio de desempleo que es casi la mitad que Fresno o Monterey tuvo cerca del doble de desocupados durante

el mes pasado, de acuerdo con estadísticas del Departamento de Desarrollo Laboral de California.

El sector de la construcción continúa siendo el más golpeado en el condado de San Diego y ha tenido unos 10,000 desempleados, el nivel más alto, seguido ahora por servicios y en tercer lugar manufactura.

Cuatro millones 400,000 estadounidenses han perdido su empleo desde que empezó la recesión en diciembre del 2007. Tres de cada cuatro de esos trabajos perdidos se registraron en los últimos seis meses, informó por su parte el Departamento federal del Trabajo. Si por ejemplo en 2008 el desempleo nacional era apenas 5.7 por ciento, los despidos han sido más grandes cada mes. En enero pasado fueron 651,000 los nuevos despidos en el país.

El número de desocupados se agrega ahora una mayor dificultad para conseguir nuevamente empleo. Antes el promedio de búsqueda y espera para conseguir un nuevo trabajo oscilaba en unos meses, ahora son más meses, los desempleados necesitan más ayuda financiera y la requieren durante mayor tiempo.

California registra casos novedosos como el del Valle del Silicón, la sede de la alta tecnología al Sur de San Francisco. La recesión de 2002 que llevó a fusionarse a varias empresas no tuvo un desempleo como el que ve ahora la región, con una tasa del 9.4 por ciento y 15,000 desempleados entre diciembre y enero.

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February home resales in San Diego County up more than 30% from 2008

Some say pricing near bottom

By JEN LEBRON KUHNEY
The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — While the number of both attached and detached homes sold in San Diego County fell 3.5 percent from January to February, the 2,007 homes sold last month were more than a 30 percent increase over Feb. 2008.

According to statistics from the San Diego Association of Realtors (SDAR), the median price of attached homes in February was \$185,000 — a 2.6 percent decrease from January, and a nearly 40 percent drop from February 2008.

However, the median price of detached homes was up 2.4 percent from January to \$335,000, but more than \$100,000 less than in February 2008.

The relatively flat median prices combined with the steady home sales are a good sign for the market, said Rick Hoffman COO and president of Coldwell Banker's San Diego County and Inland Empire regions.

"I believe the consumers are going to drive the recovery," he said. "So when the consumers perceive that the value is in the marketplace it brings the back into the market. That's going to be the genesis of the recovery. And I believe we're already moving in that direction."

Hoffman said he thinks the market is beginning to correct itself and could possibly be at or near the bottom.

However, he added a number of factors including an increased number of foreclosures or a spike in interest rates could bring median prices down further.

"I just don't know," what will happen in the future, Hoffman said, "but it feels like we've found value in the current pricing."

Alan Gin, professor of economics at the University of San Diego, agreed saying it is "possible" a pricing bottom is near,

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but added increasing levels of unemployment may pose the biggest threat to stability in the market in coming months.

In February, San Diego County posted a record number of notices of defaults, which Gin attributes to job loss.

"This counteracts the increased sales," he said. "The notices of default will translate into more trustee's sales and then more foreclosures. You've got conflicting forces here."

The total combined sales of attached and detached homes for the first two months of the year are up nearly 60 percent, compared to the same period in 2008.

The six ZIP codes in Encanto, Spring Valley, Escondido, Chula Vista, Otay Mesa and Oceanside accounted for more than 20 percent of all detached home sales in the region.

Median prices of homes sold

in those areas ranged from \$185,000 in Encanto (which accounted for the most homes sold in San Diego) to \$338,500 in Otay Mesa.

Of the six ZIP codes, Otay Mesa's median price dropped 9.7 percent from Feb. 2008 and, out of the ZIP codes that saw price declines, has lost some of the least amount of value in the past year.

Four ZIP codes in Carlsbad, Point Loma, Mission Hills and Tierrasanta saw median prices of homes increase year over year while also having more sales.

However, the number of homes sold in each of these areas individually makes up less than .1 percent of the total homes sold in the county.

Combined, the areas make up about 3 percent of the total homes sold.

SDAR uses 105 ZIP codes in its housing statistics.

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Sea Changing for Commercial Real Estate, but Floodgates Won't Open

USD conference experts assess state of banking industry

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We're seeing a sea change, but the floodgates are not going to open."

"Once the bugs hit the windshield, assets will be repriced."

Commercial real estate lenders and investors searched for messages to convey the state of the industry during the 13th Annual Real Estate Conference hosted by the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate Feb. 18 at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina in downtown San Diego.

Keynote speaker Richard K. Davis, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Minneapolis-based U.S. Bank parent company U.S. Bancorp, said the U.S. banking industry is in uncharted waters.

While there are 8,322 banks in the United States, the country's top 10 banks in terms of market value hold 55 percent of U.S. assets and 45 percent of deposits, but those same 10 institutions have seen their market value drop by more than 60 percent in the past year, according to Davis.

For fourth-quarter 2008, U.S. Bancorp reported net income of \$330 million, down from \$942 million in fourth-quarter 2007.

While U.S. Bank, the country's fourth largest bank, expects to post a profit in 2009, Davis said half of the top 10 largest banks are not expected to turn a profit this year.

"Loan losses are moving up quite precipitously," he said.

Residential real estate dragged the banking industry into its current crisis, but banks are bracing for additional fallout in their commercial real estate loan portfolios.

Federal government support of banks has been intended to build confidence in the financial industry and provide stability for lenders, but banks still are seeking clarity on how newly announced programs will come together.

Davis encouraged the audience to be leaders as the government decides how to spend billions and perhaps trillions of dollars to fix the banking system.

"Be a leader for people who are looking for leaders," Davis said. "Have a voice."

Where's the Money?

Speaking to which entities have capital available for commercial real estate, Rebekah Brown, vice president at J.P. Morgan Assets in New York, said CMBS and bank lending dropped off dramatically in 2008, while pension funds, endowments and other institutions pulled back their capital for real estate last year as they saw losses in other investment categories.

As a result, commercial property transaction pricing dropped by 17 percent last year, according to the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries. J.P. Morgan is forecasting another 15 percent drop for 2009.

Brown said CMBS will remain out of the lending arena this year. J.P. Morgan expects that most financing will come from life insurance companies and the government-sponsored entities Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Debt pricing will continue to be higher, with financing at 50 percent to 65 percent loan-to-value ratios and interest rates of 7.5 percent to 8.5 percent from the life companies. GSE interest rates at 315 to 390 basis points over 10-year Treasury yields end up at about 6.5 percent.

Brown said equity will come at a cost for commercial real estate investors and developers. It only will be available from private equity funds seeking high returns on the capital they raised in 2008, since pension funds and other institutional players have cut back on placing additional capital with private equity real estate funds this year.

Gayle P. Starr, senior vice president and director of capital markets for AMB Property Corp. in San Francisco, said she has the "unenviable task" of looking for capital around the world on behalf of the real estate investment trust.

It appears that life insurance companies will have \$28 billion for commercial real estate financing in 2009, but only \$11 billion will be available for new lending, as the rest will be set aside for refinancing existing loans, Starr said. Of the \$171 billion in commercial and multifamily loans maturing in 2009, \$17 billion is held by life insurance companies.

She said opportunistic lenders with private money available for commercial real estate debt are charging 9 percent interest rates with another two points in fees.

David E. Blackford, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Irvine-based California Bank & Trust, said 35 percent of the bank's assets are in commercial real estate and during the past 12 months it originated \$2.2 billion in commercial property loans, though that line of business dropped off 22

percent in the second half of last year compared to the first half.

Three years ago, California Bank & Trust may have funded loans at 75 percent to 80 percent loan-to-value ratios, but those ratios are now down to 55 percent to 65 percent. Interest rates may have been as low as 175 to 250 basis points over the London Interbank Offered Rate, but are now as high as 300 to 400 basis points above LIBOR.

"Banks have a desire to lend," Blackford said. "It's hard to find opportunities to leverage against. We're refinancing transactions with a lot of existing customers with a lot of deposits with us."

Starr said the \$171 billion in debt coming due in 2009 and \$121 billion maturing in 2010 is more than lenders will have available for refinancing commercial and multifamily loans. She predicted that there will have to be some sort of government-sponsored entity created to handle the maturities hitting the marketplace.

Brown said special servicers are extending loans, but defaults and delinquencies still are skyrocketing. J.P. Morgan has equity to take advantage of maturity defaults.

Where Will Capital Go?

In discussing opportunities for San Diego, Daniel J. Phelan, president and chief executive officer of **Pacific Southwest Realty Services**, said there actually are more financing alternatives available today, but they come at a higher cost.

For example, small and regional banks that didn't get into residential lending and did very little commercial lending at the height of the market now are looking to fund commercial real estate debt at 50 percent to 60 percent loan-to-value ratios for customers that are willing to bring additional business to them. Phelan said there are more options for borrowers looking to finance \$10 million or less.

In the future, he predicted that commercial real estate will be funded mostly by banks and a product similar to CMBS with originators that have more skin in the game.

Paul Twardowski, vice president in San Diego for Houston-based **Hines**, said the private firm is looking to make opportunistic investments in the region in 2009 and 2010.

Twardowski used the five stages of grief - denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance - to describe the state of the commercial real estate market.

While depression seems to be taking hold now, acceptance won't be achieved until assets begin to trade and the bottom of the market is reached.

"It's unclear how much distress there will be in San Diego," Twardowski said.

He added that he is skeptical about how much capital opportunistic funds will be able to deploy in San Diego at the 20 percent returns that private equity is chasing because of the relative health of the local economy.

San Diego-based **Douglas Wilson Cos.**, which has a real estate development arm as well as a division providing workout and receivership services, began to get calls from lenders with distressed assets two years ago, according to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Doug Wilson.

Problem loans first emerged in condominium conversions, then in master-planned housing. This past summer, Wilson said, commercial real estate debt began to show signs of trouble.

While it is a sea change, he said the floodgates are not opening up in terms of massive defaults for commercial real estate.

But, Wilson said, there will be a massive shift in wealth that exceeds the fortunes made during the days when the Resolution Trust Corp. sold troubled assets in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

San Diego, however, is unlikely to see a big wave of opportunistic investment, based on Wilson's experience. Only 2 percent of his company's revenue in the workout and receivership business comes from San Diego.

Alex Zikakis, president and founder of San Diego-based **Capstone Advisors**, said his company has bid on well over \$3 billion in troubled land loans since last year.

Capstone has been "spectacularly unsuccessful" in getting banks to sell loans on home sites at an acceptable discount, Zikakis said, but he noted that banks are beginning to realize they can't hold the land for three to five years when there may be a market for the property again.

He said he doesn't expect federal government efforts to shore up banks to increase lending, but it will make it possible for them to clear bad assets off of their balance sheets.

"There will be an awful lot of maturity defaults," Zikakis said. "Once those bugs hit the windshield, it will set the pricing and we will see the buy side."

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Residents Voice Concerns Over Economy at USD Forum

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San Diegans worried about the recession got the opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions Saturday at a forum on the economy

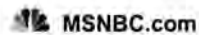
Local Congresswoman Susan Davis held the forum at the University of San Diego to address her constituents. Davis, who represents the 53rd Congressional District, wanted to give residents an opportunity to ask her questions about issues important to them.

Speaking before more than 100 people, USD economics professor Dr. Alan Gin provided a detailed time line of how the nation's economic crisis developed.

Experts from the San Diego Association of Governments, the Small Business Administration, the county's Health and Human Services Agency and the Community Housing Works also addressed the crowd.



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CoStar Group Honored by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency With 2009 ENERGY STAR Award for Promoting Energy Efficiency Within Commercial Real Estate Industry

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BETHESDA, Md., March 19, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CoStar Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:CSGP), the number one provider of information/marketing services to the commercial real estate industry, today announced that it has been selected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive the 2009 Excellence in ENERGY STAR(r) Promotion Award. The award recognizes CoStar's outstanding contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through significant consumer education efforts aimed at increasing awareness of ENERGY STAR buildings and workplaces within the commercial real estate marketplace. CoStar will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 31, 2009.

CoStar, which became an ENERGY STAR partner last year, is being honored for its work in communicating the value of ENERGY STAR labeling to commercial property stakeholders through a landmark study sponsored in partnership with the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego. The CoStar study is believed to be the first to document the additional value that ENERGY STAR-labeled buildings attract in the market, generally outperforming their non-labeled peer buildings in several key categories, including higher rents, occupancy levels and sale prices.

To promote the study's findings, which found similar results for LEED-certified buildings, CoStar executives made numerous presentations at conferences around the nation hosted by real estate associations, brokerage firms and government agencies. Interest in the study remains high nearly a full year after the first formal report on the study was released.

"CoStar first began flagging ENERGY STAR-labeled buildings in our commercial property database in 2007 as an initial step to heighten awareness about the connection between asset values and energy efficiency within our industry, providing industry professionals with a fast and convenient means for identifying ENERGY STAR buildings in their markets and across the country," noted CoStar Group President and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Florance.

"Last year, we built on that initial effort through our study, which informed real estate professionals exactly what those blue ENERGY STAR icons on certain buildings stand for, and in many cases, how those icons may affect the value of their properties," Florance added. "CoStar remains committed to our partnership with ENERGY STAR and the goal of making energy efficiency a fundamental part of doing business in the commercial real estate marketplace, helping our customers protect the environment, and make informed choices about the location of their stores and workplaces."

As part of ongoing efforts to increase awareness of energy efficiency issues in the built environment, CoStar has co-sponsored The Journal of Sustainable Real Estate (JOSRE) with the goal of publishing a new collection of research papers addressing sustainable real estate issues, including ENERGY STAR. Information on JOSRE, as well as CoStar's study, is available on CoStar's web site at <http://www.costar.com/josre/>.

The Excellence in ENERGY STAR Promotion Award is given to a variety of organizations to recognize their efforts to improve energy efficiency and reduce pollution, resulting in significant cost savings. Award winners are selected from more than 12,000 organizations that participate in the ENERGY STAR program.

Last year alone, with the help of ENERGY STAR, Americans saved \$19 billion on their energy bills and reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 29 million vehicles, according to the EPA.

"Partners like CoStar Group are leading the way by showing Americans how they can protect our environment through energy efficiency," said Kathleen Hogan, Director of the Climate Protection Partnerships Division at the U.S. EPA. "By promoting ENERGY STAR, they are making it easier for consumers to find energy-efficient properties in the marketplace."

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy and money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 12,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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CoStar Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:CSGP) is the number one provider of information/marketing services to commercial real estate professionals in the United States as well as the United Kingdom. CoStar's suite of services offers customers access via the Internet to the most comprehensive database of commercial real estate information throughout the U.S. as well as in the United Kingdom and France. Headquartered in Bethesda, MD, CoStar has approximately 1,300 people working for the company worldwide, including the largest professional research organization in the industry. For more information, visit <http://www.costar.com>.

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Indicators fell 2.7 percent in February, according to Alan Gin, the university economist who compiles the monthly report.

It was the largest one-month drop ever on the index, following a 2.2 percent drop in January. The January figure has been revised since its last publication.

The index draws from six sets of data.

Local governments issued nearly 5 percent fewer residential building permits in February compared to January. Initial claims for unemployment insurance rose 2.9 percent in February.

Local stock prices were the only positive factor affecting the index, but it was a short rise: 0.1 percent.

Local consumer confidence fell 3.6 percent in February and help-wanted advertising fell 4.1 percent. The national economy, measured by the Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators, was down 0.8 percent.

— Brad Graves



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USD Index Slumps: The University of San Diego's Index of Leading Economic

SD Economy Suffers Largest One-Month Decline Ever

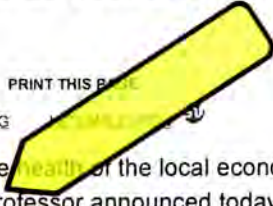
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An index used to gauge the health of the local economy suffered its largest one-month decline ever in February, a University of San Diego professor announced today.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County fell 2.7 percent in February, according to Alan Gin, who compiles the index for USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

The decline was led by sharp drops in the number of building permits, consumer confidence and help wanted advertising and a moderate slump in the outlook for the national economy.

There was also a jump in the number of initial claims for unemployment insurance.

The only positive component of the USD index was local stock prices, which were up slightly.

"The outlook for the local economy remains unchanged from recent months, and that is decidedly negative," Gin wrote.

According to Gin, the local economy is likely to remain in a downturn for the rest of the year, with heavy year-over-year job losses expected to continue and the unemployment rate likely to top 10 percent.



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Burnham-Moores Center For Real Estate Recruiting For Fall 2009 Master of Science In Real Estate Class

The University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate is currently recruiting for the fall 2009 class of its Master of Science in Real Estate (MSRE) program. The program provides students with the leadership, communication and interpersonal skills necessary to compete for real estate careers at the middle- to upper-management levels or to become real estate entrepreneurs.

The cohort-based program will begin in late August 2009 and can be completed in 11 months as a full-time student, or 23 months by participating in the part-time program option. Students have an average of three years of real estate experience when they enter the program.

Students in the MSRE program receive a high-caliber education and gain a full comprehension and appreciation for the many different facets of the real estate profession through the use of personalized teaching methods, including a substantial number of real-time, project-based courses.

"Real estate professionals at every level are realizing now more than ever the importance of enhancing their skills," said professor Norm Miller, the program's academic director. "This program is a great way to develop that competitive edge."

For more information about the program, go to www.usd.edu/msre. For questions and requirements, contact Lauren Lukens at llukens@usd.edu or at 619-260-7619.

Founded in 1993, the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate is committed to delivering outstanding education, industry outreach, career and research services to advance socially responsible leadership in the real estate profession. As part of the University's School of Business Administration, the Center offers a Master of Science in Real Estate degree, an undergraduate minor in real estate, a Certificate in Real Estate Finance, Investments and Development, a Certificate in Land Use and Sustainable Community Development and several major industry conferences throughout the year. For more information, visit www.usdrealstate.com



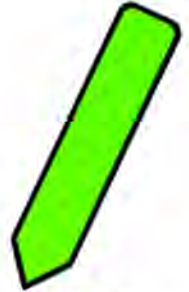


Battle of the Bots Regional Tournament

By Vanessa Guzman

NBCSanDiego.com

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The San Diego Science Festival 2009 will showcase the regional Botball Robotics Tournament at the University of San Diego Sports and Activity Center on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m..

Students will battle their robots against each other as they fight for a spot at this year's International Botball Tournament.

Winners will receive trophies and certificates in the following categories: Overall, Double Elimination, Seeding, Judges' Choice, and Documentation.

The robots are completely student-built and programmed running on Window 98 or later version, Mac OS X 10.2 or later version, and Linux.

The Botball Educational Robotics Program connects middle and high school students in a team-oriented robotics competition based on National Science Education Standards. The tournament is the culmination of a 2-day workshop where students build a working demo-bot.

For more info on this event click [here](#). For more on the San Diego Science Festival click [here](#).

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EPA: Dallas-Fort Worth one of top markets for energy-efficient buildings 11:15 AM CT

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By STEVE BROWN / The Dallas Morning News
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Dallas-Fort Worth is one of the top markets in the country for energy-efficient buildings.

The D-FW area ranks fifth on a new list of the top metro areas for energy saving properties, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday.

Los Angeles and San Francisco top the list. And Houston places third.

The ranking is based on the number of buildings that have the EPA's "Energy Star" designation.

"Energy Star buildings typically use 35 percent less energy and emit 35 percent less greenhouse gases than average buildings," EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson said in a statement.

Last year, the EPA granted Energy Star standing to 3,300 commercial buildings and manufacturing plants nationwide. Those buildings – including schools, hospitals, office buildings, ~~residential~~ houses, grocery stores, retail centers and plants – saved more than \$1 billion in utility bills.

Another recent commercial building study ranked Dallas-Fort Worth as the 10th market in the country in terms of energy and environmentally friendly buildings.

The study by the University of San Diego found that 20 D-FW commercial buildings with more than 6 million square feet were rated for energy savings.

TOP CITIES FOR ENERGY-SAVING BUILDINGS

Number of buildings, square footage in millions and estimated cost savings for each market, based on 2008 reports.

1. Los Angeles	262	73.9	\$87.2
2. San Francisco	194	60.0	\$83.8
3. Houston	145	58.3	\$70.6
4. Washington, D.C.	136	42.3	\$42.2
5. Dallas-Fort Worth	126	32.4	\$31.9
6. Chicago	125	51.0	\$42.2
7. Denver	109	30.5	\$32.9
8. Minneapolis-St. Paul	102	33.2	\$36.3
9. Atlanta	97	24.0	\$16.4
10. Seattle	83	22.0	\$16.3

SOURCE: EPA

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAR 19 - EXPO

POWAY CHAMBER 18TH ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO

This years Expo is going to be the best yet better than ever!
Organization: Poway Chamber of Commerce **Information:** Mary Blackshaw (858) 748-0016 www.powaychamber.com **Cost:** \$5.00 **When:** Hours: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Where:** Miramar Community Center, 12369 Poway Road, Poway

THURSDAY, MAR 19 - SEMINAR

SONY VP SPEAKS AT USD

Chris Fawcett, vice president of the Home-Audio Video Group at Sony Electronics Inc. will speak on "How Sony Won the High Definition Format War." Mr. Fawcett will share his first-hand account of one of the most unique new technology introductions in the history of consumer electronics. **Organization:** University of San Diego School of Business Admin. **Information:** (619) 260-4186 **Cost:** No Cost **When:** Starts: 12:30 PM **Where:** Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

TUESDAY, MAR 24 - SEMINAR

JOB SEARCH-SKILL BUILDING SEMINAR

As a part of our continuing education series, Phil Blair, LEAD board member and President/co-owner of Manpower, has graciously offered to facilitate a free seminar providing critical tools and tricks of the trade to assist LEAD graduates, members and their friends/family in their job search. Take an opportunity to "ask the expert" and join us. **Organization:** LEAD San Diego **Information:** www.leadhumanpowerjob-searchskillbuilding.kintera.org **Cost:** No Cost **When:** Hours: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM **Where:** National University, Spectrum Business Park Campus, 9388 Lightwave Ave., San Diego, 92123

WEDNESDAY, MAR 25 - MIXER

DEVELOP YOUR CONTACTS AT MARCH MIXER

Join us, no reservations required. **Organization:** Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce **Information:** Deveny Gibbons (760) 931-8400 dgibbons@carlsbad.org **Cost:** \$5.00- \$20.00 **When:** Hours: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Where:** Bluwater Crossing, 6800 Embarcadero Lane, Carlsbad

MONDAY, APR 6 - WORKSHOP

EXCELLING AS A FIRST-TIME MANAGER

Gain the essential skills and knowledge you need to become a great manager or supervisor – delegating, communicating, hiring, conflict resolution, working with difficult people and more! **Organization:** SkillPath Seminars **Information:** (800) 873-7545 enroll@skillpath.net **Cost:** \$139.00- \$149.00 **When:** Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Where:** Town & Country Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle N., San Diego, 92108, Venue Phone - (800) 864-2608

SATURDAY, APR 11 - WORKSHOP

CAREER STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

This workshop will engage participants in a personal assessment of their unique skills and characteristics and the creation of a personalized career action plan. With the San Diego County unemployment rate at more than 8 percent, job seekers and those currently employed need all the help and support they can in managing their careers. **Organization:** University of Phoenix **Information:** (800) 473-4346 d.sarnowski@leadon.biz **Cost:** No Details Available **When:** Hours: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Where:** University of Phoenix, 3890 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAR 11 - CONFERENCE

CHART YOUR COURSE

The annual AMA Cause Conference is the largest marketing partnership conference on the West Coast for companies and nonprofits; register today! **Organization:** American Marketing Association (SDAMA) **Information:** (619) 402-7825 info-sandiego@marketingpower.com **Cost:** No Details Available **When:** Hours: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM **Where:** Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110, Venue Phone - (619) 260-7509

WEDNESDAY, MAR 11 - WORKSHOP SERIES

THE BUSINESS OF BEING IN BUSINESS

With so much uncertainty in the journalism world today, many people are considering (or being forced into) a freelance business, with many questions. Attend this workshop to get some answers and help with the transition of setting up and generating business, health insurance options and more. **Organization:** San Diego Press Club **Information:** (619) 231-4340 sdpressclub@cox.net **Cost:** \$10.00 **When:** Starts: 6:00 PM **Where:** Channel 10 Studios, 4600 Air Way, San Diego, 92102

THURSDAY, MAR 12 - NETWORKING

NETWORKING & MENTORING EVENT

This program will help raise funds to support San Diego's only city built for fifth graders to learn about the world of work, Junior Achievement's McGrath Family JA BizTown! **Organization:** Women's Global Network (WGN) **Information:** Felena Hanson (619) 889-7852 www.wgn-global.com **Cost:** \$25.00- \$55.00 **When:** Hours: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM **Where:** Junior Achievement, 4756 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego

THURSDAY, MAR 12 - AWARDS

21ST ANNUAL PEACEMAKER AWARDS

Join us in honoring those individuals and organizations that have strived to bring peace to the world on a local and global scale. **Organization:** National Conflict Resolution Center **Information:** (619) 238-2400, ext. 0 info@ncrconline.com **Cost:** No Details Available **Where:** San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, 92101

WEDNESDAY, MAR 25 - MIXER

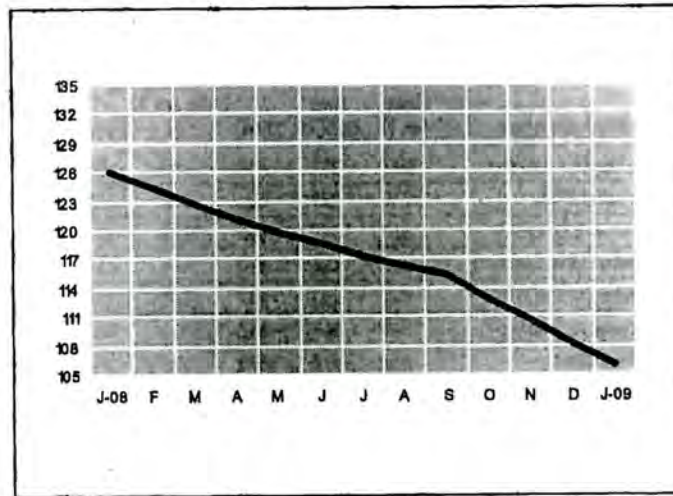
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Leading economic indicators



Source: University of San Diego

The monthly changes in leading indicators (initial claims for unemployment insurance, local stock prices, outlook for the national economy, consumer confidence, building permits and help wanted advertising) of the San Diego economy as tracked by Alan Gin, an urban economics professor at the University of San Diego. The highest monthly rate is 121.6 in January 2008.

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Rated F for Failure

By JEROME S. FONS and FRANK PARTNOY

WHEN Standard & Poor's, the bond-rating agency, lowered General Electric's rating to AA+, from AAA, last week, many were shocked at the tarnishing of one of America's most revered corporations. But the real scandal is how long it took S.&P. to make that minor change — and that the other major ratings firm, Moody's, still hasn't — even though G.E.'s dividend has been slashed by two-thirds and its stock price had fallen below \$7, from nearly \$40 a year ago.

Why, more than a year into the crisis, do regulators and investors continue to rely on ratings? No one has been more wrong than Moody's and S.&P. Less than a year ago both gave high ratings to 11 of the largest distressed financial institutions. They put the insurance giant A.I.G. in the AA category. They rated Lehman Brothers an A just a month before it collapsed. Until recently, the agencies maintained AAA ratings on thousands of nearly worthless subprime-related securities.

The reason for this continued reliance on ratings is simple: bad regulation. We have seen up close how legal rules that depend on ratings pervert the process. One of us worked at Moody's, and was a frequent in-house critic of how the agencies put troubled companies on artificial "watch lists" while they maintained overly optimistic letter ratings. The other of us worked in Morgan Stanley's derivatives group, which designed risky structured products that nevertheless obtained high ratings. These deals were the ancestors of the highly rated subprime mortgage derivatives at the center of the crisis.

The trip down the dysfunctional regulatory path began after the 1929 crash, when Gustav Osterhus, an examiner at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, proposed a system for weighting the value of a bank's portfolio. He felt regulators needed to be able to express a portfolio's "safety" with letter symbols.

Since then, the number of financial regulations based on ratings has skyrocketed. Money market funds can buy only bonds rated in the top two categories. Banks' capital requirements are lower for highly rated securities. Even federal highway financing depends on credit ratings.

Over time, ratings became valuable not because of their accuracy but because they "unlock" markets; that is, they are a sort of regulatory license that allows money to flow. Moreover, institutional investors came to rely on ratings for contracts that don't even need regulatory approval. Trillions of dollars of derivatives payments depend on ratings. Much of the panic at A.I.G. stemmed from ratings "triggers" embedded in credit default swaps, in which billions of dollars of payments depended on how Moody's and S.&P. labeled A.I.G.'s credit risk.

This has left us in a ratings trap. As more regulators and institutions rely on ratings, the agencies have become increasingly reluctant to downgrade. Even a one-notch downgrade of A.I.G. before it hit the shoals would have saddled it with an extra \$8 billion of obligations. It is no coincidence that when government officials were debating the fourth round of A.I.G. bailouts this month, they quietly called on the rating agencies to ensure that they would not downgrade the insurer. In a crisis, downgrading debt can be like firing a bullet into a company's heart.

The system is rife with conflicts of interest. The ratings agencies get a fortune from corporations to evaluate their bonds and naturally don't want to bite the hand that feeds them. Nor do they want to admit a mistake or antagonize investors who might have to sell after a downgrade.

The only way out of the trap is to reduce reliance on ratings. First, regulators should undo the regulation web they began creating during the 1930s. The Securities and Exchange Commission has called for eliminating reliance on ratings, but that proposal has stalled in the face of intense lobbying.

For their part, investors should stop putting ratings-related language into financial contracts. The terms of credit default swaps and other derivatives should be free of ratings-based triggers. Banking supervisors should insist that loan contracts refer to ratings. Fund sponsors, pension plan administrators and insurance regulators should remove ratings-based criteria.

The financial markets can function without letter ratings. Instead of relying on arbitrary letters, regulators and investors should consider all of the information available about an investment, including market prices.

Finally, regulators and investors should return to the tool they used to assess credit risk before they began delegating responsibility to the credit rating agencies. That tool is called judgment.

Jerome S. Fons is a consultant and former managing director at Moody's. Frank Partnoy is a law professor at the University of San Diego.

Kreuger: The original Bernard Madoff?

By Bill Wilson
Business reporter, BBC News

Enraged investors, phantom profits, weak auditing, and a clamour for tighter regulatory control - it all sounds like the case of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff.

However, the year in question is 1932, not 2009, and the man sending shock waves through the financial world was Swedish business genius and swindler Ivar Kreuger.

Kreuger had the fantastic idea of turning his family's matchmaking industry, spread across provincial Sweden, into the leading provider of loans to the shattered economies of post-war nations during the 1920s.

He raised cash through a number of share and bond issues in the US, and then loaned the money to national governments in exchange for matchmaking monopolies in those countries.

"There are so many parallels with Madoff. He was the original Madoff - it was the financial scandal of its age"
Professor Frank Partnoy, University of San Diego

Like Madoff he promised fantastic rates of returns to investors, as high as 25%, but the loans he provided to countries such as Germany were returning only 6% to him.

Money was shuffled between dozens of subsidiaries to provide the illusion of profits, while Kreuger speculated with other people's cash in an attempt to fill the interest rate gap.

But the stock market crash of 1929 delivered a mortal blow to his speculating, and the whole house of cards came crashing down in 1932 as Kreuger committed suicide.

'Leading lender'

Frank Partnoy, is author of a new book about the Swede: *The Match King - Ivar Kreuger and the Financial Scandal of the Century*.

"There are so many parallels with Madoff. He was the original Madoff - it was the financial scandal of its age," Professor Partnoy, who teaches law at the University of San Diego, told the BBC.

KREUGER LOANS/MATCH MONOPOLIES

- Poland, Danzig, Greece, Ecuador, France, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Germany, Latvia, Romania, Lithuania, Bolivia, Estonia, Guatemala, Turkey

"The last days of both are strikingly similar - trying to give money or valuables to their friends and family while holed up in a luxury apartment.

"Even though people don't remember Ivar Kreuger he was the leading private lender to Europe in his day. People became enamoured with his idea of raising money in the US to lend in Europe in exchange for matchmaking monopolies."

Over the period of seven years from 1922 to 1929, as share-buying and investment mania hit the US, things went well, but then disaster struck.

"In October 1929 he made his massive \$125m loan to Germany, just days before the stock market crash of Black Monday and Black Tuesday, and it was about that time that his troubles really began," says Professor Partnoy.

But, ironically, in 1929 at the height of the great stock market crash, confidence in his firms grew even more, as they continued to return large dividend payments, even though Kreuger's ability to generate speculative returns was being squeezed.

"He made people confident," observes Professor Partnoy, who a few years ago gave expert testimony to the US Senate committee investigating the collapse of Enron.

"He had the same sort of confidence that Warren Buffett - who is entirely legitimate - has now. He was seemingly able to survive the crash, and continued to pay his returns."

However, at the same time, as the US historian John Kenneth Galbraith described it, Kreuger's "great aversion to divulging information, especially if accurate, had kept even his most intimate acquaintances in ignorance of the greatest fraud in history".

'Handsome' dividends

Meanwhile, Kreuger's financial methods were becoming increasingly devious.

He had always sailed close to the edge of legitimacy; keeping liabilities "off balance sheet", establishing a network of more than 200 firms that

bamboozled his auditors and bankers, and inventing non-voting shares.

He also conjured up "options", "derivatives" and stashed cash away in secret subsidiaries in Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

" He paid the huge dividends to sustain confidence in his businesses "
Professor Frank Partnoy

Kreuger then began Enron-style financial engineering, reporting profits when there were none, and paying his generous dividends by attracting new investment or plundering existing ones.

"He paid the huge dividends to sustain confidence in his businesses," says Professor Partnoy. "A business that pays out handsomely every year is going to be more attractive to investors than one that pays out patchily, a year here and a year there."

Meanwhile, Kreuger was seen as a business titan of the times, with his firms seemingly triumphing during the crash.

President Herbert Hoover regularly sought out his advice about the problems affecting the global economy, and he consorted with Hollywood stars.

He was hailed on the cover of Time magazine, and was seen as a hero in countries such as France, which he had bailed out with a huge loan.

'Valuable businesses'

According to Professor Partnoy, there are differences between the feted Kreuger and the obscure Madoff.

"What Ivar did wasn't as simplistic as a Ponzi scheme," he says.

"There was an underlying legitimate base to what Ivar was trying to do, but he was paying out more money in returns than his schemes were earning."

A Ponzi scheme is a fraudulent investment scheme that pays investors using money paid in by other investors rather than real profits.

Kreuger also had businesses outside of matchmaking. His industries included film making (he discovered Greta Garbo working in a department store), construction, mining, and communications - he owned the phone giant Ericsson.

He wasn't a complete fraud and his Swedish Match firm exists to this day.

"When the bankruptcy trustee started trawling through Ivar's affairs he found all sorts of valuable businesses," observes Professor Partnoy.

"The bondholders did get a large chunk of their money back. In contrast, where did the billions of missing money in the Madoff scheme go?"

In March 1932 Kreuger shot himself in a hotel room in Paris, just before a meeting with bankers, at which he would have faced some extremely tricky questioning.

A number of forged bonds had been found in his safe - on which he had also forged signatures - which were then used as security against his loans.

'Kreuger Crash'

At the time of his death his Swedish bankers estimated he was third-richest man in the world.

And, as with Madoff, the recriminations began apace once the extent of his deception became known, and investors were hit by what was known as the "Kreuger Crash".

Regulators were lambasted by Congress for their light-touch approach, and in the fallout a raft of new laws and regulatory bodies were created, including the Securities and Exchange Commission.

His colleagues and advisors were publicly humiliated, and the hunt began for anyone else in the know about the deception.

"A generation of people have forgotten Ivar," says Professor Partnoy.

"But if they look back they can see he was arguably the Madoff of his day. It is going to take years to get to the bottom of the Madoff case, as it did with Ivar's empire too."

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Buffett Is Unusually Silent on Rating Agencies

By DAVID SEGAL

In his annual Berkshire Hathaway letter, Warren E. Buffett recently urged investors to pose tough questions at the shareholders meeting in May. Here is one on the mind of some Buffett watchers: When are you going to fix Moody's?

Mr. Buffett, known as the Oracle of Omaha, owns a stake of roughly 20 percent in the Moody's Corporation, parent of one of the three rating agencies that grade debt issued by corporations and banks looking to raise money. In recent months, Moody's Investors Service and its rivals, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings, have been prominent in virtually every account of the What Went Wrong horror story that is the financial crisis.

The agencies put their seals of approval on countless subprime mortgage-related securities now commonly described as toxic. The problem, critics contend, is that the agencies were paid by the corporations whose debt they were rating, earning billions in fees and giving the agencies a financial incentive to slap high marks on securities that did not deserve them.

At least 10 of the big companies that failed or were bailed out in the last year had investment-grade ratings when they went belly up — like deathly ill patients bearing clean bills of health.

Moody's rated Lehman Brothers' debt A2, putting it squarely in the investment-grade range, days before the company filed for bankruptcy. And Moody's gave the senior unsecured debt of the American International Group, the insurance behemoth, an Aa3 rating — which is even stronger than A2 — the week before the government had to step in and take over the company in September as part of what has become a \$170 billion bailout.

Mr. Buffett, 78, one of the world's richest men, is known for piquant and unsparing criticism of his own performance, as well as the institutional flaws of Wall Street.

But on the subject of the conflict of interest built into the rating agencies' business model, Mr. Buffett has been uncharacteristically silent — even though that conflict is especially glaring in his case because one of the companies that Moody's rates is Berkshire. (Its Aaa rating, for the record, is the same as the one from Standard & Poor's. Fitch downgraded Berkshire for the first time last week.)

Mr. Buffett also seems to have said nothing about a problem that some contend is just as serious and endemic: because ratings are required in so many transactions, the agencies' inaccurate ratings have no effect on their own bottom lines. And a company that is paid regardless of its performance is a company that will eventually underperform, says Frank Partnoy, a professor of law at the University of San Diego.

"Imagine if you had a rabbi and said, 'All the laws of kosher depend on whether this rabbi decides if food is kosher or not,' " says Mr. Partnoy, a former derivatives trader. "If the rules say 'You have to use this rabbi,' he could be totally wrong and it won't affect the value of his franchise."

The rating agencies have been mislabeling the goods for a long time. "A lot of investors have been eating pork recently," Mr. Partnoy says, "and they're not too happy about it."

Mr. Buffett declined to be interviewed for this article. Of course, he has bigger problems on his mind than a company that makes up less than \$2 billion of his \$127 billion empire.

Berkshire Hathaway, the conglomerate he has run for decades, recently reported its worst year ever: in the fourth quarter, net income fell 96 percent to \$117 million.

Short-selling Berkshire Hathaway has recently become a popular strategy, according to a report in Bloomberg News. But betting against Mr. Buffett has never been a profitable strategy in the long term, and the company's class A shares, which now trade at about \$82,000, way off the 52-week high of \$147,000, look tempting to many analysts.

Justin Fuller, a partner at Midway Capital Research and Management and author of the blog Buffetologist, says that anyone buying shares of Berkshire now is essentially buying the company at its 2004 price and getting everything that Mr. Buffett acquired since then gratis.

"During the dot-com boom everyone said the old man had lost his touch, because he said he wouldn't invest in technology companies," Mr.

Fuller says. "When all the brick-and-mortar stock valuations improved, he was lauded as a genius again. He's able to recognize these manias and waits for the world to go crazy, then comes in as lender of last resort and scoops up assets on the cheap."

Mr. Buffett has been scooping. In the last year, he dipped into his multibillion-dollar war chest and also sold some shares in a variety of companies to add to his holdings, which now include preferred shares of Goldman Sachs and General Electric, each of which pays Berkshire 10 percent annually on its investment.

But he has also made an ill-timed deal to buy shares of ConocoPhillips and he acquired two Irish banks that have fared poorly, decisions he describes in his annual letter as a few of the "dumb things" he did in 2008. He does not say much about his stake in Moody's, and close readers of his letters say he has a history of highlighting some errors in order to obscure subjects he would rather not discuss.

"Warren deserves credit for his candor in admitting mistakes," says Alice Schroeder, author of "The Snowball," a biography of Mr. Buffett. "But he chooses which mistakes to discuss. It also pays to listen for the 'dog that didn't bark.' "

One of those nonbarking dogs, she says, is Moody's.

"He hasn't discussed publicly what he might be doing to influence the management at this time of crisis," she says. "Last spring, he knew the rating agencies were deeply involved with the financial crisis. Since he didn't sell Moody's then, he should explain what he's doing to influence the management."

Moody's, meanwhile, believes the ratings system may need tinkering but it is not broken.

Michael Adler, a Moody's spokesman, said the company's role was simply to assess the odds that a given bond issuer will default — in some cases, taking into account the possibility of government intervention. He said anyone who makes assumptions about the stock price of those issuers based on Moody's findings about its bonds is misusing the data. (A lot of investors are misusing the data, in that case.)

Mr. Adler also stated in an e-mail message that there were potential conflicts of interest with any ratings system, whether issuers, government or investors pay.

"Moody's, for its part, has implemented a series of changes and procedural safeguards to help mitigate potential conflicts and increase the transparency of our analysis," Mr. Adler wrote. "That said, we believe that a healthy dialogue with regulators and other capital market participants is beneficial."

But not all models for paying rating agencies are equally risky, says a former Moody's managing director, Jerome S. Fons — and none is more vulnerable to conflicts of interest than the issuer-pays model.

Mr. Fons, who left the company in 2007 as part of a reorganization, says that Mr. Buffett has long found his connection to Moody's a little awkward. Mr. Buffett never attended any board meetings, he says, and Berkshire has never bought any additional shares after it acquired its stake in 2000 as part of a deal with Dun & Bradstreet, then its parent company.

It is widely assumed that Mr. Buffett does not use rating agencies at Berkshire: like many leading investors, he employs his own researchers.

"I think he'd love to sell his stake in the company, but he can't," Mr. Fons says. "As soon as it was known that he was selling, the value of the company would plunge."

It is hard to expect any capitalist to push for change that squeezes profits. Then again, Mr. Buffett is not just any capitalist. He is the closest thing that the United States economy has to a life coach.

Typically, chief executives who show up on television after announcing their worst year ever offer some variation of "Don't worry, America, I'll do better soon." When Mr. Buffett appeared on CNBC last week, the subtext was more like, "Don't worry, America, you'll do better soon." (He said that though the economy had "fallen off a cliff," he was, as ever, bullish about the country's long-term prospects.)

Mr. Buffett is more than just our reassurer in chief. He also has a history of speaking out against parts of the financial system he considers broken or unfair, even if those parts benefit him. He is one of the few superrich people in favor of steeper estate taxes, for instance.

Given how hard it would be to revamp the rating agencies, and given his credibility and the impact that reform would have on his portfolio, Mr. Buffett may be ideal for a job that no other executive or public official could do: rating agency reform.

"Nobody is better positioned than Buffett," Mr. Fons says. "If he comes up with a good plan, people would pile on immediately. And if he really is a high-minded idealist, if he wants to leave a meaningful legacy, this would be it."

GLOBAL RISK AIG

Mitgefangen in the system of greed

Of Marks of Pitzke, New York

This company makes even still fear for crisis connoisseurs: The marode insurance giant AIG is global in such a way interlaced that its fall banks in all world threatens - and even German municipalities. By always new NOT internal messages the USA want to prevent a collapse, but the risks are enormous.

New York - hundreds of millions of humans saw the head office of the US insurance company AIG already times, without they know of it. In the last scene of the cinema hit "Spider-Man" of 2002: There the superhero swings by Manhattans road ravines and hangs finally, in swindle-exciting height, on a Fahnenmast with the asterisk banner, right at the top on a type Deco Wolkenkratzer point.

AIG building in New York: Scene of a financial drama

The pittoreske American internationally Building, 290 meters highly, once the third biggest Wolkenkratzer of the world, delighted of finance and oil baron Henry Latham Doherty, is today the scene of completely different drama.

The drama around AIG.

In "Spider-Man" - sequence, a masterpiece of the Special Effects, is placed the Wolkenkratzer in Midtown Manhattan, because it fit there better into the picture. In truth is it far away in the Financial District, at a parallel road the barrier Street. Banknote and its - exactly around it it goes now also with AIG.

On Monday the insurance announced the largest quarter loss, which one enterprise each afforded: almost 62 billion dollar. Four times as much as the recent record minus with Merrill lynch. In the entire year 2008 there was approximately hundred billion dollar minus. The debacle provoked new fears of horror messages from the financial industry. The Dow-Jones index fell on the lowest status since 1997. The US Government protected to the company further 30 billion dollar at assistance altogether adds up the support now on 162 billion dollar. Additionally the US issuing bank facilitated the conditions of the original credit at AIG, in order to save for the company billions at interest payments in such a way.

Descriptor "putrid test financial institution"

AIG insurer financial crisis quarter loss Lehman Brothers

to MIRROR KNOWLEDGE

The state took over already 79.9 per cent of the AIG proportions - starting from 80 per cent one speaks officially of nationalization, but so far it does not need to come any longer. The company becomes the black hole for the US Government also in such a way. Experts estimate that a rescue at the end will cost once again approximately hundred billion dollar.

Critics feel provocative, ask: Is the rotted insurer worth the many billions? Should it end as in September 2008 the broker house Lehman Brothers?

Franc Partnoy, Expert of financial politics at the University OF San Diego, describes the business practices of AIG in the "New York Times" in such a way: "You were the worst of all." Donn Vickrey, joint founder of the Research company gradient Analytics, diagnosed the enterprise and its managers "extreme self over-estimation, angefeuert from greed". Wirtschaftskolumnist Joe Nocera gives a doubtful descriptor to AIG: "Putrid test financial institution". The share of the company is lubricated in well one year of 51 dollar on now 42 cent.

Verbitterung over AIG gives it also with Washington's elite - and the government of Barack Obama does not have other selection, than the unloved patients to drips nevertheless to hold. Ironically not despite, but even because of its dubious Deals.

Because by these AIG is so closely interlaced with the remaining financial world that a collapse of the company might tear countless further cash giants also in spoiling - in the USA as in Europe. Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Barclays, Société Générale, UBS, RBS, which is considered German bank and many different than potentially endangered.

Analyst Hank Calenti of RBC Capital Markets numbered the losses, which would threaten the international banks by a fall of the company, recently on approximately 180 billion dollar: "AIG is everywhere." Stock exchange Blogger Andrew Ross Sokin writes, with the insurance giant is and falls "the entire western bank system". A global house of cards wanke, is afraid Marks of Keenan of the New Yorker law office Anderson one Kill & Olick, which are specialized in complex accidents: "The US Government cannot afford it to let AIG fail."

Not in vain the state has two days, after it had let die in the passed autumn Lehman, saved AIG. It concerns to prevent still worse.

"Sense was to hold the sausage factory at running"

Complex financial vehicles carry principal debt at the misery named Credit default Swaps (CDS, more on MIRROR KNOWLEDGE...), the AIG within the industry sells. CDS - baptized by investor legend Warren Buffet "financial weapon of mass destruction" - are quasi insurance contracts for major banks. A bank buys it, in order to protect itself from the blow-out of credits or the failure of a debtor. Often on it several, credit givers connected by CDS hang.

Simplified said: The bank pays a premium to AIG for the CDS, and if a debtor becomes insolvent, then the insurance adjusts the loss. AIG insured so last no longer only households, auto or lives - but also the ever wilder speculations of the largest financial establishments.

CDS had been invented 1997, in order to shift the business risks of the barrier Street institutes to a third - in this case AIG. Owing to willing congress of US, that supported the adjustment, they became the most popular credit derivative and the favourite product of the banks.

Those used it particularly for the security of windy Investments, whose risk could not measure so correctly. Example: the meanwhile notorious Subprime Hypotheken and, the ever exotic system products bundled from it, which weiterverscherbelten the banks at investors - the putrid Ur-seed of the current credit crisis. The CDS market boomte and became even at the end of of 2008, when the crisis escalated, still on almost 16 trillion dollar estimated.

With its CDS, developed in its own enterprise daughter, AIG blew for many years the speculation blister the barrier Street up for the own advantage: The company took for it billion-fees. AIG ennobled those at the same time owing to its AAA Ratings all today as "malicious" verfemten loans - from junk ramsch-Hypotheiken zurechtgeschusterte Investmentprodukte. They got likewise a Top Rating, which they did not earn, by which it however much better marked themselves out left.

"Sense was to hold the sausage factory at running", says in the "New York Times" the barrier Street veteran Robert Arvanitis, an earlier AIG Topmanager, which is in the meantime one of the largest critics of the company. AIG could be paid this service expensively - which the insurer stops now just as expensively.

Fear also in Bochum, gel churches, Recklinghausen

When the Hypotheiken Investmentmarkt in the middle of broke down 2008, the requirements rose at AIG in the priceless. Because debtors could not erase their Hypotheiken and credits any longer, the financial products at value, Rating agencies, which are based on it, lost gradated AIG down, contracting parties of the company required more collateral - which AIG did not have.

Like quake the problem reproduces itself so now to the customers of the insurer. A nuclear chain reaction, as one experienced it after the fall of the tradition house Lehman Brothers in September already.

The case AIG has gigantic extents and many complicated turns. It releases in the meantime even with German municipalities such as Bochum, gel churches or Recklinghausen fear attacks. Because German city treasurers rented their sewage purification plants or waste incineration furnaces on a long-term basis in the nineties backers beyond the Atlantiks, in order to back-rent it in the same moment again. The US investors could issue the application from the control and divided their gain with the German cities and municipalities - everything often secured by AIG. Now however some treasurers read frightened in the small print their "CROSS on-board he leasing" - contracts that the municipalities must procure back-up or place own collateral, if the insurer wackelt. Well there are 150 of such agreements country widely. If AIG precipitates, the municipalities their US partners owe at least 30 billion dollar.

Even problems threaten the Federal KfW group. Since years pack and sell the German Staatsbanker of Minister of Finance Peer stone-bridge (SPD) credits to domestic Häuslebauer and averaging ANDLER in billion height. The papers are insured according to Insidern often of the AIG. In the case of bankruptcy the KfW would have to find a new, expensive warranter.

AIG managte on the high point of the boom CDS for more than 450 billion dollar. Also end of 2008 were there after calculation of the Research company CreditSights still at least 300 billion dollar. And there is evenly not only Subprime credits concerned, but also more respectable systems.

"Other parties in the whole world carry further an important AIG credit risk", still reported the US issuing bank Fed in November 2008. Analyst Donn Vickrey estimates that about two thirds of it are European major banks. If the US Government AIG without assistance let collapse, it prophesies "a global domino effect. The following panic would be desaströs".

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Analysis

Markets Plunge After Government Adds Billions to AIG Rescue

Stocks tumbled after the government expanded aid to struggling insurer American International Group and the company reported a huge quarterly loss. Analysts examine what this could mean for the broader financial outlook.



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JIM LEHRER: American International Group – AIG, as it's called – reported huge new losses in its insurance business today. The announcement helped trigger a fourth round of government aid. It also helped push the stock market into another headlong retreat.

Jeffrey Brown has our lead story report.

JEFFREY BROWN: The towering insurance giant began the day by reporting the largest quarterly loss in U.S. history, \$61 billion for the final months of 2008. With that, the government announced a new rescue package, amounting to \$30 billion. That's on top of \$150 billion AIG has already received.

Chief Executive Edward Liddy, who joined the company in September, spoke on CNBC.

EDWARD LIDDY, CEO, AIG: We are being consumed by the same issues that are driving house prices down, and 401(k) statements down, and Warren Buffett's investment portfolio down. Asset values are in a free fall around the globe.

We're the largest insurer in the United States, one of the largest, arguably the largest in the world. We have a massive investment portfolio. All aspects of those assets are going down in value. When they go down in value, we take that decline through our P&L.

JEFFREY BROWN: The housing crisis triggered staggering losses at AIG, leading to the initial government rescue last September. The company was heavily involved in so-called credit default swaps, insuring mortgage-backed securities against default. Ultimately, AIG could not cover billions in swap insurance when that market collapsed.

CEO Liddy said he hoped today's installment would be the last, but he offered no promises.

EDWARD LIDDY: I would like to say 100 percent yes to that, but it's difficult to do that. It really depends upon what happens to the capital markets from here. Let me just say, since September, we've made enormous progress.

JEFFREY BROWN: Administration officials defended today's action. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs.

ROBERT GIBBS, White House press secretary: I wonder what we'd be talking about today if we let something like an AIG default on the massive amount of debt that it has and what that might do to the economy and to the markets.

JEFFREY BROWN: Some private analysts echoed the warning that major institutions would have to write off billions in assets insured by AIG if the company goes down.

Just how precarious the system is was evident again today on Wall Street. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 299 points, more than 4 percent, to close at 6,763, the first time it's finished below 7,000 since 1997. The Nasdaq fell 55 points to close at 1,322.

The sell-off was also fueled by fears over major banks, after HSBC, Europe's largest bank, reported profits fell 70 percent last year.



Liz Ann Sonders
Charles Schwab

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Market losses in U.S., Europe

JEFFREY BROWN: And we look first at the markets and another dramatic drop. We're joined by Liz Ann Sonders, chief investment strategist for Charles Schwab.

Well, first, tell us what you're seeing. How broad are the losses in the market in term of sectors?

LIZ ANN SONDEERS, Charles Schwab: Well, you know what? That's one thing, if there's any silver linings to what is otherwise a very dire situation market and economically, it's that this latest leg down, which obviously took us down through the lows that we had seen in the latter part of November of last year, that was a very, very broad-based decline.

Interestingly, this time, it's a little bit less broad-based. In fact, if you look at the 10 sectors in the S&P 500, only two of them are down more than the S&P 500 overall, and that would be financials -- not a big surprise -- down 40 percent and industrials down somewhere in the 20s.

Every other sector -- so the remaining eight -- have performance actually better than the market. So the selling seems to be more concentrated in those sectors where the fundamentals are most dire.

JEFFREY BROWN: Well, that's interesting, because you've been on in the past. We've talked about the degree to which some of this is so-called panic-selling. You're not seeing that now?

LIZ ANN SONDEERS: Well, I still think that there is an edge of panic, but it seems to be concentrated in those sectors where there seems to be or the perception is that there's absolutely no hope.

I think some of the indiscriminant selling that characterized the fourth quarter of last year was driven by major redemptions coming from -- into mutual funds, into hedge funds, the deleveraging that was contributing to a lot of forced selling.

There seems to be less forced selling now. That doesn't mean we're not getting panic on the part of investors, but they're kind of concentrating their panic a little bit more.

JEFFREY BROWN: Do you sense, though, a new fear that no one seems to know where the bottom is at this point? And this is just a few weeks after it seemed as though the market had gone up for a bit.

LIZ ANN SONDEERS: Yes, I think there had been some hope that built when we had a decent 25 percent rally or so off the November 20th lows. And, certainly, that built in some expectations that maybe those lows would hold. And we've clearly wiped out a lot of those expectations.

Look, I would love to know where we go from here. Nobody does. But we have said all along that bottoms are processes over time, not moments in time. And even the bear market, the last bear market that ended in 2002, occurred over a multi-month period where you really had three waterfall declines.

Ultimately, the low was in October '02, but you had one in July of '02, you had one in October of '02, you had one again in March of 2003. And at best, we're probably going to be in a pattern like that, where you don't get this V bottom. You go through an extended period of time where you go through these tests.

JEFFREY BROWN: And, Liz, lastly, I mentioned in our set-up piece, our lead story piece, about the bank in Europe. This is clearly an international story still at this point very much, right?

LIZ ANN SONDEERS: No question about it. The crisis really was not solely born in the United States. The European banking system not only had as much exposure to these toxic assets that we're trying to clean up now, but they had leverage ratios quite a bit higher than the U.S. banks.

And, of course, the economic problem is turning out to be a very broad global problem. And there really is almost no one that has been unscathed through this.

JEFFREY BROWN: All right. Liz Ann Sonders, thanks very much.

LIZ ANN SONDEERS: My pleasure. Thank you.



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Credit default swaps harmed AIG

JEFFREY BROWN: And now to more on the AIG story. And for that, we turn to Frank Partnoy, director of the Center on Corporate and Securities Law at the University of San Diego, and Joe Nocera, a business columnist for the New York Times. He also writes the paper's online "Executive Suite" blog.

Well, Frank Partnoy, first, remind us what AIG did to get into so much trouble.

FRANK PARTNOY, University of San Diego: The key thing AIG did was to abandon its traditional insurance business in favor of a second business in derivatives, the credit default swaps that were referred to earlier.

AIG was the world's largest insurance company. It was a safe company. It was trusted. It had roughly \$1 trillion of value, in terms of assets. And it shifted about a decade ago towards a much riskier business.

Its subsidiary, AIGFP, its AIG Financial Products subsidiary, began writing large numbers of credit default swaps. And that business was largely opaque. It was undisclosed. People didn't know about it. And that's the business that carried the seeds of disaster that we're seeing now and over the recent few months.

JEFFREY BROWN: So, Joe Nocera, what would you add to that? I mean, we keep referring to this as a insurance company. Is that just wrong?

JOE NOCERA, business columnist, New York Times: Well, there's a couple of things I would add to that. First of all, Frank's description is really a good one.

You know, the F.P. unit in London was 350 people out of, you know, 100,000 employees. And, you know, this is typical throughout this crisis. Very small numbers of people have essentially brought down the financial system.

Secondly, you know, credit default swaps are a form of insurance when you really get down to it, because they're basically saying, "I accept the risk of loss in your portfolio." But they were not regulated like insurance products, and AIG was not responsible for having reserves in case there were losses, because they didn't think there would be any losses. That was the absurdity.

So they thought this was free money. And now, of course, it's turned out to be anything but free money. And the reason you have to keep AIG propped up is because, if they were to default, all of the banks on the other sides of those trades would be in even worse trouble than they're in today.

Propping up AIG to help banks

JEFFREY BROWN: Well, pick up on that, Frank Partnoy, because that's the next question, is the government had given them a lot of money. Now they're giving them more. It's out of a sense of feeling that it has no other choice? Explain that.

FRANK PARTNOY: I think that's right. I think the government initially decided it was going to have to support AIG. I think AIG was probably insolvent a long time ago, like many of the banks, but the government decided AIG had tentacles stretching to so many institutions that it had to support it, it had to make sure that AIG didn't go under. If AIG goes under, then many other institutions suffer losses...

JEFFREY BROWN: Can you give -- excuse me -- can you give us an example to make that a little bit more concrete? I mean, give us a sense of the chain here if AIG goes down?



Joe Nocera
The New York Times

It's a bailout of the

FRANK PARTNOY: Yes, absolutely. So, for example, AIG has swap contracts with many banks. It's entered into these private contracts. And payment on those contracts would be triggered if AIG goes into default. In fact, payment on those contracts would be triggered even if AIG's credit rating is downgraded slightly. One notch would trigger an extra \$8 billion worth of liabilities at AIG.

And I think the government looked at AIG and said, "There are so many contracts here." The derivatives market overall is \$600 trillion, and AIG had \$500 billion worth of credit default swaps. And they looked at those mind-boggling numbers and said, "We really don't know what will happen if AIG goes under. And so we have to prop it up; we have to support it because of the worry that the risks would spread."

There was a similar worry before the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers, and I think the same worry is carried over

counterparties. Now, who are these counterparties? In fact, we don't know precisely, because the government won't tell us. And AIG views this information as a trade secret.

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JEFFREY BROWN: Well, Joe Nocera, do we know yet what happened to the first \$150 billion that's been given to AIG? What happened to all that money?

JOE NOCERA: Well, in a general sense, we do know. This gets a little complicated, so bear with me a little, OK?

JEFFREY BROWN: All right.

JOE NOCERA: AIG had something in its contracts called collateral triggers. And that meant, if certain events took place, such as ratings downgrades of AIG or of the securities that they were insuring, that AIG would have to put up cash collateral against the assets, so these events have taken place.

There's been a lot of ratings downgrades. And AIG has had to put up tons and tons and tons of collateral.

Now, that's not where it all went, but that's where a lot of it went. So, basically, the money has been handed over to the counterparties.

You know, there's a saying now you hear on Wall Street, which is that it's not a bailout of AIG. It's a bailout of the counterparties. Now, who are these counterparties? In fact, we don't know precisely, because the government won't tell us. And AIG views this information as a trade secret.

Credit rating declines

JEFFREY BROWN: You know, you mention the credit rating downgrades. There was a lot of talk about that today, in terms of a reason for the government stepping in today, in the sense that the credit rating agencies would have downgraded AIG. That would have caused even more problems.

JOE NOCERA: That's right.

JEFFREY BROWN: Can you explain that? Can you explain that, especially for the layman who doesn't understand -- and I mean me -- why the credit rating wouldn't have gone down already, given AIG's problems?

JOE NOCERA: Well, first of all, their credit rating has gone down. It used to be AAA; it isn't anymore.

Second of all, what happened today was really quite different, at least qualitatively different from what's happened in the past. In the past, the money was used basically to shore up this coming disaster, because of the ratings downgrade, to supply the collateral.

This time, what the government did was they said they're going to have the biggest quarterly loss in the history of the world and we need to show the rating agencies that we're doing enough to prevent yet another ratings downgrade.

As I said before, every time there's a ratings downgrade, AIG has to find suddenly tens of billions of dollars and put it up as additional collateral. So what happened today was an effort to prevent a ratings downgrade, which would then prevent more billions upon billions of dollars being handed to the counterparties, which would have been, you know, instead of \$30 billion extra, it would have been \$50 billion, or \$80 billion, or \$100 billion. I mean, who knows? It's almost to infinity.

JEFFREY BROWN: Well, Frank Partnoy, who knows? I mean, does anybody know how deep that hole is?

FRANK PARTNOY: Unfortunately, we don't know. People have referred to AIG as being a black hole, and I think that's an apt metaphor. The money keeps going in, and we don't know how much more is needed.

I do think this focus on the credit-rating agencies is important. The fact that they were brought into the fold early on, that they were told about what this new round would look like, and that their agreement was secured initially is really extraordinary.

You think about how poorly the rating agencies have performed, that they rated all of these complex instruments AAA, many of which are now in default, and yet we continue to turn to them, we continue to rely on them. It's not



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just the government, but it's private individuals and institutions continue to rely on Standard & Poor's and Moody's, yet they've performed so poorly.

And I think one of the big lessons from today and the collapse of AIG is that we need to rely a lot less on credit-rating agencies.

JEFFREY BROWN: Well, Joe Nocera, just to bring us to a conclusion here. I mean, we keep talking about the government stepping in, but this is really taxpayer money that's now more at risk, correct?

JOE NOCERA: Well, it certainly is. And just to -- you know, not to put some small glimmer of hope in, one of the things that did happen today is that two profitable divisions of AIG were put into trust or are going to be put into trust.

And, ultimately, the government is going to be able to sell those divisions. And, you know, they're actually hoping that that's the way they'll be able to pay back some of these loans.

Will the taxpayer wind up losing money because of its involvement in AIG? You bet they are. And, really, what it's all about now is just trying to staunch the bleeding for both the taxpayer and for AIG.

JEFFREY BROWN: All right. Well, on that note, we will end. Joe Nocera and Frank Partnoy, thank you very much.

FRANK PARTNOY: Thank you.

JOE NOCERA: Thank you.

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Not Just AIG, But the Entire Financial System

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Seriously, this *New York Times* article on AIG, is a quick and layman accessible recounting of what went wrong there, and now that the Taxpayer is laying out another \$30 to prop them up, with the approval of the ratings agencies who made this problem possible in the first place, it bears reading.

What we see is a metaphor for the entire rotten "Anglo-Saxon" system of unregulated hyper-capitalism.

AIG does not exist any more, what's there is a simulacrum of a going business, fueled by zombie juice amounting to over \$150 billion of taxpayer dollars, with the promise of more federal support, but that's not the important part.

The important thing is are not just talking recklessness and incompetence here, we are talk real and deliberate crimes, and even now the authorities don't have the slightest inclination to prosecute.

What took AIG down was a division that wrote credit default swaps (CDS), lots of them, and then, when they came due, they were bankrupt.

A CDS is a piece of paper that allowed them to insure all sorts of dodgy documents, but lacked the regulation, and the reserve capital requirements, of real insurance.

They wrote them because people were willing to pay them to write them, and people were willing to pay them because it allowed them to "lease" AIG's AAA rating (see the ratings agencies linked above) for their financial instruments.

The result is that if AIG is allowed to die, instead of remaining in its undead state, **everything** blows up:

.... Yet the government feels it has no choice: because of A.I.G.'s dubious business practices during the housing bubble it pretty much has the world's financial system by the throat.

If we let A.I.G. fail, said Seamus P. McMahon, a banking expert at Booz & Company, other institutions, including pension funds and American and European banks "will face their own capital and liquidity crisis, and we could have a domino effect." A bailout of A.I.G. is really a bailout of its trading partners -- which essentially constitutes the entire Western banking system.

I don't doubt this bit of conventional wisdom; after the calamity that followed the fall of Lehman Brothers, which was far less enmeshed in the global financial system than A.I.G., who would dare allow the world's biggest insurer to fail? Who would want to take that risk? But that doesn't mean we should feel resigned about what is happening at A.I.G. In fact, we should be furious. More than even Citi or Merrill, A.I.G. is ground zero for the practices that led the financial system to fail.

"They were the worst of them all," said Frank Partnoy, a law professor at the University of San Diego and a derivatives expert. Mr. Vickrey of Gradient Analytics said, "It was extreme hubris, fueled by greed." Other firms used many of the same shady techniques as A.I.G., but none did them on such a broad scale and with such utter recklessness. And yet -- and this is the part that should make your blood boil -- the company is being kept alive precisely because it behaved so badly. They fail because if AIG fails, then their CDS contracts are worthless, and they have to account for their assets at **their actual value**, and overnight they become insolvent.

So, AIG is Sheriff Bart from *Blazing Saddles*, holding the gun to his own head, saying, "Hold it! Next man makes a move, the n***** gets it!"

Of course, this isn't criminality (though it should be), this is Republican economics, privatizing the profits while socializing the losses.

The criminality is further down in the article:

....A.I.G. didn't specialize in pooling subprime mortgages into securities. Instead, it sold credit-default swaps.

....But it also saw the fees as risk-free money; **surely it would never have to actually pay up**. Like everyone else on Wall Street, A.I.G. operated on the belief that the underlying assets -- housing -- could only go up in price.

That foolhardy belief, in turn, led A.I.G. to commit several other stupid mistakes. When a company insures against, say, floods or earthquakes, it has to **put money in reserve in case a flood happens**. That's why, as a rule, insurance companies are usually overcapitalized, with low debt ratios. But because credit-default swaps were not regulated, and were not even categorized as a traditional insurance product, A.I.G. didn't have to put anything aside for losses. **And it didn't**. Its leverage was more akin to an investment bank than an insurance company. So when housing prices started falling, and losses started piling up, it had no way to pay them off. Not understanding the real risk, the company grievously mispriced it.

(emphasis mine)

So they sold insurance, and **never had any intention on paying off**, because if they had, and remember that AIG is (was) at its core an **insurance company**, even absent regulatory demands, they would have put aside **something** in the way of capital reserves.

This is the same as selling phony stocks. AIG, or more at least its everyone in a position of responsibility in its financial practices unit in London, where the swaps were written and sold, and everyone involved in supervising these activities, **up to and including the CEO**, and probably the board of directors, knowingly sold a fraudulent product.

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Bonuses won't be easy to recover

Though the U.S. owns 80% of AIG, it faces legal hurdles in getting its \$165 million back.
By Jim Puzanghera and Tom Hamburger

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Reporting from Washington — Reflecting rising public outrage, President Obama ordered his aides Monday to "pursue every legal avenue" to challenge \$165 million in bonuses paid to employees of bailed-out American International Group Inc. But trying to get the money back could lead to a legal quagmire.

Contracts that include bonuses to retain key employees are difficult to break, legal experts said. And such an action could lead to lawsuits against the giant insurer — and indirectly against the government, which owns almost 80% of AIG after repeated infusions of taxpayer funds that now approach a total of \$180 billion.

To get around possible litigation, the Obama administration is trying to attach conditions to the latest of still-pending bailout money to force AIG to repay the bonus money to taxpayers.

But that still would mean that about 400 employees in the company's Financial Products division — the unit that concocted the risky derivatives activity that helped bring the company to its knees last fall — would keep bonus checks ranging from \$1,000 to \$6.5 million.

"This is a corporation that finds itself in financial distress due to recklessness and greed. Under these circumstances, it's hard to understand how derivative traders at AIG warranted any bonuses, much less \$165 million in extra pay," Obama said. "I mean, how do they justify this outrage to the taxpayers who are keeping the company afloat?"

New York Atty. Gen. Andrew Cuomo, whose office has been investigating AIG's executive compensation packages, is trying another approach in pursuit of the bonus money.

He said Monday he would issue subpoenas to the company for a list of recipients and for an accounting of whether they were involved in the activities that precipitated what has become the largest single federal bailout so far.

He's trying to determine whether AIG committed fraud in agreeing to the bonuses early last year despite growing multibillion-dollar losses that would have prevented them from being paid.

"We want the facts. We want the names and we want the amounts," Cuomo told reporters after AIG rebuffed his request to turn over the information voluntarily. "Nobody is trying to micromanage anyone's business. But we do want fairness and we want to prevent the absurd use of taxpayers' dollars."

AIG spokeswoman Christina Pretto said the company was in contact with Cuomo's office and would "respond appropriately to the subpoena." The company also has said it would work with federal officials to repay the bonus money.

Some members of Congress also were harsh, if not over the top. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) suggested that AIG executives follow "the Japanese example" by publicly apologizing and doing "one of two things: resign or commit suicide."

Obama's sharp comments were a reversal from Saturday, when administration officials said they had carefully reviewed AIG's contracts and determined they could not block the bonuses without risking greater financial losses for taxpayers.

They had expected that the bonuses would be paid by Sunday to employees of AIG's Financial Products unit. Cuomo said AIG officials told him the payments were made Friday.

The bonus plan adopted by AIG late in last year's first quarter was aimed at retaining 400 key employees of the Financial Products division at the company past certain dates. At the time, the company was backing about \$2.7 trillion worth of derivatives, according to AIG.

But the insurer was starting to struggle as many of the subprime mortgages it was in effect insuring began defaulting. The first indication of trouble came with a \$5.3-billion quarterly loss in the final three months of 2007 and was followed by a growing sea of red ink last year, starting with a \$7.8-billion loss in the first three months.

The company sought federal aid in September as it was unwinding the deals its specialty unit had made. The government took its first step, pledging billions in cash, to respond to what it saw as a broader threat to the worldwide financial system, where AIG was a major player.

Chief Executive Edward M. Liddy said last week that the company was trying to reduce compensation in the Financial Products division, where seven employees received more than \$3 million each in retention bonuses.

Liddy said the company also used contract employees in the unit, and the 25 highest-paid contract employees have agreed to reduce their remaining salary this year to \$1. He didn't disclose the total number of contract employees. Their salaries run as high as \$500,000 a year, with the average about \$270,000. In addition, salaries this year for an unspecified number of associate vice presidents and other officers in the division will be reduced by 10%.

It would be difficult, if not illegal, for the government to force the employees to return bonus money the company was contractually obligated to pay, employment law experts said.

"A contract between an employer and employee is a binding legal obligation enforceable not only like most contracts but under various laws that prohibit nonpayment of wages," said Paul Grossman at the Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker law firm.

The Financial Products division was centered in Connecticut and Britain, with employees also in France, Japan and Hong Kong. The company said it was concerned about lawsuits accusing it of breach of contract.

U.S. courts have given the government the power to regulate wages and prices, as President Nixon did when there was widespread concern about inflation in 1971. But those rules applied to many companies, said Richard A. Paul, a labor and employment law expert at the University of San Diego Law School.

Taking such aggressive action against one company could be problematic, particularly if there was an effort to change previous agreements. "When the government essentially orders someone to breach an otherwise enforceable agreement, does that amount to the government taking away a property right?" he said.

Paul and labor law professor Stephen Diamond of Santa Clara University School of Law said it would be relatively easy for the administration or Congress to demand limits on bonus payments as part of future federal bailouts.

The Bush administration did that when it provided bailout money to General Motors Corp. and Chrysler in December, requiring the companies to renegotiate labor contracts and bondholder agreements or face repayment of federal money.

But the public backlash now is over money that already has gone to AIG employees at a time when lawmakers are becoming increasingly angry over the growing price tag for bailing out financial institutions.

News of the bonuses sparked anger from the public and from lawmakers. Not only is AIG by far the largest recipient of federal bailout money, but the Financial Products division also designed and sold the complex credit-default swaps that guaranteed the mortgage-backed securities and other risky investments that soured.

Liddy argued Friday in a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner that, by contract, the bonuses had to be paid. Liddy also argued that retaining key employees was vital to unwinding the division's portfolio.

Liddy, who was brought in to run the company after the federal government took a majority stake in September, said he found paying the bonuses "distasteful and difficult." He is

scheduled to appear before a congressional subcommittee Wednesday to answer questions about AIG's bailout.

On Monday, 80 House Democrats wrote to Geithner to express their "outrage and disbelief" that AIG had paid the bonuses. Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Sherman Oaks) began work on legislation Monday that would tax bonuses received by AIG employees last year or this year.

"It's very clear to me that we could have – and still can – prevent this outrage," Sherman said.

Rep. Gary Peters (D-Mich.) beat Sherman to the punch, introducing a bill Monday calling for a 60% surtax on bonuses over \$10,000 at any company in which the U.S. government has an equity stake of at least 79%.

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A right to forgo treatment

Yale Kamisar / Special to The National Law Journal
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Last month, the Italian government issued an emergency decree to keep alive Eluana Englaro, a 38-year-old woman who has been in a vegetative state for many years. The decree was issued just when a private clinic was about to remove Englaro's feeding tube. Her father maintained (and several Italian courts had agreed) that it was his daughter's wish not to be kept alive under these circumstances. A few days later, as the Italian government rushed to pass legislation prohibiting feeding tubes from being removed from patients dependent on them, Englaro died.

The Englaro case has divided Italy just as the Terri Schiavo case divided the United States several years ago. (In the latter case, after a long legal battle, the patient's husband managed to get her feeding tube removed.)

Removing a person's feeding tube may look like — and strike many people as no different than — physician-assisted suicide or even euthanasia. But I submit that there is ample authority for the view that it is neither. (I am assuming that there is sufficient evidence of the patient's wish to forgo life-sustaining treatment.)

The right or liberty that the New Jersey Supreme Court established in the Karen Ann Quinlan case (*Matter of Quinlan*, 355 A.2d 647 (1976)) and the U.S. Supreme Court recognized 14 years later in the Nancy Cruzan case (*Cruzan by Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health*, 497 U.S. 261 (1990)) is not a "right to die" generally, but a more limited right to forgo unwanted medical procedures, including lifesaving treatment. In fact, the *Quinlan* case specifically distinguished between "letting die" on the one hand and both direct killing and assisted suicide on the other.

As the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law pointed out in its much-cited report "When Death is Sought: Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia in the Medical Context" (1994), "It is the right against intrusion — not a general right to control the timing and manner of death — that forms the basis of the constitutional right to refuse life-sustaining treatment." This right "has a well-established history in the laws of informed consent and battery." See www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/consumer/patient/chap4.htm.

A threat to autonomy

Not only would a prohibition against refusing or withdrawing life-sustaining treatment impose a heavy burden on patients in many instances, but it would also impair the autonomy of a great many more people than does a ban on physician-assisted suicide. Most of the 2 million people who die every year in this country do so in hospitals and long-term care institutions, and most of them die after a decision to forgo life-sustaining treatment has been made. If medical treatment could not be rejected, vast numbers of patients, to quote the New York Task Force Report again, would be "at the mercy of every technological advance."

As an eminent bioethicist, John Arras, has observed, "the practice of forgoing treatment is by now so deeply embedded in our social and medical practices that a reversal of policy on this point would throw most of our major medical institutions into a state approaching chaos."

When the Supreme Court sent the *Cruzan* case back down to the trial judge, he found additional evidence of her wish to die under the circumstances and then authorized the removal of life support. Otherwise, although there seemed to be no possibility that her condition would ever improve, Cruzan could have been kept "alive" in her persistent vegetative state for another 20 or 30 years!

Allowing a patient to die at some point (if that is her wish) is a practical condition on the successful operation of medicine. The same can hardly be said for physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia.

Moreover, if a patient could refuse potentially lifesaving treatment at the outset (and few, if any, would argue that people can be forced to undergo distressful chemotherapy or dialysis), ~~but~~ not be allowed to discontinue the treatment once it started, many people would probably not avail themselves of the treatment in the first place. (We want to encourage them to try new medical treatments, however, ~~because~~ sometimes these treatments will prove to be helpful.)

As those who read Art Buchwald's book *Too Soon To Say Goodbye* will recall, the well-known humorist tried kidney dialysis for a while, then decided he "didn't like it" and did not want any more. I submit it was his choice to make, and his doctors did not assist him in committing suicide or practicing euthanasia when they honored his wish.

Yale Kamisar, professor of law at the University of San Diego and professor emeritus of law at the University of Michigan, wrote his first article on "Mercy Killing," as it was then called, 51 years ago (in his first year of teaching). Since then, he has written dozens of articles on euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide and constitutional-criminal

Law Firms, Once Solid as a Rock, Show Cracks in Downturn

By RICH ACELLO

Monday, March 23, 2009 | The focal point at many law firms these days is the conference room. Though conference rooms still host pep talks, strategy sessions, and birthday parties, they are also where law firm employees go to be laid off. That's why employees are keeping an anxious eye on the booking of the conference room, especially when a senior partner reserves it on a Friday.

Paranoia has become commonplace as law firms around the nation have jettisoned thousands of attorneys and support staff recently, and San Diego's law firm employees have not been spared. Last month, local firm Luce Forward laid off 12 attorneys and 15 support staff, and scuttled the program that brings third-year students on as newly-minted associates.

In January, Cooley Godward Kronish, which is headquartered in Palo Alto but has offices in a number of cities including San Diego, cut 52 attorneys and 62 staff from its ranks; Cooley laid off seven attorneys and five support staff from its San Diego office, according to a source who asked not be identified.

National law firm Paul Hastings recently let go of two San Diego attorneys and an unspecified number of staff, said Mary Dollarhide, a partner in the San Diego office.

DLA Piper and Latham & Watkins, so-called national firms with sizable staffs in San Diego, both announced layoffs in January, but declined to discuss whether their San Diego contingents remained intact; Morrison & Foerster, which has more than 100 employees in San Diego, laid off 53 attorneys and 148 staff in January, but declined to talk about layoffs in San Diego.

While the number of attorneys laid off is dwarfed by firings in other sectors, the law firm layoffs underscore the weakness in the economy because in past recessions, law firms have prospered in the "countercyclical" environment, because business is naturally more contentious when there's less to share, and because lawyers are necessary to restructure failing corporations.

But this recession is different, attorneys claim. Businesses aren't reorganizing, they're liquidating, leaving less work for lawyers. With credit scarce, transactions are at a standstill, and litigation begs the question "what am I going to get, and how much is it going to cost me?" Law firm profits can no longer sustain the suddenly unproductive real estate transaction practice; among the most disillusioned and vulnerable lawyers are young associates with massive student loan obligations and no "book of business" to claim as their own. Their angst is reaching down to law schools, charged with supplying even more lawyers to firms who can't use them.

"Twelve lawyers and 15 staff may sound little, but it was excruciating," said Kirk Kicklighter, managing partner at Luce Forward. "It's not a huge percentage — we have around 185 attorneys — but it's a profession based on investing in people for the long term. You're not used to dealing with people as expenses but as assets, so it's terrible to have to cut people."

"Historically, lawyers do well when the economy is either growing or declining, because changes bring opportunity," Kicklighter said. "But this particular decline was so swift, it hit the transactional practices much harder in a shorter time period of time and so there's less of a horizon suggesting when those transactional practices will come back to proper levels, especially real estate."

Even commercial financial disasters prove lucrative for lawyers, since companies get reorganized and an orderly payment of creditors is arranged, so that the enterprise or some new version of it can continue. "In this recession, though," Kicklighter said, "people were just turning the keys over and walking away. When they do that there's no one to sue or negotiate with and we see the same thing happening in retail, where companies are liquidating" rather than reorganizing.

A law firm partner who asked not to be identified agrees this downturn is different.

"In the past we relied on the 'countercyclical effect,' because there's more litigation, but that's largely not true this time around," he says. "This is such a severe downturn and capital is so precious that people don't want to spend on anything including fighting litigation," though he notes "our bankruptcy practice is very busy."

The partner senses vulnerability among the large national firms. "It used to be just 10 or 20 years ago, law firms were smaller, regionally based businesses," he adds. "But now if you're national or even international, you can't steer clear of the big shifts in the economy."

Meanwhile, Dollarhide's employment law practice at Hastings is "hopping," she says. "My work is related to reductions in force."

Dollarhide leads the Hastings employment law department in San Diego and advises business clients about how not to get sued for discrimination when downsizing. The trend is going toward age discrimination. "If you look at numbers, we're laying off the older workers," Dollarhide said. "They're laid off because they're more expensive."

Though the workforce in general may be laying off older workers, the legal industry is laying off the young, which has become a hot topic among recent law school grads. They vent on abovethelaw.com, a popular legal blog that keeps a running tally of law firm layoffs.

Commenters on a recent abovethelaw.com story took up the question of whether it was in hindsight irresponsible to take out student loans for law school. "It wasn't irresponsible to take out those loans when I had a \$160,000 job lined up," snapped one. "I didn't know I was going to get laid off as a first year along with half my class and 87 other people from my office."

Rants questioning the value of a legal education are taken seriously by Lou Helmuth, assistant dean for career services at San Diego's California Western School of Law, who says he reads abovethelaw.com daily.

Helmuth says he's concerned about firms like Luce Looney Ricks Kiss dropping new associate programs, but adds that many law students do not land a job until they graduate and take a state bar exam. At Cal Western the majority of students find a job after taking the bar, Helmuth said, while about 40 percent receive an offer before the exam. Another aspect of this recession is a trend toward hiring so-called "junior lawyers" instead of associates, he said. "The difference is there's no security, no promise of longevity, it's addressing the need for a human resource, but balancing that with concerns about when the other shoe might drop. It's an entry level job, but not a 'partner track' like an associate would be."

Law schools are also concerned about keeping up the number of applications.

At the University of San Diego School of Law, Carl Eging, assistant dean of admissions and financial aid, says applications are up 1 percent over last year, as 4,300 applicants vie for about 1,200 first year seats.

"Normally the axiom is recessions are good for graduate school enrollment," he said. "Generally, someone starts thinking seriously about law school in their junior year (of undergraduate school), and it's a question of whether the full effect of the current recession was known to people at that point, so they may have already made plans or they are sitting it out a year to see what happens." *Rich Acello is a San Diego-based freelance writer. Please contact us directly at andrew.donohue@voiceofsandiego.org with your thoughts, ideas, personal stories or tips. Or set the tone of the debate with [a letter to the editor](#).*

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Children's Advocacy Institute gives Wiggins high marks

abused or neglected."

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The Children's Advocacy Institute of the University of San Diego School of Law recently gave State Sen. Patricia Wiggins (D-Santa Rosa) a 100 percent ranking on her votes related to children-friendly legislation.

"Protecting children may seem particularly challenging in light of our current economic crisis, but we must do all that we can to ensure that each and every California child enjoys a safe, healthy and productive environment," Wiggins said. "They are, and they should always be, our No. 1 priority."

The institute's report card ranked legislators' votes on 23 bills voted on by both the state Assembly and Senate.

"Bill subjects ranged from nutrition, child care and child development to education, child protection and children's health and safety," according to the announcement. "Wiggins voted in sync with the advocacy group's positions on all 23 bills."

Among the 2nd District Senator's work was serving as co-author on Assembly Bill 12, extending housing and other forms of assistance to thousands of foster care youth -- who currently must leave the system at age 18 or 19 -- until they turn 21.

The passage of AB 12, Wiggins said, "could significantly increase the amount of federal funds that California receives to support children who are

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Music to Its Ears: Symphony Receives \$200,000 From Recital



A recital benefiting the San Diego Symphony was held at the home of Joan Jacobs and Irwin Jacobs on Feb. 25. Van Cleef and Arpel Jewelers, Waters Fine Catering, The San Diego Union-Tribune, David Copley and the Jacobses were sponsors. The event raised \$200,000 for Symphony programs ... The San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts received a \$20,000 gift from Tony Award-winner Sara Ramirez. The funds will go to the drama, music and dance departments, and piano fund. Ramirez, who attended the school, said it "played a huge role in where and who I am today, so I would like to take this time to give a little something back" ... A cut-a-thon was held Feb. 22 at Lynnel's Hair Design in Point Loma to raise money to furnish the new salon at the Ronald

McDonald House. Fifteen hairstylists volunteered their services to raise \$1,000 for the salon ... The Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Center received 25 percent of purchases at the Carlsbad Pat & Oscar's on Feb. 27. Proceeds benefit the recovery programs of Project Walk, which helps people with spinal cord injuries ... The Lance Armstrong Foundation awarded the Emelio Naras Foundation the E. Lee Walker Imagination Award, created to recognize innovation in cancer survivorship programs. It's named after a former chairman of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, E. Lee Walker ... Blue Shield of California Foundation awarded \$1.4 million to the National Family Justice Center Alliance to launch the California Family Justice Initiative, a network of nine domestic violence centers. BSCF funds will support three regional centers, including one in San Diego. "By coordinating services to a woman fleeing abuse, and delivering them in one location,

we'll make it easier and more convenient for these women to get care when they need it most," said Crystal Hayling, president and CEO of BSCF ... Victoria Fabry, a professor in biological sciences at Cal State San Marcos, was awarded a Leopold Leadership Fellowship at Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment. The program helps academic scientists make their research accessible to decision makers ... Junior League of San Diego held a luncheon Feb. 28 to celebrate its 80th anniversary. Union Bank of California and Hansen's Natural were among co-sponsors. The \$75,000 raised will support several programs, including Kids in the Kitchen, scheduled for March 28, for children to learn about healthy eating and exercise and how to integrate them into their lives ... The San Diego Archaeological Center received a \$10,000 grant from Pacific Life Foundation to help support a traveling exhibition in collaboration

with I Love a Coach San Diego. The center also received \$100,000 in support of the Stephen Birch and Mary Birch Foundation. The grant is to support an archaeological site investigation program. The University of San Diego Nonprofit Management Group is assisting in the development of the program ... Administaff, a Texas-based company with offices in San Diego, presented a \$25,000 check to Voceel, a Sabre Springs-based provider of cell phone software applications, on March 9. Voceel is the second place winner of Administaff's nationwide small-business sweepstakes. Winners can use the money as they see fit. Last year, Laptops Plus in Kearny Mesa won the \$100,000 grand prize ... Best Lawyers magazine named Vista attorney James Hennenhofer its 2009 San Diego Family Lawyer of the Year.

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The stock ratings trap

By Jerome S. Fons and Frank Partnoy, New York Times

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When Standard & Poor's, the bond-rating agency, lowered General Electric's rating to AA+ from AAA last week, many were shocked at the tarnishing of one of America's most revered corporations. But the real scandal is how long it took S&P to make that minor change — and that the other major ratings firm, Moody's, still hasn't — even though GE's dividend has been slashed by two-thirds and its stock price had fallen below \$7, from nearly \$40 a year ago.

Why, more than a year into the crisis, do regulators and investors continue to rely on ratings? No one has been more wrong than Moody's and S&P. Less than a year ago both gave high ratings to 11 of the largest distressed financial institutions. They put the insurance giant American International Group in the AA category. They rated Lehman Brothers an A just a month before it collapsed. Until recently, the agencies maintained AAA ratings on thousands of nearly worthless subprime-related securities.

The reason for this continued reliance on ratings is simple: bad regulation. We have seen up close how legal rules that depend on ratings pervert the process. One of us worked at Moody's and was a frequent in-house critic of how the agencies put troubled companies on artificial "watch lists" while they maintained overly optimistic letter ratings. The other of us worked in Morgan Stanley's derivatives group, which designed risky structured products that nevertheless obtained high ratings. These deals were the ancestors of the highly rated subprime mortgage derivatives at the center of the crisis.

The trip down the dysfunctional regulatory path began after the 1929 crash, when Gustav Osterhus, an examiner at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, proposed a system for weighting the value of a bank's portfolio. He felt regulators needed to be able to express a portfolio's "safety" with letter symbols.

Since then, the number of financial regulations based on ratings has skyrocketed. Money market funds can buy only bonds rated in the top two categories. Banks' capital requirements are lower for highly rated securities. Even federal highway financing depends on credit ratings.

Over time, ratings became valuable not because of their accuracy but because they "unlock" markets; that is, they are a sort of regulatory license that allows money to flow. Moreover, institutional investors came to rely on ratings for contracts that don't even need regulatory approval. Trillions of dollars of derivatives payments depend on ratings. Much of the panic at AIG stemmed from ratings "triggers" embedded in credit default swaps, in which billions of dollars of payments depended on how Moody's and S&P labeled AIG's credit risk.

This has left us in a ratings trap. As more regulators and institutions rely on ratings, the agencies have become increasingly reluctant to downgrade. Even a one-notch downgrade of AIG before it hit the shoals would have saddled it with an extra \$8 billion of obligations. It is no coincidence that when government officials were debating the fourth round of AIG bailouts this month, they quietly called on the rating agencies to ensure that they would not downgrade the insurer. In a crisis, downgrading debt can be like firing a bullet into a company's heart.

The system is rife with conflicts of interest. The ratings agencies get a fortune from corporations to evaluate their bonds and naturally don't want to bite the hand that feeds them. Nor do they want to admit a mistake or antagonize investors who might have to sell after a downgrade.

The only way out of the trap is to reduce reliance on ratings. First, regulators should undo the regulation web they began creating during the 1930s. The Securities and Exchange Commission has called for eliminating reliance on ratings, but that proposal has stalled in the face of intense lobbying.

For their part, investors should stop putting ratings-related language into financial contracts. The terms of credit default swaps and other derivatives should be free of ratings-based triggers. Banking supervisors should insist that loan contracts not refer to ratings. Fund sponsors, pension plan administrators and insurance regulators should remove ratings-based criteria.

The financial markets can function without letter ratings. Instead of relying on arbitrary letters, regulators and investors should consider all of the information available about an investment, including market prices.

Finally, regulators and investors should return to the tool they used to assess credit risk before they began delegating responsibility to the rating agencies. That tool is called judgment.

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SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

March 20, 2009



USD events hone in on nonprofit sector

Two University of San Diego events examine the options open to nonprofits as the economic downturn squeezes harder.

National policy expert Rick Cohen addresses how nonprofits can tackle a "shifting economic paradigm" in his presentation "Questioning Basic Assumptions: Conversations about Nonprofits and Philanthropy in Troubled Times."

The Friday event takes place from 8:30-11 a.m. in Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, Executive Classroom, Room 102.

On Saturday, Cohen joins Rep. Susan Davis (D-San Diego) and Karen Baker, state secretary for Service and Volunteering, for a panel discussion on the economic stimulus and state budget and the implications for nonprofits.

The event runs from 1-3 p.m. in Mother Rosalie Hill Hall's Warren Auditorium. Source Code: 20090319czf

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USD hosting college leadership summit

The Community College Leadership Summit will be held March 19-20 at the University of San Diego.

The Community College Leadership Development Initiatives Foundation is holding this summit to explore the current and future status of community college leadership development through a dialogue among community college and university leaders. For more information, call 619-260-7605. Source Code: 20090304czi

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EDUCATION

The Community College Leadership Summit, an event to explore the current and future status of community college leadership development, will be held March 19-20 at USD. The **Community College Leadership Development Initiatives Foundation** is the sponsor. Conference speakers include **Jack Scott**, chancellor of **California Community Colleges**; **Charles Reed**, chancellor of **California State University**; and **Mark Yudof**, president of the **University of California** system. For more information, call (619) 260-7605.

DAILY BUSINESS REPORT

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NONPROFITS

How the federal economic stimulus package and the recently enacted state budget impacts nonprofit organization is the topic of a March 21 program sponsored by USD's Caster Family Center for Nonprofit Research. Its title: "Deciphering the Economic Stimulus Package and State Budget: What Nonprofits Need to Know and Do Next." The location: **Mother Rosalie Hill Hall's Warren Auditorium** from 1 to 3 p.m.

Rep. **Susan Davis** will speak about the stimulus package and what it means to nonprofit organizations and the people they serve. **Karen Baker**, California Secretary for Service and Volunteering, will speak about the state strategy for working with nonprofit organizations. **Rick Cohen**, author and policy expert, will talk about the short- and long-term implications of the recovery package for nonprofit organizations.

Make reservations by calling **Carmen Valencia** at (619) 260-8839.

Nonprofits on Notice: Stimulus Cash Coming

Recovery Act Offering \$50B in Direct State Aid

BY CONNIE LEWIS
Staff Writer



Irene Stillings

Not only does her organization have a good track record of working with a government agency — the state Public Utilities Commission — she also has several proposals “sitting on a desk gathering dust” that could be submitted once the application process begins.

Stillings was one of 175 nonprofit executives who gathered March 21 in a University of San Diego auditorium to hear what U.S. Rep. Susan Davis, D-Calif., state

Irene Stillings, director of the California Center for Sustainable Energy, is confident she's in a good position to tap money the state receives from Washington's economic



U.S. Rep. Susan Davis

Secretary for Service and Volunteering Karen Baker, and national policy expert Rick Cohen had to say about the stimulus package and what it means to them.

According to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would pump \$85 billion into the state, including \$50 billion in direct aid. However, the amount available for nonprofits was uncertain.

Research Funds Availability

Cohen said nonprofits should take an entrepreneurial approach by doing some research and making first drafts of proposals, as he expects a quick turnaround will be needed.

“A key point for nonprofits will be to show how they can use the different kinds of funding to meet the purposes of the Recovery Act — primarily to create jobs and assist people who are most severely impacted by the economic downturn,” he said. “If I were a nonprofit, I'd read the bill ... identify areas that fit my agency and get familiar with them.”

Their proposals should also include what he calls “scalable solutions,” meaning measurable ways to positively affect current economic problems.

Additionally, he recommends that nonprofits “get in front of the state agencies likely to be implementers” to demonstrate interest in participating in



Karen Baker

grantee could give a nonprofit a competitive advantage, Baker said, adding that California is one of 16 states that will be scrutinized by the federal Government Accountability Office on how they use their funds because of the size of their populations.

Davis said that nonprofits already receiving federal funding should go to the agency that administers them to find out if they qualify for additional funds under the new act. Those not on the receiving end of federal or state grants need to figure out what department or agency funds the types of activities they perform and make inquiries there. The federal government's Web site is recovery.gov.

Even though much remains to be spelled out regarding the stimulus package and how it will filter down to nonprofits, Davis advised against hiring consultants.

Decline In Donations

Stillings said that while her 12-year-old organization has an operating budget of

their programs.

“If you wait until the forms are ready and the procedures are made public, you're too late,” Cohen added.

Having a track record as a former

\$6 million for the current year, 90 percent of which comes from rate payer-funded programs via the state Public Utility Commission, she's seen a 50 percent decline in private donations.

“And that hurts even though the core of what we do is pretty secure,” she said.

On the bright side, the Recovery Act promises to invest in energy-efficiency promotion and the creation of green jobs in communities.

To that end, Stillings said her agency instructs home and building owners on ways to save on energy consumption. Furthermore, it could open a satellite office in another county and hire more people if it had additional funding.

Doug Perkins, executive director for the San Diego Association of Nonprofits, recently sent a survey to its 60 members, though only half responded, 43 percent said they'd experienced a decline of 10 percent or more in donations during the first quarter of 2008 compared with the same

“I can tell you that even though I'm very concerned about what's happening and what's going to happen,” Perkins added.

Nonprofits play a big role in housing the poor and feeding the hungry, Davis told the group gathered at USD.


“America needs your services now more than ever,” she said.

A Year of Grier

By EMILY ALPERT

Sunday, March 22, 2009 | The honeymoon was short for Superintendent Terry Grier – very short. As soon as he walked through the all-but-revolving doors of San Diego Unified, Grier plunged into a bruising budget crisis and a bond campaign.


His actions and ideas quickly earned the enmity of the teachers' union and the financial bleeding only worsened this year. And the November election ushered in a new school board majority that was less enthusiastic about his aggressive style, sparking rumors that Grier was already on his way out.



The Good

- A new virtual high school and "credit recovery" labs to take classes online
- Forcing departments to budget from scratch and "scrubbing the budget"

"He has a wonderful urgency about him. He doesn't get intimidated or dissuaded or scared off by people with strong opinions, but he'll bend and change and adjust."
— Katherine Nakamura



The Bad

- Souring relationships with the unions over the budget crisis and bargaining
- Failing to fully explain some quick decisions to parents or the public

"The biggest problem in this school district right now is Terry Grier. We don't trust him. How can we resolve these big issues when the person at the other side of the table is someone that nobody trusts?"
— Camille Zombro

But a year later, Grier is still here and insisting that he has no plans to jump ship. He has deferred to the new school board without public protest and praises its new president Shelia Jackson, who was once one of his toughest critics.

"Just getting along with the school board is an accomplishment in San Diego," said school board member John de Beck. "He has made the transition and that is amazing."

Grier began his tenure last March at a rapid pace, unfolding new ideas, hiring new staffers, and revamping almost every department in the school district. He planned to slash the dropout rate with programs that prepare kids for college and link schoolwork to a future career. He planned to fold technology into every classroom. He planned to slash the achievement gap between black and Latino students and their white and Asian classmates. New plans seemed to sprout from every corner of the school district.

"He wants to move quickly – some would say maybe too quickly. But we have too many kids failing to wait. He talks about that all the time," said Paula Cordeiro, dean of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences at the University of San Diego.

Grier argued that teachers should be paid more for working in disadvantaged neighborhoods, a controversial method that he tried in his last district in North Carolina. He even took on little issues like how employees dressed, chiding the workers in the central offices for their spaghetti straps, blue jeans and flip flops. And each of his new ideas and plans, big and small, seemed to conjure up the same fearful refrain.

"Anytime you talk about trying to do something different or innovative or new, immediately your critics jump up and say, 'Oh, you can't do that,'" Grier said. "Why not? And they say, 'Well, Bersin did that. You're going to be compared to Bersin.'"

The Southern firebrand is frequently compared to Alan Bersin, a former superintendent who oversaw a controversial overhaul of the schools, was favored by business leaders as a driven reformer, loathed by the teachers union, and eventually prodded out by critics who called him abrasive and inflexible. It is sometimes a compliment, sometimes a slur, and sometimes a cautionary tale.

Grier once joked that he had never met Bersin, but he felt like the man was living in his closet.

Grier is a longtime educator, unlike Bersin, and is touted by some of the same board members who disliked the former school chief. He is also compared, albeit much less frequently, to the peacemaker Superintendent Carl Cohn. But whether or not the Bersin comparison is apt, Grier is dogged by some of the same complaints as Bersin, trying to deploy some of the same ideas as Bersin, and hoping to avoid the same fate as Bersin.

"The thing that you hear over and over again about Alan Bersin was that very few people disagreed with where he was trying to go, but his style turned people who would have agreed with him into opponents," said Richard Barrera, a new member of the school board. "I very much worry about that with Terry's style."

He added, "It could result in people resisting change that I think might actually be good for the district."

That question has continued to haunt Grier as his second year rolls forward. Nobody quibbles with his push to keep teenagers from dropping out. Few would argue with his idea of building up classroom technology. But the legacy of Bersin persists in reminding San Diego Unified that the "how" of school reform can be just as critical as the "what." And there is no shortage of challenges ahead of Grier, from the evolving budget crisis to the alienated unions to the unrolling of the new facilities bond -- not to mention steering students away from dropping out and closing the achievement gap.

Scrubbing the Budget and Mending Fences

Grier has yet to be evaluated by the school board, and it is too early to say whether test scores have risen or fallen under his watch. His three annual goals are upping the graduation rate by 2.5 percent, developing a balanced and transparent budget, and crafting a strategy for the future of San Diego Unified that includes a clear system of goals, internal monitoring, and identifying the best teachers and principals possible.

He has courted the business community, which has shied from getting involved in the schools since Bersin was pushed out of the district, and reached out to local luminaries in the universities to share ideas. Some of his fans liken him to a CEO at a thriving company, moving quickly and delegating tasks based on data, with a clear focus on an end result. Attorney Tyler Cramer, once the chairman of the now-dissolved Business Roundtable for Education, said he "could manage any organization on the planet."

Yet the business analogies are worrisome to Jackson and other new board members who believe that the traditional model of school change, in which a superintendent shakes up a system from the top, has failed. They want to gather ideas at the grassroots level and get the superintendent to carry them out. Grier is adjusting to that idea, Jackson said. But hanging back is not instinctive for a superintendent with Grier's sense of urgency.

"I don't want to tinker around with a little change here and a little change there," he said. "We want to transform how we do business."

Some of his plans are already done or underway. Grier successfully pushed a new virtual high school and "credit recovery" classes where teens who have fallen behind can make up classes online. San Diego Unified snagged a plum planning grant to ramp up career technical education. And he has taken on the unglamorous task of cleaning up the business side of San Diego Unified by forcing departments to build their budgets from scratch, reorganizing the district, and changing how schools are funded. Barrera credits him with "scrubbing the budget."

"We are a more coherent, focused and better run district now," said Katherine Nakamura, another school board member. "Without him, I hate to think where we'd be."

But the budget crises hijacked his time and eventually slowed his pace. Some of his ideas -- most notably any move toward paying teachers more to work at disadvantaged schools -- seem to have stalled after the election of the new board. He wishes he had made more progress toward his dream of a multitude of small, themed high schools that would reel in students who had dropped out with personalized attention and creative curricula.

Grier's passions are evident and he is rarely at a loss for a new idea. Yet critics contend that his larger strategy for reshaping San Diego Unified is still unclear to them. It is the exact opposite of the praise he has received from business leaders and intellectuals who describe him as more focused and intentional than any superintendent in recent memory -- a sign of the deep rift in opinions over Grier and his leadership.

Some of his decisions have been poorly explained or hastily unrolled, hurting his credibility with parents and community groups. He yanked a popular principal from a Sherman Heights school and reinstated him after parents howled. Sweeping proposals that barred criticism of the superintendent and his staff and empowered Grier to decimate old policies were scrapped. And he lost points with many parents by quietly delegating a politically explosive question -- which small elementary schools should be closed to save money -- to a committee and hinting that he could waive policies to speed up school closures.

"It was all wrong. The public practically had to force its way in," said Holly Stevens, president of the Parent Teacher Association at Sequoia Elementary. She added, "I think he's trying. But he should involve the public -- sooner and completely."

Yet Grier has showed that he can be willing to bend and change his plans. When the school board decided this month that closing schools was not an option, Grier fell in line and searched for savings elsewhere. He reinstated the popular principal last summer and he quickly dropped the two contentious policies, uttering a now familiar phrase: "I'm easy with that."

"He has had to patch up a lot of fences," said Bruce McGirr, president of the Administrators Association, which includes principals and other school managers. His group had problems with Grier not seeking their input earlier in his tenure, McGirr said, but that has changed. "In the beginning he was pretty much a one man show. He's finally figuring out that he can get a lot more working with us than working without us."

'The Biggest Problem ... Is Terry Grier'

One example of the clashes Grier has inspired and the challenges he faces is the fate of the "cohort" plan, floated early in his tenure, to keep all students with the same teachers, chosen randomly for the students, between kindergarten and second grade. Parents revolted against the idea and then-board member Mitz Lee invoked the missteps of Bersin. So Grier pared it back to a pilot program to be studied at a few dozen schools and sweetened the deal by allowing for smaller classes at some schools.

The difference between Grier and Bersin is that Grier listened, Lee said. "We said, 'It is not going to work.' And he didn't press that."

But not everyone felt that Grier listened. While teachers were eager for smaller classes, their union President Camille Zombro said the plan was a weird "grand experiment" that looked nothing like what teachers would have designed, using precious resources in a scattered manner. Changes in class size have to be bargained with the union, she said, but the plan was unrolled without any negotiation.

So the union filed a charge that San Diego Unified had violated labor law by not working out the plan with the union. Zombro said it has now filed four such charges with the Public Employment Relations Board. It filed none under the last superintendent, she said. The cohort plan is now completely in limbo due to budget cuts. And the ice between Grier and many of the unions has only thickened.

"The biggest problem in this school district right now is Terry Grier," Zombro said. "We don't trust him. How can we resolve these big issues when the person at the other side of the table is someone that nobody trusts?"

Bargaining with the teachers over a new contract has all but ground to a halt over the past eight months. Unions criticize Grier for bringing in outside experts to handle reforms, such as a new way to evaluate principals, calling it wasteful. And they are suspicious of the expansion of his cabinet to include more than twice as many school chiefs — an action that Grier contends actually saved money. Zombro called him unreasonable and divisive after the school district worked out a budget plan that relied on concessions from unions as a way to avoid deeply unpopular cuts to athletics and the arts. His relationships with the unions that represent bus drivers, secretaries and other employees are almost as dismal.

"He has failed to bring in our employees and unions to get their input," said Dave Fernandez, a labor relations representative for the California School Employees Association. He added, "We weren't invited to the budget discussions until February. And we find that frustrating."

Grier cited the sour relationship with the teachers union as his chief mistake. ~~But he could not say what he would have done differently, saying, "It's hard to second guess yourself." Barrera said that he had seen no change in how the superintendent and the union interact. Overcoming that divide is perhaps the greatest hurdle for Grier. But throwing off the long, persistent shadow of Alan Bersin is another, perhaps no smaller challenge.~~

"He is his own superintendent. We are all going to have to get past that," said Scott Himmelstein, director of the Central for Education Policy and Law at the University of San Diego. He is consulting San Diego Unified on its career education plans. "And that is what Terry is trying to do."

Please contact Emily Alpert directly at emily.alpert@voiceofsandiego.org with your thoughts, ideas, personal stories or tips. Or set the tone of the debate with a letter to the editor.

School of Nursing

Adult and child obesity: Impact on health and economic costs for California

Guest Commentary

By Kathy Shadle
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We have a public health problem in the United States that is costly. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that obesity attributed health care costs are about \$75 billion nationally, of which about half are publicly financed.

In California, obesity costs an estimated \$21.7 billion a year in direct and indirect medical care (\$10.2 billion), workers' compensation (\$338 million) and lost productivity (\$11.2 billion). California's annual cost of physical inactivity was estimated at \$13.3 billion. Why so high? California's combined rates of obese and overweight adults total 52.5 percent of the state's population.

The health care costs associated with obese adults are well documented. As reported from the National Business Group on Health, compared to adults within a healthy weight range, obese adults spend:

- 105 percent more on prescription drugs;
 - 36 percent more on inpatient services;
 - 14 percent more on outpatient services; and
 - 36 percent more on all medical care.
- It's not bad enough that adults are over-

weight. We are infecting our children with our bad habits as well. Childhood obesity has tripled during the past three decades. Although we like to blame our "genes," the contribution from genetics doesn't compare to the epidemic we are experiencing from lifestyle habits. Businesses have a vested interest in addressing the problem of obesity among youth to ensure that the future work force is healthy and to contain health care costs. What is the problem and what are some of the answers that can help us save costs and lives?

Less than half of American adults in 2007 engaged in enough physical activity to provide health benefits. If 10 percent of adults began a regular walking program, \$5.6 billion per year in heart disease-related care could be saved, according to the CDC. A sustained weight loss of 10 percent will reduce lifetime medical costs of an individual by \$2,200 to \$5,300 by lowering costs associated with hypertension, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and high cholesterol. For example, if you weigh 180 pounds and lose 18 pounds you would have significant health benefits (reducing your risk for stroke, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure). Walking a mile burns about 150 calories. If you did that every day, you would lose 15

pounds in a year without any other significant changes.

Parents play an important role in the process. Even though most parents are busy just trying to survive, there are promising approaches to provide for a healthier future work force. These approaches tend to be effective, regardless of age. The Top 10 habits that will benefit all ages:

1. Reduce or eliminate juices or sodas;
 2. Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day;
 3. Limit TV and screen time to one hour a day;
 4. Be physically active one hour a day (start with 30 minutes);
 5. Prepare more meals at home;
 6. Eat at the table as a family at least five or six times per week;
 7. Eat a healthy breakfast every day;
 8. Involve the whole family in lifestyle changes;
 9. Allow a child to self-regulate his or her meals and avoid overly restrictive feeding behaviors;
 10. Breastfeed, if you're the mother of a baby, to reduce the risk of childhood obesity.
- Along with individual prevention efforts,

employers can work through benefits managers, medical directors, and wellness program directors to improve care for employees and their families. Employers can offer programs which help employees develop coping skills to manage stress and balance family and work life.

Companies may start programs such as "Know Your Body Mass Index Challenge" to encourage employees to track their own BMI and those of dependents, post active and event calendars from the local YMCA community center to keep employees informed about local, family friendly activities or post health promotion information such as the food pyramid or food pyramid labels in company cafeterias.

We can all help to decrease obesity and health costs. It will be good for our family... and for our country's state of health.

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Doctorate Programs Offer Nurses Different Options

By E. Louise Ondash, RN, contributor

Carol Rogers, RN, APRN-BC, of Mesa, Arizona, never thought she'd pursue a doctorate in nursing, but her husband knew all along that she would.



Bernadette Melnyk, Dean and Distinguished Foundation Professor in Nursing at Arizona State University, says it's important for nurses contemplating doctorates to understand that the Ph.D. prepares nurses to generate evidence and the DNP educates to use the evidence to improve patient outcomes.

"He told me I'd get my Ph.D. when I was going for my bachelor's even though I didn't think so," said Rogers, a 52-year-old nurse of 20 years who, thanks to two scholarships, is a full-time doctoral student at Arizona State University (ASU) College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation in Phoenix. Her focus is on exercise for older adults that will help them continue to live independently and she also wants to teach at the university level. "I want to be able to teach in gerontology so upcoming nurses have a good foundation for caring for older people."

Rogers chose the more traditional doctoral program—the Ph.D.—as opposed to the newer doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program because the latter "focuses on clinical applications and practicing evidence-based medicine, but it is not research-focused," she explained. "I want to do research myself, looking at questions that haven't been answered."

Diane Nunez RN, DNP, MS, ANP, BC, of nearby Tempe, Arizona, chose to pursue a DNP at ASU for the exact reason that Rogers did not.

"I've always been a practicing clinician," said the 42-year-old mother of three who just completed her DNP program. "I'm more interested in applying relevant evidence to practice rather than generating new evidence and research."

It's important for nurses to have practice doctorates, she added, because "other professions like pharmacists and physical therapists have practice doctorates. They are all sitting at the table with physicians and, until now, nurses have had a back-row seat. Having DNP shows that I have a higher level of education and a higher level of thinking that brings me to the collaborative team at the same level as everyone else."

The proliferation of new DNP degree programs has generated some debate and confusion. Until recently, a doctor of philosophy and of nursing science were the only doctoral degrees in nursing, according to Susan Instone, DNSc, APRN, director of DNP and Advanced Practice Nursing Programs and professor at the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science at the University of San Diego. (The university offers both Ph.D. and DNP programs.)

The first DNP program was established at Case Western Reserve University in 1979, and other early programs included ones at Purdue University, Columbia University, the University of Kentucky and the University of Tennessee Memphis. By 2005, "there were only eight DNP programs in the country," Instone said, but that began changing in 2003 because of two things.

The first was a report by the Institute of Medicine in 2000 which concluded that "we needed to do a better job of educating people to understand the health care system in the U.S. and to improve patient outcomes," Instone explained.

The second factor was a 2004 declaration by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing which mandated that nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, midwives and nurse anesthetists have doctorates as of 2015. Thus the DNP was born and by 2006 there were 22 programs. One year later, there were 30. Currently there are about 85 DNP programs with 100 more in development.

"The driving force of DNP programs was the increasing emphasis on incorporating evidence into practice," Instone said. "If you expect more of new graduates, you need to have them in grad programs with the skills they need to bring innovations into their practice that will improve patient outcomes."

Most DNP programs are based online. A few, like the one at the University of San Diego, are not. "I think that these DNP graduates are going to achieve a great deal in terms of improving access to care and quality of care," Instone predicted. "For instance, there is an initiative to convert patient records to electronic medical records, which is part of the solution to improving quality and outcome. Our grads will be experts at using data to achieve the things we've always talked about." How do you choose the type of doctoral program that's right for you?

First, understand that the degrees are quite different, said Bernadette Melnyk RN, Ph.D., CPNP/INPP, FAAN, FNAP, ASU's Dean and Distinguished Foundation Professor in Nursing.

"The key difference is that the Ph.D. prepares you to generate the evidence and the DNP educates you to be expert users of evidence to improve patient outcomes. Both can teach, but the requirement for tenure in universities throughout the country—especially research universities—is that you do research."

Finding and acquiring funding for that research also is required, Melnyk added, "so a DNP wouldn't prepare you to do that or the rigorous research."

There are different time requirements, too.

It takes one to three years to earn a DNP, depending on whether you start with a bachelor's or master's degree, while a Ph.D. calls for four to five years of schooling.

The University of Rochester (U of R) School of Nursing in Rochester, N.Y., opened their DNP program in 2007 and "we have yet to graduate our first graduates," said Margaret Kearney RN, Ph.D., FAAN, professor and director of doctoral programs. But when they do, they are "expected to end up in high responsibility jobs in the clinical setting."

The U of R also has an older Ph.D. program in which "most students work closely with researchers on the faculty. We want them to publish and write grants. The main thing we need them to show is that they understand what research is."

Earning a doctorate can be expensive, but "some programs waive tuition because they are helping the school by being part of the faculty research team and lending their brain power," Kearney said. "Other Ph.D. programs offer a stipend for the cost of living. (The U of R) offers probably the largest stipend in the country—\$25,000 for each of the four years."

Kearney also encourages nurses who want to pursue a Ph.D. to start early.

"The average Ph.D. student is in her 40s, but she should be in her 20s," she said. "As soon as nurses decide that research is the path they'd like to go, they should start."

There may be debate about which doctorate is more advantageous, but in the end, there needs to be good collaboration between Ph.D. and DNP nurses," Melnyk said. "It's not enough to generate evidence unless you can translate the evidence into clinical practice."

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School of Peace



Woman Peacemaker Film Debuts

By Vanessa Guzman

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The University of San Diego's Women's PeaceMakers Program will debut a new film next month. It first debuted this month at the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women Conference.

The world premiere screening showed "Rhythms to Peace: The Way of a Woman PeaceMaker." The film tells the story of Susan Tenjoh-Okwen, from Cameroon in Africa.

Tenjoh-Okwen is a 2007 honoree of the Women's PeaceMaker program for her work. She advocates fair treatment of women abroad and in her home country, where polygamist households are rampant and the society is male dominated.

In a country where very few women are school-educated, Tenjoh-Okwen's father believed it was important for his daughter, as well as all his children, to be educated in order to ensure a better future.

In honor of Women's History Month in March, USD will honor this year's Women PeaceMakers and will host the annual International Women's Day Breakfast on March 18, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. in the IPJ.

"Rhythms to Peace" will debut on April 6, 2009 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. The event is free and will start at 7 p.m..

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EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The **Trans-Border Institute** at USD, with support from the **Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies**, will host a major international conference on April 15 and 16 to examine the relationship between migration, religion and national identity. From the decision to leave one's home country to the reactions of receiving communities, religion has long been a significant factor in the relocation and integration of migrant peoples around the globe. The conference will examine these topics from a historical and comparative perspective and will feature academic and religious experts from the United States and abroad. For more information contact conference coordinator **Emily Lawrence** at (619) 260-4166. The full conference description, panelist biographies, agenda and registration form are available at www.sandiego.edu/tbi.

CNSNews.com

Congressman Warns Mexico More Dangerous than Iraq, Could Become Failed State

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

By Penny Starr, Senior Staff Writer

(CNSNews.com) – At a House of Representatives hearing on federal law enforcement's response to the violence along the border between the United States and Mexico, Rep. John Culberson (R-Texas) said there is more danger in that region than in the Middle East.

"Mexico is more dangerous than Iraq," Culberson said. "There were more deaths in Mexico than there were in Iraq."

But David A. Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego, who testified at the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, disagreed with the comparison.

"I don't think that's a fair characterization," Shirk said, adding that he believed there were 7,000 civilian deaths in Iraq in the previous year and 6,000 in Mexico.

He also denied Mexico's drug wars could be compared to those in Columbia, saying that during the height of the drug battles in that country the death toll was 100 in 100,000 whereas Mexico's death rate is 10 to 15 to 100,000.

"It would have to get 10 times as bad (in Mexico)," Shirk said.

More than 7,000 people have died in drug-related violence in Mexico since January 2008.

An analysis by CNSNews.com, published earlier this month, showed that the odds of a civilian dying in Ciudad Juarez in the Mexican state of Chihuahua was three times more likely than a civilian dying in Baghdad.

The per capita rate of civilian killings in the Mexican border city in 2008 was nearly three-and-a-half times (3.4) as great as the per capita rate of civilian killings in the Iraqi province of Baghdad, CNSNews.com has determined, based on State Department statistics and data supplied by an Iraqi civilian-casualty database recommended by the Department of Defense.

In Ciudad Juarez, where drug cartels are fighting with Mexican authorities for control of the city, an estimated 1,800 people were killed in 2008, according to the U.S. State Department.

That equaled one in every 889 residents in a population that the State Department says 1.6 million.

Meanwhile, in the Baghdad Governorate (the Iraqi province that includes Baghdad), only about one in 3,040 people were killed in 2008, using the civilian casualty figures gathered by the Iraq Body Count (IBC) project.

The overall number of civilians in Baghdad Governorate that were killed in 2008, according to IBC, was between

2,632 and 2,847.

But the Baghdad Governorate, with an estimated 6 to 8 million people, is almost four to five times larger in population than Ciudad Juarez, depending upon which figure is utilized.

That means people are at greater risk in Juarez than in Baghdad province.

In fact, CNSNews.com has calculated that approximately 113 per 100,000 people were killed by violence in Juarez, while in Baghdad about 33 per 100,000 civilians shared the same fate. [See full story.](#)

Culberson claimed Shirk was painting too rosy a picture of the violence in Mexico, including whether Mexico's drug wars could lead to it becoming a failed state and the determination as to whether or not the violence is spilling over the U.S. border.

"In your testimony a moment ago, professor, you said that Mexico is at the end of its rope," Culberson said. "But a minute ago in your testimony you thought it was overblown to be concerned about the stability of Mexico."

"Yet the testimony that this committee's received, that we have on Homeland Security – many members of this committee are also on the Homeland Security Committee – the U.S. military has ranked the Mexican government, the Pakistani government and the Afghan government as the three most unstable, potentially likely to collapse governments in the world," Culberson said.

"The level of violence we're seeing in Mexico certainly has to be qualified essentially as a civil war," he said. "The level of violence is unprecedented."

Culberson also questioned the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) definition of "spillover," as when drug cartels or gangs target Americans or American assets.

"In Houston, Texas, in broad daylight, we had a machine-gun fight at one of the biggest intersections in southwest Houston," Culberson said. "A machine-gun battle between two human smugglers. They're trying to kill each other. That's not counted as spillover because they are shooting at each other and it's not a deliberate attack on U.S. civilians."

"Those bullets weren't hitting each other, those bullets were flying everywhere," Culberson said.

Others testifying at the hearing were Joseph Arabit, Special Agent in Charge of the El Paso Division with the DEA, Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, and William Newell, Special Agent in Charge of the Phoenix Field Division with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

On Tuesday, the Obama administration announced a new Secure Border Policy that will increase personnel and equipment along the border and provide millions of dollars to help the Mexican government fight the drug cartels.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is traveling to Mexico on Wednesday to meet with Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa and President Felipe Calderon.

She is expected to discuss climate change, the global financial crisis and the Merida Initiative as well as the violence spawned by drug cartels.

Clinton's two-day trip south of the border will be followed by others: In early April, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Eric Holder are scheduled meet with Mexican officials and then President Obama is expected to visit Mexico ahead of the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago.

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- Se intercambia información sensitiva y lo referente a intervenciones telefónicas
- Mayor énfasis en el paso de armas de EU hacia nuestro país

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Washington, 24 de marzo.- Joseph Arabit, agente especial de la Agencia Estadunidense Antidrogas (DEA) en El Paso, Texas, destacó hoy la colaboración de México en la lucha contra el narcotráfico en la zona fronteriza.

La cooperación diaria incluye el apoyo en el intercambio de información sensitiva, intervenciones telefónicas, asistencia de informantes, testigos y pruebas, dijo en una audiencia en el Comité de Asignaciones de la Cámara de Representantes.

Señaló que la Iniciativa Mérida contra el narcotráfico y el crimen organizado ha permitido un fortalecimiento institucional por parte del gobierno mexicano y el apoyo de Estados Unidos en la capacitación de personal de seguridad en México.

La incautación de drogas y el arresto de centenares de involucrados en el narcotráfico en operaciones recientes dentro de Estados Unidos "no hubieran sido posibles sin la extensa colaboración del gobierno de México", sostuvo Arabit.

Bill Newell, agente de la Oficina de Tabaco, Alcohol, Armas de Fuego y Explosivos (ATF), desestimó la pregunta de uno legislador que existan lazos directos entre las pandillas y los cárteles de las drogas.

Tanto Arabit como Newell coincidieron en afirmar que es importante contar con los recursos y el personal adecuados para continuar con ese tipo de avances en la lucha antidrogas.

Estados Unidos debe poner un mayor énfasis en lo referente a la venta de armas a México para evitar que la violencia se extienda a sus fronteras, señaló por su parte el director del Instituto Transfronterizo de la Universidad de San Diego, David Shirk.

"Se necesita una mayor intercepción de armas y dinero al sur de la frontera, hacer más esfuerzos en el punto de las transacciones y las operaciones financieras", subrayó.

Indicó que también hacen falta mayores esfuerzos para regular la venta de armas y aplicar las leyes existentes además de las inspecciones a personas y vehículos en los cruces transfronterizos. (Con información de Notimex/RSC)

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Drug Wars Plague Mexico

BY ALLISON BERRY / STAFF WRITER

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The border between Mexico and the United States stretches off into the distance. Recent drug-related turmoil in Mexico has caused many Spring Break travelers to reconsider their plans in popular Mexican destinations.

Concerns about the escalating violence and warring drug cartels in Mexico have some sun-seeking revelers rethinking their spring break plans this year.

Last month, the U.S. State Dept. released a travel alert warning that violence in Mexico has spiked recently, with the greatest concentration of bloodshed occurring in border towns. In response to the increasingly grim situation south of the border, many students have considered canceling trips to popular spring break destinations like Tijuana and Rosarito.

Since Mexican President Felipe Calderon committed federal troops to quell drug violence in the southern state of Michoacan in December 2006, over 7,500 people have died from drug-related violence. According to the University of San Diego Trans-Border Institute, there have been 741 drug-related deaths in Baja California alone since 2007.

“Robberies, homicides, petty thefts and carjackings have all increased over the last year across Mexico generally, with notable spikes in Tijuana and northern Baja California,” the State Dept.’s alert reads.

There have also been reports of public, daytime shootouts in border towns stretching from California to Texas, and according to the State Dept.’s most recent alert, there have also been several unsolved kidnappings of American tourists in recent years.

“Large firefights have taken place in many towns and cities across Mexico but most recently in northern Mexico, including Tijuana, Chihuahua City and Ciudad Juarez,” the alert continued. “During some of these incidents, U.S. citizens have been trapped and temporarily prevented from leaving the area.”

For some would-be travelers, the increased risk may prove a sufficient deterrent from crossing the border. Third-year political science major Analise Martinez said she is now reconsidering her travel plans.

“I was thinking about going because it’s just so much cheaper and you don’t have to be 21 to drink, but now I’m not sure if I want to,” Martinez said. “I know that’s there’s a very, very small possibility of something happening, but I don’t know if I even want to risk it.”

Patrick Evans, marketing communications coordinator for STA Travel, said that while places like Cancun and Acapulco are safe to visit, some parts of Mexico should be off-limits to spring-breakers.

“We’re advising students who are planning to drive to Mexico to consider alternatives,” Evans said. “We encourage students to travel anywhere but Rosarito and Tijuana.”

Arthur Carey, a representative from MexicoSpringBreak.com, countered that the media has over-hyped the current situation in Mexico. He said that rumors and unfounded fears are likely to hurt his business, which offers shuttle services from various college campuses - including UCSB and Santa Barbara City College - to beachfront Rosarito, just south of Tijuana.

“Every year it’s the same story with the warnings,” Carey said. “They always mix up the violence with spring break and they’re two completely different issues. The State Dept. has never talked about any specific incidents with tourists. All this is doing is hurting business.”

Carey also said that his company would not provide shuttle services if he thought that students would be in any sense of danger in Rosarito.

“As for Rosarito, there’s no reason for it to be called unsafe,” Carey said. “I wouldn’t be taking people if I thought they would be in danger.”

The State Dept. advises those who are still traveling to Mexico in spite of the warnings to always travel on major thoroughfares during the day and to avoid wearing expensive-looking jewelry.

In a recent statement, the department reminded party-seekers that “alcohol is involved in the vast majority of arrests, accidents, violent crimes, rapes and deaths suffered by American students on spring break.”

Evans reiterated this caution and urged student travelers to minimize risk and exercise sound judgment in any foreign country.

“Anywhere you’re going for international travel, it oftentimes involves excessive drinking and partying in unfamiliar situations,” Evans said. “It’s always important to practice common sense wherever you are.”

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Pockets of danger lurk in parts of Mexico, and some county residents say they feel uneasy about visiting

Palpable tension

By Zeke Barlow
Sunday, March 29, 2009

David Ayala used to think his father had a good job as a police chief in Michoacan, Mexico. That was before the Mexican drug cartels started a war that has cast a shadow over parts of the country, and law enforcement officials have been routinely killed in the violence. Ayala, of Oxnard, said two months ago his father was kidnapped and tortured by members of a Mexican drug cartel, demanding to know if he was tipping off higher law enforcement officials about their dealings. Ayala's dad was able to convince them he wasn't, and he got off with injuries that landed him in the hospital for three days. But his boss wasn't so lucky; his body was found a few days later riddled with 75 shots from an AK-47, Ayala said. His dad quit the police force the next day.

"It's not worth it," said Ayala, a 25-year-old construction worker. "My family is in shock."

He no longer speaks freely with his parents on the phone, for fear the line is tapped. And he's not planning on a visit anytime soon because it seems too dangerous, he said.

In the last few years, parts of Mexico have become hotbeds of violence, where drug cartels operate with seeming impunity, using guns from the U.S. to stage a war over who controls the drug trade.

More than 7,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence since 2008, more than 1,000 in the first two months of this year.

Charles Pope, assistant director of the University of San Diego Trans-border Institute, said 90 percent of those killed had direct ties to the drug trade or were cops trying to do their job. He said that while the violence is serious and needs to be dealt with, all of Mexico has not turned into a war zone.

"Without a doubt, the narcotics-related violence needs to be addressed, but for the average day tourist, it's not a problem," he said. "If you are not in the drug trade or law enforcement, you are not a target."

Tijuana, one of the epicenters of the problem, had a crime rate lower than New Orleans last year when comparing FBI statistics to those from the Mexican government.

Mexican Consul Rogelio Flores, who is based in Oxnard, acknowledged the problem has gotten worse in recent years but said it is important to keep perspective.

"If you go to tourist places, you aren't going to have problems," he said. The problems arise if you venture off the beaten path. Like any major city, there are dangerous pockets, he said.

"If you go to Los Angeles you can go to dangerous places," he said. "It is the same all over the world."

Many Ventura County residents this week, who were arriving home or going to Mexico or border states from the Intercalifornias bus station in Oxnard, said they still feel safe when visiting their families in Mexico. But in certain parts of the country, a palpable tension has risen as the death toll has climbed.

Victor Godina, who works on missile defense systems at Naval Base Ventura County, was born in the border town of Ciudad Juarez and used to drive down from his parents home in El Paso, Texas, for a meal. No more.

"A year ago I decided not to go anymore," he said as he got ready to take a bus to El Paso. He said the Ciudad Juarez streets are lined with Army trucks. The military has taken over law enforcement there after 1,600 people were killed in drug-related crimes in 2007.

Godina believes the problems have trickled over into El Paso, where a friend was carjacked at gunpoint, he said. Now, Godina never drives his SUV when he's home.

Earlier this year, the State Department issued an alert urging caution when visiting the country and avoidance of border towns such as Tijuana, Ciudad Juarez and Nuevo Laredo.

As Maria Rodriguez boarded a bus in Oxnard to head to Zacatecas to see her sister, she wasn't sure what to expect when she got there.

About a year ago, her sister got a call in the middle of the night.

"If you don't give us 3 million pesos, we will kill your entire family," the man demanded, Rodriguez said.

She said her sister is not a wealthy woman and couldn't figure out why she was being targeted. She became so stressed that she's bedridden with ulcers, Rodriguez said. Nothing more came of it, in part because her sister got rid of her phone.

"I'm a little scared," she said as she loaded her suitcases onboard.

Ismael Sanchez, owner of Omar's Travel in Oxnard, said business is a bit slower because of the economy, but he doesn't think the violence is a factor.

Still, he's not taking any chances and he doesn't want to go see family in Durango, in part because of the violence.

"I don't want to go," he said. When he visited Tijuana a few months ago, it felt different, he said. There were fewer tourists and the main drag, Avenida Revolucion, seemed empty.

But as Jose Mendoza, a 37-year-old tree cutter from Santa Barbara, got ready to take a bus south to see family in Sinaloa, he wasn't worried.

He said that the constant media attention has made people think it's worse than it really is.

As Salvador Himenez of Oxnard kissed his wife goodbye as she departed for Oaxaca, he said he wasn't concerned for her safety or that of his family who still lives there.

"It's OK if you aren't one of the bad people," he said.

The Mexican government is well aware of the country's image. The Mexican Embassy recently created a PowerPoint to show anyone asking about the problems that it's not bad for the average person. It has graphs showing the increase in arrests and drug confiscations and how Mexico still has a lower murder rate than Brazil, Colombia or Guatemala.

Flores said the government is undergoing a radical transformation, including a reform of the judicial system and a purge of its police forces because of widespread corruption. He's hopeful President Barack Obama's trip to Mexico next month will yield some answers on how the two countries can work together to come up with a solution.

But the problem has been building for years and will likely take many more before it is reigned in, said Deputy Consul Dulce Zamora.

"It didn't just start in two years and it's going to be a long-term problem," she said.

— *The Associated Press contributed to this report.*



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700 local youth unite to discuss causes of conflict **The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice provides venue and leaders**

National and international human rights organizations have their say regarding violence and conflict that ravage countries around the globe. Non-governmental (NGO) agencies, activists and government leaders routinely deliver their stances, and oftentimes sit at the tables of negotiation. The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice's (IPJ) WorldLink Program gives a voice to a different group – the youth.

Each year, the Institute welcomes more than 700 high school students from southern California and Mexico for a one-day event to discuss an issue of world importance. The 12th Annual WorldLink Youth Town Meeting was held this past January at the IPJ, on the campus of the University of San Diego. A key element to this meeting is that it's developed, hosted and moderated by students. Students gain valuable leadership skills and are involved in every aspect of the meeting, from selecting

speakers to choosing briefing topics, and deciding the theme for the next conference.

The topic this year was "On the Brink: Responding to Underlying Causes of Conflict," which focused on gender inequality, racism and xenophobia, religious intolerance and economic inequity. The Youth Town Meeting is grounded in the belief that youth have much to offer and much to gain from discussion with experts and professionals regarding the complexities and challenges of international affairs. Students are given the opportunity to engage in relevant and pressing global issues with experts in the field, attorneys, the Department of State and international NGO's.

For a complete list of briefing topics and additional information on the WorldLink Program, go to <http://peace.sandiego.edu/programs/worldlink.html>.



Students from throughout southern California and Mexico turn out for a one-day event.
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Institute Of Peace And Justice ...



Coronado Rotarian Miko Peled and Escondido Rotarian Nader Elbanna spoke at the Joan Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice about a recent humanitarian mission to the Middle East. The mission was sponsored by the Elbanna Peled Foundation and worldwide Rotarians. Pictured: Peled, Elbanna and former Jerusalem Anglican bishop Samir Kafiti.

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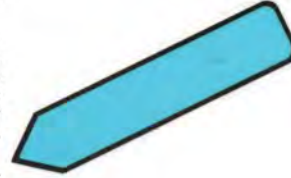
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LECTURES

***THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOD** at Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Ave., North Park. UCSD faculty members Pasquale Verdichio and Deborah Forster, along with Leslie Ryan of the New School of Landscape Architecture, discuss the meaning of the body. At 8 p.m. **Saturday, March 21.** www.artproducegallery.com.

JAMES HAMILTON at Joyce Beers Community Center, 1220 Cleveland St., Hillcrest. The UCSD economics professor discusses "Options for Economic Stimulus" at this meeting of the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. At 7 p.m. **Sunday, March 22.** www.sdari.org.

ALICE EAGLY at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace, USD, Linda Vista. Eagly discusses "Women as Leaders: Negotiating the Labyrinth." At 7 p.m. **Monday, March 23.** 619-260-7509, www.sandiego.edu.



Other

SAN DIEGO

USD wrestling with campus hate speech

Six incidents have been reported since Feb. 3

By Steve Schmidt
STAFF WRITER

A rash of hate speech at the University of San Diego is prompting some soul-searching at the Catholic institution.

Campus officials yesterday said six

incidents have been reported on the Linda Vista campus since Feb. 3. Several involved graffiti of anti-gay terms and sexually crude language. One incident included a swastika.

The incidents have spurred discussions in classrooms and strike many as a serious breach of the school's religious values, including compassion for others.

"It's a concern," said sophomore An-

Online: For more information about hate crimes at USD and how to respond to them, go to sandiego.edu/safety/responseprocedures.php

na Moreno, 19. "You wouldn't expect something like this from a Catholic campus."

Pamela Gray Payton, an assistant vice president and spokeswoman at

the university, noted that hate speech can occur on any college campus. In this case, she said, "it goes against our Catholic values and social thought."

The university e-mailed a letter campuswide Wednesday announcing the incidents. The letter from Carmen Vazquez, vice president for student affairs, said the hate acts "tear at the fabric" of the school and "undermine our goal to

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Anti-gay slur first in series of incidents

build an open and inclusive community...."

Vazquez asked students, faculty members, staff and others to commit themselves to making USD "a place of welcome and respect."

According to USD's public safety office, the first incident occurred Feb. 3 when an angry student directed an anti-gay slur at a school staff member after receiving a parking ticket. The student was referred to a campus panel for discipline.

Other reported incidents:
• Feb. 8: Students find graffiti in the hall of a freshman

dorm. The vandalism in Founders Hall includes a homophobic term and lewd drawings. Campus authorities classify the incident as a hate crime.

• Feb. 9: A homophobic term is found written in marker on a wall near Sacred Heart Hall.

• Feb. 12: A poster belonging to the campus Women's Center is defaced in what officials call a "possibly bias-motivated incident." The first two letters of the word "women" were covered over.

• Feb. 23: Anti-gay statements are found on a chalkboard in USD's legal research center. A freshman later admits writing the words and is referred to a campus panel for discipline.

• Feb. 27: A hand-drawn swastika is found on the wall of the legal research center. The campus classifies the incident as a hate crime. Two other markings are found near the



Founders Hall at the University of San Diego is among the sites where hate speech has been reported recently. K.C. Alfred / U-T

swastika; a Star of David and the words "We Will Survive."

About 7,500 students attend the private university full time. There's a gay pride group on campus, along with several

multicultural student organizations.

Hate crimes are against the law and USD policy, but the university also prohibits "bias incidents," such as distributing

racist fliers or voicing slurs. Violating such policies could result in expulsion.

At a recent march to celebrate campus unity, USD President Mary Lyons told students "it would be foolish to think that our university is immune to expressions of hate, inoculated against the disease of racism, homophobia and exclusion."

Payton said professors are being encouraged to discuss the incidents with students to underscore that the events "don't represent who we are as an institution."

Freshman Peter Menne, 19, said the issue came up yesterday in his Catholic theology class. "Hate crimes are hate crimes," he said. "It's a serious offense."

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USD Linda Vista Hate Speech Incidents Reported

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SAN DIEGO -- Six unrelated incidents of hate speech have occurred at the University of San Diego in Linda Vista since Feb. 3, it was reported Friday.

The incidents at the Catholic institution have included graffiti of anti- gay statements, sexually crude language and a swastika, The San Diego Union- Tribune reported.

The university's vice president of student affairs, Carmen Vazquez, sent an e-mail to students, faculty and staff Wednesday condemning the acts and encouraging everyone to make USD "a place of welcome and respect."

In two of the six hate-speech incidents, students have been referred to a campus panel for discipline, according to the Union-Tribune.

One student allegedly directed an anti-gay slur to a university staff member on Feb. 3 after receiving a parking ticket. A second admitted anti-gay statements on a chalkboard in USD's legal research center on Feb. 23, the Union- Tribune reported.

The perpetrators of the remaining four acts have not been identified.

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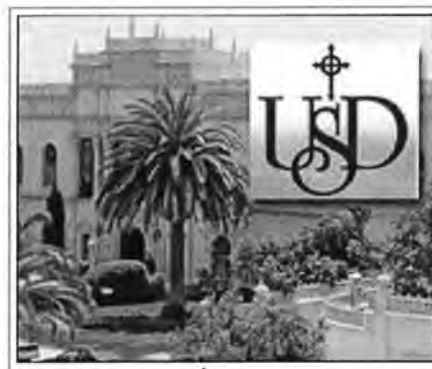
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JUDITH STARR RAUNER

USD educator advocated community service work; 71

By Blanca Gonzalez
STAFF WRITER

When the Missouri River's flood of 1962 devastated Midwestern towns and farms, a young Judith Starr Rauner began a life of community service by volunteering with the Red Cross.



The Iowa girl who grew up on a small family farm would later become a staunch advocate of volunteerism and a mentor to many college students in her position as founding director of the Center for Community Service-Learning at the University of San Diego.

An author and educator, Dr. Rauner received recognition for her work including the Richard E. Cone Award from the California Campus Compact, a coalition of the state's leading colleges and universities.

Dr. Rauner died of brain cancer March 23 at her San Diego home. She was 71.

Friends and colleagues described Dr. Rauner as a visionary leader who intertwined service and academics. Her commitment and drive inspired students to careers promoting health programs among refu-

gee populations, writing grants for after-school programs and working with nonprofit organizations.

Before her work with USD, Dr. Rauner published a self-published newsletter for nonprofit organizations and was a co-author of a book for nonprofit boards of directors. She also worked for the United Way and developed a student volunteer program for the San Diego Unified School District.

Under the service program she founded in 1986, USD students were out in the community volunteering and using their leadership skills. Sociology students worked as reading tutors at Juvenile Hall while upper-level organic chemistry majors tutored and mentored students at local high schools.

Sister Sally Furray, former USD provost and vice president of academic affairs, hired Dr. Rauner to start the Center for Community Service-Learning. "The university had always had a mission of service, but Judy made it work as a structural part of the university, she expanded it, and community service learning became part of the curriculum," she said.

"It became part of the fiber of the university because of her. The program has generated more than two million community service hours to this city

and county."

U.S. Rep. Susan Davis, D-San Diego, a longtime friend and neighbor, said Dr. Rauner believed deeply in volunteerism and bettering the community. "She thought volunteering was very much a two-way street (because) it was a tremendous learning experience for the giver," Davis said.

"She was an extraordinary woman. She was always there for everybody ... her family, her students, anybody who got

sick in the neighborhood, she was there to help, bring food, whatever was needed."

Judith Starr Rauner was born Nov. 23, 1937, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Katherine and Richard Starr. The oldest of three children, she was involved in theater, sports and student leadership in high school. She graduated from the University of Iowa in 1959 and married Dr. Thomas Rauner in 1963. Her husband's medical career brought the family to San Die-

go in 1969.

Dr. Rauner earned a master's degree from Pepperdine University in 1977 and a doctorate in educational leadership from USD in 1996.

Dr. Rauner is survived by her husband, Thomas of San Diego; their four children, Julia Rauner Guerrero of San Diego, Mary Rauner of Palo Alto, Michael Rauner of San Francisco and Steven Rauner of Portland, Ore.; a brother, Richard Starr of Omaha, Neb.; a sister, Pam

Tanous of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and four grandchildren.

Services have been held. Contributions to the Dr. Judy Rauner Scholarship at the University of San Diego may be made payable to the University of San Diego and sent to Center for Community Service-Learning, Dr. Judy Rauner Scholarship, USD, 5988 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110-2492.

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Rauner, Bluffs native author, lecturer dead at 71

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Dr. Judith Starr Rauner, 71, a Council Bluffs native who went on to become a visionary community service leader and author who founded the Community Service Learning Program at the University of San Diego, died at her home in San Diego Monday.

The daughter of Richard and Kathryn Starr, Rauner was a 1955 graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School who went on to earn a degree in English and speech from the University of Iowa in 1959. When the Missouri River flooded in 1952, she volunteered with the Red Cross, an experience that helped lead her to a life of service.

She met her husband, Dr. Thomas Rauner, while giving a tour to a group of medical students when she worked at the psychiatric ward of St. Joseph's VA Hospital in Omaha. They married in 1963 and moved to San Diego.

Rauner dedicated her life to family and community service. In 1980, she wrote and self-published "Helping People Volunteer," a handbook for nonprofit organizations. In 1983, she co-authored "Gaining Momentum for Board Actions," a primer for nonprofit boards of directors to improve their efforts. She also worked with the United Way and developed "Young Volunteers in ACTION" for the San Diego Unified School District. She was a national speaker and consultant and served on the boards of directors for many nonprofit and education organizations in San Diego.

Rauner founded the Center for Community Service Learning at the University of San Diego and served as its director until her retirement in 2002. The program engaged volunteers at USD to address specific community needs by matching the skills and interests of the students with the needs of partner community organizations.

When she retired, USD named the keynote address of the annual Social Issues Conference the "Dr. Judy Rauner Lecture" in her honor. She also received the Arthur E. Hughes Career Achievement Award from the USD School of Leadership and Education Sciences in 2002.



Rauner is survived by her husband of 45 years; their four children; four grandchildren; one sister, Pam Tanous of Council Bluffs; and one brother, Richard Starr.

The mass of Christian burial will be held in the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala at 11 a.m. Friday.

Her family suggests contributions to the Dr. Judy Rauner Scholarship at the University of San Diego at www.sandiego.edu/csl/judyrauner or Center for Community Service Learning, Dr. Judy Rauner Scholarship, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA, 92110-2492.

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Case Study

Dense 802.11n Network Supports Mobile Devices on USD Campus

- By [Bridget McCrea](#)
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With 12 controllers and nearly 1,500 access points dotted across its 180-acre campus, the [University of San Diego's](#) 802.11n and a/b/g wireless network just might be one of the densest in the country. Coverage certainly isn't lacking anywhere on the sunny urban campus, where distinctive Spanish-style buildings with red clay roof tiles dot the hilltop university just outside downtown San Diego.

According to both Vice Provost and CIO Christopher Wessells and Director of Networking and Telecommunications Douglas Burke, coverage on the USD campus is about as ubiquitous as wireless can be. "We wanted the user experience to be amazing," Burke said. "It's definitely pervasive coverage. We've received a lot of compliments about it."

USD's entire wireless network is composed of controllers and access points from [Aruba Networks](#). The reliability and innovation of Aruba's technology has been a principal factor in their decision to deploy Aruba gear, Wessells said. At the same time, both administrators stressed the importance of a solid wired network behind the WiFi and said that the realities of wireless technology dictate a constant three-year upgrade plan to keep a wireless network current.

The university's 7,832 students, including 1,120 in its law school, can access the wireless network from virtually everywhere, including the law library, main library, business school, and student union. Coverage includes all classrooms, where the dense wireless network helps ensure that law students can use their laptop computers along with specialized software called ExamSoft to take exams. Virtually all law students at USD have wireless-enabled laptops, and the law school's needs were some of the drivers behind the move to the new 802.11n standard in January 2008, Burke said. "Our law school was one of our biggest consumers of wireless. They needed something faster and better than a/b/g."

A number of products are already available for the new 802.11n standard, which hasn't yet garnered final approval from the IEEE committee in charge of wireless standards. The 802.11n standard significantly improves data transfer rates over the earlier wireless standards in use at most colleges and universities--usually 802.11a, b, or g, or a combination of the three. Final approval of 802.11n is expected in mid-2010.

The USD wireless network uses Aruba controllers and access points, with 12 Aruba controllers and 1,428 access points, 972 of them 802.11n. The remaining APs are a/b/g.

While one of the advantages of the new standard is that it is much faster, one of the challenges of moving to 802.11n, Wessells and Burke pointed out, is that a denser deployment is usually needed. That's because of 802.11n's higher frequency, which does not penetrate walls as well as a/b/g. For example, upgrading the residence halls from a/b/g to 802.11n will require an additional 1,000 access points in order to ensure the same high level of coverage, Burke and Wessells said. For cost reasons during the recession, the university is delaying the residence hall upgrade to 802.11n for the time being.

On the other hand, that same high-frequency characteristic makes the 802.11n standard a better solution for large classrooms, Burke said, because the 802.11n frequency "tends to reflect rather than pass through walls."

At USD's business school in particular, the importance of being known for having solid wireless coverage "has been huge," Wessells said. *Business Week* magazine recently released its annual ranking of the best undergraduate business schools, and USD has moved up to twenty-ninth in the national rankings. "We don't know all the variables that go into the rankings, but we like to think that great wireless coverage may have contributed to that improvement," Wessells said. He mentioned a recent informal conversation with a student who surprised him by specifically complimenting the university on its excellent wireless coverage.

The Wired Backbone

But the super-saturated wireless network doesn't mean USD's wired network is going away any time soon. To the contrary; Wessells and Burke described their Cisco wired network as essential to the university's overall high-quality network and said they plan to keep it that way. "Wired is still the backbone of our network," Wessells said. "Administrators ask me periodically if we still need it. My answer is, 'Absolutely yes.'"

The performance of the wired network is critical to the speed of the wireless one, Burke pointed out, since all wireless access points are connected back to wired Cisco switches in a closet somewhere on campus. "You clearly need great technology there as well," he said, although he also indicated he expects to see fewer and fewer people plugging in to the wired network; new buildings will reflect that reality with fewer wired ports. Residence hall students, for example, use the wired network very little in the dorms. "Students are smart: They know to use wired when they need more speed," Burke said. "Wired will always be faster than wireless."

Innovation and Change

Another challenge with wireless is keeping up with the unrelenting drumbeat of innovation and change. USD has a strategy to replace its wireless network every three years, Wessells said, and added that he finds that pace an essential part of the wireless equation. "We believe that universities in general need to think about innovative ways to fund the replacement of wireless on a three-year cycle," he added.

Another unknown that both administrators mentioned is the impact as more and more students jump on the WiFi network with wireless-enabled devices like smart phones. "It's a bit of a surprise," Wessells said. "The impact is still unclear."

USD is also open to new ways to use the wireless network for less conventional applications and services. For example, mindful of its location in the water-starved West, the university is working with irrigation system manufacturer Rain Bird Corp., Aruba, and the USD facilities department to develop a sophisticated sprinkler control system that runs on the university's wireless network.

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Pembroke Pines firm turns used street banners into fashion accessories

Firm turns street banners into totes, other accessories

By Doreen Hemlock

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Ever wonder what happens to those street banners on lampposts that advertise sports events, trade shows and museum exhibits?

For years, producers and users have been trashing them, even the thick plastic ones that won't easily break down in landfills.

But a Pembroke Pines company is giving the banners new life as handbags, travel pouches and other accessories, sometimes selling them back to original advertisers for their corporate events or for their museum shops.

RetroActif, the brainchild of husband-and-wife team Ziad and Monica Shuman, contracts with a family-owned workshop in South Florida to make the bags. It sells them in more than 100 stores in the United States, Australia and Europe, and to dozens of corporate clients including Mercedes Benz and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Most of the materials come from AAA Flag & Banner Manufacturing Co., where manager Retta Logan is happy to see the ads re-used instead of piling up in her Miami Gardens warehouse.

"I kept getting bigger and bigger storage space, and the owners didn't want to keep paying rent to save more banners," Logan said.

The Shumans got the idea for their two-year-old venture from friends in Portugal who had seen similar bags in Europe.

But they've put a unique twist on their products: They cut the banners to make nearly identical bags for clients in limited editions. On a recent Monday, they made totes for the University of San Diego with the word "university" on the blue sides.

Buyers like the eco-credentials that come with the sturdy bags. Broward County's tourism group buys them to ship information to meeting planners who prize "green" hotels and eco-awareness in choosing where to hold events.

"It's a tremendous statement on behalf of our destination that we do what it takes to recycle and protect the environment," said Nicki Grossman, president of the Fort Lauderdale group.

Planners for one upcoming convention, the National Sheriffs Association, even redesigned their proposed banner so it could be more colorful and better for recycled bags later, Grossman said.

RetroActif underscores a trend in South Florida and nationwide toward "green" business. It's a field now getting a boost from the Obama administration as it seeks to expand renewable energy, reduce global warming and create green jobs.

As green awareness rises, the Shumans expect sales in the "hundreds of thousands" this year after doubling in 2008. Most items wholesale from \$7 to \$30, with retailers often doubling that price.

Yet even eco-business can't escape recession.

The Shumans have shifted more to corporate clients as the weak economy hurts retailing. They have no retail outlets in Broward, but sell through their Web site, retroactif.net. The couple also strives to keep overhead low.

They work from home, contract out manufacturing in Opa-locka, and usually ask 50 percent payment upfront from major buyers.

They also seek to distinguish their products from those of rivals by emphasizing quality and their "Made in USA" origin. Manufacturing in South Florida permits tighter quality control and faster turnaround times for orders than producing overseas, they said.

At the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach, gift store manager Katherine Kress sells bags recycled from the museum's own art exhibit banners, with images ranging from photos to African-American art.

"People love the idea that they're one-of-a-kind, recycled and local," Kress said.

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Laureates to share genius

Kyoto Prize winners in town for lectures

By Peter Rows
STAFF WRITER

San Diego's population of geniuses has been significantly, if temporarily, boosted this week. The Kyoto laureates are in town.

Today and tomorrow, the three Kyoto Prize recipients — biologist Anthony Pawson, computer scientist Richard

Karp and philosopher Charles Taylor — will lecture at local universities. The talks are free and open to the public.

Those wishing to attend can register at kyotoprize.org.

Attend and you'll learn something, but only if you keep your wits sharp. These world-class thinkers sometimes address universal issues in language that's not universally understood.

"This notion of the inherent complexity of the problem is

not easy for people to take in," Karp said yesterday.

So true: The University of California Berkeley professor was discussing his work on computational complexity and the theory of NP-completeness.

Pawson's work is no simpler. The University of Toronto professor's bio mentions "phosphotyrosine-containing domains" and "intracellular signaling."

Taylor is another Canadian, a professor emeritus from Mon-

tréal's McGill University. He chats easily about Hegelian theory and "modern social imaginaries." Brainiac alert!

In fact, all three scholars are skilled at delivering simplified messages to a general audience. And their work is noteworthy and potentially world-shaking.

Pawson investigates how cells communicate with each other, something scientists

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The 2008 Kyoto Prize recipients (from left) — Richard Karp, Charles Taylor and Anthony Pawson — will deliver a series of free lectures today and tomorrow at SDSU, UCSD and USD.
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One honoree looks into cells' communication

need to know before defeating cancer and other diseases. Karp explores whether codes and other messages encrypted in letters or numbers — computer programs, say — can be cracked through a uniform set of principles. The answer, to date: No. Taylor writes about immigration and Western de-

mocracies, arguing that welcoming newcomers will benefit societies in this globalized world.

In November, the trio traveled to Japan to receive the Kyoto Prize from the Inamori Foundation. That nonprofit was founded by Katsuo Inamori, a Kyoto-based industrialist and Buddhist monk whose Kyocera Corp. has its North American headquarters in San Diego.

The prizes were first given in 1985. Since 2002, the laureates have visited San Diego each March to lecture and meet with professionals, students and others.

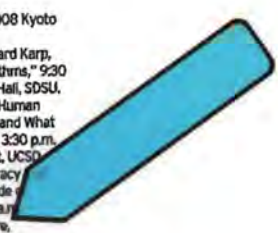
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Kyoto Prize Symposium Comes to San Diego March 18-20

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SDSU, UCSD and USD to Present Latest Kyoto Prize Laureates, Celebrate Great Achievements in Computer Science, Cancer Research and Social Philosophy

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Catholic Philosopher Concerned with 'Darker Side' of Democracy

ALCALA PARK — Dr. Charles M. Taylor, an internationally-renowned Canadian Catholic philosopher is the 24th annual Kyoto Prize laureate in the category of Arts and Philosophy.

Taylor, a professor emeritus at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, will be honored during the opening ceremony of San Diego's eighth annual Kyoto Prize Symposium. The three-day event, which celebrates the lives and works of those receiving the Kyoto Prize, will be held March 19-20.

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Taylor claims that democracy generates pressure toward exclusion as well as inclusion, and being in the majority has decisive importance. A democratic society is thus forced to define a collective identity to which a majority can subscribe. The question is what happens to those whose differences threaten the dominant identity — immigrants, cultural

Kyoto Prize laureate to speak at USD

minorities, those who cherish a non-standard version of the dominant identity.

Taylor's work as a philosopher covers a broad spectrum of disciplines, including religion, law, political science and the social sciences. He believes that the "divorce" of science and religion has been damaging to both, a belief that is in line with the philosophy of Kyoto Prize founder Dr. Kitaro Inamori. In 1984, Inamori expressed his conviction that "the future of humanity can be assured only through a balance of scientific progress and spiritual depth."

Each year, the Kyoto Prizes — Japan's highest private award for global achievement — are presented to individuals who use their work to better society. Each recipient receives 50 million yen (currently more than \$500,000 in U.S. currency) at the Nov. 10 ceremony in Kyoto, Japan.

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Kyoto Prize Has Many Local Connections



Dr. Andrew Viterbi, co-founder of Qualcomm, is scheduled to serve as the distinguished invited scholar for a presentation by Kyoto Prize laureate Dr. Richard Karp, a computer science profes-

sor from UC Berkeley, as part of San Diego's Kyoto Prize Symposium on March 19.

For the eighth consecutive year, San Diego will have the distinct honor of hosting the Kyoto Prize Symposium — an outstanding event that showcases the laureates of the Kyoto Prize, Japan's highest private award for global achievement.

The award is given to individuals and groups worldwide who use their work in technology, science and the arts to better society.

The latest laureates convene here for the three-day symposium beginning with a benefit scholarship gala March 18. Public presentations by the laureates are set for March 19-20 at San Diego State University, UC San Diego and the University of San Diego.

San Diego is an international center for technology, scientific research, global enterprise and the arts. Each year, the Kyoto Prize Symposium brings a global spotlight to these thriving communities. Additionally, the laureates themselves often have a direct connection to San Diego, and this year is no exception.

A pioneer in computer science, Karp received the Kyoto Prize for developing algorithms that have changed the way scientists and engineers solve society's most challenging problems. His algorithms — or digital "recipes" for solving problems — helped to decode the human genome and create new fields such as computational biology and bioinformatics.

By improving large-scale information systems, Karp's work serves as the foundation

for today's digital society.

Karp's scientific research and technological advancements have touched virtually every aspect of modern life — optimizing how we get our water, gas and electricity; allowing us to enjoy secure digital communications; even giving us automotive electronics that manage shifting, braking and cruise control better than a professional driver.

Viterbi will take them one step further as he discusses the practical applications of Karp's work and its influence on the Internet, the World Wide Web, search engines and mobile communications. A better commentator for Karp's achievements may be difficult to imagine.

Direct Role
Living systems as the basis for his own work, Viterbi played a direct role in developing some of San Diego's greatest technological legacies — including the CDMA wireless communication technology and, with Irwin Jacobs, the multi-billion-dollar wireless telecom leader, Qualcomm.

Karp and Viterbi will introduce us to "The Mysteries of Algorithms," March 19, 9:30-11 a.m., at SDSU.

Like Karp, the latest Kyoto Prize laureate in basic sciences, Dr. Anthony J. Pawson, has direct connections to San Diego's life sciences and biotech communities. Pawson is a molecular biologist and distinguished investigator at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital, and professor at the University of Toronto. His epochal discoveries in how cells communicate with each other have provided a foundation for developing therapeutic drugs and aiding the fight against cancer, diabetes and autoimmune disorders. Pawson will discuss "How Human Cells Talk to Each Other, and What Goes Wrong in Disease," March 19, 3:30-5 p.m., at UCSD.

World renowned philosopher Dr. Charles M. Taylor, a professor at McGill University in Montreal, is the 24th Kyoto Prize laureate in arts and philosophy.

Taylor's work addresses some of humanity's most pressing issues, including the hope we hold for the world's diverse cultures to coexist peacefully. His social philosophy of multiculturalism promotes harmony among people of different historical, traditional and cultural backgrounds, while preserving their distinct identities.

His presentation, "Democracy and Exclusion: the Darker Side of Political Identity," will illuminate how democratic societies define a collective identity, and the experience of those whose differences place them outside of the majority. Taylor's presentation takes place March 20, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., at USD.

Less Obvious Ties
One of the less obvious ties between San Diego and the Kyoto Prize relates to the founder of the award itself. Dr. Kazuo Inamori, president of the nonprofit Inamori Foundation, is regarded among Japan's most respected living entrepreneurs. Though officially retired for many years, Inamori is known as the founder of KDDI — Japan's second-largest telecommunications carrier — as well as Kyocera, which has North American headquarters in San Diego.

The Kyoto Prize Symposium serves as an invaluable resource introducing San Diegans to some of the greatest thinkers of our time. Join us for the laureates' presentations and learn how and why their work benefits you and the rest of society. To register, visit kyotoprize.org.

Robert Horsman is president and CEO of San Diego National Bank, and chairman of the nonprofit Kyoto Symposium Organization, which was established to support San Diego's annual Kyoto Prize Symposium.

LARGEST CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Ranked by contract amount

Rank	Project name Project address	Contract amount General contractor \$ Millions	Date of (planned) completion Developer	Square footage of project	Architect/architectural firm	Project description	Investors/source of funding
1	Palomar Pomerado Health PMC West 2105 Camino Parkway Escondido 92029	\$600.0 DPR Construction Inc.	2012 na	739,030	CG Architects and KPFF Consulting Engineers	11-story hospital	wnd
2	Scripps Cardiovascular Institute and Central Energy Plant 9608 Genesee Ave. La Jolla 92037	\$340.0 McCarthy Building Cos.	April 2015 Scripps Health-San Diego	406,000(1)	Helmut, Obata + Kassabaum Inc.	10-story expansion including three medical surgery levels, six operating rooms, imaging department, sterile processing department and four CAATHEP labs	Charitable contributions
3	Pacific Beach 3301 Main St. San Diego 92119	\$254.0 Clark Construction Group	June 2009 Clark Realty Capital	1,557,000	Toril Gallus & Partners	Three 18-story towers for military use	Clark Realty Capital
4	Rady Children's Hospital Patient Care Pavilion 3029 Children's Way San Diego 92123	\$187.0 McCarthy Building Cos.	Summer 2010 Rady Children's Hospital- San Diego	279,000	Anshen+Allen	Children's critical care center housing surgical center, 84 medical-surgical beds, neo-natal intensive care center and cancer center	Charitable contributions
5	Sony U.S. Corporate Headquarters 18035 Via Esprilo Sancho Bernardo 92127	\$160.0 Sunlit Construction/Pacific Building Group	June 2009 Sony Inc.	455,000	Carter Johnson	Construction of an 11-story LEED certified headquarters with parking structure, fitness center and dining facility	na
6	UCSD Thornton Expansion Sulzberg Family Cardiovascular Center 9300 Campus Point Drive La Jolla 92037	\$115.0 DPR Construction Inc.	March 31, 2011 UCSD	125,000	RTKL Architects, Xirrh Engineers and KPFF Consulting Engineers	Four-story addition to an existing hospital	wnd
7	Bochelor Enlisted Quarters Package #1 Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Camp Pendleton 92055	\$114.0 Harper Construction Co. Inc.	April 2010 Department of Navy	420,492	Casa/Gowinsky/Chapman & Associates	Construction of military bachelor enlisted quarters with activity building	Department of Navy
8	Edgewood Skilled Nursing Facility 10201 Maui Blvd. San Diego 92171	\$110.0 Sunlit Construction	December 2008 County of San Diego	180,300	Carter Johnson	Creation of a skilled nursing facility to serve the San Diego community	County of San Diego
9	Lincoln High School 160 S. 48th St. San Diego 92114	\$107.2 Barnhart Inc.	October 2008 San Diego Unified School District	323,196	Martinez - Cufi	Complete reconstruction of Lincoln High School	State and local bond funds
10	Del Norte High School Deer Ridge Drive San Diego 92127	\$105.5 Barnhart Inc.	July 2009 Poway Unified School District	212,000	MTD Architecture	New high school, complete with performing arts, gym, stadium, classrooms, library on 64 acres	State
11	ResMed Corporate Headquarters 9201 Spectrum Center Blvd. San Diego 92122	\$87.0 Reno Contracting Inc.	May 2009 Alegra	250,000	KMA Architecture & Engineering	Construction of new corporate headquarters	ResMed
12	Carlsbad High School Renovation 3557 Lancer Way Carlsbad 92009	\$80.0 McCarthy Building Cos.	Fall 2011 Carlsbad Unified School District	na	Perkins+Will	Demolition of existing stadium and construction of new stadium	Proposition P
13	UC San Diego, North Campus Transfer Student Housing, Phase 2 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla 92093	\$79.0 Clark Design/Build of California	2010 UC San Diego	237,900	Carter Johnson + Culture	Village-like student housing project identified by an experiential pedestrian spine linking the high-rise tower, low-rise eco-hubs and amenities, including a bistro, market, study rooms, vending areas, laundry facilities and outdoor social spaces	UC San Diego Housing, Dining and Hospitality Services
14	Sapphire Tower Downtown San Diego San Diego 92101	\$75.3 Swinerton Builders	2009 Centurion Partners	298,000	AVRP Studios	Construction of 32-story, mixed-use residential tower	na
15	Parkview Aero Court and Kearny Village Road San Diego 92123	\$70.0 Weyman Corp.	February 2010 SRLP Parkview LP	825,000	KTBY	289 apartments, over structured parking and a 20,000-square-foot free-standing office building	na
16	Thomas Jefferson School of Law Downtown San Diego San Diego 92101	\$68.0 Boyle	na Owner	177,000	Fahman LaBarr	Construction of a private law school	Bond financing
17	Valley View Casino Hotel and Expansion Valley Center 92082	\$66.6 Swinerton Builders	2010 San Pasqual Casino Development Group	170,000	JMA Architecture	Expansion of existing casino and addition of a new hotel building	na
18	Kirroy Sabre Springs Building III 13480 Evening Creek Drive San Diego 92126	\$64.9 Reno Contracting Inc.	September 2006 Kirroy Realty Corp.	147,533	Hanna Gabriel Wells	Class A office building	na
19	La Jolla VA Seismic Corrosion 3350 La Jolla Village Drive La Jolla 92161	\$54.5 Clark Construction Group	April 2008 na	855,000	Leo A. Daly	Seismic correction of the Veterans Affairs Hospital	Veterans Affairs - San Diego Healthcare System
20	Sunroad Centrus San Diego 92106	\$54.4 Swinerton Builders	April 2008 Sunroad Enterprises	529,000	BPA Architecture Planning Interiors	Construction of a structural steel office building	na
21	Pala Casino and Hotel Expansion Pala 92059	\$52.9 Swinerton Builders	2009 na	na	JCI Architects	Addition and renovation of Pala Casino and Hotel	na
22	San Diego Zoo Elephant Odyssey Balboa Park San Diego 92112	\$50.0 Rudolph & Sietan	July 2009 Zoological Society of San Diego	328,700	Ferguson Pope Baldwin Architects	Naturalistic habitats, life-size replicas, fossil dig	Zoological Society of San Diego
23	Scripps Health Innovation Corporate Center 15004 Innovation Drive San Diego 92126	\$49.2 Reno Contracting Inc.	Aug. 31, 2008 Kirroy Realty Corp.	146,156	Pacific Commercial Architects	Medical office building and renovated infrastructure	na
24	UCSD Telemedicine & Prime MED Education Facility UCSD La Jolla 92037	\$49.0 Swinerton Builders	2010 na	82,000	Skidmore, Owings & Merrill	Three-story educational facility	na
25	Public Safety Center Civic Center Way El Cajon 92020	\$48.0 na	2011 na	279,000	KMA Architecture & Engineering	Design and construction of a new Public Safety Center adjacent to the El Cajon Civic Center	Bond

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Diego County.

Source: The building construction, architects and architectural firms, C/A/C/O stated letters.

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(1) Includes 326,000-square-foot Scripps Cardiovascular Institute and 26,000-square-foot Central Energy Plant.

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Rank	Project name Project address	Contract amount General contractor \$ Millions	Date of (planned) completion Developer	Square footage of project	Architect/architectural firm	Project description	Investor/source of funding
26	16th & Market Work Force Affordable Housing 840 16th St. San Diego 92101	\$45.9 Roel Construction	January 2009 Father Jon's Villages	217,115	Joseph Wong Design Associates	12-story high-rise, mixed-use affordable housing	Private
27	UCSD Revelle College Dormitories UCSD La Jolla 92037	\$44.0 Swinerton Builders	2011 na	147,000	KTA	New construction of apartments and cafeterias	na
28	Navajo Bachelor Enlisted Quarters & Dining Facility Camp Pendleton San Diego 92055	\$43.7 Harper Construction Co. Inc.	January 2010 Department of Navy	175,000	Cass/Sowatsky/Chapman & Associates	Construction of multi-story bachelor enlisted quarters with activity building	Department of Navy
29	UCSD Mayer Hall UCSD La Jolla 92037	\$42.8 Swinerton Builders	June 2008 na	45,000	Perkins + Will	Construction of five-story structure	UCSD
30	Palomar College Multi-Disciplinary Undergraduate Building A 1140 W. Mission Road San Marcos 92069	\$38.8 C.W. Driver	Sept. 10, 2010 Palomar Community College District	110,829	LPA Inc.	Project will include multiple disciplinary classrooms as well as general classrooms and support spaces	na
31	R. Roger Howe Elementary and Middle School Complex 5927 La Granada Rancho Santa Fe 92083	\$38.2 C.W. Driver	Sept. 2, 2010 Rancho Santa Fe Unified School District	75,952	Tritipo Architecture & Planning	Demolition of five buildings and relocation of three; reconstruct six to new elevations, provide infrastructure for six new buildings	na
32	UCLA University Student Center Renovation and Addition University of San Diego San Diego 92110	\$33.4 Rudolph and Sletten	July 2009 ⁽¹⁾ na	151,000	Architects MDWF, Horn+Goldman	Creation of a comprehensive social center	na
33	UCSD Supercomputer Expansion 9500 Gilman Drive San Diego 92093	\$32.6 Barnhart Inc.	October 2008 Regents of University of California	115,000	EHD0 Architecture	Five-story expansion of supercomputer facility	State
34	Mesa College East Campus Improvement Project Mesa College San Diego 92111	\$24.7 Barnhart Inc.	July 2009 San Diego Community College District	324,708	Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodriguez Barker	Parking structure, road improvements, police station	State and local bond funds
35	Grossmont College Health/Physical Sciences Complex Grossmont College El Cajon 92023	\$24.6 C.W. Driver	March 31, 2010 Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District	52,000	Architects Mosher Drew Watson Ferguson	Two-story health sciences building that will house science labs, classrooms	na
36	Harborview Gateway Lot 1 4910 Directors Place San Diego 92121	\$23.7 Pacific Building Group	Dec. 31, 2008 Kirov Realty Corp.	82,500	Pacific Cornerstone Architects	Three-story concrete fill-up medical office building	na
37	Wounded Warrior B.E.O. na Camp Pendleton na	\$23.0 Barnhart Inc.	March 2010 NAVFACUSMC	60,080	Cass/Sowatsky/Chapman & Associates	Building for wounded Marines and sailors	Federal
38	Joli Ann Leitch Elementary 853 Poinsettia Ave. Vista 92081	\$23.0 C.W. Driver	July 15, 2008 San Marcos Unified School District	87,000	HMC Architects	14-acre elementary school campus with four buildings	na
39	Parkside Terrace 515 13th St. San Diego 92103	\$22.7 Harper Construction Co. Inc.	January 2010 Wakeland Housing & Development Co.	127,531	Benson & Bell Architects	Mixed-use project	Wells Fargo Bank & CCDC
40	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, P-015 P.O. Box 550018 Camp Pendleton 92055	\$21.5 Harper Construction Co. Inc.	May 2008 Department of Navy	88,000	Cass/Sowatsky/Chapman & Associates	Construction of multi-story bachelor enlisted quarters with activity building	Department of Navy
41	Miramar College Hourglass Fieldhouse 10440 Black Mountain Road San Diego 92126	\$20.5 C.W. Driver	Feb. 22, 2009 San Diego Community College District	70,663	Carier Johnson	Four single-story and one two-story structures	na
42	North Island Credit Union na San Diego 92111	\$20.2 Swinerton Builders	September 2008 na	128,000	H2A Architects	Site work, shell and tenant improvement for North Island Credit Union's new corporate headquarters	na
43	ESR Corporate Center 9250-9260 El Camino Road Carlsbad 92008	\$20.8 Lusard Construction	January 2009 Carfax Co./First City Realty Advisors Inc.	90,000	Smith Consulting Architects	Construction of two buildings, one a wellness center and the other to be leased	Private
44	Allied Health Building at San Diego Mesa College 7250 Mesa College Drive San Diego 92111	\$20.0 McCarthy Building Cos.	August 2009 San Diego Mesa College District	80,000	Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodriguez Barker	Three-story building comprising of computer lab, classrooms, a clinical dental lab, physical therapy lab, medical lab, plus faculty and staff offices	Proposition 5 construction bond
45	UCSD Housing and Dining Services Administration Building UCSD La Jolla 92037	\$19.5 Swinerton Builders	2009 na	43,398	Studio E Architects	Construction of a four-story concrete housing and dining administration building	UCSD
46	Northeast University Cherry Blossom 590 Aero Court San Diego 92123	\$19.0 Roel Construction	July 2008 Northeast University	174,000	Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodriguez Barker	Construction of a new academic building, parking structure, college building and offices	Northeast University
47	North Coast Church 2405 N. Santa Fe Ave. Vista 92083	\$18.8 Roel Construction Co.	February 2010 Grand Pacific Resorts	110,000	Klabayashi Design Studio	Five buildings including a large sanctuary and separate classroom buildings	Private
48	San Diego Mesa College Allied Health and Phase 3 Parking Areas 7250 Mesa College Drive San Diego 92111	\$18.4 McCarthy Building Cos. Inc.	November 2008 San Diego Community College District	48,000	Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodriguez Barker	Construction of a three-story building and parking structure	Proposition 5
49	Callaway Golf Corporate Headquarters 2180 Rutherford Road Carlsbad 92008	\$18.0 Pacific Building Group	August 2009 Callaway Golf	233,000	Smith Consulting Architects	Construction of parking structure, addition within research and development facility and improvements made to offices, cafeteria and executive facilities	na
50	General Atomics Building 15 14115 Stowe Drive Poway 92064	\$18.5 Boed & Rober's Inc.	February 2008 na	315,000	Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodriguez Barker	Industrial tenant improvement within existing shell to create manufacturing, assembly, office and conference space	wed

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Diego County.

Source: The building contractors, architects and architectural firms, CFA/CFO attended letters.

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(1) Renovation complete by November 2009.

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Palitz opens Speakeasy Communications



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By Jada Thomas

After nearly 15 years with a local agency, Bridget Palitz has opened her own public relations and marketing consultancy, **Speakeasy Communications**.

Palitz previously served as vice president at **The McKee Agency**, a PR agency with offices in San Diego and Phoenix. During her tenure with the firm, she represented a diverse mix of clients and industries, including **Henry's Farmers Market**, **KB Homes**, **Solatube International**, **CB Richard Ellis**, **San Diego Harbor Excursion**, **Gafcon Inc.**, **Marine Group Boat Works**, **Good Feet Worldwide**, **Consumer Credit Counseling Service** of San Diego and Imperial Counties, and the **Association of Behavior Analysis International**, to name a few. Palitz joined the agency in 1994 shortly after graduating cum laude with a degree in literature/writing from UCSD.

In her new venture, Palitz will continue to work with clients in various industries, with a particular focus on the industries with which she has the greatest personal interest and experience, including consumer products, home improvement, retail, real estate and construction.

Palitz has a long history of community involvement in San Diego. She has been an active volunteer with the **PRSA San Diego chapter** for the last 10 years, including three years on its board of directors. She has also served on committees for the **UCSD Alumni Association**, **Habitat for Humanity** and **STRIVE/Second Chance**.

She has been recognized with several local business awards over the years, including the **YWCA's Tribute to Women in Industry (TWIN) Award**. Her agency work has also received numerous awards, including the **Edward L. Bernays Mark of Excellence Award** from **PRSA**. Source Code: 20090325tia

Benedetto Communications has announced the addition of three new clients to the company's portfolio. The agency has been selected to represent the **California Teratogen Information Service (CTIS)**, **McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP** and **Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation San Diego**.

"In the current economic climate, many companies are realizing the need for innovative, yet cost effective PR and marketing programs that deliver truly measurable results," said Audrey Doherty, president of Benedetto

Communications. "Our team has developed a customized plan for each of our new clients based on our **RelationSteps** process to ensure their messages are delivered and goals and objectives are met."

Benedetto will direct media relations, community outreach and social networking programs for all three new clients.

Benedetto will also represent pro-bono client **Share Our Strength** to promote **Taste of the Nation San Diego**. The culinary event is scheduled for Sunday, May 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Balboa Park. It will help raise funds needed to support efforts to end childhood hunger in San Diego and across the nation. Source Code: 20090325tub

Barona Resort & Casino has announced its **Barona Moments** campaign is the recipient of the **Gaming Voice Award** for "Multi-Format Advertising Campaign." This award is considered the "Best Picture" honor of the **American Gaming Association (AGA) Communications Awards**. The winning campaign features images and anecdotes of various guest experiences accompanied by the trademark phrase: "What will your Barona moment be?"

"Since its launch in spring 2008, we have received great responses to the **Barona Moments** campaign from both the public and the industry. We are honored to be recognized by the **American Gaming Association**," said Linda Devine, senior vice president of marketing for **Barona Resort & Casino**. "On behalf of Barona, I would like to thank the outstanding marketing team behind the campaign — their creative efforts and hard work helped us win this prestigious award."

The **Barona Moments** campaign emphasizes the resort's

commitment to guest service and involves a multi-tiered strategy, which targets current and potential consumers through television, radio, outdoor and print advertisements. The campaign's collateral and messaging celebrates the unique experiences that make visits to **Barona** memorable and strives to make every guest feel like part of the **Barona** family. **Barona** partnered with **North County-based marketing firm NYCA** to develop the campaign, which also includes an internal component to recognize **Barona's staff** and their role in maintaining the successful **Barona** brand.

Held in Las Vegas, the annual **AGA Communications Awards** honored outstanding corporate communications, PR and advertising in the gaming industry. A panel of judges with expertise in advertising, marketing, PR, Internet design, graphic arts and financial communications evaluated the entries, and awards were presented in 15 categories. Source Code: 20090325tic

The **San Diego Advertising Club** presented 122 awards for excellence in 15 different advertising and graphic design categories, culled from 335 entries, to 38 different advertising and marketing companies at its **March 20 ADDY's Creative Show**.

Recipients of **Best of Show** awards were the **Shilo** advertising agency in the professional category, and **Brad Muramoto** of **The Art Institute of California — San Diego** in the student category. A **Judges Special Award** was presented to **Treeline Interactive**.

The **San Diego Ad Club** also honored **Allan Shaw**, with a 40-year career in advertising and marketing, as the 2009 recipient of the **Paula E. Sullivan Award** for outstand-

ing career achievements and community contributions. Shaw has been an advertising agency owner, museum director and president/CEO of a non-profit charity. At **Hallmark Cards**, he oversaw the production of the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" television series. During the past 27 years in San Diego, Shaw has owned and managed agencies and led the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society's** local chapter from 1991 to his retirement in 2007. The **National MS Society** has become a model for other non-profits for its efforts in mass marketing, sponsor partnerships and creative fund-raising. The **Sullivan award** is named after the woman who opened the city's first all-woman advertising and PR agency in 1946.

Creative Show awards, called an **ADDY**, were presented in three different categories — **Gold**, **Silver** and **Bronze**, as well as **Best of Show**. Categories included sales promotion, collateral materials, direct marketing, out-of-home advertising, non-traditional advertising, consumer or trade publications, newspaper, interactive media, radio, television (including cinema), mixed media, advertising for the arts and sciences, public services, self-promotion and elements of advertising.

Among the **San Diego Creative Show** recipients with multiple awards: **9Myles LLC** (one Silver, two Bronze); **Bailey Gardiner** (one Silver, 12 Bronze); **Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino** (two Bronze); **Dana Neibert** (three Silver, two Bronze); **Diagworks** (one Silver, two Bronze); **Digitaria** (one Gold, one Silver); **E Factor Media** (one Silver, two Bronze); **Fishtank Brand Advertising** (one Silver, two Bronze);

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Frank Rogozienski Photography (two Bronze); **Greehaus** (two Bronze); **Maximo, Inc.** (three Bronze); **MEA Digital** (one Silver, two Bronze); **Mering Carson** (three Silver, nine Bronze); **Mindgruve** (four Bronze); **MJE Marketing Services** (two Bronze); **Murphy Design Inc.** (three Silver, two Bronze); **Oceanside Glasstile** (three Bronze); **Precision Litho** (two Bronze); **Savacool Secviar, Inc.** (one Gold, two Bronze); **Shilo** (one Gold, two Bronze);

Studio Conover (one Gold, one Silver, seven Bronze); **Lazar Nikolic** (one Gold, one Bronze); **The Starmack Group** (two Silver, four Bronze); **Treeline Interactive** (one Gold, one Bronze); **University of San Diego** (two Silver, five Bronze); and **Visionarium, Inc.** (two Bronze).

Single award winners included: **Brand Matter** (one Bronze); **Geary Interactive** (one Silver); **Levram Design** (one Bronze); **Matthew Evans Albertazzi** (one Bronze); **MJD Interactive** (one Bronze);

Nick ... (one Gold); **Pat ...** (one Gold); **Badami & ...** (one Gold); **...** (one Bronze); **National University** (one Bronze); **The Noodle Shop** (one Bronze); and **Wind River Media** (one Silver).

Students from **The Art Institute of California — San Diego** dominated the student competition with four Gold, 14 Silver and 23 Bronze in 12 student categories. Source Code: 20090325tid jada.thomas@sdct.com

Diane Bell

County WWII hero visits Obama at White House



President Barack Obama learned that San Diego Medal of Honor recipient John Finn had never been inside the White House. So, on Wednesday, he invited the 99-year-old World War II vet in for a private tour.

Finn, who turns 100 in July,

is the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient and first recipient in World War II. He had joined 37 other honorees at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., for a Medal of Honor Day ceremony.

Organizers were informed on Monday that President Barack Obama would join them at the cemetery. "I had thought

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Blood Bank donor watches vampire movie

there was maybe a 10 percent chance," said Nick Kehoe, president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

Later that day word came that Obama wanted to host their senior member, Finn, along with his traveling companion Frances Carmichael, afterward at the White House.

Finn still lives independently, with a little care-giving help, on his ranch in Boulevard in East County.

Normally, a U.S. president presents Medals of Honor, but Finn, cited for heroism during the attack on Pearl Harbor, had received his from Adm. Chester Nimitz.

Upon arriving at the Oval Office, Finn traded his wheelchair for two canes so he could walk in. Obama escorted him through the private entrance and gave him a presidential coin.

Upon leaving, Finn told fellow Medal of Honor holder Ronald Ray: "I really like that guy."

Lynn Stedd says the movie was most likely brought in by a staff member. "It's sort of apropos, though," she adds, "the donors call us vampires."

A new type of reality TV

Local heart transplant patient Joey Toczylowski, 11, was among real patients who appeared on NBC's "ER" Thursday night. Furthermore, he was paid for his work. The episode highlighted Camp del Corazon, a nonprofit summer camp for heart patients on Catalina Island that Joey has attended for three years. Dr. Joe Sachs, ER executive producer, is a friend of the camp founders.

Actor Tom Arnold, who made an "ER" guest appearance on the show, is a Camp del Corazon supporter. Joey and the actor go back a bit. In 2007, Arnold proclaimed Joey winner of the camp's most awesome scar contest.

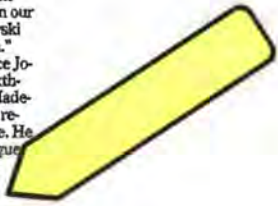
"I don't expect the talent scouts to be beating down our door," says Joe Toczylowski Sr., "but it was a lot of fun."

It's been 5½ years since Joey's transplant. Now a sixth-grader at School of the Madeleine in Bay Park, he has resumed an active schedule. He even made his Little League All-Star team last spring.

Blood bonds

As Sean McManus, a sophomore at the University of San Diego, gave blood Monday at a San Diego Blood Bank mobile unit on campus, he watched televisions installed to entertain donors. He wasn't sure if the movie airing was a joke, an oversight or routine fare. The film was "Twilight," about teen vampires.

Blood Bank spokeswoman



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IN PERSON

Feminist Art, the Maternal
Andrea Liss, associate professor in Visual and Performing Arts Department, reads from her recently published book *Feminist Art and the Maternal*, in which she "critically considers the dilemmas and promises of representing feminist motherhood in contemporary art and visual culture." Signing follows in Commons Building room 206. 760-750-4366. Tuesday, March 17, 2:30 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Homespun Tales — Singing Our Stories" MiraCosta Masterworks Chorale and Chamber Chorale plan a night showcasing storytelling through music. Also, MiraCosta music instructor Kathleen O'Brien performs a set of songs as a soloist. Program is "studded with the 'jewels' of choral repertoire" including folk songs such as "Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair," "Shenandoah." 760-795-6815. Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.; \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Stories That Make Us Human
Concert by Lakota/Apache storyteller Dovie Thomason hosted by Storytellers of San Diego in Manchester Conference Center. "A well-told tale can do more than entertain, it can remind us of what it means to be human." Suitable for adults, children over 12. 619-298-6363. Saturday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Ages 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (JUNDA VISTA)

San Diego Rescue Mission. Bring a nonperishable food item to donate. 619-284-7684. Sunday, March 8, 3 p.m.; free. The Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH BAY)

Coming of Age in Wartime San Diego Lemon Grove Historical Society's "History Alive" lecture series continues when author (and Hoover High School graduate) Virginia Routfield Welch discusses her new book. Question and answer follows. 619-460-4353. Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.; H. Lee

House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

El Perro del Hortelano 2RC Teatro, a professional repertory company from Canary Islands, performs *El Perro del Hortelano* (*The Dog in the Manger*), addressing issues of social climbing, jealousy, women's desire. Play was written in 17th-Century Spain by Lope de Vega. See performance in Arts Building room 111. 760-750-4366. Sunday, March 8, 7 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

New York Times Reporter Sharon Waxman signs, discusses her new book, *Loot: The Battle over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient*

World, in USD's Akalki Akalki Center. Sign-up info: www.2rc.org or www.2rc.org. *TheWrap.com*, 619-575-6251. Saturday, March 7, 6 p.m.; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Akalki Park. (UNDA VISTA)

Songs for a New World Musical theater production featuring SDSU students depicting an array of characters in vignettes across time and space. 619-594-5744. Friday, March 6, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$15. SDSU's Experimental Theatre, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Ten and Other Ayama Na Tales Eleanor Blostein reads from her new book, set "in the fictional country of Ayama Na, a small Southeast Asian nation recovering from a devastating internal coup and a long drought, both of which have left the population reeling." 858-456-1800. Saturday, March 7, 7 p.m.; free. D.G. Wilts Books, 7461 Gérard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Moon & Metaphor Ola Hidi, founder and former hostess of Drunk Poets Society of Ocean Beach, celebrates release of her first book of poetry. 619-222-6822. Monday, March 9, 6 p.m.; free. WinStons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Author Talk Local author, former *Union-Tribune* reporter Caitlin Rother discusses, signs her new book, *Body Parts*. 619-567-2870. Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m.; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

Children's and Youth Choir Festival Choristers Guilds hosts festival for more than 250 children and teens from more than a dozen county churches and schools. Singers will work with choral clinicians Melva Moerlen and Kathy Thompson. Concert features student organists and choral pieces for each age group, combined groups, bell choir, instrumentalists. Offering. 619-297-4366. Sunday, March 8, 4:15 p.m.; free. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy featuring Erik Knowles, Tim Shaw, Zoltan, Danielle Stewart, and Jonny Loquasto. 619-294-4848. Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. *The Wit's End*, 420 Robinson Avenue. (MILLCREEK)

Double Bill of Chills The L.A. Theatre Works radio theater company presents *War of the Worlds* and *Lost World*, described as "masterpieces of science fiction and adventure." 800-988-4233. Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; \$18-\$36. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

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SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 21, 2009

Senior Scene

BLOOD-PRESSURE CHECK: Free screening from 9:30 to 11 a.m. today at the La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa. Information: (619) 740-4214.

MEETING: Dr. Neal Hermanowicz, director of movement disorders at the University of California Irvine, will present a research update to the Dystonia Support Group from 1 to 3 p.m. today at Alvarado Hospital, 6655 Alvarado Road, San Diego. Reservations: (619) 582-1961.

FREE DISCUSSION: "Sleep Advice for Older Adults" will be presented from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dr. William C. Herrick Community Health Care Library, 9001 Wakarusa St., La Mesa. Handouts on sleeping guidelines will be provided, and healthy refreshments will be served. Information: (619) 825-5010.

FREE PRESENTATION: "Fiscal Fitness: What Goes Up Must Come Down - How to Invest in a Volatile Economy" will be presented for seniors age 55 and older from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the University of San Diego's DeGheri Alumni Center, Room 120, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego. Reservations: sandiego.edu/bridges. Information: (619) 260-4815.

GIVE BLOOD: Grossmont Hospital will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday. No age limit. Free parking. Details: (619) 470-4059.

MONTHLY MEETING: The Senior Specialists Networking Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Acadia Place Retirement Community, 1080 Arcadia Ave., Vista. Cost: \$20. Reservations: (760) 497-1150.

SPRING DANCE: Hosted by the Balboa Park Club from noon to 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way, Balboa Park. Learn how to cha-cha with Russell Maples from noon to 12:45 p.m. Music by Billy Harper and the Hot Shots. Cost: \$3. Information: (619) 236-6905.

The year of the Crusader

MATER DEI BOYS SOCCER, GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS WIN SOCAL REGIONAL TITLES

By Phillip Brents
SPORTS EDITOR

They have ventured into territory previously uncharted by teams in their respective sports in the Metro Conference. They are the Mater Dei Catholic boys soccer and girls basketball teams and they are both 2009 Southern California regional champions.

The Crusaders defeated Los Angeles Salesian, 2-1, on goals by Sergio Lopez and Cesar Trejo to capture the Southern California Division III boys soccer championship title last Saturday at Warren High School in Downey.

Mater Dei (16-6-1) becomes the first

San Diego Section boys team to win a regional championship since the tournament's inception last year. The Cathedral Catholic Dons and Poway Titans both finished second in their respective divisions last year and the Dons repeated as the Division II runner-up this season.

At present, there are no state divisional championship matches in soccer. Playoffs stop at the regional level.

This was the second year for regional playoffs. Previously, the playoffs had stopped at the section level.

The Crusaders girls basketball team, however, will be taking it to the next level after defeating the Bishop's Knights, 54-51, to capture the Southern California regional

championship last Saturday at Cal State Fullerton. Mater Dei will play Northern California regional champion Modesto Christian in the Division IV state championship game Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the ARCO Arena in Sacramento.

It's still not too late to get tickets to this history-making event.

The Crusaders fell, 71-63, to the Knights in the San Diego Section Division IV championship game March 7 at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion but did so with one of their key players — six-foot-one senior Soulijah Evans — not at full speed because of illness. With a healthy Evans back in the lineup, Mater Dei breezed past its opening two regional op-

ponents to gain a rematch against Bishop's — the top-ranked team in the state — when it is entered most.

The Crusaders are 29-3 with one very close game remaining.

Modesto Christian is 27-7.

With a No. 2 state ranking (behind the Knights), Mater Dei has to be considered the favorite to win Saturday's state title. School pride is obviously at a fever pitch.

"It was a special weekend for Mater Dei Catholic — not just one win, but two tremendous wins," Mater Dei principal George Milke said. "It has been a while since Mari-

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PHOTO/PHILLIP BRENTS

Mater Dei's Rafael Blanco traps the ball in his team's regional semifinal playoff game against Inglewood Animo Leadership on March 12. The host Crusaders won, 2-1, to advance to the regional championship game.

MATER DEI

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an/Mater Dei has participated at this level in the state playoffs. I believe in 1979 our girls volleyball team advanced to the state playoffs. So, for us to have two teams advance, we are extremely happy for the players and coaches and we applaud their hard work and dedication."

Milke noted that the school's 2003 football team was chosen state champions for Division III prior to the new playoff system.

The school's Associated Student Body organization held a rally for both teams last Friday prior to their departure for the regional championship games and another rally was scheduled

on campus Thursday — this time to honor the two teams for their regional championship titles and, in Milke's words, to "give them a send-off they will always remember and cherish."

"The crowds have been spectacular for the past weeks going into the championship and regionals, with many students, parents, faculty and alumni attending," Milke said.

While the players and coaches are flying to Sacramento, Milke said the school is putting together buses for those Mater Dei students, parents and staff who want to attend.

"The boys soccer team and girls basketball team were and are very excited and honored to be representing Mater Dei Catholic, the Metro Conference and Chula Vista," Milke said.

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SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 30, 2009



USD FINISHES SWEEP OF 12TH-RANKED WAVES

The USD baseball team scored nine unanswered runs to complete a three-game sweep at home over No. 12 Pepperdine with a 9-3 win yesterday afternoon in a West Coast Conference game.

The Toreros put the game out of reach in the bottom of the eighth inning with five runs on five hits. **James Meador** led the USD offense by going 2-for-3 with two RBI.

AJ Griffin (4-1) got the victory, allowing three runs on eight hits in five innings. **Darrin Campbell** picked up his first save of the season.

The Toreros improved to 19-10 overall and ran their winning streak to five. They have won 10 out of their past 11 games against Pepperdine (16-1).

Toreros wipe out the Waves

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USD junior right-hander Matt Thomson struck out a career-high 10 batters and threw a two-hitter in a complete-game 4-0 shutout victory over visiting WCC foe Pepperdine yesterday.

It was a pitchers' duel for Thomson (4-0) and the Waves' Cole Cook (4-1). Both went the distance, Thomson allowing one hit in the second inning, then retiring the next 13 batters — five by strikeouts — before a batter reached on a wild pitch in the sixth.

After a controversial first inning in which Cook had three balks called on him because of mechanical issues with his delivery, he settled down and retired the next nine batters. Cook took a no-hitter into the fifth before a two-run double by Steven Chatwood broke it up.

The Toreros had three runs in the fifth and added another in the seventh on a homer by Bryan Haar (Grossmont).

Offense stays hot in Toreros victory

By Kirk Kanney
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

The sky was falling all around the USD baseball team two weeks ago.

Season-ending injuries to starting pitcher Sammy Solis (herniated disk) and center fielder Kevin Muno (broken hand) came just as the Toreros tumbled out of the top 25 with an 8-9 record.

It's amazing what winning nine of the next 10 can do to bring back Mr. Blue Sky.

The Toreros opened West Coast Conference play yesterday with an 8-6 victory over Pepperdine at Cunningham Stadium. And all is right with the world again.

"Offensively, we've kicked it into gear," said USD coach Rich Hill. "We're getting double-digit hits every game. I think that's been the difference."

USD right fielder James Meador had the biggest hits against the Waves, clubbing solo home runs in the second

and third innings.

"Hitting always comes around," said Meador, who is batting .374 with four homers and 22 RBI. "If you're slumping you just have to keep working."

Meador's homers were off Pepperdine ace Nathan Newman, who came into the game with a 1.35 ERA (five earned runs in five starts). The Toreros (17-10) collected 10 hits and all eight runs off Newman, whose ERA more than doubled to 2.97.

USD's Bryan Haar (Grossmont High) collected his first collegiate home run in the fourth inning off Newman and finished with three RBI.

The Toreros (17-10) and Pepperdine (16-9) have accounted for every West Coast Conference title since 2000, so this series should set the tone for what is to come.

USD starter Kyle Blair (2-1) pitched five shutout innings before getting in a couple of predicaments in the sixth and seventh. It wasn't anything Toreros closer A.J. Griffin couldn't take care of over the final 2½ innings for his third save.



USD second baseman Chris Engel catches a pop fly against Pepperdine yesterday. John R. McCutchen / Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 25, 2009

COLLEGE BASEBALL

USD, SDSU get offensive

USD banged out a season-high 20 hits yesterday to slug its way past Long Beach State 12-5 in a non-conference baseball game at Cunningham Stadium.

Four Toreros combined for 13 hits. Sean Nicol went 4-for-5 with three RBI while Victor Sanchez, Zach Walters and Steven Chatwood each went 3-for-4.

USD (16-10) has won eight of its past nine. The Toreros open WCC play Friday when they host Pepperdine.

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 31, 2009

Baseball America ranks Aztecs in Top 25

Winning a weekend series at TCU was enough to push San Diego State's baseball team into this week's *Baseball America* Top 25 for the first time this season.

The Aztecs (18-9, 6-3) entered the poll at No. 21 after winning two out of three against TCU, the defending Mountain West Conference champion, which dropped from No. 16 last week to No. 22. New Mexico, which leads the MWC at 5-1 (24-4 overall) is ranked No. 18.

This is the first time SDSU has been ranked since it was No. 22 after opening the 2008 season with three wins in four games against USD. The Aztecs dropped out of the rankings the following week.

SDSU also appeared for the first time this season in the *Collegiate Baseball* Top 30, at No. 25. That same poll has USD at No. 30; the Toreros are ranked No. 25 by *USA Today*, which does not have the Aztecs in its Top 25.

The Aztecs play six nonconference games this week, starting tomorrow at UC Santa Barbara and Wednesday at home against UCSB. SDSU will host a four-game weekend series against UC Davis, with only the Friday game being played at Petco Park (2:30 p.m.). All-American Stephen Strasburg is scheduled to pitch that game.

USD plays tonight at UC Riverside before going to Santa Clara for three games this weekend.

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Toreros knock out Dirtbags

BASEBALL: LBSU pitchers give up 20 hits in 12-5 loss.

From staff reports

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SAN DIEGO - Two weeks ago, Long Beach State dropped a 17-3 drubbing on the University of San Diego. Tuesday, the Toreros returned the favor.

Five Dirtbag pitchers were strafed for 12 runs and 20 hits in the first seven innings as San Diego ran off with a 12-5 win at Cunningham Stadium. The loss dropped Long Beach, which played without its suspended head coach Mike Weathers, to 7-12 on the season.

Jeff Lease (1-1) started and gave up five runs and nine hits in 3<MD+,%30,%55,%70> 1/<MD-,%0,%55,%70>3 innings, Tyler Topp allowed three runs in the fifth and Jose Corrales allowed five hits and four runs in the sixth.

The Dirtbags took a 2-0 lead with single runs in the first, on a Tre Dennis walk, steal and two errors, and the second, on an RBI single by Jonathan Jones.

San Diego tied it in the second on Sean Nicol's two out, two-run single and made it 3-1 in the third on Victor Sanchez's double and a sacrifice fly.

An error and single chased Lease in the fourth, and both runs scored on James Meador's single off reliever David Brown.

Against Topp in the fifth, Bryan Haar's two-out single drove in two runs and Nicol's triple plated Haar to make it 8-2.

Two errors and a single by Taylor Krick made it 8-3 in the sixth, but the first four Toreros got a hit versus Corrales and Haar ended the inning with a two-run double to make it 12-3.

The Dirtbags scored two in the ninth on a hit batter, Brennan Metzger single, balk, and Kirk Singer single.

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SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 16, 2009

Toreros, Griffin shut out fifth-ranked Rice

Junior pitcher **A.J. Griffin** scattered three hits over eight innings, and the USD offense combined for nine hits, including three doubles, to pace the baseball team to an 8-0 victory over No. 5 Rice yesterday in Houston.

After rain postponed Saturday's game, the teams planned to play a doubleheader yesterday, but rain came after the first inning and delayed the first game more than three hours. The second game then was canceled.

The 20th-ranked Toreros (9-9) erupted for four runs in the fifth inning, including two on a double by **Bryan Haar**.

At San Diego State, the Aztecs completed a three-game sweep of UNLV by pounding out 14 hits in a 15-2 victory.

The Aztecs scored seven runs in the fifth inning when they sent 10 batters to the plate and drew four walks. SDSU's **Cory Vaughn** and **Josh Chase** each hit a home run.

Tyler Lavigne struck out eight to run his record to 3-0 for SDSU (11-6, 3-0).

UCSD completed a four-game sweep of Cal State Stanislaus, the 13th-ranked team in NCAA Division II, with a 6-5 home victory. **Evan Kehoe** and **Matt Cantele** hit back-to-back home runs in the sixth for the 23rd-ranked Tritons. Cantele's homer was the 50th of his career, and he needs only three more to tie the school record. **Guido Knudson** (3-0) got the win.

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San Diego State's Easton Gust dives for a foul ball in the loss to USD in the conclusion of the teams' four-game series. The Aztecs won the first three games. Sean M. Haffey / Union-Tribune

Aztecs gift win to Toreros

USD beneficiary of 5 SDSU errors

By Kirk Gwynn
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

USD was in need of some help after losing the first three games of its four-game series against San Diego State.

The Aztecs were only too happy to oblige yesterday, committing five errors in the No. 11-ranked Toreros' 10-7 win at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

"When you make those kinds of mistakes against a good team, they're going to punish you. And they did," said SDSU coach Tony Gwynn. "You feel good you took three out of four, but you hate to lose one the way we did today."

The Aztecs (7-6) made two errors in the third inning that helped USD (8-6) to a 3-1 lead. That was bad enough, but the fourth inning was worse. Much worse.

SDSU made three errors in the inning — one by first base-

man Guy Willeford, one by second baseman Mitch Blackburn and one by shortstop Ryan O'Sullivan. Third baseman Easton Gust would have completed the all-error infield had the high pop-up he dropped not been in foul territory.

When the inning ended, the Toreros had sent 11 batters to the plate, collected four hits — including back-to-back two-run doubles by Steven Chatwood and Sean Nicol — and scored seven runs to make it 10-1.

Gwynn replaced all of his infielders except Gust an inning later. How disgusted was the coach?

"Very," said Gwynn. "That's why I yanked them out. You can't make plays like that. We won the first three games of this series and we then played like they were going to roll over."

A nine-run cushion seemed to be plenty for USD starting pitcher Matt Thomson, but little had gone right for the Toreros in the first three games of this series. And the Aztecs did make it interesting.

SDSU's Brandon Meredith (Montgomery High), who hit his first collegiate home run in the second inning, doubled

home two runs in the fourth to make it 10-3. A four-run fifth — highlighted by Cory Vaughn's three run-homer — made it 10-7.

But Thomson (2-0) took charge at that point, retiring the next 12 hitters he faced.

"I just kind of got comfortable out there on the mound, and there were a couple of good defensive plays behind me," said Thomson, who allowed seven hits in eight innings and struck out a career-high nine batters.

USD closer A.J. Griffin came on in the ninth and went 1-2-3 to end the game.

"It's definitely a big boost for our morale," said Thomson. "You never want to lose four in a row. Yeah, it's our crosstown rivals, but more than anything you want to end it on a good foot."

Said USD coach Rich Hill: "I was extremely proud about the brotherhood of the USD baseball team. The way they came out and exuded energy and enthusiasm."

The Toreros will need more of it. They play at Long Beach State tomorrow before traveling to No. 9-ranked Rice for a four-game series.

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

March 9, 2009

Big day at plate propels Toreros past the Aztecs

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — A seven-run scoring outburst in the fourth inning propelled the

USD	3	11th-ranked University of
SDSU	1	San Diego baseball

team to a 10-7 win over San Diego State on Sunday afternoon at Tony Gwynn Stadium to avoid a four-game sweep of the crosstown series.

The Toreros (8-6) led 3-1 before taking control in the fourth.

Austin Green led off the inning with a walk and moved to third on Zach Walters' single to right. Walters reached second on the play, thanks to a throwing error by the Aztecs (7-6).

Nick McCoy reached on a fielding error, scoring Green and moving Walters to third. After Kevin Munoz loaded

the bases with a walk, Steven Chatwood doubled to left to score two runs. Shane Nicol followed with another two-run double to give USD a 7-1 lead.

Former Ramona High standout James Meador was hit by a pitch to continue the rally. Chris Engell drove in another run on a bunt, reaching first on a fielding error. Victor Sanchez drove in the final run of the inning with a single to give the Toreros a commanding 10-1 lead.

The Aztecs scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth and four more in the fifth, but that was as close as they got.

Nicol finished 2-for-5 with a double and two RBIs. Sanchez and Walters each went 2-for-4.

Matt Thomson (2-0) picked up the win for the Toreros, allowing seven runs on seven hits and striking out a career-high nine.

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

March 8, 2009

Aztecs on verge of sweep of USD

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

The No. 11-ranked University of San Diego baseball team was upset yet again by San Diego State, which pulled out a 7-6 nonconference win on Saturday afternoon at Cunningham Stadium.

The Aztecs (7-6) got on the scoreboard first, scoring a pair of runs on two hits in the first inning, with RBIs tallied by Cory Vaughn and Brandon Meredith.

The Toreros (7-5) took back one run in their half of the first inning. Kevin Muno led off the inning with an infield single and advanced to second on an error. After Muno advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Steven Chatwood, Ramona High grad James Meador drove in Muno with an RBI single to right field to move the score to 2-1.

After SDSU added a run in the top of the second inning, USD eventually tied the

game with a two-run fifth.

Austin Green led off the inning with a single through the left side. After Green stole second, Zach Walters moved him to third on an infield single. Bryan Haar drove in Green when he grounded into a double play. Muno then hit a solo home run to left center to tie the game at 3-3.

The Aztecs then scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning on a T.J. Thomas run-scoring double, Matt Parker's RBI single and Brandon Decker's RBI single to give SDSU a 6-3 lead.

The Toreros took back two runs in the bottom of the sixth on a Victor Sanchez RBI single and a Walters sacrifice fly to center field to put the game at its final of 6-5.

Sean Nicol paced USD offensively, going 3-for-4 with a triple and a run scored. Muno, Sanchez, Engell and Green all recorded a pair of hits.

Sammy Solis (1-1) was saddled with the loss for the

Toreros. He allowed six runs on nine hits, while striking out seven in six innings work. Tyler Lavigne (1-1) was credited with the win for the Aztecs. He allowed five runs on 11 hits in six innings of work.

The teams will wrap up a four-game series on Sunday at 1 p.m.

March 7, 2009

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Vaughn homer blasts Toreros

UNION-TRIBUNE

Sophomore Cory Vaughn hit a clutch, three-run home run in the 7th inning last night as SDSU beat No. 11 USD 6-4 in front of 1,089 at San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

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10 INNINGS

USD's A.J. Griffin (Grossmont High) walked the first two batters in the 10th and got a strikeout before giving up the long ball.

The Toreros (7-5) had scored a run in the top of the 10th to unknot a 3-3 tie. James Meador (Ramona) drew a walk and came around on Sean Nicol's single.

James McLaughlin (Torrey Pines) struck out the only batter he faced in the top of the 10th for the Aztecs (6-5) to notch the win.

Strasburg, Aztecs down Toreros

■ Pitcher strikes out stadium-record 18 in series opener

TOM SHANAHAN
FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — Stephen Strasburg's latest record striking out a stadium-high 18 batters at University of San Diego's Cunningham Stadium on Thursday, impressed the 1,117 college baseball fans on hand to see his 100 mph fastball.

But what caught the All-American pitcher and Olympic bronze medalist's attention more than the strike-out total was the identity of

the record-holder he topped. In a 5-3 win over San Diego State at Cunningham Stadium, Strasburg set a former USD All-American Brian Matthes, who led the national strikeouts a year ago and was the fourth overall pick of the 2004 amateur draft by the Baltimore Orioles.

"Matthes was a great pitcher," Strasburg said. "I look up to him. He has a lot of the qualities I hope to have."

By that, Strasburg, a 6-foot-5 right-handed junior, meant he wants to be known as a pitcher — not just a thrower.

"I keep telling people he's a pitcher — not just somebody who rears back and throws," San Diego State head coach Tony Gwynn said. "He's a gifted pitcher."

Strasburg, 3-0 in three starts, tossed eight innings with

only one walk, two hits and two earned runs. In 20 innings this year, he has 45 strikeouts.

The win was the second straight for San Diego State (5-5) this year over USD (7-4) and broke the No. 11-ranked Toreros' four-game winning streak. The four-game weekend series at alternating sites resumes at 6 p.m. Friday at SDSU's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

Strasburg's high pitch count of 116 with 79 strikes was attributed to recovering from a shaky start, which is another sign of his growth as a pitcher.

"Absolutely," Strasburg said of the satisfaction he felt. "They were pulling every trick to stall. I just had to stay focused and pitch."

Strasburg worked on a four-seamer that he said he was getting up in the zone early in the game until he

went back to a two-seamer.

USD tied the game 1-1 in the bottom of the second on a ground-rule double by center-fielder Kevin Munro and an RBI single by third baseman Victor Sanchez.

In the third, USD took a 2-1 lead when Westview High grad Nick McCoy blasted a 390-foot home run, the first of his career. It was only the second home run Strasburg has yielded in his college career after giving one up as a sophomore.

McCoy came back from a two-strike count and connected with a fastball Strasburg said he left up over the plate.

"The bottom line is we lost the game," said McCoy before he was coaxed into admitting it felt special to "get a home run off a big-time guy like that."



ROBERT BENSON / FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

University of San Diego starter Scott DeNault delivers a pitch in the first inning against San Diego State on Thursday afternoon at USD.

Strasburg treats fans to special K

Pitcher strikes out 18 in eight innings as Aztecs down USD performance

THE STRASBURG WATCH

Keeping track of SDSU All-America pitcher Stephen Strasburg this season:

YESTERDAY AT USD

His line: 8 innings, 5 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 1 walk, 18 strikeouts.

Result: Win, 5-3

FOR THE SEASON

3-0 record, 1.77 ERA, 20 1/3 innings, 13 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned runs, 4 walks, 45 strikeouts

NEXT START

Friday, March 13 at 6 p.m. vs. UNLV at Tony Gwynn Stadium

By Kirk Kenney
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

San Diego State's Stephen Strasburg, as has become his custom, piled up the strikeouts in yesterday's game at USD.

The Aztecs All-American struck out 18 in eight innings against the Toreros, the third time in three starts Strasburg has reached double-digit strikeouts. Strasburg now has 45 strikeouts in 20 1/3 innings.

But it was a strike thrown from right field by SDSU's Cory Vaughn that was perhaps the most important throw in the Aztecs' 5-3 win at the Toreros' Coughlin Stadium.

Strasburg opened the game with two quick strikeouts, employing a fastball that touched 99 mph. A few moments before USD's Steven Chatwood struck out, an Azteca fan shouted: "Show bunt! It's your only chance!"

A voice countered from the Toreros' side in the overflow crowd of 1,117 two innings later.

That was after No. 11-ranked USD (7-4) sent a shiver through Strasburg when catcher Nick McCoy turned a fastball around and rocketed it over the left-field fence to give USD a 2-1 lead. It was only the second home run allowed by Strasburg as a collegian.

Buoyed by the big hit, a USD fan shouted: "This isn't the Mountain West! The closest you're getting to Omaha is Utah!"

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Strasburg finishes strong, fanning 13 of final 15 faced

Said McCoy: "In college baseball, momentum is huge, and that definitely gave us some momentum."

"But," McCoy cautioned, "I never thought the job was done."

SDSU pitching coach Rusty Filter visited Strasburg immediately thereafter to settle down his pitcher, but Strasburg walked the next hitter, Kevin Munoz.

Munoz stole second before James Meador lined a two-out single to right. Vaughn came up throwing and his strike to catcher Erik Castro nailed Munoz at the plate to end the inning.

"Amazing," said Strasburg. "That was a big play right there. When it comes time, he gets it done."

Instead of a 3-1 USD lead and a runner in scoring position at second base, the Aztecs (5-5) were out of the inning down just a run.

"That was huge," said SDSU coach Tony Gwynn. "Morale was a little down on this side because they had not seen that happen (to Strasburg)."

"Vaughn came up, made a great throw, and then Strass kept us in there."

An Azteca fan in the stands held up a sign with a big red K on it each time Strasburg recorded a strikeout. The sign would block the view of those behind the fan over the next five innings.

Strasburg (3-0) struck out the last two hitters in the fourth and the last two hitters in the fifth. He struck out the side in the sixth, seventh and eighth, although he did give up a single with two out in the seventh, ending a run of seven straight strikeouts.

That gave the Aztecs time to rally, which they did with two runs in the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Pat Colwell and a single by Brandon Decker.

SDSU made it 5-2 on Castro's RBI single in the ninth. The three-run bulge was tested in the bottom of the inning when USD rallied for a run against Addison Reed and had the potential tying runs at first and third before the SDSU closer struck out pinch hitter Bryan Haar to end the game.

The four-game series continues tonight at 6 at Tony Gwynn Stadium.



While Stephen Strasburg was piling up strikeouts, he allowed only his second home run as a collegian. K.C. Alfred / Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 4, 2009

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Toreros score early to win big

UNION-TRIBUNE

Victor Sanchez's grand slam was the highlight of USD's six-run first inning as the Toreros beat visiting Western Carolina 14-7 yesterday.

USD (7-3) wasted no time in putting up six runs on five hits. Three straight infield singles by Kevin Muno, Steven Chatwood and James Meador loaded the bases with no outs for USD, setting the table for Sanchez, who hit his third home run of the year.

Pitcher Chris Jensen (1-2) allowed no runs on three hits in 2 1/3 innings of work.

More baseball

Paced by Nick Ramirez (3-

for-4) Cal State Fullerton cranked out 13 hits in a 7-2 win over host SDSU. Aztecs pitcher Ryan O'Sullivan (0-1) allowed four runs and eight hits over six innings. SDSU managed just four hits ... James Scott and Ricardo Moran hit back-to-back homers to lead off the 10th inning for CSUSM in an 11-10 win over Cal Baptist. Johnny Holtman (2-0) earned the win in relief for CSUSM (7-3).

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 2, 2009

LOCAL COLLEGE BASEBALL

Meador, Sanchez power Toreros

FROM NEWS SERVICES

Outfielder James Meador homered and drove in three runs

Toreros

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to lead USD to a 6-4 victory over Nevada yesterday in the final game of the USD Tournament at Cunningham Stadium.

After the Wolf Pack (2-5) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, USD (6-3) responded with three runs in the

bottom of the first. Meador gave USD the lead with a two-run home run, then third baseman Victor Sanchez followed with a solo shot to make it 3-1.

The same duo helped USD, ranked 11th by *Baseball America*, take command in the fifth. Meador's RBI single and Sanchez's RBI sacrifice fly gave the Toreros a 6-2 lead.

Darrin Campbell (1-1) got the win, allowing two runs on four hits and striking out five in five innings.

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 1, 2009

Walk-off singles give USD baseball sweep

Zach Walters hit a walk-off RBI single to lead the 11th-ranked USD baseball team (5-3) to a come-from-behind 5-4 win over Nevada (2-4) yesterday afternoon in the second game of a doubleheader sweep at Cunningham Stadium in the University of San Diego Tournament.

In the opening game, **Victor Sanchez** also had a walk-off RBI base hit in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Toreros to a 2-1 victory over Kansas State University (4-2).

With USD trailing 4-3 heading into the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 2, **Sean Nicol** got things started with a single. **Chris Engell** then singled to left field and advanced to second on an error which allowed Nicol to score from first and Engell to reach second base to tie the game.

After Engell moved to third on a **Jose Valerio** groundout, Walters hit the walk-off RBI single.

In other local action, No. 26 San Diego State split a doubleheader against Pacific at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

In the opener, senior **Cole Akins** tossed seven strong innings to lead Pacific to a 6-3 victory. In the top of the sixth, **Nick Longmire** (Grossmont High) hit a towering home run over the left-field wall for the Tigers.

In the nightcap, the Aztecs (4-3) won 8-3 behind starter **Craig Rasmussen** (1-0), who scattered six hits in five innings while allowing three earned runs.

Brandon Decker had four of SDSU's eight hits with three singles and a double, scored twice and had an RBI. It was Rasmussen's (Hilltop High) first start as an Aztec.

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PREP TUESDAY

THE (BASE) PATH MOST TRAVELED



Cathedral Catholic's Matt Moynihan is a prototype leadoff man/center fielder and highly rated draft prospect. *Earnie Crafton / Union-Tribune*

USD-bound Moynihan opted to forgo football

By Bill Dickens
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

As part of his essay season for securing a baseball scholarship to USD, Cathedral Catholic senior Matt Moynihan composed an essay. His topic was about making choices, and he chose his words carefully.

Moynihan wrote about weighing the pros and cons of playing his final season of high school football or bypassing a game he loved to focus on other priorities.

Last fall, Moynihan decided to forgo his senior year on the gridiron. It was a painful decision as the former running back/wide receiver watched from the sidelines as Cathedral Catholic capped a 14-0 foot-

ball season with a victory in the Division II State Championship Bowl. "It took me a week to write that essay," said Moynihan, who has earned letters in football, baseball, basketball and track. "I put a lot of thought into it."

"How do you give up an important part of yourself without losing your identity? By sacrificing in one

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Moynihan gets things going for talented Dons

place, is there a guarantee I would find fulfillment somewhere else? It was like I was trying to convince myself that I was making the right decision."

Baseball America ranks Moynihan, a center fielder, as the nation's 52nd-best high school prospect heading into June's draft. Including college players, he is ranked 95th.

"It's very clear that baseball is slotted as Moynihan's best sport," Cathedral Catholic baseball coach Gary Remiker said. "He's been to all the big-time showcase events."

Baseball's attraction to Moynihan convinced him that football might not be in his best interest. As a junior, he had injured the labrum in his right shoulder and missed four football games. More shoulder rehab followed at the end of the season.

The 6-foot-2, 205-pound Moynihan said he made the decision on his own.

"I knew my football coaches would be upset and my friends disappointed, yet in direct opposition to their expectations, I told the team I would forgo playing football my senior year," Moynihan said. "The risk was just too great. I felt the decision I made was to do the right thing. I can't second-guess myself."

Most of Moynihan's friends understood, as did Remiker and football coach Sean Doyle.

"Speed never goes into a slump and speed is his best asset," Remiker said. "I think his biggest fear, if he had elected to play football, was taking a hit on a knee. That could have been a \$200,000 loss in terms of his scholarship to USD."

Moynihan has hit .450 over the past two seasons. He has 61 stolen bases.

"To throw him out when he tries to steal, you have to get lucky," said Dons teammate Casey Husband, who has a scholarship to USC.

Opponents agree. "He has electrifying speed," El Capitan senior catcher Tanner Rust said. "Even when he doesn't get a good jump, he's hard to throw out. You know he's gonna go, but even when you call for a pitchout your chances of throwing him out aren't that great. I've seen him steal a base standing up."

Moynihan, who throws right and bats left, has been a prototypical leadoff man for the Dons.

"I wasn't surprised that he gave up football to focus on baseball," Cathedral senior right fielder Tyler Gaffney said. "Here's a guy that can hit a two-hopper to shortstop and beat the throw to first base. You're not going to see that in very many guys."

Dons senior Ryan Wilkins, a right-handed pitcher, said it's difficult to hold Moynihan on first base.

"I think I've only seen him thrown out once attempting to steal," Wilkins said. "More often than that, I've seen opposing catchers just hold the ball and not throw. The guy's a rabbit."

Tommy Cheek, Cathedral's senior second baseman, appreciates batting in the No. 2 spot behind Moynihan in the Dons lineup.

"Because Moynihan's such a threat to steal I see mostly fastballs," Cheek said. "I usually have to take at least one strike to give him a chance to steal."

Jonathan Meyer, the Dons' ace right-hander, was asked how he would pitch to Moynihan.

"I'd probably throw a slider down and in at his knees," said Meyer, who has accepted a scholarship to Clemson. "The slider is my out pitch, so I'd probably go with it rather than a fastball."

Defense is another Moynihan strength.

March 18, 2009

Toreros' Jones wants to transfer

Sophomore's father has kidney ailment

By Hank Wessch
STAFF WRITER

USD sophomore forward Rob Jones has requested a release from his basketball scholarship commitment and intends to transfer to a school closer to his Bay Area home.

Jones' father, Jim Jones Jr., the adopted son of



Rob Jones

Jonestown cult leader Jim Jones, has a kidney problem similar to that of former NBA star Alonzo Mourning and is undergoing dialysis. Jones Jr. is on a list to receive a transplant.

"I learned about my father's health situation last summer and I've struggled with it since," Rob Jones said yesterday. "I've felt out of the loop with my family a lot of the time and being home over spring break last week made me realize that San Diego is just too far away from my home."

"It's not so much about the program here as it is I feel I need to be closer to my family. I've had a really good experience in my two years here. es

pecially going to the NCAA Tournament last year.

"I feel I've had a good relationship with Coach (Bill Grier) on and off the court and that he really likes and cares about me. I've got good friends on the team that I'm sorry I have to leave."

Jones would become the third player to leave the USD program since the start of a 2008-09 season that began with high expectations based on a full complement of returnees from a 2007-08 campaign that produced a West Coast Conference Tournament championship and the first NCAA Tournament victory ever for a Division I school from San Diego County.

The Toreros' season descended to mediocrity, however, through a spate of suspensions and a devastating injury to star guard Brandon Johnson. It concluded with a 16-16 record and WCC Tournament quarterfinal loss to Santa Clara on March 7.

"I'm very disappointed, but at

SEE USD, D4

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Grier says he's sympathetic to Jones' situation

the same time sympathetic to his situation," Grier said of Jones' request. "I've been aware of (the health problem) since midway through the conference season and have discussed it with Rob and his family.

"While you hate to see a

player with his ability and potential go, at the end of the day it's about his family."

Nathan Lozeau, a 6-foot-10 sophomore reserve center, left in December to return to the Pacific Northwest. An apparent clash of wills between sophomore guard Trumaine Johnson and Grier that lasted several months and included two suspensions ended in late February with the announcement that Johnson, a contributor to late-season success in 2008, would transfer.

Jones played in all 32 games this season, starting 28 and av-

eraging 26.7 minutes per contest. He also averaged 9.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. As a freshman, Jones averaged 9.0 points and 5.8 rebounds in 35 games, 32 of them starts, averaging 26 minutes per game.

Jones started the season with a 19-point, 10-rebound performance in a loss at Las Vegas and followed that with a 23-point effort in a home victory over Nevada. He had 13 more double-figure scoring games the rest of the way, including double-doubles at Portland (13-10), at Loyola

Marymount (14-11) and in the season-ending loss to Santa Clara (20-10).

Jim Jones emphasized yesterday that it was not his intention for his son's decision "to be about me." But he expressed appreciation and respect for his son's choice and his conduct through the difficult process.

"As a father, I appreciate Rob's approach," Jones said. "He worked hard and played hard through a tough season and after it was over he made a reasoned and mature decision.

"I'm sorry to have this come

up at this point in his life, but now that he has made the decision, he has to honor his convictions and live with them."

At the news conference after USD's final game, Jones was asked about the up-and-down nature of his season.

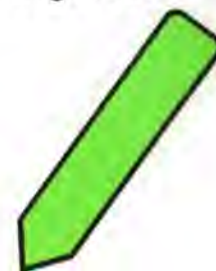
"It's a mental game," he said. "Sometimes I'm not there mentally for whatever reason it might be."

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SFGate.com**Jones leaving San Diego**

Will McCulloch, Staff and News Services

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Former Riordan High basketball standout Rob Jones is leaving the University of San Diego after two seasons.

Jones, a 6-foot-6 sophomore, asked for a release from his basketball scholarship Monday and will meet today with school officials.

Jones said that his decision to transfer was less about the San Diego program than it was about being closer to his ailing father. Jim Jones Jr. has a kidney ailment and is on dialysis.

Jones, a first team All-Metro prep selection in football and basketball, hasn't picked another school yet.

Jones averaged 9.0 points and 5.8 rebounds as a freshman and played on a Torero squad that made a surprising run in the NCAA tournament. He averaged 9.5 points and 5.5 rebounds this season.

BEAVERS PREVAIL: Daniel Deane scored 14 points and host Oregon State beat Houston 49-44 in the College Basketball Invitational.

Roeland Schaftenaar had six points, six rebounds and six assists.

Kelvin Lewis led Houston with 18 points.

LAWSON MAY BE OUT: North Carolina point guard Ty Lawson's injured big toe may keep him out of the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Coach Roy Williams said "there's a huge, huge probability that Ty will not play" today.

PITT GUARD APPEARS FINE: Pittsburgh point guard Levance Fields practiced Wednesday for the first time in almost two weeks after being bothered by a sore groin and appeared ready to play in the Panthers' first-round NCAA game.

NIT HIGHLIGHTS: Nick Calathes broke out of a shooting slump with 19 points, Chandler Parsons added 17 points and 14 rebounds, and host Florida beat Jacksonville 84-62. ... LaceDarius Dunn and Kevin Rogers each scored 20 points and Curtis Jerrells added 19 to lead host Baylor to a 74-72 win over Georgetown. ... Jack McClinton made seven three-pointers and scored 25 points to lead Miami to a 78-66 victory over Providence. ... Virginia Tech got 33 points from A.D. Vassallo and 23 from Jeff Allen, and the Hokies scored on their first five possessions in the second overtime to overcome 46 points from Duquesne's Aaron Jackson and win 116-108 at home. ... DeWayne

Toreros can't match up with Broncos' big man

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

LAS VEGAS — The history suggests tonight's West Coast Conference Tournament quarterfinal game between USD and Santa Clara would be a close one.

USD had won three straight in the series by a total of 11 points before Santa Clara snapped that string with a 64-62 victory in overtime on Feb. 5 at USD.

But the brief history of the two schools in the WCC Tournament — Santa Clara routed the Toreros 82-48 in the opening round of the 2004 event in their only previous tournament meeting — proved the better predictor of what actually happened.

Santa Clara 80, USD 69. And that was after the Toreros (16-16) whit-

SANTA CLARA 80,
TOREROS 69

WCC TOURNAMENT

Women's schedule: Semifinals Today: USD vs. Portland; approx. 2:20 p.m.

Kiva Herman scores 30 points to lead Toreros past Pepperdine into semis. D3

... .. tied away nine points in the final 5:45.

The Broncos (16-16) rode a 24-point and WCC Tournament single-game-record 27 rebounds from 6-foot-11, 270-pound center John Bryant to a victory that moved them into tonight's first semifinal against the tournament's top seed, Gonzaga, ranked No. 14 nationally.

Bryant collared USD miss after

SEE USD, D4



Santa Clara's Marc Trasolini drives past USD's Roberto Mafra yesterday during the WCC Tournament game in Las Vegas. AP

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Broncos center had 17 rebounds in first half alone

miss in totaling 17 rebounds in the first half as Santa Clara cruised to a 38-23 advantage. He only needed four in the second half to top the tournament record of 20 set by San Francisco's Daryl Johnson in 1992, and got 10 to post the highest NCAA Division I total of the season.

Chris Gadley of Canisius had 25 against Maine in a game in December.

"Win or go home — tournament atmosphere," Bryant said of his motivation. "As a senior, I did not want my season to end. I wanted to go out there and do what we needed to do to win, and that was to rebound."

USD head coach Bill Grier expected another "grinding" game, like the four previous between the teams in his two years as the Toreros' leader. That expectation didn't last too long.

"I thought they just came out with better energy to start the game," Grier said. "I think we let them get comfortable at the offensive end, but the big difference was Bryant."

"There's a reason why he's the (WCC) Player of the Year. I've never seen 17 rebounds in a half, let alone 27 in a game. A lot of them were at the defensive end, but that just means we weren't getting any second chances."

Grier started the "Twin Towers" alignment of 6-8 Gyno Pomare and 6-9 Roberto Mafra. In part because of its success against Loyola Marymount on Friday in the first round.

Mafra had six of USD's points as the Toreros took a 12-11 lead seven minutes into the game. But the Toreros shot only 37.9 percent (8-for-25) and were destroyed 26-8 on the boards in the half.

Rob Jones had 15 of his 20 points and six of his 10 rebounds in the second half and his efforts got USD to within 44-37 with 15 minutes still to play. That was as close as the Toreros got.

Too much Bryant.

"He's a big person and he does everything," USD guard De'Jon Jackson said. "He blocks shots, he makes you change direction, he gets every rebound."

"If he's in the key, he's getting that board," Jones said.

USD SCOREBOARD

Santa Clara 80, USD 69

USD	pts	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pct
Boer	31	5-9	0-0	1-2	0	3	8
Pomare	24	2-6	2-2	6-9	0	1	6
Jones	14	2-3	3-3	3-10	1	2	10
Jackson	40	3-11	4-4	14-17	7	2	11
Mafra	26	5-11	3-3	1-5	1	5	13
Gilly	18	0-4	2-4	0-1	0	3	2
Leeds	9	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Brown	12	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Houston	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	20-58	20-28	7-24	8	24	69

Penetration: FG 3/79, FT 7/69. 3-Point Goals: 5-16, 3/13 (Boer 2-4, Jones 1-2, Leeds 1-2, Jackson 1-3, Gilly 0-1, Brown 0-2). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocked Shots: 2 (Mafra 2, Turnover: 8 (Jackson 4, Jones 2, Houston, Brown), Shaak 4 (Jackson 2, Pomare 2). Technical Fouls: None.

SANTA CLARA

pts	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pct
Rabin	26	3-9	0-0	2-4	0	6
Johnson	22	2-2	0-0	2-4	0	6
Trasolini	29	2-9	0-4	3-8	2	18
Foster	39	6-15	5-7	0-6	3	23
Bryant	20	6-15	13-12	6-27	0	24
Petty	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Dowdell	15	2-3	1-2	0-1	0	5
Thompson	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0
Santos	20	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0
Totals	200	26-64	23-28	13-47	8	80

Penetration: FG 4/1, FT 2/1. 3-Point Goals: 6-14, 4/12 (Foster 4-10, Johnson 2-2, Rabin 0-1, Santos 0-1). Team Rebounds: 4. Blocked Shots: 4 (Bryant 4). Turnovers: 20 (Foster 4, Dowdell 3, Santos 3, Bryant 2, Rabin 2, Trasolini). Steals: 4 (Foster 2, Trasolini, Santos). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (16-16)

pts	23	46	69
Santa Clara (16-16)	38	42	80

A-N.A. Officials—Ken Ditty, Sam Haddad, Brian Hood.

WCC MEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

At Las Vegas

Yesterday's Second Round
Santa Clara 80, USD 69
Portland 69, Pepperdine 45

Today's Semifinals
Gonzaga vs. Santa Clara, 6:30 p.m.
Saint Mary's vs. Portland, 9 p.m.

Tomorrow's Championship
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S SUMMARY

USD 76, Pepperdine 69

USD (18-12) — Henderson 16, Herman 30, Sprague 13, Connors 8, Child 6, Woodrow 2, Maslin 1. Totals 29-50 28-34 76.

PEPPERDINE (16-13) — Aylin 10, Jarrell 9, Babell 5, Jackson 6, Ross 3, Lato 10, T.Smith 14, Bryant 2, Barnett 2, Bell 2. Totals 22-51 20-26 69.

Officials—Pepperdine 21-30. Three-point goals—USD 2-8 (Henderson 2); Pepperdine 5-11 (T.Smith 3). Assists—USD 12 (Connors 6); Pepperdine 13 (Sprague 2). Steals—USD 7 (Henderson 2, Connors 2); Pepperdine 10 (Bell 2).

WCC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

At Las Vegas

Yesterday's Second Round
USD 76, Pepperdine 69
Loyola Marymount 71, Santa Clara 60

Today's Semifinals
Gonzaga vs. Loyola Marymount, noon
Portland vs. USD, 2:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's Championship
Semifinal winners, noon

"For us to be playing a Santa Clara team next year without John Bryant definitely doesn't bother me."

USD loses seniors Pomare and Danny Brown but anticipates the return of senior guard Brandon Johnson, who seeks a medical redshirt allowance after rupturing an Achilles tendon early in the season.

"As our team gets older I think we'll be more mentally prepared for games," Jones said. "A lot of these games we've lost we've come out flat. I think next year we'll come out with our game face on and be ready to play and everyone's going to step up more consistently."

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WCC TOURNAMENT

Santa Clara overpowers San Diego

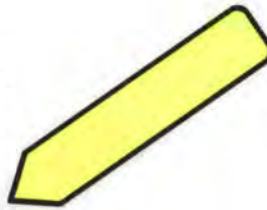
LAS VEGAS — John Bryant had 24 points and a West Coast Conference tournament-record 27 rebounds Saturday night to lead Santa Clara to an 80-69 victory against San Diego in the quarterfinals.

Bryant, the conference player of the year, had 17 first-half rebounds to help Santa Clara (15-16) build an early double-digit lead and advance to the semifinals today against top-seeded Gonzaga.

Bryant's effort helped Santa Clara outrebound San Diego 47-24. Santa Clara, the tournament's No. 4-seeded team, used an 8-0 run midway through the second half to stop a San Diego rally and take a 52-37 advantage with under eight minutes to play.

Kevin Foster was a perfect 12 for 12 from the free-throw line for Santa Clara to finish with 21 points, and Marc Trisolini contributed 18 points for the Broncos.

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Herald Tribune

Pomare leads San Diego over LMU in WCC tourney

The Associated Press

Saturday, March 7, 2009

LAS VEGAS: Gyno Pomare scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead No. 5 seed San Diego over eight-seeded Loyola Marymount 62-56 in the first round of the West Coast Conference tournament Friday night.

Roberto Mafra added a career high 14 points and six rebounds for San Diego (16-15), which plays No. 4 seed Santa Clara in the second round on Saturday night.

Loyola Marymount (3-28) was outrebounded 38-16 as it set a school record for losses in a season. The previous high was 26 during the 1999-00 season.

Kevin Young scored 16 of his 20 points in the first half to lead the Lions to a 31-28 halftime lead. The Toreros took the lead permanently at 40-38 when Chris Lewis hit a 3-pointer with 14:11 left, sparking a 14-3 run.

Jarred DuBois added 18 points for the Lions, who were 13-of-28 from the free throw line.

NOTES: San Diego coach Bill Grier announced that sophomore guard Trumaine Johnson will not return to the team and will transfer at the end of the semester. He averaged 11.6 points in 14 games. ... The teams split their two regular-season games with both winning at home.

Correction:

Notes:

LAS VEGAS SUN

Pepperdine, San Diego advance in WCC tournament

By **Brett Okamoto**

Sat, Mar 7, 2009 (12:28 a.m.)

The first round of the West Coast Conference tournament kicked off at the Orleans Arena Friday night, marking the first time in conference history the championships will play out on a neutral court.

The bottom four seeds played for the opportunity to face the higher ranked teams in later rounds. The championship game will be played March 9 at noon.

No. 6 Pepperdine 93, No. 7 San Francisco 85

The Waves survived 16 lead changes to hold off the Dons 93-85.

With just eight players on the roster, including four freshmen and no seniors, San Francisco's overall lack of experience in post-season pressure may have hurt them in the final minutes.

"We're a young team, a lot of these guys have never played in a conference tournament before," said San Francisco coach Rex Walters. "I think it's different when you have seniors who feel the finality of it, knowing they might never play again."

Pepperdine senior Mike Hornbuckle provided that experience for his team, coming off the bench to score 25 points, including five shots from beyond the arc. Offensively, Pepperdine committed just four turnovers and had six players score in double figures for the Waves.

"I told our guys at halftime it's going to be a shootout if we don't start guarding somebody," Pepperdine coach Tom Asbury said. "It was just one of those nights where we shot well to get it done. To only turn the ball over four times is pretty remarkable."

The Dons looked to junior Dior Lowhorn for leadership and he responded in a big way, finishing with a career-high 32 points. Freshman Kwame Vaughn had 18.

San Francisco still had a chance with a minute left when Lowhorn made a layup to cut the Waves' lead to five. But when he missed a 20-footer on the following possession, the Waves grabbed the rebound and sealed the deal at the foul line.

Lowhorn, who transferred from Texas Tech after the 2005-06 season, has flourished at San Francisco, but the program has so far been unable to build around him.

"When you're a good player you've got to make your team better around you," Lowhorn said. "We're finishing this year with about the same record as last year. I've got to do better than that."

Pepperdine advances to a second round matchup with No. 3 Portland at about 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

No. 5 San Diego 62, No. 8 Loyola Marymount 56

The defending WCC Tournament champs used a 12-2 run in the second half to pull away the Lions, 62-56. After a slow start had them trailing by as many as 11 early in the game, USD got it together after intermission, taking the lead six minutes into the second half and keeping it for the remainder of the game.

"After the way we played in the first half I challenged them to see what kind of heart they had," said USD coach Bill Grier. "To their credit they played better after that. I thought there was that one stretch where we really took control."

Senior Gyno Pomare led the Toreros with 18 points and eight rebounds. Junior Roberto Mafra scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half and added six rebounds. The Toreros outrebounded the Lions 38-16 overall.

"I think we did a great job stepping up around the glass," Grier said. "To outrebound a team by 22 rebounds, that's a heck of an effort."

The Lions were led by freshman Kevin Young, who finished with 20 points. Jarred DuBois, another freshman, added 18. Sophomore Vernon Teel, who torched the Toreros for 21 points in a win earlier this season, was held to just three points on 1-of-7 shooting from the floor.

USD will advance to the second round where it will face No. 4 Santa Clara at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Tournament finds win-win situation

Coaches agree: WCC fits at Orleans Arena

By STEVE CARP
LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

Conference basketball tournaments are a battle between what's profitable and what's fair.

Do you make money at the risk of giving one team an advantage? Or do you provide a level playing field with a neutral court and possibly impact your potential for profit?

It appears the West Coast Conference might have found the best of both worlds by moving its annual basketball party to the Orleans Arena.

A strong presale of 7,000 all-session tickets in a depressed economy had league officials upbeat, while having the tournament played at a neutral site for the first time in 23 years has given the event a sense of fairness among coaches.

When play tipped off Friday, plenty of smiles could be seen. Everyone connected with the WCC appeared glad to be in Las Vegas.

"There's nothing to be discouraged about," WCC commissioner Jamie Zaninovich said. "I think everyone's excited about the site and the facility.

"We're thrilled with the presale, especially given the economy right now. We hoped 5,000 in the building would have been a good start."

Portland coach Eric Reveno, whose third-seeded Pilots face sixth-seeded Pepperdine tonight in the quarterfinals, said having a level playing field means everything.

"It's huge," Reveno said of playing on a neutral court. "Our kids feel like they have a legitimate chance. When you play the tournament on someone else's home court, you feel like you're at a bit of a disadvantage."

Earl Gregory and son Jeff traveled from Newberry Park, Calif., and Spokane, Wash., respectively, to root for Pepperdine. They were thrilled to be at The Orleans.

"This is great to have it here in Las Vegas," Jeff Gregory said. "It's as nice an arena as any in the league. Plus, the weather is great. It was perfect when I left Spokane the other day to drive down here."

Said Earl Gregory, "It's fair for everyone. I don't think that was the case last year in San Diego."

San Diego coach Bill Grier enjoyed that advantage last year, and the Toreros, who were seeded third, won the WCC tournament by beating Gonzaga, 69-62. But Grier didn't mind giving up the home court for a trip to Las Vegas.

"Having hosted it last year, you feel good about it," Grier said. "But I think the league has done a really good job with the tournament at The Orleans. It has a big-time atmosphere to it, and it's a truly neutral environment, and that's the way it should be."

The WCC still rewarded its top teams by giving regular-season champion Gonzaga and runner-up Saint Mary's a bye into the semifinals Sunday. Reveno said he had no problem with that.

"They earned that over the course of the season," he said. "That's an advantage that makes sense."

Toreros get message, beat LMU



LMU's Kevin Young (left) dunks over USD's Roberto Mafra last night. Mafra scored 14 points as the Toreros rallied and won. AP

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

LAS VEGAS — In the middle of a game the USD trailed 31-28 to Loyola Marymount last night, injured point guard Brandon Johnson gave the Toreros what senior center Gyno Pomare described as a "pep talk" and coach Bill Grier called a "rear-end chewing." Then Grier addressed the Toreros.

"I challenged them about what kind of heart they had and what kind of competitors they were," Grier said.

Somebody's message hit home. Playing with greater intensity and resolve, USD (16-15) held LMU (3-27) to 10 points for the first 16 minutes of the second half, built leads of as many as 11 points and prevailed 62-56 at the Orleans Arena in the opener of the



**TOREROS 62,
LMU 56**

WCC TOURNAMENT

Men's schedule: Second round
Today: USD vs. Santa Clara; 6 p.m.

Women's schedule: Second round
Today: USD vs. Pepperdine; approx. 2:30 p.m.

USD women rally to a first-round tourney win over San Francisco behind seniors Kiva Herman and Amber Sprague. D3

West Coast Conference Tournament.
For most of the first half, last night's game looked grotesquely like the one played Feb. 12 in Los Angeles.

The one in which LMU got its second victory of the season in its 25th

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USD will face Santa Clara in quarterfinals

game, beating USD by 15 points.

"We were sloppy (11 turnovers), not aggressive and the effort wasn't there," Grier said of last night's first 20 minutes.

"I've been telling the team, this time of year it's not about how pretty you play, it's all about advancing," Grier said. "Because you lose and you're done."

The Toreros advance to today's quarterfinals and a 6 p.m. match-up with Santa Clara. The teams split the regular-season meetings with each winning on the other's home court.

Last night, USD got 18 points and eight rebounds from Pomare and 14 points and six rebounds from junior Roberto Mafra in ending the long and troubled season of LMU. The Lions started the year under

head coach Bill Bayno and ended it under Max Good after Bayno resigned for health reasons.

Grier employed the 6-foot-8 Pomare and 6-9 Mafra in a sort of "twin towers" starting lineup for the first time this season and had them on the floor together more than any other game.

It didn't have much initial impact, as LMU jumped out to a 17-6 lead in the first eight minutes. USD got some direction from junior point guard De'Jon Jackson, who scored seven of his nine points in a four-minute span, to draw within 31-28 at halftime. The Toreros then took control in the second half, outscoring LMU 24-10 in the first 15 minutes, before keeping LMU at bay to the buzzer.

"We knew we weren't playing hard enough, and after (Johnson) talked to us, we came out with a little more fire," Pomare said.

Mafra, who admitted to being nervous for his first Division I tournament game, scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half, showing range with his jumper and playing

some forceful defense on LMU's Kevin Young.

"I was scared of going home after the first half," said Mafra, a native of Brazil and community college transfer. "We're still playing, I'm still excited and now I feel great."

Young had 16 points, including four dunks off baseline drives in abusing USD in the first half. With Mafra and Chris Lewis sharing the defensive assignment, Young scored only four more in the second half.

SCORE SUMMARY

USD 62, Loyola Marymount 56

Player	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Subito	27	5-12	5-7	9-1	2	4	18
Courts	25	1-2	3-4	0-2	2	1	6
Bark	15	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Armstead	24	3-4	2-2	0-1	1	2	8
Young	46	9-13	1-4	4-8	3	4	20
Kane	7	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Sweeney	21	0-1	1-2	0-1	0	4	1
Teel	21	1-1	1-1	0-0	3	2	3
Total	200	19-44	12-25	4-16	12	21	56

Penalties: FG 432, FT 464, 3-Point 5-11, 405 (Subito 3-5, Young 1-1, Courts 1-3, Kane 0-2, Bark 0-2, Armstead 0, Sweeney 0, Teel 0). Team Rebounds: 6, Blocked Shots: 1 (Young). Turnovers: 7 (Subito 4, Bark 2, Sweeney, Armstead, Courts). Steals: 10 (Young 3, Courts 2, Sweeney 2, Teel 2, Kane), Technical Fouls: None.

Player	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Dorr	31	6-2	0-0	6-7	0	1	13
Pomare	26	4-9	10-12	4-8	1	3	18
Jones	29	3-6	4-6	2-6	1	4	10
Jackson	30	4-8	0-2	0-0	2	3	9
Mafra	24	6-8	2-2	2-6	0	4	14
Only	22	0-2	2-2	1-2	1	2	2
Lewis	17	3-4	1-2	2-6	0	6	6
Brown	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	2
Houston	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Total	200	30-40	19-25	17-28	4	22	62

Penalties: FG 500, FT 731, 3-Point 3-9, 333 (Brown 1-1, Lewis 1-2, Jackson 1-0, Dorr 0-1, Only 0-2, Team Rebounds: 3, Blocked Shots: 2 (Mafra, Pomare), Turnovers: 20 (Dorr 5, Jones 4, Pomare 3, Mafra 3, Lewis 2, Jackson 2, Houston), Steals: 4 (Jones 2, Lewis, Jackson), Technical Fouls: None.

Player	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Loyola Marymount (2-28)				31		25	56
USD (16-12)				28		34	62

Officials: Brian Root, Jim Grier, Melvin Landry.

USD's Jones plays like beast vs. Lions



After getting off to a fast start this season, USD's Rob Jones (22) has often struggled. *Cristy Pascual/U-T*

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Something is missing. Loyola Marymount plays out the best.

"I don't know what it is," the USD sophomore forward said yesterday. "I try to play hard every game, against every team, but things have just seemed to go my way against them."

In four games against LMU in his two-year career, Jones has averaged 15.5 points and 10.3 rebounds per contest. The breakout performance of his freshman season was his first Lions encounter, a 27-point

SCHEDULE

Men's tournament: First round
Today: USD vs. LMU; 6 p.m.
Women's tournament: First round
Today: USD vs. USF; approx. 2:30 p.m.

(still career high), 13-rebound effort at LMU.

In the last USD-LMU match-up, Feb. 12 in Los Angeles, Jones (14 points, 11 rebounds) was the only flicker of light as the Toreros lost by 15 points to a Lions team that was 1-23 at the time.

Jones and his teammates get

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Grier wants Jones to relax 'and let it rip'

another shot at LMU at 6 to-night when the fifth-seeded Toreros take on the eighth-seeded Lions in the opening round of the West Coast Conference Tournament at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas. The winner advances to tomorrow's quarterfinals to face No. 4 seed Santa Clara.

Jones averaged 9 points and 5.8 rebounds per game, made the WCC All-Freshman team and started 32 of 35 games last season as USD won the WCC Tournament and defeated Connecticut in the opening round of the NCAA's. His sophomore numbers (9.1 points, 5.3 rebounds) haven't risen as expected and the just-completed regular season lacked as much personal satisfaction for him as it did for USD's 15-15 team.

In the season opener at UNLV, Jones produced 19 points, 10 rebounds and four assists, and he followed that with 23 points in the home opener against Nevada. For the 28 games since, Jones had 11 games of double-figure scoring, but was held scoreless three times and to four points or fewer on six other occasions.

Jones followed the two-game, season-opening outburst with three games at the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands in which he totaled 12 points.

"I thought I'd have a great year (at the start) but that Virgin Islands trip, a curse must have been put on me or something," Jones said. "Things haven't really clicked like I would have hoped since then."

USD coach Bill Grier said the

W.C.C. SCHEDULE

AT LAS VEGAS	
MEN'S TOURNAMENT	
Today's First Round	
USD vs. Loyola Marymount, 6 p.m.	Pepperdine vs. San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's Second Round	
Santa Clara vs. USD-LMU winner, 6 p.m.	Portland vs. Pepperdine-USF winner, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's Semifinals	
Gonzaga vs. Santa Clara, USD or LMU, 6:30 p.m.	Saint Mary's vs. Portland, Pepperdine or USF, 9 p.m.
Monday's Championship	
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.	
WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT	
Today's First Round	
Saint Mary's vs. Santa Clara, noon	USD vs. San Francisco, 2:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's Second Round	
LMU vs. Saint Mary's-Santa Clara winner, noon	Pepperdine vs. USD-USF winner, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday's Semifinals	
Gonzaga vs. LMU, Saint Mary's or Santa Clara, noon	Portland vs. Pepperdine, USD or USF, 2:30 p.m.
Monday's championship	
Semifinal winners, noon	

high expectations put on the Toreros, and the high expectations Jones puts on himself, may have had adverse affects.

"Rob can be really hard on himself, and I've had a lot of talks with him trying to get him to just relax, have fun and let it rip," Grier said. "I will say that Rob has had maybe his best week of practice in the last six weeks. He has been upbeat, aggressive, joking and interacting with his teammates like he used to. I told him, I don't know what you had for breakfast or what your routine has been, but whatever it is you've been doing this week, keep that up."

Jones had no explanation for why, but said he has been in a better place mentally this week than he had been in awhile. LMU represents the first of four games in as many nights the Toreros need to win to claim the tournament championship and automatic NCAA berth.

"We only played one less game last year (to win the championship) so we know it's not impossible," Jones said. "We know we have to be strong from the start so we don't fall behind early and we can't let down. We have to take each game as it comes."

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Pomare is again All-WCC

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — Three North County basketball players earned All-West Coast Conference honors on the men's and women's teams announced Monday.

University of San Diego senior forward/center Gyno Pomare of El Camino High was named a first-team pick for the third straight year. Pomare, the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder, is only the second USD player picked to the first team three times, joining center Scott Thompson (1985-87).

Named to the WCC All-Freshman men's team was Santa Clara guard James Rahon of Torrey Pines High. Rahon was the Broncos' third-leading scorer with

11.2 points per game. He is on pace to set a school freshman record for 3-point shooting at 40.1 percent (55-of-137).

“James is a scorer, but what is coming out of Santa Clara coach Kermit Johnson’s mouth is what we’re hearing said. “The main focus for him to stay on the floor for us was defense. James made great strides. He played his man and he played good team defense.”

Named to the WCC All-Freshman women's team was USD point guard Dominique Conners (5-9), who grew up in Oceanside before playing in high school at La Jolla Country Day. USD senior center Amber Sprague (Mission Bay High) and USD senior forward Kiya Herman were named first-team All-WCC.

— Tom Shanahan

USD's Potential Belies Its Record

By Tom Shanahan



Bill Grier led the Toreros to a 15-15 record in the regular season this year. Photo: University of San Diego.

This time a year ago, University of San Diego basketball coach Bill Grier turned suddenly into a hot name on the college coaching carousel.

Don't look for him to be a hot name again during this year's off-season though, following a fifth-place finish in the WCC regular season, unless they win the West Coast Conference tournament that starts Friday in Las Vegas and advance to the NCAA tournament.

But guess what? In some ways, Grier showed he's a better coach in an up-and-down year than he did in last year's breakthrough season.

Last year, Oregon State saw what Grier did his first year at USD -- leading the Toreros to a WCC tournament title and first-round NCAA tournament upset of Connecticut -- and tried to lure him to a more glamorous Pac-10 job in his home state.

But Grier turned down the money and higher profile to remain in Alcalá Park to continue what he started.

Plenty of coaches know how to draw X's and O's, but not many know to translate the information to players so they're moving in sync on the floor. And even fewer have the ability to keep pieces on the chessboard effective when off-the-court problems undermine team chemistry.

Grier has shown he's one of those rare coaches this year. He was part Pete Newell and part Dr. Phil.

A season that appeared destined to sink into a losing record has rebounded for the third or fourth time. For most coaches, it's a challenge to snap a team out of even one losing season.

"He's done a great job this year," said Mark Few, head coach of 17th-ranked and WCC regular-season champion Gonzaga. "They've been very resilient. Their whole staff has done a great job the last two years. When they have their backs to the wall is when they seem to play their best ball."

USD's 58-47 loss to Gonzaga Saturday, which finished their regular season, was an example.

Despite being reduced to one point guard -- Brandon Johnson was lost for the year on Dec. 6 with a ruptured Achilles' tendon and Trumaine Johnson (no relation) left the team last week following his second suspension of the season -- Gonzaga needed to rely on a defense ranked No. 1 in the nation in field percentage to overcome a first-half deficit.

"They lost a heartbreaker at Saint Mary's (the WCC runner-up, Feb. 19), beat Pacific (Feb. 21), beat a good Portland team (third in the WCC, Feb. 26) and gave us all we can handle. He's got a group of guys that want to play."

But Grier struggles to find this group as the Toreros (15-15, 6-8 WCC) try to defend their WCC tournament title against eighth-place Loyola Marymount (3-27, 2-12 WCC) at 6 p.m. Friday at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

He handed out suspensions to senior Gyno Pomare (one game), and sophomores Clinton Houston (five games) and Trumaine Johnson (eight games). He wasn't finished.

Pomare leads USD in both scoring and rebounding, but admits he can turn moody at times. He went through such a phase when USD's guards weren't getting him the ball in the midst of an embarrassing loss at Pepperdine. Grier consequently benched him in the second half.

One of the reasons Pomare wasn't getting the ball was that Trumaine Johnson wasn't following Grier's game plan. Johnson ended up being suspended a second time before the next game at Saint Mary's. Johnson never played again as he and Grier ultimately decided the following week he would leave the program and transfer after the semester was over.

"If you screw up in bad way, you got to get punished for it to learn a lesson," Pomare said. "If you don't, you don't learn a lesson."

Johnson appeared to have caught on when he played so well upon returning from his first suspension. But when he went back to his old habits, Grier didn't look the other way, even though it meant the season could slip away.

"It's not fun for me to have to do that (suspend players), but there are certain ways you expect guys to be in your program, to behave on the court and off the court, in the locker room," Grier said. "And you try different things, but it gets to a point you have to suspend them and try to send a message."

USD, by rebounding with wins over Pacific and Portland, only needs to win one game against lowly Loyola Marymount to avoid a losing record for the season. If the Toreros beat LMU, even an eliminating loss in the next game assures a .500 record.

A 16-16 record won't make Grier a hot name. Athletic directors and fan bases won't understand looking in from the outside that Grier was a better coach this year than last.

But he will be a hot name again. Bank on it.

He's almost on his third recruiting class since he started at USD, meaning he's one season closer to having a roster of players who know no other way of coaching.

"He knows the blueprint," Few said. "Now he just has to get the right group of guys that understand he is a helluva lot smarter than they are."

Correction: The original version of this article said Grier would be a hot commodity in the off season if USD qualified for the WCC tournament. It should've said he would be a hot commodity if USD won the tournament.

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March 1, 2009

USD gets No. 5 seed after falling to Zags

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

A Friday night assignment in Las Vegas and the task of winning four games in four nights to successfully defend its West Coast Conference Tournament championship.

NO. 17 Gonzaga 58
Toreros 47

That's what the USD men's basketball team got for its conference regular-season effort that ended with a 58-47 loss to No. 17 Gonzaga before a sellout crowd of 5,100 yesterday afternoon at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

A USD victory over Gonzaga, or a Portland win at Santa Clara, was needed for the Toreros to claim the No. 4 seed and earn a bye into Saturday's quarterfinal round of the tournament.

But Santa Clara completed a 65-63 overtime victory over Portland while the USD-Gonzaga contest was early in the second half. And the Toreros (15-15, 6-8), trailing by 11 at the time, were unable to make the kind of move that would have earned them an upgrade on their own.

Not against a Gonzaga (23-5, 14-0) team that proceeded methodically to its 15th win in the past 16 games and completed a clean sweep of the WCC regular season for the third time in the past six years. The Zags are the first team to go undefeated in WCC play three times since the league took on its current format in 1980-81.

So USD gets the No. 5 seed and will face Loyola Marymount (3-27, 2-12) at 6 p.m. Friday at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas as the conference holds the event at a neutral site for the first time.

Gonzaga clinched the WCC regular-season championship, No. 1 tournament seed and a bye into the semifinal round a week from today with a victory at Loyola Marymount on Feb. 19.

"It's a tremendous accomplishment, especially considering how highly rated everybody in this league was (in the preseason) with all the returnees there were," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "I'm really proud of these guys."

On senior day, the last home game of the careers of USD's Gyno Pomare and Danny Brown, the Toreros parlayed a pair of 6-0 runs into a 15-10 lead 11 minutes into the game.

Then Gonzaga guard Jeremy Pargo, the 2008 WCC Player of the Year, made steals and breakaway scores on back-to-back USD possessions to trigger a 10-0 run from which the Toreros never recovered.

USD was held to 18 points in the first half and the Toreros' shooting percentages for the game were 37.2 overall (16-for-43), 31.3 from three-point range (5-for-16) and 66.7 (10-for-

WCC TOURNAMENT

Gonzaga 58, USD 47

	FG	3PT	FT	REB	AST	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
USD	15-43	5-16	10-15	23	11	3	1	12	47
Jackson	3-10	1-6	4-5	0-1	5	1	2	11	12
Jonop	3-4	3-4	3-4	2-4	1	2	4	4	4
Pomare	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-4	2	2	1	2	4
Brown	6-11	1-1	0-0	0-4	1	3	1	11	13
Malibu	2-5	1-2	1-2	1-5	0	1	2	7	7
Price	3-2	0-2	1-2	1-5	0	1	2	7	7
Clay	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	2	2	2
Dior	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Malibu	2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	2	2
Total	205	30-45	12-16	44-81	18	16	18	49	

Portland: FG 44%, FT 75%, 3PT 33%. Gonzaga: 6-11, SDS (Portland) 2-2, Brown 2-3, Bouldin 2-3, Gray 0-1, Pargo 0-2, Thomas 0-0, 3, Black 0-0, 4 (Bryce), Brown, Turnover 7, Brown 2, Goodson 2, Davis, Pargo, Bouldin, Steele 2 (Pargo), Technical Fouls: Davis.

	Min	FG	3PT	FT	REB	AST	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
USD	39	3-10	1-6	4-5	0-1	5	1	2	11	12
Jackson	25	0-3	3-4	0-0	0-4	1	2	4	4	4
Pomare	25	5-9	2-4	1-1	1	2	12	12	12	
Brown	25	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	3	3	
Malibu	14	0-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	2	2	
Lewis	3	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	2	2	2	
Price	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
Clay	20	0-2	0-0	0-1	3	1	2	2	2	
Dior	31	3-5	0-0	0-2	0	4	9	9	9	
Malibu	14	3-4	0-1	1-2	1	0	2	6	6	
Total	199	16-43	10-16	8-12	18	16	18	49		

Portland: FG 37%, FT 64%, 3PT 33%. Gonzaga: 5-16, SDS (Portland) 3-5, Jackson 1-5, Gray 0-2, Thomas 0-0, Black 0-0, Steele 2 (Malibu), Brown, Turnover 10, Goodson 2, Jackson 2, Jones 2, Malibu 2, Dior, Brown, Steele 5 (Goodson), Girty, Pomare, Jackson, Technical Fouls: Pomare.

Gonzaga 58, USD 47
San Diego 18, SDS 12

A-5,100. Officials-David Libby, Randy Burkhardt, Scott Harris.



USD guard De'Jon Jackson goes in for a layup in the Toreros' loss to conference leader Gonzaga. *K.C. Alford/Union-Tribune*

15) from the free-throw line. "If you had told me beforehand that we'd hold them to 58 points and only turn the ball over 10 times, I'd have thought we'd have a pretty good shot," USD coach Bill Grier said. "But we were just so bad offensively."

"There's a reason why they are the No. 1 field-goal-percentage defensive team in the country. They're just so long and they keep switching everything, so it's very hard to get a clean look and very tough to score."

Pomare and junior guard De'Jon Jackson had 12 points apiece for USD. Four Zags reached double figures, led by junior guard Matt Bouldin's 15.

It would take two WCC Tournament wins for USD to face Gonzaga again. Which would be fine with Jackson.

"We stayed close to them until they got a couple of turnovers and got on a roll," Jackson said. "Usually Gonzaga scores into the 70s, but we held them to 58, so I think if we knock down shots and don't make turnovers that give them dunks and layups, we've got a chance to beat them."

Other WCC games

John Bryant scored 22 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, lifting Santa Clara to a 67-65 victory in overtime over visiting Portland. ... Carlin Hughes scored 16 points to lead St. Mary's to a 70-57 victory over Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles. ... Dior Lowhorn had 16 points and 10 rebounds as San Francisco beat Pepperdine 70-62 in Malibu.

The AP contributed to this report.

March 1, 2009

USD can't prevent Zags' ninth straight WCC crown

TOM SHANAHAN
FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — Of all the fundamental basketball elements Gonzaga executes so well year after year, the overlooked aspect is defense.

That is, unless you're listening to University of San Diego men's basketball coach Bill Grier, a former Gonzaga assistant for 16 years.

Gonzaga 58, Tueros 47
Up next

Friday: WCC tournament at Las Vegas — Tueros (15-15) vs. Loyola Marymount (3-27), 6 p.m.
Radio: 1090 AM

dogs beat the Tueros 58-47 Saturday before a sellout crowd of 5,100 at Jenny Craig Pavilion to wrap up their ninth straight West Coast Conference regular-season title.

"If you would have told me before the game we (would) hold them to 58 points and have only 10 turnovers, I would have said we had a good chance to win," Grier said. "But there is a reason they are the No. 1 field goal defensive team in the nation. They are so long, it was hard for us to get clean looks and tough to score."

Gonzaga (23-5, 14-0 WCC) entered the game holding opponents to 37.2 percent shooting from the field. The Bulldogs were right on target, holding USD to 16-of-41 for 37.2.

But even with only 58 points for the game, the Bulldogs finished with four players in double figures. Junior guard Matt Bouldin led the way with 15 points, 11 in the second half.

Gonzaga's unbeaten conference record is the third under 10th-year coach Mark Few,

'For sure, we're not going to give up. We think we can beat anyone in the conference. We just have to let it rip.'

— GYNO POMARE
On USD's late-season skid

marking the first time the hat trick has been accomplished in the current WCC alignment established in the 1980-81 season.

"We had to dig out a defensive-grinder style game," Few said. "It was a great win to cap off a 14-0 league season. It's a tremendous accomplishment by these guys, especially with the league higher rated this year."

USD, which won last year's WCC tournament and a first-round NCAA tournament game against Connecticut, fin-

ished the regular season at 15-15 and in fifth place in the WCC.

Senior forward Gyno Pomare of El Camino High and junior point guard De'Jon Jackson shared scoring honors with 12 points each.

The Tueros open the WCC tournament Friday against eighth-place Loyola Marymount (3-27, 2-12 WCC) at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas. Two weeks ago, LMU sent up-and-down USD to the low point of its injury-plagued and suspension-marred season with a 67-55 upset of the Tueros.

"For sure, we're not going to give up," Pomare said. "We think we can beat anyone in the conference. We just have to let it rip."

It was the final home game for Pomare — barring a run in the WCC tournament that might gain an NIT bid — who is the school's leading career scorer and rebounder. He was escorted onto the court before the game by his mother, Gail; two sisters, Patricia and Felicia; and an infant nephew, Isaiah.

"It was emotional for (my mother), and I was happy she was there," Pomare said. "I got a lot of support from family and friends in my career here."



HAYNE PALMOUR IV / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

USD's Rob Jones fights to shoot over Gonzaga's Austin Daye during the first half on Saturday.

Tim Sullivan

Key injury was USD's Achilles' heel



Brandon Johnson is a basketball tornado. Fearless and flawed, bold and hasty, he plays the game with the head-

strong fury of a force of nature that has found itself trailing by 10 points with one minute to go.

And, man, do the USD Toreros miss him. They miss his skill. They miss his spirit. They miss his willingness to take the telling shot, to seize the moment even in the absence of a firm grip.

"You never know if you can make it if you don't take it," the rehabilitating point guard said. "If I make it, what are they going to say? I know what

inside: USD men lose 58-17 Gonzaga and will face WCC Tournament...

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...the glaring difference between last year's NCAA Tournament Toreros and the team that finished its regular season at 15-15 with yesterday's 58-47 loss to No. 17 Gonzaga is the Achilles' tendon Johnson ruptured Dec. 6 at San Diego State.

Without him, USD has lacked for leadership, bravado, points and purpose. Whatever

SEE Sullivan, D5



Brandon Johnson (in street clothes) and teammate Rob Jones watch USD struggle against Gonzaga. K.C. Alfred / Union-Tribune

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Johnson should be eligible to play again

his shortcomings, Johnson is a guy who wants the ball when it matters most, who takes the tough shot in traffic, who revels in responsibility. He is one of those players who may be easier to appreciate in absentia.

"There's no question that Brandon sometimes gets into situations in games where he'll over-penetrate or try to do a little too much," USD coach Bill Grier said. "I think that goes back to his undying belief that he can score and he can do everything possible for us to win.

"He does have some stubbornness to him. Sometimes, he would break from the plan because he thought he could use his quickness. But you also have to let a guy with his quickness and

his abilities to break from the plan... He just has an ability to score. He can get by guys."

Though Johnson is a senior who has not played in 12 weeks, Grier continues to speak of him in the present tense because of the NCAA's recent relaxation of its medical waiver rules. Because his season ended in his eighth game, before he had played in 30 percent of his team's regular-season games, Johnson can expect to be granted another year of eligibility when the West Coast Conference Executive Council considers his case in June.

He is not all that keen on spending another year in the classroom and away from his son in Texas, but USD's once and future point guard is grateful for the opportunity to finish his college basketball career on his feet and, perhaps, to enhance his prospects for playing professionally.

"I feel like I owe it to them," Johnson said of his teammates while seated

on a training table at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. "I don't think they felt that I let them down, but I think everybody was expecting me to bounce back up (after the injury). I wanted to get up so bad, man.

"We lost a lot of games this year. I feel like we can clean it up next year... We lost a couple of players, and a lot of players got injured, but we still go out and battle every night like nothing's happened. I feel like we can come back next year and make it happen again."

Johnson led the Toreros in both scoring (16.9 points per game) and assists (3.5) as a junior, and he was averaging 13.5 points and 3.6 assists when he left the floor with 2:24 remaining in the first half of USD's Dec. 6 game at Cox Arena.

Typically, rehabbing a ruptured Achilles' is a six-month proposition. As Johnson nears the midway mark, walking is still a chore and running is

not yet an option.

"The moment he went down, I knew what the injury was," Grier said. "The first thing I thought was he was done, that this is awful, that is not the way this kid should end his career. My heart sunk, first and foremost for him, and then for this group because I knew how much he meant to us."

Grier would not know until later that Johnson had been injured early enough in the season to qualify for the medical hardship, but he immediately understood the impact on his team. He knew that Johnson was one player who could create his own shot near the end of the shot clock, that his ability to beat opponents off the dribble created opportunities other players could not easily replicate and that his overt enthusiasm had trickle-down benefits for the team. He knew he had no one else who could will the team to a victory as Johnson had done in playing every minute of a double-over-

time game against Saint Mary's.

"He's a guy you never have to get on to go harder in practice because he only goes one way and it's full-bore," Grier said. "When we lost that fire and drive that he has, there wasn't another guy with a strong enough personality within this group to step up and be that guy."

Johnson saw this, too, and felt the friction that led to the suspensions of key players and the impending transfer of his heir apparent, Trumaine Johnson. He sensed that the Toreros were prone to lapses in intensity, and that they weren't having enough fun.

"I think sometimes, when they're playing basketball, they look at it as a job," he said.

Brandon Johnson looks at basketball as a joy, and plays each game as if he might never get to play again. Think of him as a tornado temporarily down for repairs.

COMMENTARY

Toreros learned lessons off court

SAN DIEGO — The place was sold out, the band was rocking, and coarse comments from students were rumbling from the stands.

Ah, an afternoon at the University of San Diego men's basketball team wrestling with its biggest West Coast Conference rival, Gonzaga.

But what a difference between this year and last as the season ended at Alcalá Park. When USD fell behind by 10 points Saturday with about four minutes remaining, fans bolted for the exits.

"What is this," one USD fan screamed, "L.A.?"

A season ago, fans were headed in the opposite direction. When the Toreros upset Gonzaga to win the WCC tournament championship and earn an automatic invitation to the NCAA tournament, the court was filled with players, boosters and anyone wearing light blue.

This season, the Toreros were just blue after losing 58-46 to the Bulldogs. But they're not necessarily under a black cloud.

USD coach Bill Grier has weathered numerous storms this campaign, suspending three players four different times. So on an absolutely delightful day outside, maybe the improving Toreros found a ray of sunshine before heading to Las Vegas for the WCC tournament.

"I think he has the right group of guys now that want to be part of the team and do the team thing," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "That is what it takes, and nobody knows it better than he does."



JAY PARIS

Inside

■ Gonzaga defeats USD, completes perfect run through WCC / C-9

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He knows how it works and if he keeps sticking to that, that is the best thing he can do and the best thing for a

Paris and Grier are tighter than a drum. Paris on a bulldog, Grier coached together at Gonzaga for 16 years. Few know Grier better than Paris, calling him a "great friend."

And in a season that started with so much hope — then took a devastating turn when star guard Brandon Johnson suffered a season-ending injury — Grier worked harder than he had while leading USD to a 22-14 record last year.

"Somebody described it to me that he had the challenges most coaches go through in 10 years in one year," said Ky Snyder, USD's athletic director. "It's stressful, it really is."

"You're trying to make sure you are doing the right thing, he thinks things through very clearly. I think he handled himself very well."

Grier had his hand forced. It's no mystery that he runs a tight ship, but not to the degree to incite a mutiny. Despite the prospects of a season going overboard, however, Grier did the right thing.

It's easy to let things slide when everyone wants another NCAA run, when fans look ahead to the Big Dance with the Toreros' postseason upset of Connecticut still fresh in their minds.

Grier stresses selling out on defense, but not selling his soul to sweep infractions under the hardwood floor. There isn't a chant for it, but Grier can spell it out: A-C-C-O-U-N-T-A-B-I-L-I-T-Y.

"That's totally it," Grier said. "It's not easy. It's not fun for me to have to do that, but there are also certain ways you expect guys to be in your program, to behave on the court and off the court, in the locker



HAYNE PALMOUR IV
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

USD coach Bill Grier shouts instructions to his team.

room. And you try different things, but it gets to a point you have to suspend them and try to send a message."

Gyno Pomare, the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder, was among three Toreros sent to the coach's corner. On Saturday while being showered with praise on senior day, Pomare gave some love to Grier.

"If you screw up in bad way, you got to get punished for it to learn a lesson," said Pomare, the former El Camino High star. "If you don't, you don't learn a lesson."

In a perfect world, Grier's wisdom would come from his basketball mind. But the most important education he gave will help these players long after their uniforms don't fit.

"I hope it's something that guys in the program understand how important it is to do the right things because it comes in for life after college," Grier said. "It's thinking about things in the long term, not just the immediate."

Up next is a Friday matchup with Loyola Marymount in Las Vegas. In the city where long shots pay off, it's no sin to pull for a resilient USD team that is finally a team.

"He knows the blueprint," Few said. "Now he just has to get the right group of guys that understand he is a helluva lot smarter than they are."

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The Season of Hope

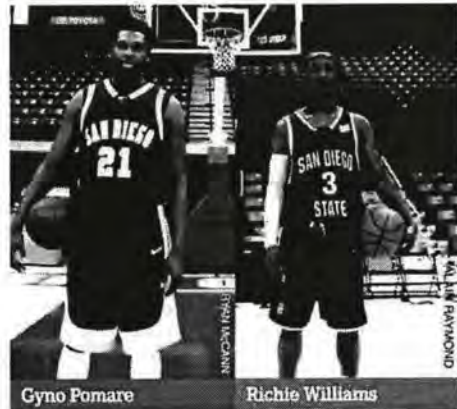
DESPITE THE CHARGERS' early post-season departure, 2009 offers promise to San Diegans in search of an elite home team in which to invest their faith, hope and championship prayers. Arguably the two best college hoops teams to hit the hardwood in San Diego sports history have their eyes on the prize at the NCAA Tournament. And both teams' hopeful pursuit of March Madness may just make for crazy-good spectator viewing, winning the distinction of best sports ticket in town.

Last year, the University of San Diego Toreros offed powerhouses Gonzaga, St. Mary's and UConn en route to an unprecedented second-round finish at the NCAA big dance. It was a huge feat for a small

school, and senior big man Gyno Pomare, an alum of Oceanside's El Camino High School, not only returned to lead the team in scoring this year but set a school all-time scoring record midway through the season.

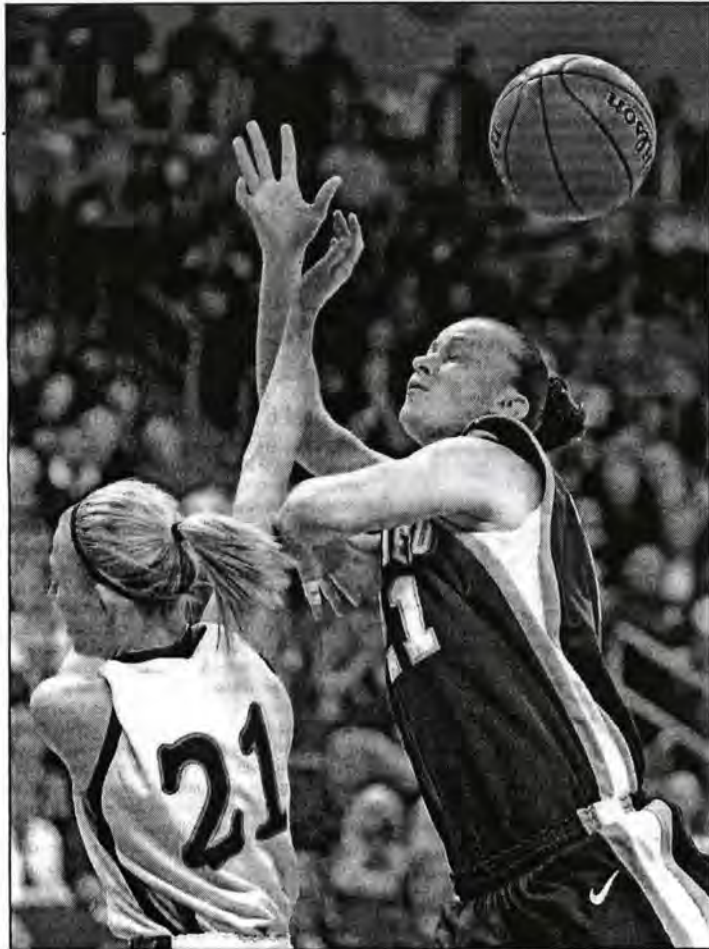
While in recent years the San Diego State University Aztecs had more hope than success converting their heralded potential under big-time coach Steve Fisher, this season they got off to the school's best start in 42 years. SDSU also boasts a local senior playmaker in point guard Richie Williams, a Steele Canyon High School grad.

With both squads facing their toughest conference competition down the season



Gyno Pomare Richie Williams

stretch, the relatively cheap general-admission ticket at Jenny Craig Pavillion (\$14) or Cox Arena (\$12) is likely to be the hottest showdown in town — and San Diego's best sports hope. —TERRY LEAHY



USD senior center Amber Sprague (right) is fouled by Gonzaga's Courtney Vandersloot during the first half of their West Coast Conference Tournament title game. *Joe C. Hong / Associated Press*

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Women lose WCC Tourney title game

And after USD missed eight straight shots in a four-minute span, virtually all of them short and off the front of the rim, Gonzaga was able to open up a 51-41 lead and then finish with a flourish.

Herman's 23 points extended the tournament scoring record she established a day earlier to 95. Herman, born on the island of St. Lucia and recruited out of Vancouver, Wash., had racked up 20-, 30- and 22-point games in powering USD to the final. Forty-six of her 72 were second-half points.

Herman had 11 in the first half and 12 in the second yesterday on 5-for-8 shooting in the first half and 4-for-9 in the second.

"Honestly, I wasn't thinking about fatigue, I was only thinking about winning a WCC championship," Herman said. "I think, as a team, we kind of rushed some shots instead of being patient. I think that was the difference from the first three games."

And the fact the opponent was Gonzaga.

The Zags got a 10-point, 10-assist double-double from sophomore point guard Courtney Vandersloot, who became the first in eight years to win the WCC Player of the Year and Tournament MVP honors in the same season. The defeat in the final last

USD SUMMARY

Gonzaga 66, USD 55

USD (19-13) — Conners 15, Henderson 5, Sprague 10, Child 2, Herman 23, Morgan 2. Totals 23-77 17-45.

GONZAGA (26-6) — Bekkering 14, Frieson 11, Vandersloot 10, Bowman 16, Bowen 15. Totals 28-65 17-34 66.

Halftime—Gonzaga 32-26. Three-point game—USD 7-17 (Conners, Henderson); Gonzaga 7-15 (Bekkering 3, Vandersloot 2, Bowen 2). Assists—USD 10 (Henderson 3, Sprague 3); Gonzaga 14 (Vandersloot 10). Rebounds—USD 39 (Sprague 8); Gonzaga 35 (Bekkering 10). Blocks—USD 4 (Henderson 2, Gonzaga 1 (Bekkering), Stebbins 1). Fouls—USD 30; Gonzaga 17. Vandersloot 33. Total fouls—USD 15; Gonzaga 15.

year at the Jenny Craig Pavilion was something of a motivating factor, Vandersloot said.

"It wasn't necessarily that we lost to San Diego but that we lost the championship game, and we know how it feels to be on the other side," Vandersloot said.

Gonzaga had five players in double-figure scoring, led by Heather Bowman's 16. USD got 13 points from freshman point guard Dominique Conners, 10 points and eight rebounds from senior center Amber Sprague.

"Being a sixth seed, we knew we were in for a battle," Conners said. "We were led by great seniors who knew what we had to do and we came out every game with fire in our eyes."

But the fire could only burn for so long.

"We did make the plays down the stretch and I attribute it to this new format," Gonzaga coach Kelly Graves said. "I thought we had fresher legs at the end of the game — to only have to play two games in two days."

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It's Viva Zags in Las Vegas

Fatigue from four-day stretch catches up with Toreros

GONZAGA 66, TOREROS 55

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

LAS VEGAS — Kiva Minelli Herman's four-day run as Kiva Las Vegas at the Orleans Arena only lacked for the confetti from the ceiling finale that her teammates and USD women's basketball fans were hoping to see. The 6-foot senior forward's performance yesterday was in the same show-stopper mold as the ones that preceded it Friday, Saturday and Sunday — 23

points on 53 percent shooting and six rebounds.

But Gonzaga stole the show, the West Coast Conference Tournament championship and the league's automatic NCAA Tournament berth with a 66-55 victory before 3,190.

For the first WCC Tournament held at a neutral site, the women's format had been changed to coincide with the men's. Meaning that league regular-season champion Gonzaga was afforded a double rest into Sunday's semifinals with the sixth-ranked Toreros to start winning Friday and keep it up through yesterday to successfully defend the title they'd

earned a year earlier with a finals victory over Gonzaga.

The extra workload they brought on themselves caught up with the Toreros yesterday.

"It was an incredible battle, a great fight," USD coach Cindy Fisher said. "My team has so much heart, so much fight in them, but fatigue set in there in the second half and our shots started coming up short."

The Toreros (19-13) erased a 32-28 halftime deficit with a 6-0 run to start the second half. But, as good teams do, Gonzaga answered the challenge with a 7-0 run of its own.

SEE USD, D3

USD women one victory from NCAA Tournament



**TOREROS 74,
PORTLAND 64**

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

LAS VEGAS — A year ago, Dominique Conners was in the stands cheering as the USD women's basketball team defeated Gonzaga in the West Coast Conference Tournament finals at the

Jenny Craig Pavilion to win the NCAA Tournament title. Today Conners, a freshman from Oceanside, was in the Country Club High gym, playing in the final game against Gonzaga, in the crucially important point guard position as the player she replaced, Amanda Rego.

Yesterday, Conners scored a career-high 20 points and senior forward Kiya Herman 22 to lead the Toreros (19-12) to a 74-64 victory against Portland that boosted

them into the tournament title game, which also determines the WCC's representative to the NCAA Tournament.

Gonzaga (25-6) defeated Loyola Marymount 74-63 in the earlier semifinal.

"To have a freshman point guard, in view of what we've done, is amazing," USD coach Cindy Fisher said. "There's a heavy load on her, and you've got to give her

WCC TOURNAMENT WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP USD vs. GONZAGA

Today: Noon, ESPNU

Outlook: The sixth-seeded Toreros (19-12) and the top-seeded Bulldogs (25-6) meet in a rematch of last year's title game won by USD at home. USD has won three straight to gain final led by record-setting offensive performances by senior forward Kiya Herman. Gonzaga swept the regular-season series.

SEE TOREROS, D3

► TOREROS

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Women reach WCC title game against Gonzaga

a lot of credit for how she has handled it."

In addition to her point total, Conners had five rebounds, two blocks and two steals. The latter categories contributed to an amped-up defense that USD used to erase a 14-point deficit eight minutes into the game, take a 34-33 halftime lead and then pull away in the second half.

"I was right there (championship game last year)," Conners said. "It was an amazing experience just to be in view of it because they played so hard. We expect to do the same thing this year."

Herman's point total gave her 72 for three games and the WCC Tournament record, eclipsing the 67 of Santa Clara's Michelle Cozad in 2005 and 2006. Herman's 30 field goals is seven more than the previous record, held by three players with the last being Pepperdine's Rasheeda Clark in 1999.

"The focus, for myself and the team, was just to get in the championship game and get another WCC championship," Herman said.

To get to their present position, USD has rallied from double-digit deficits in three straight games. Excellent team defense and offense triggered by Conners yesterday and Herman in all three games have been the ingredients.

USD was outbounded 38-37 but outscored Portland in the paint 24-20, many of those on jumpers by Herman. The Toreros had 21 points off turnovers to 15 for Portland and six fast-break points to zero for the Pilots — many of those attributable to the speed of Conners.

The experience gained last year by Herman, fellow seniors Amber Sprague and Kalla Mangrum and underclassmen Morgan Henderson, Sam Child and several others has been put to good use as USD has advanced from the No. 6 seed position to take on top-seeded Gonzaga.

"They're willing themselves

USD SCOREBOARD

WCC MEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

at Las Vegas

Friday's games
USD 62, Loyola Marymount 56
Pepperdine 93, San Francisco 85
Saturday's games
Santa Clara 90, USD 69
Portland 69, Pepperdine 45
Yesterday's Semifinals
Gonzaga 74, Santa Clara 59
Saint Mary's 71, Portland 61

Today's Championship
Gonzaga vs. Saint Mary's, 6 p.m.
WCC's Semifinals

USD 74, Portland 64

USD (19-12) — Conners 20, Herman 13, Sprague 6, Child 8, Herman 22, Woodrow 5. Totals 31-41 18-22 74.

PORTLAND (17-18) — Cronin 12, Dolente 20, Stowers 12, Angel 13, Wesson 2, Garris 5. Totals 26-72 15-21 64.

Halftime—USD 34-33. Three-point goals—USD 6-11 (Henderson 2, Child 2, Conners, Woodrow); Portland 3-15 (Cronin 2, Dolente, Asplund-USD 14 (Child 5); Portland 14 (Dolente 4, Burris 4). Rebounds—USD 28 (Sprague 6); Portland 27 (Stowers 11). Blocks—USD 3 (Conners 2); Portland 0. Steals—USD 11 (Child 4); Portland 8 (Cronin 2, Burris 2). Total fouls—USD 16; Portland 28.

WCC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

at Las Vegas

Friday's games
Santa Clara 82, Saint Mary's 55
USD 71, San Francisco 64
Saturday's games
Loyola Marymount 71, Santa Clara 60
USD 76, Pepperdine 69
Yesterday's Semifinals
Gonzaga 74, Loyola Marymount 61
USD 74, Portland 64

Today's Championship
USD vs. Gonzaga, noon

to win," Fisher said. "The fight in them is just amazing right now."

"I think it (experience) helps a lot," Herman said. "Being there last year, we know what it takes. This year, I'm a lot more calm and so are my teammates, which helps a lot."

WCC men's semis

Austin Daye scored a career-high 28 points, Micah Downs hit four three-pointers, and No. 14 Gonzaga rolled into another WCC Tournament final, beating Santa Clara 94-59 in the first semifinal last night.

The top-seeded Zags (25-5) used 17-1 run late in the first half to open a 22-point lead that bulged to 40 against the Broncos (16-17), who had WCC Player of the Year John Bryant held to 13 points.

Gonzaga will play second-seeded Saint Mary's, a 71-61 winner against Portland, in tonight's final for the conference's automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. Saint Mary's (25-5) got 12 points from Patrick Mills on 3-of-12 shooting in his return since breaking two bones in his hand on Jan. 29.

It is the first trip to the WCC title game for Saint Mary's since 2005, when it lost to Gonzaga.

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Gonzaga beats San Diego in WCC women's final

The Associated Press

Monday, March 9, 2009

LAS VEGAS: Heather Bowman scored 16 points, Janelle Bekkering added 11 of her 14 in the second half, and Gonzaga beat San Diego 66-55 Monday in the West Coast Conference tournament final.

Kelly Bowen had 15 points and nine rebounds for the Zags (26-6), headed to the NCAA tournament for just the second time in school history after winning their fifth straight West Coast regular-season title. Courtney Vandersloot added 10 points and 10 assists to Gonzaga's 15th win in 17 games.

Gonzaga made a 9-2 run midway through the second half to pull away from the sixth-seeded Toreros (19-13). Kiva Herman concluded an outstanding tournament with 23 points and six rebounds for San Diego, which won three games in three days to reach the final against the top-seeded Zags.

Vandersloot was selected tournament MVP after scoring 21 points in the semifinals against Loyola Marymount, but Herman got a huge postgame ovation from fans of both teams at the Orleans Arena. The senior forward scored 95 points in the Toreros' four games, breaking the tournament scoring record in their semifinal victory over second-seeded Portland.

Dominique Conners had 13 points and six rebounds for San Diego, and Amber Sprague added 10 points and eight rebounds.

The victory nipped a growing stigma for Gonzaga, which has been the WCC's best regular-season team for a half-decade, only to lose three conference tournament games in the past four years.

The Zags earned their only previous NCAA appearance in 2007 by winning the WCC tournament, but San Diego kept the Zags out last year, winning the title game on the Toreros' home court. The WCC's double-bye format required Gonzaga to win only two games for this title.

After skidding into the WCC tournament with seven losses in their last 11 regular-season games, the Toreros became the lowest-seeded team to make the final since the conference expanded to eight teams in 1995.

San Diego won its opening game over San Francisco on Friday before knocking off third-seeded Pepperdine on Saturday. The Toreros beat Portland with a second-half run, but the Zags made the only second-half move in the title game.

Gonzaga led 42-39 midway through the second half when Bekkering got rolling with two 3-pointers, including a basket with 9:38 left to put the Zags up 51-41. Bekkering also led the Zags with 10 rebounds.

Correction:

Notes:

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

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USD women reach WCC title game

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

LAS VEGAS — The University of San Diego women's basketball team beat second-



**Toreros 74,
Portland 64**

Up next

**WCC Tournament
at Las Vegas**

Today: Toreros
(19-12) vs.
Gonzaga (24-6),
noon

noon Monday. The winner gets an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

Senior forward Kiva Her-

man scored 22 points to lead USD. Herman has 72 points in three games, setting a WCC tournament record for total points. Freshman point guard Dominique Conners added a career-high 20 points.

These two young women (Herman and Conners) were outstanding today," USD head coach Cindy Fisher said. "For a true freshman, Dominique is an extension of me on the floor at the point. And Kiva continues to rise to (the) occasion and do remarkable things. We also got a lot of quality minutes from players off the bench today, and I give the entire team a lot of credit."

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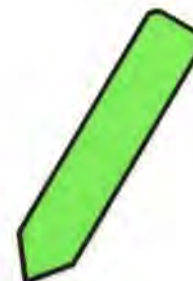
The Toreros started slowly for the third straight game, but led by a point, 34-33, at halftime.

SFGate.com

Gonzaga faces upstart San Diego for automatic bid

Steve Kroner

Monday, March 9, 2009



(03-08) 20:47 PST -- Top-seeded Gonzaga will face sixth-seeded San Diego in the WCC women's tournament final today in Las Vegas.

The winner gets the conference's automatic bid for the NCAA Tournament.

On Sunday, the Zags (25-6) got 21 points from WCC Player of the Year Courtney Vandersloot in a 74-63 win over Loyola Marymount (18-12).

Kiva Herman had 22 points to lead the Toreros (19-12) to a 74-64 decision over Portland (17-13).

Today's wcc title games

At Orleans Arena, Las Vegas

Women

San Diego vs. Gonzaga, noon, **ESPNU**

Men

Gonzaga vs. Portland/St. Mary's winner, 6 p.m., **ESPN**

- Steve Kroner

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March 8, 2009

USD women notch 2nd comeback win

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

LAS VEGAS — Playing the role of comeback kids for the second game in a row, the USD women's basketball team defeated Pepperdine 76-69 yesterday to advance to today's semifinal round of the West Coast Conference Tournament.

Toreros

76

Pepperdine

69

Kiva Herman matched a career high with 30 points and Morgan Henderson added 16 — the majority coming via a 10-for-10 performance at the free-throw line — to propel the sixth-seeded Toreros (18-12) into a 2:30 matchup at the Orleans Arena against No. 2 seed Portland (17-12).

Trailing by 11 points two minutes into the second half, USD used defensive pressure to ignite a 10-0 run over a five-minute period that ended 1:10 remaining. It boosted the Toreros from a 59-57 deficit to 67-59 lead that they protected the rest of the

way by making nine-of-10 free

throws.
"It was an amazing effort by this group to really dig in and play great team defense, especially (during the decisive spurt) in the second half," USD coach Cindy Fisher said.

Herman matched her 30-point effort of December 28 against Illinois-Chicago by connecting on 12-of-16 shots from the floor and six of eight free throws.

"Coach said that we had to get going, and that was my main focus," Herman said. "The second half they were in foul trouble so we had to just keep attacking."

USD was in the bonus situation less than six minutes into the second half, the double bonus with :9:15 remaining. The Toreros made more free throws (28-of-34) than Pepperdine (20-of-26) attempted.

While impressive considering the situation, Henderson's 10 straight free throws wasn't close to a personal record.

"In the gym, she made 149 in a row once," Fisher said.

Broncos dominate against Toreros

■ But USD women advance to semis with win over Waves

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

LAS VEGAS — John Bryant had 24 points and a West Coast Conference tournament record 27 rebounds Saturday night to lead Santa Clara to an 80-69 victory over the University of San Diego in the quarterfinals.



Broncos 80, Toreros 69

Bryant, the conference player of the year, had 17 first-half rebounds to help Santa Clara (15-16) build an early double-digit lead and advance to the semifinals today against top-seeded Gonzaga.

Bryant's effort helped Santa Clara outrebound the Toreros 47-24. Santa Clara, the tournament's No. 4 seed, used an 8-0 run midway through the second half to stop a USD rally and take a 52-37 advantage with under eight minutes to play.

Rob Jones led USD with 20 points and Roberto Mafra added 13.

WOMEN USD 76, Pepperdine 69

Senior Kiva Herman scored 20 of her game-high 30 points in the second half, leading the Toreros to a come-from-behind victory over third-seeded Pepperdine (16-13) in the quarterfinals of the WCC tournament. The Toreros (18-12) will play second-seeded Portland in today's semifinals at about 2:30 p.m. Gonzaga plays Loyola Marymount at noon in the other semifinal.



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Santa Clara's John Bryant (54) gets a rebound against USD's De'Jon Jackson.

March 7, 2009

USD women rally, win at tournament

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

LAS VEGAS — The USD women's basketball team rallied from 12 points behind with 13:21 to play to defeat San Francisco 73-64 yesterday and advance to the quarterfinal round of the West Coast Conference Tournament at the Orleans Arena.

The sixth-seeded Toreros (17-12) will face third-seeded Pepperdine today about 2:30 p.m.

Senior front-liners Kiva Herman and Amber Sprague led the comeback after the Toreros, who trailed by as many as 11 in the first half, fell behind 51-39 in the first 6:39 of the second.

Herman scored 14 of her game-high 20 points from that point, among them a conventional three-point play with

6:39 remaining that brought USD to within one at 57-56.

The Toreros got the lead for the first time at 61-59 when Sam Child swished a three-pointer with 4:30 to play. That was part of an 11-0 USD run over a four-minute period ending with one minute to go.

"Credit San Francisco (7-22) for playing extremely well and making it a hard-fought game," USD coach Cindy Fisher said. "But (Herman and Sprague) decided this was our game no matter what. They put us on their backs and carried us and did an amazing job."

Sprague had 14 points, 14 rebounds and three steals as USD's press created 12 second-half turnovers.

"I think we focused on defense and that led to offense," said Herman, a 6-foot forward from Vancouver, Wash.

March 6, 2009

Toreros women seek third USF win

By Hank Wusch
STAFF WRITER

The first West Coast Conference tournament game for the USD women's team today in Las Vegas will test the basketball adage that it's difficult to beat *any* team three times in the same season.

Coach Cindy Fisher's sixth-seeded Toreros (16-12) are matched against seventh-seeded USF (7-21). USD swept the regular season home-and-home meetings by an average of 13½ points.

Maybe it's the memory of the 2007 tournament hosted by Portland, when No. 7 seed USF knocked off No. 2 seed USD 80-69 in the first round. Whatever the reason, Fisher speaks warily when discussing the contest.

"Both of our games with San Francisco were tough games," Fisher said. "They're a quality team. They've had not as many wins as you would think, but they're a tough match-up for us."

The Toreros expect to have a front-court edge with 6-foot-5 senior center Amber Sprague and 6-foot senior forward Kiva Herman. Sprague had 22 points and seven rebounds in a 69-61 USD home win Jan. 8, and Herman had 21 points in a 68-49 Toreros win Feb. 7 at USF.

Defensively, USD must deal with a USF backcourt

led by 5-4 senior guard Shay Rollins, an All-WCC selection who is fourth in the league in scoring (16.4 ppg) and first in three-pointers (74).

"Their guard play is fantastic," Fisher said. "They're very, very quick, real good shooters. They work very hard on both ends of the floor. They move without the ball well. They rebound well.

"Those are all work ethic-type things, so we have to get in there, we have to defend and we've got to do some good things against them. As of late, we have been playing some pretty good basketball. Our seniors are very fired up for the tournament. I think they really still want to play."

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Tide golf wins consolation bracket at Match Play

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RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. | The University of Alabama men's golf team knocked off Duke and San Diego to win the consolation bracket of the Callaway Collegiate Match Play Championships Tuesday afternoon at The Farms Golf Club.

The Crimson Tide defeated Duke late Monday evening 4-1 and then knocked off San Diego in the consolation finals on Tuesday by winning three of the five head-to-head matchups.

The Crimson Tide were without their star freshman Bud Cauley all week after a bone bruise on his forearm sidelined him for the first time in his collegiate career. But senior Matt Hughes stepped in for Cauley and responded with two wins in match play.

Seniors Matthew Swan and Hughes, along with redshirt freshman Hunter Hamrick, recorded wins over the Toreros on Tuesday. Hamrick produced a dominating 5 and 4 win over USD's Ian Coffman while Swan notched a 3 and 2 win over Blake Trimble in the No. 3 spot and Hughes downed Jason Shano 1-up in the No. 5 spot.

San Diego's Alex Ching beat the Tide's redshirt freshman Hunter Slatton 6 and 5 in the No. 1 position while USD's Gunner Wiebe knocked off Spencer Cole at No. 4 2 and 1. Alabama got wins from Slatton, Hamrick, Cole and Hughes late Monday evening to qualify for the consolation finals with a 4-1 win over Duke.

During match play Hamrick record a perfect 3-0 record while Swan, Slatton and Hughes all earned two wins each and Cole went 1-1-1.

The Crimson Tide return to action on April 5-7 at the U.S. Collegiate Championship in Alpharetta, Ga., at The Golf Club of Georgia.



SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 17, 2009



Farms to host match play

The USD men's golf team and The Farms Golf Club in Rancho Santa Fe will host the Callaway Collegiate

Match Play Championship on Sunday through Tuesday.

The 16-team field includes USD, San Diego State and four of the top 10 ranked teams in the country, and nine of the top 25. The match-play format will serve as a preparation for the 2009 NCAA championships, which will be contested as match play.

The tournament begins Sunday with 36 holes of stroke play to seed the teams in the top 8 for the championship bracket and the bottom 8 for the consolation bracket. Match play Monday and Tuesday will determine the champion.

The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

March 24, 2009

USD's Hagedorn, 43, dies of cancer

By Don Norcross
STAFF WRITER

USD men's tennis coach Tom Hagedorn died Saturday after battling leukemia for more than 18 months. He was 43.

Hagedorn coached at USD for 11 seasons, compiling a 141-103 record, guiding the Toreros to 10 winning seasons and four straight NCAA team tournament appearances.

But to those around him he was best known for his positive personality and the dignified way he fought leukemia.

"We're saddened by Tom's loss, yet we all have been blessed by getting to know him," USD Athletic Director Ky Snyder said. "He had the best outlook, even when faced with the ultimate adversity. He was positive, he was upbeat. He'll forever be alive because he planted a seed in all of us."

Hagedorn, who grew up in Tucson, Ariz., started playing tennis at a relatively late age, shortly before high school. He was a nonscholarship walk-on at the University of Arizona, but worked his way on to the Wildcats' varsity.

He later was an assistant coach at Arizona before coming to USD in 1996.

Hagedorn was diagnosed with leukemia in August 2007. His original diagnosis was so dire that an oncologist told him he had two months to live. He was placed in a coma for three weeks and lost 55

pounds, from 185 to 130.

After awakening from the coma, Hagedorn's cancer soon was in remission, which one doctor labeled a virtual miracle.

Hagedorn subsequently devoted spending much of his time raising funds and awareness for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The cancer returned late last year.

"My goal is to never forget what happened," Hagedorn said in October. "That will keep me grounded."

Thomas Liversage played for Hagedorn for four seasons (2005-2008) and is now an assistant coach at the school.

"He was always walking around with a smile on his face," said Liversage, who remembered a time when Hagedorn spent at least 90 minutes talking with him about problems Liversage was having with his parents.

"He listened to me whine about the whole situation."

USD's best player under Hagedorn was Pierrick Ysern, who in 2005 was the runner-up in the NCAA Division I singles finals.

USD is hosting a Celebration of Life memorial tomorrow for Hagedorn family and friends and USD athletic personnel.

The memorial will begin at 3 p.m. in front of the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Hagedorn leaves behind a wife, Melissa.

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Toreros men's tennis coach dies

USD men's tennis coach Tom Hagedorn died Saturday after an 18-month battle with leukemia, the school announced. He was 43.

Hagedorn coached the Toreros for 11 seasons, compiling a record of 141-103 and leading them to four straight NCAA tournaments (2003-06).

A memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday at 3 p.m. on USD's campus.

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

March 4, 2009

LOCAL COLLEGES


Point Loma Nazarene University's **Colleen Planeta**, a junior who led the nation in scoring at 21.9 points per game and was second in blocked shots (4.8 per game), has been named Golden State Athletic Conference Player of the Year in women's basketball. . . . SDSU sophomore second baseman **Jessica Casanova** has been named Mountain West Conference Player of the Week after helping SDSU's softball team to a 4-1 record while batting .533.

• USD head football coach **Ron Caragher** promoted assistant **Todd Washington** from offensive line coach to offensive coordinator and assistant **Tanner Engstrand** to quarterbacks coach. New additions to the staff include **Keith Carter** as tight ends coach, **Sam Anno** as linebackers coach, **Ken Stills** as defensive backs coach and **Joe Staab** as a defensive assistant.

Outgoing coaches include linebackers coach **Dale Lindsey**, who took the defensive coordinator job at New Mexico State; tight ends coach **Lenny Vandermade**, who is now an assistant offensive line coach at USC; defensive backs coach **Brandon Shelby**, who is now with Portland State; offensive

coordinator **Jimmie Dougherty**, who signed on with the University of Washington; and wide receivers coach **Steve Mooshagian**, who was looking for a position closer to his home in Fresno.

— KEVIN GEMMELL

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Hannah Ward discovers rowing at San Diego

Former WRHS sports star named to Toreros varsity crew

by **JEFF CORDES**

A year ago, Hailey's Hannah Ward was finishing up her athletic career on the girls' varsity basketball team at Wood River High School. She was a star in volleyball as well.

The sport of rowing was the furthest thing from her mind.

She was clueless about the meanings of "Torero" or "erg." The terms "coxswain" and "starboard" were foreign to her. San Diego's Mission Bay might have well been on the other side of the moon.

"I didn't even know what rowing was," said Ward, 18, daughter of Tom and Karol Ward.

Hannah, a 2008 Wood River graduate, was best known in local athletic circles for being the co-Most Valuable Player of the Great Basin Conference West in volleyball as a senior in 2007. She shared a team award as Best All-Around Player, leading Wood River to its 20th district volleyball title.

Many observers thought Ward came into her own as an athlete during that senior volleyball season. She never seemed a hard-driving "Type A" competitor but she had some fine moments and enjoyed team sports.

Few knew Hannah Ward was just scratching the surface of what it takes to be a dedicated athlete.

Six months after enrolling as a freshman at the University of San Diego and answering the call of about 70 young women on the Toreros novice rowing walk-on squad, the 5-11, 160-pound Ward was elevated to the varsity crew team.

Based on her times and amazing progress, she has achieved the status of #3 or #4 seat in the middle-of-the-boat power pulling group of the varsity "B" boat of eight women.

She officially became a Division 1 college athlete Jan. 30 when Toreros head coach Kim Cupini promoted Ward to the varsity after San Diego's two-week winter training camp, held in beautiful mid-January weather on the warm waters around San Diego.



In a few short months, Hailey's Hannah Ward has worked her way up from the novice squad to the varsity women's rowing squad at the University of San Diego in California. *Photo by Courtesy photo*

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And her goal is to make the varsity "A" boat of San Diego's best eight rowers by the time the Toreros finish their 2009 spring

season at the Dad Vail Regatta on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, Pa. May 8-9.

"I was in shock," said Ward about her reaction to being told by Cupini about her varsity status—a move that could make the Wood River Valley native eligible for an athletic scholarship next year, she added.

Ward said, "I had been practicing with the varsity and I live in a suite with two other rowers. But I really started rowing only five months ago, so it's pretty good for a freshman.

"I was serious about sports in high school and found adrenalin in both volleyball and basketball, but I never found the adrenalin that I discovered in rowing. It's pain you'll never feel in any other sport. It hurt so bad that I loved it," Ward said.

She added, "It's individual. It's really mental. I just liked the workout and the pressure of doing it."

Her height of 5-11, much desired by rowing coaches as well as basketball and volleyball coaches, caught the eye of two local men last year as Ward got ready to attend college.

Ward said high school teacher Joel Zellers encouraged her to try rowing at the college level. Family friend Tom Bowman, a former collegiate rower and coach, started training with Ward last summer on stationary rowing machines at Hailey's Blaine County Fitness Center.

"Even though I was new to rowing and had zero experience, that training put me a small but important step ahead of the other 70 girls when we had walk-ons for the novice squad in September," she said.

Ward learned from novice coach Andria Shook that college women's crew often attracts high school athletes with solid work ethics and a love of sports who want to continue their athletic careers as NCAA Division 1 student-athletes.

The part about "no experience necessary" was desirable to Ward—even though the early morning training was less than desirable.

In the initial September practices, she got up at 4:55 a.m. Practices lasted from 5:15-7:30 a.m. The women started weight and circuit training. They started "erging," or training for time on indoor stationary rowing machines—ergometrics, that is, measuring work performed.

Ward did well in the testing. It wasn't long before her training times were comparable to varsity rowers.

She became faster and stronger. Ward said, "We joke that I gained the 'freshman 15,' only it was in muscle. I've gotten slimmer. I guess you could say I have rower thighs. Our quads become very strong."

With the competitive season fast approaching, the Toreros women are practicing six days a week. Often they're in the boat four out of the six days. Their study hours are closely monitored as student-athletes. And Ward feels comfortable hanging around with the older Torero rowers.

"I'm just so glad for the opportunity," said Ward, who plans to major in marketing and/or sports medicine.

San Diego's Toreros open their season with a March 7 scrimmage at San Pedro against the University of Southern California and San Diego State University. The Berg Cup Pac-10 Challenge is March 28 at Newport Beach. And the San Diego Crew Classic in Mission Bay is April 4-5.

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