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**Alumni Honors 2009** 

# SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

April 28, 2009

USD to honor alumni Saturday

The University of San Diego will honor outstanding alumni from business, the military, public service and other fields Saturday.

The recognition event, USD Alumni Honors, will begin at 5:30 p.m. in USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Honorees include Denise Boren, a former Navy Nurse Corps member who spearheaded development of the innovative Heart Failure Clinic at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego; and L. Douglas Robert, a 25-year veteran of the Marine Corps who is now a senior program manager for ITT Corp.

Private equity investor John Cappetta, president of Cappetta Capital Partners, LLC and Richard Bartell, president of Bartell Hotels, one of the San Diego region's largest and oldest independently owned hotel companies, also will be honored." During our 60th anniversary year, we are very proud to honor these graduates who exemplify the university's commitment to excellence and public service," said USD President Mary E. Lyons.

For more information, go to sandiego.edu/alumnihonors or call 619-260-4819. Source Code: 20090427czh

# THE SOUTHERN CROSS

April 2009



ALCALA PARK — University of San Diego graduates who have worked on humanitarian missions around the globe will be honored May 2. Honorees include Denise M. Boren, a member of the Navy Nurse Corps who has helped fight AIDS in Africa through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and Judy Kamanyi, an activist in Uganda for democratic development and human rights. Both will receive the Author E. Hughes Award for Career

Achievement. Sandy M. Cassell Farrell, a retired family therapist, will receive the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award for Contributions to Humanitarian Causes, named in honor of USD's co-founder. Farrell has helped raise funds for the Water Wells in India Project and provided shelter boxes for disaster areas. L. Douglas Robert, a San Diego executive with ITT Corp. and former president of the USD Alumni Board of Directors, will receive the Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award for Exemplary Service to USD. For information, visit www.sandiego.edu/alumni/honors.

# SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

April 21, 2009

## USD alum Bartell to receive career achievement award

By DOUG SHERWIN

Richard M. Bartell, president of one of the region's largest independently owned hotel companies, will be honored by the University of San Diego May 2. Bartell, who earned his law degree from USD in 1975, will receive the Author E. Hughes Award for Career Achievement.

"As someone who has used his law degree to become a successful entrepreneur and businessman, Richard brings a valuable perspective and insight to the board," said USD School of Law Dean Kevin Cole. "We're very proud to honor him for his tireless dedication to the law school and the San Diego community."

Bartell is president of Bartell Hotels, which has grown to seven hotels, including The Dana on Mission Bay, the Sheraton Hotel in La Jolla and Humphrey's Half Moon Inn and Suites, home to the highly acclaimed Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay series. He also serves on a number of boards supporting the tourism and educational communities in San Diego. He is the vice chairman of both the San Diego Tourism Promotion Corp. and the San Diego Port Tenants Association. In 2005, he became the fifth recipient of the distinguished Hall of Fame Award presented by the San Diego Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

USD Alumni Honors, part of the university's 60th anniversary celebration, begins at 5:30 p.m. May 2 in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. For more information, visit sandiego.edu/alumnihonors or call 619-260-4819.

## Thomas Jefferson hosting high school mock trial event Friday



Law Briefs By Doug Sherwin

Local high school students will participate in a mock trial competition Priday at 9 a.m. as part of Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Street Law San Diego Program.

San Diego Program.
Students from three San
Diego high schools — Hoover
High School, the Monarch
School and the Toussaint
Academy — will participate. It
will be held in the Earl B.
Gilliam mock trial courtroom
in the Courtyard Building at
2120 San Diego Avenue.

This year marks the sixth annual competition, which draws more than 90 students to Thomas Jefferson's campus for the competition. San Diego Superior Court judges Peter C. Deddeh, Richard Whitney and Randa Trapp will preside over the trials.

The Street Law Program is a 12-week interactive program that covers topics ranging from how laws are made, to the effective administration of laws, current issues in criminal law, criminal procedure, juvenile justice and the First Amendment. The program's goal is to ensure that participating students receive a thorough understanding of the law and its impact on people's lives, to help them become more informed citizens and active members of the community.

"We are thrilled to host the competition between these schools again because it demonstrates the high school students' energy and enthusiasm for the program and our law students' efforts to give back to the community," said Alex Simpson, program coordinator of the Street Law Program. Source Code: 20090421tja

Luce Forward Hamilton, & Scripps LLP attorney Kirsten M. Solberg was honored by Real Estate Southern California as one of its top 30 commercial real estate profes-

sionals under the age of 30.
Solberg, an associate in
Luce Forward's real estate
practice group, was selected
from a number of professionals in the real estate industry
based on her experience and
contributions. She is extremely active in the Southern
California real estate legal
community and represents
some of California's finest real
estate owners, investors and
developers.

Her practice focuses on purchases and sales, options, leasing and financing. Most recently, Solberg played a key role on the legal teams representing various clients in several significant real estate transactions, such as the purchase of a \$400 million portfolio of 21 hotels nationable and the review of a complex and the review of a complex

loan portfolio that included 99 loans. In addition to her legal practice, Solberg is dedicated to the community, serving on the Scholarship Selection Committee of the San Diego Foundation and volunteering with the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program in the HIV/AIDS clinic. Source Code: 20090421tjb

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He also serves on a number of boards supporting the tourism and educational communities in San Diego. He is the vice chairman of both the San Diego Tourism Promotion Corp. and the San Diego Port Tenants Association. In 2005, he became the fifth recipient of the distinguished Hall of Fame Award presented by the San Diego Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

USD Alumni Honors, part of the university's 60th anniversary celebration, begins at 5:30 p.m. May 2 in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. For more information, visit sandiego.edu/alumnihonors or cail 619-260-4819. Source Code: 20090421tjc

Maggie T. Watkins has joined Best Best & Krieger as chief marketing and business development officer, the law firm announced recently.

In her new role, Watkins

will lead the business development and marketing initiatives for BB&K, the Inland region's largest law firm with 200 attorneys and offices located in Riverside, Ontario, Indian Wells and five other cities across California. BB&K is a full-service law firm with private and public agency clients.

"Maggie is an incredible asset and we are thrilled to have her as part of the BB&K team," said James B. Gilpin, the partner who oversees the firm's marketing efforts. Watkins, 53, will focus her

Watkins, 53, will focus her efforts on client outreach, sales training, internal and external communications, branding, advertising and market research for the firm. Source Code: 20090421tjd

Fish & Richardson recently announced that it has received the National Life Sciences/Biotech Firm of the Year Award and the ITC Litigation Firm of the Year Award from Managing Intellectual Property magazine (MIP).

The awards were based on

the results of MIP's exclusive survey of the leading IP law firms across the country, which is culled from extensive research and interviews with practitioners. Fish received the awards at the Managing IP awards event in Washington, D.C., on March 26. Fish has won these awards for each of the two years that MIP has given them out.

MIP has given them out.
"It is an honor to be named both the National Life Sciences/Biotech Firm of the Year and the ITC Litigation Firm of the Year for the second year in a row," said Peter Devlin, president of Fish & Richardson. "It is especially gratifying because these rankings reflect the perceptions of our clients and peers," Source Code: 20090421tje

California Western School of Law Associate Dean Laura Padilla received the Governors' Award, presented by Stanford Associates, in recognition of volunteer service to her alma mater, Stanford University.

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# RANCHO SATA FE REVIEW

April 23, 2009

# USD to honor outstanding RSF residents Richard Bartell and John Cappetta

Two Rancho Santa Fe business and civic leaders will be honored by the University of San Diego May 2.

Richard Bartell, president of Bartell Hotels, and John Cappetta, president of Cappetta Capital Partners, LLC, will each receive the Author E. Hughes Award for Career Achievement.

Bartell earned his law degree from USD in 1975.



John Cappetta

He oversees one of the region's largest independently owned hotel companies, which includes The Dana on Mission Bay, the Sheraton Hotel in La Jolla and Humphrey's Half Moon Inn & Suites, home to the highly acclaimed Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay series.

He also serves on a number of boards supporting the tourism and educational communities in San Diego. He is the vice chairman of both the San Diego Tourism Promotion Corp. and the San Diego Port Tenants Association. He also serves on the President's Council of Point Loma Nazarene University and the Board of Visitors for the USD School of Law.

Cappetta is a private equity investor and advisor through Cappetta Capital Partners. He also is the principal shareholder and executive chairman of LIL Funding, LLC, a San Diego-based real estate lending company. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from USD's School of Business Administration in 1983.

Cappetta is an active community leader, serving as co-chairman of the Rancho Education Foundation. He is a trustee of the Bishops School and trustee and chief financial officer of the Emilio Nares Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing services to families of children with can-



Richard Bartell

"We are very proud to honor Richard and John for their impressive achievements and contributions to public service," said USD President Mary E. Lyons

USD Alumni Honors, part of the university's 60th anniversary celebration, is a gala evening of dinner, tributes, and entertainment, honoring outstanding graduates in the areas of career and athletic achievement, contributions to humanitarian causes and volunteer service to USD. KFMB anchor Barbara-Lee Edwards is the mistress of ceremonies for this year's celebration.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. For more information, visit www.sandiego.edu/alumnihonors or call (619) 260-4819.

## San Diego Business Journal

April 27, 2009

### Joyce Glazer » KUDOS/GIVING

## Cal Bank & Trust Wins Nod for Support of The Old



California Bank & Trust is being honored by the San Diego City-County Reinvestment Task Ferce for its undisclosed amount of financial support

of The Old Globe Theatre. The bank financed the acquisition and renovation of the Globe's Market Street property, which is in one of California's 42 designated enterprise zones... San Diego city firefighters presented \$2,000 to the Copley Family YMCA on April 7. The funds will help provide financial assistance to needy families ... The American Lung Association held its Evening in the Sky 2009 gala April 18 at Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa. Three Clean Air Leaders were hon-ored: Vincent Mudd, president, San Diego office Interiors, as an indoor clean air visionary, Irene Stillings, California Cen-ter for Sustainable Energy, for her work in public programs and services; and Waste

Management San Diego, as a responsible environmental steward ... The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation awarded scholarships to 19 San Diego area students worth \$380,000, which will be distributed worth 5-80,000, which will be distributed at the rate of \$20,000 each year for the next six years. Most of the Dell scholars are first generation college students. The San Diego Humane Society and SPCA implemented Paws to Success, a

new program designed to save the lives of pets that otherwise would be euthanized in local shelters. The program is funded in local shelters. The program is funded with a \$1.4 million grant by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals through a gift from the late Edith Hakes, a San Diego resident ... Local Grainger branch managers presented a \$70,000 donation to the San Diego Food Bank to help provide 200,000 meals for families in need. Grainger employee volunteers served meals at the Food Bank on April 8 ... Fresh Start Surgical Gifts raised \$100,000 at its 17th annual Fresh Start for Kids Celebrity Golf Classic at

Maderas Golf Club in Poway on March 15. The Allergan Foundation, Edco Waste Management, Barona Resort & Casino and Davlyn Investments were among the sponsors ... The University of San Diego is honoring outstanding alumni May 2. Honorees for career achievement include Richard Bartell, president of Bartell Hotels, Denise Boren, a nursing profes-sor at Cal State San Marcos, and John Cappetta, president of Cappetta Capital Partners. Bartell, Boren and Cappetta will each receive the Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award, named after USD's former president. L. Douglas Robert, senior program manager for ITT, will receive the Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award for Exemplary Service to USD ... Employees of Barnhart participated in its Community Service Month in April. On April 4, employees kicked off the month by participating in a Bowl-A-Thon to benefit Junior Achievement of San Diego and Imperial Counties, raising \$23,000 to support local programs. Other organiza-

use and the Society ... The San Dihas honored the Grossmont Healthcare District with the George Felix Volunteer of the Year Award. The district, which supports many nonprofit, health-related community programs and services in Community programs and services in East County, serves as landlord of Sharp Grossmont Hospital and operates the Dr. William C. Herrick Community Health Care Library. A five-member board of directors governs the district ... Dale and Terry Lingenfelder will be honored at the 18th annual Spinoff: Auction for Life, set for May 7 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine. The Lingenfelders are being recognized for their leadership, dedication and support of Scripps Cancer Center, Stevens Division, the beneficiary of the proceeds from the event.

Please send Kudos and Giving items to contributing writer Joyce Glazer at

jglazer@sdbj.com.



Denise Boren

Denise M. Boren, a nursing professor and former mem-ber of the Navy Nursing Corps, who spearheaded a heart treatment facility and

heart treatment facility and has helped fight AIDS in Africa will be honored by the University of San Diego (USD) May 2.

Boren, assistant professor at the School of Nursing at California State University, San Marcos, will receive the Arthur E. Hughes Award for Career Achievement at the USD Achievement at the USD Alumni Honors, part of the university's 60th anniver-sary celebration.

Boren, who earned her doctorate in nursing in 2001 from USD's Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, served in various leadership roles during her military career. A clinical specialist in cardiovascular nursing, she spearheaded the devel-opment of the Heart Failure Clinic at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. The clinic has been successful in promoting the health, qual-ity of life and social support of patients with chronic heart failure.

Another career highlight has been her work with the Naval Health Research Center on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS

Relief (PEPFAR) in Africa.

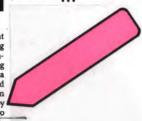
Relief (PEPFAR) in Africa.

She is an advisor on palliative care to military, police and corrections health care personnel in Swaziland and Zambia. She plans to develop a course to bring nursing students to Swaziland to study and provide support for HIV/AIDS care programs.

Boren and her husband, Tom, live in Valley Center.

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# San Diego Reader

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**CALENDAR** 

"Jasper Johns: Selected Prints, 1963-2008" Opening reception for exhibition of 29 prints by contemporary artist Jasper Johns, on view through Sunday, June 14, in Robert and Karen Hoehn Family Galleries in Founders Hall. Show includes "his masterpiece" Savarin 3 (Red). Hours: noon-6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; noon-4:30 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. 619-260-4261. Free. University of San Diego (5998 Alcald Park), 5 p.m., Thursday, April 23. (LINDA WSTA)

# SAN DIEGO CITY BEAT

April 22, 2009

#### ART

ANIMALETIND at Art 412, SDSU campus, College Area. Jeffrey Vallance discusses his work in the group exhibit that explores the varying relationships between humans and animats. At 4 p.m. Thursday, April 23, artgallery.sdsu.edu.

PAUL BROGDEN at Main Tep Tavem, 518
East Main St., El Cajon. Brogden displays his latest works of cartoon surrealism. From 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, April 38. www.main taplayem.com.

\*JASPER JOHNS EXHIBITION at the Hoehn Galleries, Founders Hall, USD campus. The opening reception for a collection of prints by the Iconic 20th century American artist. From 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, www.sandiego.edu.

GAIL RIEKS at Athenaeum Music & Arts Library, 1008 Wall St., La Jolla. The collage artist discusses "The Artist as Traveler." At 7 p.m. Friday, April 24. 858-454-5872, www.ljathenaeum.org.

\*TT MOVED at Device Gallery, 1815 Meln St., Building B, Barrio Logan. Device's first exhibition since moving from La Jolla to the Glashaus in Barrio Logan comprises kinetic (moving) sculptures. Also check out Glashaus' open studios. From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 35, www.devicegallery.com.

\*SECURITY FOR ALL at Agitprop Gallery, 2837 University Ave., North Park. Closing reception for this collection of soutpures, drawings and animation by Mexico Citybased artists Orlando Diaz, Judith Pedroza, Hector Ivan Delgado and Rodrigo Sastre. From 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 26. 619-384-7989, agitpropspace.org.

\*HOBERT WHITAKER at Morrison Hotel Gallery, 1230 Prospect St., La Jolla. The rock photographer presents a collection of fits works, including many rare portraits of The Beatles. From 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 25. 858-551-0835, www.morrisonhotelgallery.com

\*MISSION FEDERAL ARTWALK. This 26th annual event takes place on the streets of Little Italy, with works by over 300 artists on display, live music, silent auctions, kids activities and more. From noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 26, www.missionfederalartwalk.org.

\*JANE HAMMOND at MCASD: Downtown, 1001 Kettner Blvd. Hammond discusses her new Installation, Pallen, which open the following day, At 4 p.m. Seturday, April 25, 858-454-3541, www.moasd.org. DENNIS PAUL BATT at Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside. Curator and artist Batt discusses the new exhibit, Commesso: Made in America, a collection of fine genstone art. At2 p.m. Saturday, April 25. 760-721-2787. \$8, www.oma-online.org.

\*NATIVE at Swiv Tackle Circus, 530 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside. This group show featuring work by Miki Iwasaki, Josh Higgins, Jeffrey Durkin, Thatcher, Tocayo and others foouses on the evolution of Southern California natives. Includes music by The Minor Keys and DJ Blackass and free drinks. From 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 35. 760-439-3760, www.swivtacklecircus.com

\*BANDOW BIRK at MCASD: Downtown, 1001 Kettner Bird., Downtown. Birks' new collection of politically-themed prints, paintings and drawings opens Sunday, April 26, 858-454-3541, www.mcasd.org.



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### Herbert A. Opalek: Quo Vadis, Mr. President?

According to apocryphal legend, "Quo vadis" is the question Peter asks Jesus when he encounters the risen Lord on a road leading away from Rome.

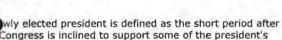
In this Latin term, he is asking Jesus, "Where are you going." Jesus answers that he is going to Rome to be crucified again. This answer is what gives Peter the courage to return to Rome to face his own martyrdom.

Where are we going is a good question to ask two months into the Obama presidency.

What have we seen in our new president to give us hope for an economic recovery and a chance for the good old United States to retain its pre-eminent place among the nations?

Are the hopes that many Americans had for this president going to be realized or are we, again, standing on the precipice of doom and gloom?

Some would say that two months is too short a time to evaluate the positive and negative tones of a presidency.



a president is inaugurated when the opposition party refrains from initiatives and the president receives high public approval rating

In other words, is the honeymoon over? The "honeymoon" concept,

Within a month or two, partisan attacks generally resume and beymoon period ends.

President John F. Kennedy extended the concept by calling then-Soviet Union to extend him a honeymoon period as a goodwill gesture.

One of the shortest honeymoon periods on record was ferald Ford whose pardon of his predecessor, Richard M. Nixon, sparked public outrage and led to a 30-point drop in poly after his first month in office.

Professor Casey Dominguez of the University of San Diego has studied presidents from Kennedy to Bill Clinton and finds that on bills where the president has taken a position, there is a higher likelihood of passage in the first 100 days than in later periods in his inaugural year.

The average success rate in the first 100 days is 88 percent, compared to 78 percent and 74 percent in the second and third 100 days.

Presidents are also more successful in their inaugural years than in other years (87 percent vs. 75 percent). However, the effect of the first 100 days is present only in times of divided government.

Under unified government, their success doesn't really vary between inaugural years and other years.

So where, on this political journey, are we going with President Obama?

An objective viewer would have to report that the results are quite mixed. This week's issue of The Economist is quite correct in stating that "the President has had a bumpy ride in his first two months."

There can be no doubt that Obama is the Democratic Party's Great Communicator; definitely more articulate and charismatic than Ronald Reagan.

In this post-modern age he is supertelegenic and appealing to the boomers and busters who are so fed up with political incompetence. But is that enough?

Most of Obama's experience has been in the not-for-profit sector and in local politics.

He has no hands-on business experience in the private sector that fuels our economy.

This lack accounts for the failed nomination of two secretaries of commerce, one secretary of health and one head of the National Intelligence Agency. There are more than 20 vacant positions unfilled in the Treasury Department that, in this economic decline, should have been a first priority.

For someone who ran against the old-style politics and decried pork-barrel spending (those who know me, appreciate how much I am against that pork), there were 8,750 earmarks to be found in the \$410 billion spending bill that he signed.

So far it seems that all his plans and actions are intended to spend enough money to delay the inevitable economic collapse. He must be more creatively proactive and do much more than that.

These past two months have seen gains and failures and the whole world is watching this president to see if he can succeed. This country has united around him hoping that he can stem the recession and halt the economic depression.

After his G20 summit and this week's NATO meetings, he must shine. He must take action to get Europe and our other allies to go after al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

After all, if they are allowed to remain secure all of Europe is open to their attacks.

Israel, America's only dependable democratically elected government in the Mideast, is now to be governed by a conservative-

centrist government under the leadership of American-trained Binyamin Netanyahu.

How will Obama interact with this major ally in stemming the nuclear threat from Iran?

We must pray that President Obama regroups from the bumps of these first two months and leads us toward economic stability and world peace.

I am reminded of what former British foreign minister Ernest Bevin (1881-1951) said, "If you let that sort of thing go on, your bread and butter will be cut from right under your feet."

So, "Where are you going?" is a most valid and appropriate question to ask our new president.

Herbert A. Opalek is CEO of the Merced County Rescue Mission. He writes a column every other Saturday.







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#### México vs. Colombia

Las producciones mexicanas y colombianas se disputan al público telenovelero de EEUU Martha Sarabia | 2009-04-06 | La Opinión

#### TERCER CAPITULO

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Como partido de futbol o encuentro de box, los culebrones de México y Colombia se disputan desde hace unos años la supremacia en la pantalla chica estadounidense.

En una esquina, están principalmente las producciones mexicanas de Televisa y algunas de TV Azteca e incluso otras hechas por Telemundo en México, que han acaparado la atención de la audiencia estadounidense por varias décadas.

Como principal productora de telenovelas en el mundo, Televisa tiene una alianza con la cadena estadounidense Univision que le garantiza los primeros lugares de audiencia, noche Iras noche. Contra ellas compiten con dificultad las Sprincipalmente mexicanas de Azteca América y las internacionales de Telemundo.

Las más populares telenovelas mexicanas van desde la inolvidable Los ricos Sén lloran con Verónica Castro, donde las diferencias sociales se convierten en un obstáculo para una pareja; la trilogía de las Marias (Maria Mercedes, Marimar y Maria la del Barrio) con Thalia, quien pasa de ser una mujer pobre sin qué comer a una rica y educada en un abrir y cerrar de ojos; hasta la actual Mañana es para siempre con Lucero, quien como una bella e impetiuosa villana hace todo lo posible por hacerle la vida imposible al personaje de Silvia Navarro. Pero este grupo lambién incluye a Nada personal de TV Azteca, proyecto que estelanzaron Ana Colchero y José Angel Llamas y que reflejaba lo que vivia el pueblo mexicano durante el gobierno de Carlos Salinas de Gortani.

En la otra esquina están RCN y Caracol, las principales productoras de Colombia que en su momento sorprendieron con telenovelas de temática fresca o de contenido social, filmadas en grandes Sexteriores y dotadas con un novedoso sentido del humor. Transmitidas en Estados Unidos principalmente por Telemundo, algunas de las más populares han sido la romántica Café con aroma de mujer con Margarita Rosa de Francisco; la historia de una mujer poco agraciada fisicamente pero inteligente en Yo soy Betty la fea, con Ana María Orozco; y > It 1

Tanto éxito han conseguido las producciones colombianas que varios de sus culebrones han sido adaptados al mercado mexicano y el país sudamericano ha atraido producciones incluso de Televisa, que filmó en Cartagena la telenovela de época >it 1

Según Ana Bertha Uribe, cuyas investigaciones en las telenovelas serán publicadas en un libro próximamente, cada país tiene su estilo propio definido.

"Las mexicanas son más color de rosa, con exageración en los temas. Las historias en México proviene [primordialmente] de un solo partido [Televisa], son más rápidas [en contar la historia]. Las colombianas tienen más humor, [son] más intelectuales, con drama pero con humor", explicó la instructora de la Universidad de Colima.

No obstante, las producciones del país vecino del sur son innegablemente las más populares. "Solamente con los números [de audiencia] te puedes dar cuenta que las novelas mexicanas tienen una mejor distribución", aseguro Kristin C. Moran, profesora de la Universidad de San Diego quien se ha especializado en telenovelas durante una década.

Sin embargo, las colombianas poco a poco han ido ganando terreno.

Este pequeño triunfo se debe en parte a las diferencias que ofrecen a los televidentes las creaciones del país cafetero.

"Yo atribuyo el exito de la televisión colombiana al rompimiento de los esquemas de la Cenicienta. Nos encontramos con otros paradigmas. La gente \$algo muy rico y distinto, y de repente les llarnó la atención", dijo el escritor Gustavo Bolivar Moreno, cuya otra Sin tetas no hay paraiso fue adaptada para la versión televisiva. Sin seños no hay paraiso, que transmite Telemundo.

Uribe añadió que "la novedad" es algo que los televidentes siempre disfrutan, porque los saca de la rutina. Asímismo, las situaciones sociales en las que ambas se enfocan son diferentes.

"Las novelas mexicanas son muy conservadoras, mientras que las colombianas tienden a desafiar más el status quo", afirmó Moran.

Agregó que esto se debe a las políticas de las compañías productoras más que a lo que piensa la sociedad que representan. Incluso considera que los dramas de TV Azleca llenden a ser más avanzados y atrevidos que los de Televisa por las decisiones de sus ejecutivos. Ese fue el caso de Nada personal, un drama muy controvertido por ser el primero en hablar tan abiertamente de la corrupción en el gobierno mexicano y contar con situaciones tan apegadas a la realidad de esa epoca.

El autor Bolivar destacó que en la nueva versión estadounidense de su novela — donde una jovencita hace todo lo posible por aumentar su busto para prostituirse con los narcotráficantes y conseguir disfácil — tuvieron que cambiar algunas escenas para minimizar la violencia y crudeza que contenía la versión colombiana original.

Para actores como la colombiana María Fernanda Yepes, la razón de la popularidad de las telenovelas realizadas en su país se deben a que el público logra relacionarse con la temática de las telenovelas. "Definitivamente el hecho de que esta historia sea tan real [es la clave de su popularidad]", comentó quien da vida a Yésica en >it 1

Yepes inclusó mencionó que la situación de violencia por el narcotráfico que se está viviendo en México en estos momentos es la misma situación que sus paisanos vivieron en los 80s y es por eso \$el público de origen mexicano en este país se siente identificado con la telenovela.

El auge de las telenovelas colombianas se está dando en un momento en que los productores compilen por un mercado global y los actores tienen más interés en abandonar relaciones de exclusividad con una sola productora.

Ese fue el caso de Edith González, la actriz mexicana que tuvo una larga alianza con Televisa. En una entrevista con Notimex en 2006, la actriz comentó: "Ya no sólo es con Televisión Azteca, sino que Televisa compite con un mercado mundial y global. No solamente va por el mercado nacional, sino que piensa que el producto sea exitoso en otros países. Somos exportadores de imagen, atraemos turismo y damos valo\$de cuento".

Actualmente González protagoniza Doña Bárbara, una producción de Telemundo hecha en Colombia. Para la estudiosa Uribe, los cambios más significativos en la televisión ocurren con el trabajo de productores como Epigmenio Ibarra, productor de éxitos de TV Azleca como Nada personal. Mirada de mujer y Los plateado.. a quien atribuye haber introducido nuevas maneras de hacer telenovelas. Esto lo considera "una ruptura de la tipica televisión".

Dondequiera que sea hecha, la telenovela tiene una sola forma de cumplir su cometido, y es ganando la aceptación del público fiel a este género tan popular.

Mañana: Abundan los refritos

Test Telenovelero

¿Cuál es el nombre correcto de la fea original?

a) Betty Suárez

b) Leficia Padilla Solis

c) Beatriz Aurora Pinzón Solano

d) Leticia Beatriz Pinzón Solis

La respuesta de la trivia de ayer ¿Cuál de estos actores no participó en la telenovela mencionada? es d) Saúl Lisazo en 'Prisionera'. El histrión fue parte del elenco de 'Prisionera de amor', junto a Maribel Guardia y Leticia Calderón en 1994, pero no de 'Prisionera' que estelarizaron Gabriela Spanic, Mauricio Islas/Gabriel Po\$y Génesis Rodríguez, en el 2004.

Hechas en Colombia

Café con aroma de mujer (1994)

Yo soy Betty la fea (1999-2001)

Pedro el escamoso (2001)

Madre Luna (2007)

Sin senos no hay paraiso (2007-2008)

Doña Bárbara (2008)

Hechas en México

Corazón salvaje (1993)

Marimar (1994)

Nada personal (1996)

Amigas y rivales (2001)

Rubi (2004)

Fuego en la sangre (2007)

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### Los galanes maduros

El público femenino de hoy prefiere como protagonistas a los actores más maduros Martha Sarabia | 2009-04-04 | La Opinión

SEGUNDO CAPÍTULO

#### Martha Sarabia/ martha.sarabia@laopinion.com

A sus 85 años, Juanita Torres es fanática de las telenovelas, sobre todo cuando estas tienen a sus actores favoritos. Pero no le mencione a ningún galán juvenil.

"Me gusta mucho César Évora porque es un hombrote, hecho y derecho y es un gran actor. Colunga es otro de ellos, me gusta completamente", dice la residente de Bell.

Con sus corpulentos cuerpos, voces fuertes y agradables rostros, los galanes maduritos han conquistado al público de las telenovelas. Actores experimentados como Eduardo Yañéz, Jorge Salinas, César Évora, Fernando Colunga, Miguel Varoni, Saúl Lisazo y Juan Ferrara, entre otros, se han robado los corazones de miles de televidentes como Juanita, y logrado acaparar altos ratings para sus telenovelas.

Colunga, de 43 años, lleva actuando en telenovelas desde 1992, pero en los últimos años se ha consolidado como uno de los galanes más rentables a nível internacio\$. En 2005, el actor mexicano dio vida a Luis Manrique y Arellano en Alborada y un año después al pirata bueno Ricardo de Salamanca en Pasión. Actualmente, su telenovela Mañana es para siempre, que transmite Univision, ocupa el primer lugar de popularidad entre el público de habla hispana y su papel del guapo, inteligente y fornido Eduardo Juárez o Franco Santoro es indudablemente uno de los grandes atractivos del culebrón.

Los mexicanos Yáñez, de 48 años, y Salinas, de 40, fueron reyes de los ratings cuando protagonizaron >it

Usando más la comedia, el argentino Varoni, de 44, alcanzó el éxito en Pedro el escamoso, emitida hace unos años por Telemundo. Su ingenuidad, peculiares pasos de baile y ocurrentes frases fueron características clave para ganarse el cariño de las féminas, así como puntos de audiencia adicionales para la cadena.

Otro actor maduro adorado por las mujeres es el argentino Lisazo, de 52, protagonista de Mientras haya vida en Azteca América. Esta es su novela más reciente, aunque cabe destacar que no tuvo altos ratings en este país como sus antiguos proyectos en Televisa, como Acapulco, cuerpo y alma y Por tu amor, que se transmitieron por Univision.

El mexicano Ferrara, de 65, fue padre de Anahi y pareja de Ninel Conde en Rebelde y logró robar suspiros en la telenovela juvenil. Y ni qué decir del cubano Évora, de 49 años, quien de protagónico o antagónico arrasa con las del sexo opuesto. Su ronca voz y porte varonil lo han colocado como uno de los galanes más cotizados y exitosos, \$la novela más reciente Al diablo con los guapos el año pasado Los expertos concuerdan en que la popularidad de los actores maduros se debe a que las mujeres son el grupo que domina el control remoto del hogar.

"El núcleo de la audiencia de las telenovelas son mujeres y los hombres maduros son un gran para ellas", afirmó Kristin C. Morán, profesora de comunicaciones de la Universidad de San Djego.

Quizá por eso algunos actores como Yáñez y Salinas realizan la mayoría de sus escenas sin camisa, mostrando más sus ejercitados pectorales que su calidad actoral. Aún estando un poco pasados de pesos, las mujeres se enloquecen al mirarlos.

Morán considera normal que esas mujeres quieran sentirse identificadas con lo que miran en la pantalla. "Los que miran la telenovela son personas mayores porque aunque [la compañía que mide los niveles de popularidad] Nielsen asegura que las segundas y terceras generaciones ven televisión en español, mis investigaciones muestran lo contrario ya que las generaciones más jóvenes tienen más opciones televisivas. Me parece a mí que el público mayor es el que más se conecta con las telenovelas", aseguró la investigadora en el tema de tele\$por más de 10 años.

Por otra parte, la experta asegura que algunos actores tienden a sobresalir más que otros, no sólo por su atractivo sino también por sus contratos extendidos con las televisoras.

"En el caso de Televisa, ellos tienen acceso a cierto grupo de actores por contrato y usualmente los actores más jóvenes tienen intereses diferentes" dijo Morán al comparar a los dos grupos de histriones.







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### México vs. Colombia: guerra de telenovelas

Martha Sarabia [martha.sarabia@laopinion.com] | 2009-04-06 | La Opinior

#### TERCER CAPITULO

Como partido de fulbol o encuentro de box, los culebrones de México y Cotombia se disputan desde hace unos años la supremacia en la pantalla chica estadounidense.

En una esquina, están principalmente las producciones mexicanas de Televisa y algunas de TV Azleca a incluso otras hechas por Telemundo en México, que han acaparado la atención de la audiencia estadounidense por varias décadas.

Como principal productora de telenovelas en el mundo, Televisa tiene una alianza con la cadena estadounidense Univision que le garantiza los primeros lugares de audiencia, noche tras noche. Contra ellas compiten con dificultad las \$principalmente mexicanas de Azteca América y las internacionales de Telemundo.

Las más populares telenovelas mexicanas van desde la inolvidable Los ricos Sén lloran con Verônica Castro, donde las diferencias sociales se convierten en un obstáculo para una pareja, la trillogia de las Marias (Maria Mercedes, Marimar y Maria la del Barrio) con Thalla, quien pasa de ser una mujer pobre sin qué comer a una rica y educada en un abir y cerrar de ojos; hasta la actual Mañana es para siempre con Lucero, quien como una bella e impetuosa villana hace todo lo posible por hacerle la vida imposible al personaje de Silvia Navarro. Pero este grupo también incluye a Nada personal de TV Azteca, proyecto que estelanzaron Ana Colchero y José Angel Llamas y que reflejaba lo que vivía el pueblo mexicano durante el gobierno de Carlos Salinas de Gortán.

En la otra esquina están RCN y Caracol, las principales productoras de Colombia que en su momento sorprendieron con telenovelas de temática fresca o de contenido social, filmadas en grandes Sexteriores y doladas con un novedoso sentido del humor.

Transmitidas en Estados Unidos principalmente por Telemundo, algunas de las más populares han sido la romântica Cafe con aroma de mujer con Margarita Rosa de Francisco; la historia de una mujer poco agracidad fisicamente pero inteligente en Yo soy Betty la fea, con Ana María Orozco, y >it 1 Tanto éxilo han conseguido tas producciones colombianas que varios de sus culebrones han sido adaptados al mercado mexicano y el pais sudamericano ha atraído producciones incluso de Televisa, que filmó en Cartagena la telenoveia de época >it 1 Según Ana Bertha Uriba. cuyas investigaciones en las telenovelas serán publicadas en un libro próximamente, cada país tiene su estilo propio definido.

"Las mexicarias son más color de rosa, con exageración en los temas. Las historias en Máxico proviena [primordialmente] de un solo partido [Televisa], son más rápidas (en contar la historia]. Las coloridianas tienen más humor, [son] más intelectuales, con drama pero con humor", explicó la instructora de la Universidad de Colima.

No obstante, las producciones del país vecino del sur son innegablemente las más populares "Solamente con los números (de audiencia) le puedes dar cuenta que las novelas mexicana mejor distribución", aseguro Kristin C. Moran, profesora de la Universidad de San Diego qui especializado en telenovelas durante una década.

Sin embargo, las colombianas poco a poco han ido ganando terreno.

Este pequeño triunfo se debe en parte a las diferencias que ofrecen a los televidentes las creaciones del país cafetero.

"Yo atribuyo el éxito de la televisión colombíana al rompimiento de los esquemas de la Cenicienta. Nos encontramos con otros paradigmas. La gente Salgo muy rico y distinto, y de repente les liamó la atención", dijo el escritor Gustavo Bolívar Moreno, cuya obra Sin tetas no hay paraiso fue adaptada para la versión televisiva. Sin sence no hay paraiso, que transmite Telemundo.

Unbe añadio que "la novedad" es aigo que los televidentes siempre disfrutan, porque los saca de la rutina. Asimismo, las situaciones sociales en las que ambas se enfocan son diferentes

"Las novelas mexicanas son muy conservadoras, mientras que las colombianas tienden a desafiar más el status quo", afirmó Moran

Agregó que esto se debe a las políticas de las compañías productoras más que a lo que pienaa la sociedad que representan.

Incluso considera que los dramas de TV Azteca tienden a ser más avanzados y alrevidos que los de Televisa por las decisiones de sus ejecutivos. Ese fue el caso de Nada personal, un drama muy controvertido por ser el primero en hablar tan abiertamente de la corrupción en el goblamo mexicano y contar con situaciones tan apegadas a la realidad de esa época.

El autor Bolívar destacó que en la nueva versión estadounidense de su novela — donde una jovencita hace todo lo posible por aumentar su busto para prostituirse con los narcotraficantes y conseguir distácii tuvieron que cambiar algunas escenas para minimizar la violencia y crudeza que contenía la versión colombiana original.

Para actores como la cotombiana María Fernanda Yepes, la razón de la popularidad de las telenovelas réalizadas en su país se deben a que el público logra relacionarse con la ternática de las telenovelas. "Definitivamente el hecho de que esta historia sea tan real [es la clave de su populandad]", comentó quien da vida a Yésica en >ir 1Yépes inclusó mencionó que la altuación de violencia por el narcotráfico que se está viviendo en México en estos momentos es la misma altuación que sus paisanos vivieron en los 80s y es por eso Sel público de origen mexicano en este país se siente identificado con la telenovella. El augé de las telenovelas colombianas se está dando en un momento en que los productores compilen por un mercado global y los actores tienen más interés en abandonar relaciones de exclusividad con una sola

Ese fue el caso de Edith González, la actriz mexicana que tuvo una larga alianza con Televisa. En una entrevista con Notimex en 2005, la actriz comento: "Ya no sólo es con Televisión Azteca, sino que Televisa compite con un mercado mundial y global. No solamente va por el mercado nacional, sino que piensa que el producto sea exitoso en otros países. Somos exportadores de imagen, atraemos turismo y damos valoSde cuento".

Actualmente González protagoniza Doña Bárbara, una producción de Telemundo hecha en Colombia Para la estudiosa Unbe, los cambios más significativos en la televisión ocurren con el trabajo de productores como Epigmenio Ibarra, productor de éxitos de TV Azteca como Nada personal, Mirada de mujer y Los plateado, a quien atribuye haber introducido nuevas maneras de hacer telenovelas. Esto lo considera "una ruptura de la fipica televisión"

Dondequiera que sea hecha, la telenovela tiene una sola forma de cumplir su cometido, y es ganando la

Este podría ser el caso de Évora, quien en cuanto termína de hacer una telenovela inicia otra. Desde el 2005 hasta hoy ha participado en seis proyectos y todos en roles estelares, entre los que sobresalen Yo amo a Juan Querendón como Samuel, Mundo de fieras como los gemelos Gabriel y Demián y La madrastra como Esteban. Incluso en el proyecto juvenil de Al diablo con los guapos se embolsó un papel principal y el corazón de las televidentes a pesar de su personaje como el ambicioso Constancio Belmonte. Al contratar a un actor reconocido como Évora, las productoras mejoran sus posibilidades de éxito y

aceptación entre la audiencia porque el público ya identifica a los actores. Y que el actor sea guapo, definitivamente ayuda a mejorar esa probabilidad.

No se pierda el próximo capítulo: México vs. Colombia

Galanes de ayer

José Luis Rodríguez 'El Puma' en 'Estefanía' (1979)

Rogelio Guerra en 'Los ricos también lloran' (1979)

Andrés García en 'Tú o nadie' (1984)

Victor Cámara en 'Topacio' (1984)

Humberto Zurita en 'De pura sangre' (1986)

Salvador Pineda en 'Mi pequeña Soledad' (1990)

Osvaldo Ríos en 'Kassandra' (1991)

Arturo Peniche en 'Maria Mercedes' (1992)

Eduardo Palomo en 'Corazón salvaje' (1993)

Francisco Gattorno en 'La dueña' (1995)

Guy Eckeren 'La mentira' (1999)

Fernando Carrillo en 'Rosalinda' (1999)

Test Telenovelero

¿Cuál de estos actores no participó en la telenovela mencionada?

- a) Eduardo Yáñez en 'La verdad oculta'
- b) César Évora en 'Abrazame muy fuerte'
- d) Miguel Varoni en 'La potra zaina'
- d) Saúl Lisazo en 'Prisionera'

Respuesta de la trivia de ayer

¿Qué actriz se rasuró la cabeza en plena escena con tal de seguir lo que dictaba su personaje?
Es b) Cynthía Klitbo en 'El privilegio de amar'. De esta manera la actriz logró impresionar a sus colegas y al público por su profesionalismo y dedicación al grabar la escena en una sola toma y despojarse de su cabellera al mismo tiempo.

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### Pasión por las telenovelas

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#### CUARTO CAPITULO

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Aunque el dícho popular asegura que las segundas partes nunca son buenas, en las telenovelas este no parece ser el caso.

Hoy en día, son contados los melodramas originales como Las tontas no van al cielo de Televisa, transmitida por Univision, o El rostro de Analia de Telemundo. Pero según reportes de Nielsen, ninguna de las dos telenovelas ha acaparado tan altos niveles de audiencia como los refritos Destilando amor, La fea más bella, Rebelde y Fuego en la sangre emitidos por Univision, o los de Telemundo como Doña Bárbara y El cartel.

Por eso no es de extrañar que la lista de versiones o adaptaciones de clásicos del género sea casi interminable.

Entre las más conocidas está Mañana es para siempre, la actual telenovela estelar de Univision que originalmente fue vista en Colombia como Pura sangre o Yo amo a Juan Querendón, un derivado de la colombiana Pedro el escamoso. La exitosa telenovela colombiana Café con aroma de mujer fue transformada en México a Destilando amor; Bodas de odlo pasó a ser Amor real; y La potra zaína fue adaptada a Apuesta por un amor.

Entre las telenovelas juveniles, Quinceañera fue transformada en Primer amor... A mil X hora y la argentina Rebelde Way fue convertida en el fenómeno mexicano Rebelde, de donde surgió el grupo RBD. Las dos de Telemundo previamente mencionadas fueron series en Colombia o Venezuela y en el caso de Doña Bárbara, una importante novela que tuvo incluso versiones en cine.

Algunas ya están en su tercera versión como Fuego en la sangre, que anteriormente fue conocida como Las aguas mansas y Pasión de gavilanes; y La madrastra, que anteriormente fue Vivir un poco. La reina de los refritos es sin duda la colombiana Yo soy Betty la fea. El guión orio del colombiano Fernando Gaitán y producido por RCN, fue adquirido por una multitud de transcripción de la mundo, con tal de revivir a su manera las vivencias de una mujer fea pero con un manual de se enamora de un

hombre que la hace sufrir.

"Las historias de venganza y amor son universales, ademá no constituidades de entender", explicó Kristin C. Moran de la Universidad de San Diego

Esto, aseguró Ana Bertha Uribe, es lo que le ha asegurado un éxito a los refritos en diferentes países. "El eje central de la telenovela es que cuenta una historia de amor, con valores universales. Aqui y en China y en cualquier parte del mundo, la infidelidad va a ser castigada, la esencia no cambia", afirmó quien pronto lanzará a la venta un libro sobre telenovelas.

Aun cuando existen cambios en cada proyecto para asimilarlo a la cultura en la que será televisada, Uribe añadió que en este tipo de programas "la estructura del guión sigue siendo igual".

Por ejemplo, en Rebelde los personajes hablaban al estilo "fresa", típico de los muchachos de familias adineradas en México. Asimismo, Destilando amor se enfocó en la industria tequilera mientras que Café con aroma de mujer estaba basada en los negocios cafetaleros.

Los conocedores del tema afirman que el paso del tiempo no afecta a los proyectos originales de la pantalla chica.

"El tema es el mismo, lo que ha cambiado es el ritmo, los movimientos de cámara, las modernización de ciertos patrones de actuar en el escenario. Cuando las telenovelas mexicanas se venden a los mercados internacionales, la política de ciertas empresas le quitan tecnicismos muy regionales", explicó Uribe. Además de la aceptación del público, las compañías productoras cuentan con suficientes razones para querer explotar sus versiones originales.

"Una telenovela es un producto en un mercado económico donde se mueve mucho dinero; si no, no existiría. Una telenovela puede tener 10, 12 años de vida, se puede refritar muchas, pero se refritan las más exitosas. También las televisoras hacen convenios políticos y financieros de mucho dinero con otras empresas mundiales", aseguró Uribe.

Un ejemplo es la versión china de Yo soy Betty la fea, Ugly Wudi, una co-producción entre la empresa mexicana Televisa, la china Hunan Satellite TV y la productora independiente Nesound.

Moran aseguró que realizar copias de culebrones no es algo nuevo.

"En la industria de la televisión, es muy atractivo usar algo que ya ha sido exitoso, es más barato, es una formula comprobada. Pero esto no es único de las telenovelas, está pasando en todo el mundo", afirmó. No obstante, para Uribe, el que una telenovela sea renovada y contada en diferentes países es el reflejo de la sociedad mundial que ha hecho que estos proyectos tengan éxito en cualquier nación.

"Más que refrito hay que pensar en términos de una cultura global con valores compartidos, eso no quiere decir que seamos iguales, sino que tenemos la misma sensación, cada quien desde su cultura" señaló. Mañana: hombres telenoveleros

Test Telenovelero

¿Cuál es el título de la versión original de 'Victoria'?

- a) Señora Isabel
- b) Mirada de mujer
- c) Tiempos de Victoria
- d) Simplemente María

La respuesta del test novelero III ¿Cual es el nombre correcto de la fea original?
Es c) Beatriz Aurora Pinzón Solano. Los otros nombres corresponden a otras versiones.

Por ejemplo, a) Betty Suárez es el de la versión estadounidense 'Ugly Betty' b) Leticia Padilla Solís pertenece a la versión mexicana 'La fea más bella' y d) Leticia Beatriz Pinzón Solís fue inventado.

La colombiana 'Yo soy Betty la fea' tiene versiones alrededor del mundo

La mexicana 'La fea más bella'

La serie estadounidense 'Ugly Betty', o Betty la fea

La china 'Ugly Wudi', significa fea sin rival o inigualable

La polaca 'BrzydUla', Brzydula significa muchacha fea pero Ula hace referencia al nombre del personaje principal

La filipina 'I Love Betty la Fea' o Yo amo a Betty la fea

La española 'Yo soy Bea'

La hindú 'Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahi', que significa No hay nadie como Jassi

La alemana 'Verliebt in Berlin', que significa Amor en Berlín o Berlín enamorada

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CALENDAR

USD 60th Anniversary Symphony Concerts Alumni invited to participate in celebration to include Te Deum by Anton Bruckness the USD Immaculata Choir, at the San Rafael Festival Choir, 62260-4106. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, April 24; 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26, ILINDA VISTA)

Calder Quartet String ensemble performs for ArtPower! Program boasts Bartok's "String Quartet No. 3 in C Sharp Major," "String Quartet No. 19 in C Major (Dissonant)" by Mozart, Beethoven's "String Quartet No. 7 in F Major (Rasumovsky 1)." Pre-performance talk at 6:45 p.m. 858-534-3229. \$10-\$37. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, April 24. (LA JOLLA)

Peter Grimes Tenor Anthony Dean Griffey takes on title role in "Britten's masterpiece of English opera." Soprano Jennifer Casey Cabot plays Ellen Orford; Rod Gilfrey as Captain Balstrode. Tickets: 619-220-TIXS. \$35-\$200. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 8 p.m., Friday, April 24; 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (DOWNTOWN)

Spring Concert San Diego Young Artists Symphony plans recital of symphonic and chamber music by Beethoven, Mozart, Rodrigo, Haydn, Offering, 619-235-8067. San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard), 4 p.m., Saturday, April 25, (SAN CARLOS)

Ostracized Music San Diego Jewish Music Festival continues with this "celebration of Jewish and Muslim music." Pianists Volker Ahmels and Friederike Haufe perform with young European musicians from Ostracized Music International Festival, spotlighting "composers silenced by the Nazis." 858-362-1348, \$19-\$24. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (LA JOLLA)

Songs" Performed by Men's Chorus of San o. Music from Dixie Chicks, stephen Sondheim, "Carmina Burans," Turandot, others. Country/ classical, 619-57-GMCSD. \$25-\$35. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, April 25; 3 p.m., Sunday, April 26, (IA JOLIA)

Sitarist Kartik Seshadri Famous sitar composer, educator, and disciple of Pandit Ravi Shankar 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (LA JOLLA)

Return to Frederic Chopin Palomar College's artist-in-residence, pianist Peter Gach tickles the keys in tribute to his favorite composer. Program includes the "Fourth Ballade," "The Berceuse Lullaby," and a lively collection of mazurkas. 760-744-1150 x2453. \$8-\$12. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (ESCONDIDO)

Pet-Friendly Organ Music Civic organist Carol Williams performs at "Bark in the Park 3." Bring your dog to parade across the stagel 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26, (BALBOA PARK)

Vocal and Choral Music Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires give concert titled "The Best of Times: The Secret of Life is Enjoying the Passage of Time." 619-388-1800. Free. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcala Park), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (UNDA VISTA)

"Quartetto Sorrento" Grossmont Symphony presents "Quartet No. 6 in G Major" by Shostakovich and Smetana's "String Quartet No. 1 in E Minor" in college recital hall room 220. 619-644-7254. Free. Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive), 7 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (EL CAION)

La Jolla Symphony Competition Winners For mini-concert. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza), noon, Monday, April 27. (DOWNTOWN) Student Composers' Concert Includes senior projects by Ryan Lynch and Joseph Olivarez. 619-260-4171. Free. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 28. ILINDA MISTA)

"Evelyn is the Eddie Van Halen of Violinists" Evelyn is one of four La Jolla High School students who will perform chamber music concert at Riford Center. 6811 La Jolla Boulevard), 3 p.m., Tuesday, April 28. (ta Jolla)

"Debut" Art of Élan celebrates new year during their "New World" art-themed concert inspired by Russian artist Nicolai Ivanovich Fechin's painting Portrait of Miss Sapoinikoff, Listen for Dvorák's "American String Quartet" and Enescu's "Octet" for double string quartet. 619-696-1969.
\$10-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 28. (BALBOA PARK)

### CLASSICAL

England's First Symphony San Diego Symphony, conducted by Jahja Ling, presents Edward Elgar's "Symphony No. 1" — Elgar's first symphony, as well as England's. Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$15-\$60. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23. 100wstrows

Quatuor Mosa ques The ensemble (founded in 1985) performs string quartets by Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert on period instruments. Put on by the San Diego Early Music Society. 619-291-8246. \$30-\$35. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, April 23.

Splendor and Substance Calder Quartet string ensemble performs Pabian Svensson's "Singing and Dancing," "Quartet.ru" by Anton Batagov, and "Honey Flyers" by Christine Southworth for Art-Powerl 858-534-3229, \$5-\$15. The Loft (9500 Gilman Drive), \$ p.m., Thursday, April 23, (LA JOLLA)



### 9 PARTS OF DESIRE Set As Mo'olelo PAC's Fall 2009 Performance, Runs 10/7-11/1

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by BWW News Desk



Critically-acclaimed Mo' olelo Performing Arts Company announces its fall 2009 production will be <u>Heather Raffo</u>'s 9 Parts of Desire, running from October 7 to November 1, 2009, at the 10th Avenue Theatre in Downtown San Diego. Presopening will take place on Saturday October 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m

Written by Heather Raffo, an ellipse of the University of San Diego (USD)/The Old Globe M.F.A. program, 9 Parts of Desire explores the extraordinary and ordinary lives of a whole cross-section of contemporary Iraqi women living in Iraq, London, and New York. The play is a journey through the lives of these nine



women as they deal with the world around them. Through their voices we hear multiple perspectives on and the sometimes conflicting aspects of what it means to be a woman in the age-old war zone that is Iraq . Surprising and captivating, the play received the 2005 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize Special Commendation and a Lucille Lortel Award for Best Solo Show.

MO'OLELO PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY <u>Heather Raffo</u> will be in San Diego on May 3, 2009, to receive the 2009 Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award from the College of Arts and Sciences at USD and perform In Concert: The Sounds of Desire, a spoken word adaptation of 9 Parts of Desire with accomplished jazz trumpeter and Iraqi santoor player Amir El Saffar.

"It's no surprise Mo`olelo is tackling this play during our current political climate," says director Janet Hayatshahi (The Turn of the Screw, Cygnet Theatre) "As Americans, we can only benefit from a better understanding of Iraqi society. This play shows us,

through a kaleidoscope of thoughts and images, the humanity of Iraq , instead of the war zone we have come to associate it with."

Mo`olelo means story in Hawaiian. Selected as the inaugural Resident Theatre Company at La Jolla Playhouse, Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company is a socially-conscious theatre organization dedicated to broadening the scope of San Diego's cultural environment by telling powerful stories that are as diverse as the islands of Hawaii, by paying Equity wages to local actors and developing environmentally-friendly theatre practices. A recipient of the Patté, San Diego Theatre Critics Circle, McDonald Playwriting and the Anti-Discrimination Awards, its mission is to create new works based on research within various communities, produce lesser-known works by master and contemporary playwrights, and educate youth. To learn more, visit www.moolelo.net or call 619-342-7395.

Heather Raffo (Playwright) - Heather trained as an actress and has spent the last ten years performing off Broadway, off West End , in regional theater and in film. She is the author of the play 9 Parts of Desire, a one-woman show told through the lives of nine Iraqi women. Heather is the recipient of a <u>Susan Smith</u> Blackburn Prize Special Commendation and the <u>Marian Seldes-Garson Kanin</u> Fellowship for 9 Parts of Desire. She received a 2005 <u>Lucille Lortel</u> award for Best Solo Show as well as <u>Helen Hayes</u>, Outer Critics Circle and Drama League nominations, for outstanding performance.

Heather first performed 9 Parts of Desire in August 2003 at the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh . It later moved to the <u>Bush Theatre</u> in London 's Off-West End where critics hailed it as one of the five best plays in London in late 2003. It's New York premiere was at the <u>Manhattan Ensemble Theatre</u>, where the show ran for nine months and was a critics pick (of the New York Times, Time Out and Village Voice) for over twenty four weeks in a row. Most recently, Heather performed a concert version of the play at Kennedy Center with renowned Iraqi Musician, Amir ElSaffar.

Since 2005 9 Parts of Desire has been produced across the U.S. was the fifth most produced play of the 2007-2008

American theater season. It is currently being translated for international productions in Brazil , Greece , Sweden , Turkey and France . Publications are by <u>Northwestern University</u> Press and Dramatists Play Service as well as a number of anthologies.

Heather's recent acting credits include: In Darfur (world premiere The Public Theater, Delacourt) Nerjas ElSaffar, New York premiere Palace of the End, Epic Theater Center; Sarah Woodruff, world premiere The French Lieutenant's Woman, Fulton Opera House. Off-Broadway: Over The River and Through the Woods, Off Broadway/National Tour of Macbeth (Lady Macbeth), The Merry Wives of Windsor (Mistress Page) and The Rivals all with The Acting Company. Raffo received her bachelor of arts in English from the University of Michigan and her masters of fine arts in acting performance from the University of San Diego . She also studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London . For current information regarding 9 Parts of Desire please visit www.heatherraffo.com.

Janet Hayatshahi (Director) - Janet trained as an actor and has spent time on stage in San Diego , Chicago , and the central coast of California . She was an ensemble member of Sledgehammer Theatre from 2000-2005 and of Eclipse Theatre Company in Chicago from 1996-1998.

Her directing credits include: The Turn of the Screw (Cygnet Theatre), Inside Story: Middle-Eastern Tales (Theatre of the World Festival 2009, SDSU), and a staged reading of 9 Parts of Desire (Thurgood Marshall Human Rights and Global Citizenship).

Selective Acting credits include: Remains (Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company), A Dream Play, Macbeth, nu, [sic], Berzerkergäng, Richard III, Furious Blood, Phenomenal Acceleration, Chrysalis: Rapechild (Sledgehammer Theatre), Master Class (Poway Center for Performing Arts), Taming of the Shrew, Macbeth (Central Coast Shakespeare), Beyond Therapy, Marvin's Room, Rules of Love (Centerpoint Theatre Group). In Chicago: Agamemnon (European Repertory Theatre), Infernal Machine, Knights of the Round Table (Eclipse Theatre Company).

Janet received her BFA from Ithaca College , MA from San Diego State University , and also trained at the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts. Janet will be an MFA candidate in Dance Theatre at the University of California , San Diego starting in the fall of 2009.

Janet currently teaches in the theatre departments of San Diego State University , Grossmont College , and San Diego City College and is a Teaching Artist for <a href="The Old Globe">The Old Globe</a> and The La Jolla Playhouse.

# SAN DIEGO READER

April 30, 2009

CALENDAR

Iraqi santoor player Amir ElSaffar will perform urban and classical sounds springing from Iraqi and American roots. 619-260-2727. Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Voces of the New Califas" Spoken word, music, and theater from across "the Latino Golden State," including Cesar Cruz and headRush from Oakland, San Diego's Aileen Reyes, Quino, and Teatro Izcalli. 858-822-4059. Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m.; free. Centro Cultural de Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"WordMagic" "Word wizard" Laurel Airica presents her "Word-Magic" literary entertainment in Warren Auditorium (located in SOLES building). Expect to gain "a new understanding of words... through stunning stunts of cunning punning." Refreshments provided. 415-497-1535. Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Family Plots Bay Area author Mary Patrick Kavanaugh discusses and signs her book, which was "awarded 16 rejections. from prominent NYC publishers." 858-454-0347. Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Ayenue, (IA JOLLA)

### IN PERSON

"An Intimate Evening with Charles Arlington" Original and "unique magic show" on offer when Charles Arlington — star of Triple Espresso — hits stage. 619-220-8663. Friday, May 1, 8 p.m.; \$15. Ages 8 and up. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

"One Mike...San Diego: The Hilarious Show" Comedy show with guest host Aida Rodriguez, featuring Clayton Thomas, Donnivin, headliner Ron G. 619-708-7975. Wednesday, May 6, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Ages 21 and uncomedy Palace, 8878

Mesa Boulevard

"Sounds of of solos based on USD graduate Heather Raffo's play 9 Parts of Desire. Piece chronicles lives of nine women in modern-day Iraq. Jazz trumpeter and

# SAN DIEGO CITY BEAT

April 29, 2009

#### POETRY & SPOKEN WORD

POETRY WITHOUT BORDERS at Clarke Field House, Cal State San Marcos, 333 S. Twin Oaks Velley Road, San Marcos. Local artists Diego Avalas, Kimberly Dark, Adam Turner, Sharon Elise and more read at this spoken word event featuring drums, dancing, film in words, and other non-traditional forms of poetry. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 760-750-4000, www.csusm.edu

GRAND SLAM at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artlst, Balboa Park. A competition for ten local poets, with the top five representing San Diego at the National Poetry Slam in West Palm Beach, Fia. At 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30. 619-236-0011. \$5, www.collectivepur pose.blogspot.com MAY DAY READING at The Ink Sp. @ Ac Center Lofts, 710 13th St., Ste. 70. Downtown. Chris Baron and Bruce Poston of Pory International read poem in honor of their national Workers' Day. 77 p.m. Iday, May 1, www.sandlegor/turs.co.

SOUNDS OF DESIRE at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace, USD, Linda Vista. USD graduate Heather Hallo presents this multi-media performance chronicling the lives of nine women in modern-day Iraq, with music by trumpeter and santoor player Arrit El Saffar. At 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8, 619-260-7509. \$15, www.sandiego.edu



# Diversionary Closes Its Season With Biting Comedy THE LITTLE DOG LAUGHED, Previews Begin 5/7

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by BWW News Desk



Diversionary Theatre's sixth and final production of the 2008-2009 season is the biting contemporary comedy The Little Dog Laughed by <u>Douglas Carter Beane</u>. Directed by <u>Robert Barry</u> Fleming, this play takes a look at the scandalous world of Hollywood celebrities. Players in this fast-paced and hilarious farce include a spin-doctor agent, a rising movie star,

a sexy "rent-boy" and his na?ve and needy girlfriend. With photographers itching to catch the latest in celebrity gossip, a compromising photo can make or break your career. The Little Dog Laughed asks the question, "is there an escape from Hollywood's glass closet or is it better to just stay locked in from the inside?"

The Little Dog Laughed was nominated for a 2007 Best Play Tony Award and <u>Julie White</u> won the Best Actress Tony Award for her role as the Hollywood agent.

LONDON'S SMASH-HIT COMEDY IS NOW ON BROADWAY!

Douglas Carter Beane's stage credits include Xanadu, As Bees in Honey Drown, and Dancing in the Dark among offers. Beane also provided the script for To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything <u>Julie Newmar</u>. He is a founding member of Dran Dept. and member of the Dramatist Guild.

Fleming won a 2008 Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Featured Performance by a Male in a Musical for his partitionance in Ain't Misbehavin' at the San Diego Rep. He is Director of the Theatre Arts Program at the University of San Diego. The cast features Karson St. John as the agent, Brian Mackey as the movie star, Bryan Bertone as the rent boy, and Kelly Iverson as the girlfriend. The Little Dog Laughed contains adult content and brief nudity.

Started in 1986, the mission of Diversionary Theatre is to produce plays with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender themes that portray characters in their complexity and diversity both historically and contemporarily.

The Little Dog Laughed will preview on May 7 and 8, and open on Saturday, May 9 and run through Sunday, May 31. Performance times are: Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday & Saturday at 8:00pm and Sunday at 2:00 & 7:00pm, with an additional performance on Monday, May 18 at 7:30pm. Single tickets, priced \$29-\$33 with discounts for seniors, students and military are now on sale. Food for the opening night party provided by The Mission Restaurant. For information, call the Diversionary box office at 619.220.0097 or log on to <a href="https://www.diversionary.org">www.diversionary.org</a>.

Financial support for Diversionary Theatre is provided in part by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.

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# THEATER

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but is always wise to phone the theory for any lass-minute change and to inquire about ticket ay disability. Many theaters offic discounts to Atdents, senior circums, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Anon(ymas)

USD Theatre presents Naomi
lizuka's drama about a young
refugee named Anon. In an adaptation of Homer's Odyssey, Anon
navigates "the chaotic landscape of
the United States."

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998
ALCALÁ PARK, USD. 619-260-4600.
THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30
P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M.
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MAY 7.

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present vocal music by Schumann, Quilter, and Fauré, as well as a selection of works for solo piano in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. Free. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Priday, May 1. (LINOA VISTA)

USD End-of-Year Concert This year's concert provides musical welcome to Dean Mary K. Boyd. Performances by USD music faculty, students, ensembles. Donations requested for Anne Catherine Swanke Memorial Scholarship and Sister Rossi Music Scholarship. 619-260-4171. Free. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 2 p.m., Saturday, May 2. (LINDA VISTA)

Passion! La Jolla Symphony and Chorus perform next "The DNA of Music" series concert, Steven Schick conducts orchestra, chorus, and guests in program featuring cellist Maya Beiser performing Elgar's "Cello Concerto," the U.S. premiere of "The General" drawn from music by Beethoven with text by noted music critic Paul Griffiths, and Beethoven's "Elegy" for chorus and string orchestra. 858-534-4637. \$15-\$26. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 2; 3 p.m., Sunday, May 3. (LA JOLLA)

An Afternoon of Jane Austin Civic organist Carol Williams plays music of Jane Austin's time while dancers in period costume perform. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 3. (BALBOA PARK)

Trumpet Time Nine trumpets, a tuba, and a rhythm section unite in Trumpets R Us to present a "unique brass sound" for First Sunday Music Series. 760-753-7376. Free. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 3, (ENCNITAS)

East County Youth Symphony Violin soloist Kimberly Durflinger joins symphony and conductor Olga Reztsova to play selections by J.S. Bach, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Dvořák. 619-444-0228. Free. La Mesa Community Center (4975 Memorial Drive), 3 p.m., Sunday, May 3. (LA MESA)

"History of the Brass Quintet III" Westwind Brass to present history of brass literature through performance of "top 10 compositions for the brass quintet," including Bozza, Arnold, Broughton, Dutton, Koetsier, and Ewald. 619-501-3562. \$15-\$25. La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue), 4 p.m., Sunday, May 3; 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 4. (LA MESA)

Anniversary Concert William J.
Lullo, celebrating his 15th anniversary as organist at La Jolla Presbyterian Church, performs selections by Bach, Franck, Liszt, Lemare, Elmore, Handel, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Mulet. Reception follows. Requested donation: \$10.858-729-5531. La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue), 7 p.m., Sunday, May 3, (ta Jolla)

Chamber Music Recital USD Chamber Music Ensembles, under direction of Angela Yeung, present varied program of chamber music favorites and novekies in Frenci Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. \$5-\$10. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 5. (LINDA VISTA)

#### CLASSICAL

Plugged in Palomar Electronic Music Ensemble for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2316. Free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30. (SAN MARCOS)

Small Ensemble Concert Recital by members of San Diego Youth Symphony. 619-233-3232. Free. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkius Drive), 7 p.m., Thursday, April 30. (LA JOLLA)

Students of Voice "Superb selection of works" promised, 858-534-3229, Free, Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, April 30. (IA JOLIA)

"De-Lovely Cole Porter" San Diego Symphony packages evening of Cole Porter. Marvin Hamlisch conducts, Michael Feinstien sings and plays piano, Aztec Concert Choir performs. 619-235-0804. \$20-\$85. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, May 1; 8 p.m., Saturday, May 2.

Junior Recital Soprano Sheree Hyduke, mezzo-soprano Amanda Leger, and pianist Robert Naranjo

April 16, 2009

CALENDAR

and Tuesday, April 21. (DOWNTOWN)

Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, April 18,

"H.M.S. Pinafore" Gilbert and Sullivan's comic nautical tale interpreted by Opera a la Carte. 800-988-4253. \$47-\$65. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 8 p.m., Saturday April 18. (ESCONDIDO)

Earth Day Organ Concest By civic organist Carol Williams. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (BALBOA PARK)

The Pleasure of Your Company Music series features S.D. Symphony bassist Jeremy Kurtz and pianist Ines Irawati, who have prepared "Intermezzo and Tarantella,""Sonata uble Bass and Piano," am Donations apprecia 8-8158. Frec. Ranch Library Scripp (10 Lake Drive), 2:30 y, April 19. (SCRIPPS

Recital Virginia and Susan ok Memorial Scholarship recital nd reception for the winners. Applicants were required to sing two operatic arias and a selection from an oratorio or a cantata, each sung in the original key and language in which they were written. Free. Ronald Reagan Community Center (195 East Douglas), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (EL CAJON)

Australian Chamber Orchestra Violinist Richard Tognetti and pianist Paul Lewis lead ensemble. 858-459-3421 x109. \$25. Saint

James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (LA JOLLA)

Soirée for Music Lovers Calebrate this concert series tradition with virtuoso violinist János Négyesy and friends. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (LA JOLLA)

"The Generation of Brahms" Violinist Victoria Martino continues "The Age of Romanticism, Realism, and Impressionism" lecture series. 858-454-5872. \$14-\$19. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21. (LA JOLLA)

Earth Day Concert World premiere of saxophone and string quartet composition performed by CSUSM faculty. 760-750-4366. Pree. CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road), 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 22. (SAN MARCOS)

#### CLASSICAL

Faculty Voice Recital Baritone Scott Gregory sings Dichterliebe and Lieder eines fahrenden Geseller 619-260-4171. \$5-\$10. Shiley The atre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, April 17. (LINDA VISTA)

Peter Grimes Tenor Anthony Dean Griffey takes on title role in "Britten's masterpiece of English opera." Soprano Jennifer Casey Cabot plays Ellen Orford; Rod Gilfrey as Captain Balstrode. Tickets: 619-220-TIXS. \$35-\$200. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third

April 16, 2009

CALENDAR

Cropper Writers Series Pulitzer Prize winner Natasha Trethewa reads her poetry. 619-260-473. Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.; free. Jan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

# SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

April 16, 2009

## DATEBOOK | EVENTS CALENDAR FOR SAN

The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center will present a **Broadway Spectacular** to raise money for an upcoming humanitarian mission trip to Swaziland, 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, The Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 66tl University Ave. Performers of all ages will be showcased in musical numbers from plays including "Wicked," "Rent," "A Chorus Line" and more. Information: (619) 269-1544 or showboxoffice.com.

The annual community Holocaust remembrance will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, David and Dorothea Garfield Theater, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. Information: (858) 571-3444 or jewishinsandiego.org.

Pulitzer Prize winner Natasha Trethewey reads a collection of her poetry during the annual Crywriters Series, 7 p.m. tomor Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, 5998 Alcala Park. Free. Open to the public. Information: (619) 260-4783 or croppercenter.com.

Go Green, Save Green during Light Bulb Exchanges. County residents can exchange up to five incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescent lights, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Birch Aquarium, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla. Information: (858) 534-FISH.

San Diego Association of Black Journalists will host Andrea Berry, senior vice president of broadcast operations for Fox, 6 to 8 p.m. tomorrow, National University's Spectrum Campus, Kearny Mesa. Information: (619) 549-9438.

# SAN DIEGO CITY BEAT

April 15, 2009

#### BOOKS

THIRD THURSDAYS AUTHOR SERIES at Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St., Old Town. A book discussion series highlights local history, architecture and culture. This month: Steve Willard discusses the San Diego Police Department. From 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16. www.sohosandiego.org. \$15.

\*TOM ZOELINER at BookWorks, 2670 Via De La Valle, Del Mar. The investigative journalist discusses his latest book *Uranium: War, Energy, and the Rock That Shaped* the World. At 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16. 858-755-3735, www.book-works.com.

\*DAVID WEINGARTEN AND LUCIA HOWARD at Solo, 309 S. Cedros Ave., Solana Beach. Architects Weingarten, and Howard discuss Ranch Houses: Living the California Dream. At 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16. 858-794-9016, www.solocedros.com.

\*STEVEN CEDRE at Subtext, 2479 Keither Blvd., Little Italy. Author Michael Long discusses his book about Cedre's custom shoe designs. Sole Junkie, with a display of the artist's shoes. From 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 17 619-876-0864, www.subtextstore.com.

JEAN TWENGE at MiraCosta College, 1
Barnard Drive, OceansIde. Twenge discusses Generation Me, a sociological study of people born in the '70s, '80s and '90s, At Library Foyer, MiraCosta College campus At 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, 780-435-3065.
www.miracosta.edu.

NATASHA TRETHEWEY at Joan B. Krod Institute for Peace, USD, Linda Vista. Trethewey discusses her poetry books Native Guard and Bellocy's Ophelia. At 7 p.m. Friday, April 17. 619-260-7509, www.croppercenter.com.

# San Diego Union-Tribune

April 11, 2009

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### Study Co-Authored by CoStar Group **Executives Wins Prestigious Academic Real** Estate Award From American Real Estate Society

CoStar Group's CEO Andrew Florance, Senior Director GlobeNewswire of Analytics Jay Spivey, and University of San Diego Professor Dr. Norm Miller Document Significant Occupancy, Rent and Sale Price Premiums Found in ENERGY STAR and LEED **Properties** 

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**Building Council.** 

BETHESDA, Md., April 8, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - CoStar Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:CSGP) today announced that the American Real Estate Society (ARES), an association of real estate tho leaders whose members include leading global academic professional researchers, selected a study conceived a authored by CoStar Group executives to receive the Published in the Journal of Real Estate Portfolio (JREPM)" award for 2008.

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Estate at the <u>University of San Diego</u>, authored the award-winning study, "Does Green Pay-off?" believed to be trie first systematic analysis of property data to document the income premium associated with "green buildings," specifically those that have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR label and/or LEED certification from the U.S. Green

By analyzing the extensive data available through CoStar's comprehensive database of U.S. commercial property, the study found energy-efficient, sustainable buildings on average operated at higher occupancies and achieved higher rents, two variables that directly relate to higher net operating income. The study also found that, on average, these buildings sold for a higher price per square foot compared with peer office

The authors used a rigorous comparison of buildings that had the ENERGY STAR label or LEED-certification with a peer group of like-kind, non-labeled/certified office buildings correlated by building size, height, class and year-built, using a hedonic multiple regression model to confirm the results. The winning paper was published in the Nov. 4, 2008 edition of JREPM. Its selection was made by the more than 1,000 members of ARES and presented at the group's annual meeting held April 1-4, 2009 in Monterey, Calif.

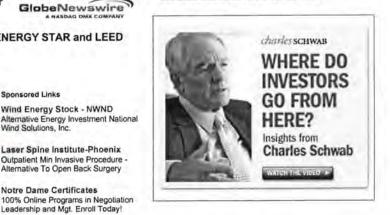
Since the authors published the results of the study in July 2008, separate studies using the property information in CoStar's database - one led by Franz Fuerst of the Henley Business School at the University of Reading, and another by John Quigley of the University of California at Berkeley and Piet Eichholtz and Nils Kok of Mastricht University in the Netherlands -- corroborated their original findings, and in some cases, found market premiums to be even higher. Most recently, Gary Pivo, Professor of Planning at the University of Arizona, and Jeffrey D. Fisher, Director of the Benecki Center for Real Estate Studies at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, analyzed data from the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (NCREIF) that resulted in similar findings.

"The 'Does Green Pay-off?' study addresses one of the key issues regarding sustainable real estate development and management by showing that economic benefits accrue to the owners of green buildings," noted William G. Hardin III, Ph.D., Director of Real Estate Programs, Associate Professor and Knight-Ridder Research Fellow at Florida International University. "If we look 10 years down the road, we will see that green buildings become the norm in commercial real estate with other non-green buildings suffering from functional obsolescence. This difference will be reflected in rents and occupancy rates."

"While previous studies focused on the costs associated with making investments in energy-efficient design and construction, none are believed to have looked closely at the actual impact that green buildings are

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having in the marketplace," said Andrew Florance. "Having flagged ENERGY STAR and LEED-certified buildings in our database since 2006, CoStar was in a unique position to critically examine this issue and we believe we were the first to report the substantial income premiums associated with green properties. It's also gratifying to see these results confirmed by several other respected researchers, providing ample evidence that energy efficiency and sustainable development are both good for the environment and good for business."

The authors agreed to donate the prize money from the award to the James R. Webb Foundation of the American Real Estate Society, an organization dedicated to supporting students pursuing a Ph.D. degree in real estate studies. The foundation is named in honor of Webb, an outstanding scholar and founding member of ARES who was a professor and director of the Real Estate Institute at Cleveland State University.

CoStar Group continues to be an active supporter of academic research involving the built environment. As part of its ongoing efforts to increase awareness of energy efficiency issues in the built environment, CoStar has joined with the American Real Estate Society to sponsor The Journal of Sustainable Real Estate (JOSRE), a new real estate monograph series with the goal of publishing a collection of research papers addressing sustainable real estate issues. The deadline for submitting research papers for the first issue in the series is May 15, 2009. Additional information on JOSRE, as well as the "Does Green Pay-off?" study, is available on CoStar's Web site at <a href="http://www.costar.com/josre/">http://www.costar.com/josre/</a>.

In addition to sponsoring additional academic research, CoStar offers qualified university professors and their students full access to its comprehensive online information services for use in their research and in the classroom. More than 1100 professors and graduate students at more than 100 universities are currently enrolled in the program, including Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The Wharton School of Business, The Ohio State University, Northwestern University, Cornell University, The Johns Hopkins University, The University of Colorado, Marquette University, the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, the University of Reading, the University of Notre Dame, and Vanderbilt University. Additional information on the CoStar University program can be found at <a href="http://www.costar.com/specialprograms/costaruniversity.aspx">http://www.costar.com/specialprograms/costaruniversity.aspx</a>.

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The American Real Estate Society (ARES), founded in 1985, is an association of real estate thought leaders. Members are drawn from academia and the profession at large, both in the United States and internationally. The Society is dedicated to producing and disseminating knowledge related to real estate decision-making and the functioning of real estate markets. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.aresnet.org/AboutUs.htm">http://www.aresnet.org/AboutUs.htm</a>.

About the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego

Founded in 1993, the University of San Diego's Bumham-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 <a href="https://www.usdrealestate.com">www.usdrealestate.com</a>

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### CoStar Green Building Study Wins Prestigious Academic Real Estate Award from ARES

Study Authored by CoStar CEO Andrew Florance, Senior Director of Analytics Jay Spivey and Dr. Norm Miller, Professor at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego

CoStar Group continues to gain recognition for its groundbreaking study on the income premium associated with "green buildings," specifically those that have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR label and/or LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The American Real Estate Society (ARES) has recognized the study as the "Best Paper Publish of the Journal of Real Estate Portfolio Management (JREPM)" in 2008. ARES, whose members include a global academic and professional researchers, recognizes papers annually that explore the applied real estate decision-making.

As CoStar announced, the study was conceived and co-authored by CoStar announced, the study was conceived and co-authored by CoStar EO Andrew Florance, Senior Director of Analytics Jay Spivey also of CoStar Group, and Dr. Normaller, Professor at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego.

By analyzing the extensive data available through CoStar's comprehensive database of U.S. commercial property, the authors found that, on average, energy-efficient, sustainable buildings operated at higher occupancy levels and achieved higher rents than comparable "non-green" buildings in the same market, two variables that directly relate to higher net operating income for property owners.

The study also found that, on average, green buildings sold for a higher price per square foot compared with peer office buildings that were not ENERGY STAR-labeled or LEED-certified.

In conducting their study, the authors made use of CoStar's comprehensive database of commercial property, setting up a rigorous comparison of buildings that had the ENERGY STAR label or LEED-certification with a peer group of like-kind, non-labeled/certified office buildings correlated by building size, height, class and year-built. Florance, Spivey and Miller ran multiple iterations of the study, analyzing larger and larger samples and using a hedonic multiple regression model to confirm the results.

"This study, 'Does Green Pay-off?' addresses one of the key issues regarding sustainable real estate development and management by showing that economic benefits accrue to the owners of green buildings," noted Bill Hardin, the editor of JREPM and associate professor and Knight-Ridder Research Fellow at Florida International University. "If we look 10 years down the road, we will see that green buildings become the norm in commercial real estate with other non-green buildings suffering from functional obsolescence. This difference will be reflected in rents and occupancy rates."

As CoStar Group's Jay Spivey recalled, the impetus for the research grew out of adding the green buildings to CoStar's database beginning in 2006.

"We noticed that these buildings seemed to be attracting a great deal of interest, both from tenants and investors, and appeared to be out-performing others in terms of their occupancy, the rents they were charging and when they sold they were generally attracting top dollar in their markets," said Spivey.

But as he and Florance reviewed the literature, it appeared that almost all the research being done focused on the cost side of the equation: the costs associated with retrofitting or developing a green

property, measuring the corresponding reduction in energy expenses that would occur and using that as the basis for determining the corresponding return on investment.

"It seemed to us that no one was looking at the income benefits associated with green property," Spivey added. 'We were excited about doing this study and analyzing the performance of green buildings in a way that no one had really done before, and because CoStar had data on all the buildings, including all the ENERGY STAR and LEED buildings, we were in a unique position to address that issue and analyze the actual performance green buildings were having in the marketplace," Spivey added.

Together, Florance and Spivey approached Norm Miller who also became intrigued by the idea. And although from their observation of individual buildings, the authors were aware that interest in green real estate was heating up, they too were surprised by the results of their study.

"Initially, people were a bit skeptical of the results we found because they felt the results may be too good to be true,' Spivey said. 'Even we were surprised at the substantial income premiums we found for green properties. And I think because we were the first to put forward this hypothesis people wanted to test our theory and validate our findings, which is exactly what happened."

Following their own rigorous confirmation process, the authors encouraged other researchers to review and validate their findings. They also made CoStar's database available at no charge to the real estate research academic community for that very purpose.

Since then, other researchers have published separate studies using the property data in CoStar's database. One study was led by Franz Fuerst of the Henley Business School at the University of Reading. And another by John Quigley of the University of California at Berkeley and Piet Eichholtz and Nils Kok of Mastricht University in the Netherlands -- both of which corroborated the findings of the original study, and in some cases, found market premiums associated with green properties to be even higher.

Most recently, Gary Pivo, Professor of Planning at the University of Arizona, and Jeffrey D. Fisher, Director of the Benecki Center for Real Estate Studies at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, published a working paper abstract on the performance of responsible property investing (RPI), which include ENERGY STAR-labeled buildings as a component. Analyzing data from the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (NCREIF), Pivo-Fisher produced similar results, finding that a portfolio of RPI office properties performed better than, at less risk, than a portfolio of properties without RPI features.

As CoStar Group's Florance noted in his firm's announcement of the award, "It's very gratifying to see these results confirmed by several other respected researchers, providing ample evidence that energy efficiency and sustainable development are both good for the environment and good for business."

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## CoStar Group Honored by EPA with 2009 ENERGY STAR Award

Firm Recognized for Study Promoting Energy Efficiency Within Commercial Real Estate Industry

CoStar Group was one of several firms in the commercial real estate arena selected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive 2009 ENERGY STAR awards.

CoStar received the Excellence in ENERGY STAR Promotion Award in recognition of its contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through significant consumer education efforts aimed at increasing awareness of ENERGY STAR buildings and workspaces within the commercial real enter marketplace. CoStar Group's founder and CEO, Andrew Florance, accepted the award on behalf company at the annual ENERGY STAR awards ceremony held in Washington, D.C. on March 31

CoStar, which became an ENERGY STAR partner last year, is the first information provider to receive an ENERGY STAR award. The company was honored for its work in communicating the value of ENERGY STAR labeling to commercial property stakeholders through a landmark study and assored 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.

"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 noted. "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 more information on 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

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#### California Foreclosures Jeopardize Renters as Banks Seize Homes

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#### By Ari Levy and Dan Levy



April 6 (Bloomberg) -- Laura Hecox was baffled when an officer from the San Diego County sheriff's department came to her home in February and said she was being evicted. She hadn't missed a rent payment on her four-bedroom house since moving there a year-and-a-half earlier.

"They told me to leave, to get a few things together," said Hecox, 37, who lives with and supports her four kids and mother. "I got booted out just like that."

Hecox didn't know the home she was renting in Chula Vista, California, about 10 miles north of the Mexican border, was in foreclosure because her landlord was a year behind on mortgage payments. The new owner was a group of investors led by JPMorgan Chase & Co., the third-biggest U.S. home lender.

In California, home to the most foreclosures in the country last year and about 5 million renter households, residents who are current on rent payments face eviction by banks unwilling to be landlords. At least one-third of the state's 267,000 foreclosure sales in 2008 were rental units, said Dean Preston, executive director of Tenants Together, a San Francisco-based non-profit group for renters' rights.

While thousands of tenants search for places to live, banks are losing out on the potential to collect monthly rent checks and flooding the market with empty houses that are declining in value. That's because they don't have the infrastructure or staff to deal with rental buildings, said William Acheson, an analyst at Benchmark Co. LLC in New York.

"Banks are notoriously bad property managers," said Acheson, who tracks real estate investment trusts. "If they can sell them at a 60 percent discount, they will," he said.

#### **Biggest Home Lenders**

Bank of America Corp., JPMorgan and Wells Fargo & Co. account for more than half of residential mortgages nationally, and are the biggest home lenders in California, according to Inside Mortgage Finance, a Bethesda, Maryland-based newsletter. All three are facing surging defaults from tumbling home prices and the highest unemployment in a quarter century.

"We don't have the capacity to be long-term landlords," said JPMorgan spokesman Gary Kishner in response to a question about Hecox. "We work with tenants on their transition from a property and that may include cash for keys."

The bank said it placed an eviction notice on Hecox's door in September. It was addressed to the landlord and "all others in possession," according a copy of the document.

More than 20 percent of properties in the U.S. facing foreclosure are rentals, according to a December report from the National Low Income Housing Coalition in Washington. Renters make up about 40 percent of families facing eviction.

#### \$1 Billion in Rent

In California, more than 225,000 people in rental units lived in properties that went through foreclosure last year, according to a March 31 report from Tenants Together. The group estimates they occupied about 81,500 units.

Were banks to rent all those properties, they could collect more than \$1 billion in annual rent, based on the median California rent in 2007, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hecox, who works the overnight shift at a job-referral service, was met at her front door in the early afternoon on Tuesday, Feb. 24, by an officer from the sheriff's department and a real estate agent. They told her the home had been sold at an auction and she needed to leave. Hecox had been paying \$2,250 a month, half from government assistance.

#### **Eviction Notices**

The property was taken back by the lenders on Aug. 29 at an appraised value of \$243,000, 60 percent less than the outstanding balance on the mortgage, according to the trustee's deed. JPMorgan's Washington Mutual Inc. unit serviced the loan, which had been wrapped up into a security, and now has the property in its name.

Officers serve eviction notices when ordered by the court and aren't responsible for determining who occupies a property, said San Diego County Assistant Sheriff Kim Quaco. He said an eviction notice was posted on Hecox's door 11 days before she was forced to leave.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the composition of companies under federal control, have formal policies for renting to tenants. Starting in January, the companies which drops to managers to reach out to renters and offer them new leases at market rates.

Management fees equal about the monthly payments, said Norman Miller, professor of real estate at the University of San Diego.

The costs are outweighed by the economic benefits, which include the income stream from monthly checks and the upkeep provided by renters, according to Freddie Mac spokesman Brad German, who said about 20 percent of the 29,000 properties that they own nationwide are occupied by a former owner or renter.

#### Vacant Properties

"Vacant properties can be magnets for vandalism and crime and also have a negative effect on property values in the immediate vicinity," said German, in an interview from McLean, Virginia.

Rising delinquencies contributed to fourth-quarter losses at Charlotte, North Carolina-based Bank of America, which owns Countrywide Financial Corp., and at San Francisco-based Wells Fargo, owner of Wachovia Corp. JPMorgan, in New York, recorded a 76 percent decline in profit.

Bank of America spokeswoman Jumana Bauwens said the company follows Freddie and Fannie policies on any of their loans it services and is examining the programs to see if they are "viable for our organization."

Wells Fargo spokesman Kevin Waetke, referring to a document released by the bank in April 2008, said the bank deals with renters on a case-by-case basis. It doesn't have a "summary eviction" policy, he said.

#### 'Adequate Notice'

"We make every effort to work with the current tenants and provide them adequate notice to make other housing arrangements," Wells Fargo said in the statement.

Banks should be following the lead of Fannie and Freddie, said Kevin Stein, associate director of the California Reinvestment Coalition, which works on behalf of low-income communities. He's proposing solutions, including re-renting to tenants, keeping utility companies from shutting off power and hiring brokers to ensure local and state laws are followed.

Most California cities require new owners give tenants 30- 60 days to move, according to the state Department of Consumer Affairs.

In the San Francisco area, where 70 percent of units are renter-occupied, and in Los Angeles, local ordinances forbid owners of most buildings from evicting without "just cause," such as missed payments. Six other states and Washington D.C. offer tenants some protection, according to the National Low Income Housing Commission.

#### Laws Ineffective

Lenders, grappling with surging defaults, are either ignoring or are unaware of the laws and are punishing renters who have done nothing wrong, said Preston of Tenants Together.

"A common thing after foreclosure are efforts to get tenants to move out without going ahead and serving them the legally required notice," said Preston, who started a hotline in February to help tenants in foreclosure. "They're under no legal obligation to move out just because someone tells them they need to."

Renters occupy about a quarter of all San Francisco buildings that receive default notices, the first stage of the foreclosure process, said Phil Ting, the city's assessor- recorder. Trustee sales, the last stage of the process in which foreclosed properties are sold to new owners, increased 133 percent to 667 last year and could double again in 2009 as unemployment rises, he said.

Ting and other San Francisco officials began sending letters last year to tenants in buildings that got default notices, advising them of names and phone numbers of housing- assistance groups.

#### Padlocked

"We were hearing horror stories where the owner was either totally checked out or had been foreclosed on," Ting said in an interview at his City Hall office. "Tenants came home, their building was padlocked and the power was turned off."

Genevieve Hilpert, a 35-year-old nursing student from Cameroon, said her San Francisco landlord left the U.S. in June last year and asked her to send \$550 rent checks to a relative in Fairfield, California.

In December, Hilpert received a letter from a lawyer in Davis, California, representing Bank of America's LaSalle Bank NA, the owner of the house following a Nov. 19 foreclosure sale. The letter demanded details of Hilpert's lease agreement, which she had made orally with the old landlord, and threatened to evict her if she didn't respond.

Hilpert refused a cash offer from Bank of America to leave. She wrote to the lawyer with the help of Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco, asking where to pay her rent, and said she hasn't gotten a reply. Bank of America's Bauwens said the bank is working on the case.

"They made me feel like I don't deserve to live here," Hilpert said.

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# Rational Water Rationing

Water police and tattletale neighbors are leaky ideas

A fter a three-year drought, California has declared a statewide water emergency. The situation will likely mean that water-rationing measures will be put in place by July i in San Diego.

Right now, my water bills are fairly low. I would be willing to pay much more. If I did face higher water prices, I would likely invest in water-saving devices, more efficient toilets and take shorter showers. But telling me or others that we can't wash our cars or have

exotic gardens is an idea that will only create a lot of devious and sneaky water users. Pricing should be the solution, not regulation. In fact, regulation will only make matters worse in the long run as it will not encourage the kind of technology we need to desalinate water or recapture both gray water and stormwater runoff.

While water is essential for life and, like clean air, is priceless, the great news is that we will never use it all up. It is inexhaustible,

especially salt water, which is what differentiates water from other business and life support systems that are drawn into our homes and buildings.

It makes no

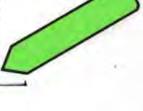
sense to treat water the same way we do other resources like coal and oil and gas that are slowly becoming exhausted. It also makes no sense, except in extreme emergen-cies, to ration or regulate water. How can we embrace the notion of water police for violators of our local water poli-cies? Even though I may not like my neighbor constantly washing his gas guzzling Hummer, he should have the right to do so and we should have the right to charge him the marginal cost of providing this non-essential water.

We certainly do need regulation for the prevention of contamination and for bose who do not control water runoffs. Regulation that requires us to do no harm is essential, but regulation that prevents harm to water resources is different from regulation on the consumption side. Each household and farmer abould receive an average allocation per month — with some limited carryover — based on insuring minimal and essential water needs. This allocation should be priced somewhat in line with current average pricing. As we consume more water, the price should geometrically climb to the level that exceeds the cost to desalinate water from the sea or capture storm water runoff.

Depending on the technology used, this can be from 3.25 to 5 times current water pricing. The most promising method to desaltiate seawater is reverse osmosis. The expensive nature of the technology has kept it from being used more often, since it can cost more than \$1,000 per scre-foot to desaltinate seawater, compared with about \$200 per scre-foot for water from normal supply sources. Yet many water consumers would gladly pay \$700, \$800 or more per acre foot for water and we should let them.

Desalinization technology is improving, and costs are falling. Tampa Bay, Fla., is doing it for \$650 per acre foot, which is roughly 3.25 times the cost of traditional water. As both the demand for fresh water and technology improves, more desalinization will be occurring, especially in California. Would you pay 3.25 times your current water bill? If necessary you probably would. But you also would find builders designing homes with rainwater capture systems and gray water re-use systems and farmers boosting their use of drip technologies. By keeping water pricing low and rogulating quantities consumed, we not only delay the problem but we delay real solutions that the market could and would provide.

Norm Miller is a professor and director of academic programs at USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.



# Winter Break for Decline In Area Housing Prices

BY NED RANDOLPH | Staff Writer San Diego home prices did a funny thing

in late winter. They stabilized.

Median home prices were unchanged at \$285,000 in February and March, even as sales volume increased, according to MDA DataQuick, a La Jolla-based re-

Analysts caution there is still a glut of unsold foreclosures that banks have yet to list for sale, which is likely to keep prices low,

Also, so-called jumbo loans, or loans above \$417,000, have yet to return, leaving many buyers unable to shop in more expensive neighborhoods.

Homes in older, more costly neighbor-hoods have come down in value by half as much as homes in newer, more affordable neighborhoods, said DataQuick president

Most sales are in lower-priced, dis-tressed neighborhoods, which will continue to drive the market until Jumbo financing becomes more widely available, said Walsh, who predicted that event as early as summer.
"Of late, the statistics haven't repre-

sented the overall market. Rather, to a large extent they're simply a reflection of what is selling — mainly distressed prop-erties and homes in the more affordable

erties and homes in the more affordable neighborhoods," Walsh said.

San Diego saw 3,020 new and existing homes sold in March, a big jump from 2,473 sales in February and 2,108 sales in

Usual Increases DataQuick spokesman Andrew LePage said there are usually seasonal increases between February and March.

"Seasonally it's normal for sales to jump quite a bit, for example 30-plus percent between February and March," he said. "Nothing unusual about that — you're just starting to pull out of the winter/holiday

Foreclosure activity in San Diego increased in March, according to ForeclosureRadar.com, which is based in Northern California.

There were 3,892 notices of default cited in March, the first step in the foreclosure process; another 2,499 notices of trustee sales were sent and 662 properties sold at auction.

That's up from February, which s 3,353 notices of default, 1,443 notices trustee sales and 1,276 properties so

"I expect in general many stastops, and foreclosures are likely up before they peak," said Norm willer with University of San Diego Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, "There is an awful lot of lender inventory being held out of the market.

'Seasonally it's normal for sales to jump quite a bit, for example 30-plus percent between February and March. Nothing unusual about that — you're just starting to pull out of the winter/holiday doldrums.'

- Andrew LePage, DataQuick spokesman

Some of the nation's largest mortgage businesses such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase say they increased foreclosure activity in recent weeks as moratoriums imposed by states expired and the Obama Administration's housing rescue plan spelled out incentives for lenders to reduce mortgages.

DataQuick will release first quarter statistics on San Diego foreclosure sales the week of April 20.

Regionwide, the firm said foreclosure re-sales accounted for 55.4 percent of March's existing home sales. It was even higher in February with 56.7 percent.

Cash-Only Offers

Brian Yiu, founder of discount brokerage Houserebate.com, says about half of

his sales are in real estate owned by banks, or REOs and short sales, or sales where the bank might take less than what's owned on the property. And many banks will take cash-only offers over those involving

"They're trying to write cleaner offers with shorter contingency periods," he said. "All-cash buyers are beating out traditional buyers, even if they're offer-

Jumbo loans of more than \$417,000 accounted for just under 40 percent of home purchases two years ago. Last month they accounted for just 10 percent. pured FHA mortgages, Governmen available ime home buyers in more aff hborhoods, are near

gages made up 37.8 peruse loans in March, compercent in March 2008. ancing is still too high for rs, says Miller.

y're way above spreads. Will we get dity back to the market by this sumnext six months," he said. "That also neans more volume and activity in higher price trends. Medians are going to shoot up like crazy, not because homes have gone up in value but because these bome are moving that have been dormant on the market.



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#### New Policy on Short Sales Could Reduce Foreclosures

By Kate Berry April 21, 2009

Trying to cut its losses, Bank of America Corp. has changed its policy on short sales, making it easier for borrowers to sell their homes instead of going into foreclosure.

Until a month ago, B of A and its Countrywide Financial Corp. had required that 10% of a home's sale price go toward paying off home equity lines of credit before they would agree to a short sale. But Terry Francisco, a spokesman for the Charlotte company, said Monday that it changed its policy last month, agreeing to accept 5% of the sale price when there is no equity available to holders of the first or second liens.

The new policy "is based on the assumption that it is in the best interest of all parties involved to accept a short sale, as opposed to proceeding to a foreclosure," Francisco said. "We believed that the previous policies set an arbitrary amount that did not take into account the savings derived from proceeding with a short sale."

B of A expects the change to increase the number of short sales, he said, and even though it is releasing the liens, it reserves the right to pursue deficiency judgments against borrowers.

With foreclosure moratoriums being lifted in the past month, bankers are looking for ways to deal with an anticipated flood of distressed properties and are trying to determine which borrowers will get loan moralifications and which will go into foreclosure.

Experts on short sales say they have been difficult to negotiate with lenders that are often reluctant to accept discounted payoffs when a home is sold for less than the balance due on the mortgage. But losses on foreclosures can be as much as 30% higher than on short sales, and housing prices are still falling, so servicers are slowly starting to change their policies, experts said.

One critical issue is second liens, particularly home equity lines of credit; these lenders are even more loath to permit a short sale, knowing that the primary lien will likely receive almost all the sale price, leaving little or nothing for holders of secondary notes.

Raifi Tal, chief operating officer at IShortSale Inc. in Woodland Hills, Calif., said holders of second liens are often offered payoffs of \$1,000 to \$3,000 in short sales, and many such deals are held up because the lenders refuse to accept these payoffs.

"The banks are holding short sales hostage," Tal said. "They don't care that a year from now they will have to take over the property and sell it for 30% less when they could have sold the property in a short sale in 30 to 90 days."

Experts have long complained that the largest lender-servicers — B of A, Wells Fargo & Co., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Citigroup Inc. — are also the est holders of second liens.

The four largest banking companies own 52% of residential revolving lines of credit, or \$441 billion of loans in the second lien position, account of the second lien position, account of the second lien belongs LLC's Amherst Securities Group LP. That includes \$92.6 billion of second liens on their balance sheets, she said.

Tom Kelly, a spokesman for Chase Home Finance, said it has a "disciplined process" for handling short sales with HELOC

The process includes determining if the offer is at fair market value, which may require a new appraisal, requiring that and investigating for misrepresentations and "non-arm's-length transactions," Kelly said. "This doesn't happen over

Norm Miller, a professor of real estate at the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, said 77% of foreclosures in California have second mortgages, most of them HELOCs, which often souttle short sales.

There are other factors holding up short sales, including the commissions paid to real estate agents and mortgage insurance.

Some servicers have cut real estate commissions on short sales from the standard 6% to 3% or less, experts said. To combat that practice, Fannie Mae adopted a policy March 1 saying the sales "may not be conditioned upon a reduction of the total commission" paid to real estate agents.

Matt McCabe, the president of Loan Resolution Corp., a Scottsdale, Ariz., company that helps lenders resolve defaulted loans, said servicers "put themselves in a position" to get a short sale rejected. "Some realtors were shying away from short sales because it takes so long and commissions were being cut, even though it saves lenders a lot of money."

Rich Rollins, the president and chief executive of National Quick Sale LLC, a Jacksonville, Fla., start-up that specializes in short sales, said mortgage insurance companies also are holding up the process, because the insurers take the first 25% loss on a short sale.

Experts agree that many servicers are ill-equipped to handle the negotiations that typically involve several lenders, a defaulted borrower and a willing buyer, who typically waits months before a package is approved. In some cases, short sale offers are rejected because the calculation for the property's fair net value does not match the buyer's offer — even if that offer is higher.

"Short sales have always been the last tool that servicers ever use, because they have to coordinate with too many stakeholders in the loan, and it takes a lot of follow-up," said Cheryl Lang, the president of

Integrated Mortgage Solutions, a Houston consulting firm.

Servicers typically have a small staff with knowledge of short sales working out of the loss mitigation department, which is separate from real-estate owned specialists with expertise valuing properties. Many servicers "just don't have the technology and infrastructure to deal with short sales," Lang said.

Because the majority of short sales involve multiple lien holders, a buyer often waits at least 90 days before getting a response from a lender on an offer. In a rapidly changing housing market where prices are falling every month, many buyers are unwilling to wait that long and often walk away.

"The banks really need to get short sales done faster," McCabe said.

Some specialists said the government should not have given the largest lender-servicers money through the Troubled Asset Relief Program, because they were then unwilling to accept short sale offers and are waiting for the housing market to recover.

Tony Renzi, the president of GMAC Mortgage and chief operating officer of Residential Capital LLC, said servicers are starting to see "more flexibility from second lien holders," largely because of the sheer volume of foreclosures expected. "There's more of a recognition, given that the second lien would rather take something than see the property go through liquidation and have the second lien charged off. Getting something is better than nothing."



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## SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

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## Home prices still flat as sales rocket 43 percent

Signs of stabilizing seen in lower end of market

By Rogar Showley and Lori Weisberg STAFF WRITERS

San Diego County home prices remained virtually flat in March for the third straight month, with sales of entry-level homes the strongest, in the clearest sign yet that at least the market's bottom rung may have stabilized.

The county's median price was \$285,000, unchanged from February and up \$5,000 from January, MDA DataQuick reported yesterday. Sales sleyrocketed to 3,020, up 43 percent from a year ago; it was the biggest increase for any March in five years.

The sales are the first thing that has to improve to bring stability into the housing market, and there's a good reason why the sales are improving, and that's affordability," said Esmael Adibl, director of Chapman University's Anderson Center for Economic Research.

"For all of Southern California, prices on the low end are probably near the bottom, if not there already, but at the high end, expect further price declines," Adibi said.

DataQuick reported that for all of Southern California, sales were up 52.1 percent from March 2008, prices were down \$5.1 percent, and the median price of \$250,000 was unchanged from February.

Still, industry analysts cautioned

om February. Still, industry analysts cautioned sgainst declaring an end to the four-year housing slump, in which the local median price has fallen 45 percent from the peak and 28 percent in the

rom the peak and 20 percent in the past year.

"Mainly it is a faint sign, at least for now, of prices stabilizing." DataQuick analyst Andrew LePage said. "But again, it's too early to say."

LePage and other observers said they remain concerned about rising

they remain concerned about rising unemployment, an expected surge in foreclosures, weakness in the move up market and unavailability of credit despite near-record low mortgage rates — 4.87 percent in last week's Freddle Mac mortgage survey.

For those who could get a loan, the market a wayment or Merch purchase.

average payment on March purchase throughout Southern California ve \$1,074, down from \$1,841 in March

Norm Miller, a real estate profe at the University of San Diego, said he expects May and June to be "troubled months" if foreclosures increase after a period of moratoriums imposed by many banks. But he said the low rates argue for buying now.

"Prices may or may not go down more, but interest rates a year from now are likely to go up some," Miller

Miller himself is searching for a

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MARCH HOUSING PRICES FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY				Change
Median prices	March '08	Feb. '09	March '09	'08-'09
Resale houses	\$417,000	\$320,000	\$319,000	-23.5%
Resale condos	\$290,000	\$195,000	\$180,000	-37.9%
New homes/condos*	\$450,000	\$452,000	\$436,000	-3.1%
All combined	\$395,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	-27.8%
Sales Resale houses	1,197	1,577	1,928	+61.1%
Resale condos	592	725	888	+50.0%
New homes/condos*	319	168	204	-36.1%
All combined "Includes condo conversions	2,108	2,470	3,020	+43.3%

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ESMAEL ADIBI, Chapman University

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#### Interest rates expected to be higher in a year

home to buy and is encounter ing problems noticed by local agents: Not much is for sale, and there are few bargains in the middle-priced category be-tween \$500,000 and \$800,000.

San Diego Association of Realtors data underscore that finding: The inventory yester-day of resale homes stood at 13,895, down 26 percent from year-ago levels and the lowest since early 2006.

At current sales rates, it would take 4.9 months to sell all homes on the market, less than the five or six-month supply that is considered a healthy balance for buyers and sellers.

Some agents believe the cur-

Some agents believe the current inventory is overstated because it includes short-sale homes — those being sold for less than their loan value — whose buyers are waiting for bank approval to buy.

On the other hand, it might be understated because some would be ullers are waiting to list the less after failing to infers last year.

To be problem, when it is so we desirable homes for sale. "There's a lot paralysis in that part of the market. There are people head-

market. There are people head-ing in both directions, up and down, who'd like to do some-

down, who'd like to do some-thing but can't."

Local buying has been domi-nated by low-priced foreclosure homes, which represented 51.1 percent of all resales last month, DataQuick said. It was the fourth month in a row that more than half of resales were

prices on those discounted properties are clearly attracting heightened interest from first-

time buyers and investors.

Agents such as Calvin Goad report multiple bids, often report multiple hids, often above the asking price. He re-cently drew nine offers on a \$384,000 home in two days, with some over the \$400,000

"Most of those buyers have been hanging on, trying to get the incredible deal, and the in-credible deal is gone now — it was a couple months ago," Goad said.

Meanwhile, sales of higher-priced properties remain sluggish, in part because owners have been generally unwilling

to price their homes realistically, real estate agents said.
Agent Jim Klinge pointed to upscale Rancho Santa Re, where he said 330 homes were listed for sale in March and just 10 closed escrow. By comparison, in the 92057 ZIP code in Oceanside, 41 detached homes sold for less than \$200,000 during the first quarter of 2009, and two-thirds of those sold for more than their asking price.

There could be lots of sales (in higher-end communities) if

(in higher-end communities) if sellers would get off their high horse and lower their prices," Klinge said. "But they won't, so it's a stalemate."

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Anne Von Dyl and her husband, Lance, might be something of an aberration in today's market. They recently sold their 1926 Spanish-style, three-bedroom home above Balboa Park for \$310,000 within three days of military that the market.

Park for \$810,000 within three days of putting it on the market. Nearly three months earlier, they purchased a new four-bedroom home in the Del Sur community west of Rancho Penasquitos for \$760,000 — more than \$100,000 less than the asking price they week as the three t

fisaquitos for \$760,000 — more than \$100,000 less than the asking price two years ago.

"We absolutely felt like we got more house than what we paid for," said Yon Dyl, a sales director for a publishing company and mother of two. "We looked at this particular house two years ago, but then it didn't make financial sense for us."

Luxury builder Bill Davidson, whose five new-home communities include Del Sur, said that sales in recent months have been slower than what heanticipated but that activity has picked up this month.

"We have buyers who have been watching the market closely for almost a year and are now making purchase decisions," said Davidson, whose company recently decided to build 20 new homes in two of their projects because of a diminishing new-home supply. "I believe there's a feeling the bottom is here, and with the low interset reserves a decident and decident and the said of th tom is here, and with the low interest rates, people are decid-ing it's time to buy."

Still, loan availability and refi-

nancing remain more difficult with tougher underwriting standards and fewer loan offi-cers available to handle the ris-

cers available to handle the rising demand.

"I think we've come back to
what is prudent," said Steve
Hops at Guild Mortgage. I will
say we've got severe industry
capacity issues to handle all the
refis and purchases that are
coming through...,"

Prices continue to fall

# San Diego home resales up for 1Q, but still down from '08

By JEN LEBRON KUHNEY

The Dolly Transcript\_ SAN DIEGO — Resales for attached and detached homes in San Diego County were up 25 percent from February to March, but it did not do much to help the year-to-date home sales figures.

Median prices for homes sold vere down month to month, with detached homes falling 3 percent to \$325,000 and attached units falling 5 percent to \$175,750.

According to the San Diego Association of Realtors (SDAR) on Wednesday, the 2,507 homes sold last month brought the total number of homes sold in the first quarter up to 6,922, a 53 percent increase from the same quarter in 2008.

Despite the dramatic

the total sales volume in dollars increased by less than 1 percent from \$2.42 billion last year to \$2.45 billion.

The low rise in sales revenue is likely due to steep decreases in median price within the past

The median price for a detached home sold in March 2008 was \$440,000 compared to last month's \$325,000 - a difference of 26 percent.

This is 44 percent less than the median price in March

The median price of attached homes sold in San Diego has taken a more dramatic fall.

The median price of an attached home in San Diego County is down 41 percent from March 2006's median of \$244,000.

Despite the median prices being down, Tim Sullivan, President of Sullivan Group Real Estate Advisors, said the housing numbers show positive signs overall.

Demand has been reignited," he said.

"The good news and the most important thing is that the first stake in the sand for a turnaround is that we start to see an increase in sales. And the rea-son we've seen that is because of that continual decline in pric-

while an increase in home sales may take off some of the inventory on the market, last month's record high notice of default filings in San Diego County will likely result in more foreclosures and short sales.

"In 2009, we're going to be bringing foreclosures on almost as fast was we're selling them," said Sullivan.

The foreclosures are coming from a different source than people unable to pay off loans due to their mortgages reset-ting at high interest rates, said both Sullivan and Tony Pauker, chair of the Urban Land Institute's San Diego Tijuana District

"You beard all the drama about subprime and all this other stuff we're now seeing a second bump on individual homes with the good borrowers with good credit with real mortgages are just going T spent \$600,000 on this home and it's now worth \$400,000? I've lost \$200,000 of equity. Why bother? They're just walking away, said Pauker, who is also a principal at Encompass Urban Developers.

Sullivan, conversely, thinks the spike is likely due to job loss — a factor that he said will play a major role in the recovery

## Resales-

"We're seeing foreclosures that are economically driven," he said. "People are losing their jobs so they stop paying the mortgage."

Job loss is the biggest threat

to the stabilization of the hous-ing market, said Sullivan.

However, he added that other factors for stabilization include consumer confidence and bringing down the amount

of inventory in the market. Many of the individuals buying lower-priced homes and foreclosures are investors. Some market observers think

investment homes paid for in all cash cannot be a true gauge for recovery.

However, some local real estate experts, like Norm Miller, have said it is possible a floor could be forming as long as there are sales.

as there are sales.

"Il-canaranta place-Leouldn't
own before and an investor
can get a good return. That's
two people who are happy,"
said Miller, who is the director
of real estate academic programs at the University of San Diego. Source Code: 20090409tdi



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#### Housing Prices Level Out San Diego Business Journal Staff

San Diego home prices did a funny thing in late winter. They stabilized.

Median home prices were unchanged at \$285,000 in February and March, even as sales volume increased, according to MDA DataQuick, a La Jolla-based research firm.

Analysts caution there is still a glut of unsold foreclosures that banks have yet to list for sale, which is likely to keep prices low.

Also, so-called jumbo loans, or loans greater than \$417,000, have yet to return, leaving many buyers unable to shop in more expensive neighborhoods.

Homes in older, more costly neighborhoods have come down in value by half as much as homes in newer, more affordable neighborhoods, said DataQuick president John Walsh.

San Diego saw 3,020 new and existing homes sold in March, a big jump from 2,473 sales in February and 2,108 sales in March 2008.

DataQuick spokesman Andrew LePage said there are usually seasonal increases between February and March.

"Nothing unusual about that — you're just starting to pull out of the winter/holiday doldrums," he said.

Foreclosure activity in San Diego increased in March, according to ForeclosureRadar.com, which is based in Northern California.

There were 3,892 notices of default sent in March, the first step in the foreclosure process; another 2,499 notices of trustee sales were sent and 662 properties sold at auction.

That's up from February, which saw 3,353 notices of default, 1,443 notices of true Some 1,276 properties sold at auction.

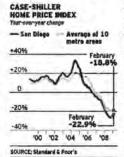
"I expect in general many starts and stops, and foreclosures are likely to before they peak," said Norm Miller with the <u>University of San Diego Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate</u>. "There is an awful lot of lender inventory being held out of the market."

DataQuick will release first quarter statistics on San Diego foreclosure sales the week of April 20.

Ned Randolph

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# Home prices showed slower drop in Feb.



Don't assume rebound is near, analysts say

By Roger Showley

San Diego County's roller-coaster housing market is alowing its descent, according to the latest reading by the widely watched Standard & Poor's/ Case-Shiller Home Price Index. February data released yesterday

showed local prices down less than 1 percent from the previous month, the smallest such decline since 2007. Prices were off 22.9 percent from a year earlier, compared with a record 26.7 percent drop recorded last October. An index of 20 major cities showed prices were down 18.6 percent from a year earlier, the first time since January 2007 it didn't show a record decline.

But market watchers caution against breaking out the champagne and cele-

oreaxing out the champagne and cele-brating an impending rise in prices.

"No way on God's green earth," said Louis Caluppo, a real estate attorney and director of residential real estate a the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego.
There's a difference between pricing starting to go up and the market starting to find stability." The Case-Shiller report showed San

Diego prices falling for the 33rd straight month, bringing them to the lowest level since July 2002 and off 41.4

Case-Shiller over time a once, San ex value of 100 peak of 250.34 and 16.82, meaning prices 8 percent from 2000. of seven markets the index that have seen the index fall by

40 percent or more from the peak. The others are Detroit, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Phoenix and San Fran-cisco. Locally based MDA DataQuick, which uses a different methodology,

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has reported a similar trend, with median prices rising from \$217,000 in January 2000 to a peak \$517,500 in November 2005 and falling back most recently to \$285,000 last month.

But DataQuick's figures have also started to stabilize in recent months, with the median price rising from \$280,000 in January to \$285,000 in Febru-ary and holding steady in March. Still, Galuppo said that with

foreclosures expected to in-crease dramatically in the next

few months, prices won't neces sarily turn around and show consistent increases anytime

soon.
"I think it's going to be blipping down and up," he said.
It all depends on how would-

be buyers perceive opportunity: "We were projecting (50,000) to 100,000 people were sitting on the sidelines because they couldn't afford to buy," Galuppo said. "Now, they're sitting on the sidelines — they can afford to buy but are not going to buy yet."

That's why Galuppo said he as monitoring the volume of sales month by month as well as prices. For the past year, sales have fluctuated between 1,900 and 3,500, according to MDA DataQuick

Galuppo said that when the average is consistently above 3,000, it will signal that more buyers beyond just foreclosure-hunting bottom fishers are present

Gary London, whose London Gary London, whose London Real Estate Advisors firm tracks real estate trends locally, characterized the current ma-ket as in a "state of flux," in which nearly all sales are fore-closures, short-sales (sold for less than loan value) or other-value distracted.

The market is slogging

along at the bottom," London said. "But that is by no means an inference that we're going to see a considerable tuptick for the foreseasele future." the foreseeable future." London agreed with Galuppo

that a new wave of foreclosures is likely to unsettle the market, but he said it will not be as devastating as the subprime loans that went bad and emp-tied out whole blocks of owners who could not afford resetting mortgage bills. Since Case-Shiller reflects a

market dominated by dis-tressed properties, London said the index is not a reliable gauge of the whole market. Once more nondistressed properties begin selling at non-fire-salc levels, he predicted prices will spike up — "not because all of a

Monthly sales consistently above 3.000 are seen as showing buyers beyond bottom fishers are present.

sudden houses got more valuable."

"It's because we've squeezed all the distress out of the mar-ket," London said, "and now homes are coming back on the market and represent a more normal market, where you have people who want to sell but not deeply discount beand you have people who want to buy and they can qualify (for a loan)."

London said he and his cli-ents debate what they should do personally in the current environment - apply excess cash to their depleted investment portfolios or buy low-priced homes that are likely to appre-clate quickly once the market rights itself.

"A big part of me says, Gary, don't be stupid — go buy the homes," he said. The other part of him says it's a lot of work to be a landlord. "I own half a dozen, and it's not fun to do," he

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## SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

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Forecast:

## Unemployment could rise to 10% by next year

By THOR KAMBAN BIBERMAN The Daily Transcript

LINDA VISTA - The economy might not return to normalcy until 2013 and San Diego's unemployment level may top 10 percent as early as next year.

These were a couple of conclusions offered at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate's periodic breakfast on the University of San Diego campus Wednesday.

Ryan Ratcliff, a USD assistant professor of economics, said the federal stimulus package won't begin to make a difference until late this year or early in 2010.

He added that while gross domes-tic product growth should return next year, the economy won't approach normal until about four years from now.

Ratcliff said while almost all types of lending have declined, the securi-tized, especially mortgage lending, continues to be hit the hardest.

"But every single type of asset-backed lending has either gone into negative territory or totally col-lapsed," Ratcliff said. Ratcliff said what is frustrating is

while interest rates are low and real estate prices are down significantly, acquiring the debt often needed to make a purchase has become very

With the bank bailouts and other huge infusions of capital, Ratcliff did

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say securitized lending will return — the question is when.
USD professor Norm Miller said he expects the commercial
mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) market will return, but it will be a different animal when it comes back

That likely means more regulations on the instruments than before.

Bank bailouts and other capital infusions may help jump start the economy, but putting large amounts of capital into the system has its downsides.

The speakers noted such flooding can lead to higher inter-

est rates and major inflationary pressures.

Ratcliff said this might mean soaring prices, including for real estate, that could even double in relatively abort order.

Miller said the clock is running and urged people who may need a loan for an acquisition, not to wait.
"With interest rates extraordinarily low (below 5 p

With interest rates extraordinarily low (below 5 some cases, lock in financing as soon as you can, as you can, Miller said. This is a great tip Remember that good financing is more imported in the property of the property

omy is in rough shape.

Alan Gin, USD associate professor of economics, said
USDs Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego

The drops we have seen in the past few months.

The drops we have seen in the past few months are the biggest drops we've ever recorded, Gin said.
Gin said about 37,500 jobs were lost in the 12-month period from February 2008 to February 2009 and predicted the current 8.8 percent county unemployment rate will hit 10 percent at some point before settling back down.

That means less demand for office, industrial and with so

many out of work, retail space as well.

With permits for only 19 multifamily units pulled in the first two months of the year here, and former homeowners returning to the rental market, apartments could be the most stable asset class for investors.

Apartments may benefit from low construction because it will lead to a supply problem, Gin said. "That 19 figure was down 95 percent from the comparable period a year earlier."

Miller said thus far at least, San Diego is bucking the national downturn in the apartment market because so few are being built here.

In contrast, he believes the downturn that has hit big box

in contrast, he believes the downturn that has hit big box retail and many malls can't be avoided here.

"The good news is many of these properties are in big portfolios and the owners will be able to ride things out," Miller said. "The bad news is also that that these properties are in big portfolios and are therefore may be subject to that much more risk when stores go under. We haven't seen this problem bottom out."

General Growth Properties (NYSE: GGP) is a case in point. The owner of the 880,000-square-foot Chula Vista Shopping Center and the 600,0000-square-foot Otay Ranch Town Center has been struggling to stay solvent for at least the past year and its fate remains uncertain. Real Estate Investment Trusts, especially those such as

General Growth in the retail sector, can take a hit in a bad economy, but other REIT types may fare better.

Miller said he was encouraged by the success of a ProLogic (NYSE: PLD) offering that successfully sold some 152 million shares at a price of \$6.60 per share for about \$1

ProLogis is a Denver-based industrial REIT that following its \$3.6 billion acquisition of Catellus Development Corp. in 2005, reportedly became the country's largest REIT with an emphasis on industrial properties. Catellus, which itself was formerly owned by the Santa Fe Co., owned commercial and industrial property, both in downtown San Diego and other parts of the city such as Kearny Mesa.

As for the residential side of the economy that started the big slide, Ratcliff doubts the mortgage lending industry will

ever return to what it was.

"It's kind of like manufacturing that way," Ratcliff said. biberman@sddt.com Source Code: 20090415ths

#### Local Economic Outlook is Bleak

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SAN DIEGO - An index used to gauge the health of the local economy was down sharply again last month, a University of San Diego professor announced Thursday.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County fell 2.2 percent in March, according to Alan Gin, who compiles the index for USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

All six components of Gin's index were in negative territory.



There was a record drop in help-wanted advertising, and consumer confidence, building permits, local stock prices and the outlook for the national economy were also down, according to Gin.

There was also an increase in the number of people filing initial claims for unemployment insurance.

"The outlook for the local economy remains strongly negative at this point with no turnaround in sight," he wrote.

March's decline was the 35th decrease for the USD index in 36 months, according to Gin. It was also the sixth month in a row that the index declined by more than 2 percent.

# SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

April 1, 2009

# Real estate experts debate effectiveness of government money in housing

## By JEN LEBRON KUHNEY The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — Federal and state governments have pumped nearly a trillion dollars into the economy with billions flowing into the housing market

When seven local real estate experts gathered at *The Daily Transcript* offices last week, they discussed how this money will affect the local market.

Norm Miller, director of real estate

academic programs at the University of San Diego, said inflation is inevitable based on principles of macroeconomics.

"Eventually we're going to have inflation. Eventually we're going to have higher interest rates and that's going to lead to real estate being a good thing to own again," he said.

However, Alan Gin, professor of economics at the University of San Diego, said the state of the current economy may be able to absorb the cash flowing in without showing signs of dramatic with or inflation.

But San state University real estate p Mark Goldman said grown necessarily needed to such a said tax credits from federal state governments has encoursed some buyers to purchase new homes. His company has sold six new

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homes in the past two moths at one of his developments in South County.

"It's certainly increased traffic, especially from the firsttime buyers," he said.

The problem is, though, that some interested buyers cannot get financing due to underwriting standards, Asaro added.

Dave McDonald, president of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers San Diego chapter, said one way to loosen underwriting guidelines is remove credit scores from the equation.

"To open up the market you have to get rid of credit scores," he said. "They've never been a great predictor of whether someone can pay."

No one at the roundtable voiced any agreement with McDonald except to say credit scores are not a "great" predictor but can still statistically predict whether someone can pay.

Additionally, McDonald said underwriting standards need to be loosened for the selfemployed and for those who owe more on their mortgages than their homes are currently worth.

It was generally agreed that, socially, "we have destigmatized people who have the ability to pay their mortgages but don't because they feel they're upside down," Goldman said.

Additionally, Alan Nevin, director of economic research, for MarketPointe Realty Advisors, said those who arelate on payments have an easier time refinancing.

Goldman said while the first; reaction to those who are: delinquent on payments is that they are skirting their moral obligations, he said those obligations go far beyond the home purchaser.

"I think the loan universe as we know it today is an inverted pyramid and at the bottom of it, holding the whole thing up, we have the consumer," he said.

Following the consumer is a myriad of people like the loan originators, the mortgage bankers, securitizers, creditrating agencies and then the investors who bought into bad loans.

"There was so much hunger for this crap paper and nobody cared," Goldman said.

Now, like the companies the homebuyer is holding up, Goldman said the average consumer is waiting for a "handout from Uncle Sam" that is not coming.

HOPE Now was a program instituted to help troubled homeowners avoid foreclosure. But according to a report from CNNMoney.com, the program has only helped one homeowner avoid foreclosure so far.

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## SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

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#### Residential roundtable

## Real estate

By THOR KAMBAN BIBERMAN The Daily Transcript

The status of the homebuilding and home buying market was the topic of a recent round-table at The Daily Transcript

Alan Gin, professor of eco-nomics from the University of San Diego, said by his accounts, permits were pulled for only 87 combined residential units in January and only 80 units in February. This compares with several hundred permits per month in the single-family and several hundred in the multifamily arena, respectively, in a more typical month in a typical

year.

Gin, realizing that resale inventories will need to be substantially reduced before new homes may be sold in any quantity, said he is still noticing some hesitancy among resale buyers despite the lower prices and rock-bottom interest rate levels.

Still, he does see a gimmer of hone in improving sales numhope in improving sales num-

The San Diego Association of Realtors reported that resales in the first two months of the year were up by about 50 percent over the like period a year earli-

The problem is that most of these sales are bank owned or otherwise distressed, according to Norm Miller, Burnham-Moores Institute of USD director of real estate academic pro-

grams.
The numbers are bogus. We need nondistressed housing

sales," Miller said. Mark Goldman, San Diego State University professor of real estate, warned that bank-owned inventories could triple this year, but Alan Nevin, MarketPointe Realty Advisors research director, said numbers can be deceptive.

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Meanwhile, with distre-Meanwhile, with distressed prices and financing costs, it can be difficult to lure investors if they don't feel prices have bot-tomed out. This may be particu-larly true with condominiums that in some cases may be worth a fraction of their original purchase prices. Nevin, who said about 2,000

apartments are currently under apartments are currently under construction, says he doesn't expect any new condominium projects to break ground for many years. Not only that, Nevin doesn't see what he called "traditional subdivision lots" being developed for many years

"I don't see either type of con-

at the second of the control of the Guy Asaro, McMilm Hornes president, said while new home sales have slowed to a trickle at his firm, the biggest problem is running out of lots to sell, along with the lack of construction financing. McMillin, which is headquartered at Liberty Station in Point Loma, has projcets in San Diego County, the Inland Empire, the Imperial Valley and the Central Valley. "Everyone in the money

"Everyone in the money world recognizes this historic opportunity to buy property at below replacement cost," Asaro said. "Once this stuff is gone, it won't be at this price ever again because we can't replace it at

MarketPointe reported as of the end of the fourth quarter, there were 2.885 new housing units available. Of that, only about 559 are detached.

"And we (McMillin) are almost out of finished lots,"

ts' crystal ball cloudy at best



Mark Goldman (center), San Diego State University

All photos by J. Kat Word

Asaro said at the time of this Asaro said at the time of this writing he knew of only 18 houses under construction in Chula Vista. Of those, 10 were being built by McMillin.
He said the average price was about \$330,000 for a product he referred to as a detached condominium.

"We sold six houses in the past two months. That's three a month. That's unprecedented

absorption," Asaro quipped.

Asaro, Nevin and Andrew Murphy, Building Industry Association president, said those who believe we have too

many housing units now are not students of history.

There is going to be a hous-ing supply crisis in about three years, said Nevin.

Murphy agreed: "We need to be producing a whole lot more housing. We're not going to be nousing. Were not going to be coming up with 20,000 permits like we once did," he said. "This year we'll do 1,000 or 2,000 only ... There is a huge level of pent-up demand."

On another topic, home-builders and the BIA have long complained about developer impact fees. Murphy and Asaro said high impact fees — even if they bankroll worthy projects — make even less sense in a bad

economy.

"The least you need to do is defer fees to the back end of the transaction," said Murphy.

"There has to be a nexus," added Asaro. "We're asking for deferrals for fees that we didn't think were appropriate in the



Alan Gin, University of San Diego



Norm Miller, University of San Diego

first place."

So when do the experts believe the housing market will turn around? Many have said that since San Diego was one of the earliest communities to see a downturn, it should be the first to emerge.

Gin doesn't agree with that logic.

He believes the national economy will begin to recover by the end of the year, with San Diego following suit about two quarters later.

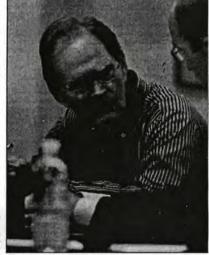
Nevin concedes that with so many possible economic permutations and combinations, his crystal ball is cloudy at best.

"We are at month 15 in this creession, and 16 months (in the early 1990s) was the worst we've seen since we've been alive,"

Nevin said.

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Alan Nevin, MarketPointe Realty Advisors



Despite the slumping economy and glut of inventory, roundtable participants agreed a "housing supply crisis" is coming in about three years.

#### **Roundtable Participants**

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#### When to Take a Bullet?

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Sunday, April 19, 2009

As the heroic captain Richard Phillips reminded us when he offered himself instead of his crew to the pirates, sea captains, like all good leaders, are expected to sacrifice themselves and their personal interests to protect those under their command. What are other examples of leaders who have succeeded or failed to live up to this obligation?

Retired Navy Capt. Bob Schoultz directs the master of science in global leadership program at the University of San Diego's School of Business Administration.

By his willingness to give himself up as a hostage to the Somali pirates, captain Phillips was certainly aware that he was subordinating his loyalty to his family, friends and Vermont community to his loyalty to his crew and the demands of his profession. But that is part of the ethic of his profession, as it is in the military, police and other professions. By his willingness to make that sacrifice, he also enhanced the stature of his family and community, and so in that sense, his selfless action was also an act of loyalty to those other groups who could conceivably have suffered from his action.

Founder and former director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, Elizabeth Sherman is currently adjunct professor at George Washington University's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration.

As we reflect on captain Phillips's heroism, it's worth remembering an English woman from our colonial

history who stood up for her beliefs and in so doing, became an icon for individual rights. Anne (Marbury) Hutchinson (1591-1643) challenged both the Puritan church and the civil authority of Massachusetts to limit the content of religious ideas and the right of individuals to assemble and discuss unsanctioned ideas.

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Co-founder of the leadership-

focused consulting firm, Cambridge Leadership Associates, Marty Linsky teaches at the Harvard Kennedy School and blogs at Linsky on Leadership (http://www.cambridgeleadership.blogspot.com).

Captain Phillips was heroic, to be sure, but he was doing exactly what ship captains are supposed to do, what they are paid to do, what they are expected to do. In that sense, he was not exercising leadership at all. Compare Phillips to Anwar Sadat. Going to Jerusalem was an extraordinary act of leadership. He knew he was putting himself at risk. He acted way beyond his job description on behalf of a most noble aspiration: peace. That's leadership, and he paid the ultimate price.

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The University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate added three committee chairs to its policy advisory board. Sherm Harmer, president of Urban Housing Partners Inc., is the chair of the executive committee; Charlie Abdi, principal at Finest City Realty Advisors, chairs the commercial real estate committee; and Joseph Anfuso, president of Florsheim Homes, is chair of the residential real estate committee.

# First San Diego MicroFinance Summit Coming

## to University of San Diego

First San Diego Microfinance Summit to be Held May 7 at University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

Event to Highlight Area's
Contribution to Local and Global
Microfinance and Foster New
Partnerships to Expand
Microfinance Initiatives

Lynn McMullen, Executive Director of Peace Alliance, to Give Keynote Address

The first San Microfinance Summit will be held on Thursday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice on the campus of University of San Diego. The conference, which will highlight the local and international work of San Diego's microfinance organizations, is open to all interested parties. Lynn McMullen, executive director of the Peace Alliance and a longtime microfinance consultant and fundraiser, will give the keynote address. Registration is \$25 for the general public and \$10 for students and is currently open at www.sdmicrofinancesummit.org.

Microfinance creates economic opportunities by providing business loans and other business development services to entrepreneurs who lack access to traditional forms of credit.

"When I needed a loan when my business was just getting started I, of course, tried with my bank first but did not get approved," explained Oskar Thorvaldsson, proprietor of Dr. Clark Store (http://drclarkstore.com/), a Chula Vista-based nutritional supplement business. "I somehow found out about ACCIÓN and got my first \$10,000. When the manufacturing plant of my main vendor was up for sale, I graduated from ACCIÓN to CDC Small Business Finance and, with lots of help from my loan offi-

Diego cer and intense negotiations
Held between seller, lender and buyer, I
Diego's managed to buy the company. It
cace & could not have happened without
ACCIÓN and CDC."

The goal of the summit is to promote the effectiveness of San Diego's microfinance organizations by sharing stories Thorvaldsson's and to promote collaboration across the area's microfinance community. Partnering organizations include ACCIÓN San Diego, CDC Small Business Finance, Foundation for Women, Grameen International Rescue Committee, Point Loma Nazarene University, Project Concern International, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at University of California, San Diego, and the Ahlers Center for International Business at University of San

The summit features a series of panels with speakers from across the national and international microfinance sector. In addition to practitioners, local microfinance clients like Thorvaldsson will offer their thoughts on how access to credit provides them with new opportunities. Lunch will be catered by local restaurateurs who are also current microfinance clients. During the lunch buffet, participants will be able to network with representatives of the microfinance organizations on hand. In addition to food, there will be a marketplace where other microfinance clients will sell their wares and services. Among the expected vendors will be artisans, musicians and bakers.

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at University of San Diego is at 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego. For directions and parking information, visit http://peace.sandiego.edu/about/directions.html.

# Voice of San Diego.org

April 21, 2009

THIS JUST IN

## Venue Change for Thursday's Economic Forum

Just a quick note for any of you who are planning to join us on Thursday for what promises to be an interesting discussion about the state of the local economy:

We've had such a great response that we need to move to a larger venue. We won't be having event at Liberty Station anymore; we're moving to the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, on the first floor.

The forum, "The San Diego Economy: Where Are We Really? will feature some great panelists:

- + Financial advisor and Professor Piggington himself, Rich Toscano.
- + North County real estate broker and recent <u>Nightline celebrity</u> Jim Klinge. Ryan Ratcliff, USD economist and regular contributor to UCLA's Anderson Forecast whose exasperating house-hunting <u>experience</u> I wrote about last fall.

I'll join these gentlemen on the panel and <u>Scott Lewis</u> will be moderating. The panel is scheduled to run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Again, the forum will not be at Liberty Station. It'll be at USD instead. So please join us Thursday. Everyone's welcome.

#### Parking Information:

There is no charge for parking. You will be directed to the Lower West Lot. Shuttle service runs from the Lower West Lot with a stop conveniently located at the Front Plaza of the Institute for Peace & Justice. On street parking is available throughout the campus, as is a large, central parking facility a few blocks from the IPJ. Please allow extra time for parking.

Directions to the University of San Diego and a campus map can be found here.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday at 6 p.m. If you have any questions, please let us know.

#### -- KELLY BENNETT

# San Diego Business Journal

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#### Mike Allen »FINANCE

## Fourth Largest Credit Union Reducing Number of Offices



area's fourth larg-est with \$1.5 billion in assets, is closing three branches next month as part of an ongoing cost reduc-

The San Diego institution has been downsizing in the wake of suffering a terrible 2008. The credit union lost \$50.2 million due to a huge uptick in default-ing and delinquent loans.

The targeted offices are in Carlsbad, Vista and the Clairemont area of San Diego, says Geri Dillingham, now co-chief executive following the abrupt departure of longtime CEO Michael Maslak.



"The two newer North County locations had smaller deposit bases and were growing slower than projections given the economy," Dillingham said.

The lease for the Clairemont Square office expires May 31, and will be combined with the Kearny Mesa branch. The office closes May 15. The Carlsbad branch closes May 22, and Vista shuts down May 29.

Following the closures, NICU, which moved its headquarters to Kearny Mesa from Chula Vista last year, would have

Dillingham says 23 front-line workers and 22 support employees will lose their jobs as a result of the closures. Those cuts are in addition to 50 other workers who were laid off last year because of poor financial results.

After the closures are done, NICU will have 339 full time employees, down from 365 at the end of last year, and a high of 440 full-time employees in June, Dilling-

As of Dec. 31, NICU had \$100 million in capital, giving it a capital to asset ratio of 6.46 percent, which regulators regard as adequately capitalized.

During the year, NICU reported that its membership declined by some 2,000 members, but Dillingham says the bulk of those were auto loan borrowers who paid off their debt, and didn't request other services.
However, she says NICU has been

gaining 750 to 800 new members

Laptop Thefts Hit Lenders: The theft of six laptop computers from Orange County accounting firm Vavrinek Trine Day & Co. has forced a few local banks to contact customers to tell them that important customer data was on the

Several San Diego banks called or sent letters this month to customers after lenders were notified of the theft that occurred in early March.

According to a sheriff's report, the laptops were stolen from the first-floor

offices of Vavrinek in Laguna Hills. Ron White, managing partner for Vavrinek, would not disclose the nam of the banks, but said all were notified of the theft, as required by regulation.

Some banks notified customers.

One bank offered security monitoring services free of charge for added protec tion. California Community Bank said it told 126 customers that they could use a credit monitoring service for a year, paid

Borrego Springs Bank also notified customers of the theft.

for by Vayrinek, of course

Another local community bank, 1st Pacific Bank of California, uses Vavrinek as its auditor, but did not notify customers because management didn't think the theft would result in compromising customer personal data.

CEO Ron Carlson said the data contained on the stolen PCs concerned mainly corporate bank data - not personal account data. He also said that since the theft took place, there's been no evidence that any personal data has been made public or compromised.

The laptop data wasn't encrypted, but

it does require two separate passwords to

access, bankers said. After a certain number of attempts to access the data, the laptops automatically lock up and cannot be reactivated without a network administra-



tor, according to CEO Larry Hartwig of California Community.

Coronado First First To Report: Singleoffice Coronado First Bank was first lender out of the gate with first-quarter results, saying it turned the corner to making a profit in March.

The bank reported an unaudited net loss of \$149,000 compared with a net loss of \$79,000 for the like quarter of 2008. Assets grew 38 percent to \$82 million, while loans increased 82 percent to \$76 million.

The loss was mainly due to increasing reserves by \$158,000 to accommodate solid loan growth and from higher expenses related to valuation of stock options, says CEO Bruce Ives. Coronado First plans to open a sec-

ond office in Little Italy in July

Small Change: California Bank & Trust is offering an online business checking deposit service that uses scanners provided by the bank. new service saves time because can be deposited as soon as without making a trip to a the bank says ... The first Sa Microfinance Summit is sche May 7 at the University of San Diego's Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and

Send any news on locally based financial institutions to Mike Allen via e-mail at mallen@sdbj.com. He can be reached at 858-277-6359.

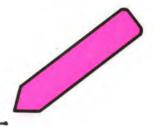
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### OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APR 15 - PANEL DISCUSSION

BREAKFAST AT THE BMC

A panel of distinguished academic experts from the University of San Diego will offer their thoughts and encourage questions and comments from you. Breakfast will be included. Organization: University of San Diego Information: Julia (619) 260-7699 www.sandiego.edu Cost: \$25.00 When: Hours: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Where: Joan B. Kroc Insitute, Peace and Justice, 5998 Alcala park, San Diego, 92110



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### WED APRIL 15

USD COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BREAKFAST

A panel of academic experts will provide insight on the future of the commercial real estate industry following the stimulus package and how it will look once it recovers at this breakfast program by the University of San Diego's Burnham Moores Center for Real Estate.

- 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- USD, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, 5998 Alcala Park, in San Diego
- Cost: \$25
- Visit www.sandiego/edu/breakfast

## UCSD to showcase clean cars

### On the Agenda

By Rebecca Go

Clean cars will converge on the University of California, San Diego for the Ride Clean Car Expo on Tuesday. San Diego products from PiHybrid, Power Genix, Mindspring, Spectrum Aeronautical, San Diego Gas & Electric and ICS Corp. will join vehicles from well-known brands Toyota, Ford and Honda.

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders presents his proposed fiscal year 2010 budget to the City Council on Monday.

City Council on Monday.

The San Diego Highway Development Association hosts Elyse Howe, the executive director of nonprofit Move San Diego, for a discussion on regional public transportation at noon, Monday. For more information, visit schda.net and click on "Announcements."

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For more information, visit sdhda.net and click on "Announcements."

The City Heights Community Development Corp. holds a public meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, about the possibility of a Fairmont Avenue mixed-use project.

For more information, contact 619-584-1535 or info@city-heights.org.

heights.org.

The National Human
Resources Association chapter talks over the economy's
impact on human resources at
its mouthly breakfast meeting
from 7:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesday.
To register online, visit
humanresources.org and click
on "Meetings & Events."

The Urban Land Institute San Diego/Tijuana discuss working out distressed asset real estate deals in a panel discussion from 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday. The event is sold out.

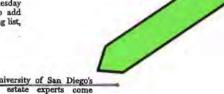
Research firm Beacon
Economics holds its second
annual San Diego Economic
Forecast Conference from 8-11
a.m. on Tuesday. Featured
speakers will discuss the federal stimulus and the future
for the city and state. To register, visit beaconecon.com and
click on "Events."

Connect spotlights the art and science of marketing in a down economy in its FrameWorks Workshop from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday. To register, visit connect.org.

visit connect.org.

The San Diego Regional
Chamber of Commerce and
ExecuTrain-offer-advice on
"Building Relationships for

Sales Success\* on Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. To add your name to the waiting list, visit sdchamber.org.



University of San Diego's real estate experts come together to discuss the future of commercial real estate — post-recovery and post-stimulus — at its Breakfast at the BMC event Wednesday from 7:30-9 a.m. To register, visit sandiego.edu/breakfast.

The Association for Strategic Planning chapter hosts National City Police Chief Adolfo Gonzales for a Tuesday talk on how he restructured his police department to better allocate resources. Advanced registration is closed for the 4:30-6:30 p.m. event; for more information, e-mail sukaina@alarakhia.com.

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WED SEAL ESTATE FINANCE COURSE

Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego presents a four-week course that will provide working knowledge about the four types of income properties and will help students underwrite the cash flows from each.

- Wednesdays, May 6-May 27, 6 to 9 p.m.
- USD, Douglas F. Manchester Executive Conference Center
- Cost: \$450
- Visit www.usdce.org/realestate

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## CONSTRUCTION CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APR 23 - CLASSES

CERTIFICATE IN LAND USE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Course participants will be provided case studies and input from seasoned land
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### THURSDAY, APR 30 - CLASSES

CERTIFICATE IN LAND USE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Course participants will be provided case studies and input from seasoned land use professionals to help them better understand the mandated, complex, expensive and time consuming process that is part of every significant land use decision made in the San Diego region. Organization: University of San Diego Information: Julia 619-260-7699 juliarose@sandiego.edu Cost: No Details Available When: Hours: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Where: USD Douglas F. Manchester Executive Conference Cen, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, 92110, Venue Phone - 619-260-4600

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### THURSDAY, APR 16 - CLASSES

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### **THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

USD ENTITLEMENT COURSE

The University of San Diego's Burnham Moores Center for Real Estate announced a new course to "Uncover the Mysteries of the Entitlement Process." The course will cover the entitlement process, the political nature of land development, identification of stakeholders and case studies.

- Thursdays, April 9, 6 to 9 p.m.
- University of San Diego, Douglas F.
   Manchester Executive Conference Center, in San Diego
- Cost: \$450
- Visit www.sandiego.edu/landuse

# Denver D.A. to speak on using DNA evidence to solve crimes

On the Agenda

By Rebecca Go

SAN DIEGO — Denver district attorney Mitch Morrissey comes to town this week to chat with the City Club of San Diego and non-profit LEAD San Diego about the use of DNA in solving crime cases.

Morrissey was elected district attorney in 2004 and is nationally known for his expertise in DNA technology, applying such technology in criminal prosecutions and working to ensure that the science is admissible in the courtroom.

Biocom gives a crash course covering the biotech and pharmaceutical industries Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Topics will include an industry overview, history and getting a drug or diagnostic to market. To register, visit biocom.org.

CommNexus makes lemonade out of lemons with its panel discussion Monday on "Why NOW is the Best Time to be an Entrepreneur," featuring local celebrity "Sam the Cooking Guy." To register for this 5:30-7:30 p.m. event, visit commensus or the control of the cooking Guy." To register for this 5:30-7:30 p.m. event, visit commensus or the cooking Guy." To register for this 5:30-7:30 p.m. event, visit commensus or the cooking Guy."

nexus.org.

The first North American Building-Integrated Photovoltaics business meeting kicks off Monday in San Diego and runs through Wednesday. The summit brings together photovoltaic manufacturers, architects, designers, commercial real estate developers, large homebuilders, building engineers, roofing contractors, vendors, distributors and investors. For more information, visit infocastinc.com/bipv.

CommNexus examines
"How to Turn Ideas into
Money" with Daily
Transcript technology correspondent and author Phil
Baker at its Tuesday program from 7-9 a.m.
Registration is closed.

Carlsbad-based research organization Synteract holds a free educational seminar Tuesday for biotech, medical device and pharmaceutical companies. Topics covered at the 7:30-10:30 a.m. event include "CDISC Standards, the CRO and Client Perspective" and "Legal Representation in the European Union." To register, visit synteract.com and click on "Events" under "News."

The state Board of Equalization holds a free small business fair at the Handlery Hotel on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The evert includes tax seminars, To register, call 888-847-9662 or visit boc.ca.gov and click on "Free Tax Seminars" under "News & Events."

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce kicks off two entrepreneur training courses this week Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday will cover "Enhanced Sales Training," while Wednesday will cover "Business Development, Strategy & Process." Visit sdchamber.org and click on "Chamber Datebook" for eli-

gibility requirements.

The Pacific Safety Council holds a training course Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for anyone having to package, ship, loan or transport hazardous materials. To register, visit safetycouncilonline.com.

Biocom and PR Newswire team up for a webinar on the effectiveness of company blogging. To register for the Wednesday 10-10:45 a.m. event, contact Jane Booth at 858-720-0337 or

Jane.Booth@prnewswire.co

Global Connect, the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana, and the World Trade Center San Diego discuss technology transfer programs and relationships with Japan in a lunch panel event Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. RSVP by Tuesday at wtcsd.org under "Events."

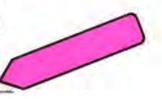
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Center for Real Estate at the,
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one class or attend them all.
To register, visit

sandiego.cdu/cc.
After a brief break, San
Diego State University
resumes its foreign policy
lecture series Thursday at 7
p.m. with a discussion on
Africa, Darfur and humanitarian intervention. For
more information, visit
salsuniverse info.

The San Diego Software Industry Council hones in on Twitter as a business tool at its Friday program from 7:30-9 a.m. Learn how to extend brand presence, connect with people who matter, and legerage the channel for a positive return on investment. To register, visit

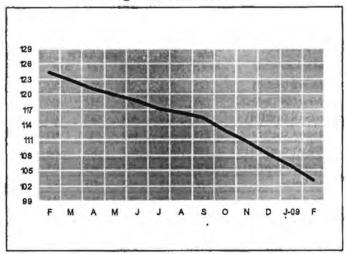
sdsic.org.
The San Diego Regional
Chamber of Commerce features a policy forum Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to noon on
the importance of cybersecurity as a public-private
sector concern. To register,
visit sdchamber.org.
The City Club of San Diego

The City Club of San Diego and LEAD San Diego hears from Denver district attorney Mitch Morrissey at its Friday luncheon at noon. To reserve a spot, call 619-6873580 or visit cityclubofsandiego.com.



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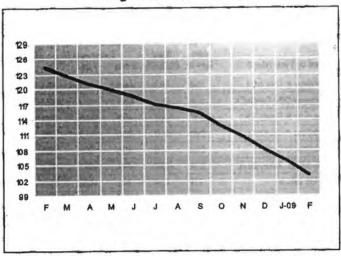


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The monthly changes in leading indicators (initial claims for unemployment insurance, local stock prices, outlook for the national economy, consumer confidence, building permits and help wanted advertising) of the San Diego economy as tracked by Alan Gin, an urban economics professor at the <u>University of San Diego</u>. The highest monthly rate is 124.4 in February 2008.

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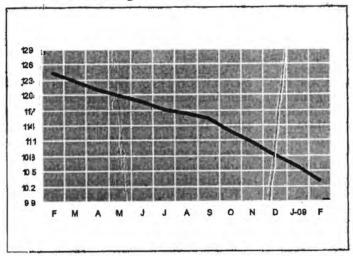


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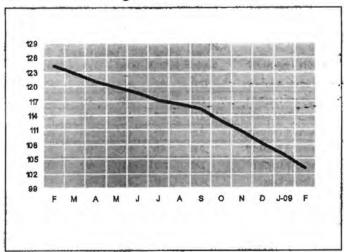


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### Here It Is: The 2009 U.S. News Law-School Ranking



One piece of advice we got before applying to law school was this: Go to the best law school you get into. For us, that just meant applying to a whole bunch and going to the one rated highest on the U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings. (To end the suspense: We got into a bunch, got rejected from a bunch, and went off to the University of Michigan, which, at the time (1993), was ranked seventh.)

Since that time, if anything, the U.S. News rankings for law schools have only increased in visibility and, we'd argue, importance. Sure, like any ranking, they're imperfect; anyone with a college statistics course under his or her belt can quibble at length with the methodology. And some have <u>quite impressively detailed</u> the length to which schools game the system. Still, much to the chagrin of law school deans and faculties, the rankings matter — to students and hiring partners and judges and others — and in our opinion they'll continue to matter so long as 1) a more visible and reliable ranking fails to emerge and 2) the practice of law remains a profession that trades so heavily on status, prestige and pedigree.

With all that behind us, let's bring you this year's rankings, at least through the top 35. They are: 1. Yale, 2. Harvard, 3. Stanford, 4. Columbia, 5. NYU, 6. Berkeley, 6. (tie) Chicago, 8. Penn, 9. Michigan, 10.

Duke, 10. (tie) Northwestern, 10. (tie) UVA, 13. Cornell, 14. Georgetown, 15. UCLA, 15. (tie) Texas, 17. Vanderbilt, 18. USC, 19. Wash U, 20. BU, 20. (tie) Emory, 20. (tie) Minnesota, 23. Indiana, 23. (tie) Illinois, 23. (tie) Notre Dame, 26. Boston College., 26. (tie) Iowa, 28. William & Mary, 28. (tie) George Washington & Lee, 35. Ohio State, 35. (tie) UC Davis, 35. (tie) Georgia, 36. (tie) Georgia, 37. (ti

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According to Bob Morse, the director of data research for the magazine, the staff made several changes to the methodology this year. For starters, in the main law school rankings, the staff combined admissions data for full and part time students. "In the past, we'd just used full-time," said Morse. "But some schools we think were gaming the system. There were some part-time programs that were set up just for US News reporting purposes."

Other changes made by Morse and his crew:

Traditionally, when calculating post-graduate placement rates, the staff lumped those students who weren't looking for a job in with those students who were but were still unemployed. That was changed for this year. "We just didn't count those who aren't looking as part of the calculations," says Morse.

The staff changed the timing of the bar-passage rate calculation. Instead of examining two half-years: or a split between the winter of one year and the summer of the following year, for this year's survey, the magazine looked at one full calendar year — in this instance, 2007.

For the reputation surveys sent to lawyers and judges, the staff used a calculation aggregated over the last two years, rather than just using a one-year snapshot. "We tried to reduce any volatility caused by having a low response rate in one year or another."

Rounding it all out was Kenneth Terrell, the magazine's education editor. He told us that among all the professional-school rankings, "law is the biggest lightning rod" for controversy. He explained that alternatives to the US News's rankings don't really exist, the way they do for business schools. "And frankly," he added, "if you go to a top law school, it can increase the odds of landing a prestigious clerkship and getting a high-paying job. It really has a significant meaning."

Want even more? The full U.S. News Best Graduate School Rankings, which which feature additional disciplines including business, education, engineering, medicine, among others, will be published Thursday, April 23 and are available at USNews.com.

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# USD ranked No. 61 among law schools by U.S. News

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## UCSD chancellor addresses Cal Western graduates



Law Briefs By Doug Sherwin

University of California, San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox addressed California Western School of Law graduates Monday during its spring commencement ceremony at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.

A total of 178 degrees were awarded, with 163 candidates receiving the Juris Doctor (J.D.), including one obtaining a dual J.D. and M.B.A., and two obtaining a joint J.D. and M.S.W., as well as nine receiving the Master of Comparative Law/Master of Laws in Comparative Law (M.C.L./LL.M.), and six receiving an LL.M. in Trial Advocacy.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were awarded to California Western Board of Trustees Chair Kenneth L. Greenman (1971), Vice Chair Constance L. Clapp (1974), and former Board of Trustees chairs Roy M. Bell (1974) and professor emeri-tus George N. Gafford.

Acknowledging California Western's mission to train lawyers to be problemsolvers in a helping and collaborative profession, Fox said, "You will now be able to contribute to the transformation of our society. You have chosen an honorable profession, which will make a difference in people's lives," she continued. "Work steadily and purposefully, and you will persist." Source Code: 20090428tja

Jennifer Severson was recently installed as president of the San Diego chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) at its annual leadership din-ner at The Prado in Balboa Park.

Severson, office administrator for Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP, has served on the board of directors of ALA-SD for the past five years. She will serve as president through March 2010.

Severson also is an adjunct Severson also is an adjust professor in the paralegal program at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), She takes over for Lucy Frederick, human resource director for Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek.

Other board members announced at the leadership dinner include President-elect Marina Field, office administrator for Troutman Sanders LLP; Vice President Liz Mackres, office administrator for Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield LLP; Secretary Leslie Kaiser, legal administrator for The Maxham Firm APC; Treasurer Jeff Talcott, office administrator for Goodwin Procter LLP; Director of Vendor Relations Lynne Holman, CLM, legal administrator for Richard Sooy & Associates APC; Director Yvonne Kilmer, manager of human resources & benefits for Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP; Director Anna Rushworth, human resources director at Higgs Fletcher & Mack LLP;

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Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo PC is being honored today by the San Diego County Bar Association for its commitment to public service. The firm will receive the 2009 Service Award for Public Service by a Law Firm or Agency at the bar's annual awards/law week luncheon and celebration of community service.

Mintz Levin was nominated for the award by the Center for Community Solutions (CCS), a nonprofit San Diego agency that offers sexual assault and domestic violence prevention and intervention services, serving over 30,000 women, men al each year

salisbury, director of Mintz Levin's West Coast business development and current CCS board member, helped the firm's San Diego office mobi-lize a network of area donors who conducted a full-scale landscaping makeover valued at \$60,000.

In addition, Mintz Levin supports CCS annual special

which just started ranking events, holiday campaign and provides office space for the organization's monthly

development meetings.
According to CCS, "Mintz Levin's dedication to the community is demonstrated by their resolute efforts at ending relationship violence, their steadfast support of CCS and their untir-ing commitment to public service."

For more information on the awards luncheon, visit sdcba.org. Source Code: 20090428tjd

attorneys Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC are moving to One America Plaza (600 W. Ingersoll & Broadway, Suite 1100) on Priday. Their San Diego office is currently located at 707 Broadway.
"One America Plaza is one

of the best buildings in downtown San Diego," said the firm's San Diego office head, Keith R. Solar. "We were pleased that they had the perfect amount of space for our needs."

The firm's main telephone number (619-239-8700) and fax numbers, as well as employee direct dial telephone numbers, will remain unchanged. Telecommuni-cations will be disconnected the day before the move, on Thursday at 2 p.m., and will be operational by 9 a.m. on Friday. E-mail communication will remain operational at all times. Source Code; 20090428tje

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# USD launches legal studies program

By DOUG SHERWIN The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — Law school isn't just for aspiring attorneys anymore.

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The program also could be helpful for doctoral students in other disciplines, like political science, economics and international relations, who eventually want to teach.

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# Have AIG's Trading Partners Profited from Its Distress?

By Stephen Gandel

Former AIG chief executive Maurice (Hank) Greenberg told Congress on Thursday morning that as much as \$50 billion in payments that AIG has made in the past few months to banks and other financial firms, including Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank, should not have been made. Greenberg believes the banks should be forced to reinvest some of those trading profits in AIG by buying the company's shares.

"The cash payments to CDS [credit-default swap] counterparties should never have occurred," Greenberg told a House oversight committee. Greenberg is not alone is raising questions about profits that financial firms have been making on the unwinding of AIG's derivative bets. Last week New York attorney general Andrew Cuomo sai he was looking into AIG's trading records to examine whether the payments the company made to other financial firms were improper. (Read "How to Know When the Economy Is Turning Up.")

Also troubling: Wall Street veterans are complaining that banks and other investment firms — many of which are recipients of federal aid — may be taking advantage of the taxpayer bailout of AIG to boost their profits. "It seems very possible that the banks are forcing AIG to unwind its contracts at a premium," says James Bianco, who runs financial-markets research firm in Chicago.

AIG is in the process of unwinding its large derivative-trading book; in the past few months, it has terminated as much as \$1.1 billion in derivative contracts. Traders say Goldman Sachs, Citigroup and others have either driven hard bargains with AIG or made specific trades that would benefit from AIG's problems. Those moves are exacerbating the losses at AIG and increasing the cost of the insurer's bailout. "There is an argument to be made that the recent profits at the banks are because of AIG," says Bianco.

Last month AIG said it had paid out about \$50 billion to various financial firms to which it had sold credit-defaul swaps, which are insurance contracts sold to bond investors and others. When a bond defaults, a holder of a CDS has the right to be reimbursed for the loss by the seller of the contract, AIG was one of the largest sellers of such contracts. Much of the credit insurance AIG sold was on mortgage bonds, which are backed by home loans. As

more and more homeowners defaulted, many of those bonds plummeted in value, causing the holders of AIG's CDS contracts to request payment. AIG used money it had received from the government to pay off those contracts.

Now Greenberg and others argue that AIG should not have made good on many of those contracts. These critics say it should have been obvious to the sophisticated financial firms who bought that insurance that AIG had no ability to pay out on such claims. So when AIG ran out of money, buyers of its insurance should have been forced to settle those claims for a fraction of what they were due. Instead, AIG took money from the government and paid the claims in full. (See 25 people to blame for the financial crisis.)

"The plan to [liquidate AIG] has also been highly controversial and in some cases puzzling," Greenberg told Congress. "It would have been more beneficial for the American taxpayer if the Federal Government had ... provided guarantees to [AIG's] counterparties rather than putting up billions of dollars in cash collateral to those counterparties."

It is unclear how the payments AIG made to other financial firms could be clawed back. Unlike strong contracts don't trade on an exchange. And trading partners can unwind those contracts at any hey like. What's more, a rule change in late February, to which AIG voluntarily agreed, gives the instantial partners more leeway to name their terms in the cases of bond defaults that trigger CDS payments.

"Wall Street firms make money when people are in pain," says Frank Partnoy, who we traded credit-derivative contracts at Morgan Stanley and is now a law professor at the University of San Diego. "I don't know if that is what is happening, but if the question is whether banks would converge on a dying body — the answer is, Absolutely."

See the top 10 financial collapses of 2008.

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### The Bernie Madoff of the Jazz Age

Ivar Kreuger, the so-called Match King, used a pyramid scheme to become the financier to European leaders. And then the market crashed

By Susan Bertield

The Match King: Ivar Kreuger, the Financial Genius Behind a Century of Wall Street Scandals By Frank Partnoy Public Affairs; 288 pp; \$26.95

It was the 1920s in America, the Jazz Age. Skepticism and fear had given way to postwar exhilaration. It was a time of stark ambition and little restraint, of excitable and credulous businessmen, bankers, and stock traders. It was the perfect place for lvar Kreuger. He was a Swedish industrial porilliant mastermind; a charming, secretive man who tapped American investors to create a pyramid scheme that overshadowed Charles Bankers, and stock traders. It was the perfect place for lvar Kreuger. He was a Swedish industrial porilliant mastermind; a charming, secretive man who tapped American investors to create a pyramid scheme that overshadowed Charles Bankers, and stock traders. It was the perfect place for lvar Kreuger. He was a Swedish industrial porilliant mastermind; a charming, secretive man who tapped American investors to create a pyramid scheme that overshadowed Charles Bankers, and stock traders. It was the perfect place for lvar Kreuger.

Then it all came crashing down.

Frank Partnoy's biography, The Match King: Ivar Kreuger, the Financial Genius Behind a Century of Wall Street control of an absorbing tale and a poignant reminder that every boom has its scoundrels. Partnoy, a professor of law and finance at the University of San Diego, manages to explain Kreuger's complex dealings without diminishing the tension of his dubious rise and inevitable fall. What makes Kreuger an even more fascinating subject is the indelible mark he left. As the title suggests, he devised financial tools and tricks that are used to this day: off-balance-sheet financing and nonvoting B shares, to name just two. He was also inadvertently responsible for large pieces of the American regulatory system, including the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which established the Securities & Exchange Commission and gave shareholders the right to sue for fraud.

Kreuger's assault on the U.S. began in 1923, when he was in his early 40s. By then, he had co-founded a construction company in Sweden (Kreuger & Toll) and, more important, built a match monopoly (Swedish Match). But his real ambitions were more grand. He wanted to be a global financier at a time when the leaders of struggling European countries were beholden to such men. His plan was to offer these leaders cheap loans in exchange for match monopolies. What Kreuger lacked was the money to lend them. For that, he came to America.

Like all great conjurers, Kreuger knew how to create an illusion. He understood how to entice the privileged by remaining aloof. He could appear confident at the worst of times. As Partnoy puts it: "He knew markets reflected emotions and perception. In finance, there was no such thing as reality." In short order, Kreuger founded a new company, International Match, and got Wall Street investment bank Lee, Higginson & Co. to sponsor a major bond offering. Kreuger promised huge returns, and investors took the bait. The money was loaned to Poland. He was on his way.

Kreuger lent hundreds of millions of dollars to France, Spain, Germany, and other smaller countries. Much of the money came from new investors drawn in by ever more complicated and lucrative offerings. But the profits from his match monopolies and the interest on the loans didn't cover these payouts. Kreuger constantly needed more cash.

By 1928 he had displaced Jack Morgan as the world's top financier. Kreuger was a confidant of President Herbert Hoover and on good terms with most of Europe's leaders. He owned mines, railways, and real estate, and had created a web of deceptions and obligations so arcane that only he saw how precarious his empire was.

Few raised any suspicions until the markets crashed in 1929. As bankers began asking questions, the Match King retreated to his Match Palace in Stockholm, where he would lock himself in his Silence Room and shift around what money he still had. In March 1932 a group of leading bankers who were exposed to his securities planned to confront him in Paris. Kreuger committed suicide the morning of the meeting.

Lee, Higginson went bankrupt. But investors didn't lose everything. After 13 years of digging, the trustee for the bankruptcy court recovered 32 cents on each dollar. And Swedish Match survived. As Partney writes of Kreuger: "He was a builder as well as a destroyer."

Ivar Kreuger, Bernard Madoff: Both of their schemes were shocking in scope and audacity. Both ran circles around gullible investors and inattentive regulators.

And both left us dumbfounded when the truth came out. Partnoy gives us a rich account of the Roaring Twenties' most astounding confidence man. Now bring on the Madoff books.

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### Lessons from 'the greatest swindler in history'

Frank Partney's recounting of the 1920s rise and bloody end of Ponzi-schemer Ivar Kreuger serves as another cautionary tale of the recurring excesses of global finance. By Francesco Guerrera

Memo to Bernard Madoff: Do not pick up "The Match King" in the prison library. Inmate N predecessors in Wall Street's rogues gallery

have time on his hands, but he will not enjoy reading about one of his

Non-felons, however, will find Frank Partnoy's tale of the meteoric rise his Ponzi scheme disintegrated after the 1929 crash, an enthralling

, the Swedish industrialist who dazzled investors in the U.S. and Europe until ing excesses of global finance.

orger was no Madoff, a low-profile broker who lured investors with the promise of steady, solid returns, As asia for the good life — cavorting with Greta Garbo, counseling President Hoover on world affairs and discussing As portrayed by Partnoy, a law professor at the University of San I befits the Jazz Age, Kreugel was a GOOK will high finance with Wall Street's finest.

His plan for riches was suitably grandiose: to dislodge JPMorgan - then run by John Pierpont Morgan's son, Jack - as the lender of choice to governments in the Western world

For a while, it worked. As countries worldwide struggled to make ends meet in the harsh postwar economic climate, Kreuger, with a penchant for bribes, persuaded governments to accept loans from his corporate empire in return for national match monopolies

But where did "The Match King" get the money to subsidize half the globe? Not from the humble business of making matches or his other, mostly failed, ventures into moviemaking, construction and commodities

Kreuger made money from money, offening helty dividends to attract investors to the repeated share offenings from his companies. Each capital raising was used to pay dividends from the previous ones as well as for government loans; a classic Ponzi scheme with the added kickers of secret slush companies and false financial statements.

In the process of swindling scores of investors, Kreuger's brilliant, if bent, financial mind came up with innovations still in use, such as nonvoting "B" shares and off-balance-sheet

But perhaps his biggest intuition was to exploit the U.S. Investing public's craving for the Next Big Thing.

Here, Parinoy's narralive comes into its own. The author displays a vivid touch in describing the Swedish parvenu's successful efforts to infiltrate the upper echelons of U.S. finance.

Wishful-thinking bankers from Lee, Higginson & Co., a blue-blooded investment firm; a credulous auditor from Ernst & Ernst, a respected accounting firm; and the mass of gullible investors are compellingly drawn figures — part accomplices, part victims of Kreuger's bold failure.

As with all tragedies, a sense of foreboding pervades. Few readers will be shocked to learn that the market furbulence and economic distress caused by the great crash of 1929 deprived Kreuger of financial oxygen. His cascade of companies could no longer pay dividends and procure money for loans-for-monopolies deals.

By March 1932, the 52-year-old Kreuger was an emotional and physical wreck, and aware that his enterprise was about to be uncovered as a massive fraud. His end was as dramatic as his life. Kreuger killed himself with a single shot to the heart in bed in his Paris apartment

Or did he? The book's overlong coda is devoted to rehashing theories about whether Kreuger had been killed. Partnoy's musings are inconclusive and add little to our understanding of Kreuger's actions, partly because the author is a better historian and financial analyst than whodunit writer

And partly because Kreuger's death is far less important than his long-forgotten legacy. As the discovery of his fraud sent capital markets recling and left investors, governments and banks including Lee. Higginson bankrupt, the U.S. authorities responded by building a regulatory system whose main pillars survive. Without Kreuger, the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally accepted accounting principles, among others, might never have been created.

As Partney says, the post-1929 financial architecture was not, as is commonly believed, the result of the stock market crash, but the "political reaction to a single bullet and to one man, who was labeled ... 'the greatest swindler in history.

Francesco Guerrera is the U.S. business editor of the Financial Times of London, in which this review first appeared.

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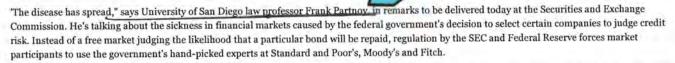
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### A Triple-A Idea

Ending the rating oligopoly.



Mr. Partnoy argues that the financial meltdown could have been avoided if these anointed ratings agencies had never slapped their triple-A seals of approval on collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). Without the comfort of AAA, investors would have wondered how they could possibly have evaluated the mortgages buried deep inside these opaque securities.

Virtually everyone who has reviewed the causes of the meltdown has concluded that credit ratings were a major factor. Yet most in Washington now claim the core problem is that issuers of securities pay the major rating agencies for their analysis. Regulators now focus on managing this conflict of interest, but they appear unwilling to address the much larger conflict of interest: To wit, that the major ratings firms assess the creditworthiness of the U.S. government, even as they depend for their profits on the special status bequeathed by the government.

Since 1975, the SEC has anointed a small group of firms as Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs), and money market funds and brokerages have no choice but to hold securities rated by them. To this day, the Fed will only accept assets as collateral if they carry high ratings from S&P, Moody's and Fitch.

We aren't urging the Big Three to yank the U.S. Government's AAA rating as a show of independence. But we are suggesting that the SEC and Fed get out of the business of dictating which firms may judge credit risk. By all accounts SEC Chairman Mary Schapiro has an open mind on this issue. She could do worse than consult her colleague down the hall, Commissioner Kathleen Casey.

In a February speech, Ms. Casey explained the essential problem, which has nothing to do with how raters get paid: "The rating agencies' conduct and performance was entirely rational, and quite similar to the market dominance and behavior of other companies that have enjoyed a similar 'most favored' status from the government, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Although many of their ratings turned out to be catastrophically misleading, the large rating agencies enjoyed their most profitable years ever during the past decade."

Ms. Casey proposed last year to eliminate all references to NRSROs from SEC rules, but it was never enacted. Recent events have only confirmed her wisdom. Peter Fisher at Blackrock argues that it's time to abolish the NRSRO designation for entire firms and instead allow individuals to become licensed to do credit analysis, like brokers and equity analysts. Mr. Partnoy argues that instead of relying on the failed ratings agencies, regulators should harness the power of the bond and credit default swap markets, which yielded more accurate readings on the default risk of firms like Bear Stearns.

Those ideas deserve debate, but the starting point for reform must be ending the government-created oligopoly in credit analysis.

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### The Peril Of Financial Linguistics

Apparently, 'legacy' derives from an ancient root meaning 'it wasn't my fault and I should still get a bonus this year.'

Daniel Gross NEWSWEEK From the magazine issue dated Apr 6, 2005

In his timeless 1946 essay "Politics And the English Language," George Orwell condemned political rhetoric as a tool used "to make lies sound truthful" and "to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind." Were he alive today, Orwell might well be moved to pen a companion piece on the use of financial lingo. Remember those toxic assets? The poorly performing mortgages and collateralized debt obligations festering on the books of banks that made truly execrable lending decisions? In the latest federal bank-rescue plan, they've been transformed into "legacy loans" and "legacy securities" —safe for professional investors to purchase, provided, of course, they get lots of cheap government credit. It's as if some thoughtful person had amassed, through decades of careful husbandry, a valuable collection that's now being left as a blessing for posterity.

Using the word "legacy" to describe phenomena that are causing financial carnage is "crazy," according to George Lakoff, a UC Berkeley professor of cognitive science and linguistics, because "legacy typically suggests something positive." More insidiously, the word is frequently deployed to deflect blame. Legacy financial issues are, by definition, holdovers from prior regimes. Word sleuths advise me that "legacy" derives from an ancient Indo-Aryan root meaning "it wasn't my fault, and I should still get a bonus this year even though we lost billions of dollars."

The (not so) Big Three auto companies routinely refer to the now-unaffordable pension and health-care commitments entered into by prior management as "legacy costs." (And why not? They've convinced us to regard used cars as "preowned.") Citi CEO Vikram Pandit last month told employees that "we are profitable through the first two months of 2009 and are having our best quarter-to-date performance since the third quarter of 2007." Huh? Citi, currently connected to a taxpayer-funded multibillion-dollar feeding tube, is "profitable" only if you ignore the losses it continues to incur on lending decisions made in the previous years—legacy loans made by legacy bankers.

In this new paradigm, a legacy, usually a gift, is a burden. A potential loss is spun as a potential gain. War is peace. See what I mean by Orwellian?

The legacy gambit is necessary, in part, because the prior nomenclature used to describe the stuff in question was so corrosive. "Toxic' is one of those words that is so negative that it's just hyperbole," says Jesse Sheidlower, editor-at-large of the Oxford English Dictionary. The phrase "toxic assets," used widely in 2008, was either a sign of admirable reality, or an attempt to scare people into action. A middle ground of sorts was reached last fall when then—Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson rolled out the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). Of course, calling some of those mortgage assets troubled was a little like calling Charles Manson a troubled person.

In trying to rebrand dodgy financial instruments, Treasury secretaries like Paulson and Timothy Geithner are continuing a recent tradition. So much of the finance sector's innovation in the past 30 years, it turns out, wasn't developing new stuff, but rather developing new ways of talking about preexisting stuff. In the 1980s, labeling risky debt offerings as junk bonds was an intentionally ironic feint (pros knew that the instruments possessed real value). But as junk bond went mainstream in the 1990s, they evolved into "high-yield debt"—their liability became an ass Frank Partnoy, a reformed derivatives trader who teaches law at the University of San Diego, recalls that at Morgan Stanley in the 1990s, "we were constantly coming up with new acronyms" to describe similar financial instruments. The goal: to present products, some of which had been discredited, in a more favorable light. At the height of the housing frenzy, I visited a large subprime lender in Irvine, Calif. These folks would have made a \$425,000, no-money-down, negative-amortization loan to a 12-year-old presenting nothing more than Pokémon cards as collateral. Were they engaged in subprime lending? Absolutely not. This outfit, they informed me proudly, made "nonprime" loans.

The late senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan lamented declining societal standards in an essay entitled "Defining Deviancy Down." The language employed in the late credit bubble—let's rebrand it the Dumb Money Era—helped define solvency down. And words, even if they're thrown mostly by sophisticated professionals at other sophisticated professionals, can be just as damaging as sticks and stones. The people on Wall Street believed so fervently in their own rhetoric that they bet their financial houses on it. They chugged the Kool-Aid through funnels. "If you call a mortgage-backed security AAA for long enough, you forget that its value could get cut in half," says Partnoy.

The problem isn't that words intended to change the conversation aren't accurate. Rather, the accepted terms turn out not to mean what people think they mean. Instead of helping to reduce risk, securitization—chopping up debt and distributing it—spread risk. Nonprime mortgages frequently turned out to be subprime. A lot of high-yield debt turned out to be junk. This confusion over the meaning of financial terms, and the skepticism it engenders, may be the real legacy of the Dumb Money Era.

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April 20: Statement – Partnoy on Oversight of Credit Rating Agencies

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The following is a statement of Professor Frank Partnoy, George E. Barrett Professor of Law and Finance, University of San Diego Schulaw, at the Securities and Exchange Commission Roundtable on Issue Related to the Oversight of Credit Rating Agencies on April 15, 2009.

I want to thank the Commission for inviting me to speak at this important roundtable. I have been writing about the deep flaws in our system of credit ratings for more than a decade, and I am grateful for this opportunity to share what I believe should be done to repair this seriously broken system. I am particularly grateful to be on a panel with Larry White and Alex Pollock, who I believe represent the majority views of economists and the private financial sector, respectively.

In my view, the central problem is not that the major rating agencies, particularly Moody's and S&P, have been hopelessly incompetent, inaccurate, and conflicted in their assessments of credit risk, particularly in the structured finance area. All of those diagnoses are correct, of course. The recent performance of the major agencies is an embarrassment for our capital markets. But these are symptoms, and too much focus on symptoms ignores the underlying disease.

Instead, the key issue continues to be the overdependence on credit ratings. I have called the regulatory overdependence on ratings "regulatory licenses." The idea of a "regulatory license" is just like any license – a driver's license, for example. It is a permit to participate in some regulated activity. Rules that depend on ratings are regulatory licenses, keys that unlock the financial markets. One example is Rule 2a-7, which requires that money market funds buy only highly rated bonds. Another is the Talf. There are many regulatory licenses embedded in our state and federal laws and rules, so many that it is hard even to count or find them.

The disease has spread, like cancer. Today, private contracts, investment guidelines, and loan documents also depend on credit ratings. Market participants rely on credit ratings, even when they know better.

The result of overdependence on ratings is that credit rating agencies no longer play the role John Moody's envisioned during the early twentieth century. They are not information intermediaries who survive and prosper based on the quality of their ratings.

Instead, they have shifted from selling information to selling regulatory licenses. The dysfunctional result is that they are no longer constrained by reputation. They can issue low quality ratings, but market participants still will pay for them. Indeed, they must pay for them, because of regulations that depend on ratings. Without a rating, many issuers will be locked out of the markets.

The overdependence on ratings began after the 1929 crash, and was furthered by the Commission, which since the 1970s has adopted various regulations that depend on ratings. After the Commission created the NRSRO designation, overdependence on ratings spread – again the metaphor is a cancer – through our laws and regulations, and then through investment guidelines and private contracts. The result is



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that the credit rating process is not just dysfunctional, but diseased.

What can be done? There should be two priorities, which I label "oversight" and "accountability." First, with respect to "oversight," there should be an independent credit rating agency oversight board, with authority not only over the substance of the ratings process, conflicts, disclosure, and pay, but also the much-needed transition away from regulatory reliance on ratings. This board must be truly independent, with separate funding and strict prohibition of rating agency involvement, and it should be charged primarily with encouraging substitutes for ratings, including both market measures and judgment.

Market measures are a particularly attractive substitute for ratings. For example, bond credit spreads and credit default swap spreads have been much more timely and accurate indicators of credit risk than ratings. There are many sources: Markit, Kamakura, and Ed Altman are prominent examples. The key is that these substitutes are based on market data, and are not insulated by a web of regulation.

Second, credit rating agencies must be accountable. Moody's and S&P have used an aggressive First Amendment campaign to insulate themselves from liability for behavior that would have led to damages for any other gatekeeper. At minimum, credit rating agencies should be treated like other gatekeepers, including bankers, accountants, and lawyers. When any gatekeeper commits fraud, breaches an agreement, or is reckless or negligent in conducting its business, it should be held accountable.

Unfortunately, Moody's and S&P in particular have been unaccountable. They participated in creating monstrous structured finance transactions with absurdly high ratings based on models and assumptions they knew or should have known were unreasonable. They helped design, structure, and monitor the instruments at the center of this crisis. They must pay the price when they play such a role.

Last year, the Commission conducted an extensive investigation of the major agencies, and made some of the results of the investigation public. I encourage the Commission to release all of the information obtained from that investigation, either on its own or pursuant to Freedom of Information Act requests. I hope the Commission is in the process of bringing enforcement actions against the agencies based in part on the investigation. Investors are waiting to see these actions. I have been trying to help private litigants with claims against the major agencies, and have been advising journalists and Congressional staff members in this area. But the Commission has a mother lode of evidence from its investigation, and we need it. I trust we will see that evidence, and action based on that evidence, soon.

In any event, Congress already has begun debating the extent to which the rating agencies should be held accountable as gatekeepers, and courts have recognized the errors in previous cases. Rating agencies should not be exempt from securities fraud liability, and they should not enjoy any special privilege over other gatekeepers in Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933, Regulation FD, or elsewhere.

The best solution would be for the government to eliminate all regulatory licenses and leave a competitive credit rating business subject to the same constraints as any other industry. Unfortunately, that does not appear to be possible or likely, at least in the short run. An interim second-best solution is for the major rating agencies to be subject to extensive oversight and accountability, with incentives for regulators and market participants to shift reliance away from ratings to market-based measures of credit risk.

The recent financial crisis should, at minimum, produce these two reforms. If not, we will have suffered for no reason, the dysfunctionality related to ratings will resurface, and in a few years we will revisit another financial crisis dominated by highly dysfunctional ratings-driven transactions.

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### CII urges oversight for credit-rating agencies

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A Council of Institutional Investors white paper has called for Congress to crea dit-rating also urging agency oversight board to provide stronger oversight of credit-rating compa an end to the firms' exemption from liability, making them subject to civil der anti-fraud provision of securities laws.

The CII report also recommended a reduction in reliance on rating

The new board should have "the power to regulate rating age; es, including disclosure, coordinate the reduction of conflicts of interest, and rating methodologies, as well as the reliance on ratings," said the paper, "Rethinking Regulation o Rating Agencies: An Institutional Investor Perspective." It was written by Frank Partnoy, George E. Barrett Professor of Law and Finance and director of the Center on Corporate and Securities Law at the University of San Diego School of Law.

"Alternatively, Congress could enhance the authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission to grant it similar power to oversee the rating business."

The paper doesn't necessarily represent the views of CII members. "Most of our members believe credit-rating agencies should be more accountable and have more oversight," Amy Borrus, CII deputy executive director, said in an interview. "Other than that, their views are all over the place. We don't have a policy on the issue" of credit-rating oversight.

"Credit-rating agencies helped to fuel the global credit crisis by failing to take steps to ensure that their ratings of structured financial products were accurate," Gregory Smith, general counsel of \$36.6 billion Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association, Denver, and a council board member, said in a CII statement about the paper. "Stronger oversight and real accountability for their actions will help restore the creditability of these financial gatekeepers."

"Given the critical role that rating agencies play in the financial marketplace, the council commissioned the paper to elicit the pros and cons for investors of reforms that have been proposed for rating agencies designated as nationally recognized statistical rating organizations," the CII statement said.

Mr. Smith chairs the council's subcommittee on credit-rating agencies. Messrs. Partnoy and Smith participated in the SEC's public round table on rating agencies today.

The 21-page paper is available at http://www.cii.org/UserFiles/file/CRAWhitePaper04-14-09.pdf.

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Smith chairs the Council's Subcommittee on Credit Rating Agencies, Both he and Partnoy are scheduled to participate in the SEC's April 15 public roundtable on rating agencies.

The 20-page white paper can be viewed on the Council's Web site, at: http://www.cii.org/UserFiles/file/CRAWhitePaper04-14-09.pdf The views and opinions expressed in the paper do not necessarily represent the views or opinions of all Council members.

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## Out West, Winds Shift, But En Banc Dissents Might Be Here to Stay



Over the last eight years, the Ninth Circuit, a court historically known in equal parts for its left-leaning tilt and vast geographical reach, has been moving rightward. President George W. Bush appointed seven judges to the court. And the effective use of a once little-used procedure has allowed the conservatives greater influence on the court.

But now, President Obama will get the chance to shift the balance on the court back to the left. Two judgeships are vacant, a third is slated to open up next year, and a congressional bill could add six new judgeships to the court, bringing the number of active judges up to 35. Click here for a LA Times article from the weekend that provides a good shapshot of where the court is now — and where it's poised to go.

Still, according to the article, a renewed push to the left might not be able to blunt the impact of a tool used effectively by conservatives in recent years — the dissent from the denial of an en banc hearing. Conservatives have effectively used those dissents as a signal flare to the U.S. Supreme Court. The maneuver is used almost exclusively at the 9th Circuit.

Judge Consuelo M. Callahan (pictured), named to the court in 20 eid she believes dissent-from-denial opinions are an effective tool.

"I've heard from Justice [Anthony] Kennedy that they dissents from denial, that it doesn't go unnoticed how many people signed," she said of the high court's,

Shaun Martin, a University of San Diego law professor and veteran appeals court analyst, believes the conservatives appointed by Bush to the 9th Circuit are especially active in calling cases to the Supreme Court's attention that offer an opportunity to undo some of the liberal judicial policymaking of the 1960s. The 9th Circuit has issued a number of decisions — known to stick in the craw of conservatives — that strengthened the rights of criminal suspects.

"I think a court has to be consistent in its rulings, which is why I put so much time and effort into the en banc process," said Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, just behind Kozinski as the longest-serving active judge among the conservatives. "We're not doing as good a job as we should be doing in correcting internal inconsistencies."

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### Conservatives gaining sway on a liberal bastion

The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has been resolving disputes for 150 years in a region once prone to settling differences with pistols. Despite today's decorum, ideological gunfights still blaze.

By Carol J. Williams

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Reporting from San Francisco — Marble columns, porcelain mosaics and Venetlan skylights in the palatial James R. Browning Courthouse belie the rough-and-tumble origins of the West's authoritative law court.

Birthed in Gold Rush calamity and come of age on the frontier, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has been resolving disputes for 150 years in a region once prone to settling differences with pistols at high noon. If one looks closely at the bench in the main countroom, there is a nick left by a bullet fired during the 1917 Hindu German Conspiracy Trial.

More recently, the nation's largest and busiest federal appeals court has been the scene of a more decorous – albeit still intense – battle between conservative and liberal jurists over civil rights, immigration, the death penalty and criminal law.

Conservatives have been gaining sway over a court that for many years was widely perceived as one of the country's last bastions of judicial liberalism. Now, President Obama is about to start putting his stamp on the court, which is the last word on most federal legal issues in California and eight other Western states from Hawaii to Montana and Anzona to Alaska. Two judgeships are vacant, a third will come open next year, and a bill in Congress could add six positions to the court, boosting the number of active judges to 35.

Depending on the nature of Obama's appointees, they could arrest a conservative trend on the massive court, a shift that Chief Judge Alex Kozinski calls the "regression to the mean" — a move toward what he sees as the national judicial mainstream.

That more conservative shift is one that Judge Stephen Reinhardt, one of the court's most prominent liberals, laments as an erosion of jurisprudence's human element

"Judges have to have empathy. The law is not something you look up in a book and find the answer. If it was, we wouldn't need judges," said Reinhardt, who is critical of what he considers an overly "proceduralist" approach by some colleagues.

Indeed, it is the effective use of a once little-used procedure — along with seven judges named by President George W. Bush — that has allowed conservative jurists to gain influence on the court.

The circuit courts have their own appeals process, known as an "en baric" rehearing, in which 11 judges can take up a case after a three-judge panel has already decided it. A court's active judges vote in secret to grant or deny a rehearing. If a rehearing is denied, a judge may write a dissent from denial.

Experts inside and outside the court say the conservatives have effectively used those dissents as a signal flare to the U.S. Supreme Court. The maneuver is used almost exclusively at the 9th Circuit.

"The en banc process is a mechanism for correcting panel opinions," said Kozinski, noting that with 48 judges available across the political spectrum, "it is entirely possible you'll get an outlier opinion from a three-judge panel."

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The 9th Circuit these days is no more likely to be which often involve weighty constitutional matter.

ne Supreme Court than are other appellate courts, judicial statistics show. But the cases the high court does take, itential to fundamentally change the interpretation of federal law.

Judge Consuelo M. Callahan, named to

63, said she believes dissent-from-denial opinions are an effective tool.

"I've heard from Justice [Anthony] Ke

ey do look at dissents from denial, that it doesn't go unnoticed how many people signed," she said of the high court's radar.

Shaun Martin, a University of San Diego law professor and veteran appeals court analyst, believes the conservatives appointed by Bush to the 9th Circuit are especially active in calling cases to the Supreme Court's attention that offer an opportunity to undo some of the liberal judicial policymaking of the 1960s. The 9th Circuit has issued a number of decisions – known to stick in the craw of conservatives – that strengthened the rights of criminal suspects.

Bush's appointees insist they don't have marching orders from Washington to advance any high-court agenda - or the intent to do so.

Judge Sandra S. Ikula, a frequent dissent-from-denial author appointed by Bush in 2006, said she was assigned simply "to do a good Job and to follow the law."

One of the conservatives, Judge Jay S. Bybee, when he was an assistant attorney general, helped write memos guilding the CIA on how far it could go in using extreme torture while interrogating prisoners, according to Justice Department documents Obama released last week

Some judges see the Supreme Count's inclination to review cases from the 9th Circuit as a judicial wrist slap for failing to fix its own legal misreads.

"I think a court has to be consistent in its rulings, which is why I put so much time and effort into the en banc process," said Judge Diamuid F. O'Scannlain, just behind Kozinski as the longest-serving active judge among the conservatives. "We're not doing as good a job as we should be doing in correcting internal inconsistencies."

Called on to cite a few examples of recent decisions that needed correcting, O'Scannlain, with an I'm-glad-you-asked-that flourish, whipped out a list of 15 circuit cases from the last three years, all of which he had a role in bringing to the high court's attention.

In U.S. vs. Ressam, the Supreme Court tossed out a 9th Circuit decision to vacate the sentence of the "Millennium Bomber," who had targeted Los Ángeles international Airport. In Waddington vs. Sarausad, the 9th Circuit overturned a gang member's murder conviction, citing ambiguous jury instructions; in January the Supreme Court reversed the 9th Circuit.

In cases involving warrantless whetapping, the reliability of DNA evidence and the government's right to maintain a cross on public land in the Mojave Desert, final decisions are pending.

Most of the 70-odd cases the high court reviews each term pique the justices' interest because they involve a key and contentious point of law, such as church-state separation or the rights of defendants.

"They typically don't take your case to say, "You did a great job!" "Molly C. Dwyer, cierk of the court, said of the high court's 75% reversal rate across the 13 circuits.

Reinhardt, 78, conceded the 9th Circuit remains the nation's most liberal — which, he added, "isn't saying much" considering the judiciary's shift to the right during Bush's presidency. Bush appointed 328 judges nationwide, replacing more than a third of the federal judiciary and leaving most circuits with majority-Republican appointees.

"The Republican right cares more about the courts than anything else," Reinhardt said of what he considers highly ideological choices since the mid-1990s. "That hasn't happened with Democratic presidents. Clinton had more appointments than Bush, but half of them were conservatives."

While the court has a number of strongly liberal or conservative judges, its center is sparsely populated, according to the confidential ratings of judges from both ends of the spectrum and lawyers who appear before them.

Kozinski, a libertarian, often sides with his more liberal colleagues on 1st Amendment issues, and Clinton appointees A. Wallace Tashima and Ronald M. Gould can also be ideological switch-hitters, according to their colleagues.

"I don't have a legal mission. My mission is to decide cases," said Judge Barry G. Silverman, one of Clinton's more centrist appointees. To be advancing a president's agenda "would be like asking an umpire if we can have more strikeouts today. I just call 'em like I see 'em."

Still, conservative legal analysts insist the 9th Circuit's track record and enduring image as left of the mainstream have created deformities in the justice system, such as "forum

Anna Nicole Smith's claim to triple-digit millions from the estate of her late husband, J. Howard Marshall, was hijacked from Texas to 9th Circuit jurisdiction through her filing with a federal bankruptcy court in Los Angeles, contends law professor Horace Cooper, a former Bush administration official who's now a senior fellow at the Institute for Liberty.

"I don't want a bankruptcy judge in L.A. to determine what Texas probate law is," Cooper said.

Beyond the highly charged ideological issues, the 9th Circuit's importance in the judicial system also reflects the cutting-edge intellectual property issues emanating from places such as Silicon Valley and Seattle, the preponderance of immigration cases in the Southwest, the backlog of death penalty appeals, and the sheer numbers of people, businesses and cultural and religious entities in the region.

In some judges' view, the circuit's vastness has its upside. Scattered among 17 cities, the randomly selected panels rotate among the venues, exposing judges to the diversity of the West's problems and issues.

On the road, most judges dine together on the first night of their weeklong panels. Despite the ideological gaps, the gatherings are described by all as convivial.

But appearances can be deceiving

Judge Carlos T. Bea knowingly observed of the amicable atmosphere in which the strange bedfellows of the court conduct their business: "Don't mistake the necessary lubricant of civilization - good manners - with friendship.

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# 46 Health Care Professionals Linked To Substance Abuse



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One doctor traded prescriptions for sex.

A pharmacist illegally popped pain pills while filling prescriptions.

And a dentist huffed nitrous oxide until he lost the feeling in his fingers.

They are among 46 doctors, nurses, pharmacists and dentists practicing in this area with records marred by substance abuse and, in some cases, criminal convictions, a five-month Bristol Herald Courier investigation shows.

Virginia shuffles addicted professionals through a five-year monitoring plan called the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program. It's a secretive program meant to keep participants sober and in the health care business, but it lacks the statistics to prove if it keeps working doctors off drugs and alcohol, or merely protects their careers.

There might be more area cases of addicted health care professionals who have remained beneath the public's radar. State licensing boards keep some cases secret, even if physicians abuse alcohol or painkillers at work. Such addictions usually become public only after patients are endangered during a relapse.

Program supporters argue that secrecy is the only lure to voluntarily attract addicts. Otherwise, troubled doctors would battle addictions on their own, and lose. In the end though, the program pits the rights of patients against their doctors' own medical confidentiality.

The Herald Courier uncovered 10 cases kept under wraps until repeated relapses forced licensing boards to intervene. Careers ended in half the cases. The others still work in health care.

One nurse abused oxycodone while working at a nursing home.

Another nurse, despite expulsion from multiple drug-rehabilitation programs, worked a year with an expired nursing license.

And a doctor continued his cocaine habit at the expense of patient care.

Backing them is a state law that allows health care workers great leeway before licensing boards deem them dangerous.

Secrets

Dr. Ram Singh traded prescriptions at his general practice in Norton, Va., for sexual favors and freely handed prescriptions over to patients with known drug addictions, a 1993 federal conviction revealed. He even penned fictitious patient names on prescriptions so police couldn't trace the drugs back to his clients, state medical licensing records show.

The Virginia Medical Board yanked his license in 1997, three years after his federal prison stint. They gave it back to him two years later, and it remains valid, records show.

Unlike the secret cases, Singh's drug history is known because he passed through a federal court, which keeps open records readily available to the public for the asking. He could not be found for an interview. A man who answered the phone at Singh's home in Norton said he was out of the country and might not return this year.

Singh's medical practice also could not be located, despite a Virginia law that requires doctors of medicine, osteopathic medicine and podiatry to list their current business addresses with the state's Department of Health Professions. The address he provided the department eight years ago is no longer a medical establishment. The building is now the City Hall for Appalachia, a Virginia town that borders Kentucky.

Virginia law paves the way for anyone with a criminal background, such as Singh, to work in a licensed profession. Unless the licensing board determines that the criminal history poses a danger, applicants simply must be approved for the job. Child care and child-protection services are the only exceptions.

"What we look at in determining a physician's fitness to practice is not only his or her technical skills, but whether that person jeopardizes not only the health, but the integrity, of the citizens of the commonwealth," Steve Heretick, Board of Medicine president and a lawyer in Portsmouth, Va., said of the statutory guidelines.

State law also paves the way to keep an addiction secret through the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program, which began in 1997. The program is Virginia's main post-rehab monitoring system for health care professionals with drug or mental health problems, with oversight by the Department of Health Professions and monitoring by Virginia Commonwealth University. Professional licensing fees support the monitoring program's roughly \$2 million annual budget.

Most states fund similar programs, said Dr. Greg Skipper, who heads Alabama's impaired physician monitoring program and authored a national study that tracks program success rates. Tennessee's 31-year-old program is known as the Physicians Health Program. Only Nebraska and North Dakota lack such programs, while California abolished its 27-year-old program in 2007 after deeming it a failure and a public danger.

In Virginia, patients must undergo monthly, unannounced dug tests, stick with a rehab program, and follow any other medical board orders for five years. Usually, the monitoring program returns program participants back to work in their health care job six months after enrollment.

Retired lawyer and former Virginia state Sen. John S. Edwards, of Roanoke, proposed the law in 1997 that created the monitoring program after a legal client lost her nursing job over an addiction to painkillers prescribed following her own surgery.

"Virginia needed to do something like this for public safety reasons and to save careers," Edwards said. "I've had more people tell me, who went through the program, that they don't know what would have happened to their lives."

Troubled health care providers can join the monitoring program without an alert going to a licensing board. Department of Health Profession investigators make the call of whether to keep the information secret based on whether the professional is deemed a danger to patients. Secrecy, program proponents say, is why the program works.

"It's going to look like a safe haven, and you don't get that if you go to the board," Heretick said.

But this approach is questionable, said Jerry Flanagan, of the Santa Monica, Calif.-based Consumer Watchdog. He said the state board is choosing to remain ignorant about its own licensees.

"The weird thing about [the Virginia] program is that it's keeping itself blind from the problem," Flanagan said. "The board has a duty to know and a responsibility to make the decisions when to release the information."

### Escape

Before the monitoring program, drug-addled health care providers had the option of signing into a rehab facility and risking discovery and discipline by a licensing board, or not seeking help at all.

Recovering addict and Big Stone Gap, Va., dentist Neal Davis contends that treatment, at the risk of exposure and losing a health care license, looks good only when death is near. That's why secrecy is the best thing for problem-plagued professionals, he said.

Davis huffed nitrous oxide in the mid-1970s and quit only after a temporary loss of feeling in his hands. From there, Board of Dentistry records show a descent into alcoholism, and that he pilfered Valium and Hydrocodone from his office.

It wasn't until 1990 that he decided his career had to take a back seat to his life.

"I'd probably have died from an overdose or a suicide" without some sort of intervention, Davis said. "This thing really had me. ... I didn't know what to do."

A grassroots, drug-recovery support group made up of Virginia dentists directed Davis into a rehab program. By then, Davis was desperate and didn't care if his career was over. He was still in the rehab clinic when the Board of Dentistry received an anonymous call about his predicament. Instead of settling with hefty disciplinary action, the board helped monitor his recovery.

Even though the board worked with Davis, his case still made it into a public record because state law at the time did not offer health care providers confidentiality.

Now, even if a licensing board does learn of an addiction, it can send a person to HPIP and withhold disciplinary action – the trigger to make a case public. So, keeping addictions confidential is at the discretion of either a Department of Health Professions investigator or a licensing board.

"Really, what you do is protect the public by making sure the individual is identified and investigated, set for an evaluation and treatment, and continue with monitoring," said William Harp, executive director of the Virginia Board of Medicine.

"They [the Virginia monitoring program] will not OK a doctor to go back into practice until he or she is believed to be safe," he said.

Davis described the promise of confidentiality as the only safety net that can catch addicts, simply because the drugs blind the situations.

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It was only after achieving sobriety that Davis could clearly deal his demons: "You reach a point where it doesn' just want treatment," he said.

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#### Wants and needs

Julianne D'Angelo Fellmeth, of the University Of San Diego School Of Law's Center of Public Interest Law, describes such doctor-recovery programs as necessary evils – but only if they work. She headed a 2005 audit that exposed-flaws in California's recovery program and helped kill the program two years later.

Like Virginia's program, the California plan ran on the premise that confidentiality would lure addicted doctors to recovery. Drug screens and close monitoring would keep program participants in check.

"It sounds good, doesn't it?" Fellmeth said. "But what we found was that none of it was working like the medical board said it would."

Physicians quickly deciphered the timetables of the random drug tests and office inspections, Fellmeth's study revealed.

Virginia's program might have similar problems.

The addiction of former Abingdon, Va., doctor Patrick C. Wallace was a board secret until it involved patients. Months before losing his medical license in 2004, Wallace stole the very pain medication he prescribed for a patient, Virginia Board of Medicine records show. Wallace met the patient in a pharmacy parking lot, asked to check the just-filled bag of medicine, and pocketed one of the drug vials. The patient didn't notice the vial was missing until after arriving home.

Still, one of the last straws for the medical board was discovering that Wallace might have used a batch of clean urine to cheat drug screens.

Wallace could not be located for this story. Internet phone records and a private background check list his home address as the Abingdon medical office where he used to work. Calls to a family member were not returned, and phone numbers listed for Wallace in Washington County civil and traffic court records are no longer valid.

Wallace landed on the medical board's radar long before pocketing the patient's prescription. On May 1, 2000, a drug-rehab facility diagnosed his problems with marijuana, cocaine, Hydrocodone and alcohol, board records show.

Months after that diagnosis, he contacted Virginia's monitoring program, then a relatively new project. Wallace's case eventually went to the Board of Medicine, where it remained a secret for more than four years.

The board deemed him a danger in early 2004, when state reports say he repeatedly responded late or not at all to hospital pages, forgot to follow up on patients' tests results, and skipped a drug screen. Finally rousing the board's suspicions, a report shows, was a police traffic stop that yielded a bag of urine in Wallace's car.

A notation in an Aug. 14, 2004, report states that Wallace never had a witness present when he supplied urine samples for drug screens. His license was revoked the day of the report – four years after he joined the monitoring program.

Neither Wallace, nor any physician with a similar relapse history, will appear in the monitoring program's statistics. No one tracks the numbers to show whether the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program succeeds or fails for addicts.

"We're not looking for a success rate. We're doing it to return them back to practice," said Peggy Wood, intervention program manager with the Department of Health Professions.

It's difficult to gauge how many HPIP participants relapse like Wallace and drop out. In addition to its addiction specialty, HPIP also monitors health care providers with mental health issues and possible medical impairments, such as diabetes, which gave one dentist the shakes when left untreated.

Numbers are broken down on how many participants complete the program each year versus those expelled. But the monitoring program does not further break down those numbers by addict, mental health and physical health.

HPIP reported an average 35 percent success rate for all of those categories from 2003-07. Again, the success rate includes participants who initially joined not just for addictions, but also for mental health and physical health reasons.

By comparison, Tennessee's program, which treats addictions only, boasts a 90 percent success rate. Most state programs average a 78 percent

success rate, according to a national, five-year study released in November by Skipper, who heads Alabama's drug-monitoring program. Both Virginia and Tennessee were included in Skipper's study.

The remaining 22 percent either relapse and drop out of the program, retire from practice, move out of state without notifying licensing boards, commit suicide or die of an overdose or natural causes.

California Board of Medicine President Dr. Richard Fantozzi has relapse in mind when questioning whether any state licensing board should be in the business of monitoring addicts. California ended its monitoring program in 2007 after audits revealed loopholes that allowed doctors to stay in medicine for years despite chronic relapses.

"What are you, as the state of California, going to say? That it's just a program and sometimes it fails?" he said. "That's not a good answer coming from the state."

Any idea of offering secrecy for doctors and other professionals who stick with the program is ridiculous, Fantozzi said, unless legislators can guarantee a perfect success rate.

California licensing boards still keep tabs on addictions by ordering problem doctors to join private programs. This way, the state is out of the addiction business, but still makes sure health care professionals are treated.

### Patient rights

Health care insiders contend the key consideration to keeping an addiction secret lies in balancing a doctor's medical confidentiality with a patient's right to information about a physician.

Skipper, author of the national study, argues that medical privacy applies to doctors just as it does to patients.

"If a substance abuse problem is really a health issue, should it be possible for someone to be able to have information on all their doctor's health problems?"

Skipper asked. "That could be extended to every professional you work with: Do you have a right to know their health history, because it can affect their performance?"

Another philosophy is that patients don't need to know. An American Medical Association report suggests that patients might lack the medical know-how to decide if a doctor's drug addiction is relevant.

"... Such disclosure would place patients in the inappropriate role of having to determine whether a physician is safe, when the determination is most appropriately the responsibility of the profession," the AMA states in its report "Physician Health and Wellness." The manifesto first was issued by the AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs in 1992 and reaffirmed as an official position in 2004.

But health care critics like Dr. Sydney Wolfe, with the Washington D.C. -based consumer advocacy group Private Citizen, counter that such secrecy blatantly favors doctors over patient safety.

"We take the side of the patient - if you're going to a doctor who has a drug or alcohol problem, you probably don't want them to operate on you," Wolfe said.

### What danger signs

When it comes to labeling a doctor as dangerous, Virginia law leaves Department of Health Profession investigators and board members empty-handed. The board has not developed any guidelines on how to make that call. It's left to the person in charge of either the investigation or the board hearing.

Flanagan, of Consumer Watchdog, finds the law too gray.

"You need an objective standard that is consistently applied, and that the public knows, so ... you know what the line is," he said.

Virginia law sets the bar high when labeling health care professionals as dangerous. There must be clear and convincing evidence of a violation – a stricter standard than the reasonable-doubt rule used in courtrooms.

"If you can't connect the substance use with patient safety, then the connection fails," the Board of Medicine's Harp said.

An example of that high bar is found in the case against Dr. Olimpo F. Fonseca, who worked at a medical practice in Big Stone Gap, Va., when called before the board in 1994.

Scrutinized on allegations of over-prescribing pain medication, Fonseca admitted during questioning that he occasionally owned marijuana, an illegal substance.

Yet the board eventually concluded there was not enough evidence to prove his owning marijuana ever harmed his patients. The board dismissed the case.

Fonseca did not return multiple calls to his home. Telephone receptionists at the business he listed with the Department of Health Professions said he left the practice four years ago.

This high standard for bringing a disciplinary charge is also one reason that Dr. Singh, who served time in a federal prison for drug diversion, and others with criminal backgrounds are able to work in Virginia again.

"The board's general thinking is that if a physician can be remediated, then he ought to be remediated," Harp said. "You don't want to throw out the baby with the bath water."

Fellmeth, on the other hand, contends that boards need a specific limit for a physician's chances at redemption. Otherwise, she argues, a drug-recovery program is little more than an excuse to avoid jail.

"How many bites at the apple are they going to get?" Fellmeth asked.

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### Reader Reactions

Posted by (bmsgirl) on April 27, 2009 at 8:23 am

True...there are a lot of reasons that most people who need medical attention in this area can not get it, I call it a form of malpractice. To be charged all of that money and not even treated; almost as if you were taking car to have the breaks replaced and all they did was blow air on them. But I am concerned as to why this is just surfacing now? The statistics are a little outdated-hello, day old news cancel my subscription please.

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Posted by (Jeff Hise) on April 26, 2009 at 9:26 am

Four test sites were chosen for a anti addiction drug not long ago. They were New York, LA, Florida and Bristol. Tells me alot and why if you truly need pain medication you can't get it.

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Posted by (tmullins) on April 26, 2009 at 6:08 am

Stuff happens, but in East Tennessee "ill doings" are called THE ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF HEALTH CARE.

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Horrifying care is called high quality care according to the Tennessee board of health licensure of hospitals, go figure.

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Posted by (DMCT) on April 26, 2009 at 5:32 am

This is why patients can not get pain medication when they need it, not everyone is an addict—some really need it!! This also happens more than the public knows, Bristol is NOT EXEMPT!! Innocent patients have suffered (pain wise and even criminally) because of some "ill doings" of health care proffessionals right here in Bristol!!!

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Posted by (tmullins) on April 26, 2009 at 4:33 am

Now I see why the acceptable standards of health care are as disgusting as they are. No one is at fault for those "non-errors" that happen over and over and over in hospitals. East Tennessee and SWVA deserve better health care than what is deemed, defended and supported as high quality care. http://www.wisecountyissues.com/?p=62

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## CA Doctors Miffed at Medical Board's Waiting Room Sign Proposal

Cheryl Clark, for HealthLeaders Media, April 13, 2009

California doctors may soon have to post the state Medical Board's name, Web site, and phone number in their waiting rooms, so their patients know where to complain if they're not happy with care.

Next month, the Medical Board of California will consider requiring any of the state's 125,000 physicians who have waiting areas to "prominently" post a "large, clearly visible sign" 8.5 x 11 inches in 24-point type that says:

Medical doctors are licensed and regulated by the Medical Board of California.

www.mbc.ca.gov

(800) 633-2322

The Medical Board may allow doctors, especially those without waiting rooms, such as radiologists or pathologists, to notify patients in other ways, such as with a brochure or letter that includes similar wording, which could be sent with bills.

California would not be alone with such a posting requirement for doctors. Texas, Kansas, Georgia, and Idaho are among other states that have similar requirements.

"In my experience, many people do not know about the Medical Board of California's existence or enforcement jurisdiction," says attorney Julianne D'Angelo Fellmeth. Fellmeth was appointed by the board as "Independent enforcement monitor," a position created by the Legislature, to conduct a two-year examination of the board's oversight process.

When they hear of a physician's alleged misconduct, board investigators first look for court filings. "Troutinely come across people who have sued doctors for malpractice but who have not filed a comp Medical Board," says Fellmeth, of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego.

A physician's failure to provide proper notice of the board's authority could come with penalties or fines, Fellmeth said.

Medical Board member Mary Lynn Moran, MD, says she is likely to vote for a posting requirement. "If signage is required by cab drivers, it should certainly be expected of physicians to let the public know that they are held to a set of standards and regulated by the state," says the Woodside plastic surgeon. "Consumers have the right to know that if they do not feel that their physician is acting professionally, that the overseeing licensing agency should be informed of their concerns."

The exact language of the board's proposed rule will be issued in several weeks, says board spokeswoman Candis Cohen. Before the rule takes effect, the full board will have to approve it, and then go through a regulatory process of up to six months.

Expectedly, some California doctors are not enthused.

Ted Mazer, MD, a CMA trustee, thinks the regulation "is a stupid waste of time. I think patients already know there's a Medical Board," he said. "Patients will see it, and say 'OK. Whatever.' But I don't think they'll remember that's where they have to go if they have a problem later."

But he also objects because he thinks the posting could encourage patients to report something to the disciplinary agency "that might be far more easily managed with a conversation with the patient."

Mazer, a San Diego ear, nose, and throat specialist, also questioned Fellmeth's motives. "Julie Fellmeth seems to feel that if she doesn't currently have something to slap doctors in the face with, she should find something," he says.

Mazer says he would only support such a requirement if health plans and others who make decisions about patient care as well as attorneys have to post such notices as well, referring patients to the Department of Managed Health Care or the State Bar of California respectively.

James Hay, MD., the CMA's liaison to the Medical Board of California, also thinks the proposed rule is unreasonable.

"The doctor patient relationship from the start should be based on mutual trust," he says. Yet this proposed rule "does not seem to me to be a worthwhile thing to foster that doctor-patient relationship," says Hay, an Encinitas family practitioner. If the Medical Board is supposed to educate the public, but hasn't done it, "that's the medical board's problem," he says. "The Medical Board shouldn't ask the physicians to do it for them." There is enough legal room for such a regulation. A legislatively-mandated report last November by the California Research Bureau noted that a 1998 state law called for the Medical Board to require that doctors notify patients that they practice with oversight from the state. While many other California consumer protection agencies did pass such rules, including those that license architects, auto repair shops, pharmacists, engineers, surveyors, and pest control companies, the Medical Board "has neither adopted nor proposed such regulations," the bureau report said.

That's because of another 10-year-old law, which suggested doctors could satisfy the requirement by wearing a name-tag showing their type of practice and license status. Fellmeth says that view is now discounted. Besides, wearing a nametag still doesn't tell patients that the name of the agency to complain to is the Medical Board.

Fellmeth uses the example of the November 2007 death of rapper Kanye West's mother, Donda, one day after being operated on Los Angeles plastic surgeon Jan Adams.

"If Donda had known about the Medical Board and gone to the board's Web site, she would have seen two medical malpractice judgments of at least \$200,000 against Adams. He had been arrested and convicted twice of driving while intoxicated, grounds the medical board was using then in an effort to revoke his license," Fellmeth says. Adams surrendered his license effective April 8.

The CMA currently supports a bill that would require health practitioners to disclose their license type and educational degrees, as well as their board certification. But the CMA bill stops short of requiring any mention that the Medical Board's name, or its phone number be given to patients, Fellmeth says.

"If doctors voluntarily notified patients of the board's existence, we would not need the regulation," Fellmeth says. "But they do not. And it is the law."

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# Advice from Her Can Mean More Work for Her Husband

By EMILY ALPERT

An employee at the San Diego County Office of Education advises her boss on whether to retain attorneys for personnel cases, a decision that routinely leads to her husband's law firm receiving business from the agency.

Michele Fort-Merrill, who oversees the agency's human resources department, is married to William Merrill, a partner in Best, Best & Krieger, a San Diego law firm that frequently represents the county office. She has a financial interest in the firm of more than \$100,000 annually through his income, according to state forms that disclose her economic interests.

The Issue: An employee at the County Office of Education Michele Fost-Merrill, advises her boss on whether to retain attorneys for personnel cases, which are routinely assigned to her husband's firm.

What it Means: While Fort-Merrill does not directly assign legal work to any specific firm, her advice helps determine whether the office turns to outsiders or its own staff to handle difficult issues — and going to outsiders frequently means going to but husband's firm.

The Big Picture: Experts say the arrangement is problematic, but the county superintendent says no conflict exists because he makes the ultimate decision.

When an employee is disciplined or other problems erupt with employees in the office, Fort-Merrill weighs whether or not an outside attorney is needed to help navigate legal issues, or whether human resources staff can handle the problem, County Superintendent Randolph Ward said in a recent interview. If she believes that lawyers are needed, she makes a recommendation to Ward, who then makes the ultimate decision on whether to hire an attorney.

Neither Ward nor Fort-Merrill specifies which attorney to use, Ward said. But BB&K is routinely used for personnel cases unless its attorneys lack expertise in a specific topic, Ward said. The county office does not have a written policy outlining the process by which attorneys are hired.

"It's been decided by history that Best, Best & Krieger would be used for disciplinary matters," Ward said. He added, "What typically happens is we would ask BB&K whether they have the expertise on a certain issue, and if we didn't feel they did, we would go to a different counsel."

The phenomenon is one in a spate of complaints raised in a recent lawsuit by who alleges he was fired for blowing the whistle on "a culture of corrupting going to friends and spouses of San Diego County Office of Education and Spouse of San Diego County Office of Education and Spouse of San Diego County Office of Education and Spouse of San Diego County Office of Education and Spouse of San Diego County Office of Education and Spouse of San Diego County Office Off

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University of San Diego public interest law professor Robert Fellmeth said that the practice would only be acceptable if Fort-Merrill had a much more limited role that involved no independent judgment in deciding when an attorney is needed, such as signing a form to formally request that the agency hire an attorney after an employee filed a lawsuit against them. He cautioned that his opinion relied on the facts supplied by a reporter.

"If she is making decisions to invoke contracts with counsel and she knows that the firm generally hired includes her husband — there is a problem," Fellmeth wrote in an e-mail. "She influences the volume of business going to law firms — a substantial part of which inures to her husband's firm."

BB&K received nearly \$688,000 in business from the office between July 2005 and July 2008 while Fort-Merrill oversaw human resources, according to documents Hartnett provided to <a href="wootnote-security">woiceofsandiego.org</a>. Fort-Merrill's husband has decades of experience as an employment and labor law attorney, according to the BB&K website, which lists him as one of only two attorneys in the firm who specializes in school labor relations law.

Ward said that there is no conflict posed by Fort-Merrill making the recommendation because he makes the final decision on whether or not to hire attorneys. He called BB&K "a staple counsel" and said that William Merrill, commonly known as Woody, had been hired by the agency long before both Ward and Fort-Merrill were employed there. He declined to comment on whether Fort-Merrill had ever recused herself from recommending whether to hire attorneys, saying it was too related to the ongoing court case.

"She is not involved in the decision to retain her husband's firm. I am the one that does that," Ward said. He added, "I've authorized the attorney. I authorize the company. There is no conflict with me."

But Fellmeth said that explanation falls short. "The 'approval' or 'review' by another official does not resolve the problem," he wrote in an e-mail.

Public officials are generally barred from making or helping to make government decisions in which they have a financial interest under California law. Being involved in the decision can include advising the decision maker. Roman Porter, executive director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, said that hiring, firing, promoting or demoting a spouse typically falls under those rules, and officials are generally supposed to recuse themselves from government decisions that could impact their finances, though the rules are complex and subject to interpretation.

Robert Stern, president of Center for Governmental Studies and former Fair Political Practices Commission general counsel, said he was unsure whether the practice posed a legal problem. He wanted to know how often the firm was chosen and how often William Merrill was the chosen attorney.

The San Diego County Office of Education was unable to provide documents last week showing how much was spent on the firm before Fort-Merrill got her position, how often it is retained compared to other forms, or how often her husband is the specific attorney retained.

If the firm were one of 100 that could be selected, Stern said he would be less troubled than if the firm almost always gets the work, as Ward suggested. Even if it is not a legal problem, Stern was uncomfortable with "the appearance" of the practice.

"It just seems like that's not the way it should be," Stern said. "She can't be making the recommendation to hire an attorney if she knows it's going to be her husband." He added in an e-mail, "If it is always or nearly always her husband's firm, I think she should not be participating even if the law allows her to do so."

William Merrill and Michele Fort-Merrill both declined to comment; Fort-Merrill referred questions to County Office of Education attorney Steven Cologne.

The San Diego County Office of Education helps support school districts by providing financial oversight, training and networking for educators, and technical assistance with new technology, among other functions. It also runs alternative schools for students in foster care and juvenile hall and for pregnant or parenting teenagers.

And it operates two joint powers authorities -- organizations formed when school districts or other government agencies pool their powers to handle a common function. One handles legal claims brought against school districts; another buys benefits for school employees at a lower rate than the school districts could finagle on their own.

Both groups have faced recent allegations of conflicts of interest. The <u>San Diego Union-Tribune recently reported</u> that an employee who manages a retirement program for teachers and administrators boosted his salary by selling outside investments to the same clients.

The other is the focus of the ongoing lawsuit by Hartnett, the former employee who claims he "discovered and reported a culture of corruption within my department involving conflicts of interest and interpersonal relationships" that led to legal business being sent to friends and spouses of employees. He alleges that Fort-Merrill orchestrated his firing "because I had further discovered, exposed and reported what I reasonably believed to be conflicts of interest in her husband acting as general counsel."

Hartnett also claims he was fired for complaining about how business was rotated within a Joint Powers Authority operated through the County Office of Education that handles legal claims for school districts.

His suit <u>highlighted</u> the fact that two attorneys from one law firm, Stutz, Artiano, Shinoff & Holtz, have helped interview workers who would later oversee their billing. He also questioned whether it is appropriate for an employee to retain Stutz Artiano for his personal use.

A judge ruled last month that Hartnett should be given back his job and pay because the Office of Education's Personnel Commission failed to investigate his claims. The judge did not rule on whether those claims were justified, but said that the termination was invalid because the Office of Education did not follow the proper steps beforehand.

The Office of Education is appealing the ruling. It maintains that Hartnett was fired for negligence, insubordination and dishonesty, including discussing a confidential file with an outside attorney and lying about it.

The question of whether Fort-Merrill was involved in retaining attorneys, including the firm that employs her husband, came up during his hearing with the Personnel Commission, an internal body that weighs disciplinary issues.

Attorney Barry Vrevich, who represented Hartnett, questioned Ward about who recommended hiring an attorney for the County Office of Education for another hearing; Ward said that it was the human resources department and, when asked, clarified that it was "through Michele."

"Do you consider there to be anything improper about sending business to — the County Office business to spouses of employees?" Vrevich asked.

"I had that sole authority to approve any assignment of counsel," Ward replied.

Fort-Merrill was first hired by the county office in 1976 as a personnel analyst and resigned after several promotions in 1987. She returned to the agency nearly 14 years later as a human resources specialist and was tapped for her current post in 2005.

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## Charlene B. Thornton Named Special Agent in Charge of FBI Honolulu Division

Charlene B. Thornton has been named Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI's Honolulu Division. Director Robert S. Mueller, III appointed her to this position to replace SAC Janet Kammerman, who was recently appointed Associate Executive Assistant Director of the Human Resources Branch at FBI Headquarters. Most recently, Ms. Thornton served as SAC of the San Francisco Division.

Ms. Thornton entered on duty as an FBI special agent in 1979. Upon completion of training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, she conducted a variety of criminal, counterintelligence, and counterterrorism investigations at the Indianapolis and Los Angeles Divisions. In 1985, she was promoted to a supervisory position in the Legal Counsel Division at FBI Headquarters, where she assisted in the defense of the FBI and FBI employees. In 1989, she became Chief of the Legal Research Unit, responsible for providing legal advice and guidance to FBI executives and field offices.

Mrs. Thornton left FBI Headquarters in 1991 to return to the field. After three years supervising applicant, civil rights, white collar crime, and violent crime squads in the Baltimore Division, she was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Honolulu Division in 1995. While there, she managed all investigative programs and had primary responsibility for administrative management. She also oversaw the FBI's extraterritorial investigations throughout Asia and the Pacific.

In 1997, Ms. Thornton returned to FBI Headquarters as Deputy General Counsel, overseeing the FBI's legal training, forfeiture, and legal advice programs. She served in that role until 1999, when she moved to the FBI's Inspection Division. As an Inspector, she was responsible for overseeing comprehensive audits of the FBI's investigative and administrative operations.

Ms. Thornton was named SAC of the Birmingham Division in 2000. In that capacity, she directed all FBI operations in the Northern District of Alabama. In 2002, she assumed the duties of SAC Phoenix, responsible for all FBI operations in the state of Arizona. She served in Phoenix until 2004, when she was appointed Assistant Director of the Inspection Division at FBI Headquarters. In that role she was responsible for the oversight of internal investigations of employee misconduct, as well as for evaluating the FBI's investigative, financial, and administrative programs. In 2006, she was named SAC of the San Francisco Division.

Ms. Thornton graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana, with a degree in Political Science and Economics. She earned a Juris Doctorate, with honors, from the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, and a Masters of Law in Taxation from the University of San Diego Law School. She is a graduate of the National Executive Institute and is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In 2005, Mrs. Thornton was awarded the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive in recognition of her sustained high level of achievement in managing demanding and multifaceted FBI operations.

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# Honolulu gets new FBI agent in charge

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The FBI has named Charlene B. Thornton special agent in charge of the Honolulu division.

Thornton most recently was the special agent in charge of the FBI's San Francisco bureau, the federal agency said Monday in a news release.

She also has worked in that capacity in Phoenix, where she was responsible for FBI operations for the state of Arizona, and in Birmingham, where she directed FBI operations for the northern district of Alabama. She was appointed to lead the San Francisco division in 2006.

Thornton, who worked in Honolulu as assistant special agent in charge from 1997, also worked at FBI headquarters, where she most recently was the assistant director of the inspection division. She deputy general counsel and inspector at bureau headquarters.

Thornton is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University and degree from Indiana University School of Law and a masters degree in tax law from the University of San Diego Law School.

She succeeds Janet Kammerman, who was appointed associate executive assistant director of the human resources branch at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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# USD school of Law gathers energy experts to mitigate climate change

On Feb. 20, the University of San Diego's Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) and Journal for Climate and Energy Law (JCEU) held the first annual Climate and Energy Law Symposium on the USD campus. Academics, government lawyers and private practitioners from around the country gathered to hear speakers discuss state and federal laws aimed at mitigating dimate change.

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Under this "cooperative federalist" system, the federal government sets a "floor" of regulation, by marking the aseline level for pollutants that states must meet. If states want harsher regulations, they can pass more stringent laws, but there is no federal "ceiling."

Some commentators refer to this as the "laboratories" theory, from a popular opin-lon by Wilson-era U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, in which he refers to states as laboratories of democracy, setting both good and bad examples for federal law.

Chairwoman Nichol said that in her work as CARB's chair, she had the opportunity to see a state operate as a laboratory.

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What is needed, she said, is the federal government to step in and prevent a race-to-the-bottom, in which the state

with the loosest pollution requirements attracts all the industry, particularly when dealing with climate change since the pollutant operates in a global atmosphere. The federal government has to establish some sort of race-to-the-top, where states work to attract the jobs, federal money and the other benefits of supporting dismate change technology.

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University of San Diego School of Law Visiting Professor Richard J. Lazarus pointed out the largeness of creating regulatory schemes that both address and mitigate climate change without overly burdening the econo-

Borrowing a phrase from President Obama, Professor Lazarus said, "It won't be hard just for red states, and it won't just be hard for blue states. Mitigating the effects of climate change will be hard on the United States."

In waiting so long to act on the issue, stopping the harms would be impossible. The science is just too far along. At this point, the only solution is to mitigate them. And separate from the current carbon diaxide in the atmosphere now, refusing to act on climate change has entrenched the carbon-intense ilifestyles that have come from U.S. prosperity.

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The process of making the conversion to a less carbon-focused society is going to be difficult, but there have been successful examples to follow, such as the Clean Water Act from the 1970s. As the Clean Air Act fails to provide a real regulatory scheme to deal with dimate change, new ideas are needed — including the potential of setting up a new body to deal with circular change.

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"It is both daunting and exciting to craft a legal regime to address climate change," concluded Lazarus. But events like the symposium "give us hope" about crafting the solutions for the future.

Submitted by Andrew Adams for USD School of Law

# San Marcos News

April 17, 2009

# **Experts** talk climate at Cal State

SAN MARCOS - The question is no longer whether human-caused global warming exists, but what humans can do about it. That was the message of the panel of experts that assembled for the "Tackling Climate Change" lecture at Cal State San

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According to the panelists, global warming is tied closely to "the greenhouse effect," the property of the atmosphere that keeps heat from radiating out into space after the sun has warmed the Earth. The effect is a natural one and it keeps the planet in a temperature tolerable range. However, over the last century, mankind has pumped carbon dioxide through power generation and from the tailpipes of billions of automobiles. This CO2 has intensified the greenhouse effect, raising temperatures worldwide.

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# SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

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# Sullivan Hill's Carroll honored by Duke University



Law Briefs By Doug Sherwin

Candace Carroll, an attorney with Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Rngel, will be honored Friday with the Charles S. Rhyne Award by the Duke University

The award is presented to an alumnus or alumna whose career as a practicing attorney has demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism, personal integrity and commit-ment to education or commu-

nity service. Carroll is a life member of the Duke Law School board of visitors and is active in alumni affairs. She taught at the law school; represented the law school on the university-wide development committee for the recently completed and enor-mously successful financial aid initiative; and has been instrumental both in donating and in helping to raise scholarship funds for the law school.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Carroll. "Since I received a full scholarship from the Duke University Law School, I have always felt a deep obligation to do everything I can for the law school and the campus community." Carroll is a past president of

the San Diego County Bar Association and of California Women Lawyers. She is active in the San Diego and statewide legal community and serves on the boards of the American Civil Liberties Union and the International Committee. Source Code: 20090414tja

The San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) Young/New Lawyer Division (YNLD) will be hosting a "Casino Night" Friday from 7-11 p.m. at the Ivy Hotel. Casino Night guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks and have the opportunity to play blackjack, craps, roulette and poker with their complimentary "YNLD Dough." Each attendee will also be entered into a raffle to win

prizes, including restaurant gift certificates and spa packages. Casino Night is YNLD's signacasino Night is YNLD's signa-ture event of the year and is sponsored by Asher Mediation; Casey, Gerry, Schenk, Francavilla, Blatt & Penfield, LIP; Higgs, Fletcher & Mack LIP; Judicate West; Peterson Reporting; Thorsnes Litigation Services; and Union Rank of Services; and Union Bank of California.

Pre-sale event wristbands are priced at \$30 each for SDCBA nembers and \$40 each for non-SDCBA members. Event wristbands will also be avail-able at the door for \$40 for SDCBA members and \$50 for non-members.

Casino Night is open to the

public. The Ivy Hotel is located at 600 F Street in downtown San Diego. For more information and to purchase an event wristband, visit sdeba.org/casi-no\_night or call 619-231-0781. Bource Code: 20090414tjb

California Western has named Phyllis Marion as associate dean for library and infor-mation resources. Marion has served as director of the law library since August 1995. \*Phyllis has been an integral

component of our law school for many years, Smith said. "Under her leadership, our library is extraordinarily service-oriented and efficient. We are most grateful to Phyllis and all of our librarians for their commitment to excellence at California Western.

Marion has spoken exten-sively at professional institutes and workshops and has pub-lished articles in a variety of law and library journals. She received the first Renee D. Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship and Minnesota Association of Law Libraries Law Librarianship Award in 1992. Source Code: Award in 200904140c

John M. Carson, a Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear partner, has been included in The Daily Journal's 2009 Top IP Attorney list. The list includes California-based lawyers whose work during the previous year has impacted the world of intellectual property.

A partner in Knobbe Martens' San Diego office, Carson was recognized for his management of noteworthy patent portfolios involving hundreds of patents and applications for major companies worldwide. Some patents were for flat panel displays and nanotechnology processes for semiconductors.

Additionally, he has been lead defense counsel for a U.S. patent reexamination involving more than 30 lawsuits and nearly 100 licensees. John Carson is also the 2009 President of International Technology Law Association (ITechLaw). Source Code: 20090414tjd

The fifth annual University of San Diego School of Law - Procopio International Tax held Friday, May 1 at the school's Joan Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, The event will focus on U.S.-Mexico crossborder tax issues.

The intensive educational and networking event attracts internationally internationally recognized leaders and experts in government and private practice to present, explore, learn about and discuss current developments in the law and innovations affecting the field of international tax.

"This conference is a unique forum for leaders in the international tax field to network, share ideas, and learn about the

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ed from Page 34 latest developments in tax laws and government policy, said Patrick W. Martin, the leader of Procopio's tax practice.
"Attendees will have the opportunity to hear many outstand-ing speakers, including govern-ment tax and treasury officials from Mexico City Washington, D.C.

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tax experts will this in-depth lum. A 5 duled ordon L. rea counsel nal Revenue E. Murillo, taxament of Treasury; Juan s Roa, Mexican Supreme ourt clerk; Omar Zúñiga, corporate tax director for General Electric México; Jorge Libreros Calderón, central administrator of international fiscal audits, SAT; Roberto Schatan, central administrator for normativity of large taxpayers, SAT; and Lara Banjanin and Douglas Giblen, both senior technical reviewers for the office of associate chief counsel (International) IRS, To register for this confer-

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School of Nursing

# Building stress hardiness: Riding the wave in uncertain times



Guest Commentary By Lois C. Howland, DrPH, MS, RN

Stress is not only pervasive in life, it is essential to it. For instance, without the stress of gravity our bones would weaken. However, when feelings of stress become overwhelming and chronic, the impact on physical and mental health can be substantial.

It is important to realize that it is not specific situations or events that cause stress, but

rather our psychological response to these challenges that causes us to feel physical symptoms of stress (for example, increased heart rate or a feeling of tightness in the stomach).

We often cannot control the things that cause us to feel stress, but we can become more stress 'hardy': more able to respond to stressful events effectively. Stress hardy individuals are able to experience challenging situations without becoming overwhelmed. The image of a surfer being able to ride a great wave is an apt image of a stress hardy

In order to ride the wave, the surfer has to remain totally focused and present with the experience; paying attention to the body's position on the board, the direction and force of the wave, the presence of other riders. Allowing the mind to wander even briefly can result in losing the ride and being overcome by the powerful wave. Likewise, by remaining present and focused on our direct experience of a challenging situation, we are able to bring more skill and creativity to the present circumstance.

Unfortunately, we tend to get caught up in stories about the situation; imagining potential future disasters or remembering past difficulties. It is these self-generated stories that actually create a feeling of threat resulting in the experience of stress.

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Stanford University professor Robert Sapolsky, describes in "Why Zebras Don't Get Uleers," how mammals (including humans) are "hard wired" physiologically to respond quickly to a perceived threat through a complex neurophysiologic process. When the brain identifies a threatening situation, the "fight or flight" response is activated resulting in a rapid release of stress hormones such as cortisol, epinephrine and normones are continued to the cortisol and the corti

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n Wednesday, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced details of her vision of the way ahead for coordinating U.S. border security in the Southwest. Among other measures, Napolitano signaled the appointment of Alan Bersin, former U.S. attorney in San

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This is Bersin's second time around as border czar, with some significant differences. When he was first appointed border czar in the mid-1990s, the Clinton administration was focused on resolving a perceived crisis of undocumented immigration. Bersin's latest appointment responds to current fears about drug trafficking and cartel-related violence. This time, instead of working simultaneously as a federal prosecutor, he'll be operating in the upper echelons of the Department of Homeland Security.

The new border czar brings to the position a unique combination of experience and connections. In addition to his new, high-level vantage point at DHS, Bersin brings valuable experience working in the Justice Department, and he has close ties to

the State Department.

It was Bersin's connections to the Clintons that first brought him into public service. When Bersin was a Rhodes Scholar in the 1960s and early 1970s, he opted to study at Oxford along with Bill Clinton. Later, Bersin received a law degree from Yale in 1974, where he befriended Hillarly Rodham.

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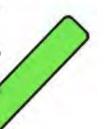
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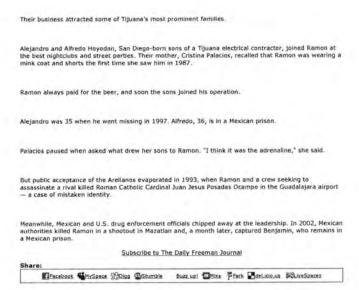
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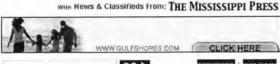
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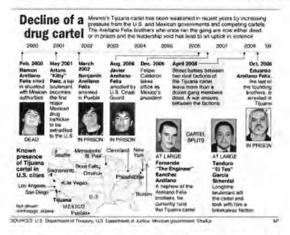
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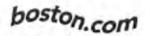
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del Instituto Transfronterizo en la Universidad de San Diego, en entrevista previa al encuentro que el y sus alumnos sostuvieron con el alcalde Jorge Ramos Hernández, en la Presidencia Municipal.

Queremos platicar con él sobre su experiencia,

conocer cómo ha contribuido el gobierno municonocer como la contribute a goviento manicipal, cuál es la colaboración intergubernamental y preguntarle si ya hemos encontrado la solución para mejorar la seguridad en Tijuana, comentó el investigador con referencia a la entrevista que sostendría con Ramos Hernández.

"No estoy completamente seguro que vamos a poder decir que esto es el fin de la historia, el costo de movilizar el Ejército y mantener los esfuerzos levantados en los últimos meses es muy alto y no

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"Si queremos una policia profesional tenemos que tratar a sus integrantes como tales, darles no solto salario sino todos los beneficios y servicios necesarios para hacer bien su trabajo", Indicó. No solo estamos tratando de identificar faltas sino entender la vida de los policias, su forma de pensar. Todos hablan de reformas, pero falta conocar la perspectiva de la gente que trabaja en esa área, la opinión sobre su trabajo y como mejorarlo, concluyó.



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Los dos rivales se enfrascaron en una batalla que comenzó en un importante bulevard de Tijuana en una mañana. El ejército mexicano dice que "El Ingeniero" convocó a una reunión para ordenarle a "El Teo "que cesase los secuestros y los asesinatos. "El Teo" no acudió.

La división fue causada por una "falta de liderato", dijo Duarte Múgica, que comanda más de 2,000 soldados en Tijuana. "Es muy probable que "El Ingeniero" no infunde respeto ni legitimidad".

En la guerra subsiguiente, 12 cadáveres fueron dejados cerca de una escuela en septiembre, la mayoría de ellos decapitados o con las lenguas cortadas. Otros nueve cuerpos decapitados fueron hallados en un lote en diciembre. Las cabezas de tres policías fueron encontradas con sus credenciales en la boca.

Duarte Múgica dice que las facciones rivales reclutan cada vez más a menores ante la falta de criminales experimentados. Algunos reciben una paga de apenas \$400 mensuales.

El cártel de los Arellano Félix sigue sufriendo descalabros. Eduardo Arellano Félix, el último de los hermanos fundadores, fue capturado en octubre. Otros importantes miembros fueron detenidos el año pasado.

El grupo de "El Teo" también está en aprietos. Un presunto matón y ex policía, Ángel Jácome Gamboa, estaba entre 60 personas arrestadas en un salón de bailes en Tijuana en marzo.

Duarte Múgica dice que el cártel está dividido y debilitado, aunque no está acabado.

"Es parte de nuestra estrategia para crear división", dice. "Para crear desconfianza entre ellos". Tijuana – Ataques casi simultáneos dejaron a siete policías muertos.

Cuatro agentes murieron baleados por atacantes que dispararon contra sus vehículos policiales frente a un comercio de repuestos automovilísticos. Algunos de los agentes lograron apearse para defenderse.

Minutos antes, los delincuentes atacaron una comisaría en otro barrio, y mataron a otros dos agentes. Otros dos ataques dejaron un policía muerto y otro herido.

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# Pasa la prueba visita de Obama

Expertos coinciden en que ha sido positivo el acercamiento entre México y EEUU Eileen Truax ( 2009-04-18 ( La Opinión

Terminó el primer encuentro y al parecer pasó la prueba. En términos generales, la reunión entre los presidentes de Estados Unidos y México, Barack Obama y Felipe Calderón, respectivamente, cumplió con las expectativas: una reunión con mucha carga simbólica, que abordaría brevemente los ternas bilaterales y que establecería las bases para lo que será la relación en los años por venir.

Aunque era evidente que no se realizarian grandes acuerdos o anuncios como resultado de la breve conversación entre los mandatanos, analistas coinciden en que esta primera visita era importante para enviar un mensaje con respecto a la relación, aunque algunos de ellos piensan que dicho mensaje pudo ser más contundente en ciertos aspectos.

"No salió nada muy concreto por que fue una visita muy breve y más bien hecha para reparar los daños que se habían dado en la relación ultimamente, como las declaraciones sobre que México es un 'Estado fallido', que habían causado algún deterioro en la relación", consideró Laura Carlsen, directora del Programa de las Américas del Center for International Policy de Washington.

"Si fue un poco decepcionante porque era una oportunidad para dar un nuevo enfoque a la relación y tomar lemas, si no controvertidos, por lo menos que abrieran los ejes de la construcción de esta nueva era a la que hizo alusión el presidente Calderón", agregó. "En ese sentido, más bien se enfocaron en viejas estrategias desarrolladas en la administración de [el expresidente George W.] Bush, y en algunos punfos en los que pudiera haber propuestas interesantes y novedosas no tenemos suficiente información para evaluar lo que hacen".

La investigadora puso como ejemplo el caso de los llamados "empleos verdes", "En Estados Unidos se podría pensar en un programa regional en donde no se ponga a competir a los trabajadores mexicanos con los estadounidenses, sino en un programa de generación de empleo; pero en esta reunión no se habló de programas específicos y, más importante, no se habló de un compromiso de recursos.

Con respecto a la reforma migratoria, Carlsen consideró que es un punto positivo el hecho de que el presidente Obama haya reiterado su compromiso de sacar adelante esta iniciativa, y de buscar mecanismos para controlar lo flujos migratorios. "El problema fue que aunque reconoce la necesidad de abarcar la problemática de manera más integral, que incluye generar bienestar en México (...), y Calderón también, no hay ningún programa, ningún compromiso concreto en este rubro, y eso es una grave omisión", Sin embargo, David Ayón, investigador del Centro para el Estudio de Los Ángeles de la Universidad Loyola-Marymount, dijo que el que se estén considerando tantas áreas en la relación bileteral ya tiene un significado relevante, incluyendo la cantidad de veces que Obama ha hecho referencia a la necesidad de una reforma migratoria.

"Y el simple hecho de que se le haya prestado tanta atención a esta relación, yo diria que marca un avance enorme para ambos países", dijo el investigador, recordando las recientes visitas de la secretaria de Estado estadounidense, Hillary Clinton; del secretario de Justicia, Eric Holder, y de la secretaria de Seguridad Interna, Janet Napolitano, a territorio mexicano.

A pesar de ello, una observación realizada por Ayón es la falla de un compromiso formal para que funidos prohiba las armas de asalto, que favorecen la actividad de la delincuencia organizada en Mexico. "Es decepcionante que no lo quieran hacer, o que no quieran gastar capital político en eso", apuntó. Sobre este asunto, David Shirk, director del Instituto Transfronterizo de la Universidad de San Diego, también consideró relevante el acercamiento entre gobiernos en los últimos meses y reconoció el que Obarna haya aceptado que se requiere de una mayor solidaridad por parte de Estados Unidos en la lucha de México contra el narcotráfico.

"Me parece importante el énfasis que hicieron en las armas porque México se ha quejado durante más de una década de la falta de atención a estos asuntos", comentó. "Las lamentables matanzas que hemos visto recientemente en Estados Unidos reflejan también esta política de armas que manejamos, y ponen de relieve la necesidad de medir y controlar el acceso a ellas".

Shirk dijo que el control de armas es urgente en Estados Unidos no sólo por la relación con México, sino incluso por razones domésticas.

"La última prohibición de armas de alto impacto se inició en 1994 con una vigencia de 10 años. En 2005 la administración Bush decidió no renovarla, y aunque hay estados como California en donde las leyes locales restringen la compra y requieren el registro del comprador, en otros, como Texas, no hay límite. No es coincidencia entonces que el flujo de armas hacia México sea mucho más fuerte desde la frontera tejana que desde la de California", señaló. "Obama debe asumir responsabilidad no sólo del acceso por la frontera hacia México, sino de la manera en la que esas armas llegan hasta ahí".

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# DHS Sends More Border Agents to San Diego and Tijuana

Apr 15, 2009 Amy Isackson



The US Department of Homeland Security has assigned extra border security officials to San Diego and Imperial Counties and to Tijuana. The additional agents are part of the Obama Administration's effort to crack down on cross-border drug trafficking. KPBS Reporter Amy Isackson has the story.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano laid out details of her plan to fight cross border drug trafficking during a visit to the border.

The Secretary did not stop in San Diego or Tijuana. Though, she annount homeland security agents are already in place in both cities. Or, they're on the way.

Its unclear how many agents. She says the agents will focus in intelligence and working bi-nationally.

David Shirk directs the University of San Diego's Transbord Stitute.

He says Napolitano's focus on investigation sets it apart from previous boots to the border policies, "We need to be thinking about not just intercepting things at the border. If weapons and bulk cash are getting to the border, it is already too late."

Napolitano also says more agents will work on removing undocumented immigrants who've committed multiple crimes.

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# Some say Searching Cars for Guns at Border Ineffective

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Border analysts say searching for illegal guns in cars headed south to Mexico is largely ineffective. Wednesday, law enforcement authorities searched 3000 cars crossing from San Diego to Tijuana and did not find any firearms. KPBS Reporter Amy Isackson has details.

San Diego Sheriff's officials says more than 100 local, state and federal officers searched 3000 cars and 500 pedestrians headed to Mexico earlier this week.

Sheriff Bill Kolender says in a press release, the operation was aimed at helping to be at drug violence.

Drug cartels smuggle guns and money from the US to Mexico.

David Shirk directs the University of San Diego's Transborder Institutue

He says it is important the US government addresses its culpability in the drug war.

"That said, if you wait until you get to the border to try to stop arms smugglers, you're already too late. You're looking for a needles in a haystack. And, in many ways, these are organizations that are very sophisticated and have other means of moving illicit cargo across the border than in the backseat of someone's passenger vehicle," says Shirk.

Both US and Mexican officials eventually plan to screen all vehicles headed south into Mexico.

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# Ex-prosecutor picked for new US 'border czar'

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EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The job title — "border czar" — is familiar to Alan Bersin, who more than a decade ago led an effort to fight drug and human smuggling that had mixed results at

Bersin was tapped Wednesday to oversee America's efforts to keep drugs and illegal immigrants from flowing in from Mexico. As a federal prosecutor in the Clinton administration, he headed up a border crackdown that discouraged illegal crossings in the San Diego area but drove migrants to alternpt more dangerous treks through the desert.

He acknowledged the difficulties of his assignment as he stood on a Rio Grande bridge linking El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, a city especially plagued by the drug violence that has killed more than 10,650 people in that country since December 2006.

"I understand as a father and a former prosecutor that we need to actually deal with the problems" like the vast consumer market for drugs in the U.S. and the ease with which cash and weapons are smuggled south, Bersin said.

Bersin, now the assistant Homeland Security secretary for international affairs, held a similar title from 1995 to 1998 — Justice Department special representative for the Southwest border. As he will in his new job, he worked with agencies on both sides of the border to help coordinate the U.S. government's efforts to curb the flow of drugs and illegal immigrants from Mexico.

Bersin brings a deep understanding of the border, like his boss, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, a former Arizona governor. He rides horses on his ranch along the property border, near the shantles of Tijuana, Mexico, in an area that was overrun with illegard.

Bersin's legacy from that job was a U.S. government border crackdown in Operation Gatekeeper, launched in 1994 and modeled on a similar effor enforcement in those cities didn't actually change the number of immi-pushed them to remote mountains and deserts, mainly in Arizona, exposure and thirst crossing the border.

Even advocates of tough border enforcement say that stra

"It demonstrated you can control the border, but the bad or there," said Peter Nunez, who preceded Bersin as the now teaches immigration policy at University of San Die an't just do it 14 miles here al prosecutor in San Diego and a long border, 2,000 miles long."

Napolitano, introducing Bersin in El Paso before continuing a tour of the border in New Mexico, agreed that for every success in one spot, the trouble would move to another.

As U.S. attorney in San Diego from 1993 to 1998, Bersin, 62, was known as an effective prosecutor with a knack for getting his bosses in Washington to devote money and attention to the border. Critics said the Brooklyn native's style was heavy-handed and uncompromising — a reputation that stuck when he was superintendent of San Diego public schools from 1998 to 2005.

The school board bought out his contract a year early after repeated clashes with the teachers union and some board members. Despite his inexperience at running public schools, standardized test scores rose under his watch and supporters welcomed his focus on improving math and literacy skills

Hours into his new job Wednesday, Bersin set up a potential conflict with border governors and members of Congress who have demanded troops along the border to control possible spillover violence from Mexico.

"We should be very cautious to not misstate the security situation," Bersin said. "The posse comitatus have served this country well," he said, referring to the law prohibiting the use of military in a law enforcement capacity in the U.S.

After his rocky tenure in San Diego education, he largely avoided controversy during a stint as California's secretary of public education, an appointee of Republican Gov. Amold Schwarzenegger, and as chairman of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Bersin is a longtime friend of former President Bill Clinton and has known Napolitano since they were border-state federal prosecutors in the 1990s. He has said little about his personal views on immigration.

Since February, he has been U.S. co-chair of a group of experts that plans to recommend border policies for the U.S. and Mexican governments. He kept his views close to the vest during two days of discussions at University of San Diego, largely limiting himself to the role of referee.

Enrique Morones, a pro-immigration activist in San Diego, said he would have preferred New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson for the job but welcomed the new position. He said Bersin's track record in law enforcement make him an ideal choice for attacking drug and weapons smuggling.

"I'd rather have someone who knows the issues than someone who spends two or three years learning them," said Morones, president of Border Angels, which delivers water to migrants who cross the border illegally.

Andres Rozental, Mexico's deputy foreign secretary from 1988 to 1994, agreed that Bersin's understanding of the border makes him a strong choice. Rozental is Bersin's Mexican counterpart on the panel formed in February by the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations and the Pacific Council on International Policy.

Bersin's role in Operation Gatekeeper will have little bearing on his new job, Rozental said.

"I think he was acting under instructions of his government," he said. "I think President Obama has different ideas about how to deal with these issues."

Elliot Spagat reported from San Diego.

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10, 2006 file photo, State Education Secretary Alan Bersin, left, gestures during a meeting of the Board of Edcuation in Sacramento, Calif. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is expected to name Bersin to the position of Southwest border czar Wednesday, April 15, 2009 during a visit to the Southwest border, according to officials. (AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)

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# New 'Border Czar' to Tackle Drug Violence, Beef Up Security

The administration's new 'border czar' Alan Bersin is charged with improving security and quelling drug violence along the Mexican border. Analysts assess his biggest challenges.



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RAY SUAREZ: Given the recent spate of drug-cartel violence along the U.S.-Mexican border and the hundreds of thousands of people who try to enter the U.S. illegally each year through the southwest, the Obama administration has decided to bring in some extra help: a so-called border czar.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano named former federal prosecutor Alan Bersin to the post today in El Paso, Texas.

From 1993 to 1998, Bersin led the government's crackdown on illegal immigration along the California-Mexico border. During his last three years at the Justice Department, he also served as the southwest border representative for the attorney general.

Bersin's most immediate challenge is likely to be a drug war that's grown increasingly violent, with more than 6,300 killed in Mexico just last year. Napolitano said confronting the drug war was vital to the safety of the American people, as well.

JANET NAPOLITANO, secretary of Homeland Security: The rest of the United States has a stake in this, too, that the drugs that come across an unsecured border, infiltrate our neighborhoods and communities across this country. There is no state of this country that does not have a stake in this border.

RAY SUAREZ: The drug violence is likely to be a topic of discussion tomorrow, when President Obama meets with Mexican President Felipe Calderon in Mexico City.

# Coordinating security efforts



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Ironically, we've never had a U.S. border czar or a Mexican border czar at the same time. And it would probably be very helpful for a homologous position to be developed to help Alan Bersin in the coordination of U.S. and Mexican agencies.

RAY SUAREZ: To explore that challenge and more, we turn to David Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego, and Sam Quinones, author of the book, "True Tales from Another Mexico." He's been covering this story for the Los Angeles Times.

Professor Shirk, many of the functions that are being with this new job already exist with the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Border Patrol, with the more aborder czar?

DAVID SHIRK. University of San Diego: Well, Think the idea is to try to focus and coordinate efforts on the U.S. side in a way that is often difficult to achieve with individual agencies each doing their own thing.

RAY SUAREZ: Alan Bersin had a similar job under Attorney General Janet Reno. Will it be different this time?

DAVID SHIRK: Well, I think the major difference is, in the mid-1990s, when the Clinton administration created the border czar position, the emphasis at that time was really on addressing undocumented immigration. Now the set of challenges that people are concerned about the most have to do with drug trafficking and drug cartel-related violence.

RAY SUAREZ: Do the Mexicans have a similar job?

DAVID SHIRK: Not presently. In the early years of the Fox administration, there was a border czar appointed at that time on the Mexican side. Ironically, we've never had a U.S. border czar or a Mexican border czar at the same time. And it would probably be very helpful for a homologous position to be developed to help Alan Bersin

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# Fighting among cartels

RAY SUAREZ: Sam Quinones, when Americans glance at the television or a newspaper, they hear about violence, they see a very tense video of people shooting at people. But who's fighting whom?

SAM QUINONES, Los Angeles Times: Well, in general, there's three things going on. There's wars within certain cartels. They've been fighting among themselves for dominance now that certain capos have been arrested.

There's fights between cartels. The Sinaloa Cartel and the Gulf Cartel primarily have been fighting it out. Lately, the Sinaloa Cartel and the Juarez Cartel have been battling for the Juarez corridor into the United States.

And, thirdly, there's a new actor on the scene, and that is the Mexican government. For a long time, the Mexican government — and I'm talking about in the 1970s and '80s — elements of the Mexican government were involved in kind of facilitating and organizing the drug trade in Mexico. They were very much participants in all this.

Now, many years have passed. A lot of change has come to Mexico. So the new government has a totally different attitude now, and they're going after these cartel guys. They're not just going after loads of dope; they're going after guns, money and the capos themselves.

All of this has kind of put pressure on routes into the United States, ones that were pretty much established, and this has caused this kind of feroclous, intensely savage kind of violence that you've seen on TV in the last — I would put it, actually, going back to about 2005, was when this all started.

# U.S. aid trickling into Mexico

RAY SUAREZ: Sam, last year the United States government announced something called the Merida Initiative, promising about \$1.5 billion in security aid for Mexico. Is it very much in evidence, as the Calderon government tries to crack down?

SAM QUINONES: Well, no, because I think only part of that, a portion of it – I think it's maybe 15 percent or 20 percent of it – has been funded yet. So I don't think that has played much of a role.

I think that, you know, folks in the U.S. Congress and folks in the Mexican government are hoping that that will — that will increase over the next few months.

RAY SUAREZ: Professor Shirk, the new border czar, Alan Bersin, is something of a known quantity in the world of people who watch Mexican-American relations because of the work he did in California on the border during the 1990s. Tell us about Operation Gatekeeper and how it's remembered today.

DAVID SHIRK: Well, Operation Gatekeeper, along with Operation Hold the Line and other efforts to concentrate border security resources and clean up the border region, has a mixed history.

On the one hand, it achieved many of its objectives in terms of making it much more difficult for unwanted elements to cross the border, whether it was undocumented immigrants or criminal agents.

Unfortunately, the construction of increased fencing, higher levels of surveillance and patrol along key urban corridors of the border basically pushed many of the undocumented immigrants out to desert and mountain areas and led to much higher levels of death and injury for people crossing the border, moving from double digits to 300, 400 people dying every year coming across the border.

That has — that legacy of migrant death is something that I think critics of Bersin would attribute to him and to the effort to beef up border security.

RAY SUAREZ: And, Sam, did hardening the California-Mexico border push people to cross into Janet Napolitano's Arizona, where she was the attorney general?

SAM QUINONES: That's correct. I mean, what it did was restore the rule of law, essentially, along the San Diego corridor into the United States. That used to be just a totally chaotic place rife with crime, muggings, murders,



David Shirk University of San Diego

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But as David Shirk says, rightly so, it pushed everything further east. And so now the big corridor, both for smuggling immigrants as well as for smuggling drugs, is up through from Sonora into Arizona and, from there, across the country. So that's pretty much the effect that it had.

# Worries about Mexican sovereignty

RAY SUAREZ: Let me ask you both before we go, any time the United States tries to mount operations in coordination with Mexico, there's often, on the Mexican side of the border, worry about Mexican sovereignty. What does Mexico want from the U.S., Professor, at this point?

DAVID SHIRK: I think that Mexico has been calling for many, many years for greater effort on the part of the United States to control weapon smuggling southbound into Mexico.

Gun laws in the United States are very lax compared to the gun laws in Mexico, and there's a perception in Mexico that we're not doing enough to actually control especially the flow of high-powered weapons into Mexico.

The other thing that Mexico often raises is this issue of corruption. Many Mexicans point out that, as much corruption as there may be in Mexico, it's difficult to believe that corruption somehow stops at the border and the reach of drug-trafficking organizations is somehow constrained by the border.

So I think Mexico is also looking for sincere efforts on the part of the United States to identify our responsibility and our contributions to what is a bi-national problem.

RAY SUAREZ: Sam, I've got time only for a very quick, final thought from you on that question.

SAM QUINONES: I would say, simply, though, that the other side of the coin is that the corruption surely is a problem in Mexico. The lack of strong institutions clearly is a problem in Mexico. If Mexico is looking for that from the United States, another thing they might need to do is look to themselves, as well. This is definitely a problem down there and part of what this war is all about, as well.

RAY SUAREZ: Sam Quinones and Professor Shirk, gentlemen, thank you both.

DAVID SHIRK: Thank you.

SAM QUINONES: Thank you.

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# Border czar will try to repeat his success

The Homeland Security secretary is expected to name Alan Bersin, who was credited with taming a lawless area between Tijuana and San Diego during the Clinton administration, to a similar post today.

By Richard Marosi and Josh Meyer

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Reporting from San Diego and Washington — A former U.S. attorney who oversaw a crackdown on illegal immigration on the California-Mexico border a decade ago will be appointed the Southwest border czar by the Obama administration, according to a Department of Homeland Security official.

Alan Bersin, who served in a similar post during the Clinton administration in the 1990s, will be charged with controlling illegal immigration and drug violence amid Mexico's ongoing war against organized crime, the official said.

By choosing the aggressive former federal prosecutor credited with taming a once-lawless area of the region, the Obama administration appears to be signaling that improving the U.S. response to the threat of Mexican drug cartels is a priority.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has said in recent congressional testimony and speeches that she is concerned about indications of a lack of cooperation and dysfunction among the many U.S. federal agencies combating the cross-border trafficking of weapons, drugs and migrants.

The appointment of Bersin is one of the keystones of her new strategy, the department official said.

"The position will focus on illegal immigration into the U.S. as well as southbound gun trafficking and cash smuggling," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the news of the appointment, first reported by Associated Press on Tuesday evening, has not formally been authorized to be disclosed publicly.

Napolitano is expected to name Bersin to the position today during a visit to the Southwest border.

It was not immediately clear what kind of authority Bersin will have over the myriad border agencies. The post is within Homeland Security, and Bersin will report to Napolitano, according to the official.

During his first stint as border czar from 1995 to 1998, Bersin oversaw the unprecedented increase in fortifications and enforcement along the San Diego-Tijuana border, which had become symbolic of illegal immigration run amok.

People poured across by the hundreds in nightly "banzai" runs, dashing through from myons. Miles of fencing and hundreds of new U.S. Border Patrol agents helped restore order. But the crackdown, experts note, on migration flows east, first to California's Imperial Valley and then to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the Linear California's Imperial Valley and then to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the Linear California's Imperial Valley and then to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the Linear California's Imperial Valley and then to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the Linear California's Imperial Valley and then to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the Linear California's Imperial Valley and then to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the Linear California's Imperial Valley and then to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the Linear California's Imperial Valley and then to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the Linear California's Imperial Valley and the California's Imperial Valley and Imperial Valley and

Bersin was credited with improving relations with his law enforcement parts in Mexico, which experts note is key for achieving any long-term progress. "I think the message is that they are serious about trying with Mexico to address these binational problems," said David A. Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego. "They want to have a go-to person that can coordinate on a broad range of complex issues."

After his stint as border czar, Bersin became the superintendent of schools in San Diego. In 2005, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Bersin secretary of Education.

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## Napolitano Names New U.S. 'Border Czar'

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano named former federal prosecutor Alan Bersin as the next "border czar" to lead U.S. Customs and Border Protection during a Wednesday news conference in El Paso, Texas.

"Alan brings years of vital experience with local, state and international partners to help us meet the challenges we face at our borders," Napolitano said in a statement, according to the Washington Post. "He will lead the effort to make our borders safe while working to promote commerce and trade."

Bersin, 62, will take over the largest agency under the Department of Homeland Security. U.S. Customs and Border Protection oversees more than 7,500 miles of U.S. border with Mexico and Canada, with a \$9 billion budget and 38,000 customs agents and border patrol guards. In his new position, Bersin will be responsible for overseeing the interception of drugs and illegal immigrants at airports, seaports, and border crossings, while keeping the flow of legal traffic and goods unhindered.



His nomination comes at a time when renewed drug cartel violence along the U.S.-Mexico border has emerged as a critical security challenge. Bersin will oversee efforts to reduce that violence and stem the influence of cartels along the border.

Bersin formerly served as Southwest border representative for the U.S. border with Mexico between 1995 and 1998 under President Bill Clinton. He was known to be effective at cracking down on border crime and lowering illegal crossings, particularly around the San Diego-Tijuana junction.

"He was known in that role as a pragmatist, which seems to fit the Obama adminipulation of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at the University of California San Diego, to be seen union-Tribune."

Bersin also drew praise with improving relations with his law enforcement parts in Mexico. In his new post, Bersin is expected to work with international officials, along with law enforcement in the U.S. appears to the control of t

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Bersin has also served as secretary of education for California, superintendent of San Diego schools and U.S. attorney in San Diego.

Media reports categorize his time as San Diego schools chief as stormy, as he regularly faced off with teachers and school board members. Still, his performance earned him the nod from California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as the state's secretary of education in 2005.

"Alan is a reformer and that is what I love about him," Schwarzenegger said in announcing the appointment. "As superintendent, he launched a major administrative reorganization and an academic reform plan aimed at improving student achievement. And the plan is working."

Born in Brooklyn, Bersin attended Harvard University and later Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, where he befriended Bill Clinton. He also holds a law degree from Yale. He is the U.S. chair of a new task force on the U.S.-Mexico border region, organized by the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations and the Pacific Council on International Policy.

Bersin also serves as the chair of the executive committee of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

The border chief announcement comes as President Barack Obama prepares to travel to Mexico Thursday to meet with Mexican President Felipe Calderon. The U.S. government announced plans last month to help Mexican authorities combat violent drug gangs south of the border and renew a focus on curbing the southbound flow of U.S. guns and smuggling profits to the cartels.

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## Another Czar is Born!

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Indeed, as some feared and others hoped, the Obama administration does like its czars and special envoys.

We've already got the war czar, climate czar, health czar, urban affairs czar, drug czar, and a special envoy for the Summit of the Americas, to name a few.

And as of April 15, we now have a border czar when Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano named former federal prosecutor Alan Bersin, 62, to the newly created post at a press conference in El Paso, Texas.

Well, his official title is Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Special Representative for Border Affairs.

Somehow I imagine him as Superman, swooping in to save the U.S. from spillover of narco-violence, and to crack down on the flow of guns and drugs across the border.

Actually, his job is even bigger than that (though no cape is involved, as far as I know). Bersin will coordinate the efforts and resources of local, federal and state agencies on counter-narcotics matters, as well as other transnational issues, like cross-border commerce and immigration.

"Alan brings years of vital experience working with local, state and international partners to help us meet the challenges we face at our borders," said Secretary Napolitano. "He will lead the effort to make our borders safe while working to promote commerce and trade."

That's a mighty big challenge.

But Superman or not, Bersin does come to this position with plenty of experience. During the Clinton administration, he served as the U.S. Attorney General's Southwest Border Representative and the U.S. Attorney for California's Southern District, with a focus on stemming illegal immigration, and coordinating law enforcement between Mexico and the United States. As federal prosecutive racked up an impressive number of drug convictions. As the Southwest border czar, Bersin in 1994 oversaw "Operation Gatekeeper," a controversial program that beefed up security in the southwest border region.

While human smuggling decreased in that area, the "higher levels of surveillance and patrol along key urban corridors of the basically pushed many of the undocumented immigrants out to desert and mountain areas and led to much higher levels of death and injury for people crossing the border," according to David Shirk of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego in a discussion with The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer [2].

For that reason, his appointment was met by criticism from several human rights groups, like the American Friends Service Committee [3].

Pedro Rios of the American Friends Service Committee told the <u>San Diego Union Tribune</u> (4) that Bersin's "iron fist" approach doesn't "respond to the needs of border community members who are still dealing with the errors of policies, like Gatekeeper."

Nevertheless, Chappell Lawson is of MIT, who served as a director of inter-American affairs on the National Security Council during the Clinton administration and knows Bersin personally, called it "a brilliant and inspired choice."

"I'm going through my mental rolodex—and it's hard to think of anyone else in the U.S. who would be more qualified than him. He understands the border region; he lives in a border area, he's been immersed in border issues going on two decades now. Plus, he's well respected in the U.S. and in Mexico," Lawson said.

When asked why this new czar position was even created in the first place, Lawson called it "essential for the DHS to coordinate the inter-agency process" on counter narcotics, trade and immigration issues.

So, is a new czar enough to tackle the narco-violence and human smuggling problems along the U.S. border with Mexico?

One surely can't expect a mere mortal to do the superhero task of solving these problems.

Certainly not alone.

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"My great hope is that Mexico will name a counterpart on their end—to have parallel structures on the border. Right now, there is no Mexican border authority—that would help a lot. There are consulates, but not a Mexican border patrol to talk to their U.S. counterparts with their walkie talkies," Lawson told me.

"You need a coordinator on that side. So, long-term goal, there needs to be a real border control and customs agency in Mexico. In the short term, it would greatly improve the working relationship if Mexico had its own border czar," Lawson concluded.

As assistant secretary for international affairs for Homeland Secretary, Bersin reports directly to the Secretary of Homeland Security. His portfolio includes the southwest border, overseeing relevant DHS agencies, helping to coordinate border security efforts with the State and Justice Departments, and building relationships on the state and local levels. It does NOT include having a direct role with the Merida Initiative, or taking on a policymaking role, an official from Homeland Security said. He's not going to be working at the White House or for the White House, as a good source said, stressing, he's going to be the secretary's point man on border issues.

But, it's not yet clear what authority he may or may not have over other DHS agencies, like Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Permanent chiefs for both agencies remain vacant.

Napolitano's announcement came a day before President Obama headed to Mexico City of to meet with Mexican President Felipe Calderón. Drugs, guns, border security and commerce were expected to be top items on their agenda 171.

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## Illegal-immigration prosecutor picked for border-czar job

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WASHINGTON - A former U.S. attorney who oversaw a crackdown on illegal immigration on the California-Mexico border a decade ago will be appointed the Southwestern border czar by the Obama administration, according to a Department of Homeland Security official.

Alan Bersin, who served in a similar post during the Clinton administration in the 1990s, will be charged with controlling illegal immigration and drug violence amid Mexico's ongoing war against organized crime, the official said.

By choosing the aggressive former federal prosecutor, who was credited with taming a once-lawless area of the frontier, the Obama administration appears to be signaling that improving the U.S. response to the threat of Mexican drug cartels is a priority.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has said in recent congressional testimony and speeches that she is concerned about indications of a lack of cooperation and dysfunction among the many U.S. federal agencies combating the

cross-border trafficking of weapons, drugs and migrants.

The appointment of Bersin is one of the keystones of her new strategy, the department official said.

"The position will focus on illegal immigration into the U.S. as well as southbound gun trafficking and cash smuggling," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the news of the appointment, first reported by the Associated Press on Tuesday evening, has not been authorized to be disclosed publicly.

Napolitano is expected to name Bersin to the position today during a Southwestern visit to the border.

It was not immediately clear what kind of authority Bersin will have over the myriad border agencies. The post is within Homeland Security, and Bersin will report to Napolitano, according to the official.

During his first stint at border czar, from 1995 to 1998, Bersin oversaw the unprecedented increase in fortifications and enforcement along the San Diego-Tijuanaarea border, which had become symbolic of illegal immigration run amok.

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freeways and canyons. Miles of fencing and hundreds of new U.S. Border Patrol agents helped quell the violence and restore order.

But the crackdown, experts note, only shifted immigration flows east, eventually to Arizona, the current epicenter of illegal immigration into the U.S.

Bersin was credited with improving relations with his law-enforcement counterparts in Mexico, which experts note is key for achieving any long-term progress.

"I think the message is that they are serious about trying to work with Mexico to address these binational problems said David Shirk, director of the Trans-Borner Institute at the University of San Diego. "They want to have a go-to person that can coordinate on a broad range of complex issues."

After his stint as border czar, Bersin became the superintendent of schools in San Diego. In 2005, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Bersin secretary of education.

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# TOP DOG: BERSIN NAMED BORDER CZAR BY OBAMA; BUT CAN HE TAKE A BITE OUT OF BORDER VIOLENCE?

By Miriam Raftery

April 16, 2009 (San Diego)—Alan Bersin has officially been appointed Border Czar by President Barack Obama, Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano announced today. Bersin held a similar position during the Clinton administration. He served as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California a the U.S. Justice Department's special representative for the Southwest border. He was Education Secretary of California and Superintendent of San Diego Schools, often clashing with teachers' unions. During his prior tenure as border "czar", Bersin advised Attorney General Janet Reno on strategies to reduce illegal importation, human and drug trafficking. He tripled felony prosecutions, including immigration and drug offense

Gatekeeper," which fortified the border near San Diego but has been blanks in immigrant deaths.

"Unfortunately, the construction of increased fencing, higher level of sure lance and patrol along key urban corridors of the border basically pushed many of the undocumented immigrant and injury for people crossing the border, moving from the land to sure that legacy of migrant death is something that I this critics of Bersin would attribute to him and to the effort to beef up border security," said University of San Diego's David Shirk, who covered in an Online Newshour interview.

"Operation Gatekeeper was the beginning of an effort to restore the rule of law to the border," Bersin said, according to a San Diego Union-Tribune article today. He blamed the rise in border-crossing deaths as "largely a function of the migrants being taken there by smugglers."

Napolitano praised Bersin for his experience working with "local, state and international partners to help us meet the challenges we face at our borders." She added, "He will lead the effort to make our borders safe while working to promote commerce and trade."

Addressing rising drug cartel violence along the border is expected to be one of Bersin's top priorities. "Because of the violence in Mexico, there has been a focus on assuring security and avoiding spillover from that violence," he said, adding that today's challenges are very different than during his prior tenure in the 1990s.

A native of New York born into a Jewish family, Bersin is married to San Diego Superior Court Lisa Foster and is father to three daughters, Alissa, Madelein and Amalia Rose. A graduate of Harvard, he was also a Rhodes Scholar and received a law degree from Yale University.

Following today's announcement of his appointment, which was made in El Paso, Texas, Bersin was scheduled to depart on visits to border communities including Del Rio, Laredo, Hidalgo, McAllen, and Brownsville to meet with law enforcement authorities to discuss coordination of border policies among state, federal and local authorities.

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## Napolitano promises more agents at San Diego-area checkpoints

The secretary of Homeland Security says an additional 24 agents will work to intercept Mexico-bound vehicles carrying weapons and drug profits. By Richard Marosi

April 2, 2009

Reporting from San Diego — Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on Wednesday promised to add two dozen agents in the San Diego area to inspect Mexico-bound vehicles for weapons and drug profits, as part of the federal government's new anti-drug plan.

On her first visit to the Southwest border since announcing the anti-trafficking blueprint last week, Napolitano said the agents would help staff checkpoints that had been used sporadically for the last two years. They would look to intercept high-powered weaponry that is believed to be fueling much of the drug violence in Mexico.

Southbound checkpoints have turned up numerous weapons and millions of dollars, including the March 19 discovery at the Laredo, Texas, border crossing of \$3 million hidden in a passenger bus.

"We're taking them on, and we're taking them out. That's our goal," said Napolitano during a news conference at the Otay Mesa border crossing in San Diego County, where a cache of recently seized AR-15 assault rifles was on display.

Some experts, however, doubt the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will have a significant effect, saying illegal drug trafficking into the strategy will be supported by the strategy will be supp

They say the increased focus on southbound vehicles would snarl traffic at border crossings, where the salready cost the Tijuana-San Diego region more than \$4 billion per year in lost sales, tourism and other economic output. San Diego Assn. of Governments.

"The knee-jerk reaction of policy makers in Washington is often to see that border as a kin a valve that you can clamp shut and stop illicit flows," said David Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego. "But the reality is, you're causing the biggest costs to licit traffic flows across the border."

Napolitano said new technology, including license plate readers, would help speed up the inspection process.

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## The Gonzo Lawyer and the Pirates

By WILL CARLESS

On a blazing afternoon a few weeks ago in Rio de Janeiro, Jamie Cooper jumped into the back of a black police SUV, one of a convoy of four vehicles. In a flash of lights, the convoy raced through the city towards the neighborhood of Kaju, home to one of the scores of favelas across the Brazilian city.

Deep in the shanty town, the vehicles screeched to a halt in front of a two-story home. The building was palatial by slum standards. Cooper saw a small swimming pool and noticed the glow of a plasma screen television through the windows. Inside, he could see expensive, well-laid tiles, the sort of tiles you see along the promenade at Ipanema Beach, not in the slums. A posse of cops, made up of agents from the Rio de Janeiro civil anti-piracy unit and the local police force, jumped from the cars and crowded around the home's front door. One of the agents kicked in the door and the group streamed in, machine guns bristling in the air like antennae.

Cooper remembers commotion: Shouted voices, children crying. A man and a woman, the home's inhabitants, were ordered at gunpoint to raise their hands. In one corner of the hot living room, a computer hummed. Stacks of booty lined the walls: Recently burned pirated DVDs of music, software and movies. The cops had found what they were looking for: A stash of counterfeit goods with a street value of more than \$20,000.

The man and woman were stuffed in the back of one of the SUVs, then the pirated goods were loaded in the back of a truck and the convoy headed back to police headquarters, leaving the favela before dark, when even an armed convoy could be in danger.

The raid in Rio was one of several anti-piracy operations Cooper and his Chilean cameraman have taken part in over the last few months. Cooper, a professor of law at California Western School of Law, has spent the first few months of 2009 engaged in a battle that is both personal and professional. With funding from the Justice Department, the self-proclaimed "gonzo lawyer" has been traveling Latin America collecting footage, music and documentation to produce an educational and training video on the global problem of intellectual property piracy.

Cooper hopes to highlight the need for reforms in Latin America and elsewhere to help protect intellectual property rights, and views such reforms as a vital phase in the development of a country's legal system. Protecting intellectual property by fighting piracy fosters creativity, helps ensure safe working conditions and can help choke off a lucrative source of income for organized crime and terrorist groups, he said.

It's not the first time the baby-faced, 43-year-old former photographer and film producer has embarked on an ambitious project in Latin America. Over the last decade or so, Cooper has helped educate Bolivians about their new constitution, worked on reform of the Ecuadorian, Peruvian and Chilean legal systems, and started a program aimed at turning Bolivian "shoeshine boys" into human rights educators.

That work has earned Cooper a reputation as one of a re-emerging breed of academics: Young, passionate thinkers who are my than willing to forgo the ivory towers of academia for a chance to get their hands dirty with the world's problems. That might mean packing his suitcase with layers of Kevlar body armor and dodging the occasional bullet, but Cooper's enthusiasm and have helped him carve out a niche in the local academic world that has won him sincere respect from his peers.

"He has an almost hyper-kinetic energy about him," said David Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego. "He's not the typical academic focused on writing papers. In fact, he rejects the idea of the typical academic. He has a post-modern mind and he's always thinking about the way technology, ideas, action and advocacy interconnect."

Cooper's latest project strikes at the heart of an issue that he has had first-hand dealings with: Intellectual property piracy, or the global market in the stealing of ideas.

In the mid-1990s, when he was working as a photographer for Marie Claire magazine, several of Cooper's photographs were reprinted, without his permission, in the Corriere della Serra, an Italian newspaper.

Cooper sued, eventually recovering almost eight times what the newspaper would have paid him for the shots. The incident sparked an interest in intellectual property that has stayed with him and grown as he has learned more about the growing problem of piracy.

"It was very upsetting to have my rights stolen from me," he said. "But I saw that hell hath no fury like an artist — who also happens to be a lawyer — scorned."

In recent years, Cooper has made the protection of intellectual property a growing focus of Proyecto Accesso, the nonprofit that he co-founded and directs that promotes judicial reform and legal rights education in Latin America and is headquartered at Cal Western. In 2003, on a research trip to Paraguay to work on another project, he took the opportunity to study intellectual property piracy first-hand.

Cooper wanted to investigate something he had read about in academic papers and trade journals: A claim that, each year, millions of dollars made from the sale of pirated goods finds its way into the hands of organized crime and terrorist organizations.

He also wanted to establish just how much the Paraguayan government and police forces knew about the local black markets. He interviewed the president, the attorney general and several senior judges, lawyers and prosecutors. He also went undercover, accompanying local Paraguayan police forces on raids into the capital, Asuncion, and Ciudad del Este, a sprawling free-trade zone in the tri-border area of Paraguay near the borders with Brazil and Argentina.

The trip introduced Cooper to the vast, interconnected piracy gangs of Latin America. He said he learned on that trip just how insidious the problem of piracy has become in some South American countries.

"It's been estimated that 70 percent of Paraguay's GDP is based on counterfeit products — 70 percent!" he said. "The money goes all the way to the top. There's so much money involved that in Paraguay and Brazil there are pro-piracy congress people who are in the pockets of the counterfeiters."

Back in San Diego, Cooper made more reconnaissance trips across the border into Mexico to learn more about the piracy trade.

In 2004 and 2005 he visited a shell of a building that served as a factory in Tijuana where concrete statues of Winnie the Pooh were being knocked out by the dozen to be sold at the side of the road at the main border crossing into California. He was shocked by the dangerous work conditions and the health and safety violations he saw. Statues destined for children's bedrooms in the United States were being slapped with layer upon layer of toxic lead paint in a scene akin to a medieval workshop, within spitting distance of the U.S. border, he said.

"What was fascinating was that 200 years of employee and occupational standards had yet to reach that factory. It was shocking," Cooper said.

Increasingly, as he learned more about the issue Cooper began to see intellectual property piracy as a double-edged sword cutting into national interests: In addition to the billions of dollars lost by American companies through the sale of pirated goods from Versace to Viagra, the profits from those goods were often also indirectly harming the United States because they went to fund criminal and terrorist groups.

Cooper summarized his academic research and the findings from his fieldwork in a 2005 article for the California Western International Law Journal titled "Piracy 101."

"Mounting evidence confirms that the sale of counterfeit goods has become terrorists' most important income-generating activity," he wrote. One of the globe's hotspots for generating such income was the Ciudad del Este in Paraguay, he wrote, which by 2005 had become "a mecca for terror and crime organizations."

This year, the RAND Corporation, a non-profit think tank, published "Film Piracy, Organized Crime and Terrorism," a book that named the tri-border area as "the most important financing center for Islamic terrorism outside the Middle East, channeling \$20 million annually to Hezbollah."

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 opened the door to increased funding from the federal government for tackling piracy, Cooper said. In January, after many years of trying, Cooper finally was commissioned by the Justice Department to document the dangers that piracy poses to legitimate businesses and public health and safety throughout the Americas.

He and his team will be spending much of 2009 researching, filming and editing an educational and training film on intellectual property rights that will eventually be made available in embassies and U.S. government buildings around the world. The film will also appear in at least one film festival, and will be sent to law enforcement agencies all over the world.

The trip to the tri-border area was the third such trip Cooper has taken to Latin America in recent months to continue his research. Over three weeks, he went on two raids that netted a total of 24,000 counterfeit DVDs, games, software and CDs, including copies of popular movies like "Slumdog Millionaire" and also top Argentine and Brazilian films.

The raids also uncovered pirated copies of popular books like the Harry Potter series. Because the pirates generally sell DVDs and CDs for \$1 each, instead of the average \$15 legitimate price tag, Cooper estimates that the street value of the goods, roughly \$24,000, should be multiplied by 15, to \$360,000. That is a more accurate estimate of the real value lost to the industries that manufacture and distribute legitimate products, he said.

Cooper and his cameraman also filmed in the street markets of Sao Paolo, Brazil, collecting footage of pirated goods laid out on tables on the city streets. Thugs tried to steal their camera a couple of times, but the four armed undercover policemen who milled around them at all times proved adequate protection.

Cooper and his team have also been collecting songs about piracy to form a soundtrack to the film. Musicians from Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Mexico and Chile have donated songs that they wrote and performed specifically for Cooper's project. In the mix will be: Paraguayan polka; hip-hop and ska from Bolivia; drum and bass from Chile; and rock from Brazil.

Closer to home, Andy Summers of the band The Police, who lives in Santa Monica, is also donating a song.

The amount of support he has received from local musicians in Latin America shows that his work is not just important for protecting American interests, Cooper said.

Protecting intellectual property is what Cooper calls a "second generation reform" that comes after a country has established a functioning legal system and made other developmental gains. With that reform comes protection for local inventors, musicians, writers, scientists and other artists, he said.

"It rewards innovation," he said. "It's not just Madonna and Bill Gates who are getting ripped off. They have marketplaces outside of Latin America, like the U.S., where intellectual property rights are protected and they can make a living. Paraguayan folkloric musicians, Bolivian musicians, don't have a marketplace outside their own respective countries or cities. If a very popular song is being pirated, they don't have a way to make a living."

Wayne Cornelius, director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at UCSD, said Cooper is helping to keep alive a spirit of "dust-on-the-boots" fieldwork that has gradually been fading from American campuses.

Academics studying social sciences and the law in the U.S. have become increasingly focused on interpreting existing data, rather than digging into the subjects they are studying themselves, Cornelius said.

"There's only so much evidence you can get from reading other people's work," Cornelius said. "Some issues have simply not been studied vigorously by anybody and you've got to go out and get your own data."

Cooper's film will be debuting at the Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival in late September. He leaves for Chile to work on a separate project and to carry out more research on May 20.

Correction: The original version of this story incorrectly identified the name of Wayne Cornelius' center. We regret the error.

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## 'Let the war begin'

More than 20 people have been killed in the Vancouver region since the beginning of this year in what police describe as targeted shootings. No one has offered a suggestion for when the violence will end. But the root cause of the violence is no secret

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VANCOUVER — David Banh was dead, slumped over in the driver's seat of a white SUV, when police drove into the parking lot of a pizza restaurant in East Vancouver. Less than 48 hours later, 24-year-old Lionel Tan was shot dead at a Husky gas station, about 15 minutes away from the pizza place. It looked as if he had just gottenout of his car to go into the convenience store; the engine on a silver BMW convertible near the body was still running when police arrived.

The brazen killings last week, which police say had the hallmarks of gangland murders, occurred despite the arrests in the past few weeks of men who were allegedly prominent figures in three of the most active gangs in B.C. – the Red Scorpions, the Independent Soldiers and the UN gang. With almost daily shootings on city streets, police efforts so far have had no visible impact on gang activity.

International surveys continue to remind Vancouver that Canada's Olympic city is widely regarded as the best place in the world to live. But with almost daily carnage on the streets, Vancouver is losing its stellarreputation nearly as fast as the seconds speed by on the city clock that marks the time to the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Games next February.

For months, civic boosters were concerned about how Olympic fans would react to the drug-infested Downtown Eastside neighbourhood. The Independent, a British newspaper, raised the stakes recently, questioning whether Olympic fans will be safe anywhere in the city.

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Julian Sher, co-author of *The Road to Hell: How the Biker Gangs are Conquering Canada* and *Angels of Death, Inside the Bikers Global Crime Empire*, said in an interview this week that the recent arrests of people allegedly associated with gangs were likely no more than "an opening volley by police" and not a signal that gang violence has been squelched.

"It's an indication that the battle is beginning," Mr. Sher said. "[The police are saying,] let the war begin."

The violence in Vancouver is reminiscent of Montreal in the late 1990s, when the city lost control of its streets to gang rivalry. More than 160 people, including several innocent bystanders, were killed or seriously injured before police regained the upper hand.

Mr. Sher said that errors made in Montreal may have been repeated in Vancouver. The shootings and killings are shrugged off as long as victims are gang members targeting each other and no innocent bystanders are affected. "Police, and to some degree the public and even politicians, initially take an attitude that this is the gangs cleaning up their own garbage," Mr. Sher said. "So [everyone] lets it slide, it gets out of hand and the gangs develop an attitude they can get away with murder."

"What is frightening about the gunplay over the past few months," he added, "is not just the body count, which is significant. It's the arrogance, that Al-Capone-style arrogance that this is my city and I can do what I want with impunity."

#### Marijuana's lethal costs

More than 20 people have been killed in the Vancouver region since the beginning of this year in what police describe as targeted shootings. No one – neither police, prosecutors nor political leaders – has offered a suggestion for when the violence will end.

Despite the apparent impotence of the authorities, the root cause of the violence is no secret. Police repeatedly point to B.C.'s marijuana trade as the prime source. Estimates of the value of the illegal trade indicate the business is something that some feel is worth tring over, ranging anywhere from \$1-billion to as much as \$7-billion.

Numerous recent court cases have revealed that B.C. drug dealers sell the marijuana introduction system in exchange for cocaine, guns and U.S. currency. Violence crupts as vertically integrated groups compete for control over

Police routinely bust British Columbians involved in running indoor marijutions. Almost every week, three or four Canadians who are nabbed while trying to smuggle drugs and guns across the border are brought before a U.S. attorney said in a recent interview.

Authorities south of the border have also tracked a high number of gangs in Washington State with links to Mexican gangs that are in the midst of their own deadly competition over the drug trade. The University of San Diego Trans-Border Institute says 7,337 people have died in drug-related violence in Mexico since January

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of 2007.

In Quebec, where rival gangs battled over control of the drug trade, the beginning of the end came in March of 2001. It was then that more than 2,000 police officers across the province carried out more than 130 arrest warrants and seized gang assets, including 20 buildings, 70 firearms and millions of dollars in cash, crime reporter and author Paul Cherry wrote in The Biker Trials, Bringing Down the Hells Angels.

An international biker gang called the Bandidos mounted an effort to take over the drug turf abandoned by the Hells Angels and its rival, the Rock Machine, after the arrests, Mr. Cherry wrote. Police effectively undermined the control of the Bandidos on June 1, 2002, with 62 arrest warrants that led to charges of drug trafficking and conspiracy to commit murder.

Within three years, the homicide rate in Montreal fell to the lowest among Canada's five biggest cities. Last year, Montreal had its lowest number of homicides since 1972.

Michel Auger, a crime reporter for more than 40 years who wrote extensively about the bloody gang war in Montreal, was shot six times in the back in 2000, but survived without serious injury. He said in an interview this week that the violence in Montreal came to an end only after police arrested those at the top of the

Street gangs cannot be viewed in isolation, he said. "There is no other way. You have to get to the top." Authorities have to be prepared to spend "a lot of money" on investigators and prosecutors, Mr. Auger added. "Otherwise you are going to catch only low-level operators."

But Vancouver police face hurdles that were not part of the scene in Montreal, Mr. Auger added. Montreal police were going after known and experienced criminals in their investigation of the Hells Angels; police could reasonably predict the biker gang's tactics. Vancouver police are confronting street gangs made up of young offenders who are not as organized as bikers. Also, more guns are on the street and huge profits from drug production and trafficking have attracted more

Police in B.C. this week readily admitted that the gang war is nowhere near over. "We're not going to think that arresting a couple of people is going to resolve this," said RCMP Corporal Dale Carr, a spokesman for the Vancouver region's integrated homicide investigation team.

The IHIT officers earlier this month made four arrests of alleged gang members in the so-called Surrey Six case, in which two innocent bystanders were killed in an exchange of gunfire that also claimed the lives of four men linked to gangs. A few weeks earlier, Vancouver police arrested five men linked to a gang conflict in southeast Vancouver between the so-called Sanghera group and the Buttar gang.

Superintendent Rob Rothwell of the Vancouver Police Department said gangs have been destabilized by recent arrests as members wonder who they can trust, what information police might have and who the next police targets might be

"Once the gang loses that element of trust amongst themselves, the gang essentially disintegrates and they lose their power base, so, although not every gang member is in jail, the gang itself can no longer function as an effective unit," he said, adding that the "sobering effect" can be as effective as arrests and charges.

He acknowledged that the gang war is not over. "But I would certainly agree we have been very effective in destabilizing the gang activity," he said.

Mr. Sher said the recent arrests appear to be a significant breakthrough in the effort to stop the shootings and killings in public places. "But the cops I speak to," he said, "are not yet bringing out any bottles of champagne."

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Book excerpt: Grizzlyville: Adventures in Bear Country

# SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

April 28, 2009



# **Human Rights Watch** analyst to speak at USD

SAN DIEGO: A senior analyst with the group Human Rights Watch will speak on his investigations into conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Middle East during a talk May 7 at the University of

The event is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre at the university, 5998 Alcala Park.

Marc Garlasco will describe how Human Rights Watch researchers collect evidence in war zones. Garlasco goes deep into the war zones as part of Human Rights Watch's emergency team.

He also worked in intelligence for

seven years at the Pentagon.

Human Rights Watch is an independent organization that strives to focus international attention on places where human rights are being violated. -A.V.

# THE SOUTHERN CROSS

April 2009

# **Equestrian Order Gathers**



ALCALA PARK — The Western Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem held its annual mid-year meeting March 8 at 168 University of San Diego.

The meeting was preceded by a Mass in Founders Chapel.

Bishop Robert H. Brom presided at the celebration of the Lacrarist; Father William Headley, CSSp, the dean of USD's Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, spoke at the meeting.

Members of the order are known as "Knights" and "Ladies."

Pictured: Sir Tom Kyd (left), the new area councilor of the Western Lieutenancy, and Sir William Davidson (right), who just completed eight years as area councilor.

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# NORTH COUNTY TIMES

April 25, 2009

## World Affairs Council programs

RANCHO BERNARDO — The World Affairs Council, North County Chapter meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the meeting room at Remington Club II, 16922 Hierba Drive. May's programs are as follows:

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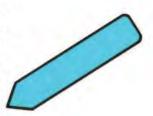
May 7: Father William R.

Headley, Ph.D. Dean of the
Joan B. Kroc School of Peace
Studies, University of San
Diego will discuss "New Optics on the Israeli-Palestinian
Situation."

May 14: Bill Rider, cofounder of American Combat Veterans of War (ACVOW) will present "The American Warrior: Overcoming Combat Stress."

May 21: Dr. Lindsey Lupo, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Point Loma Nazarene University, will discuss "The Long Road to Freedom: Democracy, Democratization and Post-Conflict Justice."

May 28: Miko Peled and Nader Elbanna will present "Born Enemies, a Palestinian and an Israeli, Found Friendship in Their Mutual Support of a Common Cause."



# THE SOUTHERN CROSS

April 2009

# Conference Addresses Migrant Experience

ALCALA PARK — The Trans-Border
Institute at the University of San Diego,
with support from the Joan B. Kroc School
of Peace Studies, is hosting a major international conference April 15-16. The conference, titled "Migration, Religion and
National Identity: Exploring Faith and
Belonging in the Migrant Experience," will
take place at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre on
the USD campus. 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 examines these topics from a historical and comparative

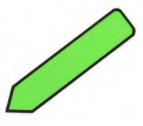
perspective, and features accomplished academic and religious experts from the United States and abroad. For more information, email lawerence-09@sandiego.edu, call (619) 260-4166 or visit www.sandiego.edu/tbi.

# Good News, etc.

April 2009

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15
11:30 a.m., Christian Women's Connection luncheon, speaker: Yvonne Karlin, location: South Bay Banquet Center, Bonita, reservations: 619-422-1628.

6 p.m., "Migration, Religion and National Identity Conference, Exploring Faith and Belonging in the Migrant Experience," continues on April 16, sponsored by: Trans-Border Institute, University of San Diego, location: Joan B. Kroc Theatre, USD, 619-260-4166.



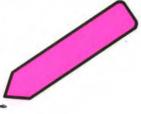
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April 9, 2009

CALENDAR

"Migration, Religion, and National Identity" Conference subtitled "Exploring Faith and Belonging in the Migrant Experience" hosted by Trans-Border Institute will examine migrant topics from historical and comparative perspective. 619-260-4166. Wednesday. April 15, 6 p.m.; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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# Good News, etc.

April 2009

THURSDAY

9 a.m., "Soli Deo Gloria-Reflections on the Resurrection," Easter season fine art exhibit, continues through April 18, free, North Coast Calvary Chapel, Carlsbad, 760-929-0029.

6 p.m., "Migration, Religion and National Ide Conference, Exploring Faith and Belonging i Migrant Experience," sponsored by: Trans-Border Institute, University of San Diego, location: Joan B. Kroc Theatre, USD, 619-260-4166.

# San Diego City Beat

April 1, 2009

Coyote: Two muggle their buddy acros ple that the moto a business. Part of USD's Border Frim Week, it screens at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre on the USD campus. Free.

Other

## April 9, 2009

# USD develops arts business certificate program

By JENNA LONG, The Daily Transcript

The University of San Diego's Division of Continuing Education will launch a new art certificate program in May.

The program, "Business for the Arts and Nonprofit Art Organizations," (BANAO) was designed to meet the needs of the art professional and foster creative alliances, so he or she can confidently overcome the challenges of today's art market. A free Informational Session will be held at USD's Manchester Executive Conference Center on April 21 from 6-7 p.m. for potential students to meet instructors and learn about the program.

For more information regarding this program and registration, contact Karla Duarte, academic art program coordinator, at kduarte@sandiego.edu or 619-260-5986 or go to sandiego.edu/businessforarts. The University of San Diego is located at 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110.

# San Diego Business Journal

April 27, 2009

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE

# Christopher Wessells | University of San Diego

Christopher Wessells joined University of San Diego as its vice provost and chief



information officer in March 2006. In a short three years, he has transformed the technology environment and service from one of not being able to rely on the basics to one of being at the forefront of technology and applications.

Wessells has provided strong leadership to his team and the university. He is technically astute, able to evaluate and improve the technical decisions of his staff, and a strong strategic thinker and planner. During his

tenure, he has greatly expanded the bandwidth and improved the reliability and security of the campus network. He changed the e-mail provider, so that e-mail is a reliable service. His staff is customer and user-oriented. He has established a user advisory committee and is well-known and involved across campus.

Before coming to USD, Wessells was the interim vice provost for information services, dean of university libraries and assistant chief information officer at University of Rhode Island for five years. Prior to this, he was information technology coordinator for the board of governors for higher education in Rhode Island for ten years.

### **EDUCATION**

Wessells successfully completed the implementation of the Oracle human resources and financial systems at USD and has taken a primarily paper-based student admissions, registration and financial aid process and implemented the Banner Student system at the university. This has greatly increased efficiency and customer service for the entire university.

Wessells has been an active leader in introducing academic IT to USD's teaching and learning mission. He has led efforts to train and assist faculty in the use of course management software (e.g., blackboard and web CT), clicker devices, collaborative learning and Web conference applications (e.g., WIMBA), and podcasting.

# THE SOUTHERN CROSS

April 2009

## Alternative Spring-Break Experience Proces Challenging, Rewarding for USD Seadents

By Julia Campagna

TIJUANA — Community. Spirituality. Service, Simplicity.

These are the tenets of the University of San Diego's annual Tijuana Spring Breakthrough, an alternative spring-break experience offered through USD's University Ministry program.

This year, a group of 22 students and two University Ministry staff members took part in the event, held March 6-12, and spent a life-changing week among the poor and marginalized of Tijuana.

Crisscrossing the city in a caravan of four minivans, students engaged with people from all walks of life, including fairtrade business owners at Café Justo, migrants at Casa del Migrante, children and infants at the orphanage Hogar Infantil La Gloria, the homeless at Casa Juan Diego, and the elderly at Casa de las Madres. The group also performed physical labor, served dinner, washed windows,

weeded, painted and cleaned.

But what left the deepest impact was the interpersonal connections that each group member developed with people on the other side of the border.

"The relationships we built with the people of Tijuana are something special," freshman Torn DeCarlo said. "They are permanent relationships, not in the sense that we will likely see our friends very often, but permanent in that we will never forget the people we met, and they will never forget that we cate about them."

Freshman Anna Vonbertrab and sophomore Torrey Allen were invited into the house of a local family in the "colonia," or community, where the group stayed. After a conversation of more than an hour, the owner of the simple house, Felipe, concluded the exchange with the words, "Dios nos unio esta noche" — "God brought us together" — and "El estababa con nostros esta noche" — "God was with



SPRING BREAK: USD students paint a church fence March 9 in Maclovio Rojas, during an alternative spring break in Tijuana.

us this night."

The group was particularly touched by the stories of the men at Casa del Migrante, most of whom are recent deportees from the United States. Many of the men had lived in the United States for almost 20 years and had spent little time in Mexico since emigrating as small children. After deportation, these men found themselves in Tijuana, without a support system and, in some cases, unfamiliar with the city.

The USD group spent time sorting through donations and items migrants had left behind, letters from wives and children, deportation documents, toothbrushes and stocks — pieces of lives left behind in transition.

Throughout the week, the students embraced the opportunity to fully engage with the city of Tijuana and explore many of its communities.

In the community of Fausto Gonzales, the students learned about micro-financing.

In La Morita, they watched a soccer game and shared dinner and conversation with a youth group.

For the entire week, the community of

Maclovio Rojas served as their home, classroom, church and playground. The group spent each night in the community, living with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. Every night, the group sat in a circle on their sleeping bags and reflected on the day. They talked about the people they had met and with whom they had shared stories and meals. They remarked upon the joys and struggles they had encountered among the people of Tijuana.

The alternative spring break challenged participants' expectations and called them to move beyond their comfort zones.

"Realizing the struggles faced by people who I found so similar to myself and my family really knocked me off my pedestal of entitlement, and challenged me to question why and how we ended up in different places," said sophomore Jennie Kuckertz.

When asked to condense the seven-day experience into just one word, the students who participated in this year's Tijuana Spring Breakthrough opted for words like "eye-opening," "challenging" and "revitalizing."

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# San Diego Business Journal

April 17, 2009

# Students Compete for \$10K in Business Plan Contest San Diego Business Journal Staff

A panel of judges who have braved the real-world economy plan to evaluate the potential of student business plans during a business plan competition April 17 at the University of San Diego.

Ideas to be presented include:

- · A Web-based service that can make renting easier for landlords and tenants.
- · A no-sweat line of dress shirts.
- A valet service for campus parking.

Undergraduate business students are set to present their plans from 1 to 4 p.m. in Rooms 226 and 229 of Olin Hall on the USD campus. Graduates compete from 6 to 9 p.m. in Room 225.

Students are vying for \$10,000 in prize money. Finals are May 8.

Brad Graves
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#### More college students study abroad, grow at home

#### Posted by hewillia April 02, 2009 06:00AM



Courtesy of CHASE O'BYRNE Chase O'Byrne, (left) a 2006 Lakeridge High

in Namibia during his trip through Semester at Sea.

Chase O'Byrne wanted to see the world rather than read about it, so he signed up for a Semester at Sea and set sail University of San Diego junior from Nassau last summer

In four months, the 21-year-old 2006 Lakeridge High School graduate had paraded in costume through the crowded streets of Tokyo, seen dead bodies float down an Indian river in a Hindu religious custom, and swum through waterfalls in Malaysia.

O'Byrne and many other former Clackamas County students joined record numbers of American students taking their studies abroad last year. A survey by the Institute of International Education showed 241,791 Americans studied overseas during the 2006-07 academic year, almost 150 percent more than a decade ago.

Students pack their bags for a variety of reasons, ranging from wanting to master a foreign language to building their resume. The experience comes with challenges -- it's not cheap and re-entry can be a shock -- but students and their parents agree that the students' personal growth makes it worthwhile.

#### Reasons they go

Like many study-abroad students, 21-year-old Jamison Merrill, a Lake Oswego High School alumnus, wanted to learn to speak another language.

He chose a home-stay program in Ferrara, Italy, through the University of Oregon. In addition to communicating with his host family, Merrill took all his classes in Italian. By the time he came home, he was conversationally fluent.

Molly Laue, 20, who went on to Santa Clara University after graduating from Wilsonville High School, chose a less-traditional destination: Legon, Ghana. She hoped to experience a completely different culture and as a pre-med major wanted to intern in a medical clinic.

Laue initially was disappointed when she was assigned to an orphanage, but afterward described it as "a blessing in disguise, as it was the best part of my experience." She raised money from friends and family to provide vaccinations and doctor visits for the children under her care. "I could see the difference I was making by being there," she said.

For other students, study abroad is a way to earn college credit while traveling.

JJ Hanna, a 22-year-old Clackamas High grad, returned to the University of Oregon with 12 business credits for two classes he took at the Copenhagen Business School last summer and had another dozen credits in Global Context waived. In addition, he found time to visit Norway, Germany, Ireland, Switzerland and the Netherlands during his six-week stay.

Once they reach their destination, students branch out and see the world. Their travel logs read like "1,000 Places to See Before You Die": Morocco during Ramadan, the Swiss Alps for canyoning, Pamplona to run with the bulls, and a pub crawl through London to celebrate a 21st birthday.

#### Facing challenges

Finances pose one of the biggest obstacles to students wanting to take their studies overseas. Usually, financial aid can be applied to the cost of study abroad.

Scholarships are available, though competition for them can be fierce. Some are country or language specific, such as the Bridging Scholarships, which awards up to \$4,000 for study in Japan; others are more general, such as the Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Jenny Lamb, a 23-year-old Oregon City High School graduate, estimated that her semester in Denmark cost her twice as much as studying at Oregon State University, in part because of Denmark's high cost of living.

Top 10 Destinations of U.S. Study Abroad Students, 2006/2007

- 1. United Kingdom
- 2. Italy
- 3. Spain
- 4. France
- 5. China
- 6. Australia
- 7. Mexico
- 8. Germany 9. Ireland
- 10. Costa Rica

Source: Open Doors 2008

Lamb pieced together loans, scholarships and savings from an on-campus job during the school year and a full-time summer job. "I knew that it was going to cost a lot," she said, "but I just wanted to go badly enough that I wasn't going to let money be the reason I couldn't go."

Report in International Educational Exchange

Coping with how Americans are perceived abroad – often negatively – is another challenge students face. "One of the hardest adjustment issues has been being singled out to represent the U.S. and defend its government's policies," said Joseph Hoff, Oregon State University's director of International Degree and Education Abroad. He added that for many students, it's the first time they've been identified first and foremost as a "U.S. American."

Lakeridge graduate Connor Martin, 20, who studied in Madrid through Chapman University, said he tried to be a positive representative of his country. "You realize that people are just different in the world, and that your way is not always the best way to do things," he said. "I feel I'm truly an ambassador of the United States and I've tried not to live up to the negative stereotype."

Students expect to make adjustments in their host country, but many found that returning home requires an adjustment of its own.

"It's weird being back," said West Linn High graduate Ben Normandin, 20, who studied in Copenhagen last fall through the University of Oregon. He's having to get reacclimated to limited public transportation and the fast pace and consumerism of America. He hopes that some of the Danes' fabled happiness and easygoing nature rubbed off on him.

Culture shock on re-entry is normal. In a letter to parents of students studying abroad, Santa Clara University explained, "We often hear students say that returning home was much more difficult than going abroad. There can be tears and confusion, misunderstandings and disappointment." Students find they miss the sense of adventure and friends who shared their same experiences.

#### Reaping rewards

Once home, students find their experiences have taught them real-life skills -- such as patience when the Italian trains went on strike -- and broadened their perspective.

What do studyabroad students say they miss?

- Favorite foods, from peanut butter to Taco Bell
- Watching sports on television
- America's efficiency: i.e., stores being open all day every day and bus drivers who don't go on strike
- Seeing Mount Hood
- Hot showers (from a student living in Ghana who had two hot showers during her stay)

"I'm much more likely to initiate conversations with people I don't know," said 22-year-old Jordan Fry, a Sandy High graduate who recently returned from a quarter in Grenada, Spain, through the University of Oregon. "After living in a country where I knew no one and had to reach out to make friends, I've become much more social and open back here at home."

Merrill said his four months in Italy taught him to slow down. "Their pace of life is so different and has taught me that not everything needs to be done at once, like we try to do here in the states."

Parents see the change, too, describing their children as more independent and goal-oriented. "For the benefit she received, I thought it was money well spent," said Debi Laue, Molly's mom. She traveled to Ghana to visit her daughter and was amazed at how resourceful Molly had become.

Of the 3,700 alumni who responded to an IES Abroad survey, 90 percent indicated that studying abroad influenced them to seek out a greater diversity of friends, while 96 percent said it gave them more self-confidence.

Roger Adkins, program coordinator for Western Europe Study Abroad Programs at University of Oregon, said college students who go overseas "often come back with a new sort of worldly perspective and situated-ness that is unique and impossible to replicate on campus."

Students agree. "Studying abroad is the best experience you could possibly give yourself," said 22-year-old Tiffiny Nofziger, a Canby High School grad who attends OSU. She loved her first experience abroad in Spain so much that she followed it up four years later with a stint in Hong Kong.

For Normandin, the choice is obvious. "You are going to have so much more fun going abroad than staying at school," he said. "Think about it. Would you rather go to a football game over the weekend or travel to Germany?"

#### Study abroad resources

Students looking for information on studies abroad should start with their school's college-study-abroad office. Most hold regular informational sessions. Some colleges also offer peer advisers - students who have returned from overseas and can offer the benefit of their experience.

#### Other resources include:

- www.studyabroad.com offers a comprehensive directory of all types of study abroad programs and includes a downloadable guide for both parents and students.
- · www.studyabroadfunding.org organizes scholarships, fellowships and grants by country and subject.
- www.transitionsabroad.com features an online magazine with articles written by students and study abroad professionals.
- www.ciee.org lets you search among its approximately 104 study abroad programs in 35 host countries.

# Daily Business Report

April 29, 2009

San Diego Metropolitan

## KYOTO PRIZE

The Inamori Foundation names the 25th annual recipients of its Kyoto Prize, Japan's highest private award for global achievement on June 19. The naming series as prelude to the ninth annual Kyoto Prize Symposium March 17-19, 2010, in San Diego. The symposium — a three-day event that celebrates the lives and works of the latest laurent — includes a scholarship gala and public presentations by the honorees at SDSU, USD and UCSD. The Kyoto Prize will be awarded in "Advanced Technology," "Basic Sciences" and "Arts and Philosophy."

L.I.F.E. Week Sheds

on Issues of Human Dignity

By Michael Lovette-Colyer

ALCALA PARK — The advertising denly appeared on the afternoon of

"University of Life" flyers appears
bulletin boards and sidewalks the
University of San Diego campus. A full-color
postcard was slipped under the door of every
residence on campus. Banners were hung from
buildings.

The message was clear: L.I.F.E. ("Living Is for Everyone") Week was about to begin.

The annual event, held this year from March 30-April 3, is a five-day educational campaign designed to raise awareness of major life and human dignity issues.

"Our goal is to educate the USD community and others on multiple issues involving promoting and respecting the sanctity and dignity of life for every human being," said Therese Kanda, the president of USD Students for Life, a student group facilitated and advised by University Ministry.

L.I.F.E. Week co-sponsors included Associated Students, Alpha Chi Omega, the Romero Center, Students for Peace, Residential Life, the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies and the Women's Center.

Jennie Kuckertz, the treasurer of Students for Life, noted that L.I.F.E. Week educates students about "issues that they may not hear about every day" and encourages them "to step outside of their comfort zone, to make a difference and do something."

During this year's event, one day was devoted exclusively to each of the following topics: human trafficking, domestic violence, genocide, poverty and abortion/adoption. Students manned information tables outside the University Center each afternoon; evening programs were planned to further highlight each issue.

L.I.F.E. Week kicked off this year with prayers for life and dignity, offered during the 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday Masses, March 29, in USD's Founders Chapel.

Among the week's highlights was an interactive multimedia presentation by the Not for Sale campaign, field March 30, during a day dedicated to the issue of human trafficking.



L.I.F.E. WEEK: A student glances at a lawn display, April 3, during L.I.F.E. Week on the USD campus. The display represented the millions of abortion victims worldwide.

Not for Sale is a San Francisco-based non-profit that mobilizes young people to use innovative means to abolish modern-day slavery in their own backyards and around the globe.

On April 2, a day focused on the issue of poverty, Students for Life hosted a picnic-packing party during the afternoon hours. More than 100 students stopped by to make sandwiches, which were later distributed to homeless men and women by Sr. Vincent de Paul Village in downtown San Diego. That evening, more than 300 students gathered for a free screening of the Academy Award-win-

ning film "Slumdog Millionaire" and a discussion on poverty, both at home and abroad.

Elvis Babila, a USD senior, attended several L.I.R.E. Week events last year and had such a positive experience that he decided to join this year's leadership team. He assisted with planning for the pro-life movie marathon held April 3.

"Life is precious. That's what we're about,"
Babila said. "Students for Life is a group that is
inclusive and respectful, and we approach people in a friendly but straightforward manner."

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# GAY & LESBIAN TIMES

April 23, 2009



(I-r) University of San Diego United Front Multicultural Center Graduate Assistant Frank Pancucci, USD PRIDE Co-Chair Claire Kelly, USD Vice President of Student Organizations Alejandro Cervantes and USD Legal Research Center Public Services Head John Adkins



## My CHARGERS Account by ticketmaster



## Charger Girls to introduce new squad Thursday

Monday, Apr 06, 2009 By Casey Pearce, Chargers.com

The opportunity to cheer for a team coming off a third-consecutive division title brought a record 420 women to the University of San Diego's Jenny Craig Pavilion Sunday morning for preliminary auditions for the 2009 Charger Girls.

By the end of the day, 68 talented finalists were selected to compete for a spot on the 28-member team.

Later this week, the 28-member 2009 squad will be introduced Thursday on Chargers.com.

"It's great to see the program continue to grow in popularity," Charger Girls Director Lisa Simmons said. "The Chargers also came off another great football season, and everybody reaps the reward of that."

Of the 420 candidates, 27 previously danced for professional sports teams, some in the NBA and some with NFL teams other than the Chargers. Eighteen of the finalists fit in that category. Women came throughout Southern California to audition. The candidates also included women from Washington, Utah and Arizona, and one finalist traveled from Japan to participate.

"With the Chargers being the only NFL team in Southern California, our talent pool pulls from Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, and throughout the region," Simmons said. "We have candidates that don't currently live here but will relocate if they make the team."

Preliminary auditions began with registration at 9 a.m. Sunday morning as women made their way to San Diego to audition. Once the women hit the gym floor at 10:30 a.m., the competition began. Choreographer Jeannine Sabo, who has previously worked on Broadway plays and with artists such as the Backstreet Boys, kicked off the morning by teaching the women a 32-beat routine.

The women had approximately 45 minutes to learn the steps before performing them in front of a panel of judges. Then, three at a time, the women had the opportunity to perform what they'd just learned. While dancing ability is a priority, the judges were also critiquing attitude, appearance and showmanship.

"We're looking for the total package," Simmons said. "We want women who have a strong cheer, dance and performance background as well as overall charisma. It's also important to us to have powerful, intelligent and educated women to represent the program well in the community."

After each girl had their opportunity to perform the short routine, the judges huddled for nearly one hour to cut the list to 160. Those advancing to the second round were taught another routine Sunday afternoon and went through the same audition process as they did in the first round.

Girls from last year's team are required to audition again. However, veterans are given a bye through the first round and join the audition in round two.

The women making it through the second round will go through a series of interviews on Tuesday. Wednesday night, the finalists will perform a final dance routine and at the conclusion, the judges will select the new squad.

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# ¿Recién llegado?

## Novedoso curso da información básica para no hundirte

Norma de la Vega [Enlace]

¿Estás recién llegado a este país y no entiendes el teje y maneje de los asuntos de la vida cotidiana?

Ten por seguro que no eres el único que te sientes a la deriva en tu nuevo mundo. Pero ahora hay una opción para evitar las clásicas metidas de pata que cuestan tiempo y dinero.

po y dinero.

Es un curso en español dirigido
a los recién flegados y cuyo objetivo es dar a los inmigrantes las
herramientas que necesitan para
navegar adecuadamente en el sistema de vida de este país.
La división de educación contivos de la Universidad de Sas-

tinua de la Universidad de San Diego realizara los dias 27 y 28 de abril la Guía para el Recién Llega-do. (Ver recuadro.)

Es un curso que realizará por primera vezy aún no sabe si conti-nuará ofreciendolo en el auturo.

Comprende diversos temas criti-cos. Uno de ellos es cómo funciona el sistema financiero; desde cómo se recaudan los impuestos hasta cómo crear un buen crédito y como funcionan las hipotecas. Explicarán cómo obtener seguros de salud y autos y cómo funcionan.

Otro tema será cómo funcionan las universidades y cómo certificar en este pais estudios profesionales hechos en el extranjero. Y cod un vistazo al espíritu emprendedor, ha-blarán de cómo abrir un negocio. Los creadores del curso son dos

inmigrantes, un catedrático mexicanoy un empresario argentino. El académico Alejandro Castañeda. de 56 años, es colaborador de la Universidad de San Diego en la división de educación continua.



La Universidad de San Diego ofrecerá un curso para ayudar a inmigrantes recientes a acopiarse a su nueva vida en los Estados Unidos. Cubrirá temas como crédito, certificación profesional y el sistema escolar.

Estudió filosofía y letras en la UNAM y tiene una maestría en comunicación visual. Norberto Cappiello, de 55 años, es un empresario argentino especializado en las importaciones chinas. Castañeda, quien vive en Chula

Vista, dijo que la creación de este curso lo propuso a la universidad tras percatarse de que hay muchos innigrantes con varios años en este país que no han logrado des-cifrar el concepto de la vida esta-dounidense. En su opinión, uno de los erro-

res que más cometen los mexica-nos es no crear un buen historial de crédito. Es donde más se descalabran

pues en México eres más solvente

cuando pagas en efectivo."

Otro error de los adultos, agre-Otto error de nos adunos, agre-gó, es no aprender bien el inglés, pues los padres quedan arraigados a la forma de vida de su lugar de origen mientras que los hijos se echan un clavado rápido a su nue-va comunidad. Lo que sigue es el choque cultural.
"Conozco familias que han sufri-

do horrores", dijo Castañeda. Un líder de la educación que trabaja con inmigrantes aplaudió la creación del curso

acreación deficirso.
"Es muy necesario y qué lásti-ma que haya tomado tanto tiempo en que se le prenda el foco a una universidad local", dijo David Va-ladolid, presidente del Instituto de Padres para la Educación de

## Detalles

los recién llegados a navegar en el sistema de este pais

Cuándo:

Lunes 27 y martes 28 de abril De 9 a.m. a 6 p.m.

Dönder

Universidad de San Diego

Cuántos

\$150 por persona, pero si vas con la familia, la segunda persona paga \$75 y la tercera o más entra gratis

Informes:

Con Alejandro Castañeda al 619.227.2077 o en acastaneda@sandlego.edu

Calidad, una organización sin fines de lucro que educa a los padres inmigrantes sobre el sister cativo de este país.

"Miles de inmigrantes se sien-ten perdidos en su nuevo país por falta de información", dijo. Indicó que no estar bien informa-do causa daño a los inmigrantes y el

mejor ejemplo está en el campo de la educación pues muchos padres desconocen qué hacer pa

Norma de la Vega - 619.293.1386

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



#### Mark Hargrove

Mark Hargrove follows his famliy members around the house, turning the lights off behind them when they leave a room. It drives them crazy.

"But it's actually started to work because my dad's become a recycling flend," said the 18-year-old senior at High Tech High International in Sen Diego. "And we downgraded from a str-cylinder car to a four-cylinder that's more fuel-efficient."

His friends would probably describe Hargrove as "active and vocal." He runs track and cross country, practices ninjutsu with his dad, works as a surf-camp counselor and recently returned from a school trip to Egypt.

Last year, he attended Jane Goodelf's Global Youth Summit in Florida. The gathering of 100 young people from around the world features panel discussions on conservation and environmental issues, and encourrages them to start their own work when they return home.

Hargrove joined more than two dozen other attendees in founding the Global Youth Council for Wildlife Conservation (youthforwildlife.org), which works to protect wild The group's first project rehabilitation center in that takes care of anim.

He's been an intern with Joan B. Kroc Institute for Jeane B. Lyustice and has traveled abroad for most of his life between family trips and irm mersion trips with his school. Global Issues and environmentalism have become more Important to him over the years.

"I'm not really sure why, it just seemed sort of instinctive ... I've been surfing for 10 years now and I go camping about four times a year, so nature is a big part of my life," Hargrove said.

His dad's side of the family had about 10 acres in their native Florida that included a lake and lots of trees. The family would go there every year. Hargrove and his younger brother would spend hours exploring the dense woods.

He's not sure what kind of career he wants, but he's thinking of studying international development and Spanksh at UCLA. Perhaps he'il be able to prevent the degeneration of nature on a global level.

- Lisa Deaderick

Do you know of a student, school or teacher who should be in the spotlight? Contact Lisa Deaderick at (619) 293-2503, or its a deaderick@untontrib.com.

# Inspired

Werner He cast and crew act out scenes eerily simila Vear-old Pacific Beach matricide

By Lee Grant ARTS CRITIC-AT-LARGE

was a basketball e was a basketball at St. Augustine High, scholar and athlete at the University of San Diego, a dramatic presence in Old Globe The atre productions, a promising grad student in drama at UCSD.

On June 10, 1979, Mark Yavorsky, then 34, marched across the street from the home in Pacific Beach shared with his mother, Mary Wathan, 65. In a neighbor's living room, where she had sought refuge, Yavorsky stabbed her to death with a 3-foot antique saber.

Three decades after a crime that

Three decades after a crime that garnered rapt national attention, a film "inspired" by the event, directed by the provocative Werner Herzog, spent most of last month shooting around San Diego, including the usually serene streets of Point Loma.

Yavorsky's actions were eerily re-mindful of a scene out of the Greek tragedy "Orestes," in which a son slays a mother in revenge for the death of his father. Yavorsky had been cast for the lead role in "Orestes" at UCSD. According to newspaper



Werner Herzog

articles, he left campus two weeks before it was to premiere, dropped. from the cast when he became "grossly psychotic." This talented

ballplayer, poet and ambitious actor was found guilty of

involuntary manslaughter. A judge ruled him innocent by reason of insanity, and Yavorsky spent years at Pat-ton State Hospital in San Bernardino County. Since then, he has been in and out of custody, at one point escap-ing from a group home in downtown San Diego, taking off on a cross-country foray.

"He always seemed to have a classic, dramatic sense of life. He was an excel-lent writer and poet. Not rhymes about sunsets, but in the real, classic tradition of poetry. He wrote a lot about his fa-ther who had died, whom he had never

USD English professor Dick Peacock on student Mark Yavarsky, from The Sen Diego Union, June 12, 1979

A few days ago, perched on the stoop of a house on Zola Street, Herzog, 66, emphasized more than once that the production, "My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done?" is not precisely from the Yavorsky case. "It's not a biopic," he said. "You never even see the actual crime."

There's no recreation either of

There's no re-creation, either, of There's no re-creation, either, of Yavorsky's escapades on the road after being released from Patton, taking off from the facility in San Diego, being arrested in Vermont after allegedly brandishing a knife in front of high school students.

Herbert Golder, a Boston University obseits are forces and marrier

sity classics professor and regular Herzog collaborator, discovered the Herzog collaborator, discovered the bizarre tale "serendipitously," he says, and wrote a screenplay called "My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done?" (the title having both biblical and Greek literary significance).

Produced by David Lynch, of "Twin Peaka" notoriety, it has been filming here with an impressive cast, including recent Oscar nominee Michael Shannon ("Revolutionary Road") in

Shannon ("Revolutionary Road") in the Yavorsky role, the character's name changed to Brad McCullum. Of

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## Obsessive, dark issues are explored

his actor, Herzog says, "He has emotional intelligence." There have been locations at

Anere have been locations at Balbon Park's Alcazar Garden, Paradise Valley Hospital in Na-tional City, a motel in San Ysidro, downtown's The Theatre Inc., a Tijuana hotel room and the San

Inuana note room and the san Diego-Cornado Bridge. For years, Yavorsky's sanity was the subject of legal wran-gling. Now, 64, he's residing in Riverside County, according to Herzog, who arranged an

uneasy visit with him.
"He was argumentative."
Herzog said. "I felt it imperative to keep a distance from him, to stay away."

"Everything just kind of flowed for him," a young man who wanted very much to star in whatever he did."

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— Former USD basketball coach
John Gunningham, who became
friends with Yavorsky's half-brother,
John Wethen, a Kansas City
Royals catcher and manager, The
San Diego Union, June 12, 1979

Filming in San Diego has impacted the cast, including Shannon, 35. "I'm very glad we're actually shooting here," the tall, lanky actor said during a break. "Me and Herb (screenwriter Golder) were driving around the other night (in Pacific Beach), and Herb said to me, That's the street Mark actually lived on. It gave me a chill.

"San Diego has a distinctive character (he's been here often to see actress girlfriend Kate Arrington perform at The Old Globe). It's sedate and tranquil. A violent killing like this one set here makes the story all

set here musual."
Said Grace Zabriskie, 67, a co-star of HBO's "Big Love," who plays the slain mother in "My plays the siain mother in "My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done?": "It's exciting to know that we're actually doing it in the place where it happened." On this day, the place is a cramped living room in a vintage Point Loma home. Herzog was holding up the action.

was holding up the action, keeping Shannon, Zabriskie, Irma P. Hall and Loretta Devine

in dramatic character. The moment focused on this line from Zabriskie: "Brad tried to smother me with a pillow. I don't think he was kidding." Cinematographer Peter

Zeitlinger (consulting with Herzog in German), sound technicians and assorted assistants waited, too. There was the rumbling engines of anoth-er flight from Lindbergh Field inundating the environment.
Then, "Let's gol Take 7. Ac-

Outside on the front patio was the home's owner, Allen Whichard, a semiretired computer consultant. A producer scouting locations knocked on his door to ask if the company could take over his place for a few days. They'd be paid a small fee, He and wife Marcie agreed and stayed out of the way while the crew dragged wires and equipment around

their vintage residence.
"These people are absolutely wonderful," Whichard said. They always ask before they do anything and are extremely

careful."
The production created fervor among those in the neigh-borhood, folks ducking under the yellow police tape roping off Zola Street near Willow to peer from a distance at the activity, spotting over a couple of weeks actors such as Willem

Dafoe and Chloe Sevigny.
"Usually, the biggest excitement around here is the spillment around here is the spil-over from Rock Church park-ing," said Prudence Horne, a painter, whose home is up the street. She was hanging out the other day near the action

undisturbed.

Producer Eric Bassett, a partner in Lynch's production company, said there were plans to shoot in Coronado: "They made it difficult for us, their whole board. We ended up saw ing money moving to San Di-ego (the film's budget is under \$10 million)." It's scheduled for release in June.

"A brilliant scholar accused of stabbing his mother to death of statoning his mother to acan with an antique sword June 10 sobbed quietly yesterday as the judge ruled him insane. He was quoted by psychiatrists as saying he killed his mother to protect here from an expected nuclear. her from an expected nuclear holocaust."

- The San Diego Union, Aug. 7, 1979



Michael Shannon took on the movie's lead role for a chance to work with a legendary director, Nelvin C. Cepeda / Union-Tribune

Herzog takes on an inter-view like he might a movie — considering questions and turning them inside out. When asked if Yavorsky was paranoid, the director answered, "Maybe the rest of the world is paranoid." How will the plot play out? "It'll end when it naturally does."

The actors were not here for the money but a chance to work with a legendary director. "Nobody makes films like he does," Shannon said. "It's an exciting challenge, all his different shots and angles. He wants to see things happen. We're both drawn to stories of people dealing with crises, or people dealing with crises, people not sitting around en-joying themselves and having a cup of tea."

Despite his big-time market-

ability, Shannon is comfortable with small films like this one. "The more money that's involved," he says, of Hollywood blockbuster budgets, "more people are swarming around making sure it's palat-

able for everyone in America.
"Here, you can take more chances

Said Zabriskie, still in her character's bathrobe, during a lunch break, "Werner is on an extremely short list of directors I surely hoped to work with, because his approach is so clean, on his own terms. Then there's all his unique films. He's not under anyone's control, not even his own He's in every moment. He doesn't see what's wrong but what could be better. He sees opportunities.

The cast and crew were staying at a Best Western on Shelter Island. "It's like open-beart surgery," Herzog said of the way he works, "whispers only, nobody makes a ruckus, no cell phones. All of us here

do these films with our heart." He can bristle, though, when during a scene someone outside inadvertently walks by a window. "Quite a few glitches," he says, after a curt, Cut!"

Herzog approaches his work in a free-form kind of way, the script a guide to which he's not necessarily attached. He stressed that the movie might have emerged from the Yavorsky case but it's only a means to explore the kind of obsessive, dark issues considered in his films like "Grizzly Man" and

films like "Grizzly Man" and "Fitzcarraldo."

"About 70 percent of the script is false (not taken from the Yavorsky story), loosely made up," he said. And being in San Diego, said Herzog, unwilling to acknowledge the city's significance to the story, "was just a matter of convenience and not because the nience and not because the nience and not because the original story was set here. It's a friendly environment, close to L.A. for supplies." Headed back to his ac-

tors, Herzog cajoles a visitor. "Don't tell what the story is. Just say it's simply Greek tragedy."

"You had at one time great promise. You were an outstanding athlete at USD, an actor at The Old Globe Theatre, and you showed great promise as both an athlete and an actor I both an athlete and an actor I hope you will in time became a wholesome, productive factor in the community. It will take time and effort on your part."

— Superior Court Judge Norbert Ehrenfreund, during a parole hearing for Mark Yavorsky, from a San Diego Union article, Oct. 6, 1984

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Director Werner Herzog (left) guided Irma P. Hall from the Point Loma location of "My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done?" Right, Grace Zabriskie and Michael Shannon, playing mother and son, returned to the set.





During a break at a home on Zola Street, camera angles got adjusted and director Herzog (hand on chin) surveyed the environment. The company filmed around San Diego for nearly a month. Nelvin C. Cepeda / Union-Tribene photos

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### Upcoming Obama Notre Dame address reignites Catholic identity debate

By Chaz Muth Catholic News Service Posted: 4/14/2009

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Pete Munsey of Baltimore didn't vote for President Barack Obama and the 45-year-old Catholic Republican doesn't like many of his policies.

But he also doesn't believe the new president will compromise the Catholic integrity of the University of Notre Dame if he delivers the commencement speech at the Indiana school as scheduled.

"It's always been my understanding that institutions of higher learning were supposed to be places where complex issues could be discussed and debated," Munsey said. "Just because a guest speaker supports a cause that goes against Catholic teaching doesn't make him a threat to the Catholic identity of the school. Notre Dame is still going to hold onto to its core values."

Vocal Catholic bishops from across the U.S. disagree with Munsey on that point and have denounced the Notre Dame president's choice for a commencement speaker for the 2009 graduation May 17. Those bishops emphatically stated that Obama's support for legal abortion and embryonic stem cell research makes him an inappropriate selection as a speaker and as a recipient of an honorary doctorate.

Groups such as the Cardinal Newman Society, a self-appointed watchdog group of Catholic higher education, and the American Life League, a pro-life organization, have called on Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins -- president of Notre Dame -- to rescind his invitation to Obama and mounted petition drives that claim hundreds of thousands of Catholic signatures to achieve that goal. They also have questioned the university's Catholic identity.

"When we extend honors to people who do not share our respect and reverence for life in all stages, and give them a prominent stage in our parishes, schools and other institutions, we unfortunately create the perception that we endorse their public positions on these issues," said Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J. "We cannot justify such actions, and the (U.S.) bishops have stated so clearly and strongly."

Archbishop Myers was referring to the U.S. bishops' 2004 document, "Catholics in Political Life," which states in part that "the Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

When Pope Benedict XVI met with U.S. Catholic educators at The Catholic University of America in Washington in April 2008, he stressed their institutions of higher education must strive for intellectual excellence, while maintaining their Catholic identity.

Notre Dame's invitation to Obama to speak at commencement — and the honorary degree it will bestow on him — has reignited the national debate on how Catholic institutions of higher education should express their Catholic identity.

But in the past year there have been other income at Catholic universities calling their Catholic identity into question.

Bishop Joseph F. Martino of Scranton, Pa public dispute with the leadership of Misericordia University after a gay rights activist was invited to give a lecture on

The University of San Francisco and Catholics by giving Irish President Mary McAleese an honorary degree even though she has publicly supported gay rights and dination in the Catholic Church.

Jesuit-run Fordham University of presented U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer with a prestigious ethics prize, despite objections by the Comman Society and Cardinal Edward M. Egan of New York because of the justice's decisions to uphold legal abortion.

The University of San Dievo revoked the appointment to its faculty of a nationally known Catholic feminist theologian — Rosemary Radford Ruether — after learning she was a member of board of Catholics for Choice, an organization that supports legal abortion. The revocation came after the Catholic university received several complaints from Catholics who disapproved of the appointment.

"It is a part of the continuing evidence that Catholic universities are becoming intellectual and cultural ghettos where the controversial issues cannot be discussed," Ruether told Catholic News Service following the revocation, "and people with critical views cannot teach even if they do not intend to discuss those issues specifically."

Other Catholic universities and colleges have been criticized for allowing controversial plays — such as "The Vagina Monologues" — to be staged on their campus, because the dialogue contains graphic descriptions of sexual acts, homosexuality and other hot-button issues.

"We really don't think these criticisms are fair, especially when they come from special-interest groups ... that try to force everyone into a very narrow version of Catholic teachings that don't always fit within the depth of the Catholic traditions," said Kristine Maloney, a spokeswoman for College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

"We don't see a conflict with our Catholic identity if we have a speaker on campus who may have views that are in conflict with Catholic teachings," Maloney said.

"We consider the contributions the speaker has made to society as a whole, and that doesn't necessarily mean we endorse all of their positions or views. We're committed to a Jesuit tradition, which doesn't suppress educational issues and intellectual debate," she said.

Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity Washington University, argued that Catholic universities are just that — universities that are Catholic in their founding congregational charisms and ongoing mission commitments.

"The diminishment of the idea of the university by (such) groups betrays two centuries of intellectual advancement and real leadership by Catholic higher education in this nation," McGuire told CNS April 8.

"Generations of priests, nuns and lay faculties worked incredibly hard, often without wages or with very low wages, to make Catholic universities accepted in the mainstream of American life as legitimate universities, not just parochial schools," she said. "The actions of self-appointed 'watchdogs' dishonor this tradition by attempting to remarginalize our institutions."

Vincentian Father David M. O'Connell, Catholic University's president, told CNS that while Catholic college educators shouldn't fear education about views or positions contrary to Catholic teachings, they should be respectful of the church's moral values.

"We should be concerned when legitimate educational activity about such matters becomes advocacy or the perception of it," Father O'Connell said. "Positions contrary to the church are not, cannot and should not be presented as equally valid to what the church holds or teaches on our Catholic campuses."

The president of Wyoming Catholic College, Father Robert W. Cook, asked in his letter to Father Jenkins that he rescind his invitation to Obama.

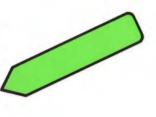
"While President Obama may have spoken eloquently and powerfully about race and has taken leadership of the country facing many challenges with intelligence, courage and honesty, his pro-abortion agenda trumps it all," Father Cook said in his letter. "No authentically Catholic organization can rightly honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles."

# SAN DIEGO CITY BEAT

April 1, 2009

### ONE TIME ONLY

1,969 Miles: Fibrimaker and USD grad John Carlos Frey will be on hand to premiere his documentary about U.S. border-security policies and their humanitarian impact. Screens at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre on the USD campus. Free.



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April 29, 2009

Vincent Who?: Documentary about the 1982 murder of Vincent Chin, who was killed by two autoworkers who accused the Chinese man of being A. Japanese, and B. responsible for Detroit's employment hemorrhage. Presented by the San Diego Asian Film Festival, it screens at 6 p.m. Wednesday, My 6, at the Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. Free:

April 30, 2009

CALENDAR

#### FILM

Freedom Riders Catch mountain-biking film capturing "the evolution of freeriding from stealth trail building to forging a working relationship with the U.S. Forest Service to establish the first-ever downhill specific trail...in the Teton Pass area of Wyoming." 619-922-0446. Thursday, April 30, 8 p.m.; Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Ray Street Studios, 3436 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Persepolis Ann Zivotsky leads discussions before and after "coming-of-age tale about finding one's place in the world" when Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes. Cinema chat at 1:30 p.m. In French with English subtitles. 760-602-2026. Saturday, May 2, 1:30 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired Documentary by Marina Zenovich reopens Polanski's controversial case. 619-236-5800. Monday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Vincent Who? San Diego Asian Film Foundation kicks off Asian Pacific Heritage Month with screening of Tony Lam and Curtis Chin's documentary focusing on "the historic murder case of Vincent Chin and its impact on our community." Codirector Curtis Chin is expected to take part in discussion about racism, dangers of labeling, my Film at 6 p.m., reception at p.m. 858-565-1264. Wedne May 6, 6 p.m.; free, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcald Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Food for Thought Film Series Scott Hamilton Kennedy's documentary *The Garden* tells story of 14-acre community garden in South Central Los Angeles whose farmers fought back when their garden was threatened with destruction by city hall. Event — fittingly, held in campus cafeteria — includes discussion about local food movement, ways to support return to locally grown, fresh, healthy food. 619-255-0345. Saturday, May 2, 6 p.m.; free. San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

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April 1, 2009

### POLITICS & COMMUNITY

\*BORDER FILM WEEK at Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 6811 University Ave., Rolando. USD's Trans-Border Institute presents 1969 Milles and Coyote, the final two films in the series, screen at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 9, respectively. 619-269-1550, www.sandiego.edu/tbi/events.

ZAHI DAMUNI at Meloolm X Library, 5148 Market St., Diamond District. Damuni, of the Al-Awda Palestine Right to Return Coalition, gives a presentation. There will also be a screening of Occupation 101. From 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. 619-255-4585.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR MARRIAGET at The Center, 3909 Centre St., Hillcrest. The San Diego LGBT Community Center hosts a town hall meeting to discuss the next steps in the fight for marriage equality. From 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 619-692-2077, www.eqca.org/townhall.

ELECTRONICS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY at E-World Recyclers, 2480 Ash Street, Vista. Bring your old computers, TVs, fax machines, and printers to be recycled for free. No large appliances or hazardous waste will be accepted. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 760-599-0888, www.eworldrecyclers.com.

\*TORREY PINES COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Households in the Torrey Pines Community, west of 1-5 and north of Del Mar Heights Road, will sell their tresh so it can become your treasure. From 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4. www.torreypinescommunity.org.

REYTHMS TO PEACE at USD, 5998
Alcala Park, Linda Vista. A screening of the short documentary *Rhythms to Peace*, about a woman working to bring peace to a divided village in Cameroon. O&A and recepts to follow. At the Peace and Justice Theory Computer From. 7 to 9 p.m. Monday.

April 6, 619-260-4681, www.sunandmoon vision.org/rhythmstopeace.html. \$20.

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Rhythms to Peace: Examines Susar Tenjoh-Okwen of Cameroon as she moderates a centurias-old dispute over exact ly who is chief of a village. Screens p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Peace and Justice Theatre on the USD campus. Free.

#### MUSIC

GRIATUDE MOBAIGUES at Neurosciences Institute 10540 John Jay Hopkins Drivs, La Jolla, The chamber music ensemble performs piaces by Haydn, Mozart and Schubett. At 6 p.m. Thursday, Ayerti #8, 856-626-2000, 930, www.sciens.org

ENGLAND'S ELGALLst Copicy Symphony Hait, 750 B St., Downtown. Conductor Jahja Ling Jaech the SD Symphony through piecess by English composer Edward Elgar. A 7:30 p.m. Thurwakay, April 38 and 6 p.m. Sacturakay, April 38. 18-236-904. 315. www.samdecoewnnony.com

\*-ONTELACIZED MUSEC at Lawrence Family Jewish Center, 4128 Executive Drive, La Jolie, Young artists from Europe perform works by Jewish composers marginalized during the Holpcaust. At 7 p.m. Thurseday, April 36, 585-457-303, 513, www.lift.co.org

MAINTAY MORAITY at Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John July Hopkins Delve, La Jolla. The Wellershin Rho performs works by Mozzat and Schurmans, All 9 p.m. Priday, Ayeth 94 and Saturday, April 85, 856-626-2000, \$48 www.meinbergart.com.

PEPPER GRIMES at Civin Center Theute, 1100 Third Ave. Downtown. The San Diego Opera presents its renoftion of Britten's classic opera. At 8 p.m., Petalay, April 24 and 2 p.m. Susatlay, April 26, 619-570-1100, \$29, www.adonest.com.

BALBA IN THE PARK of Chule Vista Memorial Bowl, 373 Park Way, Chule Vista. The Southwastern College Bossa & Afro-Cuban, Jazz Ensembles perforn a free concert. At 6 p.m. Fréday, Ayrill 84, www.swood.edu.

GLEN PHILLIPS at Yogs One, 1150 Seventh Ave., Downtown. The former Toed the Wet Sprocket frontman performs a solic concern. At 8 p.m. Priday, April 84, \$15, www.yogspneendlego.com.

\*\*BOLUERO MIGHTS at Voc Alla, 1754 National Ave, Barrio Logar, Missiolane Bill Cabullero, Dante Loaiza, Char Lopez, Paul Lopez and Glovanni Mejia perions songs respired by the 19th century Culan bolleto style. Af 9 pm. . Pridag, Agril 84, 619-230-1869. St. www.coalteproject.org.

GAT MENTS CHORUS at Sherwood Audionium, Maneum of Contemporary Art, La Jolia. The chorus performs "Really Big Songe," a collection of tunes from opers, filtr and Broadway. At 8 p.m., Saturday, April 85 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Audi 88, 858-54-5541, 55, www.gmod.com

MEUSICIANTECIA at Sunshine Brooke Theatis; 217 North Pacific Coast Hwy, North County, Islain mail-instrumentallate Roberto Cantalano and Eruo Fina perform their vension of "Mediteranean World Music." A7 p.m. Sakwaday, aped 38, 790-529 140, 915, www.coasnesidepublicilibrary.org

MARIOUS MOMERCE TRUD at Birch North Park. Theater, 2881 University Ave., North Park. Roberts and Oo, perform What's Wooderful Word, a bibuts to blass and gospel inofficers to jazz music. Al 8 p.m. Saturday, April 36,019-239-839.8 35, www.lajolanus/scopicity.org

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\*ADAMS AVENUE BOOTS & FOLK FEBT on Adams Avenue in Normal Heights. Over 30 biograms. Olds, blues and rock acts perform at this weekend event which includes two beer gardens and over 200 book and ornits ventories. See website for schedule. From 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Seitureley, Ayeril 88 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Seitureley, Ayeril 88 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Shanday, Ayeril 88, www.adamsevenching.

\*KARTIK BESTADRI at Mandeville Auditorium UCSO, La Jole. The meater siterist and Philip Glass lour male performs. At 8 p.m. Raburday, Agrid 95 J 958-534-TIXS. \$10, milaic.ucad.edu

BACE COLLEGIUM at St. Peter's Episcopal Church 334 14th St., Del Mer. The ensemble performs works b Purcell, Handel and Haydn led by Pierre Joubert, Mt p.m. Bundag, April 36, 656-755-1616, \$26, www.bsch

ALMONDINE WOODWIND QUINTING at Central Library, 820 E.St., Downtown D group consisting of players from Chamber Orchestra, Lyric Op

and La Joile Symphony Ow a free concert. At 2 pure 26, 819-230-5800, www.

Traid Perifor, USO, 5008 Alcala Park, Undi Vista, Rock eth Dearf Doard Confessioner, Ge Back Londer, Early States, The Dinner and th New Archaic all perform at this first-time music fease. From 5 to 9 p.m. Braadley, April 38 619-260-4651, \$25, www.sandiego.edu.

MUSIC & ART IN THE APTRIMOON at Enclinias Library, 540 Comish Drive, Enclinias, La Jolia Symphony & Chorus presents this concert festuring select musicians from the ensemble, alongside live art by Vansasa Lemen and Fallo Lindley, includes whe and refrestments. At 2 pm. Sunday, April 8e. \$15, www.stofislaw.monurope

RCOTT AINSLIE at Epic Guillers, 2656 Bate St., Carlebad. The blues guitartst holds a workshop, exploring silde lechniques and other methods. From 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, April Re. \$35, www.spicguitars.com

LA JOLLA SYMPHONY COMPETITION WINNERS at Lyceum Theatre, 79 Hotton Plaza, Downlown, Winners of the Symphony's Young Artiste Competition perform a free effernicon concert. At recon Microday, April. 27. 619-644-1000, www.fullstrensem.org

ART OF MLAN at San Diego Museum of Art, Babba Park. The ensemble performs its final concert of the season, honoring Amerkan jazz. At 7.p.m. Tuenday, April 86, 619 232-7931, \$25, www.artofelen.org

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**CALENDAR** 

University of San Diego: 5998 Alcala Park, USD, 619-260-4600.

Sunday, 5 p.m. — Dashboard
Confessional. With Get Back
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### OTHER EVENTS

#### TUESDAY, APR 28 - MEETING

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting will include speaker Michael Lincoln, director of the Foundation for Personal Financial Education. Organization: Retired Employees of San Diego County, Inc. Information: Karen Hazel (866) 688-9229 resdc@resdc.net Cost: No Cost When: Hours: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Where: Joyce Beers Hall, 4065 Vermont St., San Diego, Venue Phone - 92103

#### WEDNESDAY, APR 29 - SEMINAR

PEACE OF MIND IN TURBULENT TIMES

USD's Office of Corporate and Professional Education has tearned up with The Center for Wealth & Legacy Studies to offer the third seming in a four-part series on investing in turbulent times, protecting assets and handling turbulence in the family. Organization: USD Office of Corporate and Professional Education Information: Julia 619-260-7699 juliarose@sandiego.edu Cost: No Details Available When: Hours: 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM Where: USD Mother Rosalie Hill Hall's Warren Auditorium, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, 92110, Venue Phone - 619-260-4600

#### THURSDAY, MAY 7 - SUMMIT

FIRST SAN DIEGO MICROFINANCE SUMMIT

This summit will highlight the San Diego area's contribution to local and global microfinance and foster new partnerships to expand microfinance initiatives. Organization: San Diego Microfinance Summit Information: www.sdmicrofinancesummit.org Cost: \$10.00-\$25.00 When: Hours: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM Where: Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, 92110

April 23, 2009

CALENDAR

Get the Skinny on Gardening Annual home gardening seminar offered by Master Gardener Association begins with registration in Hahn University Center foyer. Classes cover myriad topics, including "Bringing Succulents into Your Garden," "Ten Steps to a Smart Garden," "Native Landscaping: Secrets for Success," "Fall and Winter Plowering Salvias," "Dragon Fruk," many, many more. Pay \$40 for choice of three classes (in advance); day-of registration is \$15 per open class. Suggested advance registration: 858-694-2860. Saturday, April 25, 7:30 a.m.; \$15-\$40. University of San Diego, 5998 AIGAIA Park. (LINDA VISTA)



# DAILY BUSINESS REPORT

April 2, 2009

San Diego Metropolitan & Uptown Examiner

### **LECTURE**

The Notre Dame Club of San Diego will host the Tesburgh Lecture on April 16 at the Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice on the USD campus. The lecture is an annual event held in honor of Father Ted Hesburgh, the former long-term president of the university. Professor Michael Lykoudis, dean of the School of Architecture at Notre Dame, will present "Building After the Oil Age in a Time of Global Warming" -- a lecture concerning how the principles of traditional architecture and urbanism will provide the foundation for sustainable development in the 21st century. Admission is free and open to the public. Appetizers and beverages will be served starting at 6:30 p.m., and the Hesburgh Lecture will begin at 7:15 p.m. RSVP to Kevin Reisch at (619) 992-6315 or kreischlaw@san.rr.com asap.

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The Boogle Moms®, Mindee Doney and Julie Pickens, Selected as Key-Note Speakers for Diego Moms in Business Unite Conference

First Annual Conference to Be Held September 16th, 2009 at the University of San Diego, Joan Kroc Institute
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SAN DIEGO -- (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The co-founders of Little Busy Bodies, Inc@, and inventors of Boogie Wipes@, Mindee Done Pickens, have been selected as the key-note speakers for the Moms in Business Unite Conference to be held at The University of San Diego, Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on September 16th, 2009. This conference is the vision of Mom Business Associates (MBA); a networking group for mom business owners who are looking to join a group that is sensitive to their needs and understands the challenges of being both business owner and mother. MBA provides support, training and resources for moms who already own a business, as well as a Mom to-Mom mentorship program for new entrepreneurs. The full day, educational conference will include the key-note address from The Boogle Moms®, panel discussions, breakout sessions, networking, award ceremonies, a resource marketplace, and on-site childcare to support and promote the growing number of women/mom-owned businesses.

"When we heard about the Moms in Business Unite Conference, we knew we wanted to get involved to exchange ideas and help be a resource to moms," said Mindee Doney, VP and Director of Marketing for Boogle Wipes. "We've been offering individual consulting to fellow mompreneurs trying to get their businesses off the ground, and being able to directly reach so many moms at the conference will be an amazing experience," she continued. "We consider ourselves very lucky to be able to share our experiences and knowledge, both as moms and business owners, with fellow budding mom entrepreneurs," said Julie Pickens, President and CEO of Boogle Wipes. "Hopefully our insight and advice will help bring these women the success they deserve," she added.

In addition to the key-note address from Mindee and Julie, educational break-out sessions will be focused into four tracks: GETTING STARTED, In addition to the key-note address from mindee and Julie, educational orear-out sessions will be roctused into lone tracks. Set TING 51 Act the ideal sessions for women who want to learn how to start her own business, RUNNING EFFICIENTLY, the perfect sessions for women who have their established businesses but want to learn how to run it more efficiently, NEXT LEVEL, a jumping off point for those who have a thriving business and want to get ahead of the curve, and INVENTOR FAST TRACK, taught by the The Boogle Moms®, where attendees will benefit from real-world knowledge and learn how to take their inventions from "concept to cart." More conference details are available at www.momsinbusinessunite.com

\*As the Key Note Speakers and facilitators of all four Inventor Fast Track sessions, The Boogle Moms® will provide exceptional value by offering tangible, relevant knowledge to our attendees, who represent the fast growing segment of women/mom business owners," said Randa Cote, Moms in Business Unite Chairwoman, mom, and founder of SPE Solutions, a growing management consulting company.

#### ABOUT BOOGIE WIPES®

Mindee Doney and Julie Pickens, often referred to as The Boogle Moms®, developed Boogle Wipes® in 2007 as a solution for their kids' runny, red noses. After trying to use saline spray, bulb syringes and regular dry tissue, they became certain there had to be a better way to treat a stuffy nose. Months of market research resulted in an answer as plain as the nose on their face -a saline-infused moist wipe that soothes chapped, sore noses while dissolving mucus. After an extensive development and manufacturing process, and keeping their noses to the grindstone, Mindee and Julie shipped their first order of Boogle Wipes® in December, 2007. Since then, Boogle Wipes has found the smell of sweet success selling in 30,000 retail stores nationwide. The Boogle Moms® are thrilled their innovative idea helps parents and kids boogle through cold season without missing a beat!

#### ABOUT MOM BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

Founded in 2007 by Dr. Sherry Nouraini, the mission of Mom Business Associates (MBA) is to remove barriers for Mom Business Owners and the growing community of Stay At Home Moms, so that they can become successful as both independent income earners and care givers for their families. MBA supports Mom Business Owners by providing a business networking environment that is sensitive to their challenges and needs as mothers. MBA supports its members in their efforts to gain financial independence, by providing free business coaching, education and guidance. The true measure of success in life is the degree by which balance is maintained between work and personal endeavors; MBA has been established to help moms achieve that balance, www.mombusinessassociates.com

#### Contacts

Moms in Business Unite Randa Cote, Chairwoman 619-548-1821 rcote@momsinbusinessunite.com

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## Daily Business Report

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### **HOW TINY LOANS DO BIG THINGS**

The first San Diego Microfinance Summit is set for May 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at <u>USD's</u> <u>Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice</u>. The conference, which will highlight the local and international work of San Diego's microfinance organizations. Lynn McMullen, executive director of the Peace Alliance and a longtime microfinance consultant and fundraiser, will give the keynote address. Registration is \$25 for the general public and \$10 for students. Details are at <a href="http://www.sdmicrofinancesummit.org">http://www.sdmicrofinancesummit.org</a>.

April 23, 2009

### OTHER EVENTS

#### THURSDAY, APR 23 - COURSE

**EVENT MARKETING COURSE** 

This course examines how to use events to promote products, services and organizations. Organization: University of San Diego Information: Monica 619-260-5986 monica@sandiego.edu Cost: No Details Available When: Hours: 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Where: USD Douglas F. Manchester Executive Conference Center, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, 92110, Venue Phone - 619-260-4600

#### THURSDAY, APR 23 - WORKSHOP

NETWORKING TO NETWEAVING

Join us for Networking to Netweaving: Start weaving your contacts into relationships. Workshop includes lots of interaction and netweaving. Organization: Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Information: (760) 931-8400 Cost: \$10.00- \$30.00 When: Hours: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Where: Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, 5934 Priestly Dr., Carlsbad, 92008, Venue Phone - (760) 931-8400

#### FRIDAY, APR 24 - SEMINAR

BUILD SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS ON FACEBOOK

Are you using Facebook to build your company's brand? Johnny Chan from eBoost Consulting says Facebook is now a social network you can't ignore! Learn a proven approach to usign this social media tool that you can apply immediately! You'll get an inside look at ideation, strategy and execution for the most successful Facebook campaigns. Organization: Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP Information: www.sheppardmullin.com Cost: \$35.00-\$45.00 When: Hours: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Where: Sheppard Mullin, 12275 El Camino Real, Suite 200, San Diego, 92130

#### FRIDAY, APR 24 - WORKSHOP

LEARN WITH LUNCH BYTES

The chamber and a Microsoft-certified trainer from Fusion Factor Corporation will offer PowerPoint Beginners and an advance class. Organization: Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Information: Angela Holman 760-931-8400 aholman@carlsbad.org Cost: \$10.00 When: Hours: 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Where: Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, 5934 Priestly Dr., Carlsbad, Venue Phone - 760-931-8400

### WEDNESDAY, APR 29 - WORKSHOP

UNDERSTANDING RECENT CHANGES TO FMLA AND COBRA

Participants will learn about several new laws, including revisions to the Family Medical Leave Act. Organization: Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Information: Deveney Gibbons 760-931-8400 dgibbons@carlsbad.org Cost: \$25.00- \$35.00 When: Hours: 7:30 AM -9:00 AM Where: Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, 5934 Priestly Dr., Carlsbad, Venue Phone - 760-931-8400

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#### OTHER EVENTS

#### TUESDAY, APR 21 - DINNER PROGRAM

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#### TUESDAY, APR 21 - BREAKFAST MEETING

ESCONDIDO STATE OF THE CITY BREAKFAST

The State of the City Breakfast will feature, Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler. Prepaid reservations are required and accepted through April 17th. Seating is limited. Organization: Escondido Chember of Commerce Information: Suzanne Woods (760) 745-2125, ext. 204 swoods@escondidochamber.org Cost: \$10.00- \$15.00 When: Starts: 7:30 AM Where: Escondido Country Club, 1800 W. Country Club Lane, Escondido, 92026

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#### TUESDAY, APR 21 - DINNER MEETING

EWI MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Join us this month with special guest appearance by Elaine Swann, The Etiquette Lady, who will be presenting Business Etiquette. Organization: Executive Women International (EWI) Information: Pat Evans pat.evans@visitsandiego.com Cost: \$45.00 When: Starts: 5:30 PM Where: Marriott, Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real, San Diego, 92130

#### TUESDAY, APR 21 - WORKSHOP

HOW GREAT COMPANIES TURN CRISIS INTO OPPORTUNITY

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#### WEDNESDAY, APR 22 - BREAKFAST MEETING

MANAGING EMPLOYMENT COSTS/ISSUES DURING TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES
Marie Burke Kenny, Esq., Partner at Luce Forward will address the
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### Local resident saves animals with \$1.4 million grant

#### **OrgWatch**

By Jenna Long

The San Diego Humane Society unveiled its new "Paws to Success" program, which is designed to save the lives of hundreds of pets that are euthanized in San Diego area shelters each year due to treatable medical or behavioral conditions.

The program will be funded with it \$1.4 million granf by the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) through a gift from the late Edith Hakes, a San Diego resident and long-time supporter of both the San Diego Humane Society and ASPCA.

While the San Diego Humane Society has not had to euthanize a "treatable" animal in more than eight years, other shelters have not been as fortunate. Through assessing the reasons for euthanasia of these pets in San Diego shelters during the last year, the San Diego Humane Society created the Paws to Success program with the goal of reducing the euthanasia of treatable animals in shelters countywide by 20 percent by 2010, and ultimately ending euthanasia of treatable animals within 10

"Many shelters across the county are working with limited resources," says San Diego Humane Society President Dr. Mark Goldstein. "Unfortunately, when the resources are not available to treat these pets, they are euthanized. The Paws to Success initiative will open up valuable new resources to shelters across the county, providing a safety net to hundreds of San Diego's pets." Source Cod. 20090409tga

The University of San Diego's Division of Continuing Education will launch a new art certificate program in May. The program, "Business for the Arts and Nonprofit Art Organizations," (BANAO)

The program, "Rusiness for the Arts and Nonprofit Art Organizations," (BANAO) was designed to meet the needs of the art professional and foster creative alliances, so he or she can confidently overcome the challenges of today's art market. A free Informational Session will be held at USD's Manchester Executive Conference Center on April 21 from 6-7 p.m. for potential students to meet instructors and learn about the program.

For more information regarding this program and registration, contact Karla Duarte, academic art program coordinator, at kduarte@sandiego.edu or 619-260-5986 or go to sandiego.edu/business-forarts. The University of San Diego is located at 5998 Alcalé Park, San Diego, CA 92110. Source Code: 20090409tgb

Flood Church and the Kearny High student body will host Shine Day, a community-wide "spring-clean" for the Linda Vista neighborhood, on May 2 at Kearny High School.

The daylong event consists of four opportunities to serve the Linda Vista community: Kearny High and residential clean-up and improvement, which involves working together to beautify the high school campus and helping Linda Vista residents with house projects and spring cleaning, a community-wide rummage sale and a medical fair. The rummage sale will be held in the Kearny High parking lot, where residents are invited to sell their items at a mini-street fair, and the medical fair will feature health education presentations and free health screenings.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the corner of Mesa College Drive and Linda Vista Avenue. To volunteer, contact Shine @ DIVBinto-FLOOD.com or 858-268-2330. For more information, visit DIVE into FLOOD.com.

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ome families and affected by the ecomic crisis were encouraged to visit the food bank for assistance from 30 organizations that hosted information hooths, helping people sign up for job training and employment, food stamps, Medi-Cal, emergency housing, discount utility programs, low-cost health care, disabled and senior services and more.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger joined the effort along with major nonprofits hosting info tables; San Diego Charger players handing out 15 tons of food; 35 trained IRS volunteers; food stamp outrach volunteers; and thousands of families affected by the economic crisis.

Also, The Grainger Foundation, based on recommendations from five local Grainger branch managers, has donated \$70,000 to the San Diego Food Bank to help bridge the gap for food assistance in the local community. The donation will provide more than 200,000 meals for San Diego residents and families. Source Code: 20090409tgd

Mission Federal Credit Union formally announced its title sponsorship for ArtWalk 2008:

'Mission Pederal ArtWalk is

a large, free arts and cultural festival during the weekend of April 25 and 26 in Little Italy, where the streets will be transformed into 16 blocks of arts, music, food and culture in action.

Now in its 25th year, Mission Federal ArtWalk features more than 150 artists, 25 bands, vendors, food and fun—including a special area at Amici Park known as "KidaWalk," for creative,

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hands-on arts and crafts and
family activities.

Mission Federal Credit Union partnered with the ArtWalk team in 2008 as the performance stage sponsor. Through partnering with Mission Federal in 2008, we discovered many shared core values, especially as it relates to our focus on providing arts education for children, said Sandi Cottrell, executive director, Mission Federal ArtWalk Source Code: 20090409tge

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<u>University of San Diego</u> Office of Corporate and Professional Education in partnership with Strategic Development Worldwide annouce a timely and effective workshop designed to help CEOs and executive management take a fresh look at the way they run their business. Organization: University of San Diego Information: Julia (619) 260-7699 monica@sandiego.edu Cost: \$150.00 When: Hours: 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Where: University of San Diego (Manchester Center), Marian Way (off Linda Vista Road), Şan Diego

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EVENT MARKETING COURSE

This course examines how to use events to promote products, services and organizations. Organization: University of San Diego Information: Monica 619-260-5986 monica@sandiego.edu Cost: No Details Available When: Hours: 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Where: USD Douglas F. Manchester Executive Conference Cen, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, 92110, Venue Phone - 619-260-4600

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April 20, 2009

### On the Agenda

By Rebecca Go

SAN DIEGO — Financing is a hot topic in any industry these days, and it's the subject of an inaugural clean technology industry gathering in San Diego this week. The Cleantech Capital Summit, organized by Infocast, brings together the decision-makers and the capital providers to focus on the money, the financial structures and market trends.

The Pacific Safety Council offers a weeklong safety course Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To register, visit safetycouncilonline com.

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CB Richard Ellis (NYSE:
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on Monday for a free seminar from 12-1 p.m. on real estate challenges faced by new com-

Fired U.S. prosecutor David Iglesias delivers a lecture Monday at 7 p.m. about the Bush administration's firing of seven U.S. attorneys, including Carol Lam of San Diego. The event at the Price Center East Ballroom at UC San Diego is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Shamara Madrid at 858-534-1704 or smadrid@ucsd.edu.

The city of Escondido features its State of the City address Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

with Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler.
The North Chamber of
Commerce hosts its quarterly
technology (Q-Tech) workshop Tuesday from 7:30-9:30
a.m. at the Chamber office in
Rancho Bernardo. Attendees
will learn how to maximize
mobile devices, software and
other useful office technology.
To register, visit sduce.com or
call 858-487-1767.

The University of San Diego holds a profit improvement workshop for executives on Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to noon. CEOs and other executives are invited to take a fresh look at the way they run their businesses. For more information, visit

sandiego.edu/profitimprovement or contact Julia at juliarose@sandiego.edu at 619-260-7699.

The North County chapter of the Lawyers Club of San Diego seeks out investing secrets with financial adviser Morgan Smith at its Tuesday program at 12:15 p.m. RSVP to chapter president Dawn Hall Cauthen at dhe@procopio.com.

San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union tackles budgeting basics at its workshop Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. To register, call 619-278-6724 or e-mail

workshops@sdmcu.org.
San Diego Software
Industry Council hones skills
in evaluating a sales presentation at its Tuesday program
from 5:30-7:30 p.m. A local
executive will be showcasing
online research company
iTracks. To register, visit
sadsic.org and click on "More
Events."

The local chapter of Executive Women International brings in etiquette mayen Elaine Swann for a discourse on business

ner m nformatio vans@visitty of San Diego
vans@visitprogram on Tuesday in an
informational session from 67 p.m. The certificate in
Business for the Arts and
Nonprofit Art Organizations
aims to train professionals in
managing art projects,

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fundraising, sales and more.
Women's Global Network
hosts international speaker
and trainer Catherine
Mowbray Lorenz to educate
attendees on handling international relationships with
poise. To register for the 68:30 p.m. Thesday event, visit
wgn-global.com and click on
"Calendar of Events."

San Diego hosts the inaugural Cleantech Capital Summit, which starts Wednesday with a welcome address by San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and runs through Friday. The event brings together industry players to discuss cleantech financing. For more information, with the control of the control infocastinc.com/cleantech.

The local Building Industry Association chapter hosts a panel discussion on Wednesday from 7:30-9 a.m. on negotiating and communicating with investors and lenders. To register, visit biasandiego.org.

lenders. To register, visit biasandiego.org.
The North Chamber of Commerce hosts Michelle Bergquist of CWI at its Women's Wednesday Roundtable for an 8 a.m. talk on building up high-quality contacts. To register, visit schee.com or call 858-487-1767.

Biocom holds a workshop on intellectual property Thursday from 7-11 a.m. An expert panel will offer advice and guidance on how to manage portfolios in changing economic times. To register, riest biocom ors.

visit biocom.org.
Citizens Coordinate for
Century 3 addresses redevelopment issues at its breakfast
dialogue Thursday from 7:309:15 a.m. Reserve a spot by
contacting 619-232-7196 or
c3sandiego.sbcglobal.net.

Real estate experts gather to dispense advice and tips on buying real estate Thursday at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Gary Laturno at 619-741-9652 or gary

laturno@cox.net.

The Alpine & Mountain Empire Chamber of Commerce hosts Daily Transcript Executive Editor George Chamberlin for a talk on markets Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To register, visit alpinechamber.com and click on Events."

The local National Investor Relations Institute chapter examines XBRL, also known as extensible business reporting language, at its Thursday program from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Register by Monday at nirisandiego.org. The San Diego Software

The San Diego Software Industry Council analyzes the financial crisis with University of San Diego professor and former investment banker Frank Partnoy on Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Partnoy will discuss the historical parallels to this financial crisis, the financial models and opportunities for analytics. To register, visit solic.org and click on "More Events."

# WESTERN REAL ESTATE NEWS

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#### Del Mar

### TO OPEN COLLECTION

Premium, 1215 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. Plans to open a new office at 12835 Point Del Mar Way.

#### NEW BRANCH SCHOOL

Mc Carthy Building Company, 1341 North Rock Hill Road, St. Louis, MI. Construction underway on a 382,000 sq. ft. Scripps Cardiovascular Institute at 9888 Genesee Avenue.

#### Oceanside

#### NEW BRANCH SCHOOL

Vista Unified, 1234 Arcadia Avenue, Vista, Plans to open a new branch school at 5760 Melrose Drive.

### NEW BRANCH SCHOOL

Dehesa Elementary, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon. Plans to open a new branch school at

#### Rancho Bernardo

#### PROPOSED HOSPITAL

Kaiser Hospital, 1 Kaiser Plaza, Oakland, Plans to open a new branch hospital at 17140 bernardo Center.

Hanna Gabriel Wells, 4993 Niagara Avenue Ste. 200, San Diego. Plans to construct and open a new branch library at 4255 Mount Abernathy Avenue.

### TO OPEN TRAINING

## The Center For Employment

Floor, San Jose, Plans to open a new branch office at 4153-4183 Market Street.

### LIBRARY

Martinez & Cutri Corporation, 750 "B" Street Ste. 1740, San Diego, Construction underway on a 25,000 sq. ft. library at 567 South 28th Street.

### AGENCY

PLANNED HOSPITAL

Rady's Children Hospital,

Plans to construct a 4-story

that consist of 80-rooms at

3020b Children's way.

PLANED MIXED USE

acute care facility for children

University of San Diego, 5335

Remington Road, San Diego.

Plans to develop a 1,000-unit

10,000 sq. ft. conference room,

admin office and retail space at

apartment complex with a

5335 Remington Road

3020 Children's way, San Diego.

#### Johnson & Roundtree

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Lakeside Union Elementary, 12335 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside. Plans to open a new branch school at 2410 Mount Elena Way.

#### CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY HOSPITAL

17252 Cludcroft Drive.

#### San Diego

#### NEW BRANCH LIBRARY

#### FACILITY

Training, 701 Vine Street 2nd

### CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

#### San Diago County

#### Carlsbad

### TO OPEN LIFE INSURANCE Lincoln Natural Corporation,

150 North Radnor-Chester, Radnor, PA. Plan to open a new branch office at 6183 Paseo Del Norte Ste. 280.

#### NEW BRANCH WIRELESS STORE

Greatcall Inc. P.O. Box 4428, Carlsbad. Plans to open a new branch store at 1950 Camino Vida Roble

#### CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY INDUSTRIAL OFFICE

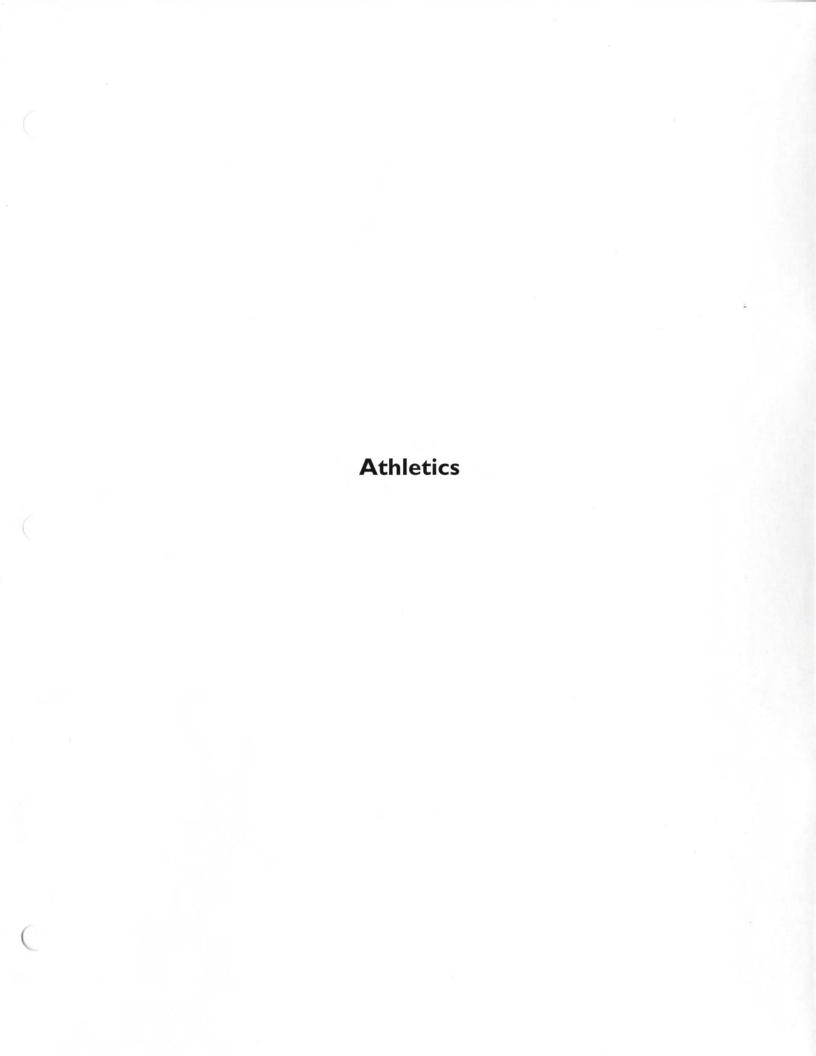
Opus Corporation, 10350 Bren Road West, Minnetonka, MN. Construction underway on a 610,564 sq. ft. industrial office at Lionhead Avenue & Melrose Drive.

#### TO OPEN NATIONAL CLINIC

San Diego State University Research, 5250 Campanile Drive, San Diego. Plan to open a new medical clinic at 450 Fourth Avenue

#### TO OPEN PHYSICAL THERAPY

Integrated Physical Therapy. 7910 Frost Street, San Diego. Plans to open a new branch office at 450 Fourth Avenue.



SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

April 9, 2009

## NCAA rules USD's Rogan is eligible for '09

USD All-America running back **J.T. Rogan** has been granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA after missing almost the entire 2008 season because of a left knee injury.



J.T. Rogan

"There was a lot of thought that it wasn't going to happen," said Rogan, a Coronado High graduate. "But I felt like the case we put together was very strong. I'm always going to be a Torero. I'm just excited to be an 'active' Torero again."

In the first quarter of the 2008 season opener against Marist, Rogan suffered a complete tear of the anterior cruciate ligament, a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament, medial and lateral meniscus damage, and a lateral femoral condyle microfracture.

Rogan, who redshirted his freshman year, had to file for medical and hardship waivers to receive the sixth year. He received the good news two days ago from USD compliance coordinator **Brent LeVasseur**, whom Rogan credits for getting the extra year.

In 2007 Rogan was named first team FCS All-America and led the nation in kickoff returns. As a running back in 2007, he rushed for 1,021 yards and 10 TDs, while catching 30 balls for seven TDs. USD opens the 2009 season Sept. 1 at Azusa Pacific, and Rogan said he expects to play in that game. He had to undergo a second surgery in February to have scar tissue removed and said he's about "60-65 percent" right now.

"He really has two major hurdles to overcome," said USD head coach Ron Caragher. "He got over the first one. Now he has to worry about his health. The one thing on his mind is to get that knee back in shape in four months' time and it will be here sooner than later. But we're excited and we welcome him back."

Rogan has been assisting the coaches since spring camp started last month, working with the running backs. The team breaks camp with an intrasquad game April 25 at 11 a.m. at Torero Stadium.

- KEVIN GEMMELL

# San Diego Union-Tribune

April 27, 2009



USD wide receiver John Matthews signed with the Indianapolis Colts as an undrafted free agent. The 6-foot, 200-pound Matthews, a first-team FCS All-American, said he received offers from the Colts, Chargers and Baltimore Ravens.

"It pretty much came down to flipping a coin between San Diego and the Colts," Matthews said last night from his family's home in Colorado. "I had a good feeling about it. (The Colts) showed a lot of interest throughout the whole process. It was a very tough decision. But I'm going forward with it and feeling good about it."

Last season Matthews caught 102 balls for 1,478 yards and 21 touch-downs for the non-scholarship Toreros and was named the Pioneer Football League's Offensive Player of the Year. He leaves for Indianapolis on Thursday and reveled at the prospect of catching balls from Peyton Manning.

"If that happens, it's going to be pretty surreal," Matthews said. "There are a lot of great receivers on that roster and I'm excited for the opportunity."

The Colts drafted one wide receiver, BYU's Austin Collie in the fourth round.

Staff writer Kevin Gemmell contributed to this report.

## Matthews might be a nice catch

USD star seeking chance in NFJ

By Kevin Gemmell STAFF WRITER

John Matthews is tiring of John Matthews is tring of draft labels. Bubble guy, fringe guy, draftable, not draftable, blah, blah, blah. "I just want to get things moving," said the most deco-rated wide receiver in USD history, "I

rated wide re history. "I don't care where I end up. I just want a want a chance to play and show what I can do."

Whether John
Matthews is Matthews
selected in
this weekend's NFL Draft or this weekend's NFL Draft or signs as a free agent remains to be seen. His agent, Jack Bechta, says it's 50-50 if Mat-thews gets picked in the sev-en-round draft, but at least one expert has him off the board.

one expert has him off the board.

"I haven't spoken to teams that have shown a draftable interest," said Nolan Nawrocki of Pro Pootball Weekly.

The really good NFL teams, they make their living drafting from Round 8 on. A lot of teams still find a lot of great talent. Look at what San Diego did in 2003. They came away with three pro bowl players in Antonio Gates, Kris Diekman and Kassim Osgood. All undrafted free agents. I'm not sure anyone has matched that feat."

But Matthews isn't put off by the prophecy. He's confident his résume speaks for itself: FCS first-team All-American, Walter Payton Award finalist, Floneer Football League Offensive Player of the Year. And with a slew of USD receiving records to his credit, Matthews said he'll open some eyes.
"I feel confident once I end up in a camp that I'll surprise poonle and excreed people's

up in a camp that I'll surprise people and exceed people's expectations," he said. "I think I can be a guy who can

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as, according to Becina, that are interested in
him as a free agent. The 5foot, 200-pound Matthews has
taken trips to Seattle and Indianapolis and has also worked
out for the Chargers.

anapous and has also worked out for the Chargers. Last year the Chargers signed USD defensive end Eric Bakhtiari as a free agent. He was cut at the end of train-ing camp but spent time on ing camp but spent time on the practice squads of tige Chargers and seers before resigning with the Chargers this winter. Bechta, who also represents Bakhtiari, said the Chargers will get the sainer treatment as any other team. I know (Director of College Scouting) John Spanos and (General Manager) A.J. Smith and the receivers coach have done their homework on

have done their homework on him," Bechta said. "They are a believer in him. I know that. believer in him. I know that They will most likely be on the short list anyway, depending on what they do in the draft. If they draft a few receivers, they will move down on our board just like any other team. My job is to send John to the team where he has the best opportunity. And just because he can drive to the facility doesn't mean a thing."

Matthews' numbers this, season were as good as any

season were as good as any receiver in the country. He caught 102 balls for 1,478 yards and 21 touchdowns.

#### **Toreros update**

USD is in the final week of spring football. All practices this week are open to the public before the team breaks camp Saturday with an intrasquad scrimmage. For details, go to usdtoreros.com.

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## NORTH COUNTY TIMES

April 26, 2009

### LOCAL COLLEGES

## No. 16 TCU outlasts San Diego State

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

TCU scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning to take its first lead of the afternoon and then held on for an 8-7 victory over the San Diego State baseball team Saturday at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

The win improved the 16thranked Horned Frogs to 26-12 overall and 7-4 in the Mountain West Conference. The No. 19 Aztecs dropped to 28-16 and 10-7 in conference.

After the visitors opened the game with a run in the top of the first, SDSU came back to put four on the board in the bottom of the inning. Freshman Jomel Torres then tripled to right-center, scoring two runs to make it 4-1.

The Horned Frogs closed to within a run in the third on a two-run homer by Matt Carpenter, but the Aztecs responded with a run in the bottom of the same inning on a double by Erik Castro and RBI single by Cory Vaughn.

San Diego State re-took the lead in the bottom of the fifth as Blackburn's single was followed by Jomel Torres' first collegiate home run to give SDSU a 7-5 advantage.

#### **Toreros rap Portland**

The University of San Diego baseball team pounded out 17 hits en route to a 13-4 win over the University of Portland in a West Coast Conference game at USD's Cunningham Stadium.

The Toreros improved to 26-17 overall (9-5 in the WCC) and coupled with a Loyola Marymount loss, the Toreros are again tied for first place in the WCC. With the loss, the Pilots fell to 21-19 overall and 5-9 in the WCC.

AJ Griffin (7-2) turned in a dominant pitching performance for the Toreros, as he allowed three runs on six hits, while striking ou 10 bars

### Trujillo shines in senimmage

The USD football team closed out spring practice with the Blue-White scrimmage at Torero Stadium.

Quarterback Sebastian Trujillo led the way offensively as he completed 13-of-21 passes for 227 yards and three touchdowns. He connected for two scores to wide receiver Godrey Smith, who hauled in TD receptions of 80 and 9 yards.

### **CSUSM** sweeps finale

The Cal State San Marcos softball team defeated Hope International 9-0 and 4-1 to close the regular season with a 30-21 record.

In game one, pitcher Ciera Ashman threw a five-inning shutout and hit a grand slam. Game two was ace pitcher and senior Melissa Lerno's last home start, and she threw a complete-game three-hitter.

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### Anderson lineman commits to USD

By Rick Cantu | Monday, April 6, 2009, 04:02 PM

Mickey Crawford, an offensive and defensive lineman for the Anderson High football team, has signed to play for the University of San Diego.

A team captain, Crawford was a second team all-district defensive lineman last season and was named to the honorable mention list at guard. He played both ways for the Trojans in the final three games of the season.

On defense, Crawford had 40 tackles (22 solo), three sacks and forced two fumbles.

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### SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

April 21, 2009

#### PREP TUESDAY

### Combines seeping down to high school players

### By Kevin Gemmell STAFF WRITER

The NFL Combine might be the ultimate cattle call. Top college players are herded into Indianapolis and evaluated from head to toe.

If the same idea is applied to

high school football, does that make the prepsters veal?

If so, 'iis the season for the calves to graze.

As the NFL prepares for an-

other draft this weekend, the next generation of top players - as some would have them believe - gears up for high

school combines and camps

Designed to catalog players' skills and help them market themselves to college coaches, combines are popping up across the country, continuing the trend that what happens in the NFL and college eventually

will trickle down to the preps.

"Recruiting can be such an exciting time, but it can also be a very confusing time," Cathedral Catholic football coach Sean Doyle said. "There are a lot of different people pulling these kids in different direc-

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### Scholarship hunt leads players to attend combines

tions."

Some see combines as just another way to cash in on high school athletes. From summer leagues and AAU club teams to corporate-sponsored all-star games, Madison Avenue hasn't been shy about putting its names and products in front of

Most major sports apparel companies offer high school combines, with the promise that hundreds of college coaches will have access to a player's

vital statistics.

Does it work? Depends whom you ask.

The National Athletic Test-ing System (NATS) has conducted combines in San Diego the past two years. In 2008, it had more than 120 participants. When the NATS combine returns next month, organizers expecting more than 200.

John Aaron, national director of testing for the nonprofit com-pany based in Florida, said more than 600 college pro-grams use the NATS combine results. NATS has aligned itself with the American Football Coaches Association, which Aaron said ensures a non-biased, standardized testing

Some argue that combines create false expectations for athletes, but Aaron said the NATS program provides just

the opposite.
We're not in the business of "We're not in the business of making lide look good or bad," Aaron said. "Our program gives them a reality check so they can understand where they are. It's standardized across the country, and they can see what percentile they are in. It's like the SAT. You have a total score. If you are a 4.9 guy (in the 40-yard dash), you are a 4.9 guy. That's the way it's going to be."

Blue-chip players are going to be noticed. It's the fringe athlete — and the smaller col-leges that don't have significant recruiting budgets — that many combines target. At Valhalla High next month,

former Chargers Pro Bowl run-ning back Chuck Muncie will hold a combine. He said what separates his company from others is his combine will be streamed live on the Internet. for college coaches to watch. The NCAA ruled in 2006 that coaches weren't allowed to at-

tend combines.

Muncle's company, IBN
Sports, creates an online video
profile of the athlete, complete with game film that players can upload and video of the com-bine. Muncie said more than 600 college coaches use his ser-

In addition to games on Friday nights, high school football players have other opportunities to show their skills to college recruiters:

Whist: Athletes are measured on speed, strength and agility.

Whys To document performance and make those numbers available to college coaches.

Who: Generally open to high school players of all ages.

Whenk Usually in late spring or summer when college coaches have wrapped up suring workouts and are looking ahead to the next year's recruiting season. Combines typically last one day.

Accementer: Most combines have an online database that college coaches can access for free. Some offer online streaming of the combine and video profiles of each event.

Costs Most are between \$55 and \$75. Some have "add-ons" like Web pages for the athletes that can be customized and updated for about \$200. Local: National Athletic Testing System (NATS) combine, May 9, Chargers Park (nats.us). IBN Sports Muncie Combine, May 30, Vathalla High orts.com/muncie).

#### COLLEGE CAMPS

What: The NCAA does not allow college coaches to attend combines, so some colleges hold their own two-day camps. Athletes are measured the first day when college coaches are not present. The second day is devoted to position drills and a skills camp. Coaches are allowed to watch but can't make contact with players outside of the recruiting period.

Why: Primarily a recruiting tool for college coaches to get potential players on their campus to evaluate them.

Who Some of the more prestigious camps are invitation only. Others are open to all players.

Whens Most camps occur in the late spring or summer.

Accessories: Multiple recruiting sites film the skills day and post the video

Costs Between \$50-\$175 for individuals and up to \$400 for groups or

Lecal: San Diego State is holding its passing camp June 12-13 and June 19-20, plus an individual skilis camp June 17. USC is holding its Rising Stars

- KEVIN GEMMELL

Online: Jerry Ralph, formuly of St. Augustine, to coach football at new Del Norte High in 45 Ranch, Story at utprepsports.co

vice. "Our information because we file Muncie said. during the in We film th We run it eletal. It's to the theirs a exact sa college comput tions. So a an sit at his compute with a stop watch and time the video if he wants. USD football coach Ron Car-agher, who was formerly re-

cruiting coordinator for Ken-tucky in the ultra-competitive Southeastern Conference, said combine information is useful to a point.

"What we see on film, game footage, watching plays, game speed, that's really the more dominant assessment tool," Caragher said. "(Combine) numbers may support what you see on film, but it's always sec-

see on film, but it's always secondary. Frimary is what we see
playing the game of football.
That's what we're recruiting
our guys for."
Cathedral Catholic senior
running back Tyler Gaffney,
who was chosen California
Player of the Year and has accented a scholarship to cepted a scholarship to

Stanford, attended the USC Nise. ing Stars combine/position amp. Gaffney said politics big part in selecting a

bine. It's nice to show off if you re fast and strong," said Gall-ney, who set the San Diege Section season rushing record with 2,866 yards. "But ultimate! ly it comes down to what they see you doing on film."

With about a dozen national combines intertwined with hundreds of regional combines and camps, it's difficult for the average player/parent to decipher what is legitimate. There is a conflict of interest

with some of the guys who run
the combines," Aaron said. "A
lot them sell products and this
is a marketing tool for them.
And God bless them because
it's a capitalistic society. But they want kids to feel good when they leave, so if someone runs a 4.9, they give him a 4.7. You are opening up, for lack of a better term, Pandora's box because they have unrealistic expectations of who they are. "We're not trying to sell app-

were not dying to sen ago-thing. If you run a 4.5, you run a 4.5. And that means you're frig-gin' fast. If you don't, you're going to know where you stand."

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# San Diego Union-Tribune

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LOCAL COL

The USD men's basketball team announced the signing of Rafael Crescencio of Santo Andre, Brazil, to a national letter of intent. Crescencio, a 6-foot-9, 220-pound forward-center, will have two years of eligibility with the Toreros. Crescencio played at Arizona Western College in Yuma the past two seasons. As a sophomore he helped the Matadors win the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference title.

· After playing what they believed was their final game at Sunset Cliffs Park three weeks ago, the players on the Point Loma Nazarene softball team have been granted one last homestand. The Sea Lions will host a round of the GSAC playoffs starting today. Vanguard and Concordia open with a game at noon, and the winner meets PLNU in a best-of-three series starting at 2 p.m. The second game will be played at noon tomorrow, with the third game following at 2 p.m., if necessary. (For video of PLNU's last regular-season game at its longtime field, go to uniontrib.com/sports.)

- NICOLE VARGAS\_

## SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

April 1, 2009

# Toreros coch Grier: No inter in Wazzu job

By Hank V

USD men's basketball coach Bill Grier said yesterday that he was unaware his name had been among those rumored as candidates for the Washington State job and indicated he was not interested in being considered for it.

Grier, an Oregon native and University of Oregon graduate, speculated his name was mentioned because of his Pacific Northwest background. He spent 16 years as an assistant at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., before taking over two years ago at USD.

"I'm not going to get into the coaching (job carousel) thing," Grier said. "I feel good about the kids we have returning here next season and I'm happy with where I am. This is a good place with a lot of very good people to work with."

In his first season at USD, Grier led the Toreros to a 22-14 record, West Coast Conference Tournament championship and an opening-round NCAA Tournament victory over Connecticut. After the season, Grier interviewed for the Oregon State head coaching position that eventually went to Craig Robinson,

brother-in-law of President Barack Obama.

Beset with injuries and discipline problems, USD went 16-16 this past season and was eliminated in the quarterfinal round of the WCC Tournament.

Grier said he had no regrets about how the Oregon State situation worked out.

"I think OSU hired the right guy," Grier said. "I made the decision I thought was best for my family and I'm happy with it. Our season (at USD) didn't go as well as anybody — players, coaches or fans — thought and hoped it would, but I'm optimistic for next year."

Among the other possible candidates mentioned for the Washington State job are Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett, a former USD assistant, and current Gonzaga assistant Ray Giacoletti, who replaced Grier on Mark Few's staff.

Giacoletti is a former head coach at Utah, Eastern Washington and North Dakota State

The Washington State position became open Monday when Tony Bennett accepted the job at Virginia.

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# Cougars looking at USD's Grier

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS



ington State athletic director Jim Sterk identified two coaches — Grier and Portland State coach Ken Bone — as potential targets for the job that was left vacant when Tony Bennett resigned to take the same position at Virginia. Sterk told the AP he would like to hire a new coach in about a week.

USD athletic director Ky Snyder, through a

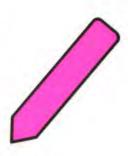
about a week.

USD athletic director Ky Snyder, through a school spokesman, said Washington State hasn't called for permission to speak with Grier.

"It's our policy not to comment on personnel issues and contracts," said Ted Gosen, USD's associate athletic director for media relations. "This time of year when there are coaching changes going around, names get thrown around, but we don't comment on rumors and speculation. But I can tell you that Ky says he has not been contacted by Washington State."

Grier' has significant ties to the Pacific Northwest, having spent 16 years as an assistant coach at Gonzaga before coming to USD in 2007. He was raised in Oregon and last year was courted by Oregon State for its vacant head coaching job.

— Tom Shanahan



### Del Mar Village Voice

April 23, 2009

# CV charity holds 4th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The Christopher J Collins Foundation, a local Carmel Valley charity, continues its mission to develop confidence and leadership in San Diego's youth, by hosting its 4th annual Charity Golf Tournament and Silent Auction at Coronado Golf Course, Monday, June 15. This year's beneficiaries of the Christopher J. Collins Foundation Golf Tournament will be the American Diabetes Association and United Through Reading®, a program that unites families separated by military duty through reading programs.

Each year the Christopher J. Collins Foundation dedicates itself to helping kids in the immediate San Diego community by raising money for secured charities who reach out to youth in areas of athletics, academics, and art. Since its founding in 2005 by Christopher Collins's family, including his sister Kristin Watkins of Carmel Valley, the Foundation has raised well over \$65,000 that has gone directly into the San

Diego Community.

This year's events, expected to draw over 200 participants to the Coronado Golf Course on Monday, June 15, will begin with a putting contest followed by a shotgun start golf tournament at 1 p.m. Registration fees for the golf tournament are only \$125 and include greens fee, cart, lunch sponsored by USA Federal Credit Union, range balls cigars, \$1 drinks, putting contest entry, commemorative tournam shirt, goodie bag, dinner reception sponsored by Sullivan Internal Group and silent auction.

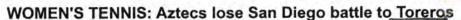
The evening events, which are open to golfers and no alike, will include the silent auction, reception, and award beginning at 5:30 p.m. You can register to attend just a sing events for a mere \$45. Browse through sports memor cation opportunities such as a Cabo San Lucas vacation, a laboration bike, season tickets to the University of San Diego men's basketball season, concert tickets from the Belly Up, and much more as you enjoy the magnificent views of the water and downtown San Diego that only

Coronado Golf Course can offer.

For information on how you can become a sponsor, or for more about the Christopher J. Collins Foundation and the Charity Golf Tournament and Silent Auction, please visit http://chriscollins.golfreg.com.

### Daily Aztec

April 15, 2009



Michael Meraz, Staff Writer



Sophomore Julia Trunk teamed up with Holly Bagshaw to get a doubles victory, but she wasn't able to pick up a singles point against the Toreros.

In the battle for San Diego, the No. 42 San Diego State women's tennis team was looking to rebound against the University of San Diego after a 7-0 drubbing at the hands of the Washington Huskies last week.

SDSU (15-7) started the match in a good rhythm, but then went cold, both literally and figuratively, and ultimately fell to No. 54 USD 4-3.

"We really wanted to come out and just gun it," senior Esther Cadua said. "Sometimes in athletics outside circumstances kind of neutralize the playing field."

The Aztecs opened the match by taking the doubles point with victories coming from the No. 58-ranked doubles team of senior Holly Bagshaw and sophomore Julia Trunk, as well as from the team of freshman Emma Cioffi and Cadua.

As SDSU was gaining its rhythm in its singles matches, the weather decided to put a temporary halt on the action not once, but twice.

"It did have an effect on our play," Cadua said. "But the conditions work both ways. Whoever was mentally stronger was going to win the match."

With the rain and cold weather making it nearly impossible for the Aztecs to get into any kind of rhythm, the leads that many of the players had soon dwindled away as action resumed. Even with the efforts of Cadua, who won her singles match 6-2, 6-2, and senior Milana Yusupov, who won her match 6-4, 0-6, 6-2, the Toreros ultimately proved too much for SDSU.

"Even though I won both of my matches, this is a devastating loss for myself and the team," Cadua said. "This is the first time in my four years that we have lost to USD."

Tied at three points apiece, the deciding match of the day was a highly competitive one between freshman Roxanne Ellison and USD's Marite Raygada. Despite a valiant effort and a dominant first set by Ellison, Raygada came back to hand the Aztecs their second loss in a row with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 win.

With the Toreros being SDSU's final non-conference meet of the season, the team will now travel to Las Vegas to take on conference opponents BYU and Utah. The matches will be the last chance for the Aztecs to prepare for the Mountain West Conference championships in Albuquerque on April 22.

"Hopefully we can use this loss to pump us up for conference," Cadua said. "It should make us more focused to go get that ring,"

### WOMEN STATES: After Senior Day blowout, SDSU focused on Toreros

Aztecs ready for rivals after getting beat down by Huskies in last home match

Michael Meraz, Staff Writer



David J. Olender / Photo Editor



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In what was supposed to be a shining moment for the San Diego State women's tennis team seniors, No. 37 SDSU had Senior Day turn into one of its worst losses of the season as it was downed by Washington.

Shortly after honoring the senior trio of Holly Bagshaw, Milana Yusupov and Esther Cadua before the match, the Aztecs (15-6) were never able to find any kind of rhythm and were defeated handily by the Huskies 7-0.

Boasting two nationally ranked players, Washington completely swept SDSU in the singles' matches, the most competitive being a 6-3, 7-6 (8) loss by Cadua. The Aztecs' only victory last Friday came from Roxanne and Sierra Ellison with an 8-7 (2) victory in second doubles.

SDSU was swept in the other two doubles matches, however, causing it to lose the all-important doubles point.

Fortunately for the Aztecs, Washington is not a Mountain Western Conference opponent, and the loss will have no effect on their conference record. SDSU now turns its attention to its final non-conference match of the season against the University of San Diego.

The Toreros are also coming off of a very tough loss to the Huskies after losing 6-1 last Saturday. The No. 54-ranked USD has a nationally ranked player of its own in senior Tammy Kevey, who was the only Torero to win a match against Washington. With such a devastating loss to the Huskies, the Aztecs know they must have a short memory if they are to regain their form before MWC play resumes.

"We just have to keep fighting," Yusupov said, "making sure we play hard and stay focused." SDSU will head into the match with the usual duo of Bagshaw and sophomore Julia Trunk leading the way, playing in Nos. 1 and 2 singles, respectively. The two also combine to form the Aztecs' No. 58-ranked No. 1 doubles team with a 13-7 overall dual match record. Although the Toreros are not an MWC opponent, the crosstown rivalry between the two teams is something that definitely motivates SDSU.

"It's usually a very competitive match," Yusupov said. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

The Toreros will likely be out for revenge, as the Aztecs easily beat them last season in a 7-0 rout at the Aztec Tennis Center. The match will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the USD West Tennis Courts.

### DAILY AZTEC

April 20, 2009

### WOMEN'S TENNIS: Victory in Salt Lake

Micheal Meraz, Staff Writer

After dropping a disappointing match to University of San Diego, the No. 42 San Diego State women's tennis team was looking for a rebound.

SDSU found that bounce-back opportunity in Las Vegas this weekend, as the Aztecs downed No. 57 BYU on Friday, before handling fellow Mountain West Conference opponent Utah 5-2 on Saturday.

"I thought it was very important we come over here and make a statement against two pretty tough opponents," head coach Peter Mattera said. "We certainly had two really good days in the desert."

SDSU was led once again by the duo of senior Holly Bagshaw and sophomore Julia Trunk, who won their doubles match against Utah 9-8, and their singles matches 6-2, 6-3 and 6-3, 6-3, respectively.

Also contributing were the always-reliable doubles team of freshmen Roxanne and Sierra Ellison, who won their doubles match 8-6.

"We definitely had a very successful weekend," Mattera said. "Our seniors really performed well today, as they have throughout their entire careers."

Seniors picking up victories for the Aztecs included Milana Yusupov, with a 6-0, 6-4 victory, as well as Esther Cadua, with a 6-2, 6-0 win. The wins will be the final dual matches for the likes of Bagshaw, Yusupov and Cadua.

"It was nice to see them finish the season on a positive note," Mattera said. "But we really have so much tennis left to play." SDSU now turns its attention to the Mountain West Conference Championships, where it will most likely be a third seed, and take on a very familiar Utah squad in the first round.

The Aztecs' successful season comes down to one tournament, in which they have been looking forward to all season.

"One of our main goals was to win the conference tournament," Mattera said. "Our other is to make the NCAA Tournament."

As SDSU is all too familiar with, a strong record and ranking may not be enough to get into the NCAA Tournament. The Aztecs are focusing on not leaving the decision up to the voters.

"We can only control our wins and losses," Mattera said. "But we're still very focused on winning the conference and getting an automatic bid."

If SDSU does in fact win the conference, it will be its first championship since the 2003 season, but as for right now, the Aztecs are focused on handing the Utes, or whomever they face, another loss.

"It really helps that we had a strong performance today," Mattera said. "Hopefully we go in there with a lot of confidence."

### Amazing place, race for Michigan

### Wolverines women pull off Crew Classic upset

By Mark Zeigler STAFF WRITER

Mark Rothstein would prefer you don't

Mark Rothstein would prefer you don't call it a bet, given the NCAA's sensitivities toward gambling and all.
"A challenge," he said, "soumds better."
It was two years ago, and a few of his Michigan women's rowers kept bugging him about racing at the San Diego Crew Classic one season, about trekking to the nivana of Southern California after another long-Midwest winter. So "off the cuff" he offered a deal to certain athletes: If one of them clocked under 7 minutes for 2,000 meters on the ergometer, or rowing machine, they could go to the Crew Classic.

Last year, Caitlin Trumble went 6:59. "I didn't think it was too likely to happen," Rothstein admitted on the shores of Mission Bay yesterday, shortly after the trophy presentation of the Jessop-Whittier Cup for the regatta's premier collegiate women's race. "I had forgotten about it.



The UCSD men's team celebrates its Cal Cup victory, which brought a guaranteed spot in next year's Copiey Cup competition. Nance E. Leets / Union-Tribune

"But it was the first thing they said after Caitlin did it. A bunch of them came running up to me, saying, We're going to San Diego."

Rothstein kept his promise, returning to the Crew Classic after an eight-year hiatus, and his sixth-ranked varsity wornen rewarded him by upsetting No. 4 Washington by 2½ seconds to claim the first Jessop-Whittier Cup title in school history. It was only the third time in 35

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### Fast start helps Cal to another Copley Cup win

in second place, had six of the eight oars pulled by foreigners. USC, in fifth, had eight of eight. Trumble, an Australian cill-zen, technically is Michigan's only foreigner in its varsity boat. She was born in Canada and fixed in the United States. and lived in the United States for several years before moving to Australia. She speaks with an

"This is definitely a great confidence boost for the tearn," Trumble said.

Ditto for UC San Diego. which is quietly becoming among the top men's crew pro-grams on the West Coast de-spite being a Division II school

with little rowing pedigree.

UCSD won the men's Cal
Cup, which is for the next cut of crews not invited to the Copley Cup. The carrot is the winner

gets a lane in the Copley Cup the following year.

The Tritons won the school's first Cal Cup in 2007 and raced in the Copiey Cup last year, and coach Zach Johnson lobbied hard to have his team stay there this year instead of re-turning to the Cal Cup. They were denied.

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Jon Smart, the Crew Classic's vice president for race operations, explained the procedure: Each summer, a competition committee extends invitations to the Copley Cup field — usually 12 boats — based on the previous season's final standings.

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"UCSD," Smart said, "didn't quite make the cut."

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"We were told that we weren't competitive enough," said Johnson, whose varsity boat includes five guys who learned how to row in college.
"They're looking for a grand race with big-name schools from across the country. Hopefully they'll start looking a little

fully they'll start looking a little closer to home.

"This is nice justification."

Yesterday's Cal Cup triumph had far less drams than in 2007, when the Tritons realized shortly before the race they had no oars because their women's team inadvertently had taken them. They borrowed baby blue oars from USD and staged a dramatic come-from-behind victory over UCIA by a foot.

UCLA by a foot.
With their own oars, they powered away midway through the 2,000-meter course and nev

the 2,000-meter course and nev-er were seriously challenged. Second-place USD was nearly three seconds back. "When I asked them how they felt (Saturday), they said they had a whole other gear they hadn't gone to," Johnson



The Michigan women's team won a challenge from coach Mark Rothstein to earn a trip to San Diego, then won the Jessop-Whittier Cup at the Crew Classic. Nances E. Lewis / Union-Tribune

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The Cal men used a similar formula to win the Copley Cup. which yesterday featured five

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was the hears eighth cop-ley Cup title in 11 years but the first for Mike Teti, the U.S. men's national coach at the 2008 Olympics who took over at Cal for Steve Gladstone. "We decided to blast it and

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said. "I didn't know how much

her Michigan teammates can

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Women's Masters E Final Cloud 9 Shuttle Cup: 1. Portland, 7:54.1; 2. NBRC, 8:01.10; 3. ZLAC, 8:48.26; 4. Ashland,8:54.15; 5. Avalon, 8:58.20.
Mer's Masters F Final Grand Masters Trophy: 1. Marin, 7:53.6; 2. Pocock, 7:55.25; 3. LBRA, 7:56.99; 4. SDRC, 7:58.49; 5. Compote, 8:15.64; 6. Rocky Mtn., 8:22.96.
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### Kelp delay

Yesterday morning's races were delayed by 20 minutes because of kelp, of all things. It would have been far longer had it not been for a crack team of volunteers that began clearing the 2,000-meter course at 5 a.m., and racing was back on schedule by 10:15 . . .

Stanford was the surprise winner of its Copley Cup heat and had the day's best time at 5 minutes, 50,09 seconds. The Washington men wo their heat in 5:51.65 ... Michie and Washington won their Whittier Cup heats, meaning get the advantageous inside the final ... The USD and UCSD men and USD women all advanced to today's Cal Cup finals.

USD Women's Soccer Holds Casino Night

XK Staff

Posted: Sunday, April 12, 2009

University of San Diego women's soccer team invites the community to attend its Sixth Annual Casino Night fundraiser, which raises money for the Torero women's soccer program. The festivities will kick off on April 18 from 6-10 p.m. in the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

There will be music, dinner and drinks, socializing and games. Attendees should expect a fun and entertaining night while supporting women's soccer and meeting the players and coaches.

Tickets are \$60 per person, and the event is semi-formal. Entrance fees include dinner and drinks, two raffle tickets and \$200 in chips to participate in the casino games. Chips can be turned in at the end of the evening for raffle tickets with the chance to win prizes.

To learn more about Casino Night and/or about the alumni game earlier that day, click here.



The 2008 Women's Torero Soccer Team (Courtesy of Brock Scott)

### **Summer College Camps**

Think college is just for the over-18 crowd? Think again!

an Diego is rife with opportunities for children to get a taste of college campus life during summer and enhance their academic and athletic prowess. Whether you choose a sports program or an academic one, there are a variety of programs available for children from Kindergarten age to 17 years old.

Aside from keeping them busy during the often-idle summertime, letting your children attend a college camp serves another very important role: planting the seed that college is in their future—not an option, but their destiny.

What's the difference between a college camp and a traditional camp? As a general rule, the answer lies in the level of concentration on a unique subject of interest. While many camps such as YMCA's Camp Marston offer a broad experience for campers (from archery to swimming to smores), most college camps target a specific topic and cover it n denth

Some of the college camp programs in San Diego include videogame programming, basketball and other sports, robotics and movie making. While each program varies somewhat, many offer campers the choice of either attending as a resident camper or a day camper.

Mary Hay Davis

Since some of these camps are pricey, be sure to take advantage of early enrollment discounts.



#### Sports Camps

Does your child prefer the allure of the outdoors to that of a confined classroom? Then a summer sports camp is the answer for you.

The majority of summer college sports programs are sport specific, allowing your child to develop his individual skills to a higher level. While the focus is on fun and personal development, college sports camps can also be an avenue for college-level coaches to see your child.

Before you start planning your child's college or major-league sporareer, however, get those stars of your eyes. It's important to sture that a college sports calreally something your child do—his dream, not yours.

University of San Diego Sports

Camps
Not only does USD offer specialty camps in baseball, basketball, dance and cheer, football, soccer, swimming, rennis and more, but they also offer a comprehensive all-sports camp that emphasizes sportsmanship, individual skills, and teamwork. Programs and schedules vary, but most are offered June-July. Check age requirements for each individual program.

www.usdcamps.com/site3.aspx; 619-260-2999

San Diego State University Sports Camps

Located high atop Montezuma Mesa, San Diego State University offers a variety of sports camps for your young athlete. Check for individual camps through the main Aztec Athletics website, under your child's sport of interest: http://goaztecs.cstv.com/sports/w-

softbl/sdsu-w-softbl-body.html# Baseball Camps

Various programs throughout July and August for ages 8-18 http://collegebaseballcamps.com/ calendar.cfm?ID=1658csrc=CBC; 619-594-4186

#### Super Summer Scholars

Want to sneak in a little learning, disguised as fun? Then an academic-based college camp is just the ticket.

College camps keep kids active and engaged, and they are also a great way for kids to meet new friends with similar interests. In fact, many four-year colleges now follow this model when assigning students to dormitories, as administrators have come to realize that grouping students there who share similar interests and tons is beneficial.

#### Cal State San Marcos SuperCamp

Offering a variety of programs including Senior and Junior Forums (academic programs meant to build up skills such as decision making, problem solving, test-taking strategies for SAT/ACT prep), leadership training, language programs (Spanish and Mandarin), as well as a variety of other academic-based programs.

www.supercamp.com/summer-camp-programs.html; 800-285-3276

#### UCSD ID Tech Summer Computer Camps

Kids from 7-17 years old will have a fantastic time exploring high-tech areas of interest, including making their own videogames, Website design, tobotics and digital movie making. There's even a combination Surf & Tech Camp that lets kids spend part of the time on technology, and the other part surfing, www.internaldrive.com/locations/canumer-camps-california-computer-camps/uc-san-diego-camp; 888-709-TECH (8324). Sate extra by intering premotional code CAS9.

#### San Diega State University Teen Academy

A subject-based day camp for kids in grades 9-12. Students gain hands-on experience in Website design, TV/video production and videogame programming, and receive instruction from industry experts in their respective field of expertise. There's even a Writer's Academy as well as a Mock Trial camp, for your future criminal justice major. College of Extended Studies www.ces.sdsu.edu/summerdaycamp.hrml; 619-574-5674

#### A Smart Way to Get Ahead

Many colleges now allow teens 16 and older to enroll in a college-level course during the entite academic year, including Fall, Spring and Summer terms. Most require the student to have permission from a parent as well as the approval of a high school counselor.

This is a terrific opportunity for off-season athletes to hone their skills for their sport of choice, as well as for other students to explore areas of interest such as drama or art (and build up some college credits along the way.)

Be warned however, that these are real college courses with real grades, so make sure your child is up for the time and energy commitment needed to do well in the chosen course. By excelling during this period of exploration, your scholar or studentathlete can return to high school come Fall and proudly exclaim, "Oh yeah? I have a 4.0 college GPA!"

#### San Diego State University Reading Skills Program

Help your child become a better reader. Children from Pre-K to 12th grade (and even college students and adults) will benefit from a well-paced, comprehensive program that helps increase fluency, build vocabulary and expand comprehension via word-attack skills and phonics. Most programs are five weeks in length and run through June, July and August.
www.ces.sdsu.edu/reading; 800-964-8888

#### Southwestern College Math Bridge Program

For Sweetwater Union High School District seniors who will be entering Southwestern College in Fall 2009. This program helps students shore up their math skills and build a solid foundation for college-level math courses.

www.sweed.edu/4thLevel/index.asp?L3=33; 619-421-6700. ext. 56334

Alpine mom Mary Davis is a freelance writer.

## MIRA MESA-SCRIPPS RANCH SENTINEL

\pril 3, 2009

### Damon, Marauders 'showcased' top roundball effort

by Don Norton

Despire having to play out the final basketball game of his senior year with a broken foot, Mira Mesa's scoring leader Damon Williams still finished as one of the Eastern League's overall top scorers.

The men and women's CIF play grand finale came to the USD Jenny Craig Pavilion last weekend, but neither Williams or his Dan Regas' Marauder teammates were in the mix unless as game specators. Rather, the Division I championship matched top-seed El Camino against No. 2 Torrey Pines for the plaque and medals in a late Satruday game.

Hobbled by a broken bone in his foot, the 6-foot-7 Williams was held to just 8 points in his final quarterfinals 56-45 game against the top seed team. Even so, he finished his season with 619 points for an average 21,34 a game for his senior year. Those numbers could be misleading. Against

Carlsbad in the first round game, he dumped in 24 and before that in a regular season fine \$10.

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asophmore Marcus ped the Marauders to a stern League championsmp against Hoover. The Cardinals were led in the final San Diego standings by point leader Idris with 566 season points for a 17.69 average.

But then the Mira Mesa finish didn't only involve Williams. There was also 6'3" senior Kevin Ozier, who had 19 counters in one of his late season games. Also senior teammate Eulo Aquino with 13 against El Camino in the quarters and then 6-1 sophmore Smith.

Chris Mendoza and 6-foot-2 Brandon Chambers were two more seniors, as well as another 6-foot-3 forward James Lizarraga-Davis. Chambers at 6-2 did guard work for the team. There were guards Jeff Bradley, Jylan Carpio, Timur Tariverdiev, Derek Olson, and Jonathan Menyon, as well as 6-4 Jake Stearns in a forward position.

Mira Mesa and Hoover finished with a top of the league 8-2 ranking to tie for the championship although the Cardinals headed for the Division II playoffs boasting a top seed 26-7 record. Regas' Marauders provided one more suprise battle at 17-12.

The Cardinals continued to live up to seeding expectations by way of a 76-35 defeat of El Capitan in the Division II layup for an advance to the Friday night championship. There, they took on Oceanside, which had edged Lincoln, 64-60, in the other semifinals test.

That Division II decided was to come in a highlight final 8:05 game.

Disappointed as to not figuring into the finals Marauders style? Rather than that, coach Dan Regas was surprised.

"It was our first league title in four years," he said "and came up as a high we weren't that sure of with the current team."

# SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

April 29, 2009

COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Riverside squeaks out win over USD

UNION-TRIBUNE

UC Riverside pushed across the game-winning run in the top of the sixth when Ryan Goetz hit into a double play with the bases loaded in a 2-1 win over visiting USD in a nonconference game yesterday.

day.

With the loss, the Toreros fell to 27-18 overall, and with the win, the Highlanders improved to 25-13 overall.

UCR (25-13) scored in the fourth to take an early lead, but the Toreros (27-18) evened the score in the bottom of the fifth. With two outs,

Bryan Haar got things started with a single through the left side. Jon Hotta then drove in Haar with a double down the left-field line to tie the game.

Darrin Campbell (3-4) took the loss for USD; Ryan Platt (3-0) picked up the win for the Highlanders.

### SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

April 27, 2009

#### **LOCAL COLLEGES**

# Nicol drives in five for winning <u>USD</u>

UNION-TRIBUNE

 Sean Nicol led the USD baseball team by going 4-for-5 with three doubles, one home run and five RBI, and the Toreros

pounded out 12
extra-base hits in
a 17-7 win over
visiting Portland
yesterday after-

noon.

Austin Green went 2-for-2 with two home runs and three RBI for USD, which improved to 27-17 overall and 10-5 in the West Coast Conference. The Pilots fell to 21-20 and 5-10.

Zach Walters, Chris Engell, Tony Strazzara and James Meador recorded multiple hits for the Toreros.

Matt Hauser (4-1) got the win as he allowed four runs on six hits in 32/3 innings. Scott Denault picked up his second save of the season, allowing no runs on three hits while striking out a career-high seven batters in four innings.

April 26, 2009

# USD coasts to WCC win vs. Portland

UNION-TRIBUNE

Host USD pounded out 17 hits en route to a 13-4 win over Portland yesterday afternoon in a West Coast Conference baseball game.

USD starter A.J. Griffin (7-2), a Grossmont High alum, dominated, allowing three runs on six hits while striking out 10 over seven innings for the Toreros (26-17, 9-5).

Pilots southpaw Scott Burris (4-3) took the loss, allowing eight runs — seven earned — on 11 hits in 4½ innings as Portland fell to 21-19, 5-9.

Bryan Haar, another Grossmont High alum, went 3-for-5 with a double, homer and five RBI, Zach Walters was 3-for-4 with two doubles, Chris Engell went 3-for-5 with a triple and one RBI, and James Meador (Ramona) was 2-for-5 with a home run and four RBI.

April 24, 2009

#### PORTLAND at USD

When: 3 p.m.

Where: Cunningham Stadium

Outlook: After playing nine straight conference road games, the Toreros (25-16, 8-4 WCC) return home tied for first place with Loyola Marymount, their opponent next weekend. James Meador is hitting 480 in WCC games and ranks second overall with a .385 average. Portland (20-18, 4-8) is coming off a series win against Gonzaga and features freshman right-hander Kyle Kraus, who ranks third in the WCC with a 3.00 ERA. The series continues at 1 p.m. tomorrow and noon Sunday.

# SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

April 22, 2009

No. 9 Cal State Full helped the host Titans 8-5 win over visiting USD.

Dustin Garneau's solo homer and a two-run triple by Gary Brown were the big blows for the Titans (25-11).

Chris Engell led USD (25-16) with two hits, including a homer and two RBI. Brian Farris also had a solid day as he went 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI.

USD used seven pitchers, with reliever Scott DeNault

3-3) taking the loss. DeNault, the Toreros' fifth pitcher, gave up four runs on three hits over 11/3 innings. Colin O'Connell, the third of four Titans pitchers, got the win, his first of the season.

The Toreros return to action Friday when they host the University of Portland in the first of a three-game West Coast Conference series at USD's Cunningham Stadium.

#### More baseball

A firerun seventh inning by

April 20, 2009



# No. 24 USD prevents road sweep

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 24th-ranked USD baseball team avoided a threegame sweep at Saint Mary's with a 9-7 win yesterday,pow-

NO. 24 Toreros ered by a 4-for-5 effort from James Meador. The Toreros

Saint Mary's

(25-15, 8-4 in the WCC) led 9-7 after four innings and held the Gaels (23-18,

5-7) scoreless over the final five innings.

Meador had a double and two RBI, and Sean Nicol went 2-for-3 with one home run and four RBI. Matt Hauser (3-1) was credited with the win, allowing one run on five hits in 3 \(^1/3\) innings of work.

USD next travels to Cal State Fullerton for a single non-conference game tomorrow at 6 p.m.

#### More baseball

Rafael Neda's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth brought home the winning run as New Mexico beat No. 15 San Diego State 6-5 in the series finale in Albuquerque, N.M.

The win put the Lobos

(30-11) into a three-way tie atop the the Mountain West Conference at 10-5. The Aztecs (25-14, 9-6) loaded the bases with no one out in the top of the ninth inning, but two New Mexico relievers got a pair of pop out and a ground out to end the threat.

#### Tennis

USD sophomore Dean Jackson upset Pepperdine's Omar Altmann, but the 17th-ranked Waves beat the USD men in tennis 4-1. The win clinched the 21st WCC title for Pepperdine.

The USD women swept the

University of San Francisco 4-0 to take third place in the WCC women's tournament at the Barnes Tennis Center in Point Loma. That gave the Toreros a 13-9 overall record.

April 19, 2009

### More baseb

Host Saint Many stopped West Coat Inference foe USD 5-3 at Moraga, scoring all five of its runs in the second inning. Sean Nicol, James Meador and Steven Chatwood all went 2-for-5 for the No. 24-ranked Toreros (24-15, 7-4). The Gaels are 23-17, 5-6.

April 17, 2009

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL TODAY**

#### NO. 15 SDSU at NEW MEXICO

When: 5 p.m. PDT Where: Isotopes Stadium

Outlook: The Aztecs (25-13, 8-4 MWC) and Lobos (28-10, 8-4) begin the second half of conference play tied for first place. SDSU will have All-America pitcher Stephen Strasburg (7-0, 1.49 ERA) on the mound tonight facing the MWC's top offense (9.9 runs per game, 1.003 OPS). The series continues at 5 p.m. tomorrow and 11 a.m. Sunday.

#### NO. 24 USD at SAINT MARY'S

When: 3 p.m. Where: Louis Guisto Field

**Outlook:** The Toreros (24-13, 7-2 WCC) cooled off a little last bekend at Gonzaga, losing two out of three, but picked up a because against No. 3 UC Irvine. A.J. Griffin (6-1, 2.23), USD's career saves leader, has started games in each of the past three weeks and won all three. The Gaels (21-77, 3-6) have lost five straight WCC games. The teams also will play at 1 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday.





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April 14, 2009

Around the Bases

Haniger has four hits as Georgia Tech gets past Georgia LSU edges UNO; Rice, UC Irvine, North Carolina, Arkansas, Baylor all fall

In Athens, Ga., Jason Haniger went 4 for 5 with a homer as No. 12 Georgia Tech defeated No. 3 Georgia 11-6 Tuesday at Foley Field. Haniger had a two-run homer in the first and Jeff Rowland had a two-run triple in a three-run third as the Yellow Jackets (22-8-1) took an early 5-0 lead. Cole Leonida and Matt Skole also went deep for Georgia Tech. Michael Demperio had a two-run homer in the second for the Bulldogs (29-7). Joey Lewis, Bryce Massanari and Levi Hyams also had dingers for Georgia. Colby May had three hits for the Bulldogs.

#### No. 1 LSU 8, New Orleans 6

In Baton Rouge, La., Blake Dean homered in his third straight game as LSU outscored UNO at Alex Box Stadium. Dean had a three-run homer in a four-run third as the Tigers (27-9) took the lead for good at 4-2. Mikie Mahtook had three hits and a run for LSU. Kyle Maldonado knocked in three for the Privateers (13-22).

Texas A&M 7, No. 2 Rice

In Houston, Brooks Rale 4 with two RBI as Texas A&M got past kling Park. Barret Loux (2-1) fanned nine in Rice in front of 4,541 2-14). Adam Smith homered in the third to snap a five innings for the 1-1 tie and giv lead for good. Luke Anders also went deep for the Aggies. Br Anthony Rendon both had three hits for the Owls (25-9).

#### 6. 5 UC Irvine 4

In San Diego, Nick McCoy had a double, a homer and two RBI as USD knocked off UCI at Cunningham Stadium. McCoy homered to start a two-run second for the Toreros (24-13). Eric Deragisch and Jeff Cusick had RBI singles in the third for the Anteaters (23-10). Tony Strazzara had a run-scoring single in the third to put USD ahead to stay. McCoy's RBI double capped a two-run fifth to give the Toreros a 5-2 lead. Francis Larson launched a two-run homer in the sixth for UCI before USD added a pair in the eighth. Chris Engell had three hits for the Toreros. Deragisch and Ben Orloff both had two hits for the Anteaters.

#### High Point 11, No. 6 North Carolina 9

In Chapel Hill, N.C., Bill Manion's two-run single in the eighth put High Point on top to stay in its win over UNC at Boshamer Field. Jeremy Berg (3-1) allowed one hit over 2.2 scoreless innings with no walks and three strikeouts to secure the win for the Panthers (14-17). Billy Alvino had three hits and five RBI for High Point. Alfie Wheeler had four hits and three runs, and Jeff Cowan had two hits and four runs for the Panthers. Garrett Gore and Mark Fleury both had two hits, two runs and one RBI for the Tar Heels (27-10).

#### No. 7 Cal State Fullerton 9, USC 2

In Los Angeles, Jared Clark doubled twice and knocked in four as Cal State Fullerton won at USC. Clark had a two-run double and scored in a three-run first for the Titans (23-9). Mike O'Neill had a two-run homer in the bottom of the frame for the Trojans (17-15). Nick Ramirez went deep in the fourth and Clark added a sac fly in the fifth for Fullerton. Christian Colon scored three for the

No. 23 San Diego 9, Gozaga 2

In Spokane, Wash., Jon Hotta had two hits and two RBI as USD evened its WCC series with Gonzaga. Jose Valerio and Zach Walters had consecutive homers in the ninth for the Toreros (7-1, 23-12). Tyson Van Winkle had two hits and a run for the Bulldogs (5-3, 22-10).

#### No. 24 San Diego State 8, UNLV 6

In Las Vegas, SDSU scored three in the eighth to rally past UNLV and clinch its Mountain West series at Earl E. Wilson Stadium. Josh Chasse homered and drove in three for the Aztecs (8-3, 25-11). Jarred Frierson had three hits and a run for the Rebels (4-7, 15-18).

#### Delaware 27, Hofstra 2

In Hempstead, N.Y., Ryan Cuneo tied a school record with three home runs as Delaware hammered Hofstra in CAA action at University Field. Cuneo scored four and drove in six. Carlos Alonso (4 for 6, 4 R, 1 RBI), Ryan Reed (5 for 7, 1 HR, 4 R, 3 RBI) and Pat Dameron (5 for 6, 3 R, 4 RBI) all had huge days for the Blue Hens (6-4, 20-11). Mark Stuckless had two hits, a run and a RBI for the Pride (1-9, 5-20).

#### Ohio State 6, Michigan State 1

In Columbus, Ohio, Alex Wimmers carried a no-hitter into the eighth before settling for a two-hitter as OSU defeated MSU in the opener of their Big Ten series at Bill Davis Stadium. Wimmers (6-1) walked one and struck out 11. Eric Roof got the first hit for the Spartans (3-4, 11-19) with a leadoff double in the eighth. He moved to third on a bunt single and scored on a balk. Zach Hurley homered to lead off the first for the Buckeyes (4-3, 24-7), preventing Nolan Moody (4-4) the chance for consecutive no-hitters. Dan Burkhart had a three-run homer in the seventh as OSU built a 5-0 lead.

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### THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW April 11, 2009 in Sports

### Arizona State routs Cougars

Top-ranked Arizona State hit four home runs and defeated Washington State 13-3 Friday in the opener of a three-game Pac-10 Conference series.

It was the 12th straight win at home by the Sun Devils (24-7, 9-1) over the Cougars (14-14, 4-3).

WSU senior Matt Way (4-3) was touched for four runs, including a pair of home runs, in the bottom of the first inning.

WSU responded with three runs in the second, including RBI singles by Matt Argyropoulos and Cody Bartlett. But Sun Devils pitcher Mike Leake (8-1) shut out the Cougars in the final seven innings and finished with 12 strikeouts. Argyropoulos had his fourth straight two-hit game.

•Also In the Pac-10: Jake Rife hit a double and home run and the Huskies' longest start of the year in the University of W 3-2 win over visiting California. Erickson worked eight innings and 3-19, 3-5). California dropped to 15-16,

•West Coast Conference: First-place San Diego evened its road series with Gonzaga by winning 9-2 on the second day of their three-game set. The Toreros (23-12, 7-1) scored three times in the fourth inning and scored twice each in the seventh and ninth. Jose Valerio, a .152 hitter, and Zach Waters each homered for San Diego.

Tyson Van Winkle was 2 for 4 for the Bulldogs (22-10, 5-3) and Ryan Wiegand's sacrifice fly RBI moved him into sole possession of second place on the career list with 184. He is two behind all-time leader Jeff Hainline.

•Northwest Conference: Whitworth University salvaged a split of a doubleheader at Pacific Lutheran, winning 8-7 in 10 innings following a 23-3 loss. The Pirates (6-22, 4-18) trailed 7-1 entering the seventh inning when they loaded the bases on singles. With two out, Nick Combo struck out, but a wild pitch prolonged the inning and JR Jarrell singled home two more. Whitworth tied the game in the ninth with three more runs, including a bases-loaded walk. Kevin Valerio, hit by a pitch, scored the winner on Luis Tovar's two-out double in the 10th. Takemura and Scott each had three hits.

#### Softball

**NWAACC:** Sean Topp pitched a three-hit shutout, striking out nine in the opener and Michelle Wells provided the offense as Community Colleges of Spokane (23-5, 13-3) swept a doubleheader, 5-0 and 9-8, against visiting Columbia Basin (8-17, 4-11). Wells hit a solo home run in the first game and hit a three-run homer in the sixth of the second game as the Sasquatch rallied from a 7-2 deficit.

•Scenic West: North Idaho College (28-17, 24-12) split one-run games in a road game at College of Southern Idaho (33-15, 26-10), losing 1-0 in the eight-inning opener before scoring four times, the final three runs on Briggett Plenger's home run in the seventh for a 7-6 victory in Game 2. Karri Johnson was a hard-luck loser in Game 1. Designated hitter Brianna Harbour and Plenger were both 3 for 4 in Game 2.

 Northwest Conference: Whitworth swept a doubleheader at Lewis & Clark College, 8-4 and 6-3 in Portland. The Pirates improved to 12-14 overall and 8-8 in league. (20-10). Carpenter went deep in the fifth and excludes TCU built an 8-1 lead. Carpenter had three walks and scored for Ellin on had three hits and two runs. Matt Vern added two hits and three RDI Jorda Rutenbar had one hit and one RBI for the Broncs (6-28).

Gonzaga 14, No. 23 San Diego 2

In Spokane, Wash., Matt Fields fanned seven in 7.2 innings as Gonzaga stopped USD in the opener of their WCC series. Fields (5-1) allowed two runs to the league's leading offense. Ernesto Ortiz had a two-run double to cap a six-run third as the Zags (5-2, 22-9) took a 7-2 lead. Drew Heid had four hits and two RBI for Gonzaga. Ryan Wiegand drove in three for the Bulldogs. James Meador had two hits and two RBI for the Toreros (6-1, 22-12).

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had two hits and a run for the Wildcats (3-9, 14-16). Dwight Childs drove in two for Arizona.

#### No. 21 Cal Poly 13, Pacific 8

In Stockton, Calif., Luke Yoder had three hits, including a three-run homer to cap a seven-run eighth, as Cal Poly won its Big West series against Pacific at Klein Family Field. D.J. Gentile and Kyle Smith both had three hits for the Mustangs (5-4, 24-8). Cal Poly built a 6-1 lead before the Tigers (5-4, 12-18) scored four in the fifth to pull to within one. The Mustangs put the game away in the eighth. Ben Gorang had two hits and two RBI for Pacific. Mike Walker had two hits and two runs for the Tigers.

#### No. 22 TCU 18, Texas-Pan American 0

In Edinburg, Texas, TCU followed up yesterday's no-hitter with an equally impressive one-hitter today against Texas-Pan American. Four pitchers combined to strikeout six as Greg Holle (4-1) picked up the wind the Horned Frogs (6-3, 22-10). Matt Vern, Hunt Woodruff and Matt Control in three runs. The Brones (6-30) collected their only hit of the day will be rett Bivone's lead-off single in the ninth. Derek VerHagen toopply took out the next three batters to end the game.

#### Gonzaga 4, No. 23 San Diego 2

In Spokane, Wash., Steven Ames fanned 10 in going the distance as Gonzaga won its WCC series with USD. Ames (6-0) allowed six hits and one earned run with one walk. Ernesto Ortiz had a two-run double in the fourth to snap a 2-2 tie for the Bulldogs (6-3, 23-10). Evan Wells had two hits and two runs for Gonzaga. Tyson Van Winkle had two hits and two RBI for the Zags. Tony Strazzara had two hits and one RBI for the Toreros (7-2, 23-13).

#### UNLV 9, No. 24 San Diego State 6

In Las Vegas, Anthony Morel had four hits, two runs and two RBI as UNLV salvaged the final game of its Mountain West series with SDSU at Earl E. Wilson Stadium. The Aztecs (8-4, 25-12) scored single runs in the seventh and eighth to tie it at 6-6 before the Rebels (5-7, 16-18) plated three in the bottom of the eighth to secure the win. J.J. Sferra had three hits and two runs for UNLV. Chris Wilson had three hits, including a home run, and three RBI for SDSU.

#### Auburn 8-2, No. 25 Florida 7-24 (Game 1 - 11 innings)

In Auburn, Ala., Josh Adams went 5 for 6 with two homers and drove in a career-high six for the Gators (8-6, 22-12) in their SEC split with Auburn at Plainsman Park. Stephen Locke (1-0) picked up his first victory since May 16, 2008, against Vanderbilt by pitching eight innings of two-run ball. He fanned a season-high six. Jon Luke Jacobs (3-2) surrendered six runs, five earned, over five innings for the loss, while Casey McElroy got two hits for the Tigers (7-7, 23-11). In Game 1, Justin Hargett blasted a game-winning homer in the 11th to give Auburn the victory. Reliever Bradley Hendrix (6-2) threw two scoreless innings for the win, while Alex Panteliodis (2-4), the sixth Florida pitcher, suffered the loss. Preston Tucker went 2 for 5 with two RBI for the Gators.

#### Georgia State 14, Old Dominion 13

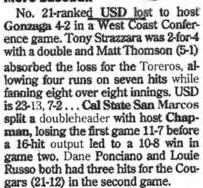
In Atlanta, after ODU had a grand slam to cap a five-run rally in the top of the ninth, Chase Childers smacked a grand slam to complete a five-run bottom of the ninth as GSU claimed the CAA contest. Josh Wright had a slam in the top of the ninth for a 13-9 lead for the Monarchs (4-7, 10-19). Carl Moniz went deep to start the ninth before Childers ended it with his slam. Nick Hogan and Derek Simmons both had three hits and two runs for the Panthers (6-2, 23-10). Wright had two hits and drove in five for ODU. Jake McAloose had three hits and two runs for the Monarchs.

#### Northwestern State 9, UTSA 4 (10)

In San Antonio, Joe Urtuzuastegui had a three-run homer in the first and a tworun double in the 10th to lead NSU to the Southland series win over UTSA. Urtuzuastegui, getting his first start of the season at third, had two hits, four runs and a career-high six RBI. The Roadrunners (9-9, 18-17) scored two in the ninth

April 12, 2009 .





April 11, 2009

**Toreros drop Zags** 

The 21st-ranked USD baseball team bounced back with a 9-2 win over Gonzaga to even the three-game series in Spokane, Wash. The Tore-ros improved to 23-12 overall, 7-1 in the WCC. The rubber game is today at 11 a.m. The Zags fell to 22-10.5-3

to 22-10, 5-3.

AJ Griffin (6-1) picked up the win, striking did seven in eight innings.

April 10, 2009

### **Toreros** routed

Gonzaga (22-9, 5-2 cored 13 unanswered runs to deal 21st-ranked USD (21-12, 6-1) its first West Coast Conference loss of the season, 14-2, yesterday in Spokane, Wash.

April 8, 2009

Toreros rained out
USD's game last night at
Stanford was rained out and

will not be rescheduled.
The Toreros (21-11, 6-0 WCC) head to Spokane, Wash., to begin a three-game West Coast Conference series tomorrow night against Gonzaga University.

April 5, 2009

### More baseball

Despite giving up eight runs in the second inning, and 10 runs overall, USD starter Matt Thompson pitched seven innings to grab the win as the Toreros rode an offensive barrage to down host Santa Clara 22-10. USD amassed a season-high 22 hits in improving to 21-11 overall, 5-0 in the WCC.

In Chico, sixth-ranked UC San Diego tightened its grip on first place in the CCAA with a doubleheader sweep of Chico State. The Tritons won the opener 10-8 and the second game 5-3.

won the opener 10-8 and the second game 53.

UCSD (22-7, 19-4) holds a 3½ game lead on second-place Sonoma State.

Point Loma Nazarene split a twin bill with host Westmont, salvaging the second game 8-2 after dropping the first 7-4.



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April 5, 2009

### Rogers review: San Diego back in as winner

Kendall Rogers

ge Baseball Editor

ATHENS, Ga. - Sunday's series inst Georgia and the atmosphere surrounding the contest is one of many reasons LSU pitcher nan decided to return for his senior season.

Coleman threw in relief Frig gainst the Bulldogs, but returned to the mound for the start in the series finale. He didn't di nd led the Tigers to a 7-5 win and a huge road series win over Dave Perno's team.

LSU isn't the only team s a big winner this week. Other teams that had good weeks include George Mason, East Carolina, G gia Southern, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Washington State, UC Irvine, North Carolina and San Diego.

On the negative side of the spectrum, New Mexico had a dismal weekend at TCU while former Sun Belt leader Middle Tennessee State was swept at Louisiana-Lafayette. Other teams that had weeks to forget include Cal State Fullerton, Pepperdine, Duke, Ohio State, Michigan, Missouri, UTSA and UCLA.

We unveil the week's winners and losers.

LSU: The Tigers had a rather interesting week on the diamond and really showed what they're made of in a weekend series against Georgia. After dropping an 8-7 decision to Tulane in a hard-fought mid-week contest, the Tigers wasted little time bouncing back with an 8-4 triumph in the series opener. The Tigers dropped Game 2 to the Bulldogs but bounced back to win Game 3 by a score of 7-5. The Tigers now have won four-straight series, all in conference play.

George Mason: UNC Wilmington entered the weekend atop the CAA standings, and conventional wisdom suggested it probably would take this weekend's series at George Mason. However, that didn't happen and the Patriots made a huge statement. The Patriots began the week with mid-week wins over Georgetown and Mt. St. Mary's. But against the Seahawks, they won all three games by scores of 6-1, 4-2 and 6-3. With a 24-5 record and a league-leading 7-2 mark, the Patriots are in business.



East Carolina: The Pirates have their most important week of the season coming up this week, but they did a great job of not looking forward to matchups with North Carolina, UNC Wilmington and Rice. ECU began the past week with a pair of nice mid-week wins over Elon and N.C. State. They also took care of business at UAB over the weekend. ECU won the series opener 6-3 before winning the next two games 15-9 and 10-9. ECU made a statement this past week but could accomplish even more this week.

Georgia Southern: After losing two of three to Elon two weekends ago, the Eagles desperately needed to take care of College of Charleston at home to stay in the Southern Conference title race. The Eagles didn't disappoint. They began the three-game series with a thrilling 15-14 victory before winning Game 2 16-7. The Eagles completed the series sweep Sunday afternoon with a 20-8 triumph. GSU's RPI received a huge boost from the series against the Cougars.

Oklahoma: The Sooners made their case as the Big 12's premier team this past week. The Sooners began the week with LSU coach Paul Mainieri was ecstatic with his team's play at Georgia this weekend. a dominating win over struggling Nebraska, and really stepped up on the road against Missouri. The Sooners won Games 1 and 2 by scores of 2-1 and 7-4 before losing the series finale. OU probably can't wait to play Texas in Austin, Texas, in two weekends, but it first must take care of business against Wichita State in the mid-week and Texas Tech at home next weekend. OU currently is looking pretty good in the Big 12 race.

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Mississippi: The Rebels had their most impressive week of the season. After winning three mid-week games against Arkansas State, Jackson State and Memphis, the Rebels took care of Kentucky in impressive fashion over the weekend. They defeated the Wildcats 4-3 and 10-3 in Games 1 and 2 and completed the series sweep Sunday afternoon with a dominating 8-0 victory. With another good SEC series win, the Rebels are in business and should take two games from South Carolina at home next weekend. The Rebels certainly are back in the hosting mix.

Washington State: The Cougars played an incredibly tough non-conference schedule an appeared to be in trouble entering Pac-10 play. But after a pair of league series, the Cougars actually are in very good shape. WSU started conference play with an impressive road series win over California. The Cougars put together another nice series win over UCLA this weekend. The Cougars won the series opener 7-2 and beat the Bruins 4-2 in Game 2. They dropped the series finale to the Bruins, but still had a great weekend on the diamond. WSU now has a 4-2 conference record.

UC Irvine: What a phenomenal week for the surging Anteaters. Irvine swept Cal Poly last weekend and didn't skip a beat this past week. The Anteaters began the week with a dominating 19-8 win over Loyola Marymount before playing Cal State Fullerton this weekend. The 'Eaters didn't disappoint against the Titans. Irvine won the series opener 2-1 before clinching a series win with a 6-1 triumph in Game 2. Irvine lost the series finale to the Titans, but the damage already was done. The 'Eaters certainly made a huge statement with an impressive series win over Fullerton.

North Carolina: The Tar Heels had only played one road series before this weekend and that was against an average Virginia Tech team. Naturally, many observers felt Georgia Tech might give the Tar Heels a rude awakening. Well, that didn't happen. The Heels began the series with a 4-2 win before losing Game 2 10-6. The Heels, though, bounced back to win Game 3 13-10 to earn the series win. In other weekly action, the Tar Heels took care of Davidson and Old Dominion in mid-week action. UNC is on cruise control with a huge week of games coming up.

San Diego: The Toreros raised some eyebrows with a series sweep over preseason favorite Pepperdine last weekend, but they took another step forward this weekend by completely dominating Santa Clara. The Toreros won the series opener 9-4 and captured a 22-10 victory in Game 2. The series finale, meanwhile, also went heavily in their favor. After suffering some bad injuries the past few weeks, the Toreros have seemed to rally around those setbacks. Give coach Rich Hill credit for keeping this team together through thick and thin.

#### Losers

New Mexico: Perhaps the Lobos didn't like the idea of being ranked after all. The Lobos began the horrendous week with a pair of mid-week games against Texas Tech. They split the series with an 8-4 loss in Game 1 and a 15-7 in Game 2. This weekend, though, the Lobos were welcomed to the real world against TCU. The Lobos dropped the series opener 7-3 before losing Game 2 4-2. The series finale, meanwhile, ended with an embarrassing 19-3 loss to the Horned Frogs. After a dismal week, the Lobos head back to the drawing board looking for answers.

Cal State Fullerton: We're probably being a little tough on the Titans by putting them in this category, but we know coach Dave Serrano is ultra disappointed with his team. The Titans began the week with a mid-week split against Arizona State, but really failed to impress against conference rival UC Irvine this weekend. The Titans dropped the series opener 2-1 before dropping Game 2 6-1. The Titans came back to win the series finale, but the series loss already was official. Not a good week for Fullerton.

Pepperdine: We really didn't think things actually could get worse for the Waves, but they did this weekend. The Waves didn't play a mid-week contest this week but played host to a solid Gonzaga team. It wasn't pretty from an offensive standpoint. The Waves dropped the series opener 3-1 before losing Game 2 by a score of 4-1. The Waves held on to win the series finale, but the damage was already done. The Waves now have a 17-13 record and a 1-5 record in conference.

Middle Tennessee State: Want a perfect example of what not to do when you're leading a conference race and have a high RPI? Just look at the Blue Raiders. MTSU entered the week leading the Sun Belt, but now has some questions to answer. The Raiders began the week with a mid-week win over Austin Peay before traveling to the state of Louisiana to face Louisiana-Lafayette. The Raiders didn't do much. ULL won the series opener 5-2 and captured the series win with a 10-5 triumph in Game 2. Game 3, meanwhile, finished at 14-7 in the Ragin' Cajuns favor.

**Duke:** The Blue Devils appeared to be in fantastic shape after upsetting rival North Carolina a few weekends ago, but they've since taken a huge step back. The Devils dropped two of three to Wake Forest two weekends ago and didn't exactly impress against Clemson this weekend. The Devils dropped the series opener 7-3 and bounced back to win Game 2 by a score of 10-7. The series finale, though, went Clemson's way to the tune of 10-1. The Blue Devils have a 20-11 record and a 7-8 mark in conference. That probably wouldn't get it done for a regional berth.

Ohio State: The Buckeyes entered the week as a pretty safe bet to be a regional host if they continued their winning ways. Unfortunately, they didn't do that. The Bucks began the week by splitting a pair of mid-week games against Xavier and Marshall. They didn't fare any better against Minnesota this weekend. The Bucks lost the series opener 7-5 before bouncing back to win Game 2 by a score of 3-2. The series finale, though, was a disaster as the Golden Gophers captured a 16-3 victory. The Bucks desperately need to take care of business against Michigan State next weekend.

Missouri: The Tigers appeared to be turning the corner when they took two of three from Texas A&M at home a few weekends ago, but that hasn't been the case. The Tigers dropped two of three at Oklahoma State last weekend and didn't fare any better against Oklahoma a home this weekend. The Tigers dropped the first two games of the series by scores of 2-1 and 7-4 before winning the series finale 5-4. The Tigers now have a 15-16 record and a 5-7 mark in conference play. Not good at all.

Texas-San Antonio: The Roadrunners entered the season as a strong candidate to earn an at-large

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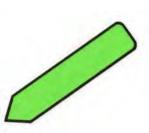
Santa Clara until an eighth-inning hiccup as the Toreros beat the Broncos 9-4. Pitcher Kyle Blair (3-1) had a shutout until giving up four runs in the eighth, and the Toreros rode four doubles to a five-run fifth inning. Blair gave up 10 hits and struck out eight.

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### **Strasburg on Thursday**

Aztecs All-America righthander Stephen Strasburg will make his next start Thursday night at UNLV, a school spokesman said. After his most recent game last week, it was thought Strasburg (6-0, 1.49 ERA) would pitch Friday against the Rebels. But manager Tony Gwynn has opted to pitch his ace in the series opener Thursday.

SDSU, which is tied with TCU for first place in the Mountain West Conference, went 4-2 in non-conference games last week to improve to 22-11. The Aztecs moved up from No. 21 to No. 18 in the Baseball America poll released yesterday. USD (22-11) is ranked No. 25.



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### **USD loses to UCR**

UC Riverside scored three runs on four hits, helped by a USD error, in the bottom of the eighth in an 8-7 comeback win over the visiting Toreros (19-11). Paced by three hits apiece from Tony Strazzara and Jon Hotta, USD outhit the Highlanders (17-6) 14-12.

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