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From the issue dated July 18, 2008

On Being Imaginative, Resilient, and a Good Ancestor: Excerpts from Graduation Speeches

Compiled by SUSANNAH TULLY

J.K. Rowling, author, at Harvard University:

Though I will defend the value of bedtime stories to my last gasp, I have learned to value imagination in a much broader sense. Imagination is not only the uniquely human capacity to envision that which is not, and therefore the fount of all invention and innovation. In its arguably most transformative and revelatory capacity, it is the power that enables us to empathize with humans whose experiences we have never shared.

One of the greatest formative experiences of my life preceded Harry Potter, though it informed much of what I subsequently wrote in those books. ... I paid the rent in my early 20s by working in the research department at Amnesty International's headquarters in London. ... Every day, I saw more evidence about the evils humankind will inflict on their fellow humans, to gain or maintain power. And yet I also learned more about human goodness at Amnesty International than I had ever known before. ...

If you choose to use your status and influence to raise your voice on behalf of those who have no voice; if you choose to identify not only with the powerful, but with the powerless; if you retain the ability to imagine yourself into the lives of those who do not have your advantages, then it will not only be your proud families who celebrate your existence, but thousands and millions of people whose reality you have helped transform for the better. ...

I have one last hope for you, which is something that I already had at 21. The friends with whom I sat on graduation day have been my friends for life. They are ... the people to whom I've been able to turn in times of trouble, friends who have been kind enough not to sue me when I've used their names for Death Eaters. ... Today, I can wish you nothing better than similar friendships. And tomorrow, I hope that even if you remember not a single word of mine, you remember those of Seneca ... : "As is a tale, so is life: not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters." ...

Mary E. Lyons, president of the University of San Diego, at the College of St. Catherine:

At a time when we seem to place the greatest value on efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and productivity, ... it is all too easy to forget or dismiss as irrelevant or nonessential humanity's need for beauty. Think about what public-school programs are the first to be cut and the last to be restored during every economic downturn. Of course it's reasonable to think that when the choices are between fixing potholes or investing in public art, the arguments for beauty rarely prevail. But you know better. ... You are the inheritors of this vision of life and upon whom so many depend to ensure that it is preserved for future generations. ... I urge you to stand for beauty.

Samantha Power, journalist and professor of public policy at Harvard University, at Pitzer College:

As you figure out your path in life, try to follow your nose. ... One cannot script a precise professional destination. The contingencies — and one's ability to pivot from them — have a greater impact upon one's destiny than one's plan. ... Focus on the next thing, and take some of the pressure off finding the eventual thing. ... Ask yourself, "What will I take away from this? Will I learn a new skill? A new town? A new mind-set?"

Second, be sure to create quiet time so you maximize the chances you will be able to hear your gut when it speaks to you. The French film director Jean Renoir once said, "The foundation of all great civilizations is loitering." ... But ... we have all stopped loitering. Stillness is becoming as extinct as the polar bear.



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A Toast to Open Debate

Jennifer Roback Morse
Monday, July 14, 2008

I propose a toast. Let me tell you why, and to whom. Here in San Diego, gay rights activists are organizing a boycott against the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, an elegant downtown hotel with magnificent views of the San Diego Bay, Coronado Island, and the Pacific Ocean beyond. Why? Because its owner, Douglas Manchester, has the audacity to support the radical notion that marriage is between a man and a woman. On a local talk radio show, gay activists describe him and anyone else with these views as hateful.

Douglas Manchester is the Chairman of the Manchester Financial Group, which acquires, develops, and manages high profile properties throughout the United States. "Papa Doug" Manchester and his wife Betsy are devoted supporters of causes that address the health and well-being of children, especially here in San Diego. Besides supporting the University of San Diego, San Diego State University, and Cathedral Catholic High School, the Manchesters are significant contributors to the County's Child Abuse Prevention Foundation, Polinsky Children's Center, and San Diego Diocesan Ministries. Their generosity has extended to the YMCA, Southern California Boys & Girls Clubs, Scripps Memorial Hospital, and The Burnham Institute.

So why are the gay rights radicals in an uproar? Douglas Manchester gave money to get the California Marriage Amendment on the ballot. This dastardly amendment states: **"Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."** According to boycott organizer Fred Karcher, boycotting Manchester is justified because, "This is someone who is giving an exorbitant amount of money to write discrimination into the constitution for the very first time."

The big meanie. What was he thinking?

Maybe he was thinking that four judges in San Francisco have no right to redefine marriage for the entire state of California. Maybe he is concerned that grade school children will be taught about homosexuality. Maybe he has the extremist idea that this is a topic for parents to teach their kids, in accordance with their own values, and their child's maturity level.

Maybe he thinks marriage has something to do with children. Not every married couple has children; that's true. But every child has parents. And every child has a legitimate interest in having a relationship with his own mother and father, an interest no child can possibly defend on his own. Adult society must protect children's entitlement to bonding and connection with their parents. Marriage is the social institution that does this job.

Sometimes, unfortunately, children do not get to have a relationship with both parents, due to death or divorce. But everyone recognizes these situations as regrettable tragedies. Now, for the very first time since the Babylonian Empire, a government has declared that it has no responsibility to support the child's right to affiliation with both parents. The Supreme Court of California says that adults have the constitutional right to make a lifetime plan that a child shall never have a relationship with one of his genetic parents. Maybe Douglas Manchester has a problem with that.

In other words, maybe Douglas Manchester shares the views of most of the people of California. The gay rights activists think it is just fine that the Supreme Court of California has run rough-shod over the views of ordinary people. Douglas Manchester, in conjunction with others on the Protect Marriage campaign, has offered the public the opportunity to vote on the subject, an opportunity stripped away from them by four San Francisco judges.

For many of us, gay marriage isn't a referendum on gay people. It is about the meaning of marriage. Advocates of marriage as a union of a man and a woman do not hate gay people. Rather, the millions of Americans who pull the lever in favor of marriage are saying children need a mother and father. The gay community is boycotting the Manchester Grand Hyatt, because Douglas Manchester has given the people of California the opportunity to express what they believe.

As for me, I believe I'll have a drink at the Top of the Hyatt. When you visit San Diego, as millions of people do, I hope you will go to the Top of the Hyatt too. You can take in the gorgeous views, and raise a glass to Douglas Manchester.

We can toast him again when we vote in November.

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July 21

Theologian Uninvited to Hold Chair

Activist groups that try to pressure Roman Catholic universities to adhere to certain measures of fealty are praising the University of San Diego for telling a prominent theology professor that the invitation for her to teach there next year was being rescinded and that she would not hold a visiting endowed chair.

The professor is Rosemary Radford Ruether, who currently teaches at the Claremont Graduate University and has also taught at the Pacific School of Religion and Holy Names University, and written a column for many years for the *National Catholic Reporter*. Ruether's numerous books about theology have strong pro-feminist positions (she advocates the ordination of women, for example) and she identifies herself as a "progressive Catholic," but very much as a Catholic thinker.

This fall, the New Press will publish her latest book, *Catholic Does Not Equal the Vatican: A Vision for Progressive Catholicism*, in which she challenges Vatican teachings on a range of issues. In the forward to the book, Rev. Susan Thistlethwaite, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, writes: "In a truly just world, Rosemary Radford Ruether would be pope."

While Ruether has no expectations of becoming pope, she did think she had an endowed chair. San Diego announced in June that Ruether would be named as the next Monsignor John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology, a position that involves a one year appointment, teaching, and a major lecture on campus. The announcement — since removed from the university's Web site — set off alarms among critics of Ruether's views, who published articles on Web sites calling her a "radical non-Christian" and charging, among other things, that she calls God "Gaia." (For the record, she said that she calls God "God," and did so in a conversation with this reporter.)

In an interview, Ruether said that she was strongly recruited by the university for the position. She said that she has more invitations than she can handle, but that she agreed to the visiting chair after faculty members attended a lecture she gave, and spoke about how much they wanted her to teach. Terms were negotiated and the announcement was made, she said. Subsequently, she said, Provost Julie Sullivan called her and explained that the theology department "had not consulted with the donor and the donor had a different vision" of the chair, so the offer to Ruether was being rescinded. (The donor is anonymous, according to a university Web site.)

"This is obviously a case where the faculty were not able to ask the person they wanted to ask because of ideological bias," Ruether said. She added that her academic freedom would not be affected because she would continue to write what she believes, but she said that the academic freedom of San Diego faculty members had been hurt by having her appointment blocked. She said that "it's their academic freedom being denied," when the faculty have appointments vetoed just for being controversial.

Lance Nelson, chair of the theology department and the person who recruited Ruether, declined to talk about the situation and said that only the provost could talk about the matter. The provost did not respond to e-mail messages. Pamela Gray Payton, a spokeswoman for the university, confirmed via e-mail that upon "review of the specific purpose of the Monsignor John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology, the University of San Diego is no longer considering the appointment of Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether as the 2009-2010 chair holder." Payton added that Ruether was "never officially appointed" to the position.

LifeSiteNews.com, which had previously urged Catholics to call the university to oppose Ruether, is praising the university's latest action and urging readers to write the university to express support.

— Scott Jaschik

The original story and user comments can be viewed online at <http://insidehighered.com/news/2008/07/21/usd>.

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"No longer considering the appointment"

University of San Diego withdraws offer of honorary professorship to feminist theologian

The University of San Diego has decided to cancel its offer of an honorary, yearlong professorship to "feminist theologian" Rosemary Radford Ruether, a supporter of abortion rights, contraception and the renaming of God.

[[Ruether072108.jpg]]Ruether had been invited to hold the Monsignor John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology at USD for the academic year 2009-2010, a decision that prompted a flood of complaints after *California Catholic Daily* first reported news of the appointment on July 9. On Friday, July 18, Pamela Gray Payton, assistant vice president for public affairs at USD, issued the following statement: "Upon review of the specific purpose of the Monsignor John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology, the University of San Diego is no longer considering the appointment of Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether as the 2009-2010 Chair holder."

Ruether has said she thinks that God can be called "Gaia," after the Roman mother-earth goddess, has been a longtime supporter of women's ordination, and since 1985 has served on the board of the pro-abortion group Catholics for a Free Choice (now Catholics for Choice). In 2000, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement saying the group "is not a Catholic organization, does not speak for the Catholic Church, and in fact promotes positions contrary to the teaching of the Church." Catholics for a Free Choice, said the bishops, is "an arm of the abortion lobby in the United States and throughout the world."

An Orange County parent whose daughter attends USD provided *California Catholic Daily* with a copy of an email he sent to the USD office of public relations upon learning of the Ruether appointment. "I was shocked and saddened to read her biography, which indicates pro-abortion, culture of death, radical feminist views and activities from what I would characterize as a 'non-Catholic, non-theologian, and a questionable Christian,'" the parent wrote. The parent asked, "Is this how my tuition dollars are being spent as my daughter attends USD?"

The parent said he and his wife are Respect Life Committee members in the Diocese of Orange whose children graduated from different Catholic high schools in the diocese. "The time has come to educate parents of Catholic high school students and their students as to what is happening at universities they may be interested in attending," said the parent, who said he would inform principals of the Catholic high schools of the situation at USD. In addition, he said, as Respect Life Committee members, "we have the opportunity to meet with other Respect Life parish representatives from the other 56 parishes in Orange County. I intend to bring up the problem of a pro-abortionist, culture of death advocate teaching Roman Catholic theology at a Catholic institution. I will urge these members to take this information back to their parishes to help educate the parents of Catholic high school students so that they can be well informed when they decide which university to attend."

The parent's email – and others like them – apparently had an effect.

"The appointment of a chair for the 2009-2010 academic year will be announced in the future," said Payton's July 18 announcement.

According to the USD web site, "The Portman Chair was established in the department in the year 2000 through an anonymous donor's generous bequest. It was named after Msgr. John R. Portman, who served as the founding chair of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies from 1967 to 1974."

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Friday July 18, 2008

Catholic University of San Diego Changes Mind - Rejects Radical Non-Christian Feminist For Theology Chair

By Peter J. Smith

SAN DIEGO, July 18, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com) - In a stunning reversal, the University of San Diego has informed LifeSiteNews that it has rejected the selection of a radical eco-feminist theologian to an honorary chair in its Catholic theology department.

Just last week LifeSiteNews had reported that Professor Rosemary Radford Ruether, who calls God "Gaia," supports abortion and contraception, and a host of other views that put her in conflict with essential Catholic and Christian beliefs was going to assume USD's honorary Monsignor John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology for the 2009-10 academic year. (<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/jul/08071013.html>)



LifeSiteNews had contacted USD for comment about the reasons for Ruether's selection. Today USD Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs Pamela Gray Payton contacted LifeSiteNews via e-mail and stated that Ruether will not assume the honor.

"Upon review of the specific purpose of the Monsignor John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology, the University of San Diego is no longer considering the appointment of Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether as the 2009-2010 Chair holder," Payton informed LifeSiteNews.

"The appointment of a chair for the 2009-2010 academic year will be announced in the future."

Ruether's selection to the Theology chair came just months after the Benedict XVI's April visit to the United States in which the pontiff told Catholic educators to be faithful to Church teachings and not to use academic freedom in a way that "would obstruct or even betray the university's identity and mission."

A USD press release had said Ruether is a "leading Church historian and pioneering figure in Christian feminist theology" and would be teaching one undergraduate course in the fall semester of 2009 and also deliver the annual Portman Lecture.

LifeSiteNews reported the selection was an oddity since Ruether has a rather undisguised rejection of and antipathy toward Christianity, especially the Catholic Faith.

Ruether is also a member of the pro-abortion dissident group, Catholics for Choice, which has been condemned by the US Catholic bishops as "not a Catholic organization" and "an arm of the abortion lobby in the United States and throughout the world."

The removal of Ruether allows the USD to select a candidate that actually embraces the Catholic mission of the university - besides the core tenets of Christianity - and embodies the principles behind the establishment of the theology chair.

When USD created the Portman Chair for its theology department in 2000, then-president Alice Hayes had stated, "It will be a strong and palpable symbol of the depth of the university's commitment to Catholic theology as an academic discipline and another sign of the Catholic character of the university."

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Theologian, Radforth Ruether, disinvented at U of San Diego

By TOM ROBERTS, NCR Staff
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Rosemary Radforth Ruether, the noted Catholic theologian who was disinvented as a lecturer by the University of San Diego, said she was "saddened by this experience and concerned about what it means for academic freedom" at the university.



Rosemary Radforth Ruether

Ruether, who writes a regular column for NCR, was invited in January to occupy the Msgr. John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Systematic Theology for the fall 2009 semester to lecture on theology and ecology. After negotiating details of the appointment, which included an expectation that she would make herself "reasonably available" while on campus to "counsel and encourage theology faculty," give a public lecture and seminars and colloquia for the faculty, she received an official confirmation on April 30.

Ruether, in answer to a question, submitted to NCR a written explanation of her dealings with the University of San Diego. She said the university announced the appointment in June, about the same time that she received "an indication from one friend that hostile response was being expressed by conservative Catholic groups, one of whom accused me of teaching that 'God is Gaia,' a view which I do not take."

She said she wasn't surprised when the university provost called in mid-July canceling the offer. "She [the provost] said that the donor funding the chair had a 'certain vision' of who she wanted for the chair," Ruether wrote. "I added 'and this is not my vision.' 'Yes,' she said."

In response to press inquiries, the university released a statement saying that upon review "of the specific purpose" of the Msgr. John R. Portman Chair, the university "is no longer considering the appointment" of Ruether as the 2009-2010 chair holder.

A new appointment will be made in the near future, the university said.

University spokesperson Pamela Gray Payton said she could not add any details to why Ruether's invitation was rescinded, but she confirmed that the university had received calls from Catholics upset at the appointment.

Some urged a reversal of the university decision or threatened action against the university. However, she said she did not believe that the calls were the reason for reversing the earlier invitation. Instead, she said, it is "fairly clear the expectation" of the donor, who's name was not released, is that "the speaker would be someone whose theology or teaching were pretty much in concert with that of the church."

Payton also said the recent decision "has certainly highlighted" the fact that the university doesn't have "a very reliable process for discussing or vetting or deciding upon endowed chairs."

In their correspondence, Ruether said, she made it clear that she would not be able to take the position full time. "I was retired, had a standing offer to teach at Claremont, did not need another job and was making a special effort to respond to this offer." Currently she has a contract through 2011 to teach at Claremont Graduate University and Claremont School of Theology, which describes itself as an ecumenical and interfaith institution.

Ruether said she does not wish "to restore this cancelled offer. But I am very saddened by this experience and concerned about what it means for academic freedom at the University of San Diego and, by implication, about the state of academic freedom at Catholic colleges generally."

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Catholic University of San Diego Honors Radical Non-Christian Feminist With Theology Chair

By Peter J. Smith

SAN DIEGO, July 10, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com) - This year the University of San Diego has awarded an honorary chair in its Catholic theology department to a radical eco-feminist theologian, who calls God "Gaia," supports abortion and contraception, and a host of other views that put her in conflict with essential Catholic and Christian beliefs. The selection comes just months after the Pope's April visit to the United States in which he told Catholic educators to be faithful to Church teachings.

The USD Department of Theology and Religious Studies says Professor Rosemary Radford Ruether is a "leading Church historian and pioneering figure in Christian feminist theology" and will accept the honorary Monsignor John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology for 2009-10 academic year.

A USD press release says Ruether will be teaching one undergraduate course in the fall semester of 2009 and will also deliver the annual Portman Lecture on a date to be determined to USD students.

When the Portman Chair was established in 2000, USD President Alice Hayes said, "It will be a strong and palpable symbol of the depth of the university's commitment to Catholic theology as an academic discipline and another sign of the Catholic character of the university."

Oddly enough, however, Ruether has a rather undisguised rejection of and antipathy toward Christianity, especially the Catholic Faith.

A regular columnist for the National Catholic Reporter, Ruether boasts multiple professorships, twelve honorary doctorates, and an extensive list of books, including *The Church Against Itself* (1967), *Sexism And God-talk: Toward a Feminist Theology* (1983), *Gaia and God: An Ecofeminist Theology of Earth Healing* (1992), *Goddesses and the Divine Feminine: A Western Religious History* (2005), *Integrating Ecofeminism, Globalization, and World Religions* (January 2005) and *America, Amerikkka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence* (2007).

California Catholic Daily reports that Prof. Ruether is an advocate of women's ordination and since 1985 has served as a board member for the pro-abortion dissident Catholics for a Free Choice - now Catholics for Choice (CFC). The group has been described by the US Bishops as "not a Catholic organization, does not speak for the Catholic Church, and in fact promotes positions contrary to the teaching of the Church" and is "an arm of the abortion lobby in the United States and throughout the world."

In 2005 Ruether explained to an audience at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles her view that "Christianity is not necessarily worse than other religions, but it is the vehicle of Western Civilization."

Ruether has stated Christianity is riddled by hierarchy and patriarchy that created a social order in which chaste women on their wedding night "were, in effect, raped by young husbands whose previous sexual experience came from exploitative relationships with servant women and prostitutes."

In the CFC article "Sexual Literacy" from its Summer 2003 Conscience magazine, Ruether continued in this vein saying "The young bride went into marriage without knowledge of how to experience pleasure or prevent pregnancy."

Ruether added, "the Christian Right, Catholic and Protestant, is trying to roll back the sexual revolution by returning to a patriarchal puritanism based on a classist separation of females into 'good' girls and 'bad' girls, exploiting the bad girls while denying the good girls personal freedom."

Ruether has also rejected the notion that Man has a higher dignity than the animals in creation.

USD's selection of Ruether to the honorary theology professorship is a rejection of Pope Benedict XVI's admonition given to Catholic educators during his papal visit to the United States to be faithful to the Church and its teachings.

"Any appeal to the principle of academic freedom in order to justify positions that contradict the faith and the teaching of the Church would obstruct or even betray the university's identity and mission," the Pope told Catholic university and college presidents in April.

Benedict also spoke openly about "the scandal given by Catholics who promote an alleged right to abortion."

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"Roman Catholic institution?"

University of San Diego awards honorary professorship to feminist theologian who supports abortion and contraception, and who holds variety of other dissident views

A "feminist theologian" who thinks that God can be called "Gaia," after the Roman mother-earth goddess, has accepted a one-year honorary professorship at the University of San Diego, according to an announcement by the school, which describes itself on its web site as "a Roman Catholic institution." Rosemary Radford Ruether will hold the Monsignor John R. Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Theology at USD for the academic year 2009-2010.

[[Ruether070908.jpg]] Besides being a regular columnist for the *National Catholic Reporter*, Ruether holds multiple professorships, has 12 honorary doctorates, and has written a long list of books, including *Gaia and God: An Ecofeminist Theology of Earth Healing* (1992), *Goddesses and the Divine Feminine: A Western Religious History* (2005), and *America, Amerikka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence* (2007). As Portman Chair at USD, Ruether will teach one undergraduate course in the fall of 2009 and will deliver the annual Portman Lecture.

Ruether has long been an advocate of women's ordination and, beginning in 1985, has served as a board member for the pro-abortion Catholics for a Free Choice (now Catholics for Choice) organization. In 2000, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement saying the group "is not a Catholic organization, does not speak for the Catholic Church, and in fact promotes positions contrary to the teaching of the Church." Catholics for a Free Choice, said the bishops, is "an arm of the abortion lobby in the United States and throughout the world."

In an article entitled "Sexual Literacy" published by Catholics for a Free Choice in its Summer 2003 *Conscience* magazine, Ruether wrote that, under the old "patriarchal" social order, in which girls were expected to remain chaste before marriage, while boys could "'sow their wild oats', with 'bad (lower class) girls,'" young women on their wedding night "were, in effect, raped by young husbands whose previous sexual experience came from exploitative relationships with servant women and prostitutes. The young bride went into marriage without knowledge of how to experience pleasure or prevent pregnancy."

[[Portman070908.jpg]] According to Ruether, "the Christian Right, Catholic and Protestant, is trying to roll back the sexual revolution by returning to a patriarchal puritanism based on a classist separation of females into 'good' girls and 'bad' girls, exploiting the bad girls while denying the good girls personal freedom."

Ruether's solution to "patriarchal puritanism" is "a two-stage process" of "sexual integration."

"In the first stage of young people's lives they should learn how to give sexual pleasure to one another without getting pregnant," said Ruether. "This entails adults helping them to learn about their own sexuality in a way that would endorse both sexual pleasure and contraception. It assumes that young people can engage in sexual experimentation before they are ready for reproduction, perhaps 'going steady' with a partner, in a way that connects sexual pleasure and contraception with friendship; i.e. accountable, responsible relationships."

In 2005, Ruether told an audience at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles that "Christianity is not necessarily worse than other religions, but it is the vehicle of Western Civilization," which, she said, is riddled with hierarchy and patriarchy. Christianity, she said, presents an image of a tribal war god instead of "wisdom pervading the universe."

Such notions as human superiority over animals must also be discarded, Ruether has said elsewhere.

Ruether is not the first dissident theologian invited to USD via the Portman Chair. This year, Fr. Peter C. Phan, a

theologian under investigation by the Holy See, gave the Portman Lecture. In his book, *Being Religious Interreligiously*, Phan downplays "the singularity of Jesus Christ as savior of the world," said the U.S. bishop's Committee on Doctrine in late 2007.

According to the USD web site, "The Portman Chair was established in the department in the year 2000 through an anonymous donor's generous bequest. It was named after Msgr. John R. Portman, who served as the founding chair of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies from 1967 to 1974. Msgr. Portman has been a pioneer in ecumenical dialogue, and served as pastor of the Church of the Immaculata and in other parishes in San Diego for over 30 years after leaving the University of San Diego. He was recently (fall 2006) honored with the title of Professor Emeritus."

The University of San Diego was founded in 1949 by Charles F. Buddy, first bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, and Rosalie Hill, Mother Superior of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

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Summer in lab a worthy experiment

USD research program recruits select students

By Tanya Sierra
STAFF WRITER

They could spend their summer days in languor at the beach, sending nonstop text messages to friends. Instead, April Stanley and Andy Vesce are preparing for the fall semester at the University of San Diego by toiling 40 hours a week in research labs.

Stanley and Vesce are part of an undergraduate program that recruits students who often don't make it into the research ranks: students of color, students whose parents have never been to college or students who are

financially needy.

The plan is to expose them to science and math in hopes they will choose a career in science — not always a first choice for the Millennial Generation.

Formed in 2001 as a way to diversify the sciences, the Pre-Undergraduate Research Experience program enables three to five freshmen to spend six to eight weeks in a lab before starting college, then provides free tutoring for two years.

Stanley, a sophomore, joined last year and has now moved on to another research program for undergraduates.

Vesce, who is just beginning, said the experience is exceptional.

"I love it," said Vesce, 18, who is the first in his family to go to college. "It's

unbelievable.

"The knowledge and experience I'm getting from this program is so unique. I could never get this at a summer job."

Faculty mentors also appreciate the program.

Physics professor Eric Page said that mentoring Vesce — who is now considering physics as a major — is gratifying.

"Helping students get a start early in their academic career is a good thing," Page said. "We encourage as many of our undergraduates as possible to do research. It helps them for graduate school and for jobs."

Program funding comes from vari-

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April Stanley (left), a member of USD's Pre-Undergraduate Research Experience program, listened to chemistry professor Chris Daley as they conducted an experiment in a USD science lab. *Laura Embry / Union-Tribune*

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ERIC PAGE, *physics professor*

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\$2,500 stipend is given to each student, mentor

ous grants. Each student and faculty mentor gets a \$2,500 stipend. The funding also pays for supplies, tutoring, and one or two social events.

Cultivating diverse budding researchers improves science overall, said Debbie Tahmassebi, a USD chemistry professor and one of the program's founders.

"Oftentimes you need to see people who have succeeded in order to believe you can succeed," Tahmassebi said.

Stanley, who is half Filipino, is considering a career in science. Even though she always knew she wanted to participate in research, chemistry has never come easy to her, Stanley said. Taking part in the program has confirmed her penchant.

Her confidence grew as well, which was visible as Stanley navigated Chris Daley's chemistry lab, which smelled similar to nail polish remover.

Stanley was purifying an orange, pasty substance created in the lab. Her goal — part of a molecular experiment — was to turn it white and powdery, which she achieved by dousing it in solvent and sucking it dry of liquid and impurities with a vacuum.

"I haven't taken organic chemistry yet," Stanley said as she carefully mixed the solvent and the gooey solid. "This is going to help me this semester when I (study) organic chemis-



USD physics professor Eric Page (left) worked on a experiment with student Andy Vesci, who is new to a special research program. "The knowledge and experience I'm getting from this program is so unique," Vesci said. "I could never get this at a summer job." *Laura Embry / Union-Tribune*

try."

From a stool where he was consulting with another student, Daley, a professor of inorganic chemistry, glanced at Stanley's work.

"It's looking pretty good," Daley told her. "That's actually going to be a lot whiter when it dries."

Administrators have not tracked how many participants have majored in science after the summer program.

"For me, success doesn't

mean they graduate with a science degree," Tahmassebi said. "Success is that they graduate in something they are hap-

py with."

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The End of the Reagan Revolution and Return of FDR and Keynes

By Carl Luna

San Diego CityBeat

If you are a frequent flyers accumulator for any of the airlines you may have gotten this letter in your email inbox. If not, I've linked it here. The letter, signed by all of the major airline CEOs, amounts to a political declaration of war by one side of American corporationality (the producers of goods and services) on another (the producers of finance and speculation.) In short, the airlines are declaring political war on Wall Street over the issue of oil futures contracts speculation. And asking you to be their foot soldiers in the assault on Washington. I find the letter worthy of note as I've never seen anything quite like it. But then, the airlines have never been in anything quite like this.

The last time the bottom fell out of the economy and oil prices hit the sky the airlines will still in the transition from protective government regulation to bare knuckles free markets. Given that airlines have hardly had stellar profits ever since they left Uncle Sam's wing to solo on their own, the current economy and out of whack oil markets has been spelling gloom—and doom—for the heirs to the Wright Brothers. Many of the airlines are on the brink of bankruptcy-as many have been for years. Out of desperation comes acts of desperation. And this letter smacks of political desperation—and political anger—that comes from seeing ones very survival as an industry on the line.

Politically this may portend that, come November, yet another crack in the Reagan coalition will hurt John McCain and his fellow members of the GOP at the polls. The RC of big business and heartland American social conservatives (which has always been an odd—and often contradictory—alchemy of Hamiltonian pro-big government, big finance and big business industrialists and Jeffersonian anti-big government, rural populists (giving the GOP the best of both worlds: access to urban money and rural and suburban votes) is fracturing.

Social conservatives have finally woken up and realized they are the African Americans of the Republican party, being sweet-talked and wooed every election and then seeing every hollow promise hollowed out in between. Just how many years have Republicans controlled the Presidency, the Congress or both? Just when did Roe v. Wade get overturned? (Or an anti-Gay Marriage, Balanced Budget, Pro-Prayer in Schools, Term Limits, Pro-life amendment get passed?)

Now the façade of corporate America, seeing what is shaping up to be the worst economy since the 1970s—or earlier (which leaves only one other really rough patch to compare with, bucko) is splintering at the money-filled seams. If corporations don't pony up the big bucks and unified front as it has done to oppose Democrats (you remember them—pro labor, pro environment, pro progressive taxation, pro pro-consumer government regulation, or at least they used to be back in some primordial pre-Reagan time) historically, John McCain will be standing on a three-legged stool of political support sans two legs. And the third—moderate GOP voters-aren't strong enough to hold up the campaign increasingly swollen by its own incompetence. (Of course, John McCain's senior economic advisor, Phil "Let Them Eat Weight Watchers" Graham may be right and all of our problems may be reducible to whiny, fat, old people. But don't bet on it.)

E.J. Dionne, speaking on NPR's All Things Considered recently, said very concisely something I teach in my classes about economics. He said that, just as the economic problems of the 1970s produced the supplyside Reagan Revolution of the 1980s, the economic problems of the early double naughts may produce a shift towards more government intervention in the economy to help average people. That would be workers and consumers. That would be demand-side economics, aka Keynesian economics, aka New Deal economics.

In economics only two things matter: supply and demand. Government policy can try to affect one over the other—it can't really effectively and successfully influence both significantly at the same time. When one of these paradigms dominates but, then, crashes and burns, government can only—and must—shift to the other.

American economic history can be divided into three great epochs. From the 19th Century—particularly after the Civil War—to 1932 that policy was Laissez-Faire industrialism. Laissez-Faire has never meant "hands off" the economy, as many simplistically believe. Adam Smith never wrote that it did nor believed it should. Laissez-

Faire means government hands off the decisions of supply and demand in the economy but it also, for Smith, meant active government in maintaining an efficient and—most importantly—fair free market.

Smith, a dower, Scottish moral philosopher, understood that people are people and, given the chance, they cheat. Hence his famous admonition that "People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment or diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices." The role of government was to prevent such "conspiracy" and "contrivance."

In practice, however, whenever you hear someone advocating so called Laissez Faire policies for government, they are calling for pro-supply side policies: anti-labor, anti-consumer, pro-capital and a pro-producer. These were the policies of the industrial revolution—and the gilded age. This model crashed and burned in the ravages of the Great Depression, ushering in the Keynesian, demand-side, New Deal model.

The American New Deal model ushered in the greatest period of economic prosperity affecting the broadest segments of a society in human history. And, before you naively say the New Deal didn't end the Depression, the War did, please understand that, economically, American policy during WWII amounted to Keynesianism on steroids, on crack, with the government not just stimulating labor and industrial markets but the government becoming the labor and industrial markets. What really drove American economic dominance in the post-war period, however, was a simple fact of geography: we had sent our boys "Over There" to fight, not them sending their boys "Over Here".

As a result, "Over There" got blown to hell in a handbasket and "Over Here" emerged from the war relatively unscathed. In 1950 the US strode the world as a colossus with no real economic competition. Britain and France were bankrupt by two successive world wars, so bankrupt that they would be forced to hold going-out-of-the-empire-business sales and dismantle, in a few years, the empires they had spent centuries assembling. Germany and Russia were bankrupt and burned to the ground. Japan was bankrupt, burned to the ground and glowed in places at night. The rest of the world was what it had always been: poor.

In 1950 if you wanted to buy a skilled-labor industrial product you had to buy it from us. That would be U.S. And the wealth of nations poured into our own. So much wealth poured in to the U.S. that we could be magnanimous, giving billions of dollars of aid to Europe and the world to rebuild from the war and develop from poverty, confident in the knowledge that much of that money would flow right back into American accounts as the world bought our stuff.

John Maynard Keynes once said that the tailor would gladly lend you ten dollars every Friday if he was confident you would use that money to buy a ten dollar coat from him every Monday. Such was the relationship between the US and the world (and, currently, is the relationship between China and the US, with China playing the role we once did.) That prosperity party which today haunts us as the American Dream: the God-given-if historically unique—right if each generation to expect to live markedly better than the generation before. From the 1941 to 1973 American standard of living doubled and almost doubled again.

Then in 1973, as Don Mclean sang, the music died. The American prosperity party came to a stuporous conclusion. Done in not by the excesses of government intervention in the marketplace but by global economic realities. By the 1960s they—Europe and Japan—were back, with industries modernized, more efficient and cost-competitive (in part thanks to US aid) to challenge American producers on a global stage. By the end of the 1960s the US was sending more money to the world than the world sent to us.

The resulting "Dollar Glut" caused the value of the dollar to tumble and the Bretton Woods dollar-tied to gold based global monetary standard collapse. Arab oil producing nations, seeing the value of their dollarized-oil fall as a result, used the pretext of the Yom Kippur war in 1973 to inflate oil prices. The result of all this: the American economic recession known as "stagflation" and, by the end of the 1970s, a global economic downturn.

The traditional Keynesian response to the "Stag" part of stagflation—driven by the loss of jobs in the face of rising energy costs and massive amounts of dollars leaving the economy to purchase said energy overseas—during the Carter years was to bump up social spending. That, unfortunately only further inflated the "Flation" side of the problem, driven by the impact of high oil input costs on all segments of the society. It would require massively supply-side monetary policy—the Federal Reserve jacking interest rates to almost twenty percent—to crush inflation and, with it, the American economy. Out of the worst recession since the 1930s supply-side II—Reagonomics with its pro business and capital tax cuts, labor policies, environmental policies and, perhaps most importantly, regulatory policies was born.

The result: three decades of strong to middling economic growth. (The last eight years hardly being the golden age of Reaganomics, hence all the nostalgia for all things Reagan and '80s in Republican pundit circles. All that's missing is for Dana Farino to start wearing big hair and padded shoulders to White House press conferences...) But also three decades of declining middle class fortunes. Where the WWII generation saw standards of living double every generation, Baby Boomers and Gen Xers now need wait three generations for the same gain. Perhaps this is why Baby Boomer attitudes towards the economy is so glum.

Throw in the Enroning of the economy as corporate America and Wall Street, shorn of true regulation and oversight, ran amuck, the Dot.Com bubble and, now, the subprime mortgage meltdown (all foreshadowed by the looting and collapse of the S&L industry in the 1980s, the first great manifestation of Reaganomic ubercapitalism gone astray) and the result is an overleveraged, unstable economy on the brink of the worst economic recession of the last seventy years and the possibility of a global recession to match it. With all the geopolitical instabilities that would portend.

The Reagan Revolution. Born: 1980; died: ? You might start etching that date on the economic tombstone: 2008. If Barack Obama—or John McCain, for that matter—are actually serious on changing economic course from the one charted by Reagan and followed by his three successors—including Bill Clinton—there is only one direction to tact towards. Demand-Side II. The Return of Keynes and Roosevelt.

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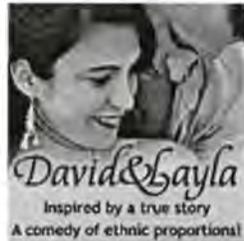
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Kurdish Human Rights Watch hosts youth, professors and community leaders at MidEast Youth Education Conference in California

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Last week, the Kurdish Human Rights Watch (KHRW) hosted a unique event aimed at raising awareness about the importance of education for the success of the Middle Eastern American Youth. One of the regular and important exercises held at the KHRW office in the San Diego area in California is a roundtable discussion in which faculty meets with public officials such as the mayor, police department and others to discuss community issues and problems. One major issue continuously brought forth is the lack of higher education among members of immigrant communities. The purpose of the event entitled, "The Educational Symposium for the MidEastern Youth", was to not only share valuable information about how to best pursue an education in the United States but to also provide the youth with the motivation to do so, and attendees received just that.

The conference began with an introduction by one of the organizers, Zozan Berwari, for the Kurdish Human Rights Watch. Ms. Berwari welcomed the speakers and guests and explained the importance of the event; to help guide the youth in pursuing their higher education.

The first guest speaker was Adam Jeffers, a counselor at San Diego State University. Mr. Jeffers explained the importance of choosing a major that one has a passion for regardless of the area of study. He later spoke about the university's scholarship office and the number of programs making it easy to pursue education in a field that one is interested in. Mr. Jeffers was followed by Arzo Mansury who is a director for the San Diego Foundation, an organization aiming to accommodate community needs. Ms. Mansury specifically works for the Community Scholarship Program, which helps students in San Diego find scholarships to pursue their education. She introduced a program to attendees in which her organization allows students to submit just one application for over 75 different scholarships making it much easier and more probable to receive a scholarship. (Contact the San Diego Foundation at scholarships@sdfoundation.org or 619-235-2300.)

The next speaker was Luqman Barwari, a Kurdish activist and board member for the Kurdish National Congress of North America. Mr. Barwari's talk was entitled, "Value of Education", and he spoke about the various resources for college financial assistance making it possible to get an education in the U.S. for free. He then shared statistical information showing average salaries of people with higher education at a much higher rate than those without education. Dr. Sami Jihad, a motivational speaker of the San Diego area's Chaldean community and Outreach Specialist at Cuyamaca College, spoke about his experiences as an immigrant to the U.S. He shared his experiences about how he came to the U.S. with no help and no money and that it was simply his hard work and his strong ambition that allowed him to pursue his dreams and enter a field that he enjoys.

Next, Raving Barwari, president of the Southern California Chapter of the Kurdish American Youth Organization (KAYO), spoke about his group and the various goals set and achievements made by the Kurdish youth. Mr. Barwari explained

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that education has been a primary focus for his organization and one that members continue to focus on. He explained that the lack of education is one of the greatest threats to an oppressed nation and provided motivation for the youth at the conference to pursue their higher education. Next, Goran Sadjadi - a freelance writer of MidEast politics and a national advisor for KAYO - began his talk with a discussion about disadvantaged youth in the Kurdish region of Turkey and throughout the Middle East and the obstacles faced in getting an education. He compared the disadvantages of that part of the world with the opportunity for the youth that exists in the United States. Mr. Sadjadi finished with an introduction of the Kurdish-American Student Database (KASD), a project organized by KAYO members and aimed at helping Kurdish youth pursue their educational and career goals. (Visit the official KASD website at <http://kasd.kurdyouth.org>.)

A short coffee break allowed attendees to exchange information with speakers and ask questions. During this time, the El Cajon Police Department of the San Diego area also shared a booth where attendees could go look at police equipment and gear. At the start of the event's second session, Ms. Berwari introduced Rick Whitman, an officer of the El Cajon Police Department, who spoke specifically about diversity in communities and the need to open up channels of communication between the police departments and the MidEastern communities. He explained that the police departments need to know what the communities' needs are in order to help them and that it is up to the communities to provide them with that information. Mr. Whitman said that these practices would allow communities to develop and could help keep the youth out of trouble and engaged in positive activities.

The next speaker was Dr. Jesse Mills, a professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of San Diego. Dr. Mills spoke about the issues faced by developing communities, and in particular, his experiences and involvement in the Somalia communities. He also discussed the various injustices committed in the United States and how each person could get involved individually and through community organizing in supporting human and civil rights struggles. Dr. Kamal Artin, a psychiatrist and director of an organization for conflict resolution, provided the audience with a very entertaining satire to explain that education is a human right. Dr. Artin said that education is the most important tool in allowing freedom to prosper and oppression to end. He explained that education helps the oppressed to question their state, and eventually, determine their own destiny. (A summary of Dr. Artin's discussion can be read at <http://www.art-in-mind.org/latest>.)

The conference ended with a letter sent by Mr. Aria Fani on behalf of the Persian Cultural Center of San Diego, which was read by Niroj Rekani for the Kurdish Human Rights Watch. Finally, Ms. Rekani and Ms. Berwari closed the event with a reminder to the youth that success is in each youth's hands and that it is their choice to make that success a reality.

Visit the Kurdish Human Rights Watch (KHRW) at <http://www.khrw.org>
For more information about the KHRW office of the San Diego area, visit http://www.khrw.org/san_diego.html

This report/summary was prepared by Goran Sadjadi.

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Business

BRIEFLY IN BUSINESS

Brower joins Canyon Animal Hospital

Canyon Animal Hospital has hired Lauren Brower as a veterinarian.

Brower was born and raised in Laguna Beach. After graduating from Laguna Beach High School, she attended the University of San Diego, majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry. As an undergraduate she rode on the university's varsity equestrian team. In 2004, she was accepted to the Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Columbus, Ohio, and was initiated into the veterinary honors society, Phi Zeta.

While attending veterinary school, she received the Pfizer Award for Small Animal Clinical Proficiency.

After graduation, Brower has returned to Laguna Beach to practice as a full-time small animal veterinarian at Canyon Animal Hospital while studying therapeutic acupuncture.

The hospital is located at 20372 Laguna Canyon Road. The phone number is (949) 494-1076.

Firm offers recycling of hazardous waste

Waste Management Inc. is launching *thinkgreenfromhome.com*, an online service for the recycling of household waste, including compact fluorescent lamps, batteries, and other electronics.

To store and recycle used CFLs and batteries, customers can order and receive prepaid-postage kits delivered by mail.

The kits use technology designed to reduce the risk of exposure and contamination from lamps broken during storage and shipping.

The kits are suitable for both storage and transport of discarded bulbs or batteries and are approved for shipping by the Postal Service.

Thinkgreenfromhome .com is part of Waste Management's sustainability initiative committing the company to investing in new technologies to nearly triple the amount of recyclables it manages by 2020.

For more information, visit [www.thinkgreen fromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com).

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Cebu Cebu : Trio of classical performers enthralls young audiences

By Jaime Picornell
Columnist
Philippine Daily Inquirer

Posted date: July 20, 2008

MANILA, Philippines - "Songs from the heart," presented July 6 at Theater 2 of SM City Cebu, celebrated Philippine-American Friendship Day. Featured was Trio Amical courtesy of the United States of America Embassy, in cooperation with the Arts Council and SM Northwing.

An audience of more than 600, mostly students, applauded every number. The trio consists of Victoria Robertson, a dazzlingly beautiful mezzo-soprano who was once Miss San Diego in California; Lois Kim, an excellent pianist; and Marian Liebowitz, a virtuoso with the clarinet.

Victoria and Lois met Marian in the fall of 2007 at the University of San Diego. Both diploma candidates, they qualified to enroll in Dr. Liebowitz's seminar on Professional Orientation for Performers. They formed Trio Amical and have been praised wherever they performed.

In Cebu, it was on a sylvan setting as Jaime Chua adorned the stage with potted trees and giant dapo ferns. All three took turns performing, save for Lois who did all the accompaniments. Menchit Ybud helped her turn the pages of the score books.

The program started with Victoria singing an aria from Mozart's "La Clemenza di Tito." Lois then played the dreamy "Ballade No. 4" by Chopin, and Victoria returned to sing four famous songs from Bizet's opera "Carmen." It was Marian's turn to render a solo on the clarinet—"Tonada" by Argentinean composer Carlos Gustaviano (1912-2000).

Part 1 closed with Victoria singing two more arias, this time from "Samson and Delilah" by Saint-Saens.

During the brief interval, Arts Council staff Mariz Rallos and Gerra Cabatingan asked some young audiences if they were coming back.

"We'll just eat something. Of course we will come back, because it is so nice," they said. Most amused were Arts Council trustees Angelina Escaño and Dominique Riegel as they saw the students hurry back when the warning chimes were played at the lobby.

Gershwin music

Part 2 started with George Gershwin as Victoria sang "Summertime" and Lois, his three immortal "Preludes for Piano" composed in 1927. Then they performed songs from popular Broadway musicals.

Victoria sang "Till There Was You" from "The Musical Man" by Meredith Wilson, and "I Could Have Danced All Night" from "My Fair Lady" by Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner.

There was another clarinet solo from Marian—the wedding dance from "Fiddler on the Roof" by Jerry Boch. The finale had all three doing the title song and "Climb Every Mountain" from "The Sound of Music" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

It was a truly wonderful evening with this trio of ladies who looked as great as they performed. And they're terribly nice, too, as we found out later during dinner at Casino Español. "We are impressed with the program notes," they told Arts Council president Petite Garcia and vice president Maxwell Espina.

Responsible for the program is Petite herself who surfs the Internet and finds out details about composers and their works. Many concert-goers keep these notes for reference.

Trio Amical visited Cebu with Jomar Ascano and Jennifer Frias who handle cultural affairs at the US Embassy. With the success of this performance we may expect more great artists to come to Cebu.

Master classes

Next day was a busy one for the trio, as they gave master classes in piano, voice and clarinet at the Marcelo Fernan Cebu Press Center auditorium. All three spoke on the topic Careers in Music.

They shared insights about what they were performing, and gave a slice of their private lives which endeared them all the more to the audience.

The next musical event at SM City Cebu will be at the Northwing Atrium Aug. 3, 5:30 p.m., with Ingrid Sala Santamaria and Reynaldo Reyes. The event is part of their 16th Romantic Piano Concert Tour which takes them all over the Philippines twice a year.

This is the second tour for 2008, which started in the cities of Dipolog, Ozamis, Oroquieta and Pagadian. They are now in Manila. After Cebu, they will go to Tagbilaran in Bohol, and hold a concert in Las Piñas. Then they'll go to Dumaguete in Negros Oriental and Davao City.

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Summer Chamber Music Festival Third annual festival promises master classes, coaching sessions, jamming, more, led by members of San Diego Symphony and USD faculty members. Faculty concert slated for July 6, 7 p.m., in French Parlor (\$10 general). Faculty and participants present free concerts at noon, Monday-Wednesday, July 7-9. Evening concert slated for Thursday, July 10, 8 p.m. Final concert by participants, July 12, 2 p.m. (\$10 general). 619-260-4106. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). (LINDA VISTA)

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Night & Day

July 10, 2008

Summer Chamber Musical Festival

The festival comes to an end with this final concert directed by Dr. Angela Yeung. *University of SD, 5998 Alcalá Park. July 12. 619-260-4600, zen.sandiego.edu:8080/symp. \$5-\$10.*

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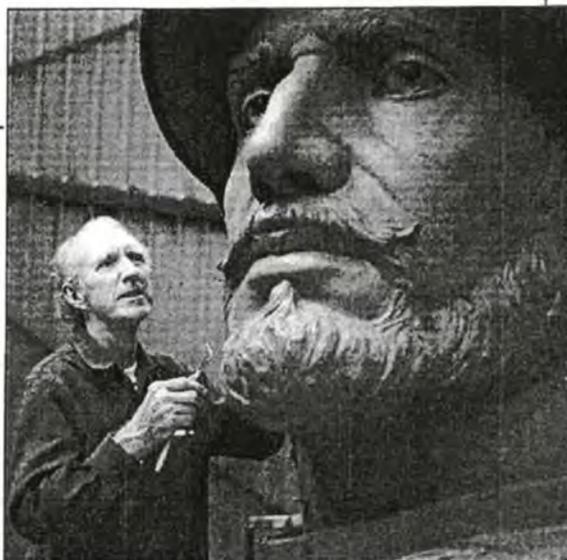
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RACE, CLASS, ART —
THE LAST CONQUISTADOR
San Diego Public Library,
Sunday, July 6.

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Race, Class, Art Preview film screening of *The Last Conquistador*, in which renowned sculptor John Houser "dreams of building the world's tallest bronze equestrian statue" but must later "face the moral implications of his work." USD ethnic studies professor Alberto Pulido leads following discussion. 619-236-5800. Sunday, July 6, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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July 10, 2008

"Mugs of the Mesas" Exhibit of prehistoric ceramics from David W. May American Indian Collection associated with ancestral Pueblo people of the Four Corners region of Southwestern United States. Photographs of Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado included. Exhibit was curated by USD anthropology professor Tim Gross, designed by Paul Johnson, with photographs by William Lile. Viewing continues in the May Gallery — located in Serra Hall 214 — through Tuesday, September 23. 619-260-4238. Fridays, 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 23, 2008, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

School of Business Administration

Daily Business Report

July 24, 2008

EDUCATION

Eighteen graduates of USD's Master of Science in Global Leadership program will receive their degrees today at 2 p.m. in the **Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre**. The class includes 11 military officers from the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. Seven of the 11 officers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Three of the seven civilian graduates are natives of other countries including Australia, Kenya and Turkey.

Graduates of the program are **Ianthe Andress, Michael Bukolt, Emily Butali, Matthew Cole, Joseph Fiksmen, John Greene, Daniel Hannum, Siddhartha Herdegen, Daniel Hubert, Adam Johnson, Gregory Knutson, Ahmet Kucuk, Timothy Loy, Scott Maloney, Dara Manning, Matthew Muga, Franz Rozsnyoi** and **Jonathan Stock**.

The 16-month program focuses on leadership and ethics, the global political environment and best business practices along with cultural understanding and the role it plays in leadership across international boundaries.

Jaime Alonso Gómez, founding dean of the **Graduate School of Business Administration and Leadership** at the **Tecnológico de Monterrey (TEC)** in Monterrey, Mexico, will address the class. TEC is USD's partner for its dual-degree master's program in international business and student and faculty exchanges.

July 30, 2008

Gauge shows unrelenting weakness in S.D. economy

USD index of indicators at lowest point since '93

By Dean Calbreath
STAFF WRITER

With job losses mounting and home prices declining, there is "no end in sight" for weakness in the local economy, according to the latest index of leading economic indicators released yesterday by the University of San Diego.

Plummeting consumer confidence, sagging stock prices and rising unemployment pushed the index to its lowest point since November 1993, when San Diego was emerging from its post-Cold War recession.

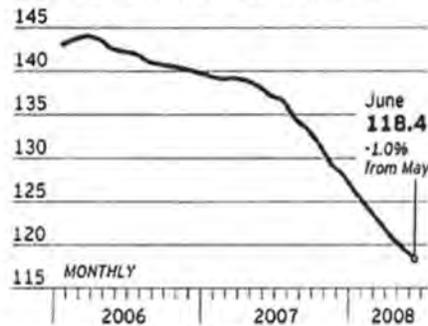
The index — designed to forecast future economic activity — has declined for 26 out of the past 27 months.

"I've been wary of using the 'R' word, but you can probably consider this a recession, and not just a San Diego-style recession," said Alan Gin, economist with USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, which compiles the index.

For months, Gin has been predicting that the economy would avoid a regional recession, which is generally defined as a sustained year-to-year loss in jobs. Instead, he has said, the county would muddle through a "San Diego-style" slowdown, with sluggish hiring and rising unemployment but no annualized job losses.

For the first time since 1993, however, San Diego County has now endured a six-month period of year-over-year job losses. During the first six months of 2008, there were fewer jobs in the county than there were during the same period of 2007. As a result, the unemployment

INDEX OF LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY



SOURCE: University of San Diego

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Dip in shopping seen in decline of retail jobs

rate has jumped from 4.6 percent in June 2007 to 5.9 percent last month — its highest point in 12 years.

The USD index forecasts "continued weakness in the local economy through the first half of 2009, with no end in sight at this point."

Kelly Cunningham, economist at the San Diego Institute for Policy Research, said he reluctantly agrees with Gin.

"I've been resisting the idea that San Diego would fall into recession, but I have to admit I was wrong," Cunningham said. "Some of the main drivers of the economy still seem to be doing well: telecom, biotech, the defense industry. But three out of the last four months have had negative job growth, and that's a major indicator of a recession."

Cunningham said that data indicate that consumer spending and retail sales, which constitute a major driver of economic growth, are down. The decline in shopping traffic has shown up in employment statistics, which show a year-to-year decline in retail employment.

"This is really a case of the tail wagging the dog," Cunningham said. "Usually you have an economic recession first and then home prices go down. In this case, the housing market has dragged the economy into a recession."

For the economy to recover, Gin said, there will have to be

more stability in home prices and a reduction in foreclosures. Since the housing market hit its peak in November 2005, the median home price has slid nearly 29 percent from \$518,000 to \$370,000. Foreclosures and defaults have more than doubled in the past year.

Ironically, the only bright spot in the index released yesterday was home-building. In June, 974 permits were issued for new homes, a sharp jump from the 617 permits issued in May.

Even with the rebound, residential units authorized by building permits were down more than 30 percent for the first half of 2008 compared with the same period in 2007, with a drop of 21 percent for multifamily units and 39 percent for single-family homes.

"Demand has been severely tempered by a tight credit environment, weakness in home prices and a slowing economy," said Josh Seime, who heads the San Diego operations of Metrostudy, a housing research firm.

The weakness in housing has translated into a declining job market, with thousands of layoffs at construction, real estate and mortgage firms as well as retailers — such as home improvement stores — that cater to the housing market.

During the first six months of the year, 95,723 initial claims for unemployment insurance were filed, a 25 percent jump over the 76,289 filings during the same period in 2007.

Local stock prices were battered along with other stocks as the equity markets suffered their worst June in decades, with the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 10

percent in the month and the Nasdaq composite index, where many San Diego stocks trade, down more than 9 percent.

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ECONOMY

USD's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for the county fell 1.0 percent in June, reflecting sharp drops in consumer confidence and local stock prices. Two other components -- initial claims for unemployment insurance and help wanted advertising --- were moderately negative, while there was a slight downturn in the outlook for the national economy. The one positive component was building permits, which were up significantly. June's drop was the ninth consecutive significant (greater than one percent) drop in the USD Index, which has fallen in 26 of the last 27 months.

The outlook for the local economy remains unchanged from recent months: continued weakness in the local economy through the first half of 2009, with no end in sight. As was projected in last month's report, job growth for the first half of 2008 has now turned negative. This marks the first time since September 1993 that job growth has been negative over a six-month (two-quarter) period when compared to the previous year. The weakness in the labor market dates back even farther, with the run-up in the unemployment rate beginning one year ago in June 2007.

June's decrease puts the USD Index for the county at 118.4, down from May's revised reading of 119.6. Revisions in building permits and the national Index of Leading Economic Indicators caused the previously reported change of -1.1 percent to be revised to -1.2 percent for the month

San Diego Daily Transcript

July 30, 2008

Leading economic indicators down sharply

The University of San Diego's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County fell 1 percent in June.

Sharp drops in consumer confidence and local stock prices led the way to the downside. Two other components — initial claims for unemployment insurance and help wanted advertising — were moderately negative, while there was a slight downturn in the outlook for the national economy. The one positive component was building permits, which were up significantly.

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Indicators Drag USD Economic Index Down; Building Permits Rise

By - 7/29/2008

San Diego Business Journal Staff

Sharp drops in local stocks and consumer confidence combined with moderate declines in other measures caused a regional economic index to fall 1 percent in June.

The latest drop in the University of San Diego's Index of Leading Economic Indicators was the 26th time in the last 27 months the index has fallen, according to the July 29 report from USD economics professor Alan Gin.

The immediate future appears bleak, Gin said in the report. "The outlook for the local economy remains unchanged from recent months: continued weakness in the local economy through the first half of 2009, with no end in sight at this point."

The sole component of the index that moved in a positive direction was building permits, which increased by nearly 2 percent.

Gin noted the job growth in the first half of this year has turned negative, the first time that's occurred since September 1993 when the area was in the midst of a recession that lasted about five years.

The June decrease in the USD index was the ninth consecutive decline of at least 1 percent. The index stood at 118.4 compared to 137.3 as of June 2007.

— Mike Allen

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USD Expert: Local Economic Woes To Continue

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SAN DIEGO -- No turnaround is in sight for San Diego County's sluggish economy, a University of San Diego economist reported Tuesday.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County fell 1 percent in June, led by sharp drops in consumer confidence and local stock prices, according to Alan Gin, who compiles the index for USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

There were also moderate declines in the number of help-wanted advertisements and the outlook for the national economy, and a rise in the number of people filing for unemployment insurance, according to Gin.

The one positive component of the index was building permits, which were up significantly, according to Gin's index.

It was the ninth consecutive significant drop in the USD index.

Gin called for continued weakness in the local economy through the first half of 2009, with "no end in sight at this point."

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Shopping the Local Employment Market posted on Wednesday, 30 July 2008

Just where are all those jobs and who is filling them? That is a question many job seekers are asking around San Diego these days.

By Dave Thomas

The June unemployment rate in San Diego County was 5.9 percent (up from 4.6 percent in June of 2007), its highest point in almost five years. Construction and financial jobs took the biggest hits, while leisure and hospitality gained jobs.

Alan Gin, associate professor of economics at the University of San Diego, said the reasoning behind this is very clear. "Almost all of the damage is due to the problems in real estate," Gin said. "Employment in construction is down 8,500, employment in lending is down 2,400, and employment in real estate (agents, brokers, escrow people, leasing, etc.) is down 2,700. The rest of the economy outside real estate seems to be holding its own. Manufacturing is flat compared to a year ago, while jobs continue to be added in leisure and hospitality (+3,700), professional, scientific and technical services (legal services, architects, engineers, research and development, +2,500), education (+1,600), health care (+1,400), and government (+1,300)."

Remember Alan Gin? Gin's economic lesson: Don't panic. Unemployment is still below 6 percent as of November 2008.



Gin noted that one problem area is retail trade, where employment is off 1,800 jobs.

"Again, there is a real estate connection, with home improvement stores down 1,000, furniture and appliance stores down 300, and car dealers down 1,100," Gin commented. "In addition to problems with higher gas prices, the latter is impacted by the downturn in house prices because a lot of people used home equity loans to purchase cars."

According to Gin, one last worrisome statistic - The job category "Employment Services" is down 2,000 jobs. "This represents a downturn in temporary employees, and is a problem because you usually see temporary employees laid off first before permanent employees," Gin said. "The downturn in temporary employees could foreshadow continuing job losses in the future for permanent employees."



Seth Stein, executive vice president of General Services, a family of five staffing companies at The Eastridge Group of Staffing Companies, says his company is seeing pockets of opportunity in several key sectors in San Diego.

They include:

Technology - AeA (formerly American Electronics Association), the nation's largest technology trade association representing all segments of the high-tech industry, recently released *Cybercities 2008: An Overview of the High-Technology Industry in the Nation's Top 60 Cities*. This detailed report tracks trends in high-tech employment, wages, establishments, payroll, employment concentration, and wage differential at the metropolitan level. The largest tech sector in San Diego is research and development (R&D) and testing labs, which had 27,000 jobs in 2006—the sixth largest in the nation for this sector. The second largest tech sector in San Diego was telecommunications services, which had 15,800 employees in 2006.

Medical devices - Historically stronger than other segments, and is holding steady despite economic decline. The medical device industry as a whole has tremendous staying power--regardless of what economic trends occur, people still need the products and services offered by San Diego's biotech companies. According to BIOCUM, Southern California's life science community has more than 800 companies producing life-saving technologies and products to improve quality of life for patients.

Education - Given the impacts to the job market, many people are choosing to explore an entirely new career path, which often means going back to school or seeking specialized training. This trend means that education will continue to be a sector that holds steady or may even grow. A recent news release from EDD supports this idea, citing educational and health services reflecting gains of 3.5 percent in wage and salary employment.

Leisure and Hospitality - Another sector that contributes significant dollars and jobs to the San Diego market. San Diego is among the most popular destinations for drive markets as far north as San Francisco and east into Nevada and Arizona. Not to mention that San Diego consistently maintains healthy convention and special events business. The largest rise in employment in the last year came with the addition of 3,700 tourism-related jobs, and we are feeling the positive impacts of this increase. Recent examples of this holding true and representing both jobs for our community and positive economic impact include BIO 2008 International Convention, the U.S. Open 2008 and Comic-Con 2008.

On the down side, Stein said real estate and construction are obviously the most significantly impacted industries. Sweeping impacts touch all segments of financial services ranging from college and home loans as well as commercial and retail investors.

Stein noted that while as a whole, the local population has grown by 1.5 percent, according to the California Department of Finance, the heavily affected job sectors such as construction has experienced definite trends that indicate workers are migrating from the San Diego market to areas like Nevada, Arizona and Texas.

"In terms of workers moving to San Diego, this is not as common as in more promising economic conditions, but does remain at the mid-level, senior management and executive level," Stein said. "The need for innovation workers is high and San Diego will always be a hub for that. According to CONNECT, 367 new companies were formed in San Diego in 2007, fueling the demand for high-tech workers."

"If you are considering moving to the area, target your job search on sectors that remain stable or anticipate growth: technology, medical, education, leisure/hospitality and government sectors," Stein added. "Networking and getting involved in community organizations is a great way to begin a search for new opportunities as well."

A shaky job market also impacts the decision of buying a property versus renting.

Raye Scott of Scott - Finn and Associates, said there has been a noticeable increase in the number of people locally deciding to rent.

"I don't see this (renting) happening so much because of the job market, it is related to the lack of confidence in the value of real estate and the belief, fueled by the media that prices will continue to fall," Scott said. "No one wants to be the last one to buy before the



bottom is reached. 'I want to wait 6 months' are the most common words that realtors hear these days," Scott added.

Scott notes that while there are probably less job opportunities due to the real estate market, conversely, that makes San Diego real estate more affordable to more people.

"Since this downturn is widespread, not localized, moving isn't going to solve the problem," Scott said. "The mortgage mess will follow buyers wherever they go and that remains one of the biggest obstacles in purchasing a home right now."

To explore jobs in San Diego, check out the [bizSanDiego Job Board](#).

POSTED BY JESSICA SARRA

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SPEEDWEEK | SPOTLIGHT ON MOTORSPORTS

USD grad gives off-road racing the business

By **Bill Center**
STAFF WRITER

Race teams in San Diego are usually easy to find. Most are headquartered in small industrial parks in El Cajon, Santee and Lakeside. But tucked away in Golden Hill?

That is where one of the area's newest teams is located. And it's no usual team.

Cuffaro Motorsports is the working dream of Todd Cuffaro, a 24-year-old USD business administration graduate.

"I started it on a loan from my parents," Cuffaro said Tuesday. "I have to make it happen in two years or I'm done."

Cuffaro will be racing this weekend in Chula Vista in the first of three local doubleheaders in the closed-course Championship Off-Road Racing series.

He will be racing in the ProLite pickup truck division, which doubles as an entry-level class for young drivers looking toward a racing career and veterans seeking to compete at a level just short of the more expensive Pro-4 and Pro-2 main events.

Like the CORR series itself, the ProLite class is expanding rapidly.

"My results are much the same as they were last year," said Cuffaro, who ranks fifth in the points standings after six of 16 races packed into eight weekends. "But there are twice as many trucks as we had last year."

The why of CORR's relatively overnight success goes to the core of problems elsewhere.

Although the short — and frantic — CORR races don't offer traditionalists the challenge of racing long dis-



Todd Cuffaro prefers closed-course off-road racing to traditional desert runs because there's less expense, more exposure. *rockonmotorsports photo*

tances in the desert, they are free of the hassles of competing in Mexico these days as well as the expense of establishing outposts over the long distances covered by such events as the Baja 1000 and Las Vegas-Reno.

Plus, fans pay to see CORR events because the short-course races are action-packed to the point that traditionalists believe the bump-and-run nature of CORR racing isn't true off-road racing.

Maybe so, but fans do pay to see CORR events. And the nonstop action has attracted the eye of television. Saturday's half of this week's doubleheader will be televised live on Speed Channel from 3 to 5 p.m., and NBC will air Sunday's racing from noon to 1:30 p.m. ||

Spectators and television mean

there is money in CORR racing that there isn't in the desert. Which is another reason Cuffaro launched his dream of being a professional driver in CORR.

"I wanted to race and I started on road courses in the Pro Mazda Series," said Cuffaro. "But when I looked at everything, it seemed like CORR was the series that was taking off... and it was centered right in my backyard."

Plus, CORR wasn't that far from Cuffaro's racing roots. He started riding dirt bikes when he was 12 and raced a number of desert events on two wheels until he broke his back in a 2002 crash in a Best in the Desert race.

That got him into a buggy. "Like any off-road racer, the ulti-

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mate would be to win the Baja 1000," said Cuffaro. "But I like the shorter races. There is more bang for the buck. And when you are looking for sponsorship, there's a much better chance of a sponsor being interested if you are racing before large crowds on television."

Which is where Cuffaro the business graduate blended with Cuffaro the racer.

But it's hard for a young racing team to make it on the returns from racing alone.

Were Cuffaro to win a race this weekend on the Chula Vista obstacle course known as the Quarry, it would pay \$3,500, with \$6,500 more coming his way through contingency awards from sponsors.

That would just about pay the bills up to the next race.

Cuffaro, however, has yet to win a race in a competitive field that includes three former class champions (Jeff Kincaid, Chad Hord and Robert Naughton). His best finish is a fourth recently in Pomona.

"I feel I'm getting closer to that breakthrough win," said Cuffaro.

His team is already advancing on other fronts. His shop preps cars for two other race teams and he has built a second truck to rent to other racers. And he's starting a machine shop on the site with a business partner.

"I'm running it as a business," said Cuffaro.

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County prices drop 25.3 percent year over year



Native San Diegan Vicky Trees recently bought a foreclosed condo in Tierrasanta for \$315,000. Her friend Terry Sapp, a mason, installed tile around her fireplace. *Scott Linnett / Union-Tribune*

Housing slump in no hurry to end

**By Roger Showley
and Emmet Pierce**
STAFF WRITERS

Despite the arrival of the traditional peak summer home-buying season, DataQuick Information Systems yesterday reported no sign of an easing in the housing downturn.

Prices in San Diego County slipped by yet another year-over-year record of 25.3 percent to a median \$370,000. Sales in June, while higher than those for May, were the second-lowest on record for the month at just over 3,000.

JUNE HOUSING PRICES FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY

| | June '07 | May '08 | June '08 | Change June '07-'08 |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Median prices | | | | |
| Resale houses | \$565,000 | \$420,000 | \$405,000 | -28.3% |
| Resale condos | \$397,500 | \$287,750 | \$259,000 | -34.8% |
| New homes/condos* | \$400,000 | \$435,000 | \$490,000 | +22.5% |
| All combined | \$495,500 | \$380,000 | \$370,000 | -25.3% |
| Sales | | | | |
| Resale houses | 2,001 | 1,782 | 1,848 | -7.6% |
| Resale condos | 812 | 884 | 947 | +16.6% |
| New homes/condos* | 697 | 313 | 282 | -59.5% |
| All combined | 3,510 | 2,979 | 3,077 | -12.3% |

*Includes condo conversions

SOURCE: DataQuick Information Systems

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"There's certainly no evidence that prices overall are stabilizing," DataQuick analyst Andrew LePage said.

Added University of San Diego economist Alan Gin: "Obviously, the housing market is still weak. I anticipate it will be so at least through the rest of the year and probably into the early part of 2009 as well."

Nevertheless, market watchers noticed that in some places bargain hunters are entering

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bidding contests for low-priced, foreclosed properties, which made up 39 percent of sales last month.

The price decline wasn't uniform across the county. Looking at the first half of the year, LePage said three areas — Solana Beach, Del Mar and

Cardiff — had higher prices than for the same period last year. Other coastal areas generally showed reductions below 10 percent.

By contrast, southern and inland neighborhoods recorded prices as much as 43.1 percent down in Logan Heights, compared with the first half of 2007.

DataQuick reported that there were 3,077 transactions

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Overbidding 'is definitely a trend,' CEO says

in the county in June, the first month to see a figure above 3,000 since August. But LePage said this was the second-lowest June on record, going back to 1988. It was only four years ago that the all-time peak for any June resulted in 6,926 sales.

The San Diego Association of Realtors reported that active listings yesterday totaled 19,592, down 3 percent from a year ago but up 6 percent from last month's level.

Bucking the declining county sales trend, South County neighborhoods saw a 44.2 percent increase during the first half of 2007, compared with the same period last year.

LePage attributed the South County sales uptick to lower prices.

"Where prices were most negative, meaning prices have dropped to where they are more in line with incomes, you attract more bargain buyers, first-time buyers and investors," he said.

Not surprisingly, low prices are prompting renewed competition among buyers who are looking for homes, particularly in the foreclosure market.

"We have multiple offers consistently," said Marc Carpenter, a San Diego real estate agent who sells bank-owned houses and condominiums. "If they are priced right, they are moving."

"Buyers are seeing properties that they watched sell two years ago for \$650,000 and now they are priced at \$400,000. To them, it's a great value."

Banks are pricing foreclosed homes 5 percent or 10 percent below the price that comparable homes have sold for recently, "with the idea that they will get multiple bids," said Encinitas-based real estate agent Marc Zimmerman, CEO of Pi-

neappleHut Inc.

This has taken some consumers by surprise, said Brian Yui, chief executive officer of HouseRebate.com, a real estate brokerage that tracks foreclosed properties.

"You have to educate your clients," he said. "They are used to offering less than the list price and negotiating up."

Yui said nearly 17 percent of home sales countywide that closed in the 30 days ending June 26 were "overbid," meaning that they sold for more than the original asking price. During the same period in 2007, 6.5 percent were overbid.

Yui found that most overbidding is happening on bank-owned listings under \$500,000 in areas where the mortgage crisis has struck the hardest. They include Escondido, Oceanside, East County and South Bay.

Overbidding "is definitely a trend, and I think it is good for the marketplace," he said.

The bulk of foreclosures remain in entry-level housing, although they are increasing in high-end neighborhoods, Carpenter said.

Vicky Trees, a San Diego payroll manager, recently bought a 1,090-square-foot, foreclosed condo in Tierrasanta for \$315,000. Initially she was outbid, but funding for the rival offer fell through.

Trees said the unit sold well below the price of comparable units in the same complex. The native San Diegan said she had been in the market since February, looking for a bargain.

The two-bedroom, two-bath condo, which was built in 1991, needs extensive remodeling, but Trees said the price was low enough to justify her plan to invest \$30,000 in improvements.

"I just decided to do it all: new shutters, new windows, everything," she said. "I decided I wanted it nice."

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San Diegans React To Economic Woes

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SAN DIEGO – Local residents say their stimulus checks helped but didn't dig them out of the economic challenges facing many Americans.

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President George W. Bush acknowledged in remarks delivered on Tuesday that times are tough, but he also offered reassurances about the economy. He said there are positive signs and that the economic stimulus package that put hundreds of dollars or more in the hands of most Americans is working to boost the economy.

While the economy is growing more slowly than Americans want, Bush said the nation is not in a recession.

"He's correct in that we are not officially in a recession as defined by traditional measures," said University of San Diego economics professor Alan Gin.

Gin said that if we're not in a recession now, we will be, and that the economic stimulus checks did not necessarily jump-start the economy.

"It helped us stay where we were, instead of giving us a boost," Gin said.

Some San Diegans agreed with Gin's assessment.

"Pay bills that we were behind on," one woman said, describing what she did with her check.

Gin said that many people used the money to keep up with the high cost of everything, including gas, housing, food and credit-card debt.

"Didn't buy a new car, didn't buy anything -- paid off credit-card debt from a vacation," a local man said about what he did with his check.

"I guess indirectly it's going toward gas and expenses," said another man. "I didn't go out and blow it all at once."

Bush urged Americans to be patient about the stimulus package's benefits.

"It's going to take some time before we feel the full benefit of stimulus package, but early signs are encouraging," Bush said.

The president insisted on Tuesday that retail sales were up in May and June and should contribute to economic growth.

"We are stimulating the economy, because we're on vacation right now," a visitor to San Diego told NBC 7/39 Tuesday.

Meanwhile, some Democrats said Tuesday that they would push for a second round of stimulus checks because the initial round was not large enough to offset the hikes in gas and food prices. For his part, though, the president said we need to wait to see what happens over time.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke, however, said he would be concerned about inflation if more checks were sent out. Many San Diegans said on Tuesday that as much as they would like the extra money, they were also worried about the federal budget.

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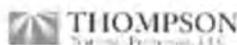
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Thompson National Properties Hires Johnna Howard as Chief Financial Officer

IRVINE, Calif.--(eMediaWorld)--Thompson National Properties, LLC announced today that Johnna Howard has joined the company as chief financial officer.

"Johnna's experience satisfying institutional investors' demanding reporting requirements completes TNP's rigorous finance and accounting platform objectives," said Tony Thompson, chairman and chief executive officer of Thompson National Properties.

"It is exciting to be part of an entrepreneurial organization that fosters teamwork and promotes excellence," said Howard.

Previously, Howard was senior vice president and controller at IHP Capital Partners since 1998 where she managed the accounting department and compliance for five Investor Limited Partnerships, with aggregate commitments in excess of \$1.4 billion. Prior to IHP Capital Partners, Howard was regional accounting manager for Prudential Home Building Investors. Howard earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in accounting from the University of San Diego and is a Certified Public Accountant.

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Networking opportunities jam in for July

On the Agenda

By Christine Meade

Summer is the season to socialize and this week's events offer plenty of opportunities for networking in San Diego. The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce has its Get Connected Breakfast on Tuesday and the Association for Corporate Growth, San Diego and the American Marketing Association networks on Thursday.

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts its Get Connected Breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Attendees will learn how to achieve their career or business goals. For more information, visit sdchambermembers.org.

CommNexus explains *Quanta Computer Inc v. LG Electronics Inc.* from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Tuesday at **Morrison & Foerster**. The seminar will discuss the Supreme Court decision regarding the Quanta Computer case and its legal impact. Call (858) 546-4148 for more information.

SkillPath Seminars is holding a Leadership Development and Teambuilding seminar from 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday at the Holiday Inn Mission

Valley. The conference provides techniques for leaders looking to develop their skills. Call (800) 873-7545 for more information.

The ASPE San Diego Chapter hosts its Annual Awards Dinner at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday at the Butcher Shop Steakhouse. The dinner will feature keynote speaker Barry Corea discussing how businesses can survive tough times. For further details, call (619) 583-7331.

The San Diego MIT Enterprise Forum joins up with AeA for the case presentation "Let's Go Robotic." The event will take place from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Salk Institute. For more information, call (619) 236-9400.

USD's Burnham-Moores Center welcomes professionals looking to increase job performance to the Real Estate Industry Marketing and Sales event from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday at USD's Douglas F. Manchester Conference Center. For more information, call (619) 260-4231.

Earnings season clouds sunny July week

On the Agenda

By Christine Meade

As many companies await the release of quarterly earning reports, opportunities to build a better business bloom in San Diego. The **San Diego Advertising Club** discusses key marketing tactics on Tuesday and the **San Diego World Trade Center** offers up "Business Opportunities in Europe" on Wednesday.

The San Diego Advertising Club is holding a "Discussion with Alex Bogusky" from 5-8:30 p.m. at the Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego on Tuesday. The marketing guru will discuss his past projects. For more information, call (858) 576-9833.

Mayor Jerry Sanders will host the EGCA Kickoff Breakfast from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday at the Town & Country Hotel. Judge Jan Goldsmith will be in attendance. For more information, call (619) 692-0760.

ESDCAR, **East County Association of Realtors** tees off its 33rd Annual Gold Tournament at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Sycuan Resort and Casino Golf Course. The charity tournament benefits ESDCAR's fourth annual DARE camp. For further details, visit

www.esdcar.org.

The San Diego World Trade Center introduces "Business Opportunities in the United Kingdom" from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday at the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

The event will present offers for San Diego companies to expand into Europe. Visit www.sdwtc.org for more information.

The California Healthcare Institute holds a "Healthcare Reform Conversation" from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Salk Institute. The discussion will

be lead by George Shultz, fellow of the **Hoover Institution** and John Shoven, director of the **Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research**. Visit www.chi.org for more information.

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is throwing an AIA/CSI Architects Industry Mixer from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens in Escondido.

The mixer will celebrate construction and design in the county. For more information, call (619) 232-0109.

The University of San Diego's **Burnham-Moores Center** holds a "Real Estate Industry Marketing and Sales"

program from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the USD Douglas F. Manchester Conference Center. The program welcomes professionals seeking improved job performance and promotional opportunities. Call (619) 260-4231.

Helmets to Hard Hats invites wounded service members and their spouses to the "Hiring Heroes Career Fair" from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday at the MCAS Miramar. For more information, visit www.godefense.com/conference/hiring.

The **Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce** hosts "Free ETP Funds for Employee Training" from noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce.

The event will demonstrate how to use government ETP funds to train employees to create a more profitable and efficient business. Call (760) 931-8400 for more information.

The Corporate Directors Forum hosts "Effective Boards: The Critical Role of the Chair" from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at USD.

The program will focus on demonstrating how to be an effective chair and lead a board of directors. For more information, call (858) 455-7930.

The **Centre City Development Corporation** will discuss "Draft Parking Plan Recommendations" during a public workshop from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the Silver Room of the San Diego Civic Center Concourse.

The project team will present updates to the San Diego Downtown Comprehensive Parking Plan. Call (619) 533-7173 for more information.

The San Diego Yacht and Boat Show will cruise into San Diego from July 24-27 at the Sheraton Hotel/Marina and Cancer Survivors Park.

It is the largest outdoor in-water boat show in San Diego. For more information and for hours, visit www.socalboat-

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The City Club of San Diego is holding a luncheon at noon on Friday at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. Norman Solomon, writer and filmmaker, will discuss his new book, "Made Love, Got War: Close Encounters with America's Warfare State." For more information or for reservations, call (619) 687-3580.

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WEDNESDAY, JUL 23 - CLASSES

REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY MARKETING & SALES

Professionals who strive to increase their job performance, promotional opportunities and take their career to the next level will benefit from this program. **Organization:** USD/Burnham-Moores Center **Information:** (619) 260-4231 www.USDRealEstate.com **Cost:** \$450.00 **When:** Hours: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Where:** USD - Douglas F. Manchester Conference Center, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego

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REAL ESTATE CALENDAR

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUL 9 - CLASSES

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Earnings, business events slow for summer seminars

On the Agenda

By Christine Meade

SAN DIEGO — After the rush of a tumultuous earnings week, activity slows to allow room for seminars to help keep business running as usual during trying economic times. "Successful Project Management" will be taught on Tuesday and Wednesday and "Survive, Thrive and Grow During a Recession" will be presented on Saturday.

The San Diego Legal Secretaries Association provides an "Intellectual Property Law Practice Overview" at 6 p.m. on Monday at the Handlery Hotel and Resort. Christine A Gritzmacher, Esq. of Gen-Probe Inc. will present. For more information, call (619) 515-3256.

SkillPath Seminars will explain "Successful Project Management" through a two-day workshop from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Courtyard by Marriott. The workshop will provide the framework and real-world approaches for successful management. Call (800) 873-7545 for more information.

University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center hosts "Real Estate Industry Marketing and Sales" from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the USD Douglas F. Manchester Conference Center. Those looking to increase job performance and promotional opportunities will benefit. Call (619) 260-4231 for more information.

The San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union hosts the workshop "Managing Your Financial Records" at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union. The event will provide tips on record keeping systems and more. For further details, call (619) 278-5724.

CONNECT holds a seminar on "Protein Networks in Cancer" from noon - 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. The event will be lead by Dr. Trey Idekar with the Department of Bioengineering at UCSD. Visit www.connect.org for more information.

The Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce holds the "First Friday Breakfast" from 7-9 a.m. Friday at the Windmill Banquets and Catering in Carlsbad. The event is a networking opportunity for business professionals. For more information, call (760) 931-8400.

SCORE hosts "Survive, Thrive and Grow During the Recession" from 9 a.m. - noon at the SCORE Entrepreneur Center. The workshop offers steps for business owners to take to improve operations, finances and marketing. Call (619) 557-7272 for further details.

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USD REAL ESTATE MARKETING COURSE

*The **University of San Diego** offers "Marketing & Sales for the Real Estate Industry," a four-day course taught by professors from USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, as part of a certificate program designed to provide competitive skills to today's real estate and building industry professionals.*

- July 9, 16, 23 and 30, 6 to 9 p.m.
- University of San Diego, Douglas F. Manchester Conference Center, in San Diego
- Cost: \$450
- Visit www.usdrealstate.com or call (619) 260-5986

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

USD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COURSE

The University of San Diego offers "Property Management," a four-day course taught by professors from USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, as part of a certificate program designed to provide competitive skills to today's real estate and building industry professionals.

- August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 6 to 9 p.m.
- University of San Diego, Douglas F. Manchester Center, in San Diego
- Cost: \$450
- Visit www.usdrealstate.com

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REAL ESTATE CALENDAR

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUL 30 - CLASSES

REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY MARKETING & SALES

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FRIDAY, AUG 1 - RECEPTIONS

LUXURY PROPERTIES DIVISION LAUNCH

We invite you to come and learn why, in what is perceived as a struggling market, Prudential California Realty is actually launching a new division focused exclusively on high-end properties. **Organization:** Prudential California Realty **Information:** www.pudentialcal.com **Cost:** No Details Available **When:** Hours: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM **Where:** Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel, One Ritz-Carlton Dr., Dana Point

TUESDAY, AUG 5 - WORKSHOP

NEGOTIATING A LEASE

Don't tie your hands; learn how to give yourself the optimum opportunity to scale up, outsource out or scale back as your business evolves. **Organization:** CONNECT **Information:** www.connect.org **Cost:** \$45.00- \$55.00 **When:** Hours: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Where:** Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, 10835 Altman Row, La Jolla, 92037

THURSDAY, AUG 21 - SPECIAL EVENTS

IYP SUMMER BASH

Join us in celebrating 2 amazing years of networking, education, and building relationships! We'll top the evening off with a special tribute to our sponsors. **Organization:** IREM Young Professionals **Information:** (619)209-2997 <http://iremsd.org> **Cost:** \$15.00- \$30.00 **When:** Starts: 8:00 PM **Where:** The Fleetwood, 639 J Street (corner of 7th & J), San Diego

FRIDAY, AUG 22 - CLASSES

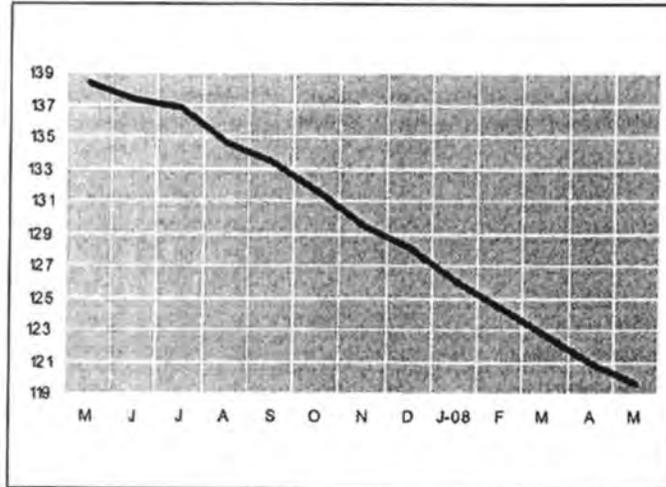
FAIR HOUSING

This class will teach participants the about trust fund management for fair housing. **Organization:** San Diego Association of REALTORS **Information:** (858) 715-8000, Fax (858) 715-8088 www.sdar.com **Cost:** No Details Available **When:** Hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Where:** San Diego Association of REALTORS, 4845 Ronson Ct., San Diego

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Leading economic indicators



Source: University of San Diego

The monthly changes in leading indicators (initial claims for unemployment insurance, local stock prices, outlook for the national economy, consumer confidence, building permits and help wanted advertising) of the San Diego economy as tracked by Alan Gin, an urban economics professor at the University of San Diego. The highest monthly rate is 138.4 in May 2007.

School of Law

July 16, 2008

USD School of Law powers up one student's charge for climate change

Before arriving at the University of San Diego School of Law, I imagined that my experience would be much like that of the typical law student. Little did I know that I, along with several student colleagues, would have the opportunity to do something that not only will have an impact on our lives and our school's future, but also will contribute — albeit, in a small way — to a profound and special moment in history. At no other time has the creativity and ingenuity of the human race been so keenly focused on addressing our needs in a way compatible with the physical and environmental limitations of the earth. Of course, the impetus for our effort was climate change. Our contribution is the founding of the *University of San Diego School of Law Journal of Climate & Energy Law (JCEL)*.

Being the first of its kind, *JCEL* is positioned to serve as a foundation for continued dialogue and development of

the rapidly emerging legal issues related to climate change and energy. Beginning in the fall semester of 2008, student writers for *JCEL* will delve into topics such as insurance claims related to climate change, law and economics associated with cap-and-trade greenhouse gas markets, new energy policy of the carbon-constrained world, legal implications of transborder air and water pollution, and effects of climate change on endangered species law.

We anticipate that ideas generated and vetted in the student writing and editing process will inform the students' later work as editors for the intellectual heavyweights participating in the USD School of Law's first annual climate change and energy symposium, slated for February 2009. At the symposium, leading environmental and energy scholars from around the country will have the opportunity to present, critique and develop legal arguments related the timely

and hotly contended issue of federal pre-emption of state climate change and energy law.

Though the idea to create our journal was hatched in the Environmental Law Society's first meeting of the 2008-2009 academic year, bringing it to fruition was the synergistic aggregate efforts from people at every level of our school. The wide-ranging enthusiasm for the new journal owes its appeal to the broad reach of energy and climate change issues. A local example of the importance of *JCEL*'s scope of interest may be seen in the success of the many San Diego companies and organizations that stand to thrive in the energy paradigm shift necessary to address climate change, particularly those that specialize in biotechnology, nanotechnology and cleantech industries.

Against the background of the shifting energy economy, my hope as its founding editor-in-chief is that *JCEL* will serve as an intellectual training ground where its mem-

bers are given the skills and knowledge to become leaders in the dynamic field of climate and energy law. I hope the launch of *JCEL* is well received in the legal community as evidence that USD School of Law is on the cutting edge of this new and exciting field.

Indeed, I will be forever thankful to my law school, our faculty adviser Professor Lesley McAllister, USD's Energy Policy Initiative Center Director Scott Anders, as well as Dean Kevin Cole and Associate Dean Mike Kelly for affording me this opportunity to truly understand what I am sure the Top Attorneys chosen for this edition of *The Daily Transcript* are keenly aware: the profession of law is not just a career, it is a chance to do something great for this world and your fellow man.

Submitted by Thomas Del Monte, 2009 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law.

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Academic finalists

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Major Cases

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(2008), an ERISA benefits case, and participated in a number of other additional appellate cases in the Ninth Circuit and California Court of Appeal. During the past decade, Professor Martin has briefed and argued a wide variety of trial and appellate cases on matters of public and private interest.

Professional Background

Martin graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1991, clerked on the Ninth Circuit from 1991 to 1992, worked in Los Angeles for Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Oliver from 1992 to 1995, and has been a full-time professor at the University of San Diego School of Law since

1995. Martin's scholarly and teaching interests include civil procedure, professional responsibility, constitutional law and criminal law.

Personal Background

Martin is married to Professor Sandra Rierson, who teaches at Thomas Jefferson Law School, and they have three children: Sierra (6), Jack (4) and Charles (1). Martin also authors a widely read appellate blog called the California Appellate Report, www.calapp.blogspot.com, which contains a daily discussion of interesting appellate cases from the Ninth Circuit and California Court of Appeal.

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Major Cases

Medellin v. Texas (2007, U.S. Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals), co-author of amicus brief addressing scope of president's constitutional powers.

Presbyterian Church of

Sudan v. Talisman Energy Inc. (U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, pending), co-counsel for brief addressing investor liability for human rights violations.

McKesson Corp. v. Islamic Republic of Iran (U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, pending), expert on treaty law and international law, ...

American Insurance Association v. Garamendi (2003, U.S. Supreme Court), co-counsel on issues of foreign affairs law, extraterritorial jurisdiction and Supreme Court procedure.

Professional Background

After law school, I served as a judicial clerk to Judge J. Clifford Wallace, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, in San Diego, and as a judicial



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Professional Affiliations

I am a member of the American Society of International Law, the California State Bar section on International Law, and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

Personal Background

I grew up in Orange County, Calif., and moved to San Diego right after law school. My principal activities include travel, hiking, skiing and tennis. My book, "The Constitution's Text in Foreign Affairs," was published by Harvard University Press in 2007.

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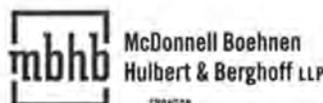
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Reading Quanta Narrowly

David McGowan is a law professor at the University of San Diego School of Law. Much of his research involves the interplay between new technologies and antitrust law. I asked him to comment on the Supreme Court's recent patent-antitrust decision: *Quanta*.

| By David McGowan

To the extent possible, parties and not courts should set the terms for practicing inventions. Parties have better information than courts; they are likely to set more efficient terms. The Supreme Court's opinion in *Quanta Computer, Inc. v. LG Electronics, Inc.* does not embrace this principle, though it may not reject it very broadly. *The* opinion may and should be narrowly construed.

[Recent] majority opinions have not matched the robust commentary cert grants have prompted. They are fairly narrow and unambitious. So is *Quanta*, and it deserves to be read that way.

I presume readers of this blog are generally familiar with the ruling. Intel took from LG electronics a license providing Intel a defense to infringement and immunity from contributory infringement by Intel's customers, who knew Intel's license did not extend to them. The Court nevertheless held the Intel license exhausted LG's rights insofar as Intel chips were concerned.

The Court's analysis on the main point is too formal. Because the chips embodied substantially all the relevant LG inventions and had no substantial use unrelated to practicing those inventions, the Court thought it irrelevant that Intel customers knew their chips implied no LG license.

But an invention is an intellectual achievement distinct from its embodiment in a product. There is no logical reason the sale of a product should exhaust rights in an invention. There is a logical objection: Forcing patentees to load up initial sales with all the terms necessary to tailor rights to potential uses will tend to increase transaction costs of initial licenses and probably result in lumpier, less tailored contracting in general. Better to let Intel buy its peace at a price that reflects its business and let its customers do the same.

The statute does not compel the Court's holding, which rests on history. The Court should have limited rather than extended the cases it relied on. These, such as *Bauer* and *Motion Picture Patents*, invoked exhaustion to defeat post-sale restrictions on use of a product. But such restrictions may facilitate price discrimination or make sense for other business reasons. Intel and LG, and firms like them, know better than courts when this is the case.

Against this it might be argued that a robust exhaustion doctrine economizes on downstream transaction costs. Conceptually that is true, and perhaps persuasive at the retail consumer level, but *Quanta* was not such a case. Taken to its logical conclusion, this argument implies patentees are better off suing everyone and negotiating settlements than licensing anyone and giving up the ability to tailor terms. That implication is perverse.

The Court's devotion to history is odd because it has not shown much regard for history of late. In *eBay v. MercExchange* it was unimpressed by the long history of presumptive injunctive relief for infringement. In the antitrust context, in *Leegin Creative Leather* it recently overruled the longstanding *per se* prohibition on minimum resale price maintenance. And in *Illinois Tool Works* the Court reversed the relatively longstanding presumption that patents imply market power in tying cases.

Quanta is at least in tension with *Leegin* and *Tool Works*. Those cases recognize that post-sale restrictions may be efficient, a point *Leegin* makes directly and which is implicit in Section 271(d)(5) of the Patent Act, on which the *Tool Works* Court relied. In placing economic substance over transactional form, *Leegin* and *Tool Works* follow *Continental TV, Inc. v. GTE Sylvania*, which overruled the Court's *per se* prohibition on vertical nonprice restraints. Like exhaustion, that rule had been based on transactional formalism rather than economic analysis.

Both *Leegin* and *Tool Works* reject doctrines that trace to the same cluster of cases, such as *Bauer* and *Motion Picture Patents*, the *Quanta* Court cites favorably. Yet the *Quanta* Court said nothing to explain how its holding relates to antitrust precedents (or Section 271(d)(5)) recognizing that post-sale restrictions may be efficient. One therefore might try to read *Quanta* as qualifying even its recent antitrust cases.

On this reading, at least insofar as pass-through restrictions are concerned *Quanta* implicitly qualifies the Federal Circuit's *Mallinckrodt* precedent, which, in the misuse context, upholds patentees' ability to impose lawful conditions on use. Professor Ghosh has suggested (http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/antitrustprof_blog/2008/06/the-quandy-of.html) the Court's footnote seven, which says exhaustion does not necessarily bar breach of contract claims, may point in this direction.

This reading of *Quanta* is neither compelled nor desirable. It is possible to reconcile *Quanta* with the Court's recent (and sensible) antitrust decisions by focusing on two things not at issue in *Quanta*.

First, the initial license to Intel was not conditional. The cases the Court cited also involved unconditional sales. *Quanta* therefore should not be read to extend to conditional licenses, and thus not to undercut *Mallinckrodt* directly. Second, *Quanta* presented no question regarding pass-through conditions and should not be held to govern them. Intel merely bought immunity from suit for contributory infringement. The Court did not stress this fact, but it is fair to repay the woodenness of its analysis with a strict reading of its holding.

A weakness of this reading is that it renders *Quanta* trivial. One wonders why the Court would take a such a case. Possibly the Court believes patent law and the Federal Circuit have got out of hand and must be reigned in. But its majority opinions have not matched the robust commentary cert grants have prompted. They are fairly narrow and unambitious. So is *Quanta*, and it deserves to be read that way.

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Comments

Thank you Professor McGowan for the interesting analysis of the potential ramifications of the *Quanta* decision. I find this discussion particularly intriguing in light of a previous article on Patently-O that argued for reversal in *Quanta*, which the Supreme Court did. <http://www.patentlyo.com/patent/2007/11/reestablishing.html>

The consensus appears to be that patent owners should still have robust downstream contract rights, even if their downstream patent rights are now attenuated. The upshot is that *Mallinckrodt* won't protect such



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Wall Street's Sneak Attack

by Frank Partnoy August 2008 Issue

A \$1 trillion market is emerging with a new way of investing that gives activists extra sway over companies—no strings attached.



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Investors are using a new tactic to pressure some of the country's biggest companies. And the firms are fighting back.

The bets, called total return swaps, excite activists but terrify corporate managers. Hedge funds have used them in high-profile campaigns against the management of companies like CSX and Target, and they have quietly grown into a \$1 trillion market. What makes swaps alarming (to firms) and alluring (to activists) is the possibility that they can be used to exert pressure on companies, in spite of the fact that they're unregulated, carry no disclosure requirements, and are nearly impossible to track.

Think of them as private wagers on a firm's stock price: A bank pays you if the price of a stock goes up; you pay the bank if the price goes down. The more the price changes, the more money changes hands. It's like betting on a sporting event, except that in the case of swaps, you win more if your team scores more points and lose more if it scores fewer.

Who does this? Activists Carl Icahn and Nelson Peltz have bet on companies without buying their shares outright. Last Christmas Eve, investor Bill Ackman disclosed that he had used private contracts to gain "economic exposure" to more than 80 million shares of Target, or more than 12 percent of the company. He did so without buying Target shares. Instead, the exposure came from side bets placed on Target's share price. Most recently, two hedge funds have bought swaps and pressured the management of the 180-year-old railroad CSX, landing both sides—and me—in court.

There are various reasons to purchase swaps. Some investors use them to buy into otherwise inaccessible markets, for example firms listed on foreign exchanges. Others use them to limit taxes on dividends or capital gains. Another benefit is leverage. For a swap based on \$100 worth of stock, a bank might require that the investor pay just \$10 up front.

But the reason swaps have become controversial is that they're done in secret. Investors can use swaps to gain economic exposure to a company without disclosing their positions. Whereas shareholders trade in real-life stock markets, where it's relatively easy to track their moves, swapholders are hidden in a virtual reality where disclosure rules don't apply. Actual ownership of swap-related stock is negotiated privately between swapholders and banks, and neither side is obligated to buy actual shares or tell anyone about their swaps. Managers despise this secrecy; they want to know who has bet on their companies.

Swaps have been in the headlines recently as a result of a legal dispute between CSX and two hedge funds. The railroad firm sued the funds, claiming in court that they had illegally used swaps to pressure CSX, even though they initially didn't own any of its stock.

Before the CSX dispute, investors had assumed that a rule requiring disclosure of share positions of 5 percent or more didn't apply to swaps. After all, a swap was just a side bet, and swapholders didn't own

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shares. Nor did they enjoy the advantages of stock ownership, such as receiving dividends from the company or a right to vote. Although the Securities and Exchange Commission had not released a formal regulation for swaps, investors followed a related ruling that 5 percent positions in security futures, which resemble swaps, could remain secret. Even after the hedge funds in the CSX case had accumulated swaps amounting to side bets on 12 percent of CSX shares, they didn't disclose their positions.

The absence of an S.E.C. rule left just enough room for CSX's lawyers to combine two arguments into a claim that the swaps amounted to ownership and therefore should have been disclosed. CSX's expert witness testified, first, that banks offering swaps "had to" buy actual CSX shares as hedges and, second, that the hedge funds had power over how the banks voted and sold those shares. CSX lawyers said that this power amounted to ownership and that ownership had to be disclosed.

It's easy to demonize the hedge funds here. Secret use of swaps can appear unseemly, and it no doubt rattles management. But in this case, the hedge funds—the Children's Investment Fund and 3G Capital Partners—are right, which is why I agreed to testify as a paid expert witness for them in the CSX case. (I'm a law professor at the University of San Diego.)

The response to CSX was straightforward. The swap contracts didn't give the hedge funds any power over how banks voted any of the shares they bought as hedges. Although banks frequently hedged swaps by buying shares, they didn't have to; they were free to hedge in other ways or not to hedge at all. Betting on CSX shares wouldn't make a hedge fund an owner of shares any more than betting on the San Diego Padres would make me an owner of the team.

The judge in the case expressed skepticism about the hedge funds' motives and ability to influence the banks and asked the S.E.C. to weigh in. After the S.E.C.'s Division of Corporation Finance took the hedge funds' side, the judge waffled. He found that the hedge funds should have disclosed their swaps but didn't restrict the voting of any CSX shares. The result was a win for the funds; though votes were still being counted at press time, it appeared that CSX shareholders would elect most, if not all, of the fund-backed directors.

The central question—whether a swap holder should be treated as a shareholder—remains tricky, and this is where the upcoming battle will be fought. Although swaps gave the hedge funds no real claim on CSX, their economic incentives were exactly the same as an actual shareholder's. Which party was the true CSX "owner": the indifferent banks with voting shares but no economic exposure (since the banks both owned shares and bet on them through the swaps)? Or the hedge funds with side bets tied to the share price but no actual shares?

The strange thing about swaps is that actual shareholders with power (banks) have little incentive to act in a company's best interest, while those with side bets but no votes (hedge funds) do. Indeed, as the hedge funds boosted their exposure to CSX, the company's share price rose 80 percent during a time when the markets were flat.

For more than a decade, I have been a critic of various aspects of the market, including swaps. But in my view, the real problem here arises from banks buying shares as hedges, not from activists purchasing swaps. Banks that hold shares but do not have the same economic interests as shareholders are corporate noncitizens, like those who leave their country and renounce their citizenship. They should not have the right to vote in a corporate election.

The only true solution to the swaps quandary would be to ensure that banks cannot and do not vote any shares they purchase as hedges. The secrecy of swaps would then be of less consequence to managers. When hedge funds actually decide to challenge managers—to go activist—they would need to leave the secretive world of swaps and buy actual shares. Indeed, this is precisely what the hedge funds in the CSX case ultimately did. By the time the CSX vote came about, the hedge funds owned more than 8 percent of CSX's actual shares, in addition to their swaps.

Regulators, or perhaps companies, could implement reform by barring votes from shareholders who lack an economic interest. Meanwhile, managers will be left wondering whether someone is secretly buying swaps and putting them at risk.

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How Bad Will It Get on Wall Street?

As the credit crisis grinds on, the prospects for a quick recovery darken

by David Henry and Matthew Goldstein

It has been a year since the global credit markets first seized up, and four months since the dismantling of Bear Stearns. Yet bad things keep happening, from the failure of IndyMac and the stock routs of Lehman Brothers (LEH) and others to the market's collective yawn at the Treasury Dept.'s plan to bolster mortgage giants Fannie Mae (FNM) and Freddie Mac (FRE). Once again, the optimists who thought the crisis was over have been proven wrong. "People underestimated how bad things were last summer," says Frank Partnoy, a former Wall Street derivatives trader turned professor at the University of San Diego Law School.

Did they ever? July's rat-a-tat-tat of dismal news suggests that the scope of the credit crunch is much broader than most people thought. Traders, investors, bankers, and economists are waking up to the possibility that Wall Street's recovery from the worst financial disaster since the Great Depression could grind on for years. And they're realizing that while the debacle was of Wall Street's making, its aftermath will weigh on banks, other companies, and consumers alike.

One thing is for sure: The new normal won't be as fun as the recent past. Banks will be smaller and fewer. Capital will be harder to get for some consumers and companies. And more of that capital will be parceled out by lightly regulated hedge funds and private equity firms, for better or worse, as the balance of power on Wall Street shifts.

Why hasn't the healing begun? The answer lies in the mechanics of leverage, or borrowed money, which banks not only provide to customers but also use themselves. Leverage is a powerful but dangerous tool, intoxicating on the way up and devastating on the way down. Banks live on the stuff: When they post profits, they borrow more money to make more loans and book still more profits. During the boom, bigger mortgage loans pumped up home prices until people couldn't handle the debt and the bubble burst. Then the banks, poorer from the losses, had to cut back their own borrowing, too. Now the damage is spreading. How far? Simplified, for every dollar of bank wealth lost, government-regulated commercial banks must eliminate some \$10 of lending; for investment banks, the figure can be \$30.

The extent of the credit contraction to come will depend on the banks' initial losses—an elusive figure, to be sure, and one that keeps growing. The latest loss tally is \$400 billion across the credit markets, but the [International Monetary Fund](#) says the total could swell to \$1 trillion. Slap on a leverage multiplier of 10 or 15, and the math turns grim. "I believe we will live in a deleveraged state until the next generation of management gets in place and doesn't remember what we went through here," says Robert Greifeld, CEO of Nasdaq (NDAQ). "The harder question is about the lack of leverage in the broader economy: How does it ripple through?"

"FEARFUL OF LOSSES"

It's tempting to view the July swoon as a sign that a bottom is near. Sure, the U.S. stock market seems to be nearing a trough and could rally soon, as it did on July 16. Then again, in protracted downturns the first several waves of bottom-fishers are usually wiped out. Witness the pain suffered by many of the professional investors who have bet on beaten-down financials in the past year.

More important, the stock market and the credit markets are rarely in perfect sync. In the credit market, history shows that "even after things hit bottom, there is a slow, long recovery," says Todd A. Knoop, economics professor at Cornell College and author of a textbook on the impact of financial-system swings on the economy. Earlier in the decade, credit markets remained weak after the stock market began a sharp recovery. Says Richard Sylla, professor of economics and financial history at New York University: "A couple hundred years of financial history show that whenever you have a financial crisis like this, banks don't like to lend."

The next few years promise to be especially rough, judging from the numbers so far. Banks cut back on credit in the three months through mid-June at a 9% annualized rate, the worst contraction in 35 years of data, according to Leigh Skene of [Lombard Street Research](#). Issuance of mortgage-backed securities and corporate junk bonds this year is down 87% and 63%, respectively, according to research firm [Dealogic](#).

A recent study projected that losses resulting just from mortgage-related lending would sap \$1 trillion of credit from the U.S. economy. Banks "have to shrink," says the University of Chicago's Anil K. Kashyap, one of the authors.

Even if banks were able to rush back into heavy leverage soon, investors likely wouldn't stand for it. "On the way up, banks get penalized [by stock investors] for not being aggressive enough," says Martin Fridson, CEO of money manager [Fridson Investment Advisors](#). "On the way down, the pressure is on to show how conservative you are. If lenders are fearful of losses, they are going to contract."

THE ENDANGERED BANKS LISTS

Regulators could add fuel to the deleveraging machine with tougher rules. Already, Swiss bank regulators want to tighten standards following big losses at UBS (UBS). The Federal Reserve, in return for opening its discount window to investment banks, will likely limit the amount of leverage those banks can use. "If new regulation occurs, the next [credit] cycle could be muted," warns David Trone, a senior analyst with [Fox-Pitt Kelton Cochran Caronia Waller](#).

But regulators are in a bind. They don't want to see more bad lending, but they also don't want to cut off credit for an economy that needs it. Consider the pending legislation and new regulation to revive the housing market and support Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Along with measures to keep borrowers out of foreclosure, they include provisions that ambitiously try to bar bad lending without discouraging the good. Balancing safety concerns and growth aspirations is a delicate dance indeed.

Outright government takeovers of banks, such as the July 11 seizure of IndyMac, pose another not-so-obvious threat to lending. Takeovers can save money in the

long run and are almost always necessary to prevent widespread panic. But they constrain lending, too. When banks are taken over by the government, their shareholders usually register losses. Bank capital is erased from the financial system, and with it, the ability to make new loans. Moreover, lending practices are certain to be more conservative under Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. management than in the past.

More bank failures and seizures are likely. The FDIC says its list of problem banks is up to 90 now, nearly twice as many as two years ago. Treasury has its own list of 100 banks in danger, say people familiar with the matter. The lists haven't been made public, but investors on Wall Street are making their own judgments. In recent days, shares of Washington Mutual (WM), National City (NCC), Wachovia (WB), Sovereign Bancorp (SOV), Colonial BancGroup (CNB), and Zions Bancorp (ZION) have been whipsawed.

SYSTEMIC PROBLEM

Predicting the direction of global markets is a fool's game. There's no telling what major upheavals, positive or negative, could be in store. (In the dark days of 1992, how many people were heartened by the promise of the Internet?) To be sure, Wall Street is already busy dreaming up new instruments that could, in theory, restore leverage to the system and pump up asset values again. Even if it doesn't, time is a great healer of credit-market wounds.

The question is how long it will take for these wounds to heal. Milton Ezrati, senior economist and market strategist at fund manager Lord Abbett, is convinced that "the worst is over." The interest rate cutting and other Fed actions that started last September should give the economy a boost soon, he says. But he's careful to warn that another credit boom isn't in the offing.

Others offer less optimistic scenarios. Charles Geisst, professor of finance at Manhattan College and author of several books on financial crises, says the country is in the early days of the worst "capital strike" by banks since the one that raged from the Great Depression to the 1950s. He allows this one won't be as bad, but adds: "The problem is a systemic one that has dragged everyone down."

New York University's Sylla sees parallels to the last big credit crisis in the U.S., which started in 1989 with the collapse of the junk bond market. Tighter credit weighed on the economy for at least three years, thwarting President George H.W. Bush's reelection bid, he says. By 1994 normalcy had been restored to the credit market, but it took until the late 1990s for boom psychology to return. Sylla worries that the pain from the current crunch will last even longer. "Many historical financial crises, a year later, were pretty much over," he says. "There's nothing about this one that looks like it is really over yet."

FEWER, SMALLER PLAYERS

Indeed, banks' best opportunity to reverse the credit crunch quickly with capital infusions is vanishing. Everyone remembers Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal's big investment in Citibank (C) in the early 1990s, when it was on the brink of collapse. The stock subsequently soared. Some investors no doubt want to repeat that feat now. But so far, many of the bets by sovereign wealth funds and private equity firms haven't paid off. TPG, formerly known as Texas Pacific Group, led an investor group that paid \$7 billion for a stake in Washington Mutual in April. The stock has since dropped by 60%. Given the losses they've suffered, investors could be unwilling to make more bets.

It could take years for some banks to complete the painful deleveraging process on their own. They'll sell off healthy assets whenever possible and try to partner up with rivals to cut costs. Some will die. David A. Hendler, an analyst at debt-research firm CreditSights, says Wall Street may be entering an era in which there are fewer investment banks and those that exist aren't as important.

That will open the door to competition from hedge funds and private equity firms. Of course, the deleveraging hangover means they won't be able to shower companies with loans anytime soon. But some private investment pools are beginning to connect companies seeking capital with investors providing it—just as investment banks do. "The Wall Street banks in general are going to lose market share," predicts Jonathan Kanterman, a managing director with money manager Stillwater Capital Partners.

CREATING MORE PROBLEMS

The growing market for private placements, for example, is enabling more corporations to sidestep Wall Street stock underwriters and go directly to hedge funds, pension funds, and other big investors to raise cash. Last year private equity giant Kohlberg Kravis Roberts set up its own team to find institutional buyers for large equity stakes in companies it had taken private. Historically, that's been a job handled by Wall Street. With that team in place, there's nothing to stop KKR from offering its services to other private companies looking to place stock.

Hedge funds and private equity firms also have become big providers of so-called mezzanine financing, a type of loan that can be converted into an equity stake in a company. Some of the new players may even try to coax life out of the moribund securitization market over time. Chicago-based hedge fund Citadel Investment Group, for example, recently hired a top JPMorgan Chase (JPM) executive to head its new "securitized products" group.

But a landgrab by big hedge funds and private equity firms might create new problems. The Securities & Exchange Commission and the Finance Industry Regulatory Authority oversee investment banks to some degree, and the Federal Reserve is moving in that direction. But hedge funds are largely unregulated and aren't bound to make any disclosures to anyone but their investors. Even that information is often incomplete. A move by hedge funds into traditional corporate finance would mean even less transparency than exists on Wall Street now. "It's just a swing from one problem to another," says Manhattan College's Geisst.

LEHMAN'S PAIN

To see just how stuck in the mud Wall Street is, one need look no further than Lehman. Investors have abandoned the firm in droves on fears of a sudden collapse and the expectation that it will be swallowed up by a larger rival—perhaps Goldman Sachs (GS)—at a bargain price. With shares trading around \$16, down 74% for the year, Lehman sports a market value of just under \$12 billion.

Lehman has been in full deleveraging mode of late. Its leverage ratio now stands at 24 (through May), down from 31 two quarters earlier. Its mortgage business has all but dried up: Over the six months ended in May, the firm originated just \$2 billion in residential mortgages, compared with \$32 billion during the same period in 2007, and \$4 billion in commercial mortgages, down from \$32 billion. "They bought risky securities and they levered up, but the bet didn't pay off," says Brad Golding, a portfolio manager with money manager Christofferson, Robb & Co., who has no position in Lehman's stock. "There's no difference between Lehman and a subprime borrower who bought more house than he could afford."

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SEC Tries to Snuff Out Wall Street Rumors

But the effort to prove malicious intent about Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns, and other financial firms is as elusive as capturing smoke

by Matthew Goldstein

It's a crime to spread a false rumor to drive down a stock's price. And the Securities & Exchange Commission is determined to suss out who and what's behind the speculation about financial problems at [Bear Stearns](#), [Lehman Brothers \(LEH\)](#), and other financial firms. As part of its hunt, the regulator has sent out subpoenas to dozens of hedge funds in recent weeks.

But rumors are a way of life on Wall Street, right down to the age-old traders' maxim: Buy the rumor and sell the news. Savvy players have made a killing over the years by betting on the market chatter about a company's upcoming earnings or management turmoil, some of which is true and some of which isn't. There's a big difference, though, between wrongheaded speculation and a boldfaced lie. That's why many think the SEC's much-hyped crackdown on rumor mongering will bear little fruit. "These are tough cases," says Ira Lee Sorkin, a New York defense lawyer and former top federal prosecutor. "How do you track down smoke?"

LEHMAN'S BIG ASSETS SPIKE

In many ways, the SEC's crackdown was inevitable. Watching their stocks get pilloried, Wall Street executives have been complaining bitterly about baseless rumors spread by hedge funds and other short sellers looking to profit from their pain. JPMorgan Chase ([JPM](#)) Chief Executive [Jamie Dimon](#) went on TV in early July and blamed traders for the untimely demise of Bear, which got skewered on talk of liquidity issues. Lehman had to quell market concerns that big customers were pulling their business. Some experts have suggested Lehman would do well by going private to avoid getting whipsawed by the rumor mill. Lehman declined to comment.

Even if investigators can track down the source of such rumors, proving malicious intent isn't easy. Most of the recent speculation has centered on the strength of banks' balance sheets. There's plenty of fodder for that type of talk in the current environment, where losses on mortgage-related assets are \$400 billion and rising. "It's impossible now to value financial institutions," says Frank Partnoy, a former derivatives trader turned professor at the University of San Diego School of Law. "It's nothing more than a guess. Book value is basically meaningless."

Traders are also mindful that Wall Street's story has changed in the past year. Last summer, banks downplayed the risk from collateralized debt obligations and other securities backed by toxic subprime home loans, placating investors with soothing predictions about a quick end to the credit crunch. Yet within months, Merrill Lynch ([MER](#)), Citigroup ([C](#)), and others began taking outsize writedowns on those investments. More recently, Lehman reported a big spike in the amount of its first-quarter assets, after management said it would shrink its balance sheet.

Given all that, rumors have proven to be a more powerful force in the stock market of late than the myriad of denials from management. The vast majority of traders fear that where there's smoke, there's also fire.

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It seems everyone wants to express his/her opinion on Steve Jobs and his health, but I found a new way to look at the issue when I found [this article at FT.com](#). In this article, 4 views are expressed on the question of whether or not a company's CEO should keep his/her health a secret. What I find interesting is that the examples keep the mention of Jobs and Apple (AAPL: [S](#)sentiment, [chart](#), [options](#)) to a minimum - there are a couple of references, but not too many. Let me give you what I feel are some of the highlights of the article:

- **Professor Frank Partnoy from the University of San Diego School of Law** notes that the gruesome reality of this situation is that "a company's share price includes the value of an insurance policy on the CEO's life." Partnoy also mentions that "Ironically, average CEOs have a better claim to privacy, because fewer people care about their health."
- **Howard Lee, partner at The HeadLand Consultancy** states that "individuals, however high-profile, have the right to protect their own privacy. No one wants to see a run on the stock price on the back of unsubstantiated rumour ... nor does anyone need to intrude into an individual's personal circumstances. The role of the board is crucial here."
- **Ben W. Heineman, Jr. former senior VP and general counsel of GE** believes that a "CEO's health issues should be disclosed when they will significantly affect her capacity to lead the corporation." Heineman also believes that "Apple's obfuscatory answer to questions about Steve Jobs' health is exactly the wrong way to go."
- Finally, **Joel Kurtzman, chairman of the Kurtzman Group** believes that "part of the bargain leaders are paid well but give up some of their rights, among them the right to absolute privacy. While the details of an illness should remain personal, the ability of a senior executive to lead the company is more than personal. Therefore it should be made public."

All interesting opinions; I find the variety of the answers the most interesting. The underlying theme of the 4 contributions is that the right to a CEO's privacy is given up as soon as they agree to the position. When I say "privacy," I mean "keeping something private from shareholders." Do I deserve to know about Jobs' health? I don't own Apple shares, so I don't think so. Actually, if I owned a few shares, I may have a right to know - but I think the greatest attention must be paid to the largest shareholders. There is no such thing as equality here; the health of Jobs holds greater impact on the largest shareholders, not me ... a mere analyst.

On a completely different note, check out [this article](#) suggesting that facial hair is a hindrance to success ... I think we all know what I think of facial hair, and it isn't just that it makes me sexy.

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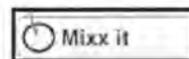
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CPS: Outrage at rising death toll

Kids in 7 case files have died since September

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While the death of one Sacramento child last week unleashed an internal review of the county's Child Protective Services, the streak of dead children known to the agency actually began in September, a Bee review of public documents shows.

Since then, seven children have died on CPS' watch, including one just before Christmas. And at least two more kids known to CPS nearly died last year – one of them a 4-month-old girl, who was referred to the agency 12 times before being hospitalized for suspected shaken baby syndrome.

One of Sacramento's five county supervisors vowed Tuesday "to look very closely within," and a second prominent child advocate in California called for a grand jury investigation into the deaths.

"When you have young children dying in the numbers we've talked about here, that's cause for concern," said Supervisor Don Nottoli. "The community is going to expect us to figure it out as best we can."

Other supervisors remained largely silent, or expressed ongoing support of CPS and its work.

"I have to believe our CPS department is working as hard as they can," said Supervisor Jimmie Yee, who said he does not back a grand jury probe.

Supervisor Susan Peters did not return Bee phone messages on the topic last week or this week. An aide for Roger Dickinson said the supervisor was too busy Tuesday to talk about CPS. Roberta MacGlashan said she plans to meet with CPS officials later this week and would respond to The Bee after that meeting.

A **Bee series published in June** revealed persistent problems at CPS with training, supervision, investigations and evaluation of children's risk. The report also raised questions about the agency's willingness to hold workers and supervisors accountable for serious mistakes.

The deaths in the past 11 months have ranged from 9-year-old Taylor Ward, killed Sept. 3 when her mother committed suicide in Yolo County by driving in front of a train, to 4-year-old Jahmaurae Allen, beaten to death last week. The mother's live-in boyfriend has been charged with Jahmaurae's murder.

In all seven cases identified by The Bee, there is a common link: CPS had received some report of abuse or neglect involving the child but did not remove any of them from their homes. One of the children died in foster care.

"What could possibly be more important to the elected Board of Supervisors than preventing the deaths of helpless children?" asked Robert Fellmeth, a law professor and director of the San Diego-based Children's Advocacy Institute. "We have a system of mandated reporting of child abuse to local agencies for a reason."

Last week, Robert Wilson of Sacramento Child Advocates – whose attorneys represent children in dependency court – called for a grand jury investigation. Fellmeth said Tuesday he believes the grand jury should look into the agency, too, but that county supervisors also bear responsibility.

"We now have the disclosure of repeated deaths," Fellmeth said. "Where are our elected officials responsible for overseeing these agencies? Where is the grand jury, charged with examining local agencies?"

"These children count on some check so those who protect them are held accountable: Will Sacramento supervisors begin to provide it? When?"

Other California grand juries have recently delved into child protection. Last month, the Santa Barbara County grand jury issued a report that called the county's Child Welfare Services "a system of care that lacks stability."

County supervisors elsewhere in California also have taken action.

Last month, Los Angeles County supervisors – angered by the ritualistic torture of a 5-year-old boy – ordered county officials to devise a new system to formally link various agencies to share information. The boy's mother, accused along with two friends of burning, whipping and malnourishing the child, had a lengthy criminal history and repeated contact with numerous public agencies, said Tony Bell, spokesman for Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who pressed for the changes along with Supervisor Gloria Molina.

"What we want to do is create a system that is as foolproof as possible," Bell said.

A spokeswoman for Los Angeles County's Department of Children and Family Services, which investigates abuse cases, said "we welcome any kind of improvement that can be made to the system."

In Sacramento County, Lynn Frank, director of the Department of Health and Human Services, said she would have her staff look into the Los Angeles plan to "see if it might be something appropriate" here.

Frank, whose department oversees CPS, also said she would "welcome the interest" of the grand jury and cooperate fully.

Before the latest child's death, CPS repeatedly told The Bee it had made tremendous strides in recent years, and that adequate checks and balances were in place. After Jahmaurae's beating death, Frank said that CPS should have done more to help the boy.

The child had been reported to CPS as a possible abuse victim five weeks before his death, but he and his two siblings remained in the home.

The deaths of four children known to CPS so far this year has sparked an in-house review of more than 900 abuse cases, which Frank said already is under way. Supervisors in the emergency response program have begun training social workers in the field "to make sure practice is aligning with procedure," she said. The agency also has begun daily briefings at the start of shifts to identify high-risk cases, Frank said.

Documents reviewed by The Bee and interviews offered details in three of the seven cases where children were known to CPS. They include:

- Taylor Ward, killed in the train collision with her mother. CPS received an allegation of physical abuse and general neglect about the family in 2005, and one of general neglect in 2006, but no investigations were opened.
- Tamaihya Moore, a 17-month-old who died Oct. 22 after being found unresponsive at the home of her foster mother. CPS had taken the girl from her mother because of alleged drug use and later failed to act when the girl's biological grandmother and aunt pleaded with the agency to seek medical care for the child. The foster mother, Tamekca Walker, has been charged with the girl's murder.
- Haylie Mariah Leeson, a 4-month-old Fair Oaks girl who died at Christmas nearly a week after CPS opened an investigation. On Dec. 18, the agency received "allegations of physical abuse," documents from the state show. Police said the girl came to their attention on Dec. 22, when she was reported to be having severe breathing problems at the Sunrise Mall. Her father told police she began having trouble at home and he took her to the mall, where her mother worked. She died Dec. 23 or Dec. 24 (state and coroner's records conflict). No charges have been filed, but the case remains under investigation, Citrus Heights police said Tuesday.

Details of the four deaths this year will be available soon under a new public records act law. In the most recent death of 4-year-old Jahmaurae, the emergency response worker assigned the case a month earlier has been placed on paid administrative leave, the county announced last week. The worker is still on leave while an internal investigation continues, Frank said.

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Chairman Tied to Developer Sets SEDC President's Pay

By WILL CARLESS and ANDREW DONOHUE Voice Staff Writers

Friday, July 11, 2008 | The revelation this week that the chairman of a city of San Diego redevelopment department, Artie M. "Chip" Owen, is unilaterally in charge of setting the salary of a top city of San Diego redevelopment official has fueled further concerns regarding Owen's business ties to a developer and the potential conflicts it creates.

After a [voiceofsandiego.org](#) story Tuesday revealed a clandestine system of bonuses and extra compensation for the top officials at the Southeastern Economic Development Corp., Owen and SEDC President Carolyn Y. Smith said in a memo that Owen alone, as board chairman, is responsible for setting Smith's compensation. The officials said that, in the future, the president's salary will be discussed by the entire board.

At the same time he has controlled Smith's salary, Owen has had financial ties to a company that has won several development deals from SEDC and is currently embroiled in a struggle over Valencia Business Park, a troubled project spearheaded by the agency.

That company, Pacific Development Partners, has been paying Owen between \$10,000 and \$100,000 a year for the last four years that Owen has sat on the SEDC board, according to Owen's statements of economic interest on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Although Owen has recused himself from voting on Valencia Business Park, his relationship with the developer has become a point of contention in the long-running struggle over who will build atop the land local government has spent millions of dollars preparing. SEDC President Carolyn Y. Smith has also been sued for fraud in relation to the project.

A local legal expert said Owen's financial links to the developer raise troubling questions about his power to decide the salary of SEDC's president, who oversees the agency's redevelopment projects and whose staff has supported and recommended PDP twice in the last three years for a redevelopment project.

"It's bad policy for the chair to put himself in this position," said Robert Fellmeth, professor of public interest law at the University of San Diego. "I think if I was in his position I would be recusing myself from the compensation decisions."

Smith oversees the entire organization. Because Smith has considerable sway over which developers are chosen for SEDC deals, Owen's ties to a company that has recently won contracts with SEDC raise concerns about his role in setting her salary without participation from the board, Fellmeth said.

"I think that this board ought to do the opposite. Instead of saying the chair makes the

decision, everybody but the chair makes the decision," he said.

Owen became chairman in February 2007, according to SEDC meeting minutes. The agency says he is responsible for setting the president's salary but not bonuses or other extra compensation.

In fiscal year 2007-2008, the first year in which Owen served as president, Smith's salary increased from \$158,000 to \$172,000, according to records obtained through the state Public Records Act. Smith's specific annual salary for fiscal year 2008-2009, which began July 1, isn't listed in the budget.

SEDC is the city of San Diego's redevelopment wing for southeastern San Diego. It manages and subsidizes development and beautification projects in some of the city's most blighted neighborhoods.

One of SEDC's most familiar developers in the last decade has been Pacific Development Partners.

Owen and the two PDP principals, Mark T. Burger and Ronald A. Recht, have strong business ties, a relationship that has gained more attention since questions surfaced about PDP's involvement in the long-running development struggle at Valencia Business Park.

PDP originally won development rights for the project in 2005, offering \$1.5 million to buy the land from the city. Following the awarding of that project, SEDC and Smith were sued by a local business for breach of contract and fraud on claims it was duped into giving up its rights on the land so it could be given to PDP. That case is currently in mediation.

Then, SEDC was forced to put the project back out to bid after PDP altered its plans for the site drastically without renegotiating the purchase price. SEDC re-awarded the project to PDP last month, but for a purchase price of nearly \$1 million less than the original deal, despite the possibility that the land could've been significantly more valuable for the developer under the new project plans.

St. Stephen's Cathedral Church of God in Christ, a local ministry that competed with PDP for the development rights of Valencia Business Park, has argued that the deal with PDP is null and void because of Owen's relationship with the developer.

Marvin Ferrell, project manager for the ministry's leader, said Owen has a conflict regardless of whether or not he voted on the project.

"If Owen is head of SEDC, every employee knows he's in charge and he's going to be

The Chairman's Business

The Issue: The board chairman of the Southeastern Economic Development Corp., the city of San Diego agency tasked with revitalizing some of its most blighted neighborhoods, has business ties to Pacific Development Partners LLC and its two principals.

What It Means: The chairman, Artie M. "Chip" Owen, has abstained from voting on PDP projects, but the revelation this week that Owen unilaterally sets the board president's salary has raised new questions about his relationship with the developer and whether it creates a conflict.

The Bigger Picture: PDP has a development agreement with SEDC to purchase and develop the Valencia Business Park in southeastern San Diego. The project has been dogged by problems and SEDC and its president have been sued by a local couple for breach of contract and fraud.

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SEDC legal bills, obtained through the California Public Records Act, show that earlier this year, attorneys researched how the state's conflict-of-interest law, Government Code 1090, affected Owen. The law forbids public officials from participating in decisions in which they have a financial interest. Simply abstaining from voting doesn't ensure compliance with the law.

Bruce Gridley, an SEDC attorney with the Los Angeles firm Kane Ballmer & Berkman, wouldn't disclose the results of the 1090 research, saying such information is protected by the attorney-client privilege.

He said he was asked to perform the research by Huston Carlyle, chief deputy city attorney and deputy general counsel to the Redevelopment Agency. "I think it's understandable when issues are raised that people want there to be an independent investigation and that's what I was asked to do," Gridley said.

Interviewed last year, Owen declined to answer questions about his personal finances, but said he had no stake in the Valencia Business Park project. He didn't respond to repeated calls for comment this week. Burger and Recht have also repeatedly declined to comment.

Owen, who worked in real estate and development in the SEDC-governed area before joining the board, discloses having received the payments from PDP in the statements of economic interest that public officials must file with the City Clerk's Office. The income is from a deal Owen brokered for PDP in 2002, Owen said, but the commission was deferred and paid out in installments.

Owen brought PDP to SEDC in the late 1990s in a deal that became the Imperial Marketplace Plaza on Imperial Avenue. That development agreement was awarded without the public request for bids that that is typically issued by public agencies.

Since joining the SEDC board in 2003, Owen has abstained from voting on PDP's projects.

But other Owen-PDP connections wouldn't be apparent from SEDC board minutes or his statements of economic interest. Upon being pressed, Owen last year revealed that PDP principals Burger and Recht also were involved with two of his SEDC-awarded development projects before he served on the board.

And, as of last year, Owen was partners with Burger and Recht in another development project, the details of which Owen has refused to disclose publicly, saying he's a private person.

In an interview last year, Smith and Kane Ballmer & Berkman attorney Royce Jones said Owen's relationship with PDP was unimportant to SEDC as long as he doesn't vote on PDP issues. Jones said SEDC wasn't privy to the details of Owen's relationship with the company.

"He has a relationship with PDP and it has nothing to do with this agency," Smith said.

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Troubled drug program for doctors shuts down

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The Los Angeles Democrat heads the panel that oversees licensing of health professionals in California. He is also the author of Senate Bill 1441, which would set uniform standards by January 2010 to monitor health professionals in treatment programs. The bill has cleared the Senate and is scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee this month.

The boards that license nurses, dentists, pharmacists, physical therapists, veterinarians, osteopaths and physician assistants set their own standards and contract with a private company, Maximus Inc., to run their programs.

The now-defunct program for physicians was operated by the California Medical Board, one of only three nationwide run by employees of a state medical licensing board.

While its demise leaves the state without a current alternative, Ridley-Thomas and other critics contend it largely failed to protect the public.

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Candis Cohen, a spokeswoman for the medical board, said she could not comment on the board's probe of Adams because his case is pending.

But she conceded the board's program – which failed five audits – had not fulfilled its responsibility to protect the public.

"The board voted a year ago to allow its diversion program to sunset because it believed that, after failing repeated audits, the program was not consistent with its mission," Cohen said.

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The final blow was a report, released a year ago by the California state auditor, finding that the medical board did not always require doctors to stop practicing immediately after testing positive for alcohol or drugs.

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CARROLL: Tancredo demurs

By Vincent Carroll

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Tom Tancredo has been misunderstood, and I'm allegedly to blame. He "never suggested the mayor was responsible or culpable for the singer's personal decision to substitute her anthem for *The Star-Spangled Banner*," he assures us in a column you can read in today's *Rocky* (Page 32 NEWS, or on the Web).

Indeed, Tancredo condemned John Hickenlooper last week only because the Denver mayor failed to roundly denounce jazz singer Rene Marie - as opposed to issuing a "mild rebuke" - until the day after her stunt at his State of the City address.

"My criticism was and is aimed at the mayor's lame response to an incident that happened right in front of him," Tancredo insists.

Well, that's progress. It's good to hear that Tancredo doesn't hold Hickenlooper responsible for Marie's contemptible refusal to sing the national anthem, since the mayor was as surprised as anyone when she replaced its lyrics with those of *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*.

Still, the congressman really should go back and read his own press release of July 2, which I labeled "the cheap shot of the week" (and which readers can find at the congressman's Web site). The second deck of its headline couldn't be clearer: Tancredo "asks mayor and singer to apologize for insulting America."

Nowhere in the press release is there so much as a hint that Tancredo is upset about what he now claims upset him: the mayor's failure to come out swinging in the immediate aftermath of the event. To the contrary. The congressman's press release depicts Hickenlooper and Marie as both culpable for the fiasco, just as I indicated in Friday's column. He condemned them in the same sentence, demanded both apologize and, in the second-to-last paragraph, once more regretted that "neither . . . has yet to apologize for the deliberate and offensive act."

To hear him tell it now, however, he "never suggested the mayor was responsible" for last week's anthem incident.

And he even seems to be serious.

Ivy-covered walls

In the 1920s, Harvard University instituted a new admissions policy in which an applicant's "character" would be assessed. As explained by Gail Heriot, law professor at the University of San Diego, "In practice, 'good character' at the Ivy League of the 1920s meant a diploma from one of the 'right' prep schools and letters of recommendation from the 'right' people. It meant being good . . . with a football. It even meant being tall and handsome. Most of all, it meant not being Jewish."

The goal: to reduce Jewish enrollment from nearly a quarter of the Harvard freshman class to about 15 percent.

Eighty years later, the Ivy League apparently still discriminates against high achievers, alas, but now its targets are Asian-Americans. Not that anyone likes to admit it, of course.

Consider a *USA Today* editorial this week. It agrees that "high-scoring Asian students face higher admission hurdles" at Princeton based upon grades and test scores, but insists that this fact "does not necessarily prove discrimination." After all, all sorts of students - oboe players, football stars, sons and daughters of alumni, and so on - receive "what looks like preferences."

So what's the big deal, *USA Today* reasons, if some minorities benefit from "what looks like preferences" and another minority, Asians, gets the shaft - so long as it helps colleges "get the freshman class they want"?

But it *is* a big deal. It's a big deal because there is a moral (and, one still hopes, legal) distinction between recruiting a musician or athlete - and even the somewhat distasteful practice of rewarding alumni loyalty at a *private* institution - and selecting or barring individuals because of their ethnicity.

We have to explain this to a major editorial board in 2008?

The Ivies' policy toward Jews in the early 20th century was disgraceful; to the extent it is being repeated under a different guise and against a different group in the early 21st century, it gives off the same old stench.

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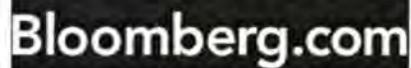
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'Show Me the Money' Colleges Produce Would-Be Borases (Update1)

By Brian Kladko

July 10 (Bloomberg) -- College students who want to emulate Scott Boras, the agent for baseball's Alex Rodriguez, may discover that finding a job in sports management is more competitive than the games themselves.

U.S. colleges are increasingly offering sports administration degrees, flooding a field in which growth is limited. Since 1966, when Ohio University in Athens became the only school with such a diploma, 229 more colleges have joined in, according to the North American Society for Sport Management in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

About half of Syracuse University's first 20 sports management students, who graduated in May, aren't employed in the profession, said Michael Velez, director of the three-year-old program. Colleges may raise false hopes in applicants who dream of working for a team, said James Kahler, the executive director of the Center for Sports Administration at Ohio University.

"There are too many degrees out there and not enough jobs," said Kahler, formerly senior vice president of the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball club, in a telephone interview on May 28. "It's almost abusive when you think about it."

Sports management programs focus on the business side of athletics, especially finance, marketing and sales at professional teams, leagues and universities. Schools also say they prepare students to manage sports venues or to work at companies that sponsor sports. The jobs often prove scarce, according to graduates and employers.

2,500 Resumes

Entry-level jobs with the Red Sox usually pay \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year, said Sam Kennedy, the team's chief sales and marketing officer, in a telephone interview on May 29. The team gets about 2,500 resumes from job seekers annually and hires fewer than 10, said Kennedy, who majored in American studies at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Michael Kelleher, 29, of Lockport, New York, said he aimed to become a baseball or football scout when he earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, and a master's in sport administration from Canisius College, the Jesuit school in Buffalo, New York.

After mailing out 3,000 resumes in three years, Kelleher is still looking for that job, he said. The closest he came was a 34-day internship at the National Football League's Oakland Raiders training camp, Kelleher said. He now works at a YMCA community center as a physical-education teacher and sports coordinator.

"It's an eye-opening experience as far as how people actually get jobs," Kelleher said on June 27 in a telephone interview. Most employers, he said, "recognize an Ivy League school degree in anything over a sport management program." The Ivy League consists of Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and seven other elite schools in the Northeast.

'Next Theo Epstein'

Mount Union, a private, liberal-arts college, entices applicants to sports management by asking on its Web site if they ever thought of becoming "the next Theo Epstein," the general manager of the world champion Boston Red Sox. Epstein himself, though, doesn't have a degree in sports management, having majored in American studies at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, before graduating from the University of San Diego's law school.

The 1996 movie "Jerry Maguire" -- in which Tom Cruise plays a sports agent whose client insists "Show me the money!" -- spurred demand for the college courses, said Jim Kadlecsek, the head of Mount Union's program, in a telephone interview on June 30. He warns students that the job supply, salaries and work hours all may prove disappointing, he said.

Mark Cuban, the owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, said sports management classes are the latest version of "rocks for jocks," or watered-down geology for athletes.

'Hurts More Than Helps'

"While we won't dismiss a potential hire because they graduated with a sports management degree, it hurts more than helps," he wrote in an e-mail on May 16. "I would rather hire someone with more diverse skills."

Boras, one of the most prominent of about 300 agents certified by the New York-based Major League Baseball Players Association, didn't return a call to his office in Newport Beach, California. He earned chemistry and law degrees at the University of the Pacific in California.

Not all sports management graduates are having trouble with employment, especially at schools with the deepest roots in the industry. Of the 30 graduates last month from Ohio University's master's program, most of whom received degrees in both business and sports administration, 28 have secured sports-related jobs, Kahler said.

'A Great Time'

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On the Move

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SAN FRANCISCO

Philip Leider has joined **PERKINS COIE** as of counsel in its litigation practice. Leider, based in San Francisco, earned his law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law in 2000. He was previously an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

International tax lawyer **Joseph Fletcher** has joined **MORRISON & FOERSTER's** San Francisco office as a partner. Fletcher, who earned his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1990, advises companies on complex cross-border tax issues, as well as the licensing and sale of intellectual property. He was previously a partner at Holland & Knight.

REED SMITH partner **Raymond Cardozo** has been appointed to the State Bar's 16-lawyer Committee on Appellate Courts, which reviews proposed changes to court rules and legislation affecting appellate courts or appellate practice. His term will begin in September. He got his J.D. in 1994 from Boalt Hall School of Law.

SILICON VALLEY

Trial lawyer **Terry O'Reilly**, senior partner at San Mateo's **O'REILLY & DANKO**, has begun his term as president of the Western Trial Lawyers Association. O'Reilly graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1969.

EAST BAY

MILLER STARR REGALIA partner **Karl Geier** has assumed the role of editor-in-chief of the real property law treatise "Miller & Starr California Real Estate 3d," which the firm has put out since 1965. He succeeds Edmund Regalia, one of the firm's founding partners, who had filled the role since 2000. Geier, who is based in Walnut Creek and received his



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Littler Mendelson Strengthens LA Presence with Employment Litigation Expert Helene Wasserman

Littler Mendelson continues its expansion with the addition of the firm's newest Shareholder, Helene Wasserman, to Littler's Los Angeles office.

Los Angeles, CA (Vocus/PRWEB) July 16, 2008 -- Littler Mendelson (Littler), the nation's largest labor and employment law firm representing management, continues its expansion with the addition of the firm's newest Shareholder, Helene Wasserman, to Littler's Los Angeles office.

Littler's national platform allows me to draw on the experience and insights of more than 700 attorney-colleagues throughout the country, plus I can draw on the talent and legal support in Los Angeles to more fully meet the needs of my clients.

Wasserman comes to Littler from the Los Angeles office of Ford and Harrison, where she defended employers and management in litigation matters before state and federal courts and administrative agencies in all areas of employment law. She also counsels employers of all sizes in day-to-day employment relations issues such as hiring, discipline and termination of employees, downsizing, workplace violence and compliance with all state and federal laws.

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Wasserman has been actively involved with the Conference of Delegates of California Bar Associations (CDCBA) for several years. The CDCBA is the quintessential "grass roots" legislative organization comprised of attorneys throughout California who all have a desire to improve the laws of the state of California by proposing and debating potential legislation. After having been the Chair of the largest delegation in the state of California, the Los Angeles County Bar Association delegation, and having served for two years as a state Sergeant-at-Arms and for three years on the state Resolutions Committee of the CDCBA, Wasserman was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the organization. There, she continues with her efforts to improve the employment laws within California.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome an attorney of Helene's caliber to the firm. She is joining an already outstanding lineup of employment and labor lawyers, and her collective experience and client base will add considerably to the strength and momentum of the Los Angeles office," said Robert Blumberg, office managing shareholder of Littler's Los Angeles Office.

"I am delighted to join the preeminent management-side employment firm in the country," said Wasserman. "Littler's national platform allows me to draw on the experience and insights of more than 700 attorney-colleagues throughout the country, plus I can draw on the talent and legal support in Los Angeles to more fully meet the needs of my clients."

Wasserman is frequently featured and quoted in various publications on topics ranging from all aspects of employment law to the use of technology in the legal profession. She has presented on various employment law related topics for the California Continuing Education of the Bar, M. Lee Smith, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and H.R. Star as well as numerous in-house presentations / trainings for clients.

Wasserman earned her bachelor of arts from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1984, and her Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1987. She is admitted to practice in California.

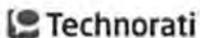
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Veteran prosecutor given judgeship

By TERRY VAU DELL-Staff Writer

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 SACRAMENTO — Veteran prosecutor Clare Keithley was appointed Monday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to a newly created position on the Butte County Superior Court bench.

The appointment of Keithley, 45, of Chico, raises the number of full-time judges in the county to 11.

The last four judicial appointees have been women, and two were also previously prosecutors in the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

"I'm very happy, excited and honored by this appointment," Keithley said Monday.

She worked for the last two years as a gang prosecutor and also was instrumental in developing protocols for other law-enforcement agencies to remove endangered children from drug-infested homes.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey called Keithley "extremely intelligent, articulate, compassionate and tough-minded."

He added, "We're very proud the governor made such an excellent appointment."

Presiding Judge James Reilley, who worked with Keithley in the District Attorney's Office before he was elected to the bench, also praised the latest judicial appointee.

"This was an excellent choice by the governor," he said. "I've known Clare both personally and professionally for about 15 years. The first thing that comes to mind is her intelligence, and she also

has a very pleasant personality."

Reilley said he was pleased that Butte was among counties authorized by the state Legislature to get help with growing caseloads. Besides the new position Keithley will fill, the county is to get one additional judicial position next year.

As a judge, Keithley, will earn a salary of \$178,789. She is unmarried.

She was believed to be among at least four local attorneys vying for the new judicial post. She is a Democrat.

Her father, George Keithley, is a retired Chico State professor and noted poet.

Born and raised in Chico, Clare Keithley attended Chico High School, Butte College and Chico State before earning a bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley. She received her law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

Before joining the Butte County District Attorney's Office in 1995, Keithley worked for about a year in a San Diego law firm, where she became involved with a plaintiffs' class-action lawsuit over breast implants.

She prosecuted a variety of misdemeanor and felony cases in Butte County, leaving briefly in 2004 to work in the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office.

Upon her return to Chico two years later, Keithley was assigned to the DA's gang-prosecution unit.

She said that experience, which included prosecuting several high-profile gang assault crimes, helped prepare her to be a judge.

"Those types of cases often involve complicated

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Two new judges picked for Fresno County

Governor also announces an appointment to Superior Court in Madera County.

By Chris Collins / The Fresno Bee
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A court commissioner and a federal prosecutor were appointed Monday to judgeships in Fresno County Superior Court by Gov. Schwarzenegger.

The governor also appointed a deputy district attorney to a judgeship in Madera County Superior Court.

The appointments are part of the state's effort to add 150 new judges to the superior courts over the next few years. But that effort has been stymied by the state's budget crunch.

Fresno County Superior Court was scheduled to receive four new judges last year, another four this year, and three next year. But because of budget constraints, the court got only three judges last year. The fourth was appointed Monday.

The scheduled creation of four new positions this year has been delayed until next year, said Hilary Chittick, the presiding judge in Fresno County Superior Court. Once the judges appointed Monday are sworn in, the court will have 40 judges, Chittick said.

Kimberly A. Gaab, a 41-year-old assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Fresno, was appointed to fill the new position on the Fresno bench. She has been a federal prosecutor since 2004 and was previously a private attorney and a staff attorney with the California 5th District Court of Appeal in Fresno. Gaab is a registered Republican and earned a law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley.

"I am intrigued by the position and the opportunity afforded to me to serve people of the county and make a difference in the lives of the residents," Gaab said.

Her boss, McGregor Scott, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of California, called Gaab's appointment a "great selection by the governor."

"She's smart and she works hard," Scott said. "She will very properly understand the role of the judge."

Glenda S. Allen-Hill, a 49-year-old Fresno County Superior Court family law commissioner, was appointed to fill the position of Judge Gary S. Austin, who has retired. She has been a commissioner since 1990 and previously was a prosecutor in the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and Madera County District Attorney's Office. Allen-Hill earned her law degree from the University of Southern California Law School. Her political affiliation is registered as "declined to state."

"We're delighted to have them coming on board," Chittick said of Allen-Hill and Gaab. "We need their assistance and are eagerly awaiting their arrival."

Chittick said both women will be sworn in as judges within the next few months.

Allen-Hill is one of the court's nine commissioners. Chittick said she's not sure whether the court will hire a new commissioner to replace Allen-Hill or try to convert the position into an additional judgeship.

D. Lynn Jones, a 39-year-old prosecutor in the Madera County District Attorney's Office, was appointed to fill a new position on the Madera County Superior Court bench. Jones is a registered Republican and earned a law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

Jones and Allen-Hill could not be reached to comment Monday.

The judges will be paid \$178,789 a year.
The reporter can be reached at ccollins@fresnobee.com or (559) 441-6412.

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- **Appointments announced by governor**
- **Some are new positions, others fill retirements**

Courthouses from Chico south to Fresno will see new Superior Court judges following their appointments Monday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Those named are:

- **Clare Keithley** to Butte County Superior Court

Ms. Keithley, 45, of Chico, has served as a deputy district attorney with the Butte County District Attorney's Office since 2006 and also previously from 1995 to 2004. She was a deputy district attorney with the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office from 2004 to 2006. Prior to that, Ms. Keithley was a contract attorney with the Law Offices of Barry and Harris from 1994 to 1995.

She fills one of the new positions created under recent legislation.

- **Lynn Jones** to Madera County Superior Court

Ms. Jones, 39, of Madera, has been a deputy district attorney with the Madera County District Attorney's Office since 1996. She earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State University.

She fills a the new position.

- **Glenda S. Allen Hill**, and,

- **Kimberly Gaab** to judgeships in the Fresno County Superior Court

Ms. Allen-Hill, 49, of Fresno, has served as a superior court commissioner with the Fresno County Superior Court since 1990. She previously served as a deputy district attorney with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office from 1988 to 1990 and held the same position with the Madera County District Attorney's Office from 1987 to 1988.

She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gary Austin.

Ms. Gaab, 41, of Fresno, has been an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Fresno since 2004. She was lead attorney with the California Court of Appeal in Fresno from 1999 to 2004. Ms. Gaab was an associate with Sagaser, Franson, Jamison & Jones from 1994 to 1999 and Jory, Peterson & Sagaser from 1993 to 1994.

She fills one of the new positions.

- **John Freeland**, and,

- **Nan Jacobs** to judgeships in the Stanislaus County Superior Court

Mr. Freeland, 51, of Modesto, has been an associate and then a shareholder with Curtis & Arata since 1998. He was a sole practitioner from 1996 to 1998 and was a junior partner with Williams, Romanski, Polverari, & Skelton from 1988 to 1996. Mr. Freeland was an associate with Ericksen, Arbuthnot, Kilduff, Day & Lindstrom Inc. from 1986 to 1988 and, from 1985 to 1986, with Roberts & Moore.

He fills one of the new positions.

Ms. Jacobs, 57, of Modesto, has been an attorney then partner with Crabtree, Schmidt & Jacobs since 1980. She previously was an attorney with Chessie System Law Department from 1979 to 1980.

She fills one of the new positions.

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Obama-Clinton 'family' rift hard to heal

Rival sides have much to get over

By Lisa Anderson

Tribune correspondent

July 11, 2008

NEW YORK—After pummeling each other on the campaign trail for the better part of a year and a half, Senators Barack Obama of Illinois and Hillary Clinton of New York stowed the brass knuckles and pulled out the olive branches Thursday. The challenge now is to persuade their supporters to do the same.

At a morning Manhattan fundraiser, a smiling Clinton, with presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Obama at her side, indicated the two are as in step with each other as the dancing team of Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. "The Democratic Party is a family," however "dysfunctional," she reminded the audience.

But, given the former rivals' raw and recent past of ravaging each other on the campaign trail, it may take more than a tango to keep their passionately partisan supporters in tandem, according to political observers, conflict resolution experts and family therapists.

"Clearly, over this primary, many grievances have built up between these two groups," said Jo Ellen Patterson, a professor of marital and family therapy at the University of San Diego.

Grievances so deep that in May, when Obama's victory seemed inevitable, some 115 former Clinton donors made substantial contributions to presumptive Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain of Arizona, according to an analysis done by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics for the Wall Street Journal. And, disgruntled Clinton supporters have put up Internet sites in protest, such as Together4us.com.

"Of course there's bitterness," said Cora Weiss, a longtime peace activist and one of the hosts of Thursday morning's Women for Obama Finance Breakfast at the New York Hilton and Towers hotel. "It's a question of time and Hillary is saying 'Get over it.'"

Considering the Clinton-Obama history over the painfully protracted Democratic primary season, there is plenty to get over.

The candidates, or their camps, pounced on the other's smallest gaffes. They denided each other: She portrayed him as unready to lead, he depicted her as unready to change. She sapped his support among women and blue collar set. He stole her support among the Kennedys and the Hollywood elite. She refused to concede for days after her loss in the June 3 Montana primary clinched the deal for Obama. As recently as a Wednesday night fundraiser, Obama forgot to request donations for Clinton during his speech and had to make an awkward return to the microphone. Some of their staunchest donors still stubbornly take sides: his won't help retire her \$23 million in campaign debt, hers won't help him in his fight for the White House.

But, as Clinton and Obama indicated in remarks Thursday, they need each other and the party needs both of them to recapture the White House in November.

Michael Dukakis, former Massachusetts governor and 1988 Democratic presidential nominee, said Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, should be key to Obama's general election efforts to attract blue collar and other voters in industrial states. "Her role in this is going to be important and so is Bill's. They're good troupers. They'll be there and they'll be genuine," said Dukakis, who teaches political science at Northeastern University and U.C.L.A.

Clinton devoted nearly half her remarks to thanking her supporters and urging them to change course and join her in throwing their efforts behind getting Obama elected. "I know how challenging it is to turn on a dime," Clinton told the breakfast gathering.

"Once you get emotionally involved and revved up, it's very hard to turn on a dime," said Stanley Renshon, a psychoanalyst and professor of political science at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. "These people have been in combat. They've been geared up and trying to win a war....They may eventually come around, but it's going to be a reluctant and, I think, partial coming around. I think there were bruised feelings that will take some time to heal," he said.

Emphasizing shared values and goals, Clinton said, "Anyone who voted for me has so much in common with those who voted for Barack."

That commonality, however, is part of the problem keeping some loyal supporters from putting their disappointment and resentment behind them and forging an alliance with their former opponents, according to David Joseph, a professional mediator and program director for the Public Conversations Project, a Boston-based nonprofit that helps address conflict among individuals and groups on opposing sides of divisive issues.



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Del Mar Plaza to host annual City of Hope event

By Brandon Hernández

There are few things in life that feel better or are as rewarding as lending a helping hand to a friend in need, volunteering time or energy to a humanitarian effort or contributing funds to support a non-profit organization built around a worthy cause. Giving of one's self for the betterment of mankind bolsters the soul and the human spirit and come July 13, it will also satisfy the appetites of kind-hearted attendees of the Women's Council of San Diego County Wine and Food Festival benefiting City of Hope, a leading biomedical research, treatment and education institution devoted to the prevention and cure of cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

The event, which is celebrating its sixth consecutive year, will take place atop the Del Mar Plaza in the heart of Del Mar and fea-

ture wine and food pairings from an assortment of our region's most well-known vintners, purveyors and restaurants. Those sharing their fare and flare for philanthropy will include Pacifica Del Mar, Il Fornaio, Epazote, Blue Coral Seafood & Spirits, The Fish Market, The 3rd Corner Wine Shop, The Barrel Room, Varozza Vineyards, Truly Fine Wines, Wilson Creek Winery and HOPE Wine, a line of award-winning wines from which 50 percent of sales are donated to charitable organizations fighting cancer, HIV/AIDS and autism.

Though it's easy to focus on the exceptional food and drink that will be on-hand, there's even more in store for event attendees; namely, a silent auction (from which 100 percent of all proceeds will be donated to City of Hope), live music and other special entertainment. The Women's Council of San

Diego County will also bestow its Ambassador of Hope Award, presented annually to a member of the community who has served as a leader and source of inspiration for others in the San Diego community, to 2008 honoree Christine L. Muecke.

A child advocate, philanthropist and eight-year breast cancer survivor, Muecke has spent the past 30-plus years teaching children with special needs and working to see that they have a proper place in the mainstream public education system. Her career includes stints at Southwood Psychiatric Hospital and the Alcott Infant Toddler Program which led to her current appointment as an adjunct faculty member at the University of San Diego and San Diego State University where she trains undergraduates and masters level students in Special Education. In addition to

lending her time and support to City of Hope, Muecke is also a 15-year veteran member of the Child Protection Team at the Chadwick Center at Rady's Children Hospital and has worked with the Council for Exceptional Children, National Association for the Education of Young Children and Infant Massage Association.

It's no wonder the Women's Council of San Diego County selected Muecke, for in her — an exceptional woman giving generously of herself — they see themselves. The Women's Council of San Diego County is a volunteer board of female professionals tied together by the common thread that is their passion for fighting and finding a cure for cancer and other life-threatening diseases. As such, they contribute their time and efforts to seeking financial support for medical re-

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The City of Hope Wine and Food Festival will be held Sunday, July 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at 1555 Camino Del Mar. Tickets are available for \$55 apiece online at www.cityofhope.org/regions/sandiego/wf/food_wine.c.htm or \$65 at the event. For more information on City of Hope, its mission and how you can help their cause, consult www.cityofhope.org.

search, education, patient care programs and raising awareness about City of Hope and the commendable work being done by its staff of top-quality researchers.

When asked why they give so generously and tirelessly of themselves, they provide an all-telling answer in the form of statistical data. Cancer is expected to claim the lives of more than 565,000 Americans in 2008 alone and more than 1.4 million new cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed this year. The National Institutes of

Health estimated the overall costs of cancer in the year 2007 at \$219.2 billion.

When faced with facts like these, it's easy to see why these devoted women work so diligently to provide a myriad of methods by which we can all support the City of Hope's crusade and surely there is none more enjoyable and effective as this deliciously entertaining event.

Note: Statistics provided in this article regarding cancer fatalities and diagnoses were provided by the American Cancer Society.

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A tax seminar for nonprofit organizations and other exempt groups will be held Monday (July 7) by State Controller **John Chiang** and Assemblywoman **Lori Saldaña**. It will be at 9:30 a.m. at the **Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice**, 5998 Alcalá Park, on the **USD** campus. Chiang will address the audience on the challenges facing the state including funding for public services and the vital role of nonprofits in supporting vulnerable populations. Sessions throughout the day will explain tax, charity and employment laws affecting nonprofit groups. Also appearing will be **Pat Libby**, director of the Nonprofit Leadership and Management program at USD, and **Shaina Gross**, impact manager for **United Way of San Diego County**.

Registration forms are available on the State Controller's Website at www.sco.ca.gov
<http://www.sco.ca.gov>.

School of Nursing

July 9, 2008



From left, Dr. Jane Georges, Amy Carney Ph.D.(c), Dr. Susan Instone, Dr. Sally Hardin (front), Dr. Anita Hunter, Dr. Cynthia Connelly, Dr. Mary Rose Mueller, and Regina Izu Ph.D.(c) are USD nurse scientists. They work diligently to translate science into evidence-based practice at the bedside.

University of San Diego — a school for nursing science and practice

The University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science is a graduate school that is based in nursing research — it is a school

for nursing science as well as practice. As the nation faces the most critical nurse shortage in its history, USD's Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science has doubled its number of graduate students to prepare nurse faculty at the Ph.D level who can educate the next generation of nurses, as well as Executive Nurse Leaders to administer health care systems in our community, hospitals and the military.

USD's nurse faculty and students work diligently to translate science into evidence-

based practice at the bedside. In fact, the teaching model at the Hahn School incorporates research with all of its teaching and clinical programs. USD's school of nursing is the only nursing program in the country whose students receive Achievement Rewards for College Scientists, or ARCS, scholarships. ARCS, a 50-year-old national educational foundation, distributed \$4.5 million to 43 schools last year for the support of the graduate education of scientists.

On July 1, 2007, **Cynthia Connelly**, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., was appointed to head the school's recently established Office of Nursing Research. The office helps strengthen the research efforts of faculty and students by supporting and encouraging multidisciplinary collaboration, research and scholarship. Dr. Connelly is an active mentor and role model to students and faculty as a nurse scientist who is funded by several institutes from the National Institutes of Health, including the National Institute of Nursing Research.

Dr. Connelly has been instrumental in USD's research mission by helping to establish partnerships with several of San Diego's major medical centers for collaboration in research, practice and the graduate education of its top nurses. These students work with the faculty to collect data and analyze and solve real-world clinical health problems. Through this intensive research, a larger base of evidence-based nursing practice is developing.

Faculty, many of whom have received research grants, demonstrate superb skills as nurse researchers and clinicians. **Anita Hunter**, Ph.D., C.P.N.P., F.A.A.N., Director of the Office of International Nursing, has published more than 30 articles and several book chapters regarding her on-site research in Uganda and Ghana. Professor **Kathy James**, DNSc, R.N., C.N.P., currently is researching the effectiveness of a family-oriented, culturally sensitive program to decrease obesity in low-income, ethnically diverse children. Associate Professors

Mary Rose Mueller, Ph.D., R.N., and **Susan Instone**, D.N.Sc., R.N., C.P.N.P., recently published research on the informed consent process in human research. **Dean Sally Brosz Hardin**, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., had her work on adolescent smoking cessation published this past year. Locally, Drs. **Hardin**, **Jane Georges**, and **Hunter** are leading the "Health Fire Project," examining the impact of support groups for teens and seniors who were seriously affected by the San Diego Fires.

USD also is committed to sharing the time and resources of its faculty and graduate nursing students through its Office of International Nursing. The Office of International Nursing provides meaningful clinical, research, educational health missions in its extensive work with vulnerable populations in Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Uganda.

Whether close to home or around the globe, University of San Diego nurse graduates are prepared for leadership in science as well as practice.

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Healthy Vending Snacks on the rise

Americans spend \$21 billion a year on vending machine snacks. Picture this person, gazing across rows upon rows of brightly coloured packaging, rummaging through their pockets to find the right change for the vending machine to gorge on the chocolate bar they so desperately need.

Located in the back of offices and schools they sit and wait for those weakened by hunger to come, change jingling in their pockets. Vending machines typically offer snacks that would give most nutritionists a migraine. Not only are most the snacks unhealthy, they are also frequently obscure variations of known brands, the forgotten remainders of a failed product launch that no one will ever eat. In essence, many vending machines are where candy goes to die, a carb-loaded elephant burial ground.

To be sure, vending machines have changed a lot since the days of the automats, when Jazz Age eateries like Horn & Hardart would dispense a slab of meatloaf or a hot apple pie through a slot in exchange for a nickel or two. Today, however, instead of meals, most vending machines deal in quick fixes; sodas, candy bars and snack foods intended to quiet a rumbling stomach, not take the place of actual nutrition.

The problem is that, to many people, the vending machine is as much a part of their daily diet as fast food joints. According to the National Automatic Merchandising Association, in 2004, Americans spent more than \$21 billion buying food and beverages from the vending machines. The average American works about eight to ten hours a day and, according to food-services giant Aramark about 15 percent of workers don't even have time to take a lunch break. For them, the vending machine is a straight shot down the hall, and the snacks inside it are usually fattening and not so healthy — that is until recently.

Partly in response to pressure from parent groups, customers and the health-care industry, vending business companies such as Klux are now beginning to offer drinks that may pose less danger to the heart, arteries and waistline. As most students and office workers know, making healthy choices is a difficult task, especially when hungry. A morning spent in meetings and hours at the computer make a Mars Bar hard to avoid. For those office workers who don't have time to head to a restaurant for lunch or are working late, vending machines are their saviour.

In January 2005, the National Automatic Merchandising Association started a million-dollar campaign called "Balanced for Life." It highlights the need for a balanced diet and fitness focusing on nutrition in the workplace where vending sales are highest. According to NAMA, a large part of the campaign is to encourage vending and snack food leaders to develop healthier choices, which, so far, seems to be working and needs to continue.

However, even if there are healthier choices in vending machines, it is very easy to fall victim to a sugar craving. These lapses in judgement are why Dr. Kathy James at the University of San Diego recommends to try not to skip meals, and if you need small snacks, choose peanuts or yogurt. "If you go to a machine and get a candy bar, it makes you quickly energetic, but an hour later you feel slumpy again."

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 By Morgan Shaw, a health and fitness guru with an interest in vending machines and vending business.

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Redmond's Canyons Restaurant to host fundraiser for children's hospital in Uganda

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Canyons Restaurant, 15740 Redmond Way; (425) 556-1390, will host a fundraiser for Holy Innocents Children's Hospital in Uganda, from 5-9 p.m. Monday, July 28.

If you bring in this article or a flyer from cervenka-08@sandiego.edu, Canyons will donate 20 percent of your restaurant bill's total to the charity.

Canyons owner Scott Perry is the uncle of Brian Cervenka, organizer of the fundraiser. Cervenka, who said he has spent many summers at his uncle's home near Ames Lake, learned about the program to build this hospital through the nursing department at University of San Diego.

"I was planning on matriculating directly (2008) into the University of Southern California school of medicine, but was so inspired by the potential of this project that I decided to defer my entrance one year. ... Two other University of San Diego students and I will be spending six months helping (to) set up and working in the hospital and distributing malaria nets to outlying villages," Cervenka explained.

The Holy Innocents Children's Hospital will be the first all-children's hospital in Uganda and is being built through a non-profit organization that has formed a partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Mbarara, Uganda.

A short video clip about the hospital and design goals is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=alujT-qhS6Y.

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Not about to give up

Goodall moves from chimps to saving the whole planet.

By **TAMI ABDOLLAH** *Los Angeles Times*

SAN DIEGO — The small room was dark and windowless, the lights dimmed. "Jane prefers low light," one of her staff members says.

Jane Goodall, 74, walks into the room, her hands still moist after a quick stop at the restroom (she doesn't use paper towels). The renowned primatologist who began her work with chimpanzees in Tanzania nearly 50 years ago is, these days, on a broader assignment. Over the past 22 years, Goodall has stayed no more than three weeks in one place as she tries to educate Earth's top primates about environmentalism, inspire hope and get them to save their planet.

Her newest book, tentatively titled "Hope for Animals and Our World," is about animals that have been rescued from the brink of extinction. It will be out in fall 2009.

Recently, Goodall sat down in this dark room on the University of San Diego campus to talk about her landmark work with chimpanzees, which began nearly 50 years ago, and also some questions about herself.

Question: Is your work still centered around or focused on chimpanzees?

Answer: Not really. It's very, very important to me that we continue to study, that we do it in the right way, that there's enough money for it, that we try to protect those chimpanzees into the future by working with all the people living in poverty around the park and then hoping more and more of them will enable part of the land to regenerate so the chimps are no longer trapped as they are now; they're surrounded by cultivated fields. In five years, you get a 30-foot tree. So they're coming back, but you know, the villagers if they wanted could cut them down. There's nothing to stop them, except good will.

Q: You talked a bit about poverty as one of the reasons for habitat destruction and the disappearing chimps. How do you deal with poverty as an issue?

A: How you deal with poverty is to improve the lives of the people. We did not go into these villages like so much well-meaning foreign aid. We didn't go and say: 'We're really sorry for you and we brought this grant (we had a grant from the European Union), and we want to do this, this and this to make your lives better.' Rather, we sent ... Tanzanians into the villages who sat down and listened about, 'What would you really feel would make your lives better?' And of course, it was nothing to do with conservation or the environment, at the start. It was health, which obviously ties into the environment, but that came later, and education for their children.

Q: You're celebrated as a primatologist, for discovering all these things about chimps, and now you're known for environmental outreach. How does this all relate back to the chimpanzees?

A: Because it all started when I went to a conference, where for the first time (there) were all the people

doing field studies of chimps across Africa. And the pictures of their various study sites were so shocking. And I just felt I couldn't any longer sit in my little paradise. I had to try and do something.

Q: Is it hard being away from Gombe, from the chimpanzees?

A: No, it's not really hard. I mean, I think about it a lot; I see quite a lot of video. ... I try and fill up with that atmosphere. But of course Gombe isn't the same as it was. It's not; it's no longer. ... Now there's all these students, there's the new health regulations, there's more people, there's tourists coming in and out, and the park staff have made the little trails I used to follow into sort of wide trails.

Q: How can you be so optimistic?

A: Because ... the human brain is already beginning to come up with ways that we can do things better. I don't mean just technology, although that's amazing. But also I mean when it comes to thinking about our ecological footprint, how we can make them lighter and how we can try and become more carbon neutral, waste less, not use bottled water. Just all the little things that we can do each day: Choose wisely what to buy; refuse to buy some products. And basically never give up, sometimes write letters, whatever, all those kinds of things.

Q: What do you think about some of the criticisms about your methods, in retrospect, now?

A: Some of it's true. And if I hadn't gone at all, there'd be no chimps because the people were moving back in, so that's one thing on the positive side. And the banana feeding, it actually turned out to be an amazing field experiment. And the good thing about it was when we realized that this intensive feeding wasn't a good idea ... within a couple of weeks the chimps were completely back to their old behaviors. ...

I always thought the main thing the banana feeding did, other than help me to understand chimps a whole lot better, was to make friends of friends who might not have met very often and to create enmity between chimps (who fought over the food) who often might not see each other very often.

Q: You spoke a lot about your mother, about how close a relationship you had, and how much of a support she was. I believe your mother passed away five years ago. How has that been for you?

A: Well, you know when your parents get to be that age, you know it's going to, they can't live forever. So you kind of prepare for that I think. She was 96, and her life wasn't really very good. I mean, mentally she was sharp as a knife, but she got Parkinson's and she got arthritis. And so although you can't say you're pleased when your mother dies, I really think she's in a better place. I didn't want her to go on and linger, nor did she. ... But you do feel — I mean, I still think: 'Oh, gosh I wish I could tell Mom that,' or, you know: 'I wonder what she would say?' You just go on feeling that way.

Outside, university officials pointed to a garden snake curled up against the building window. Goodall stopped to take out a small digital camera, then walked outside to take photos, oblivious to nervous officials and staff members.

Three university gardeners approached, wielding a long pole and trash cans.

But Goodall stood between them and the snake, warding them off, for just a few minutes longer.

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More on Forced Labor

A judge sentenced a woman in San Diego today to 48 months in federal custody for charges related to the smuggling of aliens and forced labor, a crime that experts say is widespread and growing in its pervasiveness in San Diego.

Gloria Eugenia Leon-Aldana was sentenced on human smuggling and forced labor charges, according to a release from the United States Attorney's Office.

I wrote [this story](#) last year about a human smuggling and forced labor ring that was using a house in Escondido as a safe house in which the smugglers held groups of migrants while they waited for the migrants to pay the fees incurred for their passage across the border.

Here's a snippet from the story:

It costs immigrants about \$1,000 to \$1,500 for the guided journey into the country. When they arrive, the immigrants often contact friends and relatives in the United States who pay for their release from the smugglers. But sometimes, as with the Guadarama case, those friends and relatives can't or won't pay and the smugglers resort to threats.

Sometimes the immigrants are enslaved by the smuggling ring and are kept locked up in the back rooms of ordinary suburban houses like the one on Cortez Avenue until the smugglers can put them to work to pay off their debt.

"Living in the shadows makes you vulnerable," said David Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego,

Leon-Aldana was convicted in federal court of running an alien-smuggling operation that brought migrants from Mexico and compelled them to work for the enrichment of the smuggling ring, the press release states. Her co-defendant, Mario Antonio Antunez-Sotelo, remains a fugitive.

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Juárez death toll approaches 600

By Daniel Borunda / El Paso Times

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Deaths fueled in part by the drug cartel war in the Juárez area are approaching the 600 mark and at least one expert says the violence is not likely to end soon.

The nearly 560 homicides so far this year are almost double the 304 homicides in all of last year as the Sinaloa and Juárez drug cartels battle amid a crackdown by federal forces.

"There are at least two reasons why it might get worse," said Tony Payan, a political science Mexico expert at the University of Texas at El Paso, who has been watching developments closely.

"One, there seems to be an impasse between the cartels. Neither seems to be winning out," Payan said. "Right now, it seems to be pretty much a tie." Secondly, Payan said, the Mexican federal government does not appear to be willing to "negotiate" with the cartels as it is rumored to have been done in the past. "The government seems determined to finish them off," he said.

The staggering toll is believed to be the highest in Juárez history. By comparison, the city had about 250 homicides in all of 1997 during a cartel internal power struggle following the July 4 death of reputed drug lord Amado Carrillo Fuentes.

Nuevo Laredo, population about 350,000, has had about 500 murders since 2003 due to a cartel turf war, according to report by the Congressional Research Service on Mexico's drug cartels.

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The bloody attrition among smugglers, drug pushers and their associates, plus raids and multi-ton marijuana seizures by the military, is apparently crimping traffickers' cash flow.

Earlier this year, a Drug Enforcement Administration official in El Paso predicted that drug traffickers would start hurting financially as authorities began to pinch them.

In response, narcos have apparently found other ways to raise war funds, including robbing banks and extorting and kidnapping business owners for ransom, Juárez city officials said.

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Juárez slayings set record as cartels' drug war drags on (8:09 a.m.)

By Daniel Borunda / For the Sun-News

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EL PASO — Deaths fueled in part by the drug cartel war in the Juárez area are approaching 600, and at least one expert says the violence is not likely to end soon.

As the Sinaloa and Juárez drug cartels battle amid a crackdown by federal forces, more than 560 homicides have occurred so far this year. The total number of homicides for all of 2007 was 304.

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The wave of kidnappings was foreshadowed in early June when La Linea, as the Juárez drug cartel is also known, supposedly posted a message on the popular video-sharing site YouTube.com. The message demanded that prominent Juárez families and entrepreneurs pay a "quota" for protection.

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Six new members take seats on Forum's Readers Board

Matt Von Pinnon

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The Forum Readers Board, formed in 2001 as the paper's community sounding board, has six new members to join six returning ones.

Members stay on for a year, but the terms are staggered by a half-year. The board chooses its own successors.

Thank you to the six members whose terms expired in June: Kathleen Andrews, Cheryl Bergian, David Bunzow, Kurt Kiefer, Mohammed Sanaullah, all Fargo, and Pam Werre of Moorhead.

New members:

- Jamie Garvey, 29, Fargo, is a fireman for the Fargo Fire Department. He earned a degree in social work from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. He has lived in Fargo most of his life. He is married and the father of a newborn baby girl named Turi.
- Heather Ranck, 32, Fargo, is the director of U.S. Commercial Service, North Dakota office. She earned a bachelor's degree in international business from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in peace and justice studies from the University of San Diego. She has lived in the area for three years.
- Amy Wieser Willson, 30, West Fargo, is the deputy public information officer for the North Dakota National Guard Joint Force Headquarters. She earned a master's degree in mass communications from North Dakota State University. Wieser Willson grew up in Valley City, N.D., and moved to Fargo in 1996. She is married and the mother of three stepchildren.
- Mark Western, 30, Fargo, is an attorney with Nilles Law Firm in Fargo. He earned a bachelor's degree from Concordia College and his juris doctorate from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Western is married and has lived in the area on and off since 1996.
- Sara Stolt, 31, Reile's Acres, is a management development specialist with Noridian Mutual Insurance Co. She earned her bachelor's degree in speech and mass communications from NDSU. Stolt moved to the area with her family at age 5. She is married and the mother of two stepchildren.
- Kevin Roseland, 58, Moorhead, is a chief counseling psychologist in charge of the vocational rehabilitation and employment department at the Department of Veterans Affairs. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degrees in counseling and rehabilitation counseling. Roseland has lived in the area since 1991. He is married and is the father of two children and stepfather of three.

Returning members:

- Michael Moore, 49, Fargo, is a registered vascular technologist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fargo. He is married and is the father of three children.
- Ashleigh Smith, 18, is a recent graduate of Fargo South High School. She will attend Concordia College in the fall.
- Ken Zeeb, 39, Fargo, is a police officer and detective for the West Fargo Police Department. He is the father of an 8-year-old son.
- Nate Aalgaard, 48, Moorhead, is executive director of the Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living Inc. He is married and has lived in the area for 12 years.
- Catherine Miyamoto, 52, Fargo, is the director of operations for the Cancer Center of North Dakota and a registered nurse for Concordia Language Villages. She is the mother of two and has lived in the area for nine years.



Participants with SDSU's Hansen Summer Institute in 2007 meet with San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders.

Monday, July 07, 2008

SDSU Summer Institute Offers Course in Peace

By Gina Speciale

Nineteen international students are participating in San Diego State University's second annual Hansen Summer Institute on Leadership and International Cooperation.



Throughout the month of July, these students will learn conflict resolution skills they can take back to their country

to help heal deep-seated problems.

The students, who are all between the ages of 19 and 25, come from the world's developing nations and countries which are experiencing conflict or are at risk for conflict, including Kenya, Congo, Morocco, China, Bosnia and Pakistan.

For all of the international students, it will be their first visit to the U.S. For the 10 SDSU and University of San Diego students participating, they will get first-hand accounts of the dramatic conflicts taking place around the world and what it is like to be in the heart of it.

More on the Hansen Summer Institute

The first-of-its-kind international program is designed to provide a unique university-based leadership experience and program in international cooperation.

The program will focus primarily on creating an international community of young scholars who will use their summer experience to form lasting friendships and common practical understandings for a more peaceful future.

Participants were selected from a pool of 155 applicants; triple that of last year's pool. Each student demonstrated their potential for community or international leadership through their involvement in extra-curricular activities, such as relief work in their country or internships with organizations supporting peace. Several students are also journalists in their countries.

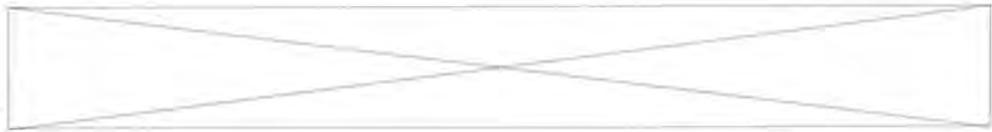
Aside from the academic curriculum, students will visit the Mexico-San Diego border to learn about our how our local border functions, meet with San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and visit Junior Achievement to learn about business and entrepreneurship.

Funding for the Program

The Fred J. Hansen Foundation donated \$1.7 million in 2006 to start the institute. The all-expenses-paid program provides travel, room and board, and all activities, both on and off campus for both the international and local students.

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From the Los Angeles Times

Sidney Craig, 76; entrepreneur helped build Jenny Craig business empire

By Mary Rourke
Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

July 24, 2008

Sidney Craig, who with his wife Jenny built the Jenny Craig weight loss program into a multimillion-dollar business based on a philosophy of moderation, with small-portioned meals, a balanced diet and regular physical exercise, has died. He was 76.

Craig died July 21 of cancer at his home in Del Mar, said Patti Larchet, chief executive of the company.

At the height of his career, Craig and his wife oversaw more than 650 Jenny Craig centers in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand with about \$460 million in annual sales.

Their program followed basic medical advice on diet and exercise, bolstered by weekly meetings at which clients learned about nutrition and fitness. Craig and his wife sold prepared foods under the company label, including small portions of chocolate cake, fettuccine and other foods generally considered taboo.

They emphasized slow, steady weight loss over fad diets as a better way to keep off weight.

In recent years actress Kirstie Alley, one of Jenny Craig's celebrity success stories, endorsed the program in advertisements that tracked her progress as she shed more than 50 pounds.

"It was like a reality show," Larchet said Wednesday. "We followed her journey in our ads."

Craig and his wife also bred racehorses on their 237-acre ranch in Rancho Santa Fe. Several of their thoroughbreds ran in the Belmont Stakes and the Kentucky Derby. One, Dr. Devious, was a \$2.5-million birthday gift to Craig from his wife for his 60th birthday. The horse won the Epsom Derby in Epsom, England in 1993. Another of their horses was Candy Ride, which won the Pacific Classic at Del Mar in 2003 with a \$1-million purse.

Craig and his wife were both sports enthusiasts who held a minority stake in the Phoenix Suns of the National Basketball Assn. and regularly attended games.

His enterprise and her management skills were a potent match.

"Sid . . . has the charisma of a Jack Kennedy, the intelligence of an Alan Greenspan and the humor of a Jackie Mason, along with the good looks of a Clark Gable," she wrote in her 2004 autobiography, "The Jenny Craig Story."

Born March 22, 1932, in Vancouver, Canada, Sidney Craig moved to Alhambra with his parents as a boy.

As a student at Cal State Fresno he taught classes at the Arthur Murray Dance Studios and opened five Arthur Murray franchise studios in California.

About 1970 Craig bought a stake in Body Contour, a diet and fitness center, and expanded the business with a site in New Orleans. There he met his future wife.

She became the company's national director of operations before they married in 1979.

The couple sold their interest in Body Contour in 1982. It had grown to include 200 centers in the U.S. The following year they opened their first Jenny Craig center in Melbourne, Australia, and expanded to the U.S. market in 1985. The company went public in 1991. The Craigs sold their business to Nestle in 2006 for a reported \$600 million. At the time of the sale, more than 4 million dieters had signed up for their program, according to the company.

In recent years Craig and his wife made major contributions to California universities, including \$10.5 million to the University of San Diego in 1996 for a new fitness center called the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The couple also made a major contribution to Cal State Fresno's business and administration program, which is now called the Sid Craig School of Business.

Craig is survived by his wife, their five children and 13 grandchildren.

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Jenny Craig Inc. Co-Founder Sid Craig Dies at 76

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CARLSBAD, Calif., July 22, 2008 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ — Jenny Craig Inc. Co-Founder and former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board Sidney Craig, who with his wife Jenny built the largest and most successful centre-based weight loss company in the world, died on Monday, July 21st. He was 76. Sid Craig is survived by his wife, their five children and 13 grandchildren.

"Sid was a true pioneer in the weight loss industry having been involved for over 40 years. Together, he and Jenny built the strong foundation of our Company's values, culture, and mission of improving people's lives by helping them lose weight and keep it off. I personally feel so very fortunate to have known such a talented and generous mentor and friend. He will be dearly missed," said CEO Patli Larchet.

Born March 22, 1932 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Craig came from a family of three children. His career began in the mid-1950s as a part-time instructor and entrepreneur at Arthur Murray Dance Studios, where Sid purchased five studio franchises over time. Upon the company's takeover, he was elected to the new Board of Directors.

In the 1970s, he would own a stake in a small chain of salons before forming a new corporation of ladies figure control salons, Body Contour, Inc. and positioned it for rapid expansion including the New Orleans market where he met Jenny Guidroz Bourcq, who would soon become his National Director of Operations and, in 1979, his wife.

In her 2004 autobiography, "The Jenny Craig Story: How One Woman Changes Millions of Lives," Jenny said, "Sid... has the charisma of a Jack Kennedy, the intelligence of an Alan Greenspan, the creative mind of a Steven Spielberg, and the humor of a Jackie Mason, along with the good looks of a Clark Gable."

"I've learned that everyone has a soul mate somewhere, and if we're lucky enough to find them to share our life with, then we are more fortunate than most. I thank God every day for allowing me to find mine. Sid has enriched my life in more ways than I can count."

In 1982, the Craigs sold their interest in the 200+center Body Contour, Inc., moved to Melbourne, Australia, and developed Jenny Craig Inc., a chain of weight loss centres whose comprehensive approach emphasized health, moderation and long-term weight maintenance.

A marketing expert, Sid boosted the young weight management company into overnight success when he placed live advertisements on "New Faces," Australia's top talent show, earning Jenny Craig Inc. the 14th-highest company name recognition in the country.

Sid's leadership built Jenny Craig, Inc. from a small Australian company into a multi-national business with 655 Centres operating in four countries. In 2006, Nestle purchased Jenny Craig Inc. for \$800 million.

An avid sportsman, Sid and Jenny Craig purchased a 237-acre thoroughbred horse racing stables, breeding operation and training center in Rancho Santa Fe, California in 1995. They also own a minority partnership in the Phoenix Suns of the National Basketball Association. An active car enthusiast, Sid collected classic cars previously owned by high profile celebrities and political figures including Franklin D Roosevelt's touring limousine, Dean Martin, and Al Capone among many others. Sid especially enjoyed the history behind his cars, which was the prime motivation behind each purchase.

In April 2007, Sid and Jenny were awarded the Horatio Alger Award in Washington D.C. It was the first time in the organization's 60-year history that the award was presented to a couple. Sid considered that to be one of the highlights of his career.

Philanthropically, Sid and Jenny Craig have contributed their support to organizations such as San Diego Hospice, Easter Seals, United Way/CHAD, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In 1992, Sid Craig pledged millions to CSUF for the School of Business and Administrative Sciences, which was renamed The Sid Craig School of Business. In 1996, Sid and Jenny Craig committed another very large donation to the University of San Diego, which was used to build the Jenny Craig Pavilion, a multi-use sports pavilion that was dedicated in October 2000.

The Craigs were quick to come to the aid of Hurricane Katrina victims as one of the largest donors. They were among the first to respond to the needs of fire victims in San Diego, where they reside. Their support and concern for the disadvantaged was their way of giving back in appreciation for their many blessings.

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CARLSBAD, Calif. -- Private funeral services were being planned Tuesday for Sid Craig, who co-founded the Jenny Craig weight-loss company in the 1980s along with his wife and helped turn the small chain into an international success story.



Craig, 76, died at his San Diego home Monday, according to the Carlsbad-based firm.

"Sid was a true pioneer in the weight-loss industry, having been involved for over 40 years," said company CEO Patti Larchet. "Together, he and Jenny built the strong foundation of our company's values, culture and mission of improving people's lives by helping them lose weight and keep it off. I personally feel so very fortunate to have known such a talented and generous mentor and friend. He will be dearly missed."

Craig was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, and in the mid-1950s he was a part-time instructor and entrepreneur at Arthur Murray Dance Studios. He eventually purchased five studio franchises and was elected to the company's board of directors.

In the 1970s, he purchased a stake in a small chain of salons and formed Body Contour Inc. While working to expand that company, he met Jenny Guidroz Bourcq, who became his national director of operations. They married in 1979.

After selling their interest in Body Contour Inc. in 1982, the couple moved to Melbourne, Australia, and developed Jenny Craig Inc.

The company grew into a multi-national business with 655 centers in four countries. In 2006, Nestle purchased Jenny Craig Inc. for \$600 million.

The Craigs owned a 237-acre thoroughbred horse racing stable and breeding operation in Rancho Santa Fe and are minority owners of the NBA Phoenix Suns franchise. Sid Craig was also a classic car collector, purchasing vehicles owned by Franklin D Roosevelt, Dean Martin and Al Capone.

The Craigs were also active philanthropically, contributing to organizations such as San Diego Hospice, Easter Seals, United Way/CHAD and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In 1992, Sid Craig pledged millions to CSUF for the School of Business and Administrative Sciences, which was renamed The Sid Craig School of Business.

In 1996, Sid and Jenny Craig provided funds toward the construction of the University of San Diego's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Sid Craig is survived by his wife, their five children and 13 grandchildren.

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Dieting Entrepreneur Sidney Craig Dies

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Sidney Craig, the co-founder with his wife Jenny, of the Jenny Craig weight-loss empire, has died of cancer at age 76, the *Los Angeles Times* reports.

Craig's career in business began at the Arthur Murray Dance Studios, where he was an instructor and later a franchisee. He then joined Body Contour, a diet and fitness center, where he met Jenny. They married and sold their interest in Body Contour. A non-compete agreement prevented them from opening a similar business in the U.S., so they started the first Jenny Craig center in Melbourne, Australia in 1983. When the non-compete expired three years later, they brought the concept back to the U.S.

Five years later, it landed at No. 6 on the 1988 Inc. 500. Nestlé bought the brand for a reported \$600 million in 2006. Since then the Craigs have donated millions to the University of San Diego and California State University, Fresno, where the business school is named in Sid Craig's honor.

To read the *L.A. Times* obituary, [click here](#).



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Sidney Craig, owner, dead

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

By **STEVE ANDERSEN**
DAILY RACING FORM

Sidney Craig, a prominent horse owner who co-founded a famous weight-loss company with his wife, Jenny Craig, died on Monday after a five-year bout with cancer, his family said. Craig was 76.

Along with his wife, Craig became famous in racing through the success of horses such as Paseana and Dr Devious. Paseana won two Eclipse Awards as the outstanding older female of 1992 and 1993. Dr Devious won the 1992 Epsom Derby for the couple.

The Craigs won other major stakes with runners such as Alpride, Bienvenido, Brave Act, Candy Ride, Different, Exchange, and Tossofthecoin.

In 2003, Candy Ride won the Pacific Classic at Del Mar for the Craigs, a favorite win for them because of the track's proximity to the couple's home in Rancho Santa Fe.

"He did it all," said Bill Spawr, who trained for the Craigs for nearly two decades. "He bought. He claimed. He bred. I think he even gambled, by the way. He was complete. He was a good guy, the kind you like to be around.

"Racing will really miss him."

A memorial service is scheduled for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the church of The Immaculata at the University of San Diego. Craig is survived by his wife, Jenny, and five children.

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Jenny Craig co-founder Sid Craig, 76, dies

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CARLSBAD, Calif., July 23 (UPI) -- Sid Craig, who co-founded the U.S. weight-loss company Jenny Craig Inc., died this week at the age of 76, the company announced.

The San Diego County company said in a written statement that Craig died Monday at his home in Del Mar Calif. There was no announcement of funeral arrangements.

Craig, a former dance instructor, and his partner and wife, Jenny, formed Jenny Craig in Australia in the early 1980s, launching an enterprise that they would sell to Nestle in 2006 for \$600 million.

The Craigs settled in the tony suburbs of San Diego in 1995 and became active philanthropists in the area.

Their largess built a new sports arena at the University of San Diego that was named after Jenny Craig. The business school at Fresno State was named after Sid Craig.

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Salary Offers Move Higher

Overall starting salaries for 2008 graduates post a 7.1% increase, according to a quarterly report, in spite of the slowdown

by Sara Hennessey

Despite the weak state of the economy and the large number of businesses being forced to make cuts and lay off employees, it seems recent hires can expect to maintain competitive starting salaries, according to a recent 2008 undergraduate study.

The latest quarterly report of salary offers to grads, released by the National Association of Colleges & Employers (NACE) on July 2, shows an overall increase of 7.1% in starting salaries in all majors, compared to a year ago. Increases for business students lagged the overall market, however, posting only a 4% increase.

NACE National Employment Manager Andrea Koncz says the results were surprising because the group's [spring report](#) (BusinessWeek.com, 4/17/08) seemed to hint salary increases would be flattening out due to the economic slowdown. "However, the current report shows that salaries are in fact still rising," Koncz says.

For business grads, the average salary offers varied by specialty. Business administration and management grads fared especially well, posting a 5.1% increase over the previous year. Marketing grads saw an equally strong increase—4.7% over last year. Economics majors saw a 4.2% increase, according to the survey, and finance grads saw a 2.8% increase. While accounting grads reported a modest 2.9% increase in their average offer, it's a gain compared with NACE's spring report, which found no year-over-year salary increase for accounting majors.

HIRING DOWN?

As for the hiring outlook, college employment experts remained cautious that the economic downturn will reduce the number of job offers for undergrads. NACE's Koncz says her organization will begin asking companies about their hiring plans in late summer. In the meantime, she says initial indications are that companies may be cutting back on new hires. "Whereas last year [companies] were saying they would be hiring 16% more graduates, this year they're anticipating hiring only 8% more," Koncz says.

Linda Scales, director of career services at the [University of San Diego](#), says that while alums have reported declining job offers, she hasn't noticed the same trend for recent grads. Scales calls herself "cautiously optimistic" and says she hasn't noticed companies holding back in offering jobs to recent grads.

"So far, there's been no downturn," she says, "and we keep wondering if it's coming." Scales adds that companies may have learned from the last recession and recognize that "there's a continued need for new blood and new hires."

Tammie King, director of the career management center at Texas Tech University's [Rawls College of Business](#), agrees that companies are going to continue to hire, albeit cautiously. "Companies that would normally hire, say,



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Management Matters

Better Choices

By Bill Leidinger July 9, 2008

How can federal agencies recruit a new generation to careers in public service? Agencies are struggling to fend off stiff competition from private sector employers for college graduates. And getting Generation Xers (born between 1960 and 1980) and Gen-Yers, aka millennials (born after 1980) to think of government as an employer of first choice is a big job. Both generations have different attitudes about work, bosses and organizations than their baby boomer parents. Here are some ways executives can secure needed talent and forestall a recruiting crisis:

- **Streamline hiring and recruiting.** In the competitive war for talent, speed is the most critical factor in hiring highly qualified graduates. Yet it isn't unheard of for candidates for federal jobs to wait 100 days or more to hear about a job offer. Agencies must streamline hiring and recruiting. The inability to hire quickly is a competitive disadvantage since private sector employers often hire people on the spot, dangling job sweeteners such as signing bonuses to the close deals.
- **Appeal to young people's values.** The two sentiments young people express most are patriotism and a desire to preserve the environment. Agencies should leverage those interests to encourage people to consider public service careers. Recruiting messages for these jobs should include stirring references to patriotism and protection of the nation's borders and way of life.
- **Other federal jobs should be pitched as good choices for job seekers interested in protecting the environment.** At the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Chief Human Capital Officer Jim McDermott seeks out graduates with engineering degrees who also want to combat global warming. NRC's mission is to safeguard the health and safety of people, the environment and the nation by regulating civilian use of nuclear power and materials. "Our agency is concerned with public health and safety and environmental protection," says McDermott. "These are green issues that resonate strongly with many people today."
- **Build strong brand identity.** Some agencies, including NASA and the Army, enjoy visible and positive brand identity among Gen-Yers. Others don't. It's essential to create a brand that will appeal to young people - online, on campus, and in ads and videos - and get them excited about working in government.
- **Pre-qualify job candidates.** Professor James Perry of Indiana University says screening job candidates for "intrinsic motivators" - altruism, the desire to make a difference, and interest in giving back to one's community and country - can ensure retention and employee alignment with an agency's mission and goals. Agencies also must keep up extensive on-campus recruitment year round.
- **Use high-touch recruiting approaches.** Does your agency connect with Gen-Yers? The Army uses video games to recruit, while agencies such as NRC host pizza parties to woo job candidates. Who an agency has representing them at college career fairs also matters. "Agencies should send more young people - new hires - to work the booth at recruiting events," says Linda Scales, director of career services at the University of San Diego, adding that Gen-Yers are "high-touch and interactive."
- **Don't limit recruiting to young people.** Agencies should target more than college graduates and 30-somethings. They also should consider baby boomers who have retired from successful private sector careers. Many corporate boomers are interested in encore careers that provide the opportunity to give back to the community or country. Boomers have a strong work ethic and represent a natural talent pool that agencies can tap to backfill jobs left by retiring federal workers.

Executives must focus on long-term workforce needs, develop, invest in effective recruiting methods that are comparable to the private sector's, and deploy them aggressively and consistently.

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Members of San Diego's Team Survivor dragon boat crew practice on Sunday mornings at the Youth Aquatic Center on Fiesta Island. Coach Cheance Adair (left) demonstrated proper technique to June Pecchia (center) and other team members. *Peggy Peattie / Union-Tribune photos*

Dragon boat crew's special

Cancer survivors come together for workouts

By Julie Brossy

In their battles with cancer, they've been through surgeries, radiation, chemotherapy and more. Some are still under treatment, and they live with the possibility that the disease could recur.

But you would never guess that from the energy and enthusiasm that the women of Team Survivor bring to their weekly dragon boat workout on Mission Bay.

At the command of "paddle, set, go," crew members plunged paddles into the bay on a recent Sunday. As they pulled back, the heavy dragon boat

leapt forward and sliced through the flat, gray water.

"More than anything, it's about the camaraderie," said Penny Navarro of La Mesa. "This puts you with people who have been in the same place you have been, and it's easy to work together when you have that commonality."

Navarro, 53, was one of 17 team members who gathered to paddle the traditional Chinese boat at the Youth Aquatic Center on Fiesta Island. Cancer-free after treatment for an early-stage breast cancer in 2001, she learned of the dragon boat team through a woman in her quilting class, and has been to four practices.

"It's a 10-mile drive, but at this point in my life, I'm looking to make that con-



Kim Miller and her teammates worked out on Mission Bay under the direction of Adair (right background). "More than anything, it's about the camaraderie," teammate Penny Navarro said.

SEE Dragon boat, Page 6



Most teams are composed of breast cancer survivors; some, such as San Diego's, also include people who have had other types of cancer. *Peggy Peattie / Union-Tribune*

side effect of radiation and lymph node removal in breast cancer treatments. No new cases of lymphedema occurred among those first team members.

Since then, studies have shown that exercise combined with diet can help prevent cancer recurrence, in addition to providing other benefits such as improved spirits and better overall health. Dragon boating has the added advantage of allowing members to vary the intensity of their workouts.

"I come home from this and I feel great," said Nichole Melone, 41. "Even with all the working out I do, this uses a different muscle."

San Diego team members range in age from 28 to 66, said Angie Bagnas, who helped organize the team through Team Survivor, a group that promotes exercise for cancer survivors. Some members are very athletic, while others are not.

"I'm one of those who know they should exercise but had never been to a gym," Lorna Nickols said. Dragon boating "is a great team thing."

The team's coach, Cheance Adair, said the team needs at least 22 crew members and four alternates to compete in the dragon boat races that are held periodically in the United States, Canada, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region. For

DETAILS

Dragon Boats

What: Team Survivor dragon boat crew.

Who is eligible: Women with a history of cancer. A medical release and consent form are required. All levels of fitness are welcome.

Where: Youth Aquatic Center, Fiesta Island, Mission Bay.

When: Practices are held most Sundays from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Contact: Cheance Adair, adair@san Diego.edu, or Angie Bagnas, (858) 578-5731.

now, the cancer team borrows a boat owned by the San Diego Dragon Boat team for its practices.

The boats, which weigh 400 to 600 pounds and are 40 to 48 feet in length, seat two across. The number of paddlers varies, with a steerer at the back and a drummer at the front.

Adair, who is the mail center manager at the University of San Diego, is also a coach with the San Diego Outrigger and San Diego Dragon Boat teams. The only crew member who has not had cancer, she said she had been trying to form a team for years after watching breast cancer teams in other dragon boat events.

Julie Brossy is a freelance writer based in San Diego.

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The Onity Integra kiosk at Shepherd University

Americans lose up to one hour per day waiting in line, which increases the pressure to boost productivity through multitasking.

Students at colleges and universities are experiencing the same phenomenon, causing campuses to seek applications that increase convenience - including a more efficient check-in, an often exhausting process that can overwhelm staff and students alike.

"Check-in historically has involved a lot of time-consuming, one-on-one interaction, with almost every new and returning resident," says Anthony Zamora, Head of IT support for the University of San Diego (USD).

"This can be a long and arduous process with the potential for mistakes and a stressful process for our students and staff."

Students checking in at USD have stood in line for up to three hours, according to Anthony Zamora, but the problem is not limited to San Diego.

Institutions nationwide have sought to evolve check-in procedures with customisable solutions that can effectively support students and staff throughout the year.

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The University of San Diego (USD) found that the Integra Kiosk decreased the University's check-in wait times by more than 50%.

"Students appreciate that ID cards are created and pre-encoded when they arrive, so it cuts waiting in line to as little as 30 minutes," Anthony Zamora says.

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More Universities Sign on to Google Apps

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By Chloe Albanesius

Thirteen more colleges and universities have signed up to use Google Apps Education Edition on campus, the search engine giant announced Wednesday.

Apps Education, which debuted in October 2006, provides web-based access to features like Gmail, Docs, Spreadsheets, Presently, Talk, Calendar, and Sites.

The schools that signed on to Apps include Collin County Community College District, Francis Marion University, George Washington University, Indiana University, Kean University, Kent State University, Kishwaukee College, Loyola Marymount University, Montgomery County Community College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Florida, University of San Diego, and the University of Virginia.

How these schools integrate the program depends on their needs, according to Google.

"Technically Google Apps can be up and running in a matter of minutes," according to a spokeswoman. "Some universities offer services to just students and others offer to students, faculty, and staff."

"Since launching Apps Education Edition, we've had great conversations with CIOs at leading universities about the benefits of bringing Google technology on campus," Jeff Keltner, Google business development manager, wrote in a Wednesday blog post. "Google Apps Education Edition is gaining momentum: more than a million users worldwide have adopted it to embrace the possibilities of technology in education."

In an effort to continue those conversations, Google in September will launch an "App to School" cross-country road trip to introduce students and faculty to Google Apps.

Among those universities that have embraced Google Apps is Abilene Christian University in Texas. The school dumped its own e-mail program in exchange for Google Apps in 2007, a move that has enabled the school to experiment with more advanced technology.

The incoming freshman class this year will receive Apple iPhones or iPod Touches, a project that would not have been as easy had it not been for Google Apps, Kevin Roberts, ACU's chief information officer, said in an April interview.

Compared with an Exchange-based e-mail system, the open nature of the Google Apps, which provides students Web-based access to e-mail, chat, documents, spreadsheets, and personalized Web sites, made it easy to add iPhone capability to ACU's system, Roberts said. "It freed us up to concentrate on classroom applications," he said.

ACU and Arizona State University, another Apps adopter, were honored this week at the Campus Technology Conference in Boston for their implementation of cutting-edge technology, Google's Keltner wrote in his blog post.

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Becky Hames made the milestone of turning 50 count by earning a master's degree and taking on other new challenges.

Eduardo Contreras / Union-Tribune

Ozzie Roberts 50th birthday a threshold to many new adventures



Images of professional athletes dressed in jerseys and shorts race back and forth across several strategically placed TV screens

at Charcoal House Restaurant — Brian and Becky Hames' place in La Mesa.

But no one in the sizable crowd is paying attention.

Becky, who turned 50 in early March and received her master's degree at the University of San Diego in late May, is the focus. And not just because of her accomplishments.

Instead of wallowing in any midlife crisis, she soared to an epiphany that told her to make the age milestone count for herself and others.

And she did.

While completing her long-held dream of going back to school for her master's degree in counseling, she joined a USD service-learning project.

Then, through it, along with a group of 18 younger students, she spent two weeks roughing it in Guatemala, where they helped refurbish a school in a poor rural village called San Martin.

"The experience (in her living quarters) made dry camping look great," Becky recalls. "All I had was a small bed and one blanket. There was one (common) bathroom down the hall and no hot water.

"But after a while, the simple life seemed to relieve stress and let us focus on what we were there for — working to help others, in particular, kids."

Now Becky's family and friends are saluting her.

"She was always a little bit ahead of us all," says her mom, Janice Carlson. "She's very smart."

"Yeah, I raised her," jokes a friend and longtime Lakeside neighbor,

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Family backs adventurous inclinations

Sharla Coyle. "And I'm so proud of her. Seriously. She did it."

Indeed.

Becky, a native San Diegan who graduated from Granite Hills High and earned a nursing degree at Point Loma Nazarene College in 1981, also fulfilled a wish to climb to the top of Cowles Mountain on her birthday. She began working out, too, and dropped some long-unwanted pounds.

And she made her educational accomplishment at the same time that her three daughters were working on their B.A. degrees at two other colleges, including San Diego State University.

Becky did it, too, while working full-time as a youth enrichment program manager at the University of California

San Diego and while running the family's restaurant with her husband. She and Brian bought the place five years ago to satisfy a dream of Brian's. The team keeps the landmark establishment in the black even in these tough economic times.

Becky and Brian married 26 years ago in May. When they met, both say, it was love at first sight.

About all Becky didn't do after turning 50, Sharla and others now howl, was go to live with her freshman twins someplace close to her campus at USD and theirs at SDSU.

For her girls, Becky declares, that would have been too — too eew. Your mother? Living with you on campus?

But don't get it wrong, she says, her daughters — Taryn, Amy and Amanda — along with their dad — have always backed Becky's adventurous side.

And in fact, it was her daughters who inspired the epiphany three years ago.

"They just kept encouraging

me," Becky says. "And I eventually realized that I wanted to get out of my comfort zone, explore some goals and make a difference in this world. And now was the time.

"I'd never been to a Third World country before and (the time in San Martin) really took me far out of my comfort zone. And I learned a lot" about herself and others.

"She's awesome," Brian declares loudly shortly before raising a glass of champagne in a toast to his wife.

Later, Becky takes a few moments to reflect in a quieter section of the restaurant.

There is no question, she says, that earning the master's degree is her crowning achievement. But the trip to Guatemala and the selfless work there were, in ways, as memorable and rewarding.

She was most impressed, she says with the way the entire San Martin community, from little kids to teachers, pitched in and worked side by side with their visitors on the school refurbishment project.

Poverty and struggle that she saw firsthand, Becky says, also gave her a deeper understanding of why some people take huge risks to enter illegally into foreign lands, seeking better lives for their families.

"It made me think about how (pampered) we are here," she says. And it made her ashamed of her own uneasy adjustment to the lack of many familiar creature comforts.

But laboring with the young people in her service group and in the community was the highlight of the trip for her, she says. "I have a deep respect for working with kids."

So what did reaching the big 5-0 teach Becky?

"I know this sounds really cliché," she says. "But if you have a dream of something that you really want to do, no matter when it is in life, do it."

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EDU Interactive and Castle Advertising Hire New Account/Media Coordinators

San Diego, CA, July 1, 2008 — Castle Advertising and EDU Interactive, the interactive division of Castle Advertising, recently announced the expansion of its growing staff with the hiring of Caroline Tall and Raquel Rodriguez.

Caroline Tall recently graduated from the University of San Diego in May '08 with a degree in Communication Studies and minor in Business Administration. Raquel Rodriguez earned a major in journalism with a minor in marketing from California State University, Chico and graduated in May '08 as well. They will both assist the account and media teams on various accounts for both Castle Advertising and EDU Interactive.

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Class Notes

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The Monterey Peninsula Branch of the American Association of University Women has awarded \$1,200 scholarships to Monterey Peninsula College graduates Erica Freestone and Sally Yousif.

The ACTION Council of Monterey County has awarded scholarships to the following women who participated in Girls Incorporated programming: Jessica Alvarado and Norma Pizano, \$5,000 each; Joanna Sanchez and Juana "Patty" Zamudio, \$2,000 each; April Lopez and Betty Mosqueda, \$1,000 each.

Cassandra Marie Bettencourt has graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of San Diego.

Bettencourt is a 2004 graduate of Santa Catalina High School and is the daughter of Albert and Sherry Bettencourt.

Amethyst Marie Geddes of Seaside has earned a bachelor of arts degree, and James Dallas Jones of Pacific Grove has earned a bachelor of science degree from Excelsior College in Albany, N.Y.

The following local students have made the dean's list for the spring quarter at the University of California-Santa Barbara: Samuel S. Chapple, James Mathew Guzik and Alexandra Sarah Long of Carmel Valley; Kristen Dale Costanza, Liane Michelle Miller, Geoffrey Harris Nelson Ticker, Vanessa A. Vadas and Amanda Ruth Williams of Carmel; Travis John Breznak and Alison S. Gomon of Monterey; Lauren Alana Blum of Pacific Grove; Alexandra Ilene Fish of Prunedale; Layla C. Blodgett Carrillo and Amy

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Moreno Valley

S.T.A.R.S. names spelling bee winners

Moreno Valley's Students-Teachers Achieving Real Success program announced the winners of its first annual spelling bee in June. Preliminaries ran March 3 through April 29 at all 41 S.T.A.R.S. after-school program sites.

Story continues below



Special to The Press-Enterprise
The Coachella Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture presented culinary scholarships to Raquel Ramirez, left, Kirstyn Bielewa, Francisco Calderon, Kimberly Seto, and Erica Hernandez, all from La Quinta High School.

In the kindergarten through second grade category, Umali Home of Victoriano Elementary took first place and Nancy Ochoategui of La Jolla Elementary took second. In the third through fifth grade category, Kayla Whitehead of Val Verde Elementary took first, and Hughston Jefferson of Triple Crown Elementary took second. In the sixth through eighth grade category Kendall Goslee of Vista Verde Middle took first and Robert Benett of Mountain View Middle School was second.

Valley View High alum gets bachelor's degree

Lauren Brosamer, of Moreno Valley, graduated cum laude from the University of San Diego on May 25. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in sociology and made the dean's list for three semesters. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and plans to pursue a master's degree in sports management.

She is a 2004 graduate of Valley View High School in Moreno Valley. Her parents are Shawn and Kim Brosamer.

Canyon Springs High alum earns degree

Caroline Wesemuller, a 2004 graduate of Canyon Springs High School in Moreno Valley, graduated from Revelle College,

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Family businesses provide refuge in hard economic times

By Barbara Correa, Staff Writer

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For family-owned businesses, the sluggish economy has a silver lining: Sons and daughters who might be taking jobs in completely different industries in a stronger labor market are returning to work alongside their parents and grandparents.

Realtor Adam Klempler came back to work full time at The Pizza Cookery in Woodland Hills when the housing market dried up.

"Thank God for the restaurant, because right now the market is not what it was," said Klempler, whose father, Jordan Klempler, started The Pizza Cookery with his father more than 30 years ago.

Adam, 27, worked at the pizzeria as a teenager, then left when he earned his real estate license in 2001. Now, he's back, working as an assistant manager, learning every aspect of the business.

But he also serves customers one night a week, alongside waitresses and busboys who were working at The Pizza Cookery before he was born.

"I don't know what's in the future, but I would never turn my back on the restaurant," he said. "I will always be part of it."

Family-owned businesses have a built-in advantage during tough economic times, said Carmen Bianchi, president of the Family Firm Institute, a group that advises and educates owners of family-run

business.

"In an economy that is drowning, family businesses thrive because the families understand this is their bread and butter, and they all jump on board."

Romero & Son Painting was started more than 40 years ago by Ernest and Claudette Romero. They're still involved in the house-painting business, although sons Ron and Ernest Jr. handle the day-to-day operations.

And grandson Parker Roth, 19, plans to study business and finance when he starts at the University of San Diego this fall. While he doesn't see himself taking over the company in the future, he said it's nice to know there's a fallback position.

"If I ever needed something, they would be there for me," he said, adding that he would also pitch in and help if the company needed him.

Historically, few family-owned businesses survive to the third generation. A little more than one-third of family ventures pass on to sons and daughters, and just 11 percent are taken over by grandsons and granddaughters, according to the Family Firm Institute.

Those numbers are rising, said Bianchi, in part because of the weak economy.

Still, she said, business owners should plan well ahead of time for the business to change hands.

Currently, about 40 percent of all family businesses are led by baby boomers who will hit retirement age within the next four years, said Bianchi, and a lot of these business owners are not prepared to deal with succession.

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Saddleback district to fight to restore rejected AP exams

The test's national administrator tosses out 385 students' exams after cheating scandal.

By **SCOTT MARTINDALE**

The Orange County Register

MISSION VIEJO – Saddleback Valley Unified trustees pledged Tuesday to fight the invalidation of 690 Advanced Placement exams at Trabuco Hills High School, saying the test's national administrator unfairly punished hundreds of students for the actions of a handful of cheaters and officials who flubbed testing protocols.

Trustees asked district staff to aggressively pursue legal options and hire a private attorney if necessary to fight the decision by the New York-based College Board and New

Jersey-based Educational Testing Service.

The scrapped exams represent virtually all tests administered in May to 385 students in 10 subject areas at the Mission Viejo high school.

"We understand the problem; we took care of it on our end," trustee Dore Gilbert said. "We would gladly accept probation as an alternative. ... This is an egregious decision ETS has made in response to a small number of kids. They are punishing the best of the best."

Hundreds of high school students are mobilizing to fight last week's decision. Nearly 200 have joined a Web group on Facebook.com to protest the cancelation of their exam scores.

"I think there needs to be a change of administration at Trabuco Hills," said high school graduate Shauna Riley, 18, of Foothill Ranch.

Riley, who will attend the University of San Diego this fall, saw all four of her AP exam scores wiped out.

"Obviously they can't conduct themselves properly. These same sort of issues have happened ever year for the past three years. This is just the first time the College Board was aware of it."

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Women's National Team

U.S. Women Face Brazil in Final Match Before 2008 Olympics

United States Women's National Team

Notes from San Diego, Calif.

July 15, 2008

ONE MORE MATCH BEFORE THE 2008 OLYMPICS: There is just one match remaining for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team before they officially become the U.S. Olympic Women's Soccer Team and head to Beijing. The U.S. will finish a two-game series vs. Brazil on Wednesday, July 16, at a sold-out Torero Stadium on the campus of the University of San Diego. Fans can watch the match live at 7 p.m. Pacific Time on Fox Soccer Channel as well as follow the game on ussoccer.com's MatchTracker. The U.S. team will get several days off after this match before leaving for China on July 23. The U.S. has compiled up a 20-0-1 record in 2008, scoring 60 goals while allow just 11. The U.S. team has also pitched six straight shutouts which include four 1-0 wins.

U.S. WNT Olympic Send-Off Match

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| July 16 | Brazil | Torero Stadium | San Diego, Calif. | 7 p.m. PT / Fox Soccer Channel |

BUEHLER'S BACK: Perhaps one of the best stories to make the 2008 Olympic Team is Rachel Buehler, who returns to her hometown of San Diego for the first time with the U.S. Women's National Team. A long-time veteran of the USA's youth teams, she played in the 2002 and 2004 FIFA U-19 Women's World Championships, but had gone about nine years in the U.S. youth programs before earning her first WNT cap this year. An All-American and Stanford who won a plethora of academic awards (she just took the MCATs last week), Buehler attended Torrey Pines High School and played many years for the San Diego Surf club. The Del Mar, Calif., native was the Palomar League Player of the Year for TPHS as well as earning First Team All-CIF and All-Palomar League honors for three-straight years (2000-02). Known as one of the hardest tacklers on the U.S. team, she follows in a line of top women's players from San Diego that includes, among others, U.S. scoring legend Shannon MacMillan and 2000 Olympian Nikki Serlenga.

BACK TO TORERO: This will be the USA's third match at Torero Stadium, having first played at the picturesque venue in January of 2003, a 0-0 tie with Japan. The U.S. also defeated Ireland at Torero in July of 2006. Like this send-off match, the first time the U.S. played at Torero Stadium, its next stop was China, but that was for the Four Nations Tournament. This time, it will be Beijing and the 2008 Olympics.

TARPLEY COMES FULL CIRCLE: U.S. midfielder Lindsay Tarpley comes into the match with 99 career caps and should become the 21st U.S. female player to hit 100 career caps. On Jan. 12, 2003, just over four months removed from scoring the "golden goal" that gave the U.S. the 2002 FIFA U-19 Women's World Cup title, Lindsay Tarpley stepped onto the field for the U.S. Women's National Team for the first time. Tarpley came on in the 68th minute for Lorrie Fair and launched what is so far a fantastic international career. The match report said at the time:

Forward Lindsay Tarpley, the 2002 Chevy Young Female Athlete of the Year, came on in the 68th minute for the U.S. to earn her first full international cap. Tarpley, the captain of the USA's Under-19 World Championship team, scored the "golden goal" against Canada that gave the U.S. the 1-0 victory last September.

"She wasn't intimidated at all," said (then U.S. head coach April) Heinrichs of Tarpley. "She just went out there and played."

Should Tarpley play against Brazil San Diego, she will earn her 100th cap in the same venue in which she earned her first, something that (as far as we can tell) has never been done before by a U.S. WNT player.

WAMBACH ON 99: With one match left before the 2008 Olympics, U.S. forward Abby Wambach is approaching a unique milestone. At 99 career goals in 126 games, Wambach's prolific scoring rate – the best goals-to-game ratio in U.S. history in fact – puts her just one away from joining four other U.S. players in the 100 Goal Club. Mia Hamm (158), Kristine Lilly (129), Michelle Akers (105) and Tiffeny Milbrett (100) are four of eight players in the history of women's soccer to score 100 or more international goals. Wambach scored her first-ever goal in 2002 against Finland and since then has averaged a goal every 90 minutes she has played for the WNT. For more info on Wambach's Road to 100, check out this special piece on ussoccer.com.

U.S. Women's National Team Roster

GOALKEEPERS (2): 18-Nicole Barnhart (Gilbertsville, Pa.), 1-Hope Solo (Richland, Wash.)

DEFENDERS (6): 4-Rachel Buehler (Del Mar, Calif.), 17-Lori Chalupny (St. Louis, Mo.), 14-Stephanie Cox (Elk Grove, Calif.), 15-Kate Markgraf (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.), 2-Heather Mitts (Cincinnati, Ohio), 3-Christie Rampone (Point Pleasant, N.J.)

MIDFIELDERS (7): 7-Shannon Boxx (Redondo Beach, Calif.), 13-Tobin Heath (Basking Ridge, N.J.), 16-Angela Hucles (Virginia Beach, Va.), 11-Carli Lloyd (Delran, N.J.), 9-Heather O'Reilly (East Brunswick, N.J.), 5-Lindsay Tarpley (Kalamazoo, Mich.), 10-Ally Wagner (San Jose, Calif.)

FORWARDS (3): 6-Natasha Kai (Kahuku, Hawaii), 8-Amy Rodriguez (Lake Forest, Calif.), 12-Abby Wambach (Rochester, N.Y.)

Surf Welcomes Back Buehler

Amberly Richardson

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Local girls' soccer players welcomed hometown Olympian **Rachel Buehler** and the rest of the **U.S. Women's National Team** at the airport Monday afternoon. The squad is wrapping up its friendly matches at the **University of San Diego** Wednesday night against **Brazil**. The contest marks the last game they will play before heading to Beijing to prepare for the **Olympics**.

Buehler, a **Torrey Pines HS** and **Surf** alum, was humbled by the experience of having her old club come out in the masses.



"It brings you back, because I used to play for Surf," Buehler said.

Two Surf members, one from Jose Ocampo's squad and the other from Goran Nastic's team, are all smiles with Rachel Buehler at the airport on Monday afternoon.

Buehler was more than happy to sign shirts, soccer balls and more as she made her way through the awaiting crowd in baggage claim. The rest of her teammates had a bit of an earlier welcome as they exited the passenger-only section to a "U.S.A., U.S.A." chant, but Buehler was one of the last off the plane.

While Buehler was deplaning, it was joked she was already at home enjoying a home-cooked meal. No doubt, her welcome with a camera crew grabbing her immediately wasn't like when her parents picked her up from **Stanford**, where she attended college.

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Women's Olympic Soccer Team Arrives In San Diego

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SAN DIEGO -- The United States is expecting to win a gold medal in women's soccer at the Summer Olympics, and San Diegans can watch the team prepare on Wednesday night.

The national team faces Brazil at the University of San Diego's Torero Stadium in their last pre-Olympic match. Wednesday is a chance for local residents to see soccer history, as Abby Wambach tries to become the ninth player in history to score 100 international goals. She's just one goal shy of that mark.

The U.S. team arrived Monday afternoon and will practice during the evening at Torero Stadium.

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Women's National Team

U.S. Women Edge Brazil 1-0 in First Game of Two Before the Olympics

- Crowd of 15,071 Watches USA's Second Match in Colorado

- A-Rod Scores Winning Goal Against Brazil for Second Time in 2008

- USA Will Face Brazil in Olympic Send-Off Match on Wednesday, July 16 at Torero Stadium in San Diego Live on FSC at 7 p.m. PT

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (July 13, 2008) – The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team defeated Brazil, 1-0, on a 71st minute goal from 21-year-old forward Amy Rodriguez in front of an appreciative crowd of 15,071 on a sweltering day at Dick's Sporting Goods Park.

With on-field temperatures hitting 100 degrees, the U.S. team put together an excellent overall performance against a talented Brazilian side, out-shooting the South Americans 19-10 while putting 11 shots on goal to Brazil's four.

"I said at halftime to take the chance and keep possession," said U.S. head coach Pia Sundhage. "You feel like you are under pressure, but (the U.S.) is such a good team that we can keep possession under pressure and let them run instead. I think we did that in the second half. The fact that we were more patient, kept possession in the midfield and in the back, and at the same time we had A-Rod up top. That was the difference in the second half."

Rodriguez came on at halftime replacing Natasha Kai and immediately gave the USA an offensive spark, the high point being her fifth international goal 26 minutes into the second half.

The scoring sequence came about after the U.S. team dug a ball out of a scramble on the left wing. Substitute Tobin Heath played a short pass to Abby Wambach on the wing, and Abby spun a cross through the penalty area on the ground. The ball skipped through the legs of a Brazilian defender and took a slight deflection right into the path of Rodriguez, who crushed a rising shot into the roof of the net at the near post from 10 yards out. Brazilian goalkeeper Barbara got a hand on it but couldn't turn the blast over the goal frame.

It was the second time this year that Rodriguez has scored the winning goal against Brazil. Her 41st minute strike on June 17 in Suwon, South Korea at the Peace Queen Cup gave the USA that 1-0 win over Brazil.

Both teams played much better this afternoon than they did during the encounter in South Korea, but in the first half, both countries struggled to produce quality scoring chances.

The USA managed to create two dangerous opportunities and Kai was involved in both of them. In the 17th minute, Kai got into the penalty area on the right side but didn't get enough on her shot, and it was saved by Brazilian goalkeeper Andrea with a drive to her right.

In the 35th minute, Carli Lloyd fired a shot from distance that bounced off Andrea's chest. Kai was able to get to the rebound first and took a touch by the Brazilian goalkeeper to the end line, but with Wambach open in the middle, her cross was too soft and it was cleared out for a corner kick by a retreating defender.

Brazil's best chance of the first half came through Pretinha in stoppage time but she had two defenders on her hips and could only toe-poke the ball a few yards outside the left post.

Despite the oppressive heat and high altitude, the U.S. was able to play some quality, rhythmical soccer in the second half, and the defense was rock solid while keeping the crafty Brazilians in front even as they probed for an equalizer in the last 15 minutes. Most of Brazil's shots came from distance and didn't trouble the U.S. keepers.

Just before the goal, a U.S. free kick was sent deep to the left post but kept in bounds and knocked back across the goal mouth by Wambach. The ball was falling onto Rodriguez' left boot before a Brazilian defender headed it away.

In the 77th minute, Lloyd popped free in the left side of the box but her shot rattled the top of the near post from a tight angle.

Under the blazing sun, both teams used all of their allowed seven substitutions. Sundhage emptied her bench in the second half, making four changes at halftime and three more during the second half. Both teams changed goalkeepers at half with the USA's Nicole Barnhart replacing Hope Solo for the final 45 minutes.

The match at Dick's Sporting Goods Park marked the second-ever match for the USA in Colorado. The American women defeated Brazil at the old Mile High Stadium in the fall of 1999.

The USA will travel to San Diego to face Brazil on Wednesday, July 16, in the second match of this two-leg series that will serve as the send-off match to the 2008 Olympics. The match at Torero Stadium on the campus of the University of San Diego will kickoff at 7 p.m. PT and be shown live on Fox Soccer Channel.

Wambach, who created the goal but did not come up with one of her own, heads to San Diego with 99 career goals in 126 appearances. She could hit the magical 100-goal mark and join just eight other women in international soccer history to score 100 or more goals in front of what will be a sell-out crowd in San Diego. Only a few seats remain for the match at Torero Stadium, and once they are sold out, U.S. Soccer will begin selling some standing room only tickets. For tickets, log onto ussoccer.com.

U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME REPORT**Match-up:** USA vs. Brazil**Competition:** International Friendly**Venue:** Dick's Sporting Goods Park, Commerce City, Colorado**Date:** July 13, 2008; Kickoff – 2 p.m. MT**Attendance:** 15,071**Weather:** Clear skies, hot – 90 degrees**Scoring Summary:**

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USA – Amy Rodriguez (Abby Wambach) 71st minute.

Lineups:

USA: 1-Hope Solo (18-Nicole Barnhart, 46); 17-Lori Chalupny, 3-Christie Rampone – Capt, 15-Kate Markgraf (4-Rachel Buehler, 83), 2-Heather Mitts (14-Stephanie Cox, 46); 7-Shannon Boxx (10-Aly Wagner, 83), 9-Heather O'Reilly (13-Tobin Heath, 62), 5-Lindsay Tarpley (16-Angela Hucles, 46), 11-Carli Lloyd; 6-Natasha Kai (8-

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Three youth remembered

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By Andrew Rampersaud and Karolyn Coorsh

Three grieving families and a large circle of friends are celebrating the lives of three young men who died in a Muskoka car crash earlier this month.

Cory Mintz and Tyler Mulcahy, both 20, and Kourosh Totonchian, 19, were laid to rest days after the July 3 accident. The car they were travelling in swerved, hit a guardrail and plunged into the Joseph River off Peninsula Rd. near Minett.

Ontario Provincial Police say the three men drowned. Officers say speed and alcohol were "definite factors" in the collision, though they are waiting for the results of a toxicology test.

A fourth passenger in car, 19-year-old Nastasia Elzinga, survived the accident with minor injuries.

Days after his son's funeral, Ali Totonchian described Kourosh as an intellect "beyond my understanding" who "always saw a side to things that I sometimes did not see myself as a father".

His voice filled with pride, Totonchian said his son was an ambitious man with many goals, including obtaining a degree in law and becoming a filmmaker.

Kourosh was as devoted to his family as they were to him, Totonchian said. He had recently returned from the University of British Columbia because he missed his younger siblings, Kameron, 5, and Neekey, 10.

"They looked up to him," Totonchian said.

While a student at Crescent School, Kourosh and his classmates created a multimedia project on the AIDS epidemic in Africa that won him a voyage to Tanzania.

The experience had a profound effect on him.

"It made him into a man," Totonchian said. "He came back saying: 'You know dad, we are so fortunate. We take everything for granted.'"

Kourosh's family has set up a fund to contribute to his favourite charities. Donations can be made at any TD Canada Trust branch (transit No. 0337, account No. 6292581).

Totonchian said son Kourosh was operating a car washing business. His friend Tyler, who attended Upper Canada College, was planning to join him.

Like Kourosh, Tyler was also described by his family as a devoted brother and son. His sister Chanel, 16, said her big brother was "my ultimate best friend".

"We were kind of the same person," she said over the phone two days before his funeral. "He would just make me laugh so hard."

In a preview of her eulogy, Chanel described their close relationship.

"Our lunches, that we go on almost weekly, were amazing because I knew how much you loved your friends," she wrote. "But most of the time when your phone rang, you would make a hilarious joke about the person calling and say you don't need to talk to them right now because all of your attention was on the time you were spending with me."

Described as an athlete, Tyler had spent a year studying at the University of San Diego and was planning to re-enroll in the fall.

Studying closer to home, Cory was attending the University of Western Ontario.

More than 700 people have joined a Facebook memorial group, offering condolences to the family of the aspiring actor, who was described online as being a dynamic, vivacious young man. The group is full of memories and close to 200 photos posted by people that knew him.

Many gathered outside the family home near Avenue Rd. and Lawrence Ave. on July 10, but declined to speak to the Town Crier.

A memorial fund has also been set up in Cory's name. Information about the fund can be found at www.benjamins.ca.

While police continue to investigate the incident, Totonchian said he and his family are leaning on each other and loved ones to help them through their tragic loss.

"The support has been terrific from friends and relatives," he said.



The 'Ultimate best friend' Tyler Mulcahy, left, and devoted to family Kourosh Totonchian.

Three dead as car veers into river

Speed Suspected; Woman survives plunge that killed Toronto men

Katie Rook
National Post

Saturday, July 05, 2008

Three Toronto men are dead after the car they were travelling in on Thursday evening launched off a cottage country highway, clipping the tops of several trees and raining golf clubs into the forest, before landing on its roof in Lake Joseph, in the Muskoka region.

Nearby residents, including instructors from a wakeboarding camp, rushed to the rocky 45-degree embankment and into Joseph River to try and rescue the four occupants from the submerged Audi S4.

A 19-year-old Toronto woman, Natasia Elzinga, escaped with minor injuries. Tyler Mulcahy, 20 and Cory Mintz, 20 -- both of Toronto -- were killed. Kourosh Totondian, 19, of North York, also died.

Muskoka Lakes Fire Chief Jim Sawkins said veteran firefighters are struggling to reconcile the loss of three young men who are about the same age as some of their own children.

"It was pretty intense. It's a sad situation that young lives get snuffed out so quickly. They haven't had a chance to live their lives," Chief Sawkins said.

"Anybody who has children about the same age, of which I do and some of my firefighters do, it's too close to home."

At about 7 p. m., just before the crash, the northbound Audi overtook a volunteer firefighter driving on the winding two-lane road that cuts between Lake Joseph and Lake Rosseau, a town preserves ringed with the cottages of the province's elite.

As it approached a bend, toward Little Joe bridge, the vehicle crossed the median, sheared about nine metres of guardrail and may have rolled, Chief Sawkins said.

"Based on the skid marks it doesn't look like the car was able to negotiate the turn," he said. "It left the ground and launched. There were pine trees snapped off approximately [eight metres] in the air," he said.

"It means that there was a vicious impact. They hit [the guardrail] right on the end where it terminates and angles down into the ground. They hit it right on the end and peeled it right back."

The group had been travelling to a cottage, owned by one of their parents, and may have been leaving a nearby golf course, investigators said.

Locals rushed to the scene and righted the car so that a small portion of the driver's side door could be seen.

Volunteers tried in vain to resuscitate some of the bodies that had been removed before paramedics arrived.

"Unfortunately, they left behind some bystanders that arrived on scene first and some of those kids will have to endure that themselves. It's hard enough with emergency responders to deal with let alone somebody who doesn't do that for a living," Chief Sawkins said.

Family members were not yesterday available for comment.

Upper Canada College, where Mr. Mulcahy had attended high school before enrolling at the University of San Diego California in 2006, issued a release to faculty and alumni.

"It is with shock and sorrow that the UCC community has learned of the death of your classmate, Tyler Mulcahy," the release stated.

"The UCC community shares its grief with all those who will miss Tyler and our hearts go out to his family."

As news of the men's death trickled out yesterday, the Facebook page of Mr. Mintz was peppered with dozens of "R. I. P." messages.

The cause of the collision has yet to be determined, but Chief Sawkins said he is confident that excessive speed is factor, he said.

"I know for a fact that speed was a factor in this. To what degree I don't know, just that they were exceeding the posted [80 km/h] speed limit."

The scene turned from macabre to bizarre when officers were forced to turn their attention from the investigation to pursue an impaired driver. At about midnight, while traffic was being rerouted, a blue Buick attempting to turn around crashed into a guardrail.

Officers from the Bracebridge OPP detachment caught up with the car in nearby Port Carling and arrested a 25-year-old man.

Matthew MacDoreid of Niagara Falls has been charged with impaired driving, police said.

500 mourners pack pews for crash victim's funeral

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By Jenny Wagler, National Post

More than 500 mourners packed the wooden pews yesterday at Grace Church-on-the-Hill, a big stone church in the heart of Forest Hill, to remember 20-year-old Tyler Mulcahy.

"He was the best brother anyone could ask for," his teen-aged sister Chanel Mulcahy told the room, her voice breaking. She stood by her brother's casket, which was draped with a scarlet cloth embroidered with branches of green and yellow leaves, and clutched her sister Shaya's hand.

Last Thursday afternoon, the car Mr. Mulcahy was driving, his father's Audi S4 smashed through a guardrail on Peninsula Road in Muskoka, struck a tree and plunged into the Joseph River, killing him and his friends, Cory Mintz, 20, and Kourosh Totonchian, 19. Mr. Mulcahy's girlfriend Nastasia Elzinga, 19, survived the crash with minor injuries.

Yesterday, the sanctuary, with its stone arches and gleaming brass pipe organ, was warm with the heat of so many mourners. The air was musty, with the occasional sweet waft of lilies. Mourners, many of them in their teens and twenties, sat very still and occasionally wiped their eyes. The organ and chorus led them in The King of Love my Shepherd Is.

"In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me," they sang.

Friends spoke in superlatives of a young man with natural grace and athletic talent, with a "brilliance" that included speaking Latin and one summer spontaneously learning to play the piano. Mr. Mulcahy, a graduate of Upper Canada College, most recently attended the University of San Diego.

The mourners spoke of a man of compassion with a wide smile whom they called a natural leader. They alluded, with half-grins, to stories that were "not church-appropriate," and they choked up, one after another, as they said, "I love you, Tyler."

"As I look around the room, I can only think of one person who would draw so many wonderful people together," one friend said.

Mr. Mulcahy's father, Tim, spoke of a son who never locked his doors, who came up with Scrabble words worth 200 points, and who set free an injured bird he had nursed back to life – except that the bird wouldn't leave him.

Tim Mulcahy read a poem which he said his son had conveyed to him.

"I wish I were still alive. I wish Cory and Kou were too," he read, as family members wept. "I wish you will take the suffering and pain and turn it into peace, hope, and love."

The chorus sang Gabriel Fauré's In Paradisium. As they processed out, mourners signed a guest book, and clipped on 10-cm diameter white and blue metal buttons adorned with a basketball sneaker covered with peace signs. The button reads, "Tyler Mulcahy, 1988-Forever." The names Cory and Kourosh appear on the sneaker's sole.

Photo of friends and family at the funeral for Tyler Mulcahy at Toronto's Grace Church On The Hill by Peter J. Thompson for National Post



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Two seek vacant city council seat

Andrea S Osmun
Staff Writer

Thursday, July 03, 2008

CLAREMONT - The city council will interview and choose the new Ward 1 City Councilor at a special meeting tonight at 5:30.

Claremont residents Christopher Lewis, 32, and Levi Sanders, 39, who had applied in April for an open at-large seat, are the two candidates vying for the position. The seat became vacant when David Roark resigned.

Lewis has been a city resident for the last 12 years and lives his wife Melissa and two sons, 11 and six. He grew up in New York, and his mother moved to Claremont after he graduated from high school. Lewis works as the service manager for Irving Oil and has financial experience, specifically in building and maintaining budgets.

He said he was interested in applying for the Ward 1 seat because of his longtime interest in city politics and civic involvement. Lewis has volunteered as a coach in the Claremont Youth Soccer Program for more than seven years and has also been involved in the PTA at Disnard Elementary and other functions at Bluff School and St. Mary's.

Although the economy has been hard on the city, Lewis believes Claremont is headed in the right direction.

"I want to step forward with this city council to help residents through tough times," he said. "I have a young family, I live in Claremont, I have the right energy, and I'm willing to work hard for the city."

"My ultimate goal is to help (the city) move forward. The most important project is the completion of the Mills district. We need to finish projects we've started and start working on other projects, like the recreation center."

In helping the city move forward, Lewis sees business growth and development as an important issue.

"We need to bring new business into the city while cultivating the existing business," he said. "Claremont has a good history of helping businesses grow."

Lewis said he also hopes to work as an ambassador between the city of Claremont and other government bodies, such as the county and school board.

"I want to work to be an ambassador to other delegations...so that all our visions are on the same track to meet the goals we set before ourselves," he said.

For example, he said he hopes to work with the school board, along with the city council, to help it reach its goal of either building a new high school or refurbishing the existing one.

When asked what he would bring to the council if he is chosen as the Ward 1 representative, Lewis said, "My passion for the city, my energy and willingness to work with others."

Sanders has lived in Claremont for more than four years with his wife and two children. He has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Oregon and a legal assistant certificate from the University of San Diego.

For the past eight years, he has worked as a legal advocate in a legal services firm, which allows him to interact regularly with working and middle class people. As a legal advocate, he deals with issues such as Social Security, housing and employment loss, he said. Previously he had worked for the largest food shelf in Vermont.

He has been involved in local campaigns in a variety of different capacities, including making sure they run smoothly and taking care of finance reform. He also said he keeps up-to-date with Claremont's city council meetings.

Sanders said the reason he wants to be on city council is because of the challenges Claremont is currently facing.

"I'm deeply concerned," he said, listing issues such as increased property taxes, the environment, the educational system and prices on gasoline and heating oil.

"I would like to work closely with city council," he said in regards to rising property taxes.

His idea is to work with the city of Claremont as well as New Hampshire senators and Congress to lessen the property tax burden.

He mentioned the need for Stevens High School to repair its existing building or build a new one and the issue of making sure Wheelabrator doesn't have any environmental issues. He also wants to ensure the money for the new recreation center comes from private areas rather than increasing taxes for the people of Claremont.

"The issues now are more serious, and that makes me much more committed to the people of Claremont," he said. "I have

In the Eagle Times for Thursday, July 3, 2008

Gale wants answers - says Dems meeting was inappropriate

NEWPORT - Harry Gale, a former chair of the Sullivan County Republicans and candidate for state representative, believes the recent behavior by delegates at the county convention may constitute a misuse and abuse of power.

Emotions run high as trustees talk cuts

BELLOWS FALLS -The push to curb overtime spending is exposing a few raw nerves in the village among trustees and in particular the Bellows Falls Fire Department

Tax bills late - Listers get extension to finalize grand list

SPRINGFIELD - Springfield's grand list for this year will not be set in time for tax bills to be ready on their typical time schedule, though with the school budget passing in June the schedule would not have been much different.

Unlicensed dogs spark debate

ROVKLINGHAM - The annual ritual of approving a warrant for unlicensed dogs in Rockingham turned into a wider discussion concerning animal control in general Tuesday, and if allowing police the ability to destroy unlicensed dogs is a "draconian" approach to the problem.

Vets to be honored in July 4 parade

SAXTONS RIVER - After three tours of duty in Iraq, Ned Mortensen has settled back into life in this small village of some 545 inhabitants. For the full

BUSINESS CALENDAR

FEATURED EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUL 8 - MEETING

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At this month's membership meeting, hear speaker Joe Harper tell how he revived the Del Mar thoroughbred Club from twentieth to first place!

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Organization: BOMA San Diego **Information:** (619)243-1817
www.bomasd.org **Cost:** \$45.00- \$85.00 **When:** Starts: 11:30 AM
Where: La Jolla Marriott, 4240 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 92037,
Venue Phone - (858) 567-1414

WEDNESDAY, AUG 27 - CONFERENCE

NAVY SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE

Join us for the Navy Small Business Opportunity Conference with 250 exhibit booths, breakout sessions, reception and luncheon. The theme of the conference is: "Finding Your Focus." Sponsorship opportunities available, call for more details. **Organization:** National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) **Information:** (619) 299-2555
www.ndia-sd.org **Cost:** No Details Available **Where:** San Diego Convention Center/Sales Pavilion, 111 W. Harbor Dr., San Diego, 92101

OTHER EVENTS

MONDAY, JUL 7 - SEMINAR

TAX SEMINAR

This free seminar is for nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations.
Organization: United Way of San Diego **Information:** (858)636-4169 **Cost:** No Cost
When: Hours: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM **Where:** Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

TUESDAY, JUL 8 - MEETING

WHAT MAKES A WATERFRONT WORK?

Get a new perspective on the question asked by every coastal city – How can you balance environmental and developmental concerns with tourism, commerce, recreation and residential issues? **Organization:** ULI San Diego/Tijuana **Information:** (800) 321-5011 **Cost:** \$25.00- \$50.00 **When:** Hours: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Where:** University Club, 760 B St., Ste. 3400, San Diego, 92101

TUESDAY, JUL 8 - CLASS

HUMAN RESOURCES' ROLE IN TODAY'S WORKPLACE

This foundation course provides you with an overview of the human resource function and the key roles and responsibilities for helping an organization become an industry "employer of choice". **Organization:** Cal State San Marcos **Information:** Extended Learning (760) 750-4020 **Cost:** \$425.00
When: Hours: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Where:** Cal State San Marcos Extended Learning, 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Rd., San Marcos

July 4, 2008

Tax seminar at USD is for nonprofit groups

SAN DIEGO: State Controller John Chiang and Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña will host a tax seminar for nonprofits Monday at the University of San Diego.

The free, daylong event is designed to teach nonprofit executives about employment taxes, charity law and other subjects. The seminar is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at USD.

For information or to reserve a seat, call (213) 833-6010 or go to sco.ca.gov.
-J.M.

Daily Business Report

July 8, 2008

Corporate Directors Forum will sponsor a July 24 program on what it takes to be an effective chair -- spoken from the mouths of three of San Diego's top executives. The panelists are **David Hale**, chairman of **Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Santarus Inc., Metabasis Therapeutics** and chairman and CEO of **Hale BioPharma Ventures**; **Les Howe**, director of **P.F. Chang's, NuVasive Inc., Volcano Corp. and Jamba Inc.**; and **Jack Raymond**, chair of **The San Diego Foundation**. The panelists will share tips and tools they have learned and use case studies to illustrate what they have learned.

A reception is at 5:30 p.m. and the program runs from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the **Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice** at **USD**, 5998 Alcalá Park. The cost is \$55 for members and \$75 for nonmembers. To register, call (858) 455-7930 or visit directorsforum.org.

East County Biz with Rick Griffin

East County Chamber networking breakfast

The San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce will host a networking breakfast with a full buffet breakfast starting at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, at Sycuan Resort, 3007 Dehesa Road in El Cajon. Cost to attend is \$20. For information, phone 440-0706, or send an e-mail to eccham@eastcountychamber.org.

Advertising guru in town

The San Diego Advertising Club will host on July 22 an evening with noted advertising creative genius Alex Bogusky, whose clients have included such recognizable names as Burger King, Coke Zero, Domino's, Geek Squad, Orville Redenbacher Popcorn, Miller Lite, Sprite, Virgin Atlantic and Volkswagen. His firm, Crispin Porter + Bogusky of Boulder, Colo., was selected to oversee global creative work for Microsoft, an assignment that is expected to generate an estimated \$300 million in media buys. The event will be held from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, at the University of San Diego's Joan Kroc Center for Peace and Justice, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. The public is invited to attend. For reservations, visit www.sandiegoadclub.com, or phone (858) 576-9833.

Grossmont College to host photography experts

Grossmont College and the Museum of Photographic Arts (MOPA) in Balboa Park are jointly hosting four, three-day workshops in July featuring notable guest speakers and educators. The speakers will include Michael Lundgren on landscape photography (July 10-12), Stephen Berkman on photographic alchemy (July 17-19), Sandra Davis on cyanotype and gum bichromate (July 24-26) and Gary Schneider on portrait photography (July 31-Aug. 2). Thursday sessions will begin at 6 p.m. at MOPA, and Friday and Saturday sessions will begin at 9 a.m. at Grossmont College. The public is invited to attend. Tuition begins at \$215 for MOPA members and \$260 for non-members. For information, visit www.mopa.org. Sponsors include Grossmont College Foundation, Associated Students of Grossmont College, George's Camera and Video Exchange and ColorMunki Photo.

El Cajon radio comedian has another EAR

Guitar funnyman and corporate comedian Glenn Erath of El Cajon, who also handles radio advertising for a variety of clients, has received a 2008 "Effective Advertising on Radio" (EAR) Award from the San Diego Radio Broadcasters Association. Erath received the EAR award for his "Conga" commercial for Corky's Pest Control. It was Erath's second EAR award. "Now I've got one for each side of my head," he said.

Athletics

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Head coach Rich Hill.

July 7, 2008

Story by Baseball America's Aaron Fitt.

They're still sweeping up the confetti on the streets of Fresno, but it's time to look ahead to 2009. Plenty can change between now and next June, of course, and these predictions could become obsolete if a few unexpected things happen with the draft. But here's an early look at some of the teams who could make it to the College World Series in 2009.

Cal State Fullerton The core of Fullerton's explosive offense returns in center fielder Josh Fellhauer and freshman All-Americans Christian Colon and Gary Brown. All three play with energy and make things happen on the basepaths, as well as in the field. First baseman Jared Clark should be back as a fifth-year senior to give the middle of the order some pop, and catcher Dustin Garneau will be back as a senior to anchor a defense that should be outstanding. Pitching is more of a question mark, but coach Dave Serrano always maximizes his team's talent on the mound. Expect big years from righthanders Daniel Renken and Michael Morrison and lefty Jason Dovel.

Louisiana State The Tigers used the nation's No. 2 recruiting class to make a run to Omaha in 2006, and that deep class should leave them well-positioned to get back to the CWS in 2009. Standout freshmen D.J. LeMahieu, Micah Gibbs and Leon Landry will only get better, strengthening a lineup that boasts returning stars Blake Dean (a first-team All-American this spring), Ryan Schimpf and Jared Mitchell. LSU will miss the grit of departed seniors Michael Hollander and Jared Bradford, but the players that remain aren't lacking in that area. Expect young pitchers Anthony Ranaudo and Austin Ross to emerge as stars on the mound in 2009.

Miami It's hard to imagine Miami getting back to Omaha after losing stars Yonder Alonso, Jemile Weeks, Blake Tekotte, Dennis Raben and Carlos Gutierrez, but the Hurricanes should still be loaded without that group of players, all of whom went in the top three rounds of the draft. Freshman of the Year Chris Hernandez and Eric Erickson give Miami a pair of stellar lefthanders atop the rotation, and righty Kyle Bellamy will be back to anchor the bullpen. Between Jason Santana, Alex Koronis, D.J. Swatscheno and Iden Nazario, the 'Canes should have enough power arms to fill out the rest of the key pitching roles. Miami should still be strong up the middle thanks to premium defenders Yasmani Grandal behind the plate and Ryan Jackson at shortstop. Getting draft-eligible sophomore Mark Sobolewski, a fourth-round pick by the Twins, back for his junior year would be a boon, but Miami is counting even more upon the return of corner bat Adan Severino, a 20th-rounder who could be poised for a monster senior year. Outfielder Dave DiNatale will be back for his senior season, and Joey Terdasovich could become Miami's next great slugger.

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North Carolina The Tar Heels have to be the favorites to start 2009 ranked No. 1 in the nation and strong contenders to reach the College World Series for the fourth straight year. Accomplished seniors such as Chad Flack, Rob Woolen and Seth Williams might be gone, but UNC was a sophomore-dominated team in 2008 anyway. Two-time All-American first baseman Dustin Ackley and standout second baseman Kyle Seager will be back to lead the offense, and Tim Fedroff (a seventh-round pick as a draft-eligible sophomore this June) will be back also unless the Indians pony up well-above-slot money to sign him. All-American righthander Alex White was the best pitcher in Omaha last year and will be one of the top candidates for national Player of the Year honors in 2009, along with Ackley. Rising sophomore righty Matt Harvey has just as good an arm as White, and righty Adam Warren should be back for his senior year as well. The Tar Heels could be embarrassingly deep on the mound if recruits such as Tim

Melville, Jimmy Messer and Quinton Miller arrive to bolster the pitching staff further.

Oregon State The Beavers missed the NCAA tournament with a very young team in 2008, but they should leap back to national title contention as the members of their highly touted 2007 recruiting bonanza mature. Oregon State has young, power arms from the right side (Greg Peavey, James Nygren and Kevin Rhoderick) and from the left side (Tanner Robles and Josh Osich), and all should be improved with a year of experience under their belts. Expect second baseman Garrett Nash and first baseman Stephen Hagan to take major steps forward next year, and Ryan Ortiz to continue to blossom into one of the nation's best catchers. It will be crucial for righthander Jorge Reyes, the 2007 CWS Most Outstanding Player, to put his horrid sophomore season behind him and re-emerge as the veteran ace of the pitching staff.

San Diego The Toreros couldn't win a regional--let alone get to Omaha--in three years with lefthanders Brian Mattusz and Josh Romantski leading the way, but they're still positioned to break through without that outstanding duo in 2009. USD should still feature one of the best pitching staffs on the West Coast, led by freshman All-America righthander Kyle Blair and standout closer A.J. Griffin. Lefty Santmy Solis should parlay his solid freshman year into a big sophomore season.

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righty **Matt Thomson** has a power arm and could be primed for a huge junior season, and senior righty **Matt Gough** will be back from Tommy John surgery. The lineup won't scare anyone, but it has some excellent pieces to build around with freshman All-America third baseman **Victor Sanchez**; outfielders **James Meador** and **Kevin Muno**; and infielders **Saun Nicol**, **Zach Walters** and **Stephen Kaupang**. **Kaupang** is a key--the hulking first baseman was a disappointment as a freshman but has big-time power potential.

Texas The Longhorns haven't been to Omaha since winning the 2005 national title, but they've got enough young talent in place to end that drought in 2009. The lineup could get a boost if seventh-round pick **Jordan Danks** returns for his senior year, but even if he does not, Texas shouldn't be hurting for offensive firepower. Outfielder/DH **Russell Moldenhauer** should emerge as one of the best hitters in the Big 12 as a junior next year, and he'll be surrounded by an exciting group of sophomores in **Cameron Rupp**, **Runey Davis**, **Bobby Buckner**, **Tant Shepherd** and **Kevin Keyes**. That group should take a big step forward in 2009. The lineup also has good veteran leadership with catcher/third baseman **Preston Clark** and infielders **Michael Torres**, **David Hernandez** and **Brandon Bell**. The pitching staff will be anchored by All-American **Chance Ruffin**, lefthander **Riley Boening** and righty **Brandon Workman**, who has a big-time power arm and must take a major step forward.

Texas A&M The Aggies have failed to Rice in super-regionals each of the last two years, but they should have enough pitching in 2009 to break through to Omaha. Freshman All-Americans **Barret Loux** and **Brooks Raley** could be joined in a star-studded weekend rotation by righthander **Alex Wilson**, who sat out last season with Tommy John surgery but showed big-time power stuff before transferring from Winthrop. Wilson was a 10th-round pick of the Cubs as a redshirt sophomore and his return would be a huge boon for the Aggies. **Clayton Ehler**, **Travis Starling**, **Shane Minks** and **Scott Migl** further bolster a staff that should be one of the nation's deepest. Much will depend upon whether **Wilson**, righthander **Kyle Thebeau** (ninth) and first baseman **Luke Anders** (16th) sign pro contracts, but it's entirely possible that all three could return. **Anders**, in particular, would provide a boost to a lineup that will rely heavily upon **Kyle Colligan**, **Brodie Greene** and **Kevin Gonzalez**.

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Auburn After failing to qualify for the SEC tournament for the third straight year despite a talented team, Auburn fired coach **Tom Slater** and hired **John Pawlowski** away from College of Charleston. **Pawlowski** inherits a talented team, led by freshman All-Americans **Hunter Morris** and **Brian Fletcher**, and the lineup has other potential impact bats in **Trent Mummy**, **David Cunningham**, **Joseph Sanders** and **Kevin Patterson**. Eighth-round pick **Mike Bianucci** could be back for his senior year, which would be a huge boost. The pitching staff was carried by freshmen **Grant Dayton** and **Cory Luckie** in 2008, and that duo figures to get more help in 2009 from quality young arms like **Taylor Thompson**, **Austin Hubbard** and **Scott Shuman**.

Baylor The Bears were one of the nation's biggest disappointments in 2008, as their top-ranked 2006 recruiting class failed to develop as hoped. Next year will be a referendum on that class: Have **Dustin Dickerson**, **Aaron Miller**, **Raynor Campbell**, **Shaver Hansen**, **Shawn Tolleson**, **Kendal Volz**, et al just underachieved, or were they never that good in the first place? **Craig Fritsch** and **Willie Kempf** are also capable of bigger things.

Rice The Owls have made three straight trips to Omaha and will have a chance to make a fourth in 2009. As usual, Rice should have plenty of pitching depth, led by righthanders **Ryan Berry** and **Mike Ojala** and lefty **Matt Evers**. Losing junior center fielder/righthander **Jared Gayhart** as a 13th-round pick to the Tigers was a significant blow, but the lineup still has a strong core of dynamic players in shortstop **Rick Hague**, third baseman **Diego Seastrunk** and outfielder **Chad Mozingo**. Junior college transfers **Brock Holt** and **Steven Sultzbaugh** will help bolster the lineup, and the bulk of the recruiting class will provide reinforcements on the mound.

Vanderbilt The Commodores were a veteran-laden team in 2008, but they're chock full of quality young players who will now get a chance to seize regular playing time. **Andrew Giobbi** held his own in a starting role after an injury sidelined **Pedro Alvarez** last year, and youngsters **Curt Casali**, **Aaron Westlake**, **Joey Manning** and **Steven Liddle** should make similar steps forward in 2009. A loaded recruiting class will provide further reinforcements, from slugging outfielder **Matt Marquis** to electric righty **Sonny Gray**. The rotation should remain intact, with **Mike Minor**, **Caleb Cotham** and **Nick Christiani**, but some young arms could push for rotation spots as well.

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Cape League extra: All good for Solis

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CHATHAM – He’s a 6-foot-5, 228-pound smile striding toward his interviewer, seemingly without a care.

The world is good for Chatham A’s southpaw Sammy Solis these days, and based on front-line observation, he knows he’s a lucky kid.

Solis, who turns 20 on Aug. 10, will be a sophomore at the University of San Diego when the Cape Cod Baseball League season ends. Before having seen him, A’s manager John Schiffner figured he would be a bullpen guy.

Wrong.

Solis got off to a 3-0 start, struck out 28 and walked only three before finally losing a game for the A’s, and is entrenched in the Chatham rotation.

The fast Cape start probably shouldn’t be a surprise, as his finest outing at San Diego was his last – in the Regional final against eventual College World Series champion Fresno State.

“He held Fresno State scoreless and was throwing 93 (mph) into the sixth,” said San Diego head coach Rich Hill, a former Chatham manager.

“If we had any kind of offense, that could have been us (at the CWS).”

But it wasn’t, and Solis arrived in Chatham before some of the bigger-name pitchers. That’s why he’s a rotation mainstay – to Schiffner’s surprise.

“We didn’t think he’d bust out 3-1,” said Schiffner. “But based on when he arrived and other guys arrived, he started, did great and earned another start. Then another. Now he’s in the rotation.”

Solis, who never lifted weights until entering college, can see a difference in velocity. He’s throwing his fastball consistently at 92-93 mph. Plus, his knuckle curve has been nearly unhittable, the changeup has been effective and he’s developed a slider.

“I was looking for consistency coming here,” he said. “During the college season, I didn’t have a curve ball. That was definitely tough. I’ve never thrown a slider before and it’s coming along well. It gives them something else to think about.

“The good thing, in this league, I go right after guys. It’s a different deal than with aluminum bats – you get a broken bat instead of a blooper over third base.”

Solis doesn’t walk many batters. “I got upset last night (in his loss to Cotuit) when I walked one,” he said. “I pride myself in having control. Make them hit it.”

This is a guy that Hill calls a cornerstone of San Diego's future. It was a coup when he convinced the Arizona native to come to San Diego. Solis was a well-known high school star at Agua Fria High School in Litchfield Park, Ariz., near Glendale. When he was 16, he threw a four-hit shutout in the championship game of the Connie Mack World Series.

His high school was a Division 4A school (the second-highest level in Arizona) of 1,800 students, and his 398 career strikeouts were second most ever in Div. 4A. He passed on the opportunity to pitch for Brophy College Prep, the top-ranked team in the country his senior year, to pitch at Agua Fria.

"My grandparents had gone there, my mom and all her siblings went there," Solis said. "I went there. It's not a power in sports. I could have gone to Brophy, and obviously developed a little more in baseball. But I chose to go with the smaller school. I don't regret it one bit. I pitched on the same mound my grampa did."

And he still had top college programs at his doorstep.

"I had a lot of choices," Solis said. "I got it down to five – Arizona State, Arizona, Oregon State, Notre Dame and San Diego.

"The main reason I chose San Diego was the coaching. I had a chance to meet with them a lot before I committed. I loved coach Hill, and particularly coach (Eric) Valenzuela, because I would be working with him the most and I'd be working with him the most.

"The other reason is that it was a Catholic university. I went to Catholic schools from preschool to seventh grade. It's a small Catholic university, my parents like it a lot."

His father, Bob, who was his pitching coach through high school and taught him the knuckle curve, pitched at Notre Dame. Solis said turning down the Irish was difficult.

"I had wanted to go there all my life," he said. "My dad always told us when we were little, if you get good grades you can go to Notre Dame. That was kind of what we were all shooting for at the beginning. But it's just not baseball weather (in South Bend), and they aren't the program San Diego is."

There was the added complication of being an 18th-round draft choice by Arizona, but the Diamondbacks didn't really have a chance.

"We gave them a number. It was up there," Solis said. "I had a full ride to San Diego, which is really expensive. It was going to take a lot to take me away from that. We didn't get it, and I wasn't expecting it. I figured, why not go to college? I wasn't mature yet. At San Diego I'm definitely growing. And I get to play summer ball too, which helps me a lot."

"There's no telling how good he can really get," said Hill. "He's an awesome kid. I'm thrilled he's representing himself, his family and his coach so well. His stats speak for themselves. There's no telling how good he can really get."

Schiffner feels the same way, and maybe not just because of his pitching.

Seventeen Solis family members rented a five-bedroom house in Chatham for two weeks early in the season. One night, his mother Sallie and family cooked for the team.

“Very special people and he’s like them,” Schiffner said. “It was phenomenal. He had grandparents, cousins, sisters and brothers, uncles and aunts. They cooked burritos, fresh refried beans, Mexican rice, cupcakes.

“The family was dishing it out. When we met them, the mother came up and gave me a big hug. This was her way of saying thank you for giving him this opportunity.”

Solis was used mainly relief at San Diego. After struggling in the fall, he got into a groove in the spring.

He finished 3-1 with a 3.83 ERA, making seven starts in 17 games and striking out 42 in 49¹/₃ innings.

In Chatham, he’s getting the ball in the first inning and taking advantage. Solis is loving the entire experience, and sometimes can’t believe how lucky he is to be here.

“This place is unbelievable,” he said. “It’s a big deal (being on the Cape). You go out West and everyone’s heard about it. It’s an honor to come out here.”

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Freshmen All-Americans

USD right-hander **Kyle Blair** and third baseman **Victor Sanchez** were second-team selections yesterday on *Baseball America's* 2008 Freshman All-American teams.

Blair was 8-4 with a 3.86 ERA and 99 strikeouts in 75 innings. Sanchez hit .268 with 12 home runs and 47 RBI.

USD commitment

Santana right-hander **James Needy** has made an oral commitment to USD, the first player to do so from the class of 2009.

"This was the best fit for me," said Needy, adding, "The pitching (staff) here is what really intrigued me."

The 6-foot-5, 200-pound Needy was 6-4 for the Sultans last season with a 1.65 ERA and 49 strikeouts in 55 innings.

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Former Torero Named to Baseball America's Midseason Minor League All-Star Team

Anthony Slama (2006-07) was named to the All-Star team.

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Former USD baseball player Anthony Slama was named to Baseball America's Midseason Minor League All-Star Team.

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SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Former University of San Diego baseball player Anthony Slama has been named to Baseball America's Midseason Minor League All-Star Team. Slama played with the Toreros from 2006-07 and helped lead USD into the NCAA Regionals in both seasons as well as the 2007 West Coast Conference Championship. Below is a link to the Baseball America story. Slama currently is with the Minnesota Twins organization and plays for the High A Fort Myers Miracle.

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Twins minor league report: Slama deserves promotion, but Fort Myers needs him

By **LA VELLE E. NEAL III**, Star Tribune

July 5, 2008

The Twins have one bad mama Slama in their farm system. He's Class A Fort Myers righthander **Anthony Slama**, a 39th-round pick from the University of San Diego who is ripping up the Florida State League.

Slama entered Saturday 3-0 with a 0.40 ERA and 17 saves. In 44 2/3 innings, he has struck out a whopping 75 batters while walking only 13. His fastball hits the low 90s in miles per hour, but his money pitch is a hard slider that overpowers hitters.

At 6-3, Slama is imposing on the mound and is an intense competitor.

He's also 24 years old, so why isn't he at Class AA New Britain?

"It still might happen," said **Jim Rantz**, Twins director of minor leagues. "It would kill that Fort Myers club because they don't have another closer. We're trying to get guys some innings and spread it out a bit. But he is good enough to go to Double-A."

Slama formed a one-two punch early in the season with righthander **Robert Delaney**, who saved 13 games at Fort Myers before being promoted to New Britain, where he had a 2.08 ERA through five games as a setup man. Lefthander **Ben Julianel** had 16 saves at New Britain, but he's 28.

Move Julianel to Class AAA Rochester? There are already three lefthanded relievers there, and the Twins aren't going to release a lefty. This is why a farm director's job isn't easy.

System check

- First baseman **Henry Sanchez**, who had surgery in early May to repair a torn meniscus, was supposed to be back playing by now but ... "he's too fat," Rantz said. Sanchez, a sandwich pick between the first and second rounds in 2005, has had more problems with the knee, has been unable to work out properly and ballooned to 298 pounds before dropping to 287 recently.
- Class A Beloit catcher **Jair Fernandez** will miss four to five weeks because of a broken wrist.
- Beloit third baseman **Deibinson Romero** has hit well of late but gets a day off every

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Chatham A's Ace Solis Taking It All In Stride

Eric Adler

CHATHAM — Some baseball players have a way of believing that life begins and ends on the playing field. They're consumed by their contracts, obsessed with their stats, and can't crack a smile unless they secure a few hits or strikeout the side.

Not Sammy Solis.

The 19-year-old Chatham A's ace knows there's a world beyond the borders of the base paths. He knows, because he's seen it firsthand.



Solis, 3-0 for Chatham, gets a hand between innings during last week's game against Y-D. ERIC ADLER PHOTO.

Solis has volunteered at a couple of AIDS orphanages in South Africa, including the one his family owns along the southeast cape of the continent.

"To see people who live in shacks and have nothing, absolutely nothing, makes you grateful for everything you have," said Solis, who did a tour of service at Acres Of Love in Johannesburg prior to helping out at Open Arms, founded two years ago by his parents, Bob and Sallie.

The Solis' spent part of their life savings to build cottages north of East London that house 20 children affected by the AIDS pandemic. "It's amazing to think that one in four people in Africa have AIDS," said Solis. "It makes you realize that there are worse things in life than giving up a base hit."

That precocious perspective has paid off on the diamond for the six-foot-five southpaw, whose sensational start in the Cape League has been like something out of central casting.

Solis has won all three games he's pitched (all on the road no less), sports a 1.00 ERA (fourth-best among all CCBL pitchers), has logged more strikeouts (22) than innings (18), and issued only two walks.

"I was afraid I couldn't compete at this level," admitted Solis, a freshman at the University of San Diego. "It's a little intimidating when you hear them read the lineup of guys from schools like USC, Baylor and Texas. But I've been fortunate to come out every time and have good stuff."

"Good stuff" might be a great understatement.

Solis impressed in his Cape League debut, striking out eight over five innings to lead the then 0-3 A's to their first win of the season.

Win number two, against Wareham, was more remarkable, as Solis — unfazed by a one-hour and 20-minute rain delay — struck out eight over seven scoreless innings, while surrendering just two hits in Chatham's 2-0 victory.

"It was tough, because you warm up, then you cool down, then you warm up again, but for some reason, I felt even better than when I originally warmed up," said Solis. "That's been the most memorable game so far, because after you win the first time, people can say 'oh anyone can get lucky,' but the second time showed I can pitch up here."

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Valerio's musical inspiration First baseman leads Golden Eagles to victory

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GLENS FALLS -- For the first few weeks, Glens Falls Golden Eagles first baseman Jose Valerio's walk-up song was the kind of tune you'd hear in a smoky basement party. It was a slow-paced reggae song called "Night Nurse" by artist Gregory Issac and completely out of place in between the hip-hop and rock songs of his teammates.

Valerio said he chose the song because it's relaxing and more suited for his laid-back personality. According to Valerio, his teammates have even liked it.

"They asked the name of the song so they can download it," Valerio said. "But they could be teasing me, I don't know."

Despite the fanfare, it seems like relaxation seems to be overrated; The University of San Diego player has since changed his song to something more upbeat, and with it, his batting average has improved.

Valerio went 2-for-4 with a single and a double to lead the Eagles to an 8-0 win over the Saratoga Phillies at East Field on Monday night. Glens Falls are now in sole possession of first place in the Eastern Division.

Valerio has the team's best batting average at .316.

"He's been very consistent as of late," Eagles head coach John Mayotte said. "He's been hitting the ball hard. I like it when he drives the ball to right-center field. He's kind of emphasized that lately. I think guys have been taking more cerebral batting practices; working on swinging the ball harder and working on their weaknesses."

"We've been practicing at the (Adirondack Sports Complex) when it rains out," Valerio said about his batting improvement. "So we go to the Dome and try to get better there in the batting cages."

The Eagles have won 10 of their last 11 games and came out just as strong on Monday night.

Glens Falls strung together four straight hits, six in total, to score five runs with two outs by the end of the first inning.

Phillies skipper was Kevin Graber was ejected after arguing a balk called against his starting pitcher, Taylor McKinney.

Saratoga's woes continued with Eagles ace Shane Davis on the mound. Davis, who has an .019 ERA, has gone 21 innings without giving up a run. His last run was on June 22 against Bennington.

Davis was in the midst of his second no-hitter of the season when Phillie Kyle Meyer got a hit in the top of the fifth. Davis finished the game with three strikeouts and two walks in six innings.

Glens Falls tacked on two more runs in the seventh courtesy of second baseman Scott Lawson and Kody Johnson, who finished 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

"I think we've been swinging the bats better lately," Mayotte said. "I think we hit the ball hard and are





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Next generation of All-Stars catches action in anonymity

NEW YORK -- Had the All-Star Game gone even deeper into the night and managers **Terry Francona** and **Clint Hurdle** made a desperate call for arms, there were a pair of dandies sitting in left field's upper tier box 662, row F.

Sitting nondescript amongst the 55,632 baseball fans at Yankee Stadium were a pair of pitchers selected in the top 10 picks of this year's June draft, left-hander **Brian Matusz** from the University of San Diego who went No. 4 to the Orioles and right-hander **Aaron Crow** from Missouri who went No. 9 to the Nationals. Talk about an auxiliary bullpen. They were joined by No. 5 pick **Buster Posey**, a catcher from Florida State (Giants); No. 8 pick **Gordon Beckham**, a shortstop from Georgia (White Sox); and No. 13 pick **Brett Wallace**, a third baseman from Arizona State (Cardinals).

Clad in an array of collared shirts, tees and cargo shorts, none wore a single team logo, and no one in the area seemed to recognize the athletic but unimposing quintet of first-rounders. USA Baseball had brought the five finalists for the Golden Spikes Award, given to college baseball's national player of the year, to New York City for today's presentation ceremony. Coincidentally, **Pedro Alvarez**, a third baseman from Vanderbilt picked No. 2 overall by the Pirates was sitting one section over, and so there were six of the top 13 picks -- and three of the top five -- chatting away without anyone seeming to realize who they were.

"We're all getting ready to start pro ball, so being here definitely makes us feel closer [to reaching the big leagues] and gives us extra motivation to do well this season," said Crow.

Though so much of this All-Star weekend has been about histories and memories, here were some of the future stars of the game. Actually, make that the future Future Stars, guys who are still a year or two away from the prospect showcase game and a few more years after that from the major-league All-Star Game. Each was making his first trip not just to Yankee Stadium but to anywhere in New York City.

"It's crazy and so crowded," said Beckham. "I live in Atlanta, but this is a lot bigger."

Posey, who led the nation with a .463 batting average and was third in home runs with 26 (two behind Beckham and LSU's **Matt Clark**), ultimately won the Golden Spikes Award.

"For me, this is award I grew up hearing about," he said. "Of all the national awards, Golden Spikes is the one I remember, as early as high school and maybe before, college players winning."

Posey would have been the perfect addition to any roster in a lengthy extra-inning game because of his versatility. He began his college career as a shortstop before converting to catcher. In a game against Savannah State on May 12, he played all nine positions on the field. As a pitcher, he struck out both batters he faced.

"It went," said Posey, when asked how the experience had gone. "I didn't have any rockets hit at me anywhere, so I was okay."

Though these 20-somethings obviously would have fared better than the average fan had a home-run ball reached their section, they were just like everyone else in expressing their awe over the night's event.

"Bringing out all the Hall of Famers and all the All-Stars at the same time was a very cool moment," Matusz said. "It's something I'll remember for the rest of my life."



Gordon Beckham was just a fan at this year's All-Star Game. That may change in the future. AP

Story Highlights

Five of the top 13 picks in June's draft attended the All-Star Game
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Coronado pitcher to play for University of San Diego

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Coronado High School graduate Cory Ginther has signed to play baseball at the University of San Diego.

Ginther was 4-1 with a 2.92 ERA as a senior last spring in gaining second team All-Sunrise Region honors.

Ginther, who originally signed to play at the College of Southern Nevada, will join a San Diego team that went 44-16 last season, losing to eventual national champion Fresno State in the NCAA regionals.

• **CRUSADERS SIGN** -- Faith Lutheran graduate Conner Maloney, a standout in football and basketball for the Crusaders, has signed to play football at NAIA Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont.

Maloney is expected to play safety for the Battlin' Bears. He was in on 76 tackles as a senior for Faith Lutheran and also caught 30 passes for 605 yards and six touchdowns.

Also, Faith Lutheran baseball standout Dylan Young has signed to play at Salt Lake Community College. Young was the Class 3A Southern League Player of the Year.

• **BULLDOG SIGNING** -- Centennial girls basketball standout Dela Jones, a three-year letterwinner for the Bulldogs, has signed to play at NAIA Park University in Missouri.

Jones was a second team All-Northwest Division selection as a senior.

• **CERRO COSO SIGNINGS** -- Five area baseball players have signed with Cerro Coso Community College in Ridgecrest, Calif.

Three of the players -- pitcher Kyle Wolak and outfielders Ryne Milner and Perry Martin -- played at Spring Valley. Cerro Coso also signed Durango infielder Alex Petrosie and Del Sol catcher Tyler Giunta.

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College freshman takes ABL lessons**FLEDGLING: Newalu impresses with Miners before San Diego stint.**By RON WILMOT
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The Alaska Baseball League has long been a place to see up-and-coming major leaguers. Normally, those players are in college. But occasionally, an ABL player who has yet to swing a bat at the collegiate level impresses.

Mat-Su Miners infielder Blake Newalu is one such player. He's fresh out of high school, having graduated from Henry County High in McDonough, Ga., a month ago. But the 6-foot, 165-pounder, a top recruit for the University of San Diego, has adjusted just fine to playing alongside the Division I athletes in the ABL.

Although Newalu's hitting probably isn't what he would like (.233, 6 RBIs in 21 games), the lanky right-hander has impressed.

Newalu has filled in at third, shortstop and center field, garnering a .938 fielding percentage.

Newalu admitted that he put pressure on himself to justify his coming to the ABL. But it's not the first time he's had to step up to a higher level of play.

As a freshman at Henry County High, Newalu was brought up from the junior varsity to become the starting shortstop four games into the season. The team went on to win Georgia's AAAA state championship.

Newalu said he chose San Diego largely because he would be able to play immediately. San Diego coaches expect that too, and pushed him to play in the ABL for some pre-college seasoning.

"My college coach said this was one of the best leagues around on the West Coast," Newalu said. "He said it'd be a good opportunity to see better pitching and hopefully be better when I come in as a freshman."

Miners general manager Pete Christopher said he normally doesn't recruit recently graduated high school players. During his tenure, the only other high school player to make the roster was catcher Jay Ponciano out of Hudson's Bay High in Vancouver, Wash., in 2006.

"I was a little hesitant. I don't like having high school kids on the roster," Christopher said. "But he's been a class act on the field and off. I might change my mind about high school kids."

"He's polite, a hard worker, and he's got soft hands, which is a requisite to be a good infielder," Christopher said. "He's had to fill in everywhere."

Perfect Game USA, a recruiting service that tracks high school players, has listed Newalu.

He's also played in the prestigious East Cobb Baseball program. Based in Marietta, Ga., the amateur program for players ages 8 and up has produced numerous college and pro players.

Newalu first joined an East Cobb team when he was 15. In 2006, his East Cobb Astros won a national wood bat tournament. His team last summer lost only one game. Newalu played summer and fall league baseball with the East Cobb Braves.

"Winning is expected," he said.

Newalu isn't the only ABL newbie who's an incoming freshman at San Diego. Anchorage Glacier Pilots second baseman Bryan Haar, a recent graduate of Grossmont High in San Diego, will also join the Toreros in the fall.

The future teammates first met when Newalu hit a double and Haar, covering second base, struck up a conversation.

Miners fall to Pilots thrice in three days

Last season, the Mat-Su Miners won a share of the ABL title despite hitting .242 as a team. Why? Its pitching staff had a combined 2.17 ERA, tops in the ABL.

So far this season, the Miners are following the same pattern, but without the same success.

As of Thursday, the Miners were hitting .220, second worst in the ABL, and the pitching staff had a team ERA of 2.93, third best.

That's landed Mat-Su in third place in the league standings (9-9 ABL, 13-10 overall) as of Friday.

Mat-Su lost three games to the Anchorage Glacier Pilots in three days this week. Each game was winnable.

The Pilots won Tuesday and Wednesday by 4-2 scores at Mulcahy Stadium in Anchorage. On Thursday, the Pilots scored seven runs in the first inning and held on to win 8-6.

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TOP 50 TEAM PREVIEWS: #43 SAN DIEGO

by Shaun Akin
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San Diego Toreros
 Last Season: 22-14 (11-3)
 Key Losses: None
 Head Coach: Bill Grier

Projected Starting Lineup
 PG: Trumaine Johnson 6-2 So.
 SG: Brandon Johnson 6-0 Sr.
 SF: De'Jon Jackson 6-1 Jr.
 PF: Rob Jones 6-6 So.
 C: Gyno Pomare 6-8 Sr.
 Key Reserves: Roberto Mafra 6-10 Jr. PF, Chris Lewis 6-7 Jr. SF, Devin Ginty 6-2 So. SG

What goals should a rookie head coach have while walking into a program with only three NCAA tournament appearances in school history? There is no way a team in this situation could be nine points away from a Sweet Sixteen appearance, right? Coach Bill Grier defied the odds last season and with his entire squad back this season, the sky is the limit.

Last season started slow for the Toreros. Despite winning their first two contests, they slid to 2-4 after facing a fierce schedule that included future NCAA tournament participants South Alabama, UNLV and USC along with an NIT bound San Diego State team. Of course, the Toreros would bounce back, gaining a big win against Kentucky.

Despite their inconsistency early on, the Toreros got hot when it mattered most. As the players became more familiar with the system first year head coach Bill Grier was putting in place, the wins began to mount. Led by juniors Brandon Johnson and Gyno Pomare, USD fought its way to an 11-3 record in West Coast Conference play. That record gave the team the third seed in the WCC tournament. This provided an opportunity for Coach Grier to face the man he worked under for the past eight seasons in the WCC championship game. After being swept by the Bulldogs during the regular season, Pomare capped off a seven point victory with a late jumper. This gave the Toreros an automatic bid in the Big Dance.

From there, the ultimate Cinderella team eliminated UConn on De'Jon Jackson's buzzer beater. That shot gave the San Diego Toreros its first NCAA tournament victory in school history. With the incredible accomplishments from coach Grier's first season behind him, what can be expected of this year's squad?

First and foremost, the Toreros return every player from last year's remarkable squad. Also, with four scholarships available, they have added PG Patrick McCollum and junior college transfers SF Luciano de Souza and PF Roberto Mafra.

One thing the Toreros lacked last season was size. The Toreros were basically running a starting lineup that consisted of three guards and two forwards. This makes the addition of Mafra the most important piece of the recruiting puzzle for this season. This 6-foot-10 Brazil native gives the team a true center and will add versatility to an explosive lineup.

"Roberto Mafra brings size and athleticism," explained Coach Grier. "He is a true shot blocker and presence in the paint that can also run the floor." Grier went on to comment on the options available with Mafra in the lineup. "With Mafra in the lineup we can move Jones to the three and play a big lineup with Pomare at the four."

With the last year's lineup established, expect these new players to infuse the team with energy off the bench. Senior leader Brandon Johnson will likely continue to be used as a SG where he had more of a scoring role. Coach Grier mentioned that sophomore Trumaine Johnson will likely continue to be used as the team's starting point guard.

In the team's second season under Grier, we should expect improvement. Last year's team featured no seniors, while this year the club will return two starters with the senior label. Pomare and Brandon Johnson were clearly the leaders of last season's squad and if the team expects a repeat performance this year, they will need those two at the top of their games.

Unfortunately, the WCC is typically a one or two horse race as far as the NCAA tournament is concerned, despite the fact that three teams reached the Big Dance in 2008. The Gonzaga Bulldogs have been dominating this conference for a full decade. If Grier's Toreros want to make another Cinderella run, they will likely need to knock off Goliath. Of course, as they showed last season, only a fool would count out the Toreros.

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Trimble takes lead in Southern Am

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) Blake Trimble lowered the competitive amateur course record to 8-under-par 64 taking an overnight lead in the rain-plagued 102nd Southern Amateur championship.

After four weather delays in three days, the second round was completed Friday morning and the field cut to 67 players, 42 of whom will have to finish their third round early Saturday. The final round will follow immediately.

There are two Blake Trimbles in the field, creating mild confusion. One, from Houston, finished 18th in the Southern Am last year, but this Blake Trimble, a University of San Diego senior from Rancho Santa Fe, CA, posted a bogey-free round to complete 54 holes at 12-under-par 204. He holed a 10-foot birdie on the final hole for the course record.

South African Andrew Georgiou is two back at 10-under 206. Four other players were still on the course 10-under par when play was suspended by darkness.

Former champ Kyle Stanley had a 5-under-par 67 for a 208 total.

The tournament is scheduled to end Saturday. The winner will earn an exempt spot to play in the PGA Tour Arnold Palmer Invitational next spring in Orlando.

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Johnson's First Completion as a Pro

By Tom Shanahan

Tuesday, July 8, 2008 | University of San Diego quarterback Josh Johnson, a fifth-round draft pick by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, grips a football and pats it back and forth as a dozen kids surround him last week at the La Costa Resort.

There's nothing new about Johnson drawing a crowd of kids. It's been that way since he grew up in his Oakland neighborhood. Marshawn Lynch, a Buffalo Bills second-year running back and Johnson's childhood friend, says Johnson was the kid they all followed when he organized playground games.

And it will be that way again this week on the campus of Oakland Tech, Johnson's and Lynch's the high school, when they stage their second annual "Family First Football Camp."

Johnson was at La Costa last week along with 252 draft picks as part of the 2008 NFL Rookie Symposium. Most of their time was spent in the classroom learning about life as a pro football player on and off -- mostly off -- the field.

Ironically and tragically, if the symposium was later this month, the NFL could have used last week's death of former Chargers safety Terrence Kiel in a single-car crash. His death at age 27 would have been a profound example of excessive spending leading to gambling debts and a guilty plea to felony drug charges resulting from a scheme to ship codeine-based prescription cough syrup back home to Texas for street profits.

"They're covering everything possible, and they're covering it more than once," Johnson said. "The financial advice has been good. You can go through a lot of money real fast and spend it on nothing. You have to adjust to life as an NFL player, but you also have to realize it can be gone like that. You've got to be on it now."

The youths Johnson worked with were part of a group 200 boys and girls from Camp Pendleton that were bused in by the NFL for a clinic with the rookies. About half of the youths had a parent deployed overseas and another quarter have a parent about to be shipped out.

"This is wonderful," said Misty Gersley, whose husband, Shane, was deployed May 4 for duty in Kuwait to support troops in Iraq.

With her husband away, she was able to bring their three sons -- Jacob, 15, Loegan, 12, and Fionn, 8 -- to the clinic. The rookies were split into two clinics, but the youths got to spend the afternoon interacting with both sessions.

"It's a once a lifetime experience for these kids," Gersley said.

By the end of the week, Johnson could distill information from the NFL Rookie Symposium about football on and off the field and apply it to his youth camp.

Johnson and Lynch were able to start the Family First Football Camp last year as Lynch entered his rookie year as a first-round draft pick. Now Johnson is a full-fledged partner as an NFL quarterback.

"We'll have more kids this year -- about 400 from elementary school age to high school," Johnson said. "It was a lot of fun last year, and it will be more fun this year. I'm looking forward to it."

With time, Johnson has considered the idea of opening camps in Tampa, his professional home, and San Diego, his college home. After all, Oakland isn't the only city with tough neighborhoods battling gang problems.

If you read a disturbing story in the June 30 issue of Sports Illustrated, "How Dreams Die," you know Oakland's youth desperately need the influence of people like Johnson and Lynch. Actually, the city needed that kind of intervention many years ago to counteract the despair caused by gangs and random street violence.

The story makes the point that kids no longer see sports as an avenue to escape gangs and violence. Likewise, a reputation that an athlete carried in his neighborhood no longer offers protection from getting caught up in street violence.

"In Oakland, it's not necessarily gangs, but a lot of small groups in areas where you don't go," Johnson said. "Athletes in Oakland have to help do something about it. Too many kids want to be in the streets instead of playing sports. We want to show kids with our camp there is another way."

Not every kid can make it to the NFL, of course, but Lynch and Johnson are examples of Oakland youths from tough streets earning a college education. Yes, their talent earned them a chance to play college football, but their high school grades gained admittance to prestigious academic institutions such as Cal and USD.

"Kids see drug dealers with money, so they think that's where the money is at," Johnson said. "We're trying to show them there are other ways by going to school and playing sports."

Johnson has yet to throw his first NFL pass or earn his first NFL paycheck, but he already has NFL cache as a draft pick. And he's not waiting to invest it in the rough streets of his hometown.

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COACH AND PROGRAM

When Stanford hired Jim Harbaugh after the program's worst season in nearly half a century, many were perplexed, to say the least. Sure, he brought immediate name recognition and boundless energy, but the former Michigan and NFL quarterback also had limited coaching experience: Two seasons as the Oakland Raiders quarterbacks coach and three seasons at the University of San Diego, a Championship Subdivision, non-scholarship program. As he concluded his first spring camp, the reviews from his players were overwhelmingly positive, although after two years of drill sergeant-like practices with Walt Harris, that much was probably to be expected.

The question was, could Harbaugh restore the pride in the program once run by the likes of Bill Walsh, Denny Green, Tyrone Willingham and Jack Elway? Well, a season later, we have our answer, and it's an emphatic yes.

What Harbaugh and his coaching staff accomplished last season is nothing short of remarkable. In fact, while Dennis Erickson was more than deserving as Pac-10 Coach of the Year, an argument could've easily been made for Harbaugh, as he somehow guided the Cardinal to conference victories over California, Arizona and gulp, USC. And while that defeat of the Trojans was as shocking as any upset in conference history -- if not college football history -- perhaps the greatest indicator of the turnaround came three weeks before against

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Toreros recruit follows ex-Grier aide to Huskers

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

The USD men's basketball team has lost a prized recruit and has two others whose academic status is uncertain.

Vander Joaquim, a 6-foot-9, 220-pound power forward who has played for the national team of Angola and is entering his senior season at Christian High in El Cajon, is rescinding a nonbinding oral commitment he made to USD in February and is switching to the University of Nebraska. He can sign a letter of intent with the Cornhuskers this fall.

"If he has (decommitted), he hasn't told me about it," USD coach Bill Grier said yesterday from Los Angeles, where he is on a recruiting trip. "I wouldn't be shocked, though. Walter (Roese) recruited him. I can't comment and neither can Walter."

Roese left an assistant position at USD and was hired by Nebraska on May 29. In a July 3 story, the *Lincoln Journal Star* reported Joaquim's oral commitment to Nebraska and called him the first recruit of the Huskers' new assistant coach.

"I think his connection with Coach Roese is the reason Vander changed his mind," Christian coach

Kelvin Starr told EastCountySports.com. "Coach Roese speaks Portuguese, as does Vander, and he has been in contact with (Joaquim's) family back in Angola.

"When Coach Roese went to Nebraska, Vander wanted to play at the college where Roese was involved."

Joaquim averaged 20.8 points and 16.8 rebounds as a junior and had a better than 54 percent field goal percentage. He is 95th among the top 100 prep basketball recruits for 2009 on the ESPN Web site.

The Web site refers to Joaquim as "arguably the best-kept secret on the West Coast."

In other news, Grier confirmed that Patrick McCollom, a 6-3 incoming freshman point guard from San Diego High, has yet to achieve a SAT score high enough for admission, and 6-7 community college transfer Luciano de Souza is insufficient in academic requirements for eligibility.

Both are taking summer classes.

"I'm concerned, but I hope that they are both getting everything done," Grier said. "We might not know (the outcome) until school starts in September."

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Toreros recruit follows assistant to Nebraska

Christian High's Vander Joaquim rescinds his oral commitment to USD and will join former Toreros assistant Walter Roese at Nebraska. **D4**



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USD-connected players rule at La Jolla tennis event

By Jerry Magee
STAFF WRITER

Of course, it isn't Wimbledon. No, but the La Jolla tennis tournament lasts longer than what takes place in London, 17 days, it has more divisions, 73, and more participants, in excess of 1,000. It also has been around for 92 years.

"And it is more exciting than any tournament in the world," said Scott Farr.

Uh, check that. Farr is not impartial. He is the manager of the La Jolla Tennis Club, where this folksy, sprawling event concluded yesterday with players with USD identities claiming the open singles divisions.

Alexandra Demidova, a USD junior from Stockholm, Sweden, claimed the women's trophy with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 conquest of Jamie Buterbaugh of Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Thomas Liversage, a former USD

player who is preparing to compete professionally, won the men's prize by holding off Quinn Borchard, a University of Portland player from Camarillo, 6-4, 6-4.

Liversage won \$1,500, which he can accept because his collegiate eligibility has lapsed. For Liversage, from South Africa, his victory completed a sweep of local events, Liversage also having taken the recent National Open Hardcourts tournament at the Balboa Tennis Club. Beginning Friday, Liversage plans to compete in a series of professional futures events in the Midwest.

"Obviously, it's good to go into them on a winning streak," Liversage said.

Demidova's ambitions are more modest. "To be the best college player I can be," said the left-hander. As yesterday's champion, Demidova, 22, would be due \$500, but as an amateur she can collect only an

amount corresponding to her expenses.

Through its history, the La Jolla tournament has had some of the leading names of tennis as its winners. May Sutton Bundy scored in 1928. Her daughter, Dorothy Bundy Cheney, who as Dodo Cheney still is collecting the gold balls that the USTA awards to national age-group champions, took it nine times. Maureen Connolly Brinker twice prevailed. Karen Hantze Susman, later to become a Wimbledon titlist, won in 1959. The men's champions have included Elwood Cooke, Hugh Stewart and Allen Fox.

Nowadays, the quality of play is not what it was, but players keep coming back year after year. Brian Cheney, Dodo Cheney's son and three times an open division winner, has not lost at La Jolla in 20 years, according to tournament historians. He was an age-group champion again yesterday.

A player who personifies what this event is about is Buterbaugh, the women's open runner-up. She's 26. She has been competing at La Jolla since she was playing in the girls 16s. She and her father, Dave, were the No. 1-ranked father-daughter amalgam in the United States in 2004 and 2006. Jamie and a sister, Jessica, 21, do nicely in doubles. Another of the Buterbaugh sisters, Jordan, 18, is an Arizona high school doubles champion. Jamie's mother, Trish, is a teaching pro.

"We love it," said Jamie Buterbaugh, once Gonzaga's No. 1 player. "The weather," she explained. "And Pacific Beach is great."

The La Jolla event is one that keeps on giving. The host club is offering a free clinic for 6-8 year-olds and 9-12 year-olds, with sessions July 14-18 and July 21-25 at La Jolla High. Information: (858) 454-4434.

Maryville's Ierulli named to NCAA rules committee

Steve Phillips • 3 days ago

Tony Ierulli, the Head Football Coach at Maryville College, has been named to the NCAA Football Rules Committee. He replaces Michael Clark of Bridgewater College and will serve on the committee until September 1, 2012.

Ierulli will enter his sixth season at the helm of the Maryville College football program in 2008. Coach Ierulli is 22-28 in his first five seasons of resurrecting MC's storied football program.

His 2007 Scots became the first team since 1981 to begin the season 4-0 en route to a stellar 7-3 campaign. MC finished third in the USA South Athletic Conference, their highest finish since joining the league in 2005.

The NCAA Football Rules Committee is under the direction of Mr. Ty Halpin. The committee consists of and represents institutions from the NCAA Division I, Division II, and Division III. Members include Mike Bellotti (University of Oregon), Randy Edsall (University of Connecticut), Ron Prince (Kansas State University), Ky Snyder (University of San Diego), Tony Samuel (Southeast Missouri State University), F. Todd Knight (Ouachita Baptist University), Rocky Rees (Shippensburg University), Frank Carr (Earlham College) and Ierulli.

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