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Francis Parker community discovers San Diego with QuikSCience Team

As part of the 2009 QuikScience Competition, Francis Parker School students are reaching out to the community with activities and events. Hosted by USC and Quiksilver, the typical areas of the competition include: creating a lesson plan and research project proposal, and hosting a community service event. This year, the Parker QuikScience team is working with USD students on a coral reef research project to develop a lesson plan that teaches students about coral and ecology. The team will be teaching at the Francis Parker Lower, Middle and Upper Schools, as well as the Evans School and Barrio Logan after school program.

The "Discover San Diego" event program was designed for the community service portion of the project. On Dec. 14, the Parker team will head to Sweetwater Marsh Nature Center in Chula Vista, which is a unit of the San Diego National Wildlife Reserve. There will be a tour and exhibits explaining the marsh habitats, a shark and ray exhibit, and the opportunity to view native birds in outdoor aviaries. The next event will consist of a Whale Watching trip on Jan. 17. The adventure includes seeing local marine wildlife and Gray whales, which migrate along the coast of California once a year. The community is invited to attend those educational events, free of charge, hosted by the Francis Parker School QuikScience team. For additional details and to reserve your space, contact Kathy Young at ky01mg@mmci,p11rl<mg.

Since their involvement in the QuikScience Competition, which began in the 2005-2006 school year, the Lancers team has been recognized several times. They earned 2nd place in 2005, winning a three-day trip to Canada Island where they participated in eight activities, plankton tows and identification, fish identification and kayaking. The Parker team won the competition in 2006, earning a seven-day trip to the British Virgin Islands, where they explored numerous marine activities. Also, during the visit, the team presented their winning global warming project to two local elementary schools. The 2008 team won the 2008 Community Project Prize, for their project called REEDA, International Student Environmental Awareness. Parker students coordinated with schools around the world to focus on environmental studies in their own communities.

According to the Competition Web site, "QuikScience is a partnership between the University of Southern California Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies and Quiksilver, Inc., to improve science education through students' love of the ocean." Founded in 1912, Francis Parker School in San Diego's oldest and largest, independent, non-denominational, co-educational day school, serving 1,225 students in grades JK - 12.
Del Mar residents participate in Community Outreach with QuikSCience Team

Del Mar residents Emily Baratta and Sam Sheehan, sophomores at Francis Parker School, are two of seven students to participate on Parker's 2008-2009 QuikSCience team. As part of the QuikSCience Competition, hosted by USC and Quiksilver, the Parker team must create a lesson plan, write a research project proposal, and host a community service event. The Lancer team is working with USD students on a coral reef research project and, together, they have developed a lesson plan teaching students about coral reef ecology. The team will be teaching in the Francis Parker Lower, Middle and Upper schools, as well as The Evans School and Barrio Logan after school program.

For the community service portion of the project, the Parker QuikSCience team is hosting a series of "Discover San Diego" events. They have invited the entire Parker community, family and friends to attend these educational events. The first of the series was held on Nov. 9 at Balboa Park. The team and their guests toured the "Water of Life Exhibit" at the San Diego Natural History Museum to learn about the importance of water to all life and how we can conserve it. The second event, held on Nov. 16, presents an opportunity to Kayak Mission Bay, learn about the history of the beautiful bay, and observe some of the great wonders San Diego has to offer. The third event is a visit to the Tide Pools of Point Loma, on Nov. 22, to see starfish, sea anemones, and sea urchins, to name a few. On Dec. 14, the Parker QuikSCience team will head to Sweetwater Marsh Nature Center in Chula Vista, which is a unit of the San Diego National Wildlife Reserve. There will be a tour and exhibits explaining the marsh habitat, a shark and ray exhibit, and the opportunity to view native birds in outdoor aviaries. Finally, the series concludes with a Whale Watching trip on Jan. 17. The adventure will include seeing local marine wildlife and Gray whales, which migrate down the coast of California once a year.
Messiah singalong — The University of San Diego is hosting a Messiah singalong with the USD Symphony Orchestra; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12; Founders Chapel, Founders Hall, University of San Diego; free-will donation at the door; (619) 260-4171.
The University of San Diego will host the ninth annual Monsignor John R. Portman Lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre on campus. The school is at 5998 Alcala Park. Information: (619) 260-4525.
MUSIC


PIERRE HANTAL at Neuroscience Institute, 10540 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla. Han­tal performs harpsichord music by Bach. At 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. 858-625-2000, www.sadem.org. $18.


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RED FISH BLUE FISH at Mandeville Auditorium, UCSD, La Jolla. The percussion ensemble performs works by Scelsi, Cage, Erik Griswold and Mauricio Kagel. At 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. 858-534-1062, music.ucsd.edu. $10.

NEW CITY SINFONIA at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front St., Hill­crest. The 40-member orchestra performs works by Haydn, Otortino Respighi and more. At 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. 619-298-9978, www.tlrstuusandlego.org.

JACOBS’ MASTERWORKS at Copley Sym­phony Hall, 750 B St., Downtown. Guitar quartet The Romeros joins the symphony’s performance of Stravinsky, Palomo and Copland. At 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22. At 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. 619-235-0304. www.sandiegosymphony.org. $20.

USD SYMPHONY at Shiley Theatre, USD Campus. The ensemble performs its fall concerts with featured pianist Robert Naranjo. At 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23. 619-260-4681, www.sandiego.edu. $10.

SDSU OPERA THEATER at Smith Recital Hall, SDSU. The group presents its rendition of Strauss’ *Die Fledermaus*, sung in English. At 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23. music.sdsu.edu. $18.


ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA at Civic Center Theater, 1100 Third Ave., Downtown. Conductor Gustavo Dudamel leads the group through works by Bernstein and Tchaikovsky. At 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. 619-570-1100, www.ljos.org. $20.
CLASSICAL

"Radical Piano II" Pianist Christopher Adler plans recital featuring Tom Johnson's miniature masterpiece "The Choral Catalogue," an experimental performance artwork with video projection in USD's Camino Rare Room 153. 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcala Park), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 13. (LINDA VISTA)

"Raise Hope for Congo" Student Anti-Genocide Coalition (STAND) at USD presents lecture, panel discussion with activist John Prendergast and other guests. 619-260-7919. Thursday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Cropper Writers Series Jericho Brown, USD creative writing professor, reads from his newly published book of poetry, Please. 619-260-4783. Friday, November 14, 7 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park. (LINDA VISTA)
Meet "The Emperor" Enjoy Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 5 (The Emperor)" when USD Symphony presents fall concerts. Soloist is pianist Robert Naranjo. Program includes the "New World Symphony" by Dvořák. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (9998 Alcala Park), 8 p.m., Friday, November 21, and 2 p.m., Sunday, November 23. (LINDA VISTA)
**BOOKS**

*SAN DIEGO JEWISH BOOK FAIR* at Lawrence Family Jewish Center, 4128 Executive Drive, La Jolla. The 14th annual Jewish Book Fair continues through Thursday, Nov. 13. See website for schedule. 858-457-3030, www.jlfcc.org. $17.


Senior Scene

Free lecture: Kenneth P. Serbin will discuss his book, "The Man Who Wounded the U.S. Ambassador," about a 1969 kidnapping in Brazil, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the University of San Diego's Degheri Alumni Center, Room 120, 9998 Alcala Park, San Diego. Reservations: sandiego.edu/bridges or (619) 260-4815.

Estate planning: "New Advanced Estate Planning, Asset Protection, and Succession Planning Techniques" will be presented from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13330 Salmon River Road, San Diego. Registration/information: (858) 538-8159.

"Movies and Music": Trace the beginnings of cinema in Hollywood to the introduction of music on the silver screen from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the James Edgar & Jean Jessop Hervey Library, Point Loma Branch, 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego. Registration: (619) 531-1539.

Stay motivated: "Aging: Staying Connected to Family and Friends" will be discussed at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church, 1371 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., San Diego. Registration: (800) 827-4277.

Lecture/screening: Educate yourself about diabetes and learn how the proper nutrition can make a difference from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, 9001 Wekarusa St., La Mesa. A free blood glucose screening follows from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Registration: (800) 827-4277.

Membership meeting: Cynthia Beisiegel, volunteer coordinator for ElderHelp of San Diego, will speak at the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) meeting at 1 p.m. Nov. 10 in the War Memorial Building, at the north end of the zoo parking lot in Balboa Park. (619) 286-7455.

Send items to The San Diego Union-Tribune, P.O. Box 120191, San Diego, CA 92112-0191; e-mail to seniorscene@uniontrib.com or fax to (619) 293-2148. Deadline is three weeks before publication.
School of Business Administration
**Business school receives grant**

The University of San Diego School of Business Administration has been awarded a $100,000 grant from the Foundation for Enterprise Development for research on private employee-owned firms.

The first project will investigate how the composition and scope of employee ownership changes over a private firm’s evolution, and the factors influencing those changes.

The second project looks at how private employee ownership firms can benefit from SEC Rule 144a in order to raise capital using private placements. **Source Code: 20081125c**
USD School Of Business Awarded $100,000 Grant

Money Will Be Used To Study Private Employee-owned Firms

POSTED 2:51 pm PDT November 18, 2008

SAN DIEGO -- The University of San Diego School of Business Administration was awarded a $100,000 grant from the Foundation for Enterprise Development, it was announced Tuesday.

The money will be used over a 17-month period to study private employee-owned firms, according to USD.

The La Jolla-based Foundation for Enterprise Development promotes employee ownership and entrepreneurship by funding research, education and policy development projects, according to USD.
University Of San Diego Gets 100-Thousand Dollar Grant

(San Diego, CA) - University of San Diego School of Business officials have announced the school has been awarded a 100-thousand dollar grant from the Foundation for Enterprise Development. School of Business officials say the money will be used to study private employee-owned firms for the next year-and-a-half. The Foundation for Enterprise Development promotes employee ownership by funding research, education, and policy development projects.

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Schooling a Real Estate Town

By KELLY BENNETT

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2008

Say you bought a house in 2005 and you're wondering when your home might again be worth what you paid for it.

Norm Miller, real estate professor at the University of San Diego, has an answer: He's projected out local prices for the next decade or so. And even under the most optimistic scenario he and his colleagues came up with, the median price of a detached house in San Diego won't return to the 2005 price peak until at least 2016, or "sometime way off the distance," Miller said.

Miller's forecast shows no V-shaped recovery, where prices hit a bottom and bounce immediately back, for the regional housing market. Prices have fallen about 30 percent already since the peak, and Miller expects prices could fall another 10 percent and stay there for a while before slowly ascending again.

In coming up with 24 economic scenarios, Miller imagined different interest rate fluctuations and the potential of general economic recession, factored against income and employment. Miller and his team concluded that San Diego's housing market boom extended far past what can be fundamentally supported, and thus they predict the slow recovery.

That Miller, a preeminent real estate scholar, teaches and researches from a post at USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate is a coup the center touts as evidence of its standing on the national stage. Miller came to USD last summer after a quarter-century tenure as the director of the real estate program at the University of Cincinnati. He wrote the book on commercial real estate, among other major national acclamations in a 30-year career.

The center and its dozen or so faculty members have carved out a key niche in the economic and real estate conversations here. Professor Alan Gin's index of economic indicators have long been a benchmark for the region's economic health. And Mark Riedy, the center's executive director, was a national figure in the mortgage industry before launching the university's real estate institute in the mid-1990s. It was endowed as the center in 2004 and named for two major benefactors and giants in local real estate, Malin Burnham and John Moores.

"This is a real estate town," said Riedy, who sees the center's role as a place to discuss real estate trends, not to "play conscience" for an industry. During the boom, conversations in the center's various forums and panel discussions didn't try to temper the exuberance of the real estate industry -- in fact, some mid-decade meetings proved a platform for some experts to dismiss the notion the real estate market carried the traits of a speculative bubble. Now, though, a few years into a prolonged housing slump, the tone of the forums is considerably less jubilant, but Riedy still convenes the region's pros along with national experts to share tips and answers to some of their most pressing questions.

Along those lines, the center sees San Diego as a Petri dish of real estate trends, a laboratory for testing new ideas and discussing the big questions of the day in real estate. It enrolls about 20 fulltime students a year in an 11-month master's degree in real estate, a half-dozen part-time students and professionals in certificate programs. And the school's prominence in the real estate conversation has come in large part because of its committees, conferences and panels.

They discuss trends like green building, a pet research topic for Miller; a workshop this summer explored the economics of building with sustainable practices and materials and hoped to persuade developers that the concept isn't just environmentally responsible, but economically better, too. Late last month, the center brought major mortgage industry players together with community advocates to talk about alternative foreclosure solutions for some of San Diego's worst-hit neighborhoods.
"The real estate industry has been such a big part of San Diego, both commercial and residential development," said Kelly Cunningham, longtime local economist. "This has always been an industry where the money is made and lost in Southern California."

These are topics of wide interest in San Diego, one of the nation’s most watched housing markets. In related departments, the university recently added economist Ryan Ratcliff from the University of California, Los Angeles Anderson Forecast. And television reporters from 60 Minutes have tapped another USD economics professor, Frank Partnoy, to explain credit default swaps to its audience in a story about the financial crisis.

When Riedy was president of Fannie Mae in the mid-1980s, the idea that the mortgage giant could fail and be seized was unthinkable. But in September, Riedy watched that happen from his post as executive director of the USD center.

It’s not the only previously unimaginable event Riedy’s seen in this downturn. While executives and bankers he’s known for years are now trying to figure out how to help the economy on a national level, Riedy’s trying to listen to and help real estate pros locally. He launched forums nearly as soon as he started working at USD, which previously had one professor teaching real estate principles.

"I was used to putting on programs to educate an industry to bring them all up to the same level," Riedy said. "I told the school, ‘We’ve got to put on a program, and invite people up to the hill and let them know we care about the industry.’"

Riedy said he stays in tune with what real estate pros could learn from by touching base in regular meetings with major players in local real estate. In past years, he’s brought in speakers from real estate magnate Sam Zell to a speaker on global demographics and their impact on real estate. But the center’s 13th annual real estate conference in February will focus on financing deals — from the individual home purchase to the wholesale purchase and sale of land for development. That topic comes by overwhelming demand, Riedy said, though he thinks it could be several years before new construction here.

"This year, God knows," Riedy said. "They’re saying, ‘Just tell us where the money’s coming from.’"

Riedy said while perpetual optimism is a hallmark of most real estate pros, most are in "survival mode" these days.

"They’re saying, ‘Don’t tell me how to remodel the house when it’s burning down, and don’t tell me where to put the sprinkler system. Tell me how to get out of the house and not die,’" Riedy said.

Sherri Harmer, a veteran real estate developer here and president of the Building Industry Association, said the school has helped define the discussion about real estate.

"[Riedy] wanted to be the education and the think tank for the business community involving real estate, construction and development, and he’s done a good job," he said.

Though Harmer sometimes dislikes the reality painted in research from the center, he said research is research. And even though the center is named for two high-profile San Diegans who made a lot of money in local real estate, the school’s work stays independent from appeasing its namesakes.

"It’s very commonly known that you can buy the name of the university but you can’t buy the outcome of their research," Harmer said.

Riedy said he wants the school to be a place where any opinion has room.

"If somebody has an opinion that the market’s in the toilet and is going to stay there ‘til 2020, that’s their opinion," he said. "I might not always agree, but it’s going to be a tough time, and there’s no pressure from me or anybody else to say otherwise."

Riedy said he recently spoke to a group of high-end residential brokers in La Jolla. He described what he sees as the future for the real estate market — "that the manure was going to hit the fan" — and many gave him a hard time about his analysis.

But afterward, a handful of brokers approached Riedy.

"They said ‘We think you’re absolutely right, it’s just not in our nature to agree with that,’" he said. "And that’s why they’re good at what they do — they always think it’s going to get better."

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Economy Likely
To Perk Up in 2009, Experts Say

BY MIKE ALLEN

A panel of economists at the University of San Diego agrees that the nation and San Diego are in the throes of a recession, but they say some hopeful things may improve next year.

A key prerequisite to stabilizing before the anticipated rebound is continued foreign investment into the country, several panelists said Nov. 17.

"As long as the world continues to lend money, we'll continue to have our cake and eat it too," said Ryan Ratcliff, an economics professor at USD.

"We've obviously suffered from the global economy," said Alan Gin, the panel's moderator and USD economics professor. "The worldwide economy looks like it's going into the tank, but we're considered a safe haven," said Alan Gin, the economics professor who puts out a regional economy newsletter, "and that's been our job to continue to have our cake and eat it too.""As long as the world continues to lend us money, we'll continue to have our cake and eat it too."

"That's the number of electoral votes in Michigan."

Mortgage Factor

Mark Reidy, executive director of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at USD, said the seeds of the crisis were sown years ago as billions of dollars of investment flowed into this country in search of better returns. Wall Street responded by creating ever more complex and riskier securities — all backed by mortgages.

Congress cooperated by putting pressure on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the biggest buyers of mortgages, to relax standards and accept subprime mortgagees.

Then the credit rating agencies assigned ratings to the securities that turned out to be invalid.

Additionally, "the regulators absolutely did not do their jobs. They looked the other way," Reidy said.

Despite what he called a shattering of our national reputation because of massive defaults on home loans, Reidy and the panelists agreed recent data prove the nation remains a better investment bet than most anywhere else.

"This is still the safest currency in the world. There's been a flight to quality," Reidy said.

Ratcliff pointed out that recently there was a positive sign in the local housing numbers. Last month, data showed that foreclosures had declined from the previous month and that home sales were picking up.

It provides a glimmer that a turnaround is nigh, he said.
County foreclosures fall sharply

Reduction may not be permanent, analysts caution

By Emmet Pierce

October home foreclosures in San Diego County dropped nearly 37 percent from September, but analysts say it’s too soon to know if the decline means the housing market has finally reached bottom.

The steep drop reported yesterday by the MDA Dataquick research firm was caused in part by new efforts by lenders and loan servicers to head off foreclosures by modifying troubled home loans. Another factor may have been the recent enactment of Bill 1097, which requires lenders to take more steps to keep borrowers in their homes.

The bill was signed into law in July. Although the measure didn’t take effect until Sept. 1, it’s recently giving lenders cause to slightly affect October foreclosures — its passage over the summer prompted lenders to modify more aggressive programs, said Deirdre Hasko, a spokeswoman for the California Mortgage Bankers Association.

The bill was designed for the lending industry to encourage servicers to serve foreclosure notices in the manner required by law, said Dore LePage said the drop was short term.

"It’s unclear as to whether it will be a meaningful portion foreclosures as the current crisis in financial institutions and the economy will likely result in a long-term reduction in foreclosures in San Diego County, and the state and across much of the nation in the months ahead," she said.

Dataquick reported 1,144 foreclosures in the county last month, a decline of nearly 37 percent from September and an increase of 26 percent from October 2006. There were 1,172 notices of default in October. That was a decline of nearly 8 percent from September and 17 percent from February 2007.

October 2006 was the third month in a row of declines for foreclosures in the county and the state, and much of the nation in the months ahead, she said.

At the University of San Diego’s Real Estate Finance Center for Sales Analysis, research director Robert C. Smith said the drop in foreclosures could be a sign that the mortgage market is beginning to work its way through the system.

"I think it could be that all of the low-hanging fruit was picked out," he said. "The mortgages, the ones that were going to go bad before had and the ones left are in better shape.

"As far as new foreclosures, it’s an improving market, he said. "This is part of the process that needs to happen before we can start to see a bottoming out."
'09 Real Estate Advice? Build Presold Projects

BY MICHELLE MOWAD

It's not all doom and gloom for the commercial real estate industry for 2009.

A half dozen commercial experts offered optimism for the coming year at the Urban Land Institute San Diego/Tijuana District Council's annual Real Estate Trends Conference held Nov. 11 in Southeast San Diego.

"It's not a pretty picture but a picture I think we can survive and can get through," said Rand Sperry, CEO of Sperry Van Ness International.

Despite poor business conditions, there is money to be made, even during the downturn, he said. He provided numerous suggestions, including inking deals that make a profit, even if they're lower than projected.

"Take the profit and run, don't look back and move on to your next deal," he told the crowd of 250 attendees.

Sperry encouraged developers to build products that are presold.

"Do not, I repeat, do not build any speculative projects unless you have extremely deep pockets," warned Sperry.

Optimistic Outlook

Alan Gin, associate professor of economics at the University of San Diego, predicted that certain product types, including retail, will do OK in 2009 and advised owners to add value to their properties to help retail tenants attract customers.

On the bright side, Gin said that every 10-cent decrease in gas prices puts $7 million back into the local economy.

Gasoline prices have been plummeting due to decreased demand, he noted.

Dean Schwanke, who oversees research for ULI, noted that apartment, multifamily and industrial investments are going to be the strongest real estate segments in 2009, or what he called the "best of the worst."

ULI's Emerging Trends in Real Estate forecast included its best bets for 2009.

Those bets included buying discounted loans, recappping distressed borrowers, holding core properties and being patient, and husbanding cash.
1.5 million Californians out of work

County’s jobless figure is highest since 1995

By Dean Calbreath

With thousands of jobs disappearing in retail, finance and construction, unemployment in California and San Diego County last month rose to its highest point since the recession of the early 1990s.

Statewide, the unemployment rate hit 9.2 percent in October, according to data released yesterday by the state’s Employment Development Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That’s up from 7.7 percent in September and 5.7 percent in October 2007.

That was the thirteenth consecutive month that joblessness increased, and was 6.5 percent higher than the national average of 2.7 percent, said Robert Arndt, spokesman for the state Employment Development Department.

More than 1.5 million Californians are now unemployed, adding strain on the state’s unemployment insurance fund, which was created during the Great Depression.

The state government projects that if current trends continue, the unemployment fund will be $2.4 billion in the red by the end of 2009, which would force it to borrow from the federal government for the second time in its history.

“We’ve known for years that changes must be made to the fund to keep it solvent, and it is unfortunate that now, when we need it most, it is running toward the red,” said Arndt.

Meanwhile, President Bush signed a bill extending unemployment benefits nationwide to help jobless workers make it through the holidays.

“It’s good news that President Bush is willing to extend the benefits,” said Marita Baczkas, economist at San Diego’s Center for Policy Analysis.

“With the idea of cutting back benefits would not only help the folks who lose their jobs, but would also impact the economy, since there would be less money for them to spend around.”

In San Diego County, the jobless rate hit 9.8 percent — the highest point since summer 1995, when military contractors were closing their doors after the end of the Cold War. The unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in September 2007 and 4.8 percent in October 2007.

Between October 2007 and October 2008, the state lost 101,300 jobs, including 34,600 in the past month alone. San Diego County lost 12,500 jobs during the year, representing a decrease of nearly 1 percent.

Kelly Cunningham, economist at the San Diego Institute for Policy Research, said the number of people unemployed was at its second highest point during recessions of the 1990s. He noted the local jobless rate eventually reached or top out at 9.7 percent.

“If you think of it, it’s only climb higher,” Cunningham said. “There seems to be no end in sight. It just keeps growing. There has to be a pickup in the economy before businesses start adding jobs.”

Alan Gruenig, economist at the University of San Diego, said because gas prices, a recent rise in home sales and the likelihood of a massive economic stimulus package once the Obama administration takes over in Washington could keep the economy from hitting the depths of the 1990s, but he said it’s possible unemployment could top 8 percent.

Nigel Gould, economist with BTI Global Insight, an economic forecasting firm in Massachusetts, predicted that layoffs will accelerate as the economy deteriorates.

“Firms had previously been cutting back employees only gradually, being cautious on hiring but not aggressive on firing,” he said. “They have now decided the recession will be deeper than feared and are cutting more aggressively on firing, as they see demand for their products falling rapidly.”

According to yesterday’s employment report, San Diego County added 300 workers last month, with most of the job growth coming from seasonal hiring at schools. After adjusting for those seasonal hiring fluctuations, the picture looks much gloomer.

Beacon Economics, a firm in Los Angeles that analyzes economic data, said that on a seasonally adjusted basis, San Diego lost 2,200 workers during the month, pushing the adjusted unemployment rate to 6.3 percent.

Because of the sluggish housing market, construction workers have taken the hardest hits. Over the past year, 5,800 such workers in San Diego County lost their jobs, including 300 in the past month, according to the Employment Development Department. Two hundred finance and real estate workers lost their jobs last month, bringing the yearly loss to 2,200.

The effects of the credit crunch have spread into retail sales, prompting layoffs at stores in the region. Over the past year, retailers have shed 4,500 jobs. Car dealerships cut 1,100 building supplies and garden outlets, 800 department stores, 600 furniture dealers, 500 health and personal care boutiques, 500 and clothing shops, 400.

“This is a time of year when retailers are usually adding jobs for the Christmas holiday season, not cutting existing jobs,” Cunningham said. “That’s very unusual. Even during the 1990s recession, hiring at retailers usually picked up at this time of year.”

Unemployment is increasing in other areas as well, including manufacturing, government and professional services. Employment for temporary workers dropped by 400 jobs last month, for a yearly loss of 2,200.

The employment firm Manpower is an exception. Phillip Blau, a co-owner of the firm’s regional operations, said business is strong.

“There are still some jobs out there — especially in places like computer programming, high tech, biotechnology, telecom and medical device manufacturing,” he said. “We just have people to look harder, harder and deeper and in less predictable places.”

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Some certainties with new administration, experts agree

By REBECCA GO
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SAN DIEGO — After the election last week, finance and economic experts appeared relatively optimistic about President-elect Barack Obama, although details on his economic plans will remain hazy until after the inauguration.

"He's not president yet, so he has to be careful of stepping on the toes of George Bush at this point," said professor Alan Gin after Obama gave his first press conference Friday.

"Given that constraint, (Obama) was reasonable in outlining (during the conference) what he thought were the problems and how to go about solving them."

Many applauded Obama's economic advisory board of 17, which includes investor Warren Buffett, former Treasury secretary Lawrence Summers, former Fed Chairman Paul Volcker and other leaders in government, academia and business.

"That's a good sign that he's listening to some people who are successful," said Morgan Smith, a financial adviser with Burns Advisory Group's Del Mar office. "That bodes well."

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Obama's board selections need to be reassuring and inspire confidence. Obama will likely postpone tax hikes — or simply let the Bush tax cuts expire in 2010 — while he implements tax credits.

However, one of Obama's big tasks will be to provide Americans with a reality check about the economy's ability to turn around.

"He needs to manage expectations down," Basu said. "There is tremendous euphoria. He has to remind people that he is a human being — admittedly a very smart one — but that this is going to take some time to resolve."

Recessionary times give the new president room to maneuver fiscally despite the deficit, Gin noted, although he maintains that neither Obama nor Sen. John McCain would make a difference macroeconomically.

Obama "can be a bit bold now," Gin said. "I think he would be able to run up a huge deficit through a stimulus package by arguing we need to do something."

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New administration —
USD’s Economic Indicators Sink Lower in September

An index measuring the health of San Diego’s economy dropped again in September, the 29th time it has done so in the last 30 months, according to a report released Oct. 30.

The University of San Diego's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for the county declined 0.8 percent for September, propelled mainly by a big increase in the number of unemployment insurance claims.

Only one of the six components used to determine the index, the outlook for the national economy, was in positive territory. Besides unemployment claims, the remaining components that declined were building permits issued, local stock prices, consumer confidence and the amount of help wanted ads.

Alan Gin, the USD professor who compiles the index, didn’t change his negative forecast through the first half of 2009.

“What is needed to turn the economy around both locally and nationally is stability in the housing market,” Gin said. “It is very likely that a recession will be declared for the national economy. In fact, we may be there already.”

— Mike Allen
California Considers 90-Day Foreclosure Freeze

by Carrie Kahn

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As California continues to struggle with big economic problems, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed a list of measures intended to help — including a 90-day freeze on pending home foreclosures.

"Nothing will stimulate our economy and bring it back quicker than creating a stable housing market and keeping people in their homes," he said this week.

Schwarzenegger has called legislators back to Sacramento to consider his plan, as well as the steep tax hikes and spending cuts he has proposed in hopes of closing an $11 billion budget deficit.

The foreclosure-freeze proposal — which some economists have called a bad idea — is aimed at helping thousands of distressed homeowners, like Sammy Montiel.

'Nothing But Struggling'

Montiel lives in a two-story home in Beaumont, Calif., about 80 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. He bought the house just before he was deployed to Iraq last March with his National Guard unit. He came back in June, so he has lived in the house for only six months — and now he can no longer afford to make the monthly mortgage payments.

"Since I've been out — nothing but struggling since then," Montiel says. "I didn't imagine I'd face this when I came back home. I didn't want to face this."

Montiel has stopped receiving his active-duty pay, and his wife Edith's salary has all but dried up. On top of that, home prices have dropped nearly 30 percent in this part of Southern California. The Montiels now owe more than the house is worth.

"The economy is really, really bad, and a lot of people just left like my neighbors — they just left and the other ones across the street are, you know, going into foreclosures and short sales," Edith Montiel says.

The Montiels clearly aren't alone. Californians are losing their homes at record rates. According to the research firm DataQuick, nearly 80,000 homes were foreclosed on in the third quarter of this year.

The Implications Of A Freeze

Norm Miller, a real estate economist at the University of San Diego, says the governor's proposed foreclosure freeze isn't a good solution. He says it would just delay the inevitable correction the market needs to make if it is to recover. And, he says, if the government steps in and unilaterally lowers interest rates on existing contracts, it's going to be hard to find buyers for California mortgages.

"If there's the risk that California does things independently of the rest of the country, then we eliminate the demand for buying mortgages from California, and that means our interest rates for mortgages would climb dramatically," Miller says.

Schwarzenegger insists his plan will help families keep their homes and help the state's economy. He says lenders will be rewarded for working with distressed buyers and be exempt from the 90-day waiting period.

Sammy Montiel says trying to get his lender to modify his loan on his own was useless. He says he made several efforts, but in the end, he couldn't even get his calls returned. Montiel says that was a big switch from the way the lender acted when it was trying to sell him a mortgage.

"I was honest with them: This is what I'm going to get paid; this is what my wife is getting paid," he said, adding that he was told, "Oh, yeah, you guys will do fine. You know, you guys want a home ... before you leave and you'll want a home when you come back." Hopefully, I get to keep it."

Montiel says he hopes some sort of bailout program gets up and running soon. If not, he sees no other option than re-enlisting, so his family can stay in their home.

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'MAYBE RENTING ISN'T SUCH A BAD THING'

Last week I got into a great conversation with Mark Riedy, executive director of USD’s Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, when I called to interview him for this story. Riedy’s been thinking about housing and mortgages for decades, as a longtime industry leader and the president of Fannie Mae.

What might change about the concept of homeownership now that this decade's huge homeownership push has the economy in crisis? I asked him.

Riedy said he thinks homeownership will always be an ideal. But he said that historically, the national homeownership rate was around 66.5 percent. Because of the combination of loosened restrictions for mortgages, new ways of financing loans and a governmental encouragement of the increased homeownership, the rate rose to about 69 percent this decade, he said.

"That 2.5 percent probably never should've been homeowners," he said. "We screwed around with the natural state of what it ought to be. There's a reason why they don't own."

I was putting Riedy on the spot with this question, and he acknowledged the conversation should be an ongoing one. But he theorized that 66.5 percent might be too high, and suggested the rate might naturally fall a couple of points. A lot of mortgage resources might not come back after this collapse, or they'll come back with loans at a higher (interest) price, he said -- leaving homeownership out of reach for many people.

"How would we look at rental housing differently if we knew that that was going to become a more normal part of our community?" Riedy mused.

It won't be normal in the little towns in Iowa and Nebraska, he said, but in pricey cities like San Diego: "Maybe renting isn't such a bad thing," he said. "If you start to say, 'I better pay more attention to the school district I'm renting in ...'

Riedy sent me this thought in an e-mail today:

I do believe that promoting rental housing and perhaps providing more governmental support for it, while fiscally imprudent at the present time, might make a great deal of sense in a socially responsible manner at some point in the future. The time to start thinking and talking about it, however, is now.

If you haven't yet, check out the conversation raging today over in SLOP — here and here. The debate started over here in Survival after I posted some of Councilman Ben Hueso's remarks this week about homeownership in San Diego.

As always, you can send your thoughts, tips and story ideas about housing, the economy and surviving in San Diego to me at kelly.bennett@voiceofsandiego.org.

-- KELLY BENNETT
Economic downturn brings call for extension of unemployment benefits

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Behind the grim statistics about the nation's rising jobless rate are men and women who need help, according to Catholic Church officials and economists at Catholic universities.

One immediate response to the nation's high unemployment rate should be an extension of unemployment benefits, said Tom Shellabarger, domestic policy adviser for the U.S. bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. He called it "unconscionable" that by the end of the year the unemployment benefits will run out for close to 2 million workers.

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But he also sees problems with the way unemployment figures are measured and said the system "needs an overhaul," especially since it was designed when people primarily worked 40-hour weeks. Now, some people work less but want to work more or work on a contractual basis and therefore do not qualify for unemployment benefits.

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Economists have likewise stressed the need to help low-income families in the complexities of this economic crisis.

Steve Conroy, an associate professor of economics at the University of San Diego, said, "As Catholics, we must consider the human side of this economic crisis, particularly the impact of economic policies on workers and their families."

Tax cuts alone cannot help the country get back on track, said Conroy in an e-mail response to a query from CNS. Instead, he recommended the government focus on infrastructure development projects, taking a page from President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, which was a series of programs that had as a goal the creation of jobs for the unemployed in the 1930s.

Conroy said focusing on public investment projects would reduce unemployment levels and help to jump-start the economy.

Suzanne Clain, associate professor of economics and statistics at the Villanova School of Business at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, similarly recommended job-creation programs that would grant public service jobs to displaced workers. She said in an e-mail to CNS that these jobs were preferable to simply extending unemployment benefits.

Clain also emphasized that from the perspective of Catholic social thought the government should be "especially conscious of the economic impact of the crisis on the poor and vulnerable, and should take action -- or see that action is taken by others -- to cushion the blow."

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Steve Conroy, an associate professor of economics at the University of San Diego, said, "As Catholics, we must consider the human side of this economic crisis, particularly the impact of economic policies on workers and their families."

Tax cuts alone cannot help the country get back on track, said Conroy in an e-mail response to a query from CNS. Instead, he recommended the government focus on infrastructure development projects, taking a page from President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, which was a series of programs that had as a goal the creation of jobs for the unemployed in the 1930s.

Conroy said focusing on public investment projects would reduce unemployment levels and help to jump-start the economy.

Suzanne Clain, associate professor of economics and statistics at the Villanova School of Business at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, similarly recommended job-creation programs that would grant public service jobs to displaced workers. She said in an e-mail to CNS that these jobs were preferable to simply extending unemployment benefits.

Clain also emphasized that from the perspective of Catholic social thought the government should be "especially conscious of the economic impact of the crisis on the poor and vulnerable, and should take action --- or see that action is taken by others --- to cushion the blow."
USD Graduate Students Learn More Than Just Business Skills

Submitted by the University of San Diego

When Nicole Collins stepped off the plane in Beijing in the spring of 2007, she had no idea what she was about to experience. For the next week, the local Booz Allen Hamilton employee climbed the Great Wall of China, met with Chinese business leaders, dined with American expatriates and enjoyed meeting people from all over the world at the Global Leadership Conference.

"Those nine days in China were amazing," said Collins. "I enjoyed learning about the local culture and how business is done there."

Collins and eight other students from the University of San Diego's Master of Science in Global Leadership (MSGL) program participated in the 2007 Global Leadership Conference in Shanghai as a way to put their education to the test in a practical setting.

The MSGL program teaches graduate business students team dynamics, business, and the importance of recognizing cultural differences and how those nuances can affect leadership. The Global Leadership Conference fits well with the curriculum of the MSGL program, so it has been well received by program director, Bob Schoultz.

"We like to provide our graduate students with as many opportunities outside the classroom as we can find," said Schoultz. "The annual Global Leadership Conference is a great way for MSGL students to meet other business leaders and learn how they can lead more effectively in an international setting. We're excited about the 2009 conference, which will mark our fourth year of participation."

MSGL students are able to enjoy study abroad opportunities in other parts of the world as well. Seventeen students opted to take a business strategy course in Buenos Aires, Argentina earlier this year.

"Taking a course like global business strategy in an overseas setting put our classroom discussions in a completely different frame of reference," said Navy Lieutenant Eddie Yandoc. "We learned how South Americans approach business and relationships differently than we do. I'm certain that experience will serve me well in the future."

Collins was also part of the group in Argentina. "I wanted to take full advantage of every opportunity I had while at USD," she said. "The professors who led the class in Argentina were incredible and I especially enjoyed Dr. Jaime Gomez."

Jaime Alonso Gómez, founding dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration and Leadership (EGADE) at the Tecnológico de Monterrey (TEC), Monterrey, Mexico and current national Dean of the EGADEs across the TEC System teaches regu-
larly in the MSGL program and helped lead the business strategy course in Argentina, along with USD’s MBA program director, Dr. Denise Dimon.

With an average class size of 18, MSGL students have increased opportunities for one-on-one engagement with professors. This personal interaction with exceptional faculty has made the university extremely popular among students wishing for smaller class sizes than other San Diego area schools.

The 16-month MSGL program is tailored for working professionals and focuses on leadership and ethics in the global environment, project management, and best business practices. “We also place a high priority on cultural understanding and the role it plays in successful leadership across international and cultural boundaries,” Schoultz said.

The program combines traditional classroom instruction with the latest in online and Web-based learning techniques to provide a cutting-edge learning experience.

Since 1999, more than 400 students have graduated from the MSGL program. Many of the private sector students receive generous scholarship from their employers, while the U.S. Navy has recognized the MSGL program for its Graduate Education Voucher program, providing 20 full scholarships for Naval Officers to participate each year.

An advertorial submitted by the University of San Diego. For more information on the MSGL program, please visit www.sandiego.edu/msgl.

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global business leadership education. Students from outside the San Diego area who are unable to attend the monthly classes may complete the majority of their coursework via distance and online learning means, with limited on-campus sessions.

Because of its curriculum and the convenience of the hybrid learning model, the MSGL program has attracted students from many different industries and professional backgrounds. Most recently, the leadership program has admitted several students who were born and raised in countries outside of the United States, including India, Lebanon, Australia, Turkey, Kenya and Venezuela.

John Ruzicka works as the assistant director for marketing for the MSGL program and is a recent graduate. “I’ve been pleased with the diversity of our applicants in the past couple of years,” said Ruzicka. “Having so many different perspectives in the classroom adds so much to the educational experience.”

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Door To Door Storage Provides the ‘Thanksgiving House’ with Storage Containers

Seattle, WA (PRWEB) November 6, 2008 -- Door To Door Storage, Inc., a leading national provider of portable self-storage containers and moving services, announced its participation in the Thanksgiving House project along with the University of San Diego (USD) School of Business Administration.

Called the Thanksgiving House, since work on the client’s home is completed just prior to Thanksgiving, the project’s mission is to improve the quality of life for deserving citizens of the town of Linda Vista by renovating their homes. All work is completed by USD graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in the School of Business Administration's Project Management Course. The year’s beneficiary is Rosalie Cardenas, a charming 59 year old woman who inexplicably lost the use of both legs about a year ago and as a result is now confined to a wheelchair. Students will help make Rosalie's home more wheelchair accessible by lowering the kitchen countertops, installing ADA compliant sinks, widening the doors, as well as modifying and installing new access ramps and a roll-in shower.

The San Diego branch of Door To Door will be donating all storage costs and transportation fees to provide off-site storage for Rosalie while her home is being renovated. Portable storage containers were delivered starting October 15 and will be removed in November upon completion of the project.

Five containers along with related transportation costs will be donated to accommodate the furnishings and possessions of Rosalie and her family for the duration of the project.

Being able to help Rosalie, her family and the project team is very meaningful for us as a company and an important example of our corporate values at work.

"The Thanksgiving House project is significant as it is a way for our students to connect with learning concepts and with the community in a meaningful way," said Barbara E. Wilhers, Ph.D., Professor of Project and Operations Management, USD School of Business Administration. "We appreciate having support from companies such as Door To Door in our effort to help community members that need assistance."

Door To Door Storage has already partnered with the University of San Diego and colleges across the country, helping students empty their dorm rooms for the summer break. Reinforcing its already strong relationship with the college student market, this year Door To Door Storage has promised to provide off-site storage for Rosalie while her home is being renovated. Portable storage containers were delivered starting October 15 and will be removed in November upon completion of the project.

"Door To Door Storage is extremely pleased to be a part of the Thanksgiving House effort with the School of Business Administration at USD," said Annette Jacobs, president and CEO, Door To Door Storage. "Being able to help Rosalie, her family and the project team is very meaningful for us as a company and an important example of our corporate values at work."

Work on the Thanksgiving House will take place on November 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th. All renovations of Rosalie’s house will be free of charge to her. The project is not funded by USD, so funds must be raised to cover all the expenses. For more information and to make a donation, please visit www.sandiego.edu/thanksgivinghouse.

About the Thanksgiving House Project and the University of San Diego

The mission of the Thanksgiving House project is to improve the quality of life for deserving Linda Vista citizens by renovating their homes. This mission is accomplished by a renovation project completed by USD graduate and undergraduate students who are enrolled in the Project Management course. The home renovation project provides students with the opportunity to learn and apply the tools and techniques of project management while providing community service. The Project Management course is offered every fall semester and the renovation work is completed the week before Thanksgiving, hence the name The Thanksgiving House.

The University of San Diego is a private university sponsored by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Established in 1949, the school enrolls approximately 8,000 students and is known for its commitment to teaching, the liberal arts, the formation of values and community service. The establishment of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies will bring the University's total number of schools and colleges to six. Other academic divisions include the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education, Law, and Nursing and Health Science.

For more information, please visit the company website at DoorToDoor.com.

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New study finds green buildings sell, lease better than non-green

- The CEO of Co-Star, which did the study, said small supply and big demand are insulating green buildings from some of downturn.

By KATIE ZEMTSEFF
Journal Staff Reporter

A recent study by CoStar Group, a commercial real estate information and research company, says LEED or Energy Star certified buildings have a higher occupancy rate than their non-green competitors and rent for more per square foot. The study looked at three million properties in the U.S.

The information was presented at the U.S. Green Building Council's Greenbuild conference in Boston last week. Andy Florance, president and CEO of CoStar, Jay Spivey of CoStar, Norm Miller of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego, presented the information.

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Roell to speak at USD conference

The University of San Diego announced Thursday that Andreas Roell, an alumnus and entrepreneur in San Diego, will speak at the school's Global Leadership Entrepreneur Week.

Roell, co-founder, chairman and CEO of Geary Interactive, will talk on Nov. 17 about the trials and tribulations of building his interactive marketing company.

Geary Interactive provides one-stop solutions for online advertising needs and has offices in San Diego, San Francisco and Las Vegas. USD called it "one of San Diego's fastest-growing companies."

Prior to forming the agency, Andreas co-founded Prime Player, the Internet's first portal for sports participants.

A native of Karlsruhe, Germany, Roell earned an M.B.A. at USD and graduated magna cum laude.

Roell's talk takes place at 5:30 p.m. in USD's Manchester Executive Conference Center. Source Code: 20081113czb
Andreas Roell, a USD graduate and San Diego entrepreneur, will speak at the university on Nov. 17 as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week. Roell, co-founder, chairman and CEO of Geary Interactive, will talk about the trials and tribulations of building his interactive marketing company. Prior to forming the agency, Andreas co-founded Prime Player, an Internet portal for sports participants. Roell serves on the Interactive Advertising Bureau and is currently the governor of the 15th District of the American Advertising Federation. He was previously the San Diego Ad Council's president for two terms.

Roell's talk takes place at 5:30 p.m. in USD's Manchester Executive Conference Center. Students, alumni and faculty from USD will be joined by students from SDSU, UCSD and Point Loma Nazarene University. The event will be the first of several to be held during Global Entrepreneurship Week, an effort to inspire young people to embrace innovation, imagination and creativity taking place in more than 75 countries around the world from Nov. 17-23. ** ***
Foundation Gives $100K to Jewish Family Service

Jewish Family Service of San Diego received a $100,000 grant from the Leichtag Family Foundation to support the agency's Jewish BigPals and older adult nutrition programs. The BigPals program for boys and girls matches Jewish adults and Jewish children of Jewish parents in one-to-one mentoring relationships. The older adults' effort provides meals to those who have no means to cook or eat out... A $100,000 bequest from the estate of Robert Anthony Buzzelli will fund the Robert Anthony Buzzelli Endowed Fellowship in Oceanography to support five-year graduate students at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Buzzelli, who died in 2007 at age 45, was a great-grandson of E.W. Scripps, founder of Scripps... University of San Diego student Artin Panossian was awarded the Majestic Realty/Society of Industrial and Office Realtors educational scholarship of $10,000. Panossian is one of six students awarded this scholarship... Meals on Wheels Dine With the Chefs fundraiser was held Sept. 28. The $50,000 raised will go toward the organization's efforts to battle hunger in the county... Cook & Schmid received the Silver Bernays Award of Merit and a Bronze Bernays Award of Excellence at a recent San Diego chapter of the Public Relations Society of America awards ceremony. Mike Rose of Nuffer, Smith, Tucker was awarded the Deborah Baker Professional of the Year Award... Atlas Van Lines recognized Ace Relocation Systems for hauling excellence at its annual convention Oct. 29. Requirements for the award include a critical review of safety and claims records and a high agent rating for van operator performance... Edda Te­moche-Wolde, a Spanish instructor at Grossmont College, was given the annual Distinguished Faculty Award for outstanding contributions in teaching and exceptional academic leadership. According to Chris Hill, president of the Academic Senate, the award recognizes her service over the years on numerous committees... Craig Schloss, of Morrison & Foerster's San Diego office, was recently honored with the David K. Kroll Leadership Award in recognition of service to the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Schloss has served the JCC in several capacities during the past 20 years... Daniel Brunton and Robert Ksiez of Latham & Watkins received the La Mancha Award for Distinguished Pro Bono Legal Service from Casa Cornelia Law Center at its 15th anniversary celebration Oct. 23 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. The firm donated pro bono legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations... The Grossmont College Foundation raised $130,000 at the seventh annual Dinner Auction and Gala on Oct. 25... Feeding America San Diego received a refrigerated truck and food donated by Newman's Own and Ford Motor. The truck, which was filled with Newman's Own products, will be used to deliver food throughout the county... Cal State San Marcos presented the Alumni Achievement Award to two graduates at its annual Alumni Affair program. Catherine Armas-Matsumoto and Roberto Ramirez were recognized for their commitment to the university's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service... The Pininfarina designed Keating Hotel was the only winning California luxury hotel to be recognized at the World Luxury Hotel Awards Gala Ceremony. The Gaslamp Quarter hotel was recognized as this year's finest international Luxury City Hotel. Please send Kudos and Giving items to contributing writer Joyce Glazer at jglazer@sdbj.com.
DECONSTRUCTING THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

USD's School of Business Administration and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday (Nov. 18) will present a panel of financial experts to review the national financial crisis and to make a few predictions. The forum will be from 10 a.m. to noon in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre.

Participating business school faculty members are economics professors Stephen Conroy, Alan Gin and Ryan Ratcliff; finance professor Manzur Rahman; and Mark Riedy of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate. Subjects to be discussed include a review of the issues that may have contributed to the current crisis, the roots of the housing bubble and its bust, Federal Reserve policy and the real estate market.

Conroy will moderate the panel and speak on the Troubled Asset Rescue Program to rescue the financial system during the transition to political leadership and a new presidential administration. Gin publishes the USD Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County. Ratcliff will talk about the macroeconomic roots of the housing bubble and its bust, looking primarily at Federal Reserve policy and other related topics. Rahman will focus on the greater reliance on debt financing, changes in the international asset position, the fate of the financial sector in the economy and corporate governance failures. Riedy will look at the real estate and mortgage industries and discuss the failure of regulators and the breakdown of market discipline.

There is no cost to attend, but reservations are recommended. Call (619) 260-4659 or email to: debate@sandiego.edu
Theater gives Christmas an early start

On the Agenda
By Rebecca Go

SAN DIEGO — Although Thanksgiving is still more than week away, Christmas is already in the air, with holiday plays kicking off their opening week.

The North Coast Repertory Theatre shows "The Velveteen Rabbit." The Old Globe Theatre brings back an old favorite with "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Diversi'or® Theatre takes a bit of a risque, burlesque approach with "Scrooge in Rouge." The San Diego City Council holds a public hearing at 2 p.m. Monday at its administration building to consider proposed adjustments in water rates.

For more information, call the Water Department at 619-235-3500.

The Women's Global Network raises funds for the Global Business Partners Microfinance Program on Monday at its beauty event, featuring beauty services, products and education as well as beverages and a raffle. For more information, visit wgn-global.com and click on "Calendar of Events."

CommNexus looks into how case law affects business Tuesday at a breakfast event from 7-9 a.m. Panelists will discuss recent developments in cases including Quanta v. LG, LInce v. Microsoft, and Broadcom v. Qualcomm. For more information, visit commnexus.org.

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the University of San Diego present a forum on the upcoming economic crisis from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday. A panel of USD professors will share what they think will happen next. To RSVP, visit sdchamber-member.com/Events/PolicyForum. For more information, contact shops@sdmcu.org.

The National Press Club hosts its second Management Consultants Speaker Series from 12:15-1:15 p.m on Wednesday. The featured speaker will discuss new developments and the implications of a new presidential administration and the ongoing debate about the economy and budget. The event will take place in the National Press Club's atrium. For more information, visit biocom.org.

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Pettit Kohn Ingrausa & Lataz PC holds its second annual Employment Law Symposium on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Human resource managers will discuss recent developments in employment law. To register, visit petitions.com/EmployLaw.ht

Biocom throws a black-tie gala Saturday at the San Diego Air & Space Museum starting at 6-9 p.m. The event will celebrate science, literacy and education as well as NASA's 50-year anniversary. For more information, visit biocom.org.
USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate will hold the ninth annual Residential Real Estate Conference: Outlook 2009 on Dec. 9. Lenders, developers, Realtors and other real estate professionals will address opportunities and challenges in the local and regional residential real estate market for the coming year. The event lasts from 7:30 to 11:15 a.m.

La Vaughn Henry, senior economist at The PMI Group Inc., will be keynote speaker. Presentations will be made by other economists including Alan Gin, associate professor of economics at USD and Ryan Ratcliff, assistant professor of economics at USD and former economist at the UCLA Anderson Forecast.

The event will conclude with a panel discussion featuring Joseph Anfuso, president of Florsheim Homes; Anthony Botte, senior v.p. of Western U.S., Hearthstone Advisors; Daniel Golovato, first v.p. of Equity Residential; Jason Hall, co-owner, president, CFO and COO of RE/MAX Associates; and Michael Schuerman, director of research for the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp.

To register for the event, visit www.sandiego.edu/outlook. For more information, call Meghan Bokath at (619) 260-2379.
The University of San Diego brings in University of Rome professor Paolo Guerrieri for its MBA International Speaker Series on Wednesday from 12:15-1:45 p.m. Guerrieri’s talk is titled “The World Economy in 2020: Globalization Survive?”

The San Diego chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners brings in a professional organizer and image consultant to teach attendees how to “supercharge” their image. Kathi Burns will share tips on how to dress to make you look your best. To register, visit nawbo-sd.org.

The San Diego MIT Enterprise Forum channels some candor and compassion for its Wednesday event titled “Failure IS an Option.” Panelists will share how they faced failure and picked themselves up again. For more information on this self-described “irreverent” event from 5-8 p.m., visit sdmitforum.org.

AeA’s San Diego chapter examines green design Thursday from 7:30-9:30 a.m. to help attendees possibly reduce costs and gain a strategic foothold. The talk will address the current alphabet soup of environmental regulations and planning for the future of these requirements. Register at aeanet.org.

The National Defense Industrial Association’s San Diego chapter supports the CyberSecurity Collaboration Summit on Thursday. The event, which goes from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., seeks to help industry professionals identify and focus on security needs. For more information, visit igouge.com.

The American Marketing Association invites company executives and nonprofit leaders to attend a luncheon and panel discussion Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speakers will cover tips, trends, social responsibility, developing partnerships and more. To RSVP, visit sandiego.marketingpower2.com.

Commercial Real Estate Women offers some coaching advice at its monthly luncheon Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The featured speaker will provide tips on moving conversations and relationships forward and becoming a better leader, motivator and coach. For more information, visit crewsandiego.org.

The San Diego World Trade Center collaborates with some area chambers of commerce and the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana for a Thursday presentation on doing business in Japan. The speaker will discuss Japan’s trajectory in terms of sustainability politics, measures and initiatives and their effect on businesses in Japan. For more information on the 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. event, visit sdwtc.org.

The Lawyers Club of San Diego tackles the topic of substance abuse and addiction at its monthly luncheon Thursday from 12-1:15 p.m. The talk is titled “The Other Bar: What No One Wants to Talk About.” Register online at lawyersclubsandiego.com; click on “Events & Calendar.”

The San Diego Software Industry Council invites entrepreneurs to an interactive workshop on “Doing a Startup Right” on Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m. The featured speaker, a partner at a local law firm specializing in emerging growth and technology, will cover the numerous issues facing entrepreneurs and how to deal with them. To register, visit sdsic.org.

Golden Equity Mortgage Corp. offers some clarity on mortgages Thursday at its “Loan Help 101” Informational Forum from 5:30-8 p.m. San Diegans looking for answers can register at goldenequitymortgage.com.

The Construction Management Association of America glances into its crystal ball Thursday with McGraw-Hill’s Construction Forecast event from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The dinner event aims to provide some insight into where the industry is expected to go — from a firm that has been forecasting construction activity for decades. Register at cmaa-sd.org.

The San Diego Software Industry Council invites executives and managers to learn about Lean-Agile software philosophies and the challenges that come with transitioning to Lean-Agile. The event is on Friday from 7:30-9 a.m. To register, visit sdsic.org.

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce examines the issues of intellectual property Friday from 8-9:30 a.m. in one of its Technology Seminars. Reserve a spot by visiting sdchamber.org or calling (619) 544-1361.

Biocom throws a black-tie gala Saturday at the San Diego Air & Space Museum from 6-9 p.m. The event will celebrate science literacy and education as well as NASA’s 50-year anniversary. For more information, visit biocom.org.

Local earnings

Mad Catz Interactive (AMEX/TSE: MCZ) moves its conference call and webcast from last week to Monday to allow it additional time to finalize its second quarter results. Management will host the call at 2 p.m. The company closed at 35 cents on the American Stock Exchange on Friday, toward the bottom of its 52-week range of 28 cents to $1.23.

Jack in the Box Inc. (NYSE: JBX) releases fourth quarter results after market close Tuesday with a conference call and webcast Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. The company closed at $15.37 on Friday, toward the bottom of its 52-week range of $14.21 to $32.32.
REAL ESTATE

Horace Hogan II, president and COO of Brehm Communities, has taken the reins of the California Building Industry Association as chairman. Hogan previously was vice chairman of the organization and has held a variety of leadership roles since 2003. Hogan has served as vice chairman of the Building Industry Institute and has been on the California Major Builders Council. On the national level, he has been a director for the National Association of Home Builders since 2005.

Hogan is a member of the residential real estate committee at USD and was appointed by the mayor of San Diego to the city’s affordable housing task force. He co-founded Pacific Gateway Homes in Aliso Viejo and served as v.p. of the Mission Viejo Co., a developer in south Orange County.

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Researched by Kevin Black and Andrew Schweitzer
CERTIFICATE IN LAND USE

This course will provide the participant with an overview of the key local, state and federal environmental regulations that govern land use. Other Dates: Tuesday, Nov 18; Tuesday, Dec 2 Organization: Burnham Moores Center for Real Estate (USD) Information: Jodi Waterhouse (619)260-4231 jodiw@sandiego.edu Cost: $450.00 When: Hours: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Where: USD Manchester Conference Center, 5998 Alcala Park, Linda Vista

5TH ANNUAL TRENDS CONFERENCE


5K WALK

This event will raise money to assist San Diego police officers to buy homes in the communities they serve. Organization: San Diego Association of Realtors (SDAR) Information: (619)614-7474 www.sdar.com Cost: No Details Available When: Starts: 8:00 AM Where: Liberty Station, NTC Park, Point Loma
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School of Law
Moving past the Proposition 8 vote

By Miranda McGowan and David McGowan

This August, we received a wedding invitation. It read:

"Olivia, Sebastian and Evelyn
Request the pleasure of your company
At the wedding of their parents
Keith and Greg"

Our friends Keith and Greg have three beautiful children who, when it became possible, asked that their parents marry. In September, Olivia, Sebastian and Evelyn smiled radiantly as Keith and Greg vowed to love each other for the rest of their lives.

We treasure this wedding because it was the example of Keith, Greg and their family that persuaded us, after 10 years of marriage, to start a family of our own. Their family has strengthened ours immeasurably.

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So what should those of us who lost on Tuesday do now?
First, we must support the families hurt by last week's vote. Recently, we took two newlyweds to dinner to celebrate their wedding. The morning after the election, we saw one of them dissolve in tears and leave school. The majority who took away Olivia, Sebastian and Evelyn's rights did not tell us how to explain its actions to them. We must fill that silence with love.

Second, as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, we must not succumb to the temptation of bitterness. Fear played a large role in Tuesday's vote. Fear of the unknown, fear of what children might be taught, fear of moral decline in society. That is understandable. Change may be frightening; the more so when fear is made a tactic. But anger and resentment borne of bitterness do not diminish fear. They compound it.

Third, we must show by our stories and examples that all families deserve support and condemnation, whether they have two dads, two moms or one of each. Tolerance has been the key concept in securing rights for gay men and lesbians so far, but we may tolerate what we condemn. However softly spoken by some who talk of tolerance, the Election Day vote was a vote of condemnation.

There is nothing to condemn in Keith and Greg's family or tens of thousands of other same-sex families. There is instead everything to praise. As with the families you support and who support you, by supporting and strengthening these families you support and strengthen your own. We know; we speak from experience.

Those of us who know the truth must continue to make it known:
Society needs no protection from same-sex families such as Keith and Greg's. It would do better to emulate them, as we have. We must believe with Dr. King that a lie cannot live.

One vote on Tuesday showed us the power of fear, but another showed us that he was right.
By Elinor Comlay

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As investors clamor to bail out of the funds, many funds have refused to hand client money back, arguing that redemptions will force them to sell assets at depressed prices.

That is where banks come in, offering derivatives known as swaps that are meant to offer investors the opposite of returns in hedge funds: if the funds fall 10 percent in value, these swaps should rise 10 percent.

And while banks have been pitching these derivatives for some time, it was not until indexes showed the hedge fund sector nosediving 5 percent in September alone that investor interest picked up.

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This is a big shift for investors, who for years used derivatives to boost their exposure to hedge funds. Two years ago, they might have bought products that allowed them to earn twice the gains or losses of a hedge fund of funds, meaning if a fund rose 10 percent, the derivative would rise 20 percent.

But the modeling involved in these derivatives spooks some clients and using a complicated instrument to offset a hedge fund could result in investors paying big fees all around.

But some view these products as their only option if they are locked into funds that are losing money.

'Some kind of a fatalistic view that they've already lost enough and so what's the harm?' said Alice Yurke, a partner at law firm McKee Nelson.

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Foreclosure Phil: Who's to blame for the biggest financial catastrophe of our time?

By David Corn

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Years before Phil Gramm was a McCain campaign adviser and a lobbyist for a Swiss bank at the center of the housing credit crisis, he pulled a shifty maneuver in the Senate that helped create today's subprime meltdown.

Who's to blame for the biggest financial catastrophe of our time? There are plenty of culprits, but one candidate for lead嘌er is former Sen. Phil Gramm. Eight years ago, as part of a decentralization crusade, Gramm pushed a shifty legislative maneuver that paved the way to the trillion-dollar subprime meltdown. Yet Gramm has been banished from the corridors of power? Relegated to the villain who bankrupted Middle America? Hardly. Now a well-paid executive at a Swiss bank, Gramm counsels Sen. John McCain's presidential campaign and advises the Republican candidate on economic matters. He's been mentioned as a possible Treasury secretary should McCain win. That's right: A guy who helped create the financial system that could end up in charge of US economic policy. Talk about a market failure.

Gramm's long been a harmenid to Big Finance. In the 1990s, as chairman of the Senate banking committee, he routinely turned down Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Arthur Levitt's requests for more money to police Wall Street; during this period, the sec's workload shot up 80 percent, but its staff grew only 20 percent. Gramm also opposed an sec rule that would have prohibited accounting firms from getting too close to the companies they audited—at one point, according to Levit's memoir, he warned the sec chairman that if the commission adopted the rule, its funding would be cut. And in 1999, Gramm pushed through a highly-banking deregulation bill that decimated Depression-era firewalls between commercial banks, investment banks, insurance companies, and securities firms—setting off a wave of merger mania.

But Gramm's most cunning coup on behalf of his friends in the financial services industry—friends who gave him millions over his 24-year congressional career—came on December 15, 2000. It was an especially tense time in Washington. Only two days earlier, the Supreme Court had ruled in Bush v. Gore, President Bill Clinton and the Republican-controlled Congress were locked in a budget showdown. It was the perfect moment for a sly senator to gamethe system. As Congress and the White House were hurriedly hammering out a $348-billion omnibus spending bill, Gramm slipped in a 325-page measure called the Commodity Futures Modernization Act. Written with the help of financial industry lobbyists and cosponsored by Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), the chairman of the agriculture committee, the measure had been considered dead—by Gramm. Few lawmakers had either the opportunity or inclination to read the version of the bill Gramm inserted. "Nobody in either chamber had any knowledge of what was going on or what was in it," says a congressional aide familiar with the bill.

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It didn't quite work out that way. For starters, the legislation provision lobbied for by Enron, a generous contributor to Gramm—that exempted energy trading from regulatory oversight, allowing Enron to run rampant, wreaking billions in losses—remained utterly unregulated, meaning no one made sure the banks and hedge funds, notes Michael Greenberger, the sec's chief counsel, followed the rules. "You're going around saying this was my fault—and It's not my fault. I didn't intend this."

By the time the Enron loophole was small potatoes compared to the devastation caused by the subprime crisis, subprime swaps would unleash. Credit default swaps are essentially insurance policies covering the value of other financial instruments (an "underlying") in case of heavy losses on securities in the event of a default. Financial institutions buy them to hedge against losses on investments, and hedge funds, for example, buy them to "lock in" a security's price if an investment they hold goes south. It's like bookies trading bets, with banks and hedge funds being the bookies, and the underlying being the investment. Because of the swap-related provisions of Gramm's bill—which were supported by Fed chairman Alan Greenspan and Treasury secretaries Paul O'Neill and Andrew Card—$2 trillion in credit default swaps (a $6 billion market nearly four times the size of the entire US stock market) remained utterly unregulated, meaning no one made sure the banks and hedge funds could cover the losses they guaranteed.

In essence, Wall Street's biggest players (which, thanks to Gramm's earlier banking deregulation efforts, now incorporated everything from your checking account to your pension fund to your mortgage) went on a spending spree: "Tens of billions of dollars were invested in instruments—and derivatives. "No one had a clue where the risks were flowing." Betting on the riskiest subprime mortages—more lucrative—than the subprime was. Because, he says, "the whole subprime crisis was based on the subprime bets." Now, belatedly, the financial system could end up in charge of US economic policy. Talk about a market failure. And who's in charge? Phil Gramm.

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A Deregulator Looks Back, Unswayed

ERIC LIPTON and STEPHEN LABSON

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WASHINGTON — Back in 1950 in Columbus, Ga., a young nurse working double shifts to support her three children and disabled husband managed to buy a modest bungalow on a street called Dogwood Avenue.

Phil Gramm, the former United States senator, often told that story of how his mother acquired his childhood home. Considered something of a risk, she took out a mortgage with relatively high interest rates that he likened to today’s subprime loans.

A fierce opponent of government intervention in the marketplace, Mr. Gramm, a Republican from Texas, recalled the episode during a 2001 Senate debate over a measure to curb predatory lending. What some view as exploitive, he argued, others see as a gift.

"Some people look at subprime lending and see evil. I look at subprime lending and I see the American dream in action," he said. "My mother lived it as a result of a finance company making a mortgage loan that a bank would not make."

On Capitol Hill, Mr. Gramm became the most effective proponent of deregulation in a generation, by dint of his expertise (a Ph.D. in economics), free-market ideology, perch on the Senate banking committee and force of personality (a writer in Texas once called him "a snapping turtle"). And in one remarkable stretch from 1999 to 2001, he pushed laws and promoted policies that he says unshackled businesses from needless restraints but his critics charge significantly contributed to the financial crisis that has rattled the nation.

He led the effort to block measures curtailing deceptive or predatory lending, which was just beginning to result in a jump in home foreclosures that would undermine the financial markets. He advanced legislation that fractured oversight of Wall Street while knocking down Depression-era barriers that restricted the rise and reach of financial conglomerates.

And he pushed through a provision that ensured virtually no regulation of the complex financial instruments known as derivatives, including credit swaps, contracts that would encourage risky investment practices at Wall Street’s most venerable institutions and spread the risks, like a virus, around the world.

Many of his deregulation efforts were backed by the Clinton administration. Other members of Congress — who collectively received hundreds of millions of dollars in campaign contributions from financial industry donors over the last decade — also played roles.

Many lawmakers, for example, insisted that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the nation’s largest mortgage finance companies, take on riskier mortgages in an effort to aid poor families. Several Republicans resisted efforts to address lending abuses. And Congressional committees failed to address early symptoms of the coming illness.

But, until he left Capitol Hill in 2002 to work as an investment banker and lobbyist for UBS, a Swiss bank that has been hard hit by the market downturn, it was Mr. Gramm who most effectively took up the fight against more government intervention in the markets.

"Phil Gramm was the great spokesman and leader of the view that market forces should drive the economy without regulation," said James D. Cox, a corporate law scholar at Duke University. "The movement he helped to lead contributed mightily to our problems."

In two recent interviews, Mr. Gramm described the current turmoil as "an incredible trauma," but said he was proud of his record.

He blamed others for the crisis: Democrats who dropped barriers to borrowing in order to promote homeownership; what he once termed "predatory borrowers" who took out mortgages they could not afford; banks that took on too much risk; and large financial institutions that did not set aside enough capital to cover their bad bets.

But looser regulation played virtually no role, he argued, saying that is simply an emerging myth.

"There is this idea afloat that if you had more regulation you would have fewer mistakes," he said. "I don't see any evidence in our history or anybody else's to substantiate it." He added, "The markets have worked better than you might have thought."

Rejecting Common Wisdom

Mr. Gramm sees himself as a myth buster, and has long argued that economic events are misunderstood.

Before entering politics in the 1970s, he taught at Texas A & M University. He studied the Great Depression, producing research rejecting the conventional wisdom that suicides surged after the market crashed. He examined financial panics of the 19th century, concluding that policy makers and economists had repeatedly misread events to justify burdensome regulation.

"There is always a revisionist history that tries to claim that the system has failed and what we need to do is have government run things," he said.

From the start of his career in Washington, Mr. Gramm aggressively promoted his conservative ideology and free-market beliefs. (He was so insistent about having his way that one House speaker joked that if Mr. Gramm had been around when Moses brought the Ten Commandments down from Mount Sinai, the Texan would have substituted his own.)
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Once again, he succeeded in putting off consideration of lending restrictions. His opposition infuriated consumer advocates. "What incredible exploitation," he said sarcastically. "As a result of that loan, at a 50 percent premium, so far as I am aware, she was the first person in her family, from Adam and Eve, ever to own her own home."

Speaking at a bankers' conference that month, Mr. Gramm said the problem of predatory loans was not of the banks' making. Instead, he faulted "predatory borrowers." The American Banker, a trade publication, later reported that he was greeted "like a conquering hero."

At the Altar of Wall Street

Mr. Gramm would sometimes speak with reverence about the nation's financial markets, the trading and deal making that churn out wealth.

"When I am on Wall Street and I realize that that's the very nerve center of American capitalism and I realize what capitalism has done for the working people of America, to me that's a holy place," he said at an April 2000 Senate hearing after a visit to New York.

That viewpoint — and concerns that Wall Street's dominance was threatened by global competition and outdated regulations — shaped his agenda.

In late 1999, Mr. Gramm played a central role in what would be the most significant financial services legislation since the Depression. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, as the measure was called, removed barriers between commercial and investment banks that had been instituted to reduce the risk of economic catastrophes. Long sought by the industry, the law would let commercial banks, securities firms and insurers become financial supermarkets offering an array of services.

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"There was no attention given to how these regulators would interact with one another," said Professor Cox of Duke. "Nobody was looking at the holes of the regulatory structure."

The arrangement was a compromise required to get the law adopted. When the law was signed in November 1999, he proudly declared it "a deregulatory bill," and added, "We have learned government is not the answer."

In the final days of the Clinton administration a year later, Mr. Gramm celebrated another triumph. Determined to close the door on future regulation of the emerging market of derivatives and swaps, he helped push through legislation that accomplished that goal.

Created to help companies and investors limit risk, swaps are contracts that typically work like a form of insurance. A bank concerned about rises in interest rates, for instance, can buy a derivatives instrument that would protect it from rate swings. Credit-default swaps, one type of derivative, could protect the holder of a mortgage security against a possible default.

Earlier laws had left the regulation issue sufficiently ambiguous, worrying Wall Street, the Clinton administration and lawmakers of both parties, who argued that too many restrictions would hurt financial activity and spur traders to take their business overseas. And while the Commodity Futures Trading Commission — under the leadership of Mr. Gramm's wife, Wendy — had approved rules in 1989 and 1993 exempting some swaps and derivatives from regulation, there was still concern that step was not enough.

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Finally, he had extracted enough. In December 2000, the Commodity Futures Modernization Act was passed as part of a larger bill by unanimous consent after Mr. Gramm dominated the Senate debate.

“This legislation is important to every American investor,” he said. “It will keep our markets modern, efficient and innovative, and it guarantees that the United States will maintain its global dominance of financial markets.”

But some critics worried that the lack of oversight would allow abuses that could threaten the economy.

Frank Partnoy, a law professor at the University of San Diego and an expert on derivatives, said, “No one, including regulators, could get an accurate picture of this market. The consequences of that is that it left us in the dark for the last eight years.” And, he added, “Bad things happen when it’s dark.”

In 2002, Mr. Gramm left Congress, joining UBS as a senior investment banker and head of the company’s lobbying operation.

But he would not be abandoning Washington.

Lobbying From the Outside

Soon, he was helping persuade lawmakers to block Congressional Democrats’ efforts to combat predatory lending. He arranged meetings with executives and top Washington officials. He turned over his $1 million political action committee to a former aide to make donations to like-minded lawmakers.

Mr. Gramm, now 66, who declined to discuss his compensation at UBS, picked an opportune moment to move to Wall Street. Major financial institutions, including UBS, were growing, partly as a result of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

Increasingly, institutions were trading the derivatives instruments that Mr. Gramm had helped escape the scrutiny of regulators. UBS was collecting hundreds of millions of dollars from credit-default swaps. (Mr. Gramm said he was not involved in that activity at the bank.) In 2001, a year after passage of the commodities law, the derivatives market insured about $900 billion worth of credit; by last year, the number had swelled to $62 trillion.

But as housing prices began to fall last year, foreclosure rates began to rise, particularly in regions where there had been heavy use of subprime loans. That set off a calamitous chain of events. The weak housing markets would create strains that eventually would have financial institutions around the world on the edge of collapse.

UBS was among them. The bank has declared nearly $50 billion in credit losses and write-downs since the start of last year, prompting a bailout of up to $60 billion by the Swiss government.

As Mr. Gramm’s record in Congress has come under attack amid all the turmoil, some former colleagues have come to his defense.

“He is a true dyed-in-the-wool free-market guy. He is very much a purist, an idealist, as he has a set of principles and he has never abandoned them,” said Peter G. Fitzgerald, a Republican and former senator from Illinois. “This notion of blaming the economic collapse on Phil Gramm is absurd to me.”

But Michael D. Donovan, a former S.E.C. lawyer, faulted Mr. Gramm for his insistence on deregulating the derivatives market.

“He was the architect, advocate and the most knowledgeable person in Congress on these topics,” Mr. Donovan said. “To me, Phil Gramm is the single most important reason for the current financial crisis.”

Mr. Gramm, ever the economics professor, disputes his critics’ analysis of the causes of the upheaval. He asserts that swaps, by enabling companies to insure themselves against defaults, have diminished, not increased, the effects of the declining housing markets.

“This is part of this myth of deregulation,” he said in the interview. “By and large, credit-default swaps have distributed the risks. They didn’t create it. The only reason people have focused on them is that some politicians don’t know a credit-default swap from a turnip.”

But many experts disagree, including some of Mr. Gramm’s former allies in Congress. They say the lack of oversight left the system vulnerable.

“The virtually unregulated over-the-counter market in credit-default swaps has played a significant role in the credit crisis, including the now $167 billion taxpayer rescue of A.I.G.,” Christopher Cox, the chairman of the S.E.C. and a former congressman, said Friday.

Mr. Gramm says that, given what has happened, there are modest regulatory changes he would favor, including requiring issuers of credit-default swaps to demonstrate that they have enough capital to back up their pledges. But his belief that government should intervene only minimally in markets is unshaken.

“They are saying there was 15 years of massive deregulation and that’s what caused the problem,” Mr. Gramm said of his critics. “I just don’t see any evidence of it.”
According to economist and author Michel Chossudovsky, we are facing "the most serious economic crisis in world history . . . [Moreover, this] crisis is the outcome of a deregulated financial architecture." (Who Are the Architects of the Economic Collapse?, Michel Chossudovsky)

While there is considerable consensus for Chossudovsky's assertions, too often left unexamined are the underlying mechanisms of the financial architecture itself.

Simply put, this architecture is based on a monetary system in which one man's savings are in effect another man's debts, which are ultimately debts to the large financial conglomerates. It is a system mathematically dependent on boom/bust cycles which foster both greed and gluttony -- and facilitates continual redistribution of wealth upwards, and away from the real producers of wealth. The architecture for this system has evolved over centuries as a means by which to moderate speculative activity -- particularly that kind of speculation which involves increasingly sophisticated and complex derivative instruments.

With few exceptions, derivatives today are an exclusive investment tool for very select groups and individuals who have massive financial resources and lines of credit at their disposal. These groups and individuals include large institutional investors, insurance companies, high net worth individual investors and family offices, U.S. endowments, foundations and pension funds, select private banks, sovereign wealth funds and the like -- whose business in turn is handled by a relatively few "high rolling" dealers. Thus, as Warren Buffet wrote, "Large amounts of risk, particularly credit risk, have become concentrated in the hands of relatively few derivatives dealers . . ."

The end result, as Chossudovsky suggests, is that "Federal, State and municipal governments are increasingly in a straightjacket, under the tight control of the global financial conglomerates [where] the creditors call the shots on government reform." (Who Are the Architects of the Economic Collapse? Michel Chossudovsky)

Because of this rather undemocratic and peculiar set of circumstances it is not unreasonable to conclude that a relatively small handful of select groups and individuals, together with their dealers and financial managers, are able to exert hitherto unimaginable influence over whole economies, governments, and even world events, not the least of which is the current economic crisis. This becomes particularly obvious in view of the explosive growth of the world wide derivatives trade which went from approximately $100 trillion in 2002 to a very shakily estimated $681 trillion by the end of 2007.

No one knows the extent of leveraging that went into that estimated $681 trillion, but even assuming the more conservative -- and traditional 10 to 1 debt-to-asset ratio, this means that potentially some $600 trillion could disappear from the world's economy. This is due to the fact that collapsing debt means a collapsing money supply, since money is created when banks extend credit through what are loosely termed loanable funds.

The manner in which money is created (as debt) is the real reason why "credit is the lifeblood of the economy." And it is why governments are rushing to inject liquidity -- aka taxpayer debt -- into their banking systems through a growing plethora of stimulus packages, assisted buyouts, takeovers, and bailouts. As in the case of the U.S. where "fighting the financial crisis has put the U.S. on the hook for some $5 trillion . . . so far" (Washington's $5 Trillion Tab, Elizabeth Moyer) it is also why bailout and stimulus packages are exploding worldwide.

Perhaps the worst part about all this is that the lure of fast money-- together with the pressure of mounting debt and the phenomenon created by counter party risk -- has effectively married all levels of government,
non-profits, educational institutions, pension funds and much more to the incredibly risky -- and exclusive --
global derivatives trade. The global derivatives trade has, in other words, become so intertwined with the
lives and welfare of governments and ordinary individuals that talk of divorce is studiously avoided, despite
the increasingly obvious warning signals.

The current credit crisis, caused by the unwinding of “bad asset” derivatives, is the most evident example of
this financial marriage as governments and central banks are called upon to intervene -- and regulate, while
taxpayers are called upon to foot the bill for losses incurred in the global casino, where only a select few can
enter and signs of corruption are painstakingly overlooked.

How much longer can this fragile house of cards be propped up through abject fear and a total lack of
understanding of alternatives? How much longer will ordinary citizens and their elected officials tolerate
increasingly obscene levels of wealth redistribution and outright thievery in their midst?

A case in point is JP Morgan Chase, for whom Christmas indeed seems to have come early this year. The first
Christmas present came in mid-March in the form of the privately arranged, emergency takeover of the highly
respected, privately owned Bear Stearns by the highly respected, privately owned JP Morgan. This takeover
was, as you may recall, facilitated by the Fed and the largess of the American taxpayer -- one of many such
“deals” in which taxpayers are increasingly getting the short end of the stick.

The claim that this takeover -- quietly arranged behind closed doors on a Sunday when no one could
effectively object -- was done in order to avert a seize-up of the entire global derivatives market is not of
course without merit or significance. Although Ben Bernanke maintained in testimony to Congress that the
Fed’s intervention was done to prevent a seize-up of American financial markets he also disclosed that
another major factor was Bear Stearns’ “interconnectedness with thousands of counter parties” which of
course are based all around the globe.

Importantly, as analyst Mike Whitney points out, “Bear Stearns had total (derivatives) positions of $13.4
trillion. This is greater than the US national income, or equal to a quarter of world GDP -- at least in “notional"
terms. The contracts were described as “swaps,” “swaptions,” “caps,” “collars” and “floors.” This heady edifice
of new-fangled instruments was built on an asset base of $80bn at best . . . On the other side of these
contracts are banks, brokers, and hedge funds, linked in destiny by a nexus of interlocking claims. This is
counter party spaghetti.” (The Bernanke Politburo’s Next Big Plan, Mike Whitney)

As reported by Mortgage News Daily the demise of Bear Stearns was not entirely unanticipated since it “had
been one of the biggest gamblers (although we were calling them “investors” at the time) in the mortgage
securities business.” The price tag on the other hand was a “real stunner.” Although later forced by irate
shareholders to up the ante fivefold (to $10 per share), the initial deal struck in secret negotiations on Sunday
March 16 for $2 per share essentially handed over the 85 year-old Bear Stearns to JP Morgan for about $236
million. This was a fraction of Bear Stearns’ market value of $3.5 billion on Friday, when its shares had
plummeted to $30 a share at Friday’s close from a high of $170 per share one year earlier. To facilitate the
deal, the Federal Reserve provided “as much as $30 billion of taxpayer monies in financing for Bear Stearns’s
less-liquid assets such as mortgage securities. [So] If these assets lose even more value it will be the Fed
[and the taxpayer via the government] that will take the hit, not JP Morgan.” (Stockholders Socked as J.P.
Morgan Acquires Bear Stearns in Weekend Rescue. Mortgage News Daily)

Curiously, JP Morgan itself held some $77 trillion worth of the exact same kinds of “less liquid” and highly
leveraged derivatives contracts that brought down Bear Stearns. Curiouser still is the fact that that Jamie
Dimon, CEO of JP Morgan, also sits on the board of the New York Fed.

And one does have to wonder -- just what might be the real reason that Michael Alix, chief risk officer for
Bear Stearns from 2006-2008 and global head of credit risk management from 1996-2006, has recently been
named a senior vice president in the Bank Supervision Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York -- to
“supervise bank soundness.” As one blogger points out: “Who would know better what was in the dreck pool
that the Fed has parked over at BlackRock than the former chief risk officer? If Alix knows a few embarrassing
things, might be wise to give him an incentive not to talk them up.” (Fed Hires Bear Stearns Chief . . . To
Supervise Bank Soundness. naked capitalism)

To this growing list of curiosities we can add what can fairly be described as another early Christmas present
for JP Morgan. This particular present came a mere six months after the Bear Stearns deal -- this time with timely assistance from the FDIC in a brokered sale of Washington Mutual. WaMu, as it was affectionately known, represented the largest bank failure in U.S. history. Happily for JP Morgan, this deal made it the largest U.S. depository institution -- with over $900bn of customer deposits.

Sebastian Hindman, an analyst at SNL Financial describes the WaMu acquisition as a "definite win for JP Morgan. They are only paying $1.9 billion to the FDIC, and they are getting this incredible expansion into a lot of solid markets." Unfortunately, "[t]he seizure by the government means shareholders' equity in WaMu was wiped out. . . . Some bondholders will also be wiped out by the deal. [Additionally] JP Morgan Chase is not acquiring any senior unsecured debt, subordinated debt or preferred stock of Washington Mutual's banks, or any assets or liabilities of the holding company, which will be left in the receivership. The government [courtesy of the taxpayer] will be left to sell the soured mortgage assets of the holding company . . . ." (JPMorgan Chase Buys WaMu Assets After FDIC Seizure, Marcy Gordon, Sara Lepro and Madlen Read)

Coincidentally (or not) and less than three weeks after the September 25 WaMu acquisition, JP Morgan got yet another early Christmas present. As reported by Joe Nocera of the New York Times, JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon "agreed" to take a $25 billion capital injection courtesy of the United States government -- and the Fed. No surprise then that "[t]he U.S. government's $160 billion handout to banks from Niagara Falls to Beverly Hills is going mostly to lenders that need it least, putting weaker rivals at risk of being shut down or taken over . . ." (U.S. Treasury Program Shuns Banks That Need Cash Most, David Mildenberg and Linda Shen. Bloomberg)

What makes this $25 billion present particularly interesting is revealed by Nocera's report of a portion of a private, recorded conference call in which one JP Morgan executive disclosed that the $25 billion was less likely to be used to create loans to help an ailing economy than it was to help JP Morgan take advantage of "opportunities":

"Twenty-five billion dollars is obviously going to help the folks who are struggling more than Chase," he began. "What we do think it will help us do is perhaps a little bit more active on the acquisition side or opportunistic side for some banks who are still struggling. And I would not assume that we are done on the acquisition side just because of the Washington Mutual and Bear Stearns mergers. I think there are going to be some great opportunities for us to grow in this environment, and I think we have an opportunity to use that $25 billion in that way and obviously depending on whether recession turns into depression or what happens in the future, you know, we have that as a backstop." (So When Will Banks Give Loans, Joe Nocera)

The hubbub over JP Morgan's current good fortunes, controversial though they may be, almost too conveniently obliterates a 2002 Congressional investigation concerning allegations that JP Morgan helped Enron and similar corporations defraud their shareholders. According to analyst Adam Hamilton, by July 23, 2002 -- the day its stock took an historic nosedive, JP Morgan's name was not only "suspiciously popping up in virtually all the major corporate scandals in the States" but "JPM control[ed] 51 percent of the total notional value of all the derivatives of all the US banks playing the incredibly dangerous derivatives game [while it commanded just] 11 percent of the total assets of all the banks dabbling in derivatives. [JPM was looking] more like a hedge fund gone mad than a commercial bank, a vast Frankenstein's Monster created by the hasty stitching together of countless cryptic off-balance sheet OTC derivatives contracts."

Amazingly says Hamilton, the bad news for JP Morgan was not of a derivatives implosion but rather that "United States Congressional investigators told the media that JPM specifically structured deals explicitly designed to mislead the investors in major public US corporations by almost magically erasing unfavorable numbers from corporate balance sheets . . . US Senator Carl Levin, the Chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, actually released an excerpt from an incredibly damning e-mail from a JPM executive. It said, 'Enron loves these deals as they are able to hide funded debt from the equity analysts.' [Moreover and] according to the US media, the Congressional subcommittee has audiotapes . . . where JPM officers are telling accountants exactly how to structure offshore entities so they appear independent." (JPM Derivatives Monster Crashes, Adam Hamilton)

The investigation into JP Morgan's relationship with Enron dealt with commodity-related trades between JP Morgan, Enron and an offshore vehicle called Mahonia that was set up a decade before by Chase Manhattan, the bank that JP Morgan had merged with 18 months before the Congressional investigation was launched.
Unhappily for JP Morgan, this investigation came on the heals of reports concerning JP Morgan’s heavy exposure to the financial crisis in Argentina as well as the then looming threat of heavy losses on loans extended to Global Crossing, the collapsed telecoms group which at the time was itself subject to numerous regulatory investigations. (Enron Crisis Grips JP Morgan, David Teather and Jill Treanor)

The news of JP Morgan’s relationship with Enron and its offshore vehicle was accompanied by revelations that energy giant Enron actually made the bulk of its money in OTC derivatives. Moreover, the size and scale of Enron’s derivatives business dwarfed that of the leveraged and derivatives-heavy Long Term Capital Management which just four years before had caused the New York Fed to quietly engineer a bailout. In 2002 testimony to Congress, law professor and attorney Frank Partnoy provides the following details, and a conclusion about the role of derivatives in Enron’s collapse:

Enron has been compared to Long-Term Capital Management, the Greenwich, Connecticut, hedge fund that lost $4.6 billion on more than $1 trillion of derivatives and was rescued in September 1998 in a private bailout engineered by the New York Federal Reserve. For the past several weeks, I have conducted my own investigation into Enron, and I believe the comparison is inapt. Yes, there are similarities in both firms’ use and abuse of financial derivatives. But the scope of Enron’s problems and their effects on its investors and employees are far more sweeping.

According to Enron’s most recent annual report, the firm made more money trading derivatives in the year 2000 alone than Long-Term Capital Management made in its entire history. Long-Term Capital Management generated losses of a few billion dollars; by contrast, Enron not only wiped out $70 billion of shareholder value, but also defaulted on tens of billions of dollars of debts. Long-Term Capital Management employed only 200 people worldwide, many of whom simply started a new hedge fund after the bailout, while Enron employed 20,000 people, more than 4,000 of whom have been fired, and many more of whom lost their life savings as Enron’s stock plummeted last fall.

In short, Enron makes Long-Term Capital Management look like a lemonade stand. It will surprise many investors to learn that Enron was, at its core, a derivatives trading firm . . .

I believe there are two answers to the question of why Enron collapsed, and both involve derivatives. . . . My testimony -- and Enron’s activities -- involve the OTC derivatives markets.

(Testimony of Frank Partnoy Professor of Law, University of San Diego School of Law, Hearings before the United States Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, January 24, 2002)

Some may recall that a mere few weeks before the very controversial, taxpayer-assisted JP Morgan takeover of Bear Stearns we witnessed the abrupt implosion of derivatives-heavy Carlyle Capital. In the case of Carlyle Capital, the unheeded pleas of its parent company, The Carlyle Group went out to involved banks to hold off on margin calls and liquidation of mortgage assets. Led by Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan, the group of “the world’s biggest banks” that had lent Carlyle Capital about $21 billion -- or $20 for every dollar of initial capital -- quickly moved to seize and sell what was left of the fund’s assets. It is interesting to note that as of the end of 2007, counter parties for Carlyle Capital’s repurchasing agreements included Bear Stearns, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, and JP Morgan among several other big banks.

In the midst of the furor created by Carlyle Capital came wind of the Bears Stearns takeover. Incredibly, as journalist Marine Cole pointed out, “The government-supported sale of Bear Stearns announced last week may have halted a run on investment banks, but its pending acquisition by JP Morgan Chase would increase the buyer’s already hefty exposure to possible failures by other banks and financial institutions, an exposure known as counterparty risk. . . .” (Bear Churns: Bear Stearns Deal Boosts JP Morgan’s Derivatives Exposure, Marine Cole)

So we might ask, what is the difference between JP Morgan, Enron, Carlyle Capital, LTCM and Bears Stearns - or for that matter Washington Mutual and Lehman Brothers? Why did our government and the Fed see fit to ignore signs of conflicts of interest and malfeasance on the part of JP Morgan and facilitate the takeover or rescue of Bear Stearns, Washington Mutual and LTCM, while Carlyle Capital, Lehman Brothers and Enron were allowed to implode? Certainly all were very highly leveraged, and all were heavily involved in the mortgage securities/derivatives market. Could the difference simply be the counter parties involved?

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Whatever the case, it is more than a little problematic that Bear Stearns, Carlyle Capitol and JP Morgan all had leverage ratios of about 32 to 1 (according to published estimates) at the time of the Bear Stearns crisis. Worse still is the nagging suspicion that the implied derivatives leverage on equity may have been far, far greater than what has been reported. (JPM Derivatives Monster Grows, Adam Hamilton)

JP Morgan is of course still standing, but both it and other financial institutions -- including the giant government-sponsored entities Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac -- have required massive amounts of taxpayer assistance and perhaps not a small amount of favoritism to boot. How many more such rescues remain in the pipeline is almost too chilling a thought to contemplate -- particularly if you happen to be a taxpayer. Hopefully sooner rather than later, we might actually get some answers to some very troubling questions, beginning with why it is that "[t]he Federal Reserve is refusing to identify the recipients of almost $2 trillion of emergency loans from American taxpayers or the troubled assets the central bank is accepting as collateral . . ."(Fed Defies Transparency Aim in Refusal to Disclose, Mark Pittman, Bob Ivry and Alison Fitzgerald)

But in the final analysis, we have to ask ourselves -- in an artificial world where risk is limited by governments willing to overlook blatant evidence of malfeasance and instead resort to using their citizens to subsidize business failures, and where the opportunity for financial gain is exaggerated by extreme levels of leveraging and non-transparent bets on bets otherwise known as derivatives -- why wouldn't financial heavyweights of all stripes engage in these types of bookie transactions -- Faustian Bargains though they may be?

Next, Part 7: The Place Where Industry, the Military and Government Meet

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Local officials make case for transit funding

Reducing number of drivers, gas tax named as top priorities

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SAN DIEGO — As Congress starts writing legislation to keep federal money flowing to transportation, U.S. lawmakers should aim to reduce driving, invest in public transit and pump up the beleaguered gasoline tax, regional officials said Friday.

"It is increasingly clear that we must reduce the number of cars on the road significantly," said Paul Jablonski, chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Transit System, which runs San Diego's buses and trolleys.

Jablonski was one of 11 officials from San Diego and Imperial counties invited to speak at a hearing in downtown San Diego hosted by the staff of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-San Francisco, is chairwoman of the panel.

The existing five-year federal funding law expires in September, and the committee is preparing to write a new one to cover the next several years.

Jablonski cited a first study by the University of San Diego's Energy Policy Initiative Center that found nearly half of San Diego County's contribution to global warming comes from cars and trucks.

If the region is going to slash greenhouse gas emissions by coaxing people out of their cars, there will need to be a huge investment in rail and bus lines, he said.

At the moment, the opposite is occurring. Jablonski said as interest in transit surges in response to fluctuating gas prices, state and local funding is drying up.

"Now more than ever, the federal investment in our nation's transit systems needs to rise," he said.

Gary Gallegos, executive director of the San Diego Association of Governments, the region's transportation planning agency, said one place where such an investment is sorely needed is on the North County coast, where the busy passenger railroad has one set of tracks much of the way.

"We've got to double-track the rail line and replace aging single-track timbares with modern amenities," Gallegos said.

Tandra Wallar, the county's deputy chief administrative officer of land use and environment, said the region also must get people to drive less to clean up the air.

"Growth in vehicle miles traveled has far outpaced population growth and is one of the most stubborn obstacles to lasting air quality progress," Wallar said.

Besides making transit and clean air a top priority, the new program should boost the amount of dollars available for transportation, several officials said.

"These federal and state gas tax rate has remained unchanged since 1993 and 1994, respectively," said Evan McLaughlin, political director of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO. "And inflation has watered down their value. ... A new source of funding is sorely needed."

The federal gas tax is locked at 18 cents per gallon.

The amount does not slide up or down with the price of fuel, and some have suggested it should.

Gary Wyatt, chairman of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, said the federal government may want to consider a fee that taxes motorists based on how many miles they drive.

That way, tax revenue wouldn't continue to fall as motorists switch to hybrid, high-mileage and alternative-fuel vehicles that don't use as much gas.

"System users should pay according to the wear and tear and congestion they add to the system," Wyatt said.

Some said Congress should keep the ailing economy in mind when it writes the next bill.

Bettina Poirier, staff director and chief counsel of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, assured officials that jobs, air quality and transit, among concerns, would factor into the new bill, which will be called MAP 21: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century.

While the public was not invited to speak, anyone may submit a written comment through Dec. 1 about what the new transportation bill should include.

Comments may be sent to caridad_sanchez@boxer.senate.gov.
FEDERAL COURT

In rare memo, judge rips prosecutors

By Greg Moran
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A previously sealed court filing from a federal judge in San Diego criticized prosecutors for inaccurately describing the details surrounding the secret guilty plea of a figure in the Randy "Duke" Cunningham scandal.

In a highly unusual move, U.S. District Judge Larry Burns sent a 15-page brief of his own to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, curtly noting that the court filings of prosecutors "mischaracterizes substantial, relevant portions" of the case.

The brief by Burns also reveals some new details about the guilty plea of Thomas Kontogiannis, a Long Island financier who pleaded guilty to money laundering during a highly unusual secret hearing in February 2007.

SEE Judge, B7
The brief has been under wraps since '07

Kontogiannis was cooperating with federal officials in an "investigation implicating national security," Burns wrote.

And he was cooperating with Justice Department lawyers from the Southern District of New York — not, as some thought at the time, with prosecutors in San Diego.

Judges rarely write a brief in response to an appeal of one of their decisions.

"It’s extremely unusual. It’s even more unusual to see a federal judge and the government sparring."

SHAUN MARTIN, law professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, about a brief

the first hearings on the secret plea that eventually the seal would be lifted, and partially edited transcripts and other records of the hearing would be opened.

Burns wrote that prosecutors gave the appeals court the "misleading impression the government was 'caught off guard' by the court's order unsealing the transcripts and had not acquiesced to unsealing."

The judge said that all sides referred to the reasons for secrecy on generic terms, because he had told them that eventually the transcripts would become public. Prosecutors never indicated such generic statements would be subject to secrecy under the classified information law they later cited, he wrote.

In a footnote, Burns said that when Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason Forge told him that he did not think the classified law applied either. But, Burns wrote, Forge told him that he was "instructed to file the brief anyway."

Ray Granger, a defense attorney who represented a Kontogiannis nephew who also was charged in the case, said the brief makes it clear that San Diego prosecutors had to take the brunt of the criticism for a secrecy arrangement done at the behest of New York prosecutors.

"It's important to keep in mind that (New York) prosecutors engaged in all these ridiculous legal contortions over an investigation involving a cooperating who was in fact as dishonest and crooked as they come," Granger said.

Exactly how the government described the proceedings in their brief that led to Burns' written response can't be determined.

Their brief in the case was filed under seal with the appeals court. It remains sealed.

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Online: To read Judge Larry Burns' brief, go to uniontrib.com/more/documents.
Man seeks new trial after juror sends sexy letters

LAS VEGAS—A man convicted of second-degree murder is seeking a new trial, alleging that a female juror sent sexually suggestive letters and visited him in jail.

The juror, Marnie Ramirez, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal for a Friday report that she felt sad for the defendant, 27-year-old Ricky Vazquez, and that she tried during jury deliberations to hold out for a conviction on a lesser charge, voluntary manslaughter.

Vazquez's lawyer, Keith Brower, didn't name Ramirez in his written request for a new trial. But he told Clark County District Court Judge Valerie Adair that a juror visited Vazquez in jail after the October trial and told Vazquez she conducted independent research about him.

The judge scheduled a Tuesday hearing on the request.

Ramirez, a 21-year-old married mother who works as a bank teller, said she visited him afterward because she felt bad he was found guilty of second-degree murder.

A co-defendant, Lee Vincent, 24, was convicted of first-degree murder in the Sept. 10, 2006, robbery slaying of Richard Morris, who was found shot to death in a Las Vegas neighborhood. Sentencing for both men was set Dec. 1.

District Attorney David Roger said Ramirez's actions weren't grounds for a new trial.

"Where's the prejudice? He got the benefit of one juror advocating on his behalf," he said.

Authorities said a juror contacting a criminal defendant during a trial could prompt a mistrial.

But Robert Fellmeth, a University of San Diego law professor and former prosecutor, said it was not necessarily improper for a juror to contact a defendant after trial is over.

"There are a certain number of women who are enamored by the drama and emotion and tragedy of major felons," Fellmeth said.

THE ECONOMIC FALLOUT: The Stakes of Mortgage Rescue Plans
By KELLY BENNETT

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As the federal and state governments evaluate ways to save communities flogged by foreclosure, those who aren't eligible for the help are making deliberations of their own -- notably, trying to figure out how the bailouts will affect them.

Take Lesley McAllister, for example. An assistant law professor at the University of San Diego, McAllister lives with her husband and two children in a rented home in Mission Hills. The family moved to San Diego three years ago and decided to rent rather than buy a place, even though they were previously homeowners in Northern California.

Like McAllister, many professionals in San Diego decided to rent during the boom, thinking that housing had become overvalued as prices skyrocketed by 150 percent in five years. To them, an annual price decline of 26 percent means the market is on its way to a point of equilibrium. Even with those declines, prices remain nearly 70 percent higher than they were at the start of 2000. If prices keep falling, renters such as McAllister anticipate they'll be able to afford a house with a traditional mortgage, without stretching themselves to the limit or banking on future appreciation to make homeownership attainable.

Their voice was drowned out by the drumbeat of housing frenzy, and they dread being overshadowed again. They fear government plans to keep homeowners in their houses will unnaturally keep prices at unaffordable levels in some places. By helping homeowners stay in homes they could've never afforded without using exotic loans, governments might artificially buttress prices that have further to fall, McAllister said.

"I realize people are in difficult situations, but my main concern that prices be allowed to come back into whack -- into a reasonable relationship to income," she said. "That's a better long-term scenario than trying to prop up prices."

Plans to help distressed homeowners have been floated at various levels of government, and there are a few major ones being discussed currently at the national level. The plans aim to stem a major economic crisis hitting communities that have seen spikes in the number of homeowners losing their homes to foreclosure. Foreclosures have ravaged some parts of San Diego County as the number of trustees deeds filed skyrocketed by 174 percent in the second and third quarters this year compared to the same quarters in 2007, according to MDA DataQuick.

The plans on the table combine a few options, including lowering mortgage payments, lowering interest rates for a time, and in very limited cases, reducing the principal balance owed on the loan. All would depend on a borrower demonstrating significant financial hardship and an inability to make the payments as they're currently structured.

If governments and banks can work out foreclosure relief plans, they hope fewer homeowners will lose their homes, and fewer neighborhoods will see the kind of dramatic price drops that a high number of foreclosures brings. Policymakers hope that such plans will stabilize the economy, slow the declines in the housing market and keep neighborhoods from falling into disrepair.

But the tenets of the plans proposed have attracted some concern. Renters like McAllister worry prices will be artificially propped up. Others worry a bailout plan will prove so enticing that homeowners who can afford their payments will stop making their payments on purpose in efforts to qualify. And because the taxpayers are potentially on the hook to institute such a program, some resent that they'll pay for the bailout while potentially watching people who weren't as prudent reap the benefit.
Across California, 27 percent of all properties with a mortgage are worth less than is owed on the loan, according to First American CoreLogic. With every month of declining home values, more homeowners find themselves underwater. As their neighbors in unaffordable loans obtain lower payments from banks in these rescue programs, such homeowners might feel incentivized to try to qualify for help. They might intentionally default on their mortgages, or at least, that's the worry.

But Gabe del Rio, president of the Housing Opportunities Collaborative, a local consortium of non-profits dealing with the foreclosure fallout, said an attitude of resentment toward distressed homeowners is ill-placed.

Counselors working to match homeowners with the right program first scrutinize applications for modified loans, he said, applying far more scrutiny than was around when many homeowners obtained their no-documentation loans earlier this decade. If income statements and bank savings show a client could have made mortgage payments but didn't, that person won't qualify for the lower mortgage payment.

The it's-not-fair attitude vexes del Rio, who points out the homeowner has always had the option of working with a bank to negotiate lower payments in times of hardship. These programs are just making that option more accessible.

"For the person who's not having a hardship who's jealous that their neighbors are getting lower payments -- as far as the fairness goes, if they lose their job tomorrow, they're going to be thankful for the option that's available," del Rio said.

Janet Shelton is sympathetic to a lot of the region's homeowners who were lured into risky loans that are costing them more per month than they can afford. But Shelton, a homeowner in Escondido, said she's flabbergasted at the plans for bailing them out.

Shelton purchased her house in the late 1980s for $280,000, and she said it reached a "funny money value" during the boom of more than $1 million. But while people around her withdrew money from their houses, to renovate or buy fancy furniture or eat out every night, Shelton didn't touch her equity. Now, Shelton dislikes the thought that her tax dollars could go to pay for some of the vacations and toys that other homeowners used their equity to purchase.

"I could've taken out a lot of money from my house," she said. "I could've had a pretty good time until the cows came home."

Shelton said she isn't as upset about helping borrowers who absolutely can't make their payments. But she's concerned about homeowners stopping payment on their mortgages just to get some government help.

"Somebody has to pay for the free lunches, and the more free lunches there are, the more people like myself have to pay," she said. "I have no doubt that so many of those people were lied to. I didn't do anything wrong, and it is painful that I have to be paying for the bailout. But even more painful is the mindset, 'I can afford my payments, but you pay for my lunch, too.'"

After IndyMac Bank failed this year and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took it over, the FDIC announced a workout program for troubled borrowers. Part of that program involves lowering interest rates down to a possible 3 percent for five years, then gradually increasing the interest after the five years. The calculations are dependent on what the borrower can afford, and whether the loan will ultimately be more valuable in its modified state than the value to the bank of just foreclosing on the house, said FDIC spokesman Andrew Gray.

"In an overwhelming majority of cases, we're seeing it's preferable for us to modify the loan," Gray said. "This isn't a social program that we've implemented. This is really beneficial on both sides."

In such programs, lenders and the government are hoping for borrowers to stick it out in their homes with their new lowered payments. And they insist they're not just delaying the foreclosure crisis.
"We're not interested in just kicking the can down the road or prolonging the inevitable," Gray said.

Del Rio said the fixed lower payment for five or 10 years, as bandied about as part of various rescue plans, also might give the housing market a chance to turn around. If it doesn't, he said, the homeowners will still have options to avoid foreclosure.

"We're hoping that people can refinance and that the market bounces back in a decade," he said.

And, for homeowners who've been helped by loan modification programs, any drawbacks seem vastly outweighed by their benefit.

Kathy Flickinger had been calling her bank early in the morning and late at night for a year and a half when she realized her payments would become unaffordable, trying to work out a modification to her loan. Until she found Community HousingWorks, the nonprofit where del Rio is homeownership director, she couldn't get a lender to take her call.

Finally she obtained a modification to her interest rate, making her mortgage payments affordable. She said she dislikes the sentiment from people who would punish everyone with an unaffordable mortgage payment, and who would allow the economy to slide further rather than create more programs to help homeowners like her.

"The people who aren't in the situation, they're lumping everybody into a similar group," she said. "Sure there were people who were fraudulent and bankers who pushed people into loans, but they want to punish the entire country when they're worried that somebody's going to benefit from something that they're not going to benefit from?"

Please contact Kelly Bennett directly at kelly.bennett@voiceofsandiego.org with your thoughts, ideas, personal stories or tips. Or set the tone of the debate with a letter to the editor.
State bar exam passage rate highest in a decade

By DOUG SHERWIN
The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — California’s state bar passage rate for the July 2008 exam was its highest in more than 10 years, helped, in part, by Thomas Jefferson School of Law’s best showing ever.

The overall pass rate for the most recent state bar exam was 61.7 percent, the highest it’s been since 62.9 percent passed in 1997.

Meanwhile, an unofficial review of Thomas Jefferson students revealed 75.5 percent of its first-time test-takers passed.

“It’s terrific news, and I think it’s only going to go up a little bit,” said Thomas Jefferson Dean Rudy Hasl, referring to the school’s verification of the results.

“We’ve really made a concerted effort to work with our students to have them as prepared as possible to take the examination.

“We’ve implemented the bar secrets program, which has been really the key to the improved success of our graduates.”

Hasl said that 24 of 26 students who took the test out of state passed as well.

During the past three years of the bar secrets program, Thomas Jefferson has seen its passing rate double, according to the dean.

“We’ve been able to make some steady improvement, and we hope to continue even more in the future,” Hasl said.

In the state of California, 5,330 of 8,637 students passed the bar in July 2008. The passing rate for first-time applicants from American Bar Association-accredited schools was even higher at 59 percent.

The official breakdown of how students from each individual school fared won’t be available for several weeks.

Kevin Cole, dean of the University of San Diego School of Law, said the higher passing rate might be attributed to increased emphasis on bar results by the state’s law schools.

“There are more schools integrating into their curriculum programs designed to increase their students’ chances of passing the bar,” he said. “A few years back, the ABA changed its rules to allow law schools to offer some (bar preparation) courses for credit toward a degree and then other schools are doing more by way of providing extra resources, not for credit, that might help students get a leg up on the bar.”

Cole said USD is looking at some non-credit programs to help its students with the test.

“We have always tried to emphasize a good, solid legal education,” he said. “And, in addition, we’ve tried to have a very rigorous first-year class in legal writing, which is such an important part for the students passing the bar.”

The three-day general bar examination is given twice a year, in February and July. The exam consists of three sections: a multiple-choice Multistate Bar Examination, six essay questions, and two performance tests that are designed to assess an applicant’s ability to apply general legal knowledge to practical tasks. The mean scaled MBE score in California was 1475 compared with the national average of 1458.

“The increase could be explained in part by the high MBE (the national 200-item multiple-choice portion of the examination) scores that were achieved by applicants taking the examination,” said Gayle Murphy, senior executive of admissions for the California state bar.

“The MBE is scaled to ensure the difficulty of an examination remains the same from administration to administration; thus, one could assume that the applicants taking the July 2008 bar examinations were better prepared to take it. This could be due to several reasons, including the increased emphasis by the ABA on bar passage rates and the new or enhanced academic support/bar-related programs provided by the law schools.”

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Honoring San Diego's promising Young Attorneys

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San Diego County's law firms maintain a competitive edge by attracting top attorneys as well as grooming outstanding young talent. In this special publication, The Daily Transcript recognizes some of the rising stars in the San Diego legal community with the second annual Young Attorneys honorees.

These attorneys work for large, national firms, specialized boutiques and the public sector. Many are associates, and some have made partner. A few have even opened offices on their own.

Yet each of the 2003 honorees has demonstrated common characteristics: they are hardworking and detail-oriented, knowledgeable and enthusiastic, ethical and professional, and committed to furthering the interests of justice in society. New attorneys and partners with law firms and corporate legal departments were judged by an independent panel of legal experts.

Meet the judges

CIRCUUS ALPERT
Cahalan, McOwen & Williams

Cirrus Alpert is a 2004 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law. She is an associate at Cahalan, McOwen & Williams, APLC, in the past, she served as president of the Young New Lawyers Division and as the Young/New Lawyer Director on the Board of the San Diego County Bar Association. Currently, she serves as a Manhattan Beach Young Professionals' charitable fundraiser Task of the San Diego County Bar Association.

CARLIEE HARMONSON
Union Bank of California

Carlise Harmonson is the regional director-personal trust of the Wealth Management Group of Union Bank of California in San Diego and has been with the bank since 2002. She currently oversees the San Diego, La Jolla, Rancho Mirage and Irvine Trust offices. She has a unique background of more than 20 years of experience working both in the personal trust and employer benefit plan area.

Harmonson is a graduate of the University of California at Davis, where she earned her bachelor's degree in economics. She also holds the professional designation of Certified Retirement Services Professional (CRSP).

Harmonson serves the community in many capacities: She is a member of the Children's Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, chair of the Trusts and Estates Committee for Children's Hospital Foundation, member of the Scripps Hospital Foundation Advisory Board and member of the Executive Board of the California Chapter of the Trusts and Estates West Coast Trust Conference Board. She also serves as the national head of the American Bar Association, president of the San Diego County Bar Association and as member of the Western Region IRA Practitioners' Conference Board, a former executive committee member of the Western Regional IRA Practitioners' Conference Board. She is also a founding member of the Professional Women's Fellowship, a co-founder of the Scripps Ranch High School Girls Athletic Association Booster Club, member of the Jewish Community Foundation Estate & Financial Planning Council and board member of the Women's Resource Guide.

CRAIG L. HENTON
Comerica Bank

Craig Henton is the former president of the western market and trust division manager for Comerica Bank. He has served in 27 years of experience in the area of personal trust, investment and charitable planning giving services. He is a knowledgeable professional who understands the need for flexibility in addressing the planning objectives of individuals and organizations.

Prior to joining Comerica, Henton served several other San Diego trust institutions including Union Bank, Bank of California and Comerica Bank. He has been engaged by the American Bankers Association as an instructor for various trust and investment management courses.

In addition to his undergraduate work at the State University of New York at Binghamton, Henton has completed advanced professional trust programs through the University of San Diego, the University of California, Davis and Pacific College Banking School. As a native San Diegan, Henton has consistently supported the community through several professional and non-profit organizations including the La Jolla Estate Planning Trust & Probate Conference Board, Senior Citizens of San Diego, National Committee on New Attorneys and the Young Attorneys.

He lives in North San Diego County with his wife and two sons. The family is active in community social and service programs.

ROSSALIE LEONARD
Kramme Court Reporting

Rossalie Kramme has been court reporting since 1989 and is owner of Kramme Court Reporting. In 1989, she was a partner of the Kramme Court Reporting firm. In 1992, she purchased the firm and has built it into one of the largest law firms in the world. Kramme also consults to customers to identify the best service offerings and to set up best practice protocols on their document review projects.

Before joining Exclusively Legal, Kramme practiced law for eight years in California and Florida, primarily in litigation, where he handled more than 100 cases from inception to conclusion. He earned a J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law.

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Profile
Margaret A. Dalton
In a second career, local resident blossoms as law professor and pro bono’ attorney for children

By Arthur Lightburn

Margaret A. Dalton

"That’s probably something you’ll see as a constant throughout my life: believing that we need to be involved in our communities. We can’t just stand back and say we wish things were different. If we want to make a change, we have to do something.”

Margaret A. Dalton
Professor Emeritus

Quick Facts

Name: Margaret A. Dalton

Hometown: San Diego, California

Education: Bachelor of Arts, 1970; J.D., 1979, University of Oregon

Family: Married to husband, three children

Achievements: Professor Emeritus, USD School of Law; author of "Pro Bono Attorney"; pro bono attorney for children

Work Philosophy: "Team work creates success.

Unknown three years ago, but well known now, that Margaret A. Dalton is a second career for the more than two decades she has served as an attorney for children in San Diego.

With the help of a grant in 1999, she started a special education program at USD, which is a pro bono attorney for children in San Diego.

Exercise: Walking, "when I have time.”

Favorite Food: "My husband’s pasta dishes

Favorite Film: "Hollywood Homicide," starring Harrison Ford

Best Career Advice: "Update on special education issues and my continuing education with fellow attorneys.

Work Philosophy: "Team work creates success.

Public Speaking: "Make a difference in the lives of children."
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School of Leadership and Education Sciences
Benchmark Research Report Just Published: Corporate Giving in San Diego

By Audrey Barrett and Laura Deitrick

San Diego is home to all kinds of companies — small "mom and pop" shops, growing businesses in areas like life sciences and high technology, a few Fortune 1000 headquarters, local offices of major national companies and more.

For business and social reasons, many of these companies choose to contribute to the more than 9,600 nonprofit organizations in San Diego.

To begin to identify and understand corporate giving trends in San Diego, San Diego Grantmakers and the Caster Family Center for Nonprofit Research at University of San Diego recently published "The Grantmaking Report: Foundation and Corporate Giving in the San Diego Region." The study focused on the community investment made by the largest and most active philanthropic businesses in the region. Thirty-seven of San Diego's largest companies participated in the study. While community support by these larger firms is a fraction of the full philanthropic picture, their work is extremely influential in the region's philanthropic landscape. By taking a look at what these leaders in corporate giving are doing, other businesses and nonprofit organizations can better understand the realities and opportunities for San Diego philanthropy.

Highlights of interest to the San Diego business community:

- 19 percent of all respondents reported awarding grants totaling more than one million dollars during their most recent fiscal year.
- 75 percent reported giving more than $100,000 in grants during their most recent fiscal year.
- 62 percent awarded grant dollars to three or more San Diego geographic areas, and 46 percent indicated that their corporations contributed to nonprofits throughout the county.
- South Bay and East County received the lowest percentages of corporate giving dollars, while portions of North County (Poway), La Jolla and parts of Southeast San Diego received the most.
- Beyond cash donations, respondents valued in-kind donations of products, services and volunteer time at an additional $2.6 million.
- Sixty-seven percent of the respondents said that they intentionally prioritize their giving by the type of cause. The top funding focus areas for corporations surveyed were K-12 education and the environment. Other top recipients included health and human services organizations. More than half of those surveyed reported making a donation to a scholarship program.
- While the research was conducted last spring before the recent dramatic decline in the nation's economy, corporations were undeniably already feeling the impact of the mortgage crisis and skyrocketing oil prices. Despite these difficult economic conditions, when asked to predict whether their companies would increase or decrease support for nonprofit organizations in the next two years, 62 percent indicated that corporate contribution levels would remain the same.
- About 25 percent predicted an increase in funding.
- 10 percent reported that they expect to see some decrease in funding.
- When respondents were asked to break down their predictions about funding changes:
  - 40 percent estimated that their organizations would increase funding to environmental and educational organizations.
  - 17 percent predicted that their business would decrease levels of support to the arts over the next two years.

The survey also identified unique ways that corporations are engaging their employees in organized volunteering. One notable local trend is to encourage senior executives to serve as members of nonprofit boards as a way to build their professional skills. This mutual benefit exemplifies the win-win situation that can be created through increased interaction between the business and nonprofit sectors: corporate executives receive governance and leadership experience while providing invaluable support for a nonprofit through the donation of their time and talents.

The full report is available through San Diego Grantmakers at www.sdgrantmakers.org or The Caster Family Center for Nonprofit Research at www.sandiego.edu/nonprofit. Audrey Barrett and Laura Deitrick are with the University of San Diego Caster Family Center for Nonprofit Research.

While 39 percent said that their decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, more than half reported that there was at least one paid employee responsible for the management of corporate giving.

Ten of the respondents said that their giving is concentrated only in San Diego while more than half said that they also give nationally or internationally. Some mentioned that the geographic focus of their giving was determined by the locations where their corporation conducted business. The majority of respondents said that they do not use a specific percentage of revenue or profit to determine the amount that they will give.

Finally, much like individual donors, many of the corporate donors expressed an interest in assessing the community impact associated with their giving. Nearly half said that they conducted informal assessments and one organization reported utilizing formal mechanisms to make assessments. Virtually the same percentages were reported when asked about measuring the impact that donations had on the business itself.
IRS asks charities to give more info

New details intended to help donors decide

By Jeff McDonald
STAFF WRITER

The public will soon be able to learn much more about nonprofit organizations when deciding which ones deserve their time or money.

When tax time rolls around in April, many charities will have to file a revised Internal Revenue Service Form 990 that is broader and more detailed than anything required in the past.

The new form, one of the few records that tax-exempt organizations must make public, requires them for the first time to explain basic practices such as how they are governed, how they manage gifts and donations, and how they choose to pay top officials.

"What the IRS is trying to do is to make sure the more than 1 million nonprofits in the United States are run well," said Pat Libby, a professor in the nonprofit leadership and management program at the University of San Diego.

The nonprofit sector is a significant part of San Diego County's economy. More than 10,000 tax-exempt organizations employ about 80,000 people and hold assets of almost $12 billion, according to one recent survey.

Libby has been hosting panel discussions with accountants and other experts outlining the new rules. About 25 people showed up at the most recent discussion Nov. 6. The next USD seminar is scheduled for

SEE Charities, B6
Turbulence at the Top Shakes a Turnaround School

By EMILY ALPERT

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 | Years after Keiller Leadership Academy transformed into a charter school, the sea of change at the school was visible even from its front gates, where its director greeted students by name and waited for eye contact before letting them pass.

Executive Director Patricia Ladd, a self-described "white lady from Point Loma," shepherded the struggling southeast San Diego school to higher test scores and a calmer, scholastic culture marked by uniforms and a public list of grade point averages.

But this year Ladd was absent at the front gates after a dispute over budget cuts led to her departure. No permanent replacement has been found, and the Keiller board recently reopened its search after rejecting an assistant director favored by many teachers to replace Ladd. Staffers are frustrated with the turmoil at the top, and many say they have grown increasingly alienated from the board and suspicious of its connections to the University of San Diego, a prized partner for the revamped school.

That turbulence has recently overshadowed the successes at Keiller, one of the few middle schools in California to pull itself out of penalties under No Child Left Behind, a school that credits its achievements to the autonomy and freedom it gained by going charter. Staffers plan to air their concerns at a Monday board meeting. Some worry that the unrest could undermine the school's advances.

"Every time I'm whisked away to a meeting, I have to cancel my after-school program with my students," said teacher Robert Heredia, lamenting the time devoted to the leadership search and to discussing teacher concerns. "The students pick up that something is going on. They've asked what is going on. And I don't know what to tell them because I don't know what is going on."

Teachers say the trouble began with money, or the lack of it. Budget cuts this spring forced Ladd to freeze salaries and to cut one of its two assistant principals, Dominic Camacho, who fired off messages to the board and staff complaining about his removal, according to several staffers. Eighth graders protested the elimination of Camacho with a sit-in at the campus theater, some complaining that the only Latino administrator at the school had been laid off. Camacho could not be reached for comment.

Deborah Ryles, a former Keiller teacher who left the school along with Ladd, said Camacho accused Ladd of favoritism and referred to her as a "white lady" that couldn't understand the largely Latino and black families whose children go to Keiller.

"It became a big brouhaha," Ryles said, adding, "And the board started investigating Patty."

The Keiller board of directors spent much of June locked in closed meetings about personnel issues, meeting an unprecedented four times in a single month. Board secretary Paula Cordeiro, dean of the University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Sciences, said she is not allowed to discuss whether Ladd was being investigated or why.

Ladd referred questions to her attorney, who could not be reached this week for comment. Ryles and other employees said the board ultimately offered Ladd a shorter-than-usual contract that only extended through the summer instead of the whole school year, leaving her at risk of dismissal in the fall when principals' jobs elsewhere had already been filled.

Instead, Ladd took an offer in July to return to San Diego Unified and lead Correia Middle School in Point Loma. The remaining assistant director, Joel Christman, took her place as interim executive director of Keiller. In August the board began searching for a new school director and eventually narrowed its selection to two candidates including Christman.
But the board was dissatisfied with its choices. It threw the search open again, demoted Christman back to assistant principal, and chose a retired San Diego Unified principal, Linda Rees, as the new interim director of the school. Within a month, hers will be the face that students will see as they walk through the Keiller gates, replacing Christman, who had replaced Ladd. And as an interim director, Rees will likely be replaced too.

"Our pool of candidates wasn't as deep and as strong as we would have liked," said Cordeiro, who praised Christman as a "darn good vice principal" who had been strained by serving as interim director with no assistant directors of his own. "Rather than hire someone who didn't have the experience that we were looking for, we hired an interim for the year."

"We were lucky to get her," Cordeiro added.

Many teachers were baffled by the choice.

"Joel (Christman) has been like a rock in all this chaos," Heredia said. "If someone new were chosen, I would be okay with it, if there were a process. But they're pulling in a random person."

Ladd was the sole leader to direct Keiller since it converted from an ordinary public school into an independently operated charter school in 2005, a step that ushered in higher achievement and a changed culture at Keiller.

Its test scores ranked in the top 10 percent among demographically similar schools in California in 2007, though its scores dropped notably last year, and the California Charter School Association recently showcased Keiller as a model charter transformation on its website. Charter schools such as Keiller are publicly funded but operated by their own boards, a structure meant to give them more autonomy and put school decisions in the hands of those who understand their local impact, including teachers and parents.

But uncertainty over who will lead the school and why the search was prolonged has bred distrust of the board among staffers, who do not feel they have influence over the school and its direction. Keiller board members include Cordeiro, an educational heavyweight who also serves on the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the James Irvine Foundation board, two University of San Diego professors, the Chief Executive Officer of an educational technology company, a school police officer, an Urban League employment director, two parents, a teacher, and an outside consultant.

Though there are only three Keiller board members directly affiliated with the University of San Diego, some teachers now link their aggravation with the board to the partnership between Keiller and the Linda Vista university, which is supposed to provide student teachers, counseling interns and student tutors to Keiller under an agreement first struck in 2004.

Both groups tout the partnership: Keiller mentions the university on brochures to attract parents and University of San Diego promotes the agreement as a link to the community. Christman said the university has been instrumental in providing teacher training, bringing the resources of a respected educational school to Keiller to help staffers hone their skills, and Heredia praised the University of San Diego student who helped in his class last year.

Research, however, has become a bone of contention. A growing chorus of teachers has expressed concerns about the purpose and use of university research in Keiller classes, which Christman said began last year under Ladd. One study surveys middle schoolers over a three-year period to track how Keiller has impacted their progress in school, a study Cordeiro said was requested by the school. Though Cordeiro said new studies are reviewed and approved by a board committee that includes teachers, complaints have percolated through the school about the studies.

"The staff, to a certain extent, feels like they are guinea pigs," Christman said. "They are unclear as to how the research will help them, specifically, with their instruction in the classroom on a day-to-day basis."

Ryles, no longer at Keiller, was more pointed in her criticism. "Their agenda is to use the school as a study site," she said, adding, "It puts extra demands on teachers who are part of the study. They are constantly being observed. ... They had no choice in the matter."
Cordeiro was surprised to hear that research had raised concerns. The researchers "are fabulous and welcomed by the school," she said. "They are not going to go into any classrooms and work with teachers if they don't want to work with them."

The rift between school staffers and the Keiller board echoes the rancor this spring at Memorial Academy of Learning and Technology, where the board and staffers split over whether to end the charter. Much like at Keiller, Memorial staffers complained that the board was dominated by representatives of an outside group that did not share their interests. While teachers and a significant faction of parents were eager to relinquish their charter, the board was reluctant to do so, and decided to dissolve only after the disagreement exploded into public view.

Unlike Memorial, however, the Keiller dispute has thus far remained within the schoolhouse gates, and the existence of the charter is not at stake. Few parents are aware of the controversy, teachers said. Nor has it consumed the entire school. Special education teacher Rush Glick said he just wants to focus on his teaching and leave the politics aside.

"I believe that the board in their wisdom will do the right thing," he said.

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School of Nursing
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Philo, volunteers, corporations and independent business owners, whose year-round efforts help sustain critical programs and services offered throughout San Diego, were recently recognized for their outstanding contributions to the community. The Association of Fundraising Professionals San Diego Chapter, along with Scripps Energy as Presenting Sponsor, presented these prestigious awards at their annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon on Nov. 12 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina.

The individuals and organizations honored were nominated and chosen by local nonprofit organizations in recognition of their many gifts of time, talent and treasure. In some cases, honorees were nominated by multiple organizations for their range of services, from youth recreation and leadership training, to health care and animal protection.

This year’s Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer award was presented to Richard and Kaye Woltman of Rancho Santa Fe, while this year’s Outstanding Organizational Volunteer is being awarded to Toni Woodward Nickell, also a resident of Rancho Santa Fe.

Dick and Kaye Woltman have lived the Rotarian motto, Service Above Self, their entire lives. Their common beliefs, shared passion, and combined talents to Rotary drive their significant philanthropy today and give meaning to their professional lives at睑化Securities. More than anything, Dick and Kaye give generously of their time, as well as their resources, to the causes for which they care so deeply — health care, education, and youth.

They are both avid supporters of Scripps Health. Dick joined the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board of Directors in 1995 and has served as chairman of the board and chair of the successful Heart and Vascular Campaign that raised $53 million. In addition, Dick served on the Scripps Health Foundation development committee, which supports philanthropic activities at Scripps Health campuses.

In 2002, Kaye was elected to the Scripps Health Trustees and chaired the audit, finance and investment committee. Currently, they both serve on the Cancer Center campaign committee of a $100 million capital campaign.

The Woltmans were honored with the San Diego Chapter of the National Philanthropy Day Award for their contributions to the Scripps Woltman Scholarship. The scholarship has allowed the School of Nursing and Health Science to receive the second largest gift in its history, which will provide funds for up to 20 scholarships annually.

Dick and Kaye have each served as president of Ta Jolla’s Rotary Club where they helped create, with peer National Philanthropy Day honoree Zeke Knight, the Club fundraiser “Stars in Our Eyes.” The event supports college scholarships for seniors from all four La Jolla high schools. At one of these schools, The Bishop’s School, they have endowed a full scholarship in memory of Melvin McGee, Kaye’s daughter and a Bishop’s alumna.

Dick is a past board member and active supporter of the YMCA of San Diego County. Kaye has served on the board of San Diego Hospice and supported its mission for many years. The Woltmans’ philanthropy and volunteerism extend to St. Paul’s Foundation, the Boys and Girls Clubs of El Cajon and the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation.

Toni Woodward Nickell was raised in a family with a tradition of service. She has been an active volunteer most of her life, and now her association has become her vocation. Toni currently serves on six nonprofit boards in support of education, science, health, and animal welfare.

Toni first became a member of the San Diego Chapter of the National Philanthropy Day (NPW) Awards for Excellence in Philanthropy in 1987. She served as chair of the NPW Awards and received a number of board positions on the Chapter President’s Board in 1999 to 2003. She currently serves as the Web Site Advisor. She was instrumental in developing the ARCS Web page, which are the cornerstone for the Foundation’s national, electronic and mass communications — both locally and nationally.

At The Neurosciences Institute, Toni serves on the board and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1996. Her annual fundraising efforts have raised over $15 million in annual gifts. She has also helped organize numerous fundraising events for Scripps Health.

Helen Woodward, Animal Center benefits from Toni’s leadership through her service on the board. Her passion extends nationally, and even globally, through their ACES (Animal Center Education Services) program which trains other animal welfare organizations. She participates in the Center’s Capital Campaign Cabinet and has helped secure national funding for the Center’s Therapeutic Riding and Pet Encounter Therapy programs.

A valued member of the Charity Fair Horse Show for over 10 years, Toni is responsible for coordinating sponsors, collecting funds and administrating the event. This annual event, which takes place during the San Diego County Fair, is the top American Saddlebred horse show on the West Coast. Proceeds from the show benefit Helen Woodward Animal Center and the San Diego Scholarship Fund.
Twenty-three nursing students at five San Diego and Imperial County colleges will receive a total of $46,500 in scholarship aid from Kaiser Permanente to help meet expenses and complete their education. Kaiser Permanente is one of the largest employers of nurses in California.

At Grossmont College, six students will share $14,500 in scholarship money. Three students from Point Loma Nazarene University will share $7,500 and one student from San Diego City College will get $2,500. At USD, 12 students will share $30,000 in scholarship money and one student from Imperial Valley College will get a $2,000 scholarship.

Scholarships are primarily based on financial need to assist individuals who are pursuing nursing degrees. Current nursing students are encouraged to contact their school’s nursing or financial aid office at the beginning of the year for information on Kaiser Permanente’s 2009 scholarships and forgivable loans, or visit the Website at: http://financialaid.kp.org, or call the program’s toll-free number at (866) 232-2934.
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer raised $1 million at its Four-Mile Walk held Oct. 19 at Balboa Park. The event benefits research programs of the American Cancer Society. Major sponsors included KNSD 7/39 television, KyXy radio, Souplantation and Ralphs. The Junior Seau Foundation honored Luis Castillo at an annual teammate luncheon held Oct. 14. Fujitsu, Toshiba America, EDCO Disposal and Filippi's Pizza Grotto were presenting sponsors. Seau stated, "We're proud to honor Luis Castillo for his commanding presence on the football field and his generosity and kindness off the field." The YMCA of San Diego County received $500,000 from Microsoft to upgrade server technology and add licenses for the company's software products. The grant represents huge savings to the Y's technology system, the nonprofit said. The University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The grant will provide 10 students from disadvantaged groups a $10,000 scholarship. San Diego State University will establish the Institute for the Teaching of Critical Thinking Skills with a $1.5 million endowed gift to the college of education. "Critical thinking skills build the foundation for ethical decisions and democratic action," said Rie Hooya, dean of the college. Stath Karras, executive managing director of Cushman & Wakefield in San Diego, received the Daniel F. Mulvihill Leadership Award from the University of San Diego Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate. Imaging Healthcare Specialists' 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament netted $40,000, which was donated to Fresh Start Surgical Gifts to support surgery weekends in which poor children receive reconstructive surgery. Combined Health Agencies honored Fresh Start volunteer Mandi Farmer for her volunteer work at Surgery Weekend as well as her fundraising activity. Sherri Petro, president of VPI Strategies, was also honored by Combined Health Agencies. She was named Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding contribution to Mental Health America of San Diego. The Emilio Nares Foundation held the Harvest for Hope on Sept. 14. Event sponsors included the Lance Armstrong Foundation and Ronald McDonald House Charities. The $90,000 raised will benefit programs that provide life-enhancing programs to families of children being treated for cancer. The Salvation Army Kroc Center raised $25,000 at Fork it Over for Kids event on Oct. 11. Sponsors included Henry's, San Diego Magazine and Channel 4 San Diego. Proceeds go to a scholarship fund, which made it possible for children, adults and seniors to participate in programs regardless of ability to pay. The Copley Family YMCA was scheduled to honor Jim Wornham on Oct. 28 at the 26th Annual Civic Tribute Event. Wornham, regional manager with Wells Fargo Bank, has served in the county in a variety of positions, most recently as chair of the board of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp. The American Heart Association presented Dr. Jim Dunford with a Physician Volunteer of the Year award. Joanne and Frank Warren have donated a matching grant to the Mingei International Museum. Contributions made between September and June will count toward a $500,000 challenge match. Sharon Lawrence, president and CEO of Voices for Children, was named Woman of the Year by San Diego Magazine. Lawrence was recognized for her vision and professionalism in expanding Voices for Children's impact among abused and neglected foster children as well as her mentoring work with the Fieldstone Leadership Network. The Santaluz Club raised $14,000 to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at a luncheon and ladies golf tournament. Canyon Acres Children and Family Services raised $130,000 at a charity event held Oct. 5. The proceeds fund programs that provide services for abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children. Please send Kudos and Giving items to Contributing Writer Joyce Glazer at jg@sj.com.
School of Peace
PRESS RELEASE

Actress Emmanuelle Chriqui Joins Activist John Prendergast to Take a STAND Against Conflict in the Congo

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- Joanna Bridge, author of "Famine, War, Genocide: How Three Women Endured and Overcame" and a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations
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- Nov. 13, 1-2 p.m.: SR2 Conference Room A - Peace with Justice: How the International Criminal Court Helps to End the Crimes of People in Africa
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- Nov. 15, 6 - 8 p.m., IPJ Conference Rm. A - Peace with Justice: How the International Criminal Court Helps or Hurts the Cause of Peace in Africa
- Nov. 19, 5 - 7 p.m., IPJ Conference Rm. D - Building a Peace Movement: How Students Can Help Stop Genocide and Build in Africa

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Streets running with blood: Part 2

RAOUL LOWERY CONTRERAS

Rosarito Beach became world-famous as the quiet Mexican beach town south of Tijuana when billionaire Ali Khan rendezvoused at the Rosarito Beach Hotel with the sexiest Hollywood actress of the day, Rita Hayworth.

Next came a Sunday-night raid at the same hotel by Mexican federales busting an illegal Las Vegas-style casino operation owned by, among others, the infamous operators of the Caliente Race Track in Tijuana.

Over a hundred Americans were arrested, and from that mass arrest came the Kingston Trio's "Send My Bail to the Tijuana Jail" song, which ruined tourism to Mexico for years.

Then came the rediscovery of Rosarito Beach and its myriad bars, condos and apartments by American college students at spring break.

With a legal drinking age of 18 and a small town, large beach and a police department that looks the other way most of the time, students from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, California, Arizona and dry Utah flocked to Rosarito every spring, bringing millions of dollars with them to spend. And how they spent.

Now, since Sept. 28, Rosarito police officers and civilians have been killed "gangland"-style at night, in the morning, in the afternoon and twice at teatime.

The slaughter is a result of the 140 men and women killed in "gangland"-style in metropolitan Tijuana during the same time.

The TransBorder Institute of the University of San Diego estimates that more than 400 Mexican law enforcement officers have been killed throughout Mexico this year.

This war is a war of drug lords fighting each other for dominance in the drug corridor that leads to Greater Los Angeles, the biggest drug market in the U.S. Police officers are caught on all sides of this war.

Some police officers are corrupt and work for one drug lord or another. Some police officers are corrupt for the money, some from fear of being victims of the war. Some are innocent bystanders, and some are serious about being police officers and fighting crime.

One ranking officer, for example, was hired in Rosarito after years with the Tijuana Police Department and as a shift supervisor at the state prison east of Tijuana. He was put in charge of a satellite police station south of Rosarito.

Negative intelligence surfaced about him, so he was transferred to Rosarito proper. Shortly thereafter, he was demoted to patrol officer. He was killed the following day. Why? He probably couldn't deliver any longer, thus he was expendable.

Rosarito has a police budget for 217 sworn officers. It has fewer than 170 officers and may have fewer than 150 actually working, thus endangering public safety like never before.

Mexican soldiers, federal police and a fighting Baja California state administration have to flood Rosarito with men and to isolate and kill each and every drug lord and their minions before they kill the beach town made famous by a romantic Ali Khan and Rita Hayworth so long ago.

Del Mar Heights resident Raoul Lowery Contreras operated tour companies to Tijuana and Rosarito for years.
War-zone medicine helps at home

Conference discusses practices applied in treatment of trauma

By Keith Darci
STAFF WRITER

On the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, doctors and nurses are wasting little time coming up with new ways to treat troops mangled by gunfire and roadside bombs.

Almost as quickly, those innovations are making their way to emergency rooms in San Diego County and across the United States, where they're helping save victims of violent crimes, car crashes and other accidents.

The advances range from the sophisticated — including high-tech prosthetics to replace amputated limbs — to the simple, such as old-fashioned tourniquets applied immediately after injury to stop potentially fatal bleeding.

Some of the war-zone techniques are forcing trauma specialists to rethink practices that have been standard for years.

"We are learning at warp speed," said Dr. Michael Sise, a clinical professor of surgery and chief of the trauma unit at Scripps Mercy Hospital in Hillcrest. "This is the fastest transfer of wartime learning in history."

Sise helped the Scripps Health hospital network coordinate a conference yesterday to discuss the synergy between military and civilian trauma-care experts. About 200 physicians and nurses from states, Canada and Mexico attended the gathering at the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice.

The rapid assimilation of battlefield lessons largely is being driven by health providers who also are military reservists. Upon returning from deployments in Iraq or Afghanistan, they apply newly learned techniques to their civilian counterparts quickly among hospitals through the nation's highly networked trauma-care system.

Articles in medical journals and continuing-education courses for health professionals also serve as conduits between the war theater and stateside emergency rooms.

At yesterday's conference, organizers held courses on topics such as how to quickly stabilize a
Tourniquets making return to battlefields

For centuries, wars indirectly have served as laboratories for developing important medical advances. Nearly 2,400 years ago, the Greek physician Hippocrates gave this advice to his followers: "He who would become a surgeon should join an army and follow it."

Statistics suggest that trauma care in Iraq and Afghanistan has far exceeded efforts of previous conflicts. About 10 percent of U.S. troops wounded in the current wars have died, according to the Department of Defense. That compares with a 25 percent death rate in the Korean and Vietnam wars and a 30 percent death rate during World War II.

Among the most important lessons to emerge from Iraq and Afghanistan is an understanding that more service members survive serious wounds if they are transported rapidly from war-zone field hospitals to specialized medical centers in Germany and the United States.

The technique even has a name: damage-control surgery.

Here’s how it works. Instead of performing major surgery at a field hospital, doctors stabilize the patients enough to move them to a major medical center. They focus on stopping blood loss, sterilizing injuries and packing wounds with absorbent gauze.

For a soldier or Marine whose leg is shredded by a roadside bomb, damage-control surgery might mean cleaning the wound in the field and holding off on removing the limb for three or four days — until the patient arrives at an amputation center in the United States, Sise said. "It's doing as little as you have to do," he said. "That significantly increases survival."

The method challenges a long-held notion among emergency-room physicians that they must do everything possible for patients before passing them on to the next stage of care, said Dr. Michael Rotondo, chairman of surgery at East Carolina University’s Brody School of Medicine in Greenville, N.C.

"We used to operate until the anatomy was perfect, but we would end with a dead patient," Rotondo said during one of yesterday's sessions.

Another innovation emerging from Iraq and Afghanistan is a throwback to the past.

Battlefield medics are widely using tourniquets to stop hemorrhaging, which is a leading cause of death among severe trauma victims.

The device fell out of favor in the United States decades ago.

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Source: Union-Tribune research
after doctors became fearful that it damaged healthy tissue in an injured limb and contributed to a higher rate of amputations.

Experience in the current wars suggests that the lifesaving benefits of tourniquets outweigh those risks, said Dr. Jay Johannigman, chief of trauma and critical care at the University of Cincinnati.

As a result, the American College of Surgeons is considering new guidelines recommending that all ambulances carry tourniquets.

Not everyone believes the net effect of war is beneficial to medicine. Critics point out that research into new treatments for civilian diseases sometimes takes a back seat to military medical needs. They also said some service members suffer horrific consequences because of exposure to battlefield medical experiments that never would be permitted in the civilian world.

Still, Valerie Norton, an emergency department physician at the University of California San Diego Medical Center, said there's much to learn from war.

During a course at the conference, she learned about a novel treatment for military personnel who suffered concussions after being near bomb blasts. Norton compared their injuries to those of a young soccer player who falls during a game and hits his head on the ground.

After arriving at a local emergency room, the athlete typically would be treated with over-the-counter pain medication, sent home and told to check in with his family doctor after a couple of weeks.

The problem is that many patients such as the soccer player experience headaches, short-term memory loss, periodic confusion and other symptoms of a condition that has come to be known as post-concussion syndrome.

Service members suffering from the condition are, in some cases, receiving up to six hours of therapy each day to help them fully regain their mental functions, Norton said.

"We're learning from our colleagues in the military that post-concussion syndrome is really more common than we think," she said.
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“China’s Great Leap: Business and Human Rights”

The Beijing Olympics brought attention to the impact corporate sponsors and other multinational businesses can have on human rights.

On Thursday, November 6th at 7pm, Arvind Ganesan, director of the Business and Human Rights Division at Human Rights Watch and contributor to the book China’s Great Leap: The Beijing Games and Olympian Human Rights Challenges, will examine the role that companies can play in the promotion or violation of human rights through their online activities and ground operations.


RSVP at:
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or call 619.260.4659 ext. 6994 for more information.
LECTURES

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"The Layers of Writing" Local author, educator Lisa Shapiro speaks when Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators gather. Topics: writing a story scene by scene, starting with character and creating a base with plot and setting, developing a manuscript by adding the layers of motivation and conflict, more. Meeting takes place in USD’s Hahn School of Nursing Building (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). 619-713-5462. Saturday, November 8, 2 p.m.; $7-$9. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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CLASSICAL

"Radical Piano I" Pianist Christopher Adler plans recital of contemporary works by Christopher Burns, Stuart Saunders Smith, and Carmel Raz in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4174. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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The San Diego Woodworkers Association will hold its semi-annual old tool swap meet from 6 a.m. to noon tomorrow at Rockler Woodworking parking lot, 8199 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (East of Interstate 805). Free to all buyers and sellers. Buy, sell or trade hand tools, power tools, woodworking machinery, wood, hardware and lots more. Information: (619) 440-6598.

High Tech High family of schools presents the second annual Liberty Station of Education fundraiser, Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Liberty Station on Truxtun Road, between Womble and Roosevelt Road, Point Loma. Information: www.hightechhigh.org. Emerging Arts Leaders San Diego is partnering with the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, and Americans for the Arts, to host an Emerging Leaders Creative Conversation Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Ave., downtown. Local emerging arts leaders will discuss their challenges and experiences. Free and open to the public. Register online: http://www2.americansforthearts.org

One of the nation's leading economic analysts, James Hamilton, addresses the UCSD Social Sciences Supper Club 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the UCSD Faculty Club. The public is invited. Hamilton is widely regarded as among the nation's leading academic authorities on the price of oil. He will discuss the role of OPEC, China, oil speculators and peak oil, and offer his perspective on current U.S. policy proposals and options. Information: (858) 822-6694.

Dr. Adrian M. Cooper, head of the Medical Ethics Committee, Scripps Memorial Hospital, will discuss the issues facing a doctor when asked to help the dying. Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Auditorium in Hillcrest at University and Vermont. Free public meeting presented by the Hemlock Society of San Diego. Information: (619) 233-4418.

"Creating a Culture of Peace for the Next Generation" Carlos Alarcon directs Culture of Peace division of Archbishop's Human Rights Office in Guatemala, tasked with carrying forward the message of the office's landmark study, "Guatemala: Never Again." Alarcon plans talk in Institute for Peace and Justice Room A: 619-260-7809. Thursday, November 20, 12:30 PM; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park. (LINDA VISTA)
Book study Vision: A Center for Spiritual Living will host, "Money and the Law of Attraction," a book discussion 6:30 to 8:30 p.m Monday. Free. The center is at 7777 Alvarado Road. Information: (619) 303-6609.

Novedades y actividades en la comunidad

25 aniversario
El Instituto de las Américas de la Universidad de California en San Diego tendrá una conferencia y cena de gala para celebrar su 25 aniversario el sábado 15 de noviembre en La Jolla. El invitado principal será el ex presidente mexicano Ernesto Zedillo. Se requiere un boleto por cada evento: $150 por conferencia, $250 cena y conferencia. Informes: 858.453.5560 o iamericas.org.

Festival Internacional
El Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation patrocina el Festival de la Cosecha el sábado 15 de noviembre de 11 a.m. a 6 p.m. en Market Creek Plaza, ubicada en el 310 Euclid Avenue, cerca de la intersección con Market Street, en San Diego. Gratis. Informes: shopmcp.com.

Niños con cáncer
La Friends of Scott Foundation, que ofrece apoyo a familias de niños con cáncer, tendrá una cena para recaudar fondos el domingo 16 de noviembre de 5 a 9 p.m. en The Prado, en el Parque Balboa. $100 por persona. Informes: 619.223.7128 o friendsofscott.org.

Mural comunitario
La Esperanza Learning Foundation tendrá un evento donde niños de San Diego pintarán un mural comunitario el domingo 16 de noviembre a las 10:30 a.m. en Trinity Life Church, 2001 Main St., Chula Vista. El mural, que complementa otro pintado por niños de un orfanato en Tijuana en octubre, será parte de una serie de murales de alrededor del mundo que cubrirán las pirámides de Egipto en el 2010. Informes: esperanzalf.org.

Caminata
La American Lung Association tendrá una caminata llamada Healthy Air Walk el domingo 16 de noviembre empezando desde las 7:30 a.m. La caminata pretende recaudar fondos para apoyar programas en favor de aire puro. Informes: 619.683.3464 o lungsandiego.org.

Presentación de libro
El Institute Trans-Fronterizo de la Universidad de San Diego tendrá la presentación del libro La ruptura que vino del político mexicano Porfirio Muñoz Ledo a las 8:30 a.m. el martes 18 en el edificio Joan B. Kroc, salón H, en la Universidad de San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. Gratis. Informes: 619.260.4090 o sandiego.edu/tbl.

Mujeres latinas
MANA de San Diego, una organización de mujeres latinas, tendrá su evento anual Brindis el sábado 22 de noviembre desde las 5:30 p.m. en Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road. En el evento, que sirve para recaudar fondos para programas para jóvenes latinas, estará como invitada Cristina Pérez, conductora del programa de televisión Cristina's Court, que se transmite por Fox. $150 por persona. Informes: 619.225.9594 o sdmama.org.

Para incluir actividades, mandar los datos con dos semanas de anticipación a editorial@mienlace.com, con atención a Pablo Jaime Sánz.
Presentará libro en USD
Porfirio Muñoz Ledo

San Diego, California.- Uno de los líderes políticos mexicanos de la ola izquierdista viene a región para presentar su nuevo libro.

Porfirio Muñoz Ledo, ex presidente nacional del PRI y del PRD, actual coordinador del Frente Amplio Progresista, presentará su obra "La Ruptura que Viene", el martes 18 de noviembre en la Universidad de San Diego.

Para asistir al evento, los interesados necesitan confirmar su asistencia con Claudia Ornelas, vía e-mail cornelas-09@sandiego.edu, o por teléfono al (619) 260-4148.

La presentación será de 8:30 a 11:00 horas en el salón H del edificio Joan B. Kroc.

-POR NELLY CERVANTES
Other
USD Campus Revs Up for Zipcar’s Arrival

On-demand transportation provider Zipcar recently entered the San Diego market at the University of San Diego campus.

Two self-service Zipcars, a Honda Civic Hybrid and a Toyota Matrix, are available on campus to students, faculty and staff around the clock. Hourly and daily rental rates include gas, maintenance and insurance fees.

Roy Heynderickx, vice president of finance and administration at USD, said the car-sharing service gives people another transportation option, in addition to car pooling, taking a trolley or riding a bike. Zipcars can be used to attend interviews, run errands or take a weekend getaway.

“Zipcar (eliminates) the expense and trouble of having a personal car on campus,” Heynderickx said.

With a $35 membership, USD students and staff can reserve Zipcars for $8 an hour, or $65 per day, company officials said. Members ages 21 and older have access to Zipcar’s network of more than 5,500 vehicles.

The transportation services are available in more than 50 cities. MIT, Columbia University and Harvard University are among dozens of colleges that have partnered with Zipcar.
The Meltdown Impacting San Diego’s Wealthiest

Ernest Rady, who ranks No. 1 on the Business Journal’s list of the wealthiest, No. 743 on Forbes’ list of the world’s richest folks, and is a huge donor to Rady Children’s Hospital and the Rady School of Management at UC San Diego, apparently has been suffering a big hit in his portfolio these past few weeks. Rady holds 36 million shares of Wachovia, acquired after selling his 40 percent interest in a business to the bank in September 2005. The value of his shares has plummeted 87 percent as of Oct. 29. He had a net worth of $2.1 billion last year, so events have dropped him to hectomillionaire from billionaire.

Meanwhile, nonprofits are hoping that the downturn won’t hurt them too badly in this, the high tide of the fundraising season. The Pacific South Coast Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society schedules its 22nd annual dinner and auction for Nov. 22. The nonprofit expects 500 to attend and hopes to raise $500,000 for research and programs.

The East County Family YMCA’s annual fundraiser on Sept. 27 generated $176,000, which demonstrates that even in tough times San Diegans will support each other. More than 450 people attended the event, which featured participants dressed up in their Sunday best jeans with those big, shiny belt buckles...

Now, back to our regular programming. Got Jeff? Jeff Goodby, co-chair of Goodby, Silverstein & Partners, the agency famous for its “Got Milk?” marketing campaign, schedules a Nov. 5 appearance at the San Diego Ad Club on the University of San Diego campus. Details at sandiegoadclub.com.

Speaking of the news...

The National Press Club celebrates its centennial here with a special forum scheduled for Nov. 18 at San Diego State University. The forum, titled, “The First Amendment, Freedom of the Press and the Future of Journalism,” features Reo Carr, SDBJ associate publisher, and Diane Borden, who heads SDSU’s School of Journalism and Media Studies. Details at sdpressclub.org. Similar forums are held in three dozen other cities to promote the importance of freedom of speech as the news-gathering industry goes through severe gyrations.

How bout some good news?...

The City Ballet of San Diego opens its 16th season with “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” with opening night Nov. 7 at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre. Details at cityballet.org.

Tune in to Mark Larson’s Thursday morning shows on San Diego 1700 AM to catch Tom York’s weekly business update.
Jeff Goodby, creator of the "Got Milk" advertising campaign, will speak at today’s San Diego Advertising Club meeting from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at USD’s Joan Kroc Center for Peace and Justice, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. It is open to the public.

Goodby, who is with Goodby Silverstein & Partners, also has worked with a number of other well-known brands, including Hewlett-Packard, Sprint, Hyundai and Ninetendo Wii. Cost to attend is $50 for Ad Club members and $65 for nonmembers. For information, phone (858) 576-9833.

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Congratulations to San Diego's stars.

Here's the list of San Diego's most excellent employers, as nominated by the Union-Tribune's readers.

Adirondack
Арк facade Technologies, Inc.
Albany
Amgen
American Council on Exercise
American Specialty Health
AMN Healthcare Services, Inc.
Ampersand Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Ampio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Asset Marketing Systems
Insurance Services, LLC
Audax, a Sabre Company
Bedford Cobras, Inc.
Brady Company San Diego
BMC, Inc.
Bridgepoint Education/Abilis University
Brisas and Delicias
California Center for Sustainable Energy
California Department of Financial Institutions
California Lawmakers' Helpdesk
Cardinal Health
City of Carlsbad
Clear Channel Communications
Client Solutions Architects, LLC
Coles Carpets & Home Flooring
Corporate Risk Solutions
Cowles Management Corporation
Cowgirl Sails Colin Rustman & Robbins LLP
County of San Diego
Country of San Diego — IRS Public Authority
Cedar Communications
CertifiCASH, LLC/the San Diego Magazine
Cynus, Inc.
Datapad
Dimension One Spas
EDAM, Inc.
Employment Strategies, Inc.
Epcon, Grofman & Howells APC
Esri
EYD Marketing, Inc.
Feinberg's
First Advantage Corks
First Business Bank N.A.
Fleet Readiness Center Southwest
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Gen-Pro Equine Inc
Grady & Ellis
Homestay
The Holiday Inn on the Bay — San Diego Harborside Enterprises
HEA San Diego
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JMC
Kable Company
Kaan Engineering Systems, Inc.
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Max, Inc.
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Marston & Marston, Inc.
Marti Direct Insurance Services, Inc.
Meritage, a UPS Company
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Milham & Company
Mid-Cities Community College
National University
Northrop Grumman Corporation
North County Gastroenterology Medical Group, Inc.
OnCore Manufacturing
Open Access Adult Day Healthcare Center
Palomar Penitentiary Health
Payroll.com
PCGI Construction Services, Inc.
PowerCorps
Premier, Inc.
Quadrak
Red Cross Interactive
RMAEC Defense & Space, Inc.
Pineus Logistics Corporation
Roncon del Dudley Municipal Water Districts
Robbins Research International
Ron's Clean
San Diego Association of Governments
San Diego County Credit Union
San Diego District Attorney
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
San Diego Job Corps
San Diego Marriott Courtyard Quarters
Santanna, Inc.
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Scraps Health
Sansevilla Village Retirement Communities
Sanitas Security Services USA, Inc.
Security Business Bank of San Diego
Sengler LP
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Sharp Healthcare
Sibera Wireless
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Tecnos International, Inc.
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The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center
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Workplace Excellence Medallion Winners

The San Diego Union-Tribune hosted a special award presentation recognizing companies from across the region with the San Diego Union-Tribune Workplace Excellence Medallion. This year, the awards were presented to companies that demonstrated excellence in workplace practices, management, and employee satisfaction.

MEGA CATEGORY
- General Dynamics
- Abraxa Health
- Sharp HealthCare
- Xfinity Communications
- FedEx
- Palomar Medical Center
- Janssen Bank of America
- University of San Diego

LARGE CATEGORY
- San Diego Gas & Electric
- Remtec Defense & Space, Inc.
- Transcendental Meditation

MIDSIZE CATEGORY
- Vertex Pharmaceuticals
- San Diego Association of Governments
- Inc.
- Computer Management Corporation
- HME, a WPS Company

SMALL CATEGORY
- Medaxis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- County of San Diego — MSD Public Affairs
- CertiCheck, LLC
- San Diego Magazine
- Hillcrest Water Reclamation District
- United Way of San Diego
San Diegans will mark Veterans Day with several events around town Tuesday. On the USS Midway, some 133 men and women will take their oath of allegiance to the United States, which is the final step toward U.S. citizenship.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on the flight deck of the USS Midway, located on the Embarcadero. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Also on Tuesday, more than 3,500 current and retired military personnel will take to the streets of downtown San Diego during the city's 22nd annual Veterans Day parade.

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Offices close for Veteran's Day; parade downtown

Monday, November 10, 2008

By San Diego Suburban Newspapers

All federal, state and county government offices will be closed Tuesday in observance of Veterans' Day, along with state and federal courts, post offices, schools and banks.

All city offices in San Diego County will also be closed, except for National City.

Parking meters will not be enforced in San Diego County communities - except in Del Mar.

Trash collection will be delayed one day starting Tuesday for San Diego city residents.

County residents serviced by Allied Waste, EDCO, Escondido Disposal, Fallbrook Refuse Service, Ramona Disposal, Waste Management for North County and Waste Management for East County will be on their regular schedules.

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There is an ancient Chinese story of a young man who was given a horse by his grandfather, the wisest man in the village. One day while riding his horse, the young man fell off and broke his leg. "This is very bad news," exclaimed the villagers, while the grandfather was only heard to say, "Good news or bad news — only time will tell." A few weeks later, the Imperial Army came through the village and captured all able-bodied men, and so the young man was left behind because of his broken leg. "This is very good news," exclaimed the villagers. "Good news or bad news — only time will tell." The young man and his horse became inseparable until a fire broke out in the stable and the horse ran away. "This is very bad news," said none of the villagers. But several others were heard to say, "Good news or bad news — only time will tell." As the young man lamented the loss of his home, he also pondered his grandfather's words. While he had trouble picturing what "good news" small town of this loss, he began to understand that to resign oneself to good or bad implies we somehow know how things eventually will end. While still and over the loss of his horse, he began to see that the things we could do toward advancing the best future we could — with the horse or without. The next spring, the young man awoke one morning to find that beloved horse outside — with her beautiful new colt. He let them run free in the meadow, and hurried to find his grandfather and tell him, "Good news or bad news — only time will tell.

From this story seems to describe the times in which we find ourselves today. In what's happening everyday on Wall Street and Main Street, good news and bad. And what does it all have to do with our families, our businesses, our employees? Just as in the story above, there will be done that are quick to expect the present economic challenges as bad news for the looking, regard-
2008 Family-Owned & Closely-Held Business Awards

Nearly 400 guests attended the Family-Owned & Closely-Held Business Awards ceremony, which was hosted by the Business Journal on Nov. 5 at the San Diego Marriott Del Mar.

The after-hours gathering recognized the accomplishments of businesses in the county that are family owned or closely held. Co-emcees Publisher Armond Mulls and Associate Publisher Reo Carr honored nine businesses in three categories — small, medium and large — and gave out four Special Diamond Sponsor Awards to select participants.

Event co-hosts included the Entrepreneurial Management Center in the College of Business Administration at San Diego State University and the Continuing Education Family Business Forum at University of San Diego. Doug Wilson of Douglas Wilson Cos. was the guest speaker and a bronze sponsor of the event. Diamond sponsors were ESET LLC, MassMutual Financial Group, San Diego National Bank and RSM McGladrey.
Welcome to the San Diego Business Journal's publication celebrating and recognizing San Diego's family-owned and closely-held businesses. We are proud to partner with the University of San Diego's Family Business Forum and San Diego State University's Entrepreneurial Management Center, as well as co-sponsors ESSET LLC, MassMutual, San Diego National Bank, RSM McGladrey and Douglas Wilson Companies, to honor and promote outstanding family-owned firms in our region.

The Family-Owned & Closely-Held Business Awards honor those businesses with familial ties, as well as those having three or less individuals who own 50 percent or more of the business. Included in this supplement are the four businesses receiving specific awards - ESSET Technology Innovation Award, MassMutual Entrepreneurial Award, MassMutual Generations' Cup Award and San Diego National Bank Founders Award - nine honorees and 30 finalists, broke down into large, medium and small categories.

The Family-Owned & Closely-Held Business Awards and educational programs, such as the University of San Diego's Family Business Forum and San Diego State University's Entrepreneurial Management Center, benefit the health and prosperity of family businesses. Meeting with other family-owned and closely-held businesses, discussing and learning the trials and tribulations of other families and learning from local business experts is instrumental in helping these businesses push through struggles and into stability and, ultimately, success.

The Business Journal extends its thanks to Douglas Wilson, chief operating officer of Douglas Wilson Companies for providing the Nov. 5 event with a keynote address. We thank Wilson for sharing his experiences and expertise with our local family-owned and closely-held businesses.

Congratulations to each of the award winners, honorees and finalists!

Thank you,

Armaan Mills
President & Publisher
San Diego Business Journal
Green curricula at local universities reflect student focus on social responsibility

By MICHAEI CHANG KLM

Alternative energy, nanotechnology, biodegradable plastics, zero waste — today's local university students want to know the science behind the solutions.

As eco-enlightened students answer the call to stop global warming, universities in San Diego offer more coursework in sustainability than ever before.

The University of California, San Diego currently has more than 80 green courses scheduled for the fall and plans to continue with new green courses every quarter.

Courses taught by distinguished UCSD faculty are specifically designed to define how this new generation of students will interact in the global market.

Coursework includes: "Global Citizenship or Global Correspondent: Linking Your Courage and Your Wallet" and "Alternative Energy: Myth or Promise?" in the sociology department, "Climate Change and Society" at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and "Green Curriculum" at UCSD Extension.

"Global warming is the hot topic of this generation," said Lisa Kaczmarczyk, UCSD's chief technology officer for Sixth College. She said her "socially responsible students" seek a deeper understanding of alternatives like solar power, wind power and biofuel. And through the practicum experience, "they are going to be able to ask the right questions and understand and talk about solutions," she said.

Kaczmarczyk is teaching a new course on technology and sustainability. Her students work in teams of 15, investigating and making recommendations for Sixth College to become more efficient and less wasteful.

"In one project, the students will report to Facilities Management about the feasibility of using anaerobic digesters to produce enough methane to generate electricity and ultimately become self-sufficient. Students will interact with the client, and if they do a good job, Facilities Management could adopt their proposal, Kaczmarczyk said.

USCD undergrad Sonya Ko collaborated on another project with Kaczmarczyk's guidance. Her team is working on a lifecycle assessment of biodegradable and nonbiodegradable plastics for Sixth College's Dining and Hospitality group.

The group wants to get rid of Styrofoam cups but needs to know the true costs of the alternatives, Ko's job is to accumulate scientific data for a cost benefit analysis.

"I chose this class because it forces me to do the research," Ko said.

The hands-on practicum experience, working in a team with real clients, will give Ko and her collaborators an edge when seeking opportunities after graduation, according to Kaczmarczyk.

USCD Sociology Professor Emeritus Michael Buxton sees endless potential for jobs. "There are tons of opportunities in the field of alternative energy," he said.

"Biologists, for example, is a cutting-edge discipline that offers a broad array of opportunities," Buxton added. "The problems of transporting energy across the existing energy gridwork present another example of opportunities."

Evans said managing the planet's dwindling supply of freshwater for human consumption is another critical area rich with opportunity for students in fields such as engineering, hydrology and conservation.

"So immense are the problems and the need for rapid alternatives to fossil fuels," he explained, "that the opportunities for students are almost endless."

As a surfer, student Ko sees a valuable, possibly lucrative future in protecting the ocean environment. She understands that the surfing industry can do better in terms of having sustainable gear, from boards and wetsuits — products that generally use toxic petro-chemicals — to surf wax.

"I would definitely get involved in green foams, biodegradable foam for surfboards, and I have already seen how old wetsuits can be taken and used in a sustainable manner," she said.

USCD is not alone in producing forward-thinking individuals like Ko.

Earlier this year, San Diego State University, College of Extended Studies launched its new online Professional Certificate in Green Building Construction. The program was created to support design and construction professionals in available to certification.

"There is a growing demand," said Donna Jo Shapiro, College of Extended Studies, "a whole new sector of green-collar jobs related to the green industry."

Shapiro said the programs were designed "for people who want to get more deeply involved ... and who will walk out of the classroom and contribute to the community."

Mayer Jerry Sanders gave his support to the program by saying that it will "help encourage sustainability efforts and develop a green work force, which is vital to attracting and retaining cleantech companies in the region."


The University of San Diego, San Marcos recently hosted a conference in "Practicing Sustainability" which will cover "the three Es of sustainability: Economy, Environment and Social Equity."

Originally scheduled for Oct. 10, the date for the rescheduled conference has not yet been determined.

If current university course offerings are any indication, the age of oil and disposability is coming to an end, and the age of alternatives is taking hold.

Many in the university setting feel a sense of urgency.

"I was dismayed to discover that it was a scientific consensus that the world's oil reserves will soon be depleted while already nothing was or is being done to prepare for a world without oil," Evans said.

"The consequences for the USA in particular were staggering that I took it upon myself to branch out into a field in which I had very little formal training and began teaching on alternative energy," he added.

As professors and students mobilize, student Ko looks ahead:

"As for the doom and gloom, everyone should see it as an opportunity to be stronger and wise," she said. "Stay positive and something great can happen."

Chung Kohn is a San Diego-based freelance writer.

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Time, talents and Thanksgiving
By PEGGY EDDY

Due to the current financial crisis, some families in business are now voicing concerns about continuing their charitable outreach to the community. Even though their sales may be declining, and there is a constant flow of negative financial news, looking for innovative ways to continue to support philanthropic efforts of the family with time and talents might be a good approach.

In times of financial stress, maintaining even greater communication with family members becomes vital to a family business. Rumors about the financial status of the business can result in unspoken worries about whether or not the family can continue to underwrite fundraisers, make grants from the family foundation or even make contributions to their favorite charities. (And, of course, there is generally the unspoken concern about whether or not dividends and distributions will continue as well!)

Rather than wringing their hands or constantly fretting, creative families have decided to focus on time and talent, versus treasure for their philanthropic efforts in the coming months. Instead of sending a check, one family has made a commitment to work at soup kitchens, participate in projects such as Habitat for Humanity and members of the third generation are planning to volunteer to read to blind children.

Another family held a "philanthropy summit" and with input from all four generations represented, the group made a decision to hold a giant family garage sale at the grandparents' home before the December holidays. There was a printed ballot that listed favorite charities of the family and each member voted for their three favorite nonprofits. Once tabulated, the three nonprofits with the greatest number of notes would share in the proceeds from the garage sale.

The family decided that each member of the family would bring used (or, in some cases, never used) toys, clothing, kitchen gadgets and garden equipment to the family homestead for the weekend sale. Even the youngest of the family could help and each family could work a table at the garage sale.

I am anxious to hear how this wonderful use of time and talent turns out. I suspect the family will learn a lot about sharing, managing with just a few less toys; that less is more in some ways; that it is rewarding to help others using a hands-on approach; that it is fun to work on a project together outside of the business; and that it just feels good to give time and talent together.

Another benefit is that the older family members are setting an example of philanthropy in action. I recall attending a panel of philanthropists years ago. One of the moderator's initial questions put to the group of panelists was, "How did you become involved with philanthropy and how did you learn about sharing your family's wealth?"

Without exception, in all cases, it was a strong parental model of philanthropy that shaped these folks' giving patterns. In each case, their parents spoke about giving, volunteering and service to others and demonstrated each in a generous manner.

In their book, "Inspired Philanthropy," authors Tracy Gary and Melissa Kohner expand the definition of philanthropists as "all people who exert themselves for the well being of others ... who donate money and time to causes they believe in so that the world may become a better place."

There were stirring examples of how the panelists became aware of others who were less fortunate than they. For example, one panel member recounted, "When we were little, my mom would often drive us to Tijuana and point out how lucky we were to have a house made of bricks. We would collect toys and blankets to share with folks in Tijuana. And not just during the holidays, either. We were frequently told that we had a responsibility to help those who had less than we and that we needed to be good stewards of our wealth as it could all disappear some day!"

On a less formalized basis, one audience member related how she and her husband hold a family meeting at the beginning of each year to discuss the family giving plan over the next 12 months. There is a discussion of time, talent, treasure and being thankful for their blessings. Even her youngest child, who is only 5, participates in this planning meeting. Concerned that their children may not all have highly remunerative careers, she and her husband have come up with a policy of donating $5 for each hour of volunteer work their children perform. The children select a charity of their choice and receive acknowledgement of the cash gift from the charity. It is their hope that this will encourage their children to give of themselves in whatever form they can as they move into adulthood.

Impressive as the parents were in addressing how they handle their family's wealth and how involved they are in philanthropic activities, what was most moving was how thankful each of them was for the good fortune they enjoyed. These individuals expressed deep appreciation for their comfortable lives. Each of them were committed to being children who were polite, kind, concerned community citizens who would share of their time, talents and treasures in their own unique way.

At this time of Thanksgiving, developing an "attitude of gratitude" in light of the recent financial crisis might be appropriate for a family in business. Families in business can adopt this attitude and be grateful that there still is a family and, even if decisions have been made to reduce the business' workforce or for family employees to reduce their salaries, the business will survive. For families in business who still enjoy reasonable financial well-being — give thanks for your remaining good fortune, for the legacy you are perpetuating and plan how you and your family can become even better philanthropists, using your family's time and talent until the economy rebounds.

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New research fuels continued growth of San Diego Clean-Tech cluster

The Clean Tech Innovation Challenge is a partnership among the City of San Diego, UC San Diego's William J. von Liebig Center for Entrepreneurism at San Diego State University (SDSU). The program is designed to accelerate the commercialization of technologies out of university labs as part of the city's push to promote the growth of the local clean tech industry. Program participants include faculty from UC San Diego, SDSU, University of San Diego and Alliant International University. Qualcomm, Inc. co-sponsored the first grant awards.

"This Clean Tech initiative is an example of how the San Diego community, its universities, local government and the private sector can join forces to create economic growth in the region around technology sectors," said Rosibel Ochoa, the von Liebig Center's acting executive director.

Researchers from UC San Diego and SDSU will receive funding and additional assistance to develop and commercialize new solar technologies, unique ways to convert waste heat to electricity, and novel methods of extracting biodiesel from algae.

"Clean tech is a natural extension of some of the academic and commercial strengths here in San Diego, including electronics, chemistry and biochemistry," said Mike Rondelli, director of the San Diego State Research Foundation.

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and leaders from local universities and San Diego's technology and business communities gathered on Oct. 30 to honor the local researchers receiving grants at the 2008 Clean Tech Innovation Challenge Awards Ceremony, which was sponsored by the law firm Morrison & Foerster.

Mayor Jerry Sanders said during the awards event, "The universities represented here tonight have literally put San Diego on the map. Clean tech is the latest example."

As part of the Clean Tech Innovation Challenge, each researcher nets $50,000, plus business advisory services from the von Liebig Center's consultants. In addition, a team of MBA students from the University of San Diego or Alliant International University will work with each professor in order to conduct market research and create a business plan around the technology. The professors can continue working with their advisor in developing a commercialization plan for the technology and to introduce them to potential funders.

Each grant will support the development of prototypes or the generation of key data that is needed to demonstrate the commercial viability of the technology. The expected timeline for the completion of this program is 12 months. In addition, the awardees have access to other programs like CONNECT's Springboard and the Tech Coast Angeles' Seed track program. They can also seek partnerships with corporations to further develop their technologies.

Ochoa said programs like the von Liebig Center and the Clean Tech Initiative are critical to creating and growing nascent industries. Many researchers, she said, desire to move their inventions into the marketplace but often times lack the resources and funding to make that a reality. This so-called "Valley of Death" is created when federal funding runs out and venture capitalists see the science as too risky to put money into.

"Many of these technologies are so early stage that many investors don't fund them," Ochoa said. "The importance of a program like the Clean Tech Initiative is it allows these researchers to move their technologies further up the value chain so they become attractive to investors or a company to help move them forward."

"UC San Diego is becoming an experimental laboratory for clean technology," she added. "The von Liebig Center is a platform that can be used to demonstrate how these inventions can be turned into commercial technologies."

Ochoa said the Clean Tech Innovation Challenge is unique because it is a private-public partnership.

"The local clean technology industry could be as big as the telecommunications or biotechnology industry, but it requires a concerted effort," she said. "It's important to have this type of public-private partnership to create economic growth and jobs."

Jacques Chieze, program manager for the City of San Diego Clean Tech Initiative, said the program is right in line with San Diego's famed success of turning innovations from the lab to the marketplace.

"Qualcomm and Cymer are great examples of that," Chieze said. "We need to continue to tap into the knowledge we have at our local research institutions and universities like UC San Diego and SDSU."

"San Diego has a lot of homegrown technology and science that we can nurture and grow," he added. "The von Liebig Center is a unique model to help this region accomplish that. The center has been recognized as one of the best models in the nation for accelerating research in the nation. The center has a very well designed process of bringing technology from concept to commercialization."

Chieze said one of the goals of the Clean Tech Innovation Challenge is to inspire innovation in this growing field by encouraging more local researchers, corporations and the San Diego business community to participate in the program.

The following is a brief description of the Clean Tech Innovation Challenge winners and their projects:

- Paul Yu, Electrical and Computer Engineering professor, UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering...
Leading nanotechnology job board turns five years old - 09 November 2008

Andre Geim receives Koerber European Science Award for graphene work - 06 November 2008

Novel organic photovoltaic design wins Best Poster award at UK NanoForum Event - 27 October 2008

Nanotechnology dramatically improves the effectiveness of antibacterial treatments - 05 November 2008

Multiple Quantum Wells for Solar Spectral Concentrator and Optical Energy Transport Technology: In this project, Paul Yu is working on developing new solar-power technologies. In particular, Yu is developing an efficient solar spectral concentrator that will serve as the key component of a technology for transforming a broad-spectral width solar beam into optical energy that can be massively transported via optical fibers to user locations. The solar spectral concentrator can potentially advance the current generation of solar energy collection. Today's photovoltaic (PV) systems are often based upon directly converting solar energy directly into electrical energy. Yu's technology, in contrast, would enable efficient transport and distribution of energy in optical form before final conversion and usage. This will allow for flexible yet direct use of solar energy, and will take advantage of any advances in PV systems. Once established as an alternate way to power up the utilities using solar energy, this proposed technology could be employed broadly world wide.

Yu Qiao, Structural Engineering professor, UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering

Developing Ultrahigh-Efficiency Thermal-Energy Harvesting Materials: In this proposed project Qiao and his team are developing unique ways to convert waste heat to electricity by using a nanoporous system. A nanoporous material is a solid that contains nanometer sized pores. This technique re-investigates a mechanism that has long been over-looked and uses it to convert wasted heat to electricity with high efficiency and high power density. The specific goals of this project are to perform comprehensive characterization experiments on nanoporous systems under various conditions; to develop a prototype that can harvest useful electricity from ambient temperature; and to develop a presentation and demonstration set for potential partners, investors, customers, and/or licensees.

John J. Love, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Diego State University

Bio-diesel from Cell Membranes: Using Protein Design to Re-Engineer Natural Enzymes for the Extraction of Biodiesel from Cell Membranes: The goal of this project is to process biodiesel from algae. Biodiesel production entails the use of significant amounts of energy for heating, as well as the use of harsh chemicals such as strong bases and/or lye. Love and his team propose to eliminate these costly needs by re-engineering natural protein enzymes such that they efficiently extract fatty acids from membranes and chemically convert them to fatty acid methyl esters (FAMEs), the primary molecules in biodiesel. Examples of membrane sources include bacteria or yeast grown on sugar (glucose) or as an energy source or micro-algae grown by way of photosynthesis.

Source: UC San Diego
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1. Chaesmore
600 S St., Downtown
2. The Fish Market
3. Pacific Del Mar

BEST PIZZA
1. Woodstream
4425 O'Gara Blvd., College Area
2. Blaze Pizza
3. Rosen's

BEST SUSHI
1. DZ Akas
6930 Avenida Reja, La Mesa
2. Sushi
3. Sanyo's Deli

BEST SAWMILL STAPF
1. The Cheese Shop
627 4th Ave., Downtown
2. CB's
3. Board and Brew

BEST VEGETARIAN
1. Ranchos
2911 10th St., Normal Park
2. Veg n Out
3. Sip

BEST BAKERY
1. Bread & Cie
140 University Ave., Hillcrest
2. DJ Akas
3. Aladdin

BEST SHOTGUN
1. CB Smoothie Bar
3601 Mission Ave., Ocean Beach
2. Chronic Smoothies
3. Krushin

BEST BAR/CAFE
1. Mocca Creamery
1579 Cordova Ave., Ocean Beach
2. Mariposa Ice Cream
3. Heavensent Desserts

BEST BAR/Bistro
1. Paradise Yogurt
5644 Mission Center Rd., Mission Valley
2. Yogo-Art
3. Yogurt Mill

BEST RESORTS
1. Extraordinary Desserts
2979 20th Ave., Bankers Hill
2. Heaven Sent Desserts
3. Kellogg Chocolat

BEST CIGAR STORE
1. Seaside Market
3087 Silets Ave., Cardiff by the Sea
2. Bumpus
3. Hefts

BEST DESSERTS
1. Happy's
3929 19th St., South Park
2. On 21
3. The Yellow Fox

BEST BUSH BAR
1. Wave House
3406 Mission Blvd., Mission Beach
2. PB Bar and Grill
3. Beachcomber

BEST COLLEGE BAR
1. PB Bar & Grill
Wild Camel Ave., Pacific Beach
2. McGuire's Pub House
3. U-21

BEST SAN DIEGO OUT BAR
1. Navy's
3537 5th Ave., Hillcrest
2. Pacific Breeze
3. The Silver Fox

BEST OUTDOOR PATIO OR A BAR
1. Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge
122 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach
2. PB Bar and Grill
3. Missionivers

BEST OPEN-AIR BAR
1. Wave House
3406 Mission Blvd., Mission Beach
2. Hole in the Wall
3. Envy at the Hotel

BEST NORTH COUNTY OUT BAR
1. Surf and Saddle
123 W Piato St., Solana Beach
2. Davis and Cosmic Office
3. The Club

BEST NEIGHBORHOOD BAR
1. The Waterfront
2064 Adobo Blvd., Little Italy
2. Casa Street Bar & Grill
3. The Loco

BEST BAR
1. Urban Me's
338 University Ave., Hillcrest
2. Bourbon Street
3. Universal

BEST CIGAR BAR
1. Stingaree
454 6th Ave., Downtown
2. On Broadway
3. Jazzovina

BEST BAR TO LISTEN TO LOCAL SIR.
1. The Whistle Stop
2006 11th St., South Park
2. U-21
3. Air Conditioned

BEST MUSIC
1. Anthology
1337 India St., Little Italy
2. Croc's
3. Gaslamp

BEST BAR TO SEE AT
1. Hard Rock Hotel
2001 Kieve Ave., Del Mar
2. Stingaree
3. Epic (Formerly Gaslamp)

BEST ANIMALS
1. Little Italy Mercato
2. The Fox
3. The Loco
## Reader's Poll Winners

### Best Places in San Diego

#### Best Places to Stay
1. La Jolla Cove Inn
2. Hotel Del Coronado
3. Catamaran Resort and Spa

#### Best Restaurants
1. Sushi Bell
2. Tuna Traders
3. The Lemon Tree

#### Best Bars/Restaurants
1. The Oar House
2. The Prado
3. The Cove

##### Food and Drink
- **Best Breakfast**
  1. The Prado
  2. La Jolla Hotel
  3. Missy Nisian

- **Best Lunch**
  1. Cabrillo National Monument
  2. La Jolla Cove Inn
  3. Missy Nisian

- **Best Dinner**
  1. La Jolla Cove Inn
  2. The Prado
  3. The Cove

- **Best Bar**
  1. The Prado
  2. The Cove
  3. The Oar House

#### Best Places to Visit
1. Balboa Park
2. La Jolla Cove Inn
3. The Cove

#### Best Places to Shop
1. La Jolla Cove Inn
2. The Prado
3. The Cove

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### Best Parks in San Diego

- **Best Park**
  1. Balboa Park
  2. La Jolla Cove Inn
  3. The Cove

### Best Events in San Diego

- **Best Annual Event**
  1. Comicon
  2. Gas Lamp
  3. Embarcadero, Little Italy

- **Best Musical Festival**
  1. San Diego Street Scene
  2. San Diego Street Fest
  3. San Diego County Fair

### Best Buildings in San Diego

- **Best Architecture**
  1. San Diego Courthouse
  2. San Diego Museum of Art
  3. The San Diego Museum of Art

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BEST MUSEUM
1. Museum of Contemporary Art
   Locations in La Jolla and Downtown
   www.mcasd.com
2. Museum of Natural History
3. Museum of Photographic Arts

BEST SAN DIEGO DRIVE-IN THEATRE
1. Hillcrest Landmark
   3965 5th Ave, Hillcrest
2. Imperial
3. Galaxy

BEST LIVE THEATRE
1. Old Globe Theatre
   1563 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park
2. La Jolla Playhouse
3. Orpheum

BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE (ALL AGES)
1. Soma
   3850 Sports Arena Blvd, San Diego
2. Lacey
3. Epicentre

BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE (21+)
1. The Casbah
   2561 5th Ave, Midtown
2. House of Blues
3. Amnesia

BEST OUTDOOR CONCERT VENUE
1. Humphrey's By the Bay
   2561 Shelter Island Dr, Shelter Island
2. Vegas Concerts in the Park
3. Valley View Casino

BEST PLACE TO ORDER LOCAL MEALS
1. The Cathouse
   2561 5th Ave., Midtown
2. Bar Pax
3. Beauty Bar

BEST OUTDOOR CONCERT VENUE WITH LIVE MUSIC
1. LavaLa's
   3333 Adams Ave., Normal Heights
2. Caffe de Luca
3. Rocbar

BEST DANCING CLUBS
1. Villiez Casino
   5005 Black Road, Alton
2. Sycuan Casino
3. Valley View Casino

BEST RESTAURANT ALLEY
1. East Village Tavern & Bowl
   230 Market St, East Village
2. Meri Mesa Soul
3. Puffy Taco

BEST PUBLIC PARK
1. Balboa Park
2. Mission Bay Park
3. Orfila Park

BEST SAN DIEGO SPORTS TEAM
1. San Diego Chargers
   www.chargers.com
2. San Diego Padres
3. USD Toros

BEST SAN DIEGO SELF-GUIDE TOUR
1. Torrey Pines
2. Singing Hills
3. Riverwalk

BEST SAN DIEGO 5K RUNNER
1. La Jolla Half Marathon
   www.lajollamountain.com
2. Surf City Half
3. Shelter Island Half

BEST SAN DIEGO GOLF COURSE
1. Torrey Pines
2. Sir Francis Drake
3. Riverwalk

BEST SAN DIEGO ATHLETES
1. Ladainian Tomlinson
   www.chargers.com
2. Tony Hawk
3. Adrian Gonzalez

BEST SAN DIEGO RADIO PERSONALITY
1. Dave, Shelly & Chainsaw
   www.1039kfh.com
2. Hal Hearne
3. Mickey

BEST SAN DIEGO RADIO STATION
1. FM 94/9
   www.949.com
2. 107.3 The Bear
3. 6.3 Xioz

BEST SAN DIEGO TV PERSONALITY
1. Sam the Cooking Guy
   www.samthecookingguycity.com
2. Michael Tarte
3. Rusty Savoy

BEST LOCAL TV STATION
1. KUSI Channel 3/51
   www.kusi.com
2. KFMB Channel 8 CW
3. KNSD Channel 7/39 NBC

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On Oct. 2, University of San Diego students were treated to the Seinfeld Campus Tour, a 26-city Seinfeld extravaganza that brought show memorabilia to college-aged fans this autumn. The bio-diesel bus loaded with Seinfeld collectibles logged 10,000 miles across the country and finished its run in Cincinnati Oct. 31.

The bus interior featured a mini Seinfeld museum, with everything from an original script to ample Seinfeld-esque food like Junior Mints and black and white cookies. Seinfeld aficionados tested their skills with trivia games and impressions of their favorite characters.

Although Seinfeld was canceled 10 years ago, the plot lines, iconic characters and comedy interludes of Jewish comedian Jerry Seinfeld are popular enough to keep the show a hit in syndication on multiple networks. For more information on the campus tour, visit www.seinfeld.com.
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### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

#### Ranked by fall 2007 enrollment

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Researched by Kevin Black and Andrew Schneider
In the last year at the helm of Saint Martin’s, President Roy F. Heynderickx says he plans to help the small private university in Lacey gain a stronger national and international reputation.

“The desire of this institution is to grow, and if it’s to become a stronger institution, that’s going to take a stronger form of outreach to students, to prospective parents,” he said. “I want to move Saint Martin’s to a new level.”

Heynderickx, the vice president for finance and administration at the University of San Diego, was announced as the college’s new president today morning. He will start at Saint Martin’s Jan. 1, according to the university, which means he will start in the middle of the academic year.

The change comes during a year of transition in the top spot, in which one person left amid heavy criticism and the person picked to replace him died suddenly.

With the pick of Heynderickx, “the board has renewed vigor and positive excitement about the institution,” board of trustees chairman Ken Parsons said. “It’s exciting finding this candidate who seems to be accepted by all members of the community and fits all our requirements.”

Some others expressed similar hope.

“Just meeting a new president and seeing what his abilities and skills can do for Saint Martin’s and in what direction — it’s very exciting to move forward,” said Silva Goetz, a graduate student in counseling psychology.

“I’m truly glad that we’ve got some of this behind us,” said Les Bailey, an English professor and an academic dean. “I trust he’ll be here for a long time.”

Turbulent year

The last year at the helm of Saint Martin’s had been unpredictable and at times turbulent, even as the college showed many signs of growth.

In October 2007, former President Douglas A. Astolfi announced that he was leaving the university in June after three years there. The move came after some tenured faculty members criticized the direction in which the college was going. Astolfi returned to St. Leo University in Florida, where he had worked previously.

Astolfi’s announced replacement, former Oregon legislator Bryan Johnston, died a month after the board selected him from a pool of 28 candidates. His death occurred weeks before he was slated to move to Lacey.

Retired Saint Martin’s President David Spangler stepped in as interim president as the board of trustees started a new search, which fielded about 30 candidates.

“It has been a bit of a challenge — finding a good candidate, and having that candidate pass away,” Parsons said. “And the board was worried about how that affects the entire community.”

“There was no doubt that Bryan Johnston would have been good for Saint Martin’s,” Bailey said.

Despite the uncertainty at the top, the small Catholic university reached milestones in the past year. It recently opened a classroom building and a residence hall to accommodate the growth at the school and is expanding its recreational and fitness facilities after a multi-million-dollar appeal for donations.

Goetz said she didn’t think administrative changes were affecting the quality of her education.

Bailey said it was more important that the university make a good decision, rather than settle the matter in haste.

“The only thing that was urgent about it is that we wanted to choose the right person,” he said.

Continued growth

Heynderickx said his main goals are to improve the recognition and prominence of Saint Martin’s, which was founded more than 100 years ago by the monks in the order of Saint Benedict. The order has an abbey on campus.

He said it is important to make sure the university keeps improving its ability to maintain quality even as more students enroll.

“The appealing characteristics of a small student-to-faculty ratio, and the environment and the closeness,” he said. “As we look at growth of the institution, it is important to fill out the strong programs we already have.”

Astolfi was targeted by criticism that although the university’s reach had been expanding with overseas programs and partnerships with community colleges, it wasn’t hiring enough professors to address growth at the Lacey campus.

Parsons said that conflict between the administration and faculty members was a factor for the board, but members also were looking for a leader.

“We would like someone who can lead and who can grow the institution from the relationship standpoint,” Parsons said. “Frankly, we had a number of candidates who could do that.”

He added: “He is a very strong leader in terms of strategic planning, fiscal planning. He’s a good communicator and team builder, which our community certainly wanted. He seemed to stand out in those areas.”

Parsons said the board of trustees stands behind its desire to see the school grow in all areas.

Parsons said the completion of the college’s strategic plan, which Astolfi had been updating before he left, would be crucial to making that happen.

“We wanted to have someone with that leadership ability and yet bringing all the constituency of the college to have a role in that, Roy has experience at doing that,” Parsons said.

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New president to lead CEC

BY ELIZABETH MARIE HIMCHAK

Longtime Continuing Education Center of Rancho Bernardo member Phyllis Healy has become the organization's new president, after organizing its academic lectures for the last four years.

Healy was recently appointed as president following the resignation of Dee St. Clair, who was elected president for a two-year term last June. Healy said St. Clair resigned "for personal reasons." Healy's appointment is through June, when CEC holds its annual meeting.

"My goals are to increase the number of people coming to our programs and to make sure we maintain the high academic level of programs and cultural activities," said Healy, who has been a member for 20 years.

"(Our programs) are unique to the Rancho Bernardo and Poway area and not duplicated by local schools," she added.

CEC was established in RB in 1978 with San Diego State University as a way to provide adults with the opportunity to continue learning at a college level through two-hour, non-credit classes taught by experts in their fields.

When CEC and SDSU separated in 2004, the reorganized group continued the popular lecture series that features a wide variety of topics as presented by lecturers mostly from San Diego State University; the University of California, San Diego and the University of San Diego.

Healy said the 400 members (and many non-members) who attend the lectures come not only from RB and Poway, but also Escondido, Rancho Penasquitos, Oceanside and surrounding communities.

"Having intellectually stimulating lectures and activities for senior citizens is a big factor in maintaining mental and physical health," Healy said.

In addition to lectures, CEC offers a number of trips to events and locations in Southern California, including the opera and museums.

While most CEC members are seniors, the organization is open to all adults. Annual dues are $30 per person or $50 for two family members. Membership benefits include paying $5 per lecture, instead of $7, the price for non-members. Remington Club residents attend lectures for free.

For information, call 858-487-0464 or go to www.cecrb.org.
Labor Day

JUST HOW MUCH DO THE NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OWE FOR THEIR WINS?

By ERIC WOLF

From a distance, the political signs planted in front of the headquarters of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council suggest San Diegans are awaiting an uncertain future. Each one demands a vote, whatever it may be now. But for Marty Block, a state Assembly candidate, and Emerald Edmonds, a state Senate candidate, the signs mean something different. Their signs promise that things won’t be business as usual. Their signs suggest that they will take a vote for their constituency to the next level.

The Labor Council is in the political arena of a moment of unity that has far from united every aspect of the movement. But united they stand in the San Diego and Imperial counties. With the decline of the economic downturn, the increase in the county Democratic Party, the increased demands for progressive policies in the region, and in recent years, the movement has taken on a clear, clear message of unity and support. The message that has far from united every aspect of the movement as well. But united they stand.

But the signs aren’t a vote. They are a sign that the Labor Council and, indeed, a political landscape has shifted. The shift is clear. The Labor Council has shifted from a position of supporting individual candidates to supporting a broader, more inclusive coalition.

When the Labor Council met with them, McLaughlin and Block talked about the need to expand their coalition, to include more people in the process. They talked about the need to have a clear message, to have a clear message of unity and support. They talked about the need to have a clear message of unity and support. They talked about the need to have a clear message of unity and support. They talked about the need to have a clear message of unity and support.

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In the end, McLaughlin told City Beat, they will earn their volunteer hours, but in District 7 Labor Day, including 300 volunteers on Election Day, the perspective will be for voters to show up in force to vote for McLaughlin and Block. The message that the Labor Council wants to send is that San Diegans need a new leader and a new direction, a leader who will work with them to expand the coalition, to include more people in the process. They talked about the need to have a clear message, to have a clear message of unity and support. They talked about the need to have a clear message of unity and support. They talked about the need to have a clear message of unity and support.

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would get all the Merrillfield votes,” Lightner said.

“We were not a priority case for the Labor Council, the Democratic Party or any of the progressive groups,” she said. “I found out recently we had been written off.”

But she won the primaries and then the summer, going door-to-door and organizing phone banks and of late campaign offices. “She kept doing the things you have to do,” said Lightner’s campaign volunteer, Jennifer Tierney.

When Labor finally got into the race in October, it did so with both feet. Between the Labor Council and separately, the firefighters and the hotel workers, unions spent $136,000 on mailings praising Lightner and attacking Thielman. Nearly 100,000 worth of that spending came in the last two weeks of the campaign. Much of the Labor Council’s mailings focused on attacking Thielman and emphasizing the position his run-off would cost for the council to win.

“We just wanted to remind people who had been acting like the firefighters didn’t exist,” Lightner said. Lightner says the appreciation she received from her mailings was one of the highlights of her campaign. “I had people calling me and asking why I’d gone negative,” she said. “I had to explain that I had no control over those mailings.”

When asked first to press, the certified Lightner with running an expanded campaign and having a campaign volunteer office for the win, but she was able to that to give some credit to another force in this election Obama.

“We won all the neighborhoods except Rand’s Polkville,” she said. “But we were plus 9,870 votes in north University City. That’s the (G83) area, so it was a lot of students coming out for Obama.”

By comparison, Lightner’s main base of support was downtown, where she had only plus 800 votes, according to Tierney’s analysis.

Tierney said Labor was crucial in helping Ted Glynn win, though there again, the credit goes to Gloria with running an extremely well-organised campaign. Still, the Spring Grove endorsement of the firefighters helped “show up a point way,” Tierney said. “They start to think about it. In Ted’s race, it started with endorsement by Labor.”

Gloria’s opponent, Stephen Whitburn, wouldn’t speak directly about how much the firefighters meant to Labor. But as the USDA’s consultant, Steve Bueno, put it, “They’re out walking precincts, and we would have campaigned as firefighters on the streets for Todd,” she said.

In the interview, the Labor Council said it District 2 endorsement between Whitburn and Gloria and John Major. But much to the surprise of the political establishment, the Labor Council eventually endorsed Gloria. Why would it do that now in one of two progressive candidates both of whom would likely vote favorably on most issues?

“Whitburn had the second worst endorsement interview of the whole election,” said Melampodi, advise that only City Councilman NaS Alpert, who was worst. “He was nothing but unprofessional.”

McLaughlin said Whitburn promised labor whatever it wanted. He promised to be the present champion of the council. So Dennis Coyle, a union leader, would go speak to his strong supporter, Donna Floyd, when she came time to choose a council president. Whitburn backed understanding himself in the more. Whitburn made sense over Gers mahal and, he maintains that the council president question was litmus test that tested him as a candidate.

With labor’s endorsement in hand, Gloria got some $10,000 in mailers and phone, plus additional voluntary to feed into the door-knocking operation. So did the Labor Council, one of 12 in this city: “It’s an endorsement. We’re looking for the candidates by Labor,” Whitburn said.

“Stephen did have the endorsement of the Democratic Party,” Tierney said. “If they party and the Labor Council had been up against, it would have been a problem.”

Among this group of new City Council members, Councilman now has at least a dozen of city agencies who will be ready to go work on progressive issues. And that’s how much the two candidates would, Gloria doesn’t see it in those terms.

“The same allies on the City Council—well, we are and all,” she said. That would be six Democrats plus the Republican Fowler. Is Fairness really that an ally?

“They’re seen as same time, and he was up, and Councilman said: ‘I don’t mean well. It’s an election in two years, too.’

With all that Lightner, Melampodi has the ability to change a policy to position, and though there had previously been no such moves as “We’re still thinking it through,” she said. “We need to get together and fight out what we are, and if it goes to the council, it will go to help working families, and more sure there are good jobs for all San Diego.”

Donald Cohen, executive director of the Center for Policy Initiatives, a progressive think tank, believes a labor-endorsed City Council will have an enormous opportunity to alter the way City does business in terms of helping working-class San Diegans. “There’s enormous capacity in this city, a lot of pockets and there’s a lot of people who have the capacity to be there again, said Cohen. “We’re seeing City Council members talk about building the future for San Diego.”

Cohen pointed out that the union’s role in endorsing candidates is how they should be seen, but it has not been effective in political parties. With their authority the Labor Council will be in a position to push to influence more people on progressive issues, but also ensure that more people are paying attention to what’s happening. “There’s not just about who’s in the labor,” he said. “We’re trying to bridge the gap where the progressive is shared.”

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A salute to the 2009 Women of Dedication

Fifteen outstanding volunteers were introduced as the 2009 Women of Dedication at a luncheon given by the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary in the beautiful La Jolla home and gardens of Lisa and Bill Barkett. (Lisa was a Woman of Dedication last year.)

These are the 15 new choices:

Lydia Bustos of Oceanside is the mother of two sons and has four brothers and four sisters-in-law. She has been given the "Charger Quarterback" award for her work with Casa de Amor, and has received the "Latina Volunteer" award from the Latinas of North County.

Ja Cornier of San Diego is the wife of Navy Capt. Warren Cornier and the mother of one daughter and two sons. Her efforts have been devoted to the Navy Reserve Officers' Wives, the San Diego Navy League's Women's Council, and the Freedom Foundation. She is chairwoman of the Armed Services YMCA's Awaken Garde.

Ann Lincecum Hill of San Diego is the wife of Dr. John Hill and the mother of a son and daughter. Her volunteer service has included the Crew Classic, AIDS, the Junior League, ZAC Boarding, the Historical Society, and the National Charity League. She has received the Junior League's "Spirit of Volunteerism" award.

Mary Montgomery Johnson of La Jolla is the wife of George Johnson and the mother of a son and two daughters. She has been president of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and the St. Girma College Children's Charity. Other pursuits include the Krueger Center, Center for Children, Historical Society and Globe Guilders.

Burl Link of San Diego is the wife of Judge Fred Link and the mother of two daughters and a son. Her work as a volunteer has included the Rendezvous in the Zoo, the Charity Ball, the National Charity League, Mission San Diego de Alcalá, Children's Hospital, and the Malala Auxiliary to Children's Home Society.

Sylvia Lustig of Bonita is the wife of Dr. Louis Lustig and the mother of three children.

She has been president of the San Diego Medical Society Auxiliary. Her other volunteer involvements have included the Mainely Montessori Society, the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, Las Primores, and the American Cancer Society.

Toni Woodward Mitchell of Rancho Santa Fe is the wife of Tom Mitchell. Her memberships include the Scripps President's Council, the Neurosciences Institute, the Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, and the Helen Woodward Animal Center, where she participates in the Animal Center Education Services program.

Susan Oliver of La Jolla is the wife of Fred Oliver and the mother of three grown sons. She was PTA president at La Jolla High School, has chaired "Art Aflame" at the San Diego Museum of Art and the La Jolla Choral Guild Ball, and has worked with the La Jolla Historical Society, the Social Service League, and other organizations.

Jean Green Reeves of San Diego is the wife of Carvel Reeves and the mother of a son and a daughter. She belongs to the Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary and the Children's Hospital Southeast Chapter. Reeves Inc., named her a Woman of Distinction in 2003, and Christ United Presbyterian Church has chosen her a Mother of the Year.

Loura Sortell of San Diego has chaired the Mardi Gras fundraiser for the La Jolla Opera Guild, and is active with La Casa, the American Cancer Society, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the San Diego Grant Makers, and the Social Venture Partners. She is a founder of Just In Time, a group that aids youth leaving foster care.

Kate Sullivan of San Diego is the wife of Dan Sullivan and the mother of three daughters. She has worked with the San Diego Public Library, and with the Girl Scouts. She was named one of the city's "10 Cool Women" in 2003, and was chosen "Volunteer of the Year" by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Jan Tuttleman of La Jolla is the wife of Craig Lambert and the mother of two daughters and two stepsons. She was the founder and first chair of the Jewish Women's Foundation, and has worked with many other foundations, and volunteer work for children. She received the Anne R. Ackerman Award for Community Leadership.

Rita Waters is the wife of Jim Waters and the mother of two. She has twice been president of the UCSD Auxiliary and of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, and was "Volunteer of the Year" in 2007. She is active in Mission San Diego, Franciscan Parish Schools, and the Foundation for Women.

Judy White of La Jolla is the wife of Jack White and the mother of two. She is a board member of the UCSD Cardiovascular Center and The Burnham Institute. Other memberships include the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Mingei International Museum, Salk Institute, and the San Diego Museum of Art.

Faye Williams of San Diego is the widow of Rear Adm. Louis Williams and the mother of a son. She has been president of the Social Services Auxiliary, and an active member of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, the USA, the American Heart Association, All Hallows Catholic Church, and St. Den­van's Church in Del Cora.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK WORKSHOP

The University of San Diego Family Business Forum and the Center for Wealth & Legacy Studies present a workshop to provide "Economic and Relational Clarity for an Uncertain World." The event will address short-term actions and long-term goals to maximize estate, income and capital gains through 2009.

- 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Joan P. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, in San Diego
- Contact Julie Chemers at (619) 260-7999 or at juliarose@sandiego.edu
FINANCE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOV 15 - WORKSHOP
SMART INVESTING LIVE WORKSHOP
During this workshop, our presenter will discuss our current economic situation, including topics such as recessions, consumer balance sheets, GDP and other pertinent topics. Organization: Wilsey Asset Management Information: 858-546-4306 www.wilseyassetmanagement.com Cost: $10.00-$15.00 When: Hours: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Where: San Diego Miramar College, 10440 Black Mountain Road, San Diego

TUESDAY, NOV 18 - SEMINAR
MANAGING YOUR FINANCES ONLINE
The San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union will offer consumers helpful tips for using online banking including: FREE BillPay service and Quicken or MS Money to better manage their daily finances. Organization: San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union Information: (619) 278-5724 www.sdmcu.org Cost: No Cost When: Hours: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Where: San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union, 9212 Balboa Ave., San Diego, 92123

WEDNESDAY, NOV 19 - WORKSHOP
ECONOMIC CLARITY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD
Come to this workshop to learn what you need to do today to continue your economic success tomorrow, including what estate, income and capital gains taxes will look like in 2009. Organization: USD Information: (619) 260-4600 www.sandiego.edu Cost: No Details Available When: Hours: 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM Where: Joan B. Kroc Institute, Peace and Justice, 5998 Alcala park, San Diego, 92110

WEDNESDAY, NOV 19 - SEMINAR
BUDGETING BASICS
SDMCU lends consumers financial expertise to create a budget, including the best tips for paying down debt and increasing savings. We will share methods of building good credit and more. Organization: San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union Information: (619) 278-5724 www.sdmcu.org Cost: No Cost When: Hours: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Where: San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union, 9212 Balboa Ave., San Diego, 92123
Day trip: The College Avenue Community Adult Center is hosting a trip to see the Palm Springs Follies on Tuesday. For information, call Joyce Swan at (619) 561-8506.

Support group: Learn how to help those with Parkinson's and their families to understand the various aspects of the ailment and learn ways to cope from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sharp Cabrillo Senior Resource Center, 3475 Kenyon St., San Diego. Free, no appointment necessary. Information: (619) 221-3779.

Free lecture: "Fiscal Fitness: Reverse Mortgage vs. Life Estate Gift Annuity," will be discussed from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the University of San Diego's Deubner Alumni Center, Room 120, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. Registration required. Information: (619) 260-4815.

Lunch Live: Offering a nutritious meal every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. to local older adults to promote healthy minds and bodies at The Salvation Army Kroc Center multipurpose room, 6845 University Ave., San Diego. Cost: $3 for seniors 60 and older, $5 for others. Reservations/information: (619) 269-1422.

Free discussion: "Just Diagnosed With Arthritis? What You Need To Know" will be presented from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 20 at National University, 9388 Lightwave Ave., San Diego. A free continental breakfast is available. Reservations/information: office of your first, (858) 492-1090, ext. 124.

Free seminar: Estate planning topics will be discussed from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 18 at the law office of Stephen C. Ross, 3200 Fourth Ave., Suite 203, San Diego. Reservations: (619) 795-8524.

Send items to The San Diego Union-Tribune, P.O. Box 120191, San Diego, CA 92112-0191; e-mail to seniorscene@uniontrib.com or fax to (619) 293-2148. Deadline is three weeks before publication.
Martha Holloway Memorial Concert
This year's "Tellabration" hosted by Storytellers of San Diego is dedicated to La Jolla storyteller Holloway, who died earlier this year. Enjoy "favorite stories that Martha told with grace, warmth, and Southern zing" in Manchester Conference Center. Concert is suitable for adults, children over 12. 619-298-0303. Saturday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.; $10. Ages 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, SAN DIEGO VISTA.
Athletics
USD beats fatigue, then Hawks

By Hank Weck

There is always an agenda, hidden or obvious, behind a Division I basketball team scheduling a lower-division program from the same general area.

So it wasn’t surprising to hear USD men’s coach Bill Grier’s bottom-line announcement of the Toreros’ 82-48 victory over San Diego Christian yesterday afternoon at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

“We got what we needed out of it,” Grier said. “We got our legs back, got back in the flow of the game and the things that we’re trying to do.”

And it was in a game that, partly because of Thanksgiving weekend, would not be well-attended (1,601) or require the focus and intensity of energy ahead on the schedule.

The USD team was a little more than 72 hours removed from the conclusion of a 20-hour journey, travel delays included, from the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Toreros played three games in four days in the Paradise Jam Tournament, posting a 1-2 record, with losses to No. 25 Wisconsin and No. 22 Memphis.

The team was a little more than 24 hours removed from a UCJF practice session in which Grier thought the Toreros, despite their youth, looked “really tired” and short on energy.

The practice session concluded without Brandon Johnson, whom Grier dismissed for not meeting Grier’s standards for a senior, point guard and team leader.

Danny Brown took Johnson’s place in the starting lineup. But Johnson came off the bench to play 26 minutes, score 10 points and hand out a season-high seven assists.

He wasn’t the Toreros’ star of the game. Chris Lewis was.

Lewis, starting at forward ahead of sophomore Rob Jones for the second game in a row, produced a career-high 19 points and a game-high seven rebounds. The 6-foot-7, 215-pound junior from Bedford, Texas, shot 44-for-70 overall, including 3-for-4 on three-point attempts.

Lewis played his way into a starting role on the Virgin Islands trip, Grier said, by doing the little things — being willing to take a charge and make an extra pass — when others seemed hesitant. Jones, at 6-6 and 230, a more powerful and physically talented player, went through a “mental funk” during the tournament, Grier said.

“Which I don’t really understand because he played the best basketball I’ve ever seen him play the first two games of the season,” Grier said. “He’s going to have to play his way back into the starting lineup, but I have high expectations for Rob and I know he’s too smart a player to not pull out of this action.”

Lewis was little used as a junior enrolled during USD’s strong close to the 2007-08 season. But Lewis came back with an excellent summer approach, Grier said, and Lewis’ efforts have been rewarded with 20 minutes of playing time in an 11-point, six-rebound performance against Alliance on Monday and 29 more minutes, yesterday.

“Every time I get in there, I’m putting in as hard as I can and do things to help the team,” Lewis said.

Jones had eight points and six rebounds in 20 minutes, contributing to an expected USD (3-3) front-line dominance of the smaller Hawks (2-5). Roberto Mata (13) and Gyorgy Pauser (17) combined for 29 points and USD outrebounded San Diego Christian 38-21.

Grier used various lineup combinations and 10 Toreros scored.

Probably happiest of the 10 was walk-on sophomore guard Ryan Harbour of Oxnard, Ill., who had six points, a rebound and an assist in the first seven minutes of playing time of his USD career.

Junior forward James Green led San Diego Christian with 10 points and five rebounds.

USD 82, S.D. Christian 48
Season starts with high expectations for USD hoops

BY ANTHONY SEXTON | Torero Sports

For the University of San Diego, the 2007-2008 basketball season was the most memorable in school history. Both men’s and women’s teams advanced to post-season tournament last season and the men’s team shocked the nation with an improbable first-round upset of Connecticut.

There is no doubt that expectations are high for Torero basketball this season, especially for the men’s team. The USD men’s squad returns its starting five of Treissman Johnson, Brandon Johnson, DeJon Jackson, Bob Jones and Gino Parmare from last year’s 23-win team.

“We just got to keep it up and still stay humble at the same time. We have to come into every game thinking it’s just as important as the UC San Diego game,” Jones said. “We’re just trying to take every game as a big game.”

Brandon Johnson (16.9 points per game) and Parmare (14.1) were USD’s leading scorers last season and are expected to lead the team as seniors. Parmare said the team will not be affected by any lofty expectations.

“We don’t feel pressure from the outside — we have our own expectations,” Parmare said. “We’re trying to live up to our own expectations and do as well as we can this year.”

The Toreros added depth in the off-season with a pair of community college transfers, 6-foot-9-inch junior Robert Maiga and 6-foot-4-inch sophomore Matt Dorr. Both transfers have averaged more than 25 minutes per game in USD’s first two contests.

“Treissman is a big kid that can run, is athletic and is a presence for us in there,” Grier said. “There’s a lot of confidence in the game, he knows when to make the extra pass, he’s healing, and he can guard a variety of players.”

After a season-opening 6-40 loss at UNLV on Nov. 15, the Toreros picked up their first win of the season three days later in their home opener against Nevada. USD opened the game with an 8-2 run and never led by less than six for the rest of the game, winning 65-51. Jones led all scorers with 23 points.

“I felt that we really had a come out swinging, we had the experience, and I felt for most of the night we did that,” Grier said.

The Toreros played their home opener with Parmare back in the line-up after serving a one-game suspension. Two other Toreros, sophomores Treissman Johnson (22 points) and Clinton Houston (22), were suspended to start the year. Grier suspended each of the players before the season started for breaking team rules.

USD returned home town to the Paladia Jam tournament at the Virgin Islands this week and hosts NCAA opponent San Diego Christian College Saturday at 2 p.m. USD’s tough pre-season schedule includes road games next month at San Diego State (Dec. 6), versus Oregon in Portland (Dec. 18) and against Mississippi State (Dec. 20).

The USD women’s team finished 19-13 and advanced to the big dance last season for the first time since 2000. Falling to California in the first round. That loss has served as motivation in the offseason.

“We weren’t satisfied with the way that we finished last year,” said senior center Amber Sprague. “We obviously won the conference tournament and advanced to the NCAA tournament but we want to go there and we want to win.”

USD will have to adjust to the graduation of point guard and team leader Amanda Reyes. How well the Toreros replace Reyes’ production and leadership will go a long way in determining their success this season.

“We obviously miss her a lot right now, just the little things she brought to the team,” said Torres head coach Cindy Fisher. “She was a solid foundation here and helped us win games, and now it’s our job to continue that.”

On the court, a pair of freshmen — 5-foot-8-inch Dominique Consejo and 6-foot-2-inch Morgan Woodard — are filling in at point guard. Consejo averaged 19 minutes and five points per game in the first three games.

“She is a freshman point guard so we will be trying to learn her way and learn how to take control of the team, but she’s done a great job so far and every day she gets better and better,” Fisher said.

Fisher expects the team’s seniors to provide leadership.

“I think the leadership in our senior classes, with Amber Sprague, Kaila Mangrum and Kiva Herman, is going to be key,” Fisher said.

The Toreros opened the season with a 66-51 win over UCSD at home on Nov. 14. Sprague led the
USD BASKETBALL

Gall Pomare and her son, USD basketball star Gyno Pomare, with his new Big West Athletic Award in Gall’s kitchen, where she keeps their basketball trophies.

MOTHER KNOWS BEST

Pomare has been influenced by mom who played hoops in the Marines

Story by TOM SHANAHAN - FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

OCEANSIDE: Camp Pendleton Marines with athletic sons impacting North County high school sports are tales as old as the base itself.

Stories change with the times, though, and one change was brought about by Title IX, federal legislation in the 1970s that mandated equal opportunities for girls in high school sports. Before long, the daughters of Camp Pendleton Marines were making a mark on North County high school sports, too.

Now, enough time has passed that there is a new twist to an old story. A generation of women have grown up playing sports at the same time women have become a common presence in the military.

A Marine Corps mother can be the primary influence on the athletic career of a son or daughter. Such an example is Ed Camino High alumsus Gyno Pomare and his mother, Gall Pomare.

Gall, a 6-foot-8, 240-pound senior for the University of San Diego’s men’s basketball team, is on of the top big men on the West Coast and a two-time All-West Coast Conference pick. He led the Toreros to the NCAA tournament last year and will finish his career as one of the school’s all-time leading scorers and rebounders.

Gall was an All-Marine Corps women’s basketball player in 1981 while stationed at Camp Pendleton. The Marine all-star team competed against teams from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

“Being named any kind of all-star team is an accomplishment,” Gyno said. “I had to get my skills from somewhere, and I think my them from my mom.”

> POMARE, C-3

At right, one of Gall Pomare’s favorite trophies, her 1981 All-Marine women’s basketball award.

Gall Pomare admires her favorite American Express painting of her son, USD basketball player Gyno Pomare, in Oceanside.
POMARE

Last week, Gyono returned from a one-game suspension in the season opener for breaking team rules. He scored 16 points off the bench to help beat Nevada. The first person he mentioned after the game was his mother.

"I want to apologize to my mom for what happened," Pomare said. "It makes me more determined to make my senior year the best season possible."

That Gail's basketball career has been the largest influence on Gyono's success is a family belief agreed on by his father, Leo Pomare. Leo, who met his wife when both were Camp Pendleton Marines, played some basketball growing up, too.

Gail was known for her game around the basket and her rebounding ability, the same traits that inspired Gyono's play. He passed his first double-double of the season in the team's third game, a win over Notre Dame on Friday in the opening round of the Paradise Invitational in the US Virgin Islands.

"Blocking out is a talent," Gail said. "I would teach him to block out. I saw a great rebounder." In fact, family outings for Gyono and his two older sisters, Patricia and Felicia, with their parents included basketball drills at the blacktop at El Camino. Patricia later played at El Camino and Palomar College, while Felicia became a cheerleader.

"Gyono grew so tall so quick, and basketball came easily to him," Gail said. "My husband was strict with them, and I was more flexible. It balanced out."

Gyono said he grew up inspired by his mother's trophies at home. Two that stood out were those for making the All-Marine Cup team and far better named the MVP of the 1990 Paradise Invitational, when she and her husband were stationed in Okinawa.

After the Pomares returned to Camp Pendleton, Gail left the Marines in 1992 and Leo retired in 1995 after 20 years. They lived in the same Oceanside home, as the girls grew older.

As the girls grew older, Gail coached at Martin Luther King Middle School in Oceanside and the freshman team at El Camino, but it wasn't until Gyono was in high school that he understood that his mother's influence on his career was unique.

"I never really thought about it when I was younger," Gyono said. "But as I got older that I realized not everybody's mom had a sports side to them."

These days, Leo and Gail can be found at the Jersey Craig Pavilion, seated about the same seat from the USD bench from the stands. Gail drums like a rock star, chiding instructions to Gyono. They never say the lines they intend for Gyono to hear or follow. They just throw out of her instinctively.

But after the game, she's just a mom.

"If just gives him a hug," Gail said.
USD whipped by another Top 25 power

MIAMI 80, TOREROS 45

UNION-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICES

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands — USD’s trip to the Caribbean was hardly a vacation.

A day after losing to No. 25 Wisconsin by 15 points, the Toreros lost by 35 to No. 22 Miami yesterday in the third-place game of the eight-team Paradise Jam Tournament.

“That was just a good old-fashioned rear-end kicking,” USD head coach Bill Grier told reporters after the 80-45 defeat.

The Toreros won their tournament opener Friday, 73-66 over Valparaiso, but then came losses to two ranked opponents to drop their record to 2-3.

Brian Asbury scored 14 points to lead four Miami players in double figures. The Toreros were led by Chris Lewis with 11 points and Brandon Johnson with 10.

Coming off their first loss of the season to Connecticut, the Hurricanes bounced back quickly.

‘Canes coach Frank Haith said it was a “really good win” for his experienced squad, which scored 21 points

SEE Toreros, D3
Miami's top scorer held to nine points

off turnovers, compared to just two points off turnovers for USD.

"Defensively, I thought we were outstanding in the second half," Haith said. "It was good to see production out of a lot of guys."

Jimmy Graham scored 11 points, and Cyrus McGowan and Lance Hurdle each had 10.

"Like Coach says, we've got a lot of guys who can score — and tonight showed it," senior forward Asbury said.

The 'Canes controlled the boards, outrebounding USD 42-28. Besides being the team's second highest scorer, Graham grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds for the night — which coincided with his birthday.

"It's a very nice birthday present," Graham said with a smile after the win.

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Pomare: FG 32.7, FT 70.0. Points: 10, 1-3, 1-2, 0-1, 0-2.

Bench players star in Miami Hurricanes' 80-45 rout of San Diego

BY MANNY NAVARRO

The most impressive fact in the University of Miami's 80-45 victory over San Diego on Monday at the Paradise Jam wasn't that the No. 22 Hurricanes crushed the same team that upset Connecticut in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament last year by 35 points.

It wasn't that UM (3-1) allowed its fewest points since Jan. 18, 2006, dominated the Toreros (2-3) on the boards or held them scoreless for nearly 10 minutes during a 20-0 UM run in the second half.

It's that the Canes accomplished all of it with Jack McClinton and Dwayne Collins -- their two leading scorers -- spending their last night in the Caribbean pretty much relaxing on the bench.

TAKING A BEATING

"That was just a good, old-fashioned rear-end-kicking," San Diego coach Bill Grier said. "We knew they were athletic and had talented guards that could really shoot the ball. ... I thought [McClinton] and Collins are what really made them go. We just did a poor job on everyone else."

McClinton was held to nine points -- single digits for only the ninth time in his 67-game career. But he took only seven shots in 27 minutes. When he finally made his first field goal with 6:28 to play, Miami was ahead by 21 points and coasting.

Collins enjoyed a nice night off, too, scoring eight points (making all three of his shot attempts) and grabbing four rebounds in 22 minutes.

He and McClinton had a nice view from the bench for most of the second half as their teammates took care of beating a San Diego team that won the postseason West Coast Conference title and returned all 10 of its letterman from last season.

UM coach Frank Haith called it "a good RPI win" and "the next best thing" at the tournament after Sunday's tough loss to second-ranked UConn. It also might have served as a nice building block for his team, which faces a Stetson team that lost to Florida State by two points Saturday before moving on to dates with Ohio State and Kentucky next week.

"There are going to be nights when other guys just dog Jack, and he's going to have a tough time," said Haith, who, a night after getting very little outside of Collins and McClinton, got 38 points from his bench.

"But the more we get the production out of guys, the less that's going to happen. We have other guys that can score. That's the next step for this team in terms of growth."

GRAHAM SHINES

Jimmy Graham celebrated his 22nd birthday with his first career double-double, grabbing 13 rebounds and scoring 11 points in 15 minutes. He got Miami going after San Diego's Gyno Pomare hit a jumper to trim UM's lead to 40-35 with 17:53 to play. Graham scored UM's next two baskets on a lay-ups, kick-starting the 20-0 run.

"Coach was just talking about putting that loss behind us and just learning from our mistakes," Graham said. "I know I didn't play my best basketball [Sunday] night, and I was just trying to come out with energy.

"It's about time I had a night like this."

Brian Asbury (14 points), Lance Hurdle (10 points) and Cyrus McGowan (10 points) filled in most of the rest of the points during the stretch as the Canes improved to 5-1 in the tournament's history and took home the third-place plaque.

"That's a good basketball team," Grier said. "They kind of have all the parts. They have a good post presence. They have terrific guards. They got good, athletic wings. They rebound well.

"I can see why they're picked where they are in the ACC, and I can see why they're a Top 25 team."
Joreros fall victims to methodical Badgers

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands — Toreros Hughes had 22 points as No. 25 Wisconsin dictated its preferred deliberate pace throughout and defeated USD 64-49 yesterday in the Paradise Jam basketball tournament.

The Badgers (6-0) will face No. 2 Connecticut, a 76-5 win over No. 18 Miami, in the championship game of the eight-team tournament today at 5:30 p.m. PST. USD (2-2) faces No. 17 Miami (2-1) in the third-place game at 3 p.m.

Brandon Johnson led USD with 19 points on 5-for-8 shooting from three-point range. Gyno Pomare, who made his first start of the season, had 10 points and three rebounds for the Toreros.

"Wisconsin is the kind of team that doesn't make many mistakes, and they make you pay for every mistake you make," USD coach Bill Grier said. "I knew coming in we would play hard enough to compete against them, but I didn't know if we would play smart enough.

"We had some untimely turnovers when we were only a basket or two away from taking the lead, and we missed a lot of shots in the paint from 10 feet, and ... you have to make (those) against teams like Wisconsin."

"They do a good job of body-bumping you around the basket and we didn't handle it ... as well as we should have," Wisconsin shot 48.8 percent, while holding the Toreros to 34.5 percent, and had a 22-16 advantage in points in the paint. The Badgers also had a 20-11 advantage in points off turnovers.

Johnson, showing no ill effects of a scratched cornea suffered in Friday's opening-round victory over Valparaiso, scored seven of USD's first nine points as the Toreros took a 7-2 lead. But Wisconsin scored the next eight straight to gain control 26-20 at the half and kept the Toreros at bay through the final 20 minutes.

USD sophomore forward Rob Jones picked up two fouls seconds apart and played only four minutes in the first half. He was limited to four points and two rebounds.

"He got two fouls and as a coach you think you've got to take him out because you don't want him to pick up a third in the first half," Grier said. "As a player, when that happens and you have to sit for a long time it can take away your momentum and bother you mentally. He has to deal with it better than he did. Hopefully he'll learn from it."

In the first semifinal, Hasheem Thabeet had 19 points and 14 rebounds, and A.J. Price added 13 points and 11 rebounds in No. 2 Connecticut's victory over No. 18 Miami.

Jack McClinton had 27 points for the Hurricanes, and Dwayne Collins added 18 points and 14 rebounds.
Miami puts clamps on San Diego in second half

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By SportsTicker

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ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands (Ticker) -- While Miami had its choice of numerous scorers, San Diego could not find anyone to make a basket after the half.

Brian Asbury led four players in double figures with 14 points as No. 21 Miami captured an 80-45 victory over San Diego in Monday's third-place game of the Paradise Jam.

Despite the lopsided final score, the contest was a close contest until the second half when the Toreros mustered just 15 points while shooting 21 percent (6-of-28) from the field.

Miami (3-1) had just a 40-35 edge with just under 18 minutes remaining after Gyno Pomare hit a jumper. That would be San Diego's last field goal until there was just 8:40 left.

In the meanwhile, the Hurricanes went on a 20-0 run, pulling ahead 60-35 when Cyrus McGowan capped it on a layup with 9:13 to play. Lance Hurdle contributed seven points and Jimmy Graham six during the decisive span.

Graham finished with 11 points and Hurdle and McGowan ended up with 10 each for Miami, which did struggle from deep, going 5-of-18 (28 percent) on 3-pointers.

Chris Lewis had 11 points for the Toreros (2-3), who failed to crack 50 points for the second straight game after losing to Wisconsin, 64-49, in the semifinals on Sunday.

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Miami (Fla.) vs. San Diego

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Miami got off to a surprising start last season before stumbling down the stretch.

Coming off their first loss, the No. 22 Hurricanes will try to bounce back quickly and avoid another slide Monday when they take on San Diego in the third-place game of the Paradise Jam tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Miami (2-1) won its first 12 games last season, but lost 23-11, still a surprising result after going 12-20 in 2006-07. The Hurricanes came into 2007-08 with expectations after receiving its first preseason ranking in nine years, and responded with back-to-back wins to open the season, winning by an average of 23 points.

After holding each of its first two opponents to 50 points, including Southern Mississippi in the first round of this tournament, Miami struggled coming off its first loss, 73-66 win over Valparaiso on Friday, but brought back the majority of its offense from last season. It averaged 77.7 points last season.

On Monday, the Hurricanes will face a pesky San Diego (2-2) team, which advanced to the semifinals following a 73-66 win over Valparaiso on Friday, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range. The Hurricanes scored a season-high 27 points and Dwayne McClinton added 16 and 14 rebounds, but Miami tested the entire game and shot a season-low 35.3 percent.

"They played hard," coach Frank Haith said.

Despite the disappointing outcome, McClinton was the top returning scorer from last season. He averaged 17.7 points last season.

Brandon Johnson had 19 points, going 5-of-8 from 3-point range, and Gync Pominv added 10. Johnson is leading San Diego with 16.0 points per game.

The Hurricanes made several runs at Wisconsin, which lost the entire half, but couldn't get closer than seven in the final five minutes. They shot 34.5 percent for the game and were outscored at the free-throw line 17-6.

"I thought we did some good things defensively in stretches, but offensively we were careless with the ball and had too many turnovers," coach Bill Grier said. "And we didn't shoot the ball well." Hopefully our team can learn from the way (the Badgers) play.

This is the first meeting between the teams. The Hurricanes came into Sunday's game having won three of their last four games against Top 25 opponents. Miami has won 16 of its last 17 against unranked, non-conference opponents, including four straight by an average of 21.5 points.

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McClinton, Miami set to face fiesty San Diego

San Diego (2-2) at (21) Miami FL (2-1) 6:00 pm EST

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands (Ticker) - Jack McClinton and No. 21 Miami will try to bounce back from their first loss of the season on Monday against San Diego in the consolation game of the Paradise Jam.

McClinton scored a season-high 27 points and Dwayne Collins added 16 and 14 rebounds, but the Hurricanes were overmatched in a 76-63 loss to No. 2 Connecticut on Sunday in the semifinals.

Miami, which received its first preseason ranking in nine years, opened the season with consecutive wins by an average of 23 points. However, the Hurricanes shot a season-low 35 percent from the floor in the loss to UConn.

Miami may be able to get back on track against the Toreros. The Hurricanes (2-1) have won four straight and 16 of their last 17 games against unranked, non-conference opponents.

San Diego shot just 34.5 percent from the floor in a 64-49 loss to Wisconsin on Sunday. The Toreros, who upset Connecticut in the first-round of the NCAA Tournament last season, had won three of their last four games against ranked opponents.

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After a day of rest, the San Diego Toreros and 25th-ranked Wisconsin Badgers get back at it tonight, as they clash in the semifinal round of the Paradise Jam at the LIVI Sports and Fitness Center. The victor of this bout will move on to face either second-ranked UConn or 17th-ranked Miami-Florida in the finals on Monday.

The eight-team tournament got underway on Friday, with San Diego capturing a 73-66 victory over Valparaiso in the opening round. It was the Toreros' second straight victory following a season-opening loss at UNLV (65-60).

As for Wisconsin, it had a much more difficult time in its opening round contest, slipping past Iona 60-58 in overtime. It was clearly the most difficult game of the season for the Badgers, who opened the year with home wins over Long Beach State (68-61) and SIU-Edwardsville (80-58). Wisconsin has had success in the Paradise Jam before, winning the title in 2005.

Tonight's game represents the first-ever meeting between San Diego and Wisconsin on the hardwood.

The Toreros converted 25-of-37 free-throw attempts and dominated the boards, 50-30, as they defeated Valpo on Friday. The team also shot 41.8 percent from the field, helping it compensate for 17 turnovers. Gyno Pomare came off the bench and notched a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead the charge for San Diego. Brandon Johnson added 14 points and eight boards to the mix, while Rob Jones logged eight points and nine rebounds. On the season, Jones leads the club with 16.7 ppg and he is also collecting 8.0 rpg. Pomare is second in order with 14.5 ppg, while Johnson contributes 13.7 ppg and 3.7 apg. Overall, San Diego is posting 66.0 ppg this season, in addition to outrebounding its foes by 5.7 rpg.

Marcus Landry's tip-in with 39 seconds left forced overtime and the Badgers were able to hold off a late charge by Iona in the extra session for a 60-58 victory on Friday. Wisconsin shot a dismal 31.3 percent from the floor and had 19 turnovers in the contest, but were able to do damage at the foul line, converting 25-of-34 opportunities. Trevor Hughes made 11-of-12 free throws and he led the way with 21 points. Jason Bohannon contributed 13 points and six boards, while Landry finished with seven points. After three games, Landry tops the roster in scoring at 15.0 ppg and he is also averaging 4.0 rpg. Bohannon adds 13.0 ppg and 4.0 rpg to the rotation, while Hughes chips in with 12.7 ppg. As a whole, the Badgers are averaging 72.6 ppg and limiting their foes to just 59.0 ppg.

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Senior forward/center Gyno Pomare came off the bench for a 17-point, 12-rebound double-double in 25 minutes to lead the USD men’s basketball team to a 73-66 victory over Valparaiso yesterday in an opening-round game of the Paradise Jam tournament at Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Pomare scored 13 of his points in the second half as USD (2-1) advanced to the tournament semifinals tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. PST against Wisconsin. The Badgers beat Iona 60-58 in overtime in the nightcap of four games yesterday at the University of Virgin Islands.

Brandon Johnson added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Toreros, and Rob Jones had nine rebounds and eight points.

The game ended with USD short three guards. Junior De’Jon Jackson fouled out with 3:53 remaining, Johnson was sidelined after being poked in the eye and freshman Matt Dorr was out with a laceration in the corner of his mouth.

Grier said Johnson had a scratched cornea that was expected to heal sufficiently for him to play tomorrow. An elbow opened a three-quarter inch cut on Dorr that was stitched up after the game. USD outscored Valparaiso 36-28 in the paint and outrebounded the Crusaders 50-30.
Pomare scores 17 to lead Toreros past Valparaiso

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands — Cyril Pomare's 17 points helped the University of San Diego men's basketball team beat Valparaiso 73-66 on Friday in the Paradise Jam.

Senior center Pomare, who played USD 73 minutes, Valparaiso 66, scored 13 of his points in the second half. The El Camino High graduate also grabbed 12 rebounds in the game at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Brandon Johnson added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Toreros (2-1), and Rob Jones had nine rebounds and eight points.

"Coming in to this game we knew the history of Valparaiso with their success in the postseason, as well as being a well-coached team," said USD coach Bill Grier. "Tonight was a dogfight. Two teams battling it out until the end. We didn't play perfect, but gutted it out for a very good win. We felt we had to get the ball inside against them, and we were concerned with them on the glass.

"Our guys took it to heart what we wanted them to do." USD outscored Valparaiso 36-28 in the paint and outrebounded the Crusaders 50-30.

Erik Buggs led Valpo (2-1) with 16 points and five rebounds. Urule Igbavboa added 13 points and five rebounds.

Valparaiso added 12 points on fast breaks and scored 16 points off turnovers.
San Diego (1-1) vs. Valparaiso (2-0)

BY SPORTS NETWORK, The Sports Network

GAME NOTES: The San Diego Toreros and Valparaiso Crusaders collide for the first-ever time on the hardwood today, as they meet in the opening round of the Paradise Jam at the UVI Sports and Fitness Center. The team that comes out on top in this one will earn the right to battle either Iona or Wisconsin in the semifinals. The Toreros enter the tournament on a high note, as they captured a 65-51 victory over Nevada on Tuesday. It was a nice rebound for San Diego, which opened the season with a 65-60 setback at UNLV. The Toreros are a talented and experienced team with five starters back from a squad that went 22-14 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season. As for Valpo, it won both of its games prior to this tournament, marking its fourth straight 2-0 start to a season. The Crusaders got things going with an 87-56 trouncing of Marian on Saturday prior to cruising past UCF, 69-52, on Tuesday. Valpo returns three starters from a team that finished 22-14 last season and made an appearance in the inaugural CBI.

The Toreros knocked down 54.0 percent of their field goal attempts and held Nevada to just a 32.7 percent shooting performance, as they picked up their first win of the season on Tuesday. It was certainly a much better effort by San Diego, which shot just 37.7 percent from the floor in an opening loss to UNLV. Rob Jones headed the charge last game with 23 points and five rebounds, although he was also guilty of eight turnovers. Still, it was another great effort by Jones, as he opened the season with a double-double performance of 19 points and 10 rebounds. After logging 14 points and five assists in the opener, Brandon Johnson contributed 13 points and seven rebounds in the win over Nevada. Gyno Pomare, who missed the opener, even got involved last game with 12 points on 6-of-7 field goals.

After being held without a point or rebound in an opening win over Marian, Urule Igbavboa went for a double-double of 15 points and 14 rebounds in leading Valpo past UCF on Tuesday. Erik Buggs put forth 11 points and three steals last game, while Michael Rogers notched his own double-double with 10 points and 11 boards. In the opener, Rogers tallied 13 points and led the squad with a 23-point effort last time out. Valpo shot 46.3 percent from the floor last game, a nice follow up to its 55.9 percent performance in the opener. The Crusaders have also done well on the boards, outrebounding their foes in both contests.

The Toreros are more experienced and more talented as well and that should help them get past a respectable Valpo club today.

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Paradise no vacation for Crusaders

November 21, 2008

BY MARK LAZERUS Post-Tribune sports editor

VALPARAISO — Homer Drew would like to keep the Paradise Jam championship in the family. “We all know who the defending champions is, right?” the Valparaiso coach said. “Baylor University.”

That would be the same Baylor that is coached by Drew’s son, former Valparaiso coach Scott Drew.

The Crusaders will be hard-pressed to repeat Baylor’s performance, but they’ll be pressing hard to do it.

VU showed off its new, high-pressure defense in its first two games of the season, convincing victories over Marian and Central Florida.

And the full-court defensive intensity from the likes of Erik Buggs, Jake Diebler, Howard Little and Michael Rogers has been the key to success so far.

They’ll have to be even more intense to keep this afternoon’s opponent at the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Crusaders play San Diego — the reigning West Coast Conference tournament champions and a team that beat Connecticut (another Paradise Jam entrant) in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last year.

The Toreros bring everybody back from that team, including senior forward Gyno Pomare and senior guard Brandon Johnson, along with sophomore forward Rob Jones, who has averaged 21 points and 7.5 rebounds in two games.

The Toreros lost to UNLV in their opener, then defeated Nevada 65-51 on Tuesday.

“It’s a really big-time tournament,” Drew said. “San Diego’s an NCAA team from last year with all their starters back, then you’ve got Wisconsin, UConn — a lot of quality teams down there. We’re going to have to play better, we have to get better each game. We need to have less turnovers, we need to handle the ball a little better, we need to shoot the ball a little better.”

If the Crusaders can knock off San Diego, they’d likely draw Wisconsin on Sunday night. If they lose, they’d likely play Iona on Saturday night.

The Crusaders’ near-upset of Wisconsin — in which they led nearly the entire game in Madison until late — is still fresh in their minds.

“We would definitely like to play Wisconsin on a neutral court, but our focus is entirely on San Diego,” Diebler said. “They’re an extremely good team, and we don’t get to play anybody like Wisconsin unless we get past them first. I know we have a little history with Wisconsin, but we aren’t looking too far ahead.”
The opening round of the Paradise Jam tournament tips off on Friday, giving NCAA basketball fans an early look at a trio of top 25 teams in action – No. 25 Wisconsin, No. 17 Miami, and the tournament favorite, No. 2 Connecticut.

The first game on Friday’s tournament schedule is Southern Mississippi versus Miami. The Golden Eagles have started the season with a couple wins, but they came against much lesser competition than Miami – Loyola (LA) and Alabama State. Jeremy Wise averaged 24.5 points in those two games, and he’ll likely need to play the game of his life for Southern Miss to upset Miami. The Hurricanes’ only game so far this season was a 96-60 blowout against Florida Southern. Dwayne Collins was a beast in the rout with 18 points and 16 rebounds in only 25 minutes, and he’ll be difficult for the Golden Eagles to contain.

Game 2 on Friday’s tourney sked is the only game not involving a ranked team, San Diego versus Valparaiso. The Crusaders should be the favorite after jumping out to a 9-9 start and following up that mediocre performance with a 65-61 loss to Florida State. The only Toreros to do anything in the tourney is expected to be the Explorers, who are likely to find on Friday is a loss to Connecticut.

Rounding out opening night in Paradise is Iona versus Wisconsin. The Gaels dumped Hampton 59-46 in their opener behind 22 points from senior Gary Springer. The Badgers are off to a 2-0 start off a 2-0 start after they clipped Long Beach State 68-61 as a 22.5-point favorite on the BetUS Sportsbook NCAA odds and crushed SIU Edwardsville 80-56. Marcus Landry was the Badgers’ go-to guy against Long Beach with 23 points, and he’ll be their driving force throughout the tournament.
West Coast Conference more than just Gonzaga

Winning a 10-year reign as kings of the West Coast Conference, Gonzaga may need to make some room at the head of the table in the very near future.

When they did not exactly welcome the company with open arms, the Bulldogs were poised at the NCAA Tournament. Looked over by a pair of conference foes that appeared poised to do so again this year.

Last year's campaign was a historic one for a league as it had never had more than two teams go to the "Big Dance." San Diego pulled an upset over Gonzaga in the WCC tournament to earn the automatic bid and Saint Mary's, which appeared in the national polls last season, was rewarded with an at-large bid along with the Bulldogs.

"I think Gonzaga and San Diego and Saint Mary's have been picked pretty high, and so I think it's an indication of how strong our league is," coach Randy Bennett said. "When we start talking about scheduling, sound I'm worried about the league."

The pair of upset programs return a combined nine starters and figure to push the 'Zags again this season as the WCC may be in the midst of becoming the next "mid-major" conference capable of hanging with the Big Easts and Pac-10s of the country (Missouri Valley戒指 a belt?).

"This conference I think going is going to be the strongest it's been, maybe it's now my 16th year in this league, it might be the strongest it's been from top to bottom," said San Diego coach Bill Grier, who enters his second season after 17 years as an assistant with Gonzaga.

For Saint Mary's, it is all about recent Olympian, All-Conference performer and Newcomer of the Year from last season, Australia's Patty Mills.

The lightning quick point guard averaged 14.8 points and 3.5 assists per game last season and should have accumulated some valuable experience playing against the best players in the world in Beijing.

"I think Patty exceeded my expectations (in the Olympics) and I think very highly of him," Bennett said. "I went in there and played in the Olympics as a 20-year-old and to end up being the leading scorer for Australia, which was a team that finished in the final eight, for him to do that was really incredible. I probably won't have another player who does that when he's currently playing on our roster."

Defensive Player of the Year Damion Simpson and his 13.4 points, 9.6 rebounds and 5.3 blocks are also back for the Gaels, as are fellow starters Ian O'Leary and Oman Samhan.

If the WCC expects to send three teams dancing again, it may be up to San Diego to regain the form it had at the end of last season. It was a tale of two different programs in 2007-08, one that pulled one of the biggest upsets of the NCAA's by downing No. 4 seed Connecticut, and another that struggled to an N-11 start before closing with 14 wins in their last 17 games.

"For the first time I think, with at least this group of kids, there's expectations on them at least externally," Grier said. "The thing I've tried to preach to them this entire offseason, this preseason, is having to step up to the challenge of being more of a hunted team. And for us to have success that is going to be one of the biggest things that we are going to have to overcome."

But San Diego should be brimming with confidence entering the new campaign. While Gonzaga and Saint Mary's bowed out at the NCAA's opening round, the 13-seeded Toreros used a last-second shot by DeJon Jackson to beat the Big East's best before falling to Western Kentucky in the second round.

Although Jackson hit the big shot back in March, it's a pair of All-Conference players that hold the key to another bid to the "Big Dance" for San Diego.

Seniors Brandon Johnson and Gyno Pomare combined to average 31 points a season ago as an inside-outside threat that gave defenses fits. They ranked in the top-five in assists and rebounds, respectively, and will look to lead a veteran squad into position for an at-large bid if last year's WCC championship does not happen this time around.

Although Gonzaga failed to capture the league's tournament title for just the second time in the last 10 years despite a 13-1 league mark last season, it did manage to claim its eighth straight regular season title and go dancing for the 10th straight season.

And don't expect the Bulldogs to relinquish their stronghold on the conference without a fight as they have the talent to be even better than a year ago.

"In the past people expected us to just roll through the league, and it's been incredibly unfair expectation on our guys," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "It's nice to see now that we are getting some national publicity for some of the other teams. I think there have been great teams in this league for quite some time."

Led by last year's WCC Player of the Year Jeremy Pargo, the Bulldogs will surely be dancing again.

Pargo is what makes the Bulldogs go, averaging a league-leading six assists and possessing the leadership and big-shot ability that Few relies upon.

But the point guard is not the only capable player the 'Zags put on the court by any means. They return a bevy of 3-point threats, including leading-scorer Matt Bouldin, who knocked down a team-high 48 shots from behind the arc.

In the frontcourt, Josh Heyrendt and Austin Daye present the ability to score both inside and out and should help Gonzaga drive off the up-and-comers for now.
Upbeat Jones stellar at both ends in USD victory

USD's Gym Pomare scored 12 points in season debut after serving one-game suspension. (James Cridland / Union-Tribune)

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Grier glad to have two players back

the books to make his full academic restoration, but the goal is to work on his game and "cut down on my social life."

"Quite a sacrifice," Gym Pomare said. "You've got to do what you've got to do to get better," Jones said.

The game marked the 2008-09 season debut for Gym Pomare, who served a one-game suspension for breach of team rules in Saturday's loss at UNLV and junior DeJon Jackson, who missed the season opener with a knee injury. Pomare's first words in the post-game interview room were an apology to his mother for getting suspended. The next ones were a promise to make it up to her.

"I'm just glad to be back and whatever the coach wants me to do, I'm going to do it," Pomare said. "I just want to get back in that lineup."

Pomare came off the bench 30 sec into the game and scored six points in his first 6 minutes.

USD's Rob Jones slams home a dunk as part of his 23-point effort in leading the Toreros. (James Cridland / Union-Tribune)

14-second stint. He finished with 17 points, four rebounds and three assists.

"Obviously, having both those kids (Pomare and Jackson) back was a boost.", Jones said. "They were a huge part of this team last year. The stuff counts on them and the team counts on them being a big part again this year."

At much closer to full strength than in the season opener — two players remain on suspension for another week at least — USD could and did utilize its depth and scoring flexibility.

Senior guard Brandu Johnson scored 13 points, four off the bench. Sophomore forward Craig Pavilon last night in leading the Toreros to a 96-51 victory in the Toreros' home opener.

Jones was named MVP of the game, voted on by the coaches, media and student body. Pavilon, in his collegiate debut two days earlier, balanced his first field goal with three of 39 points, in scoring three.


"I try to keep that stuff away, but sometimes it comes up when I see it on TV," Jones said. "I've been getting a couple of calls lately from people who wanted to do interviews."

"But it wasn't in mind at all today. I was just trying to get focused on basketball."

Defensively, Jones displayed newfound range with his jump shot. Of his 10 field goals, one was from three-point range, six from 12-25 feet or further, two on layups and one on a solo dunk.

Jones said he spent new weeks this summer at USD but
SAN DIEGO — Ah, what a difference an NCAA tournament victory makes.

The University of San Diego's students traditionally have stayed away from early season games, but 1,100 turned out (on a campus of 4,600) to add atmosphere to Jenny Craig Pavilion as the Toreros beat Nevada 65-51 Tuesday night in their home opener played before 3,355 fans.

The night started with USD (1-1) unveiling an NCAA tournament banner recognizing the school's tournament 2008 NCAA trip to the second round.

Then the students, who did their homework, made life miserable on Nevada freshman Luke Babbitt, a McDonald's All-American that finished with only three points on 1-of-9 shooting. From the opening tipoff, the students chanted, "Babbitt! Babbitt!"

They added insult to injury with loudest sustained roar of the night following a sequence that started with the 6-foot-9 Babbitt missing a dunk that bounced off the back of the rim and Toreros finishing with an alley-oop dunk by Rob Jones on a pass from mid-court by senior guard Brandon Johnson.

The fans may have had their fun, but Jones, a 6-6, 230-pound sophomore, was the real nemesis for Babbitt, who had made his college debut for Nevada (1-1) with a 20-point, 12-rebound performance in a win Saturday at Montana State.

Jones defended Babbitt and finished with a game-high 23 points to go with five rebounds. "I recruited Luke and he's very deserving of being a McDonald's All-American," USD coach Bill Grier said. "But I thought Rob did a great job of defense on him. He wouldn't let him get the ball where he wanted it."

The home opener included the season debut for senior center/forward Gyno Pomare, the El Camino High alum who sat the game's first four minutes and finished with 12 points with four rebounds. Pomare had been suspended for violating team rules for the scrimmage against Long Beach State, an exhibition against Cal State Los Angeles and season-opening loss Saturday at Nevada-Las Vegas when the Toreros nearly pulled off an upset before falling 65-60.

"It feels great to be back," Pomare said. "I'll do whatever Coach says I have to do. If that means coming off the bench, that's what I'll do."

A year ago, USD lost at Nevada 76-62, but Wolf Pack coach Mark Fox said the Toreros are a much better team since last year's run.

"Johnson is a very good guard, Pomare is tough in the post and Jones is a terrific swing player," Fox said.
Toreros take their home opener

STAFF REPORTS

SAN DIEGO — Ah, what a difference an NCAA tournament victory makes.

The University of San Diego's students traditionally have stayed away from early season games, but 1,100 turned out (on a campus of 4,600) to add atmosphere to the Toreros beat Nevada 65-51 Tuesday night in their home opener played before 3,355 fans.

The night started with USD (1-1) unveiling an NCAA tournament banner recognizing the school's tournament 2008 NCAA trip to the second round.

Then the students, who did their homework, made life miserable on Nevada freshman Luke Babbitt, a McDonald's All-American that finished with only three points on 1-of-9 shooting. From the opening tipoff, the students chanted, "Babbitt! Babbitt!"

They added insult to injury with loudest sustained roar of the night following a sequence that started with the 6-foot-9 Babbitt missing a dunk that bounced off the back of the rim and Toreros finishing with an alley-oop dunk by Rob Jones on a pass from mid-court by senior guard Brandon Johnson.

The fans may have had their fun, but Jones, a 6-6, 230-pound sophomore, was the real nemesis for Babbitt, who had made his college debut for Nevada (1-1) with a 20-point, 12-rebound performance in a win Saturday at Montana State.
Wolf Pack Basketball: Toreros torch Wolf Pack

By Chris Murray
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SAN DIEGO -- Nevada basketball coach Mark Fox warned before the season began that his young team would incur some public growing pains.

You can consider the Wolf Pack's 65-51 loss to San Diego in front of 3,355 fans at the Jenny Craig Pavilion on Tuesday night just that.

The Nevada offense, which struggled in the team's season opener three days prior, never did get on track Tuesday. And this time the Wolf Pack defense couldn't come to the rescue.

For the second straight game, Nevada (1-1) shot worse than 35 percent from the field (hitting 32.7 percent on Tuesday). For the second game, the team had just five assists.

"We just aren't a good offensive group right now," Fox said. "Their defense was better than our offense. We are in the infant stages offensively in learning what we're doing. We're still making some mistakes there. We have a long way to go to becoming proficient offensively.

Luke Babbitt, coming off a double-double in his college debut, had a night to forget.

The freshman, who was heckled by the student section from opening tip to final buzzer, was 1-of-9 from the field and scored three points. He missed his first eight shots -- including a dunk -- and had four of the team's 14 turnovers.

"Luke didn't have a good offensive night, but he wasn't The Lone Ranger," Fox said. "We had a lot of guys play poorly offensively.

Nevada point guard Armon Johnson was 3-of-16 from the field, finishing with 10 points, five rebounds and four assists. Only two Pack players, Malik Cooke and Dario Hunt, shot better than 50 percent from the field.

"They're a tough team," Johnson said. "They are a good defensive team, and we are just trying to get everybody on the same page.

Joey Shaw led Nevada with 16 points and Cooke had a career-high 13. Shaw said the team has a lot of growing to do offensively.

"I think our whole team needs to share the ball a lot more, including me," Shaw said. "I need to share the ball a lot more. I'm taking some bad shots. We just need to start executing our offense better.

The Wolf Pack struggled offensively in the second half of its season-opening win over Montana State on Saturday, but its defense shut down the Bobcats.

On Tuesday, there wasn't much slowing down San Diego (1-1), which hit 54 percent from the floor and led wire-to-wire.

Rob Jones scored a team-high 23 points on 10-of-12 shooting, while defending Babbitt for most of the game. Brandon Johnson added 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists, and Gyno Pomare added 12 points in the Toreros' home opener.

"I figured they would shoot it well on this celebration night," Fox said. "They came out on fire and we never really settled them down -- maybe a little in the second half -- but they shot it well all night.

San Diego coach Bill Grier said his team learned a lot from a 76-62 loss to Nevada last season that it could apply to Tuesday's game.

"They really manhandled us last year in Reno," Grier said. "They were so much more aggressive and fast. That was kind of our thinking coming in that we had to be the aggressor, we had to come out swinging, and for most part of the night we did a good job of that.

Just as San Diego learned lessons from that loss to Nevada, Fox said his team would learn from Tuesday's defeat.

"You have to learn from wins and losses," Fox said. "As young as we are, we're going to have some growing pains. We have to go back and watch the tape and see the mistakes we made -- most of them are correctable -- and grow.

Additional Facts

SAN DIEGO 65, NEVADA 51

KEY STAT: 32.7 - Nevada shot 32.7 percent from the field, including 17.9 percent from 3-point range.

KEY PLAY: San Diego's Rob Jones hit a contested 18-foot jumper with 41 seconds left in the half to extend the Toreros' lead to 12. Nevada never got within single digits in the second half.

KEY TO THE GAME: The Nevada offense never got on track as Armon Johnson and Luke Babbitt combined to shoot 4-of-25.
San Diego 65, Nevada 51

The Associated Press

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SAN DIEGO—Rob Jones scored 23 points and Gyno Pomare added 12 in his first game to lead San Diego to a 65-51 win over Nevada on Tuesday night.

Jones was nearly perfect for San Diego (1-1), which led the entire game. Jones hit 10 of 12 shots, including two to start the second half as the Toreros increased their 10-point halftime lead to 43-27.

Nevada (1-1), shot 32.7 percent from the field, including 24.1 percent in the second half as it fell behind by as many as 25 points.

Joey Shaw led Nevada with 16 points and Malik Cooke had 13. Freshman Luke Babbitt, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds in his college debut, was held to three points.

Pomare, the Toreros' starting center, saw his first action after serving a one-game suspension. He was 6-for-7 from the floor in 17 minutes off the bench.

Brandon Johnson scored 13 points for San Diego, which shot 54 percent from the floor. The Toreros made 65.7 percent of their shots in the first half when they took a 37-27 halftime lead.
Rob Jones posted a game-high 23 points to lead the San Diego Toreros to a 65-51 victory over the Nevada Wolf Pack in a non-conference clash at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Brandon Johnson scored 13 points and collected seven rebounds in the win for San Diego (1-1), while Gyno Pomare chipped in 12 points off the bench.

Joey Shaw tallied 16 points to lead Nevada (1-1) in the losing effort, while Malik Cooke and Armon Johnson added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

San Diego shot a blistering 66.7 percent from the floor during the first period of play, enabling the Toreros to take a 37-27 lead into the break.

The Toreros held Nevada to a paltry 24.1 percent from the field in the second stanza en route to the 14-point victory.

The Wolf Pack shot just 32.7 percent from the floor in the loss, including a miserable 3-for-17 from beyond the arc.

Game Notes
USD welcomes Pomare's '08 debut

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Double debuts make a notable one at the Jenny Craig Pavilion where the USD men's basketball team will host Nevada.

The home opener for the Toreros also marks the initial 2008-09 appearance, delayed one game due to suspension, for All-West Coast Conference forward/center Gyno Pomare.

Toreros coach Bill Grier ruled Pomare out of Saturday's season-opening game at UNLV, a 65-60 loss, for an unspecified breach of team rules more than a week earlier during the preseason practice period. As of yesterday, Grier hadn't determined how the reintroduction of Pomare into the Toreros scheme was going to go.

"I don't know if he'll start. How many minutes he'll play, I have no idea," Grier said. "But obviously he's a huge part of this team and I certainly want him to play.

"My guess is that he'll come off the bench and we'll see what happens from there."

Pomare, a 6-foot-8, 240-pound fifth-year senior was the team's second-leading scorer (14.1 per game) and leading rebounder (7.4) on last year's 22-14 team that won the West Coast Conference Tournament championship and upset Connecticut in overtime in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Pomare (El Camino High) scored 22 points in the win over Connecticut and had 20 points and nine rebounds in a second-round loss to Western Kentucky.

Pomare is the first of three suspended Toreros players who might return by the end of the month. The reinstatement of sophomores Clinton Houston and Trumaine Johnson, disciplined for unspecified separate infractions of team rules, will be addressed by Grier upon USD's return next week from the Paradise Jam Tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where it will play three games starting Friday.

Whether tonight's game will mark the 2008-09 debut for junior guard De'Jon Jackson, hero of the victory over UConn with his last-second basket in overtime, remains to be determined.

Jackson has a strained medial collateral ligament in the left knee, incurred in a preseason game 10 days ago, that prevented him from playing at UNLV.

"It's a mystery," Grier said. "He had another MRI on Friday and there was no sign of a tear. It's literally day-to-day. We'll see how he is in practice today and know more about it tomorrow."

Like UNLV, Nevada has talent in depth at the guard position, where 2008 Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year Armon Johnson operates. Unlike UNLV, the Wolfpack doesn't live-or-die from the three-point line and tends to mix defenses rather than apply constant pressure like the Rebels.

USD senior guard Brandon Johnson played a full 40 minutes at UNLV, something Grier said he'd like to avoid tonight.

"I'm hoping that we'll have De'Jon available, and if we do he can spell Brandon at the point for a few minutes," Grier said. "If not, I'm going to have to have confidence in those other guys (sophomores Devin Ginty and Matt Dorr) because BJ is going to need some rest sometime."

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Pack basketball: Nevada will get a seasoned San Diego team tonight

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SAN DIEGO — The San Diego basketball team was at a crossroads.

The Toreros had just lost on the road to Nevada, a listless 76-62 defeat.

Two days later, San Diego lost at home to Stephen F. Austin and its record dropped to 6-8.

A couple days after that, two players in the team’s rotation (Ray Murdock and Josh Miller) quit the team.

“It was right around Christmas and I thought it would be devastating for our team,” said San Diego coach Bill Grier, who was in his first year as head coach. “But what it did was bring us together and made us bond. Then we went on the road to Kentucky and found a way to win that game and things really turned around from there.”

San Diego, which hosts Nevada (1-0) at 7:05 p.m. today at Jenny Craig Pavilion, proceeded to win 16 of its last 20 games last season. The Toreros advanced to the NCAA Tournament, where they beat No. 4 seed UConn in the first round, and finished with 22 wins (the second most in school history).

So, even though the Wolf Pack will face an almost identical Torero team personnel-wise — San Diego returns all five starters and 10 letterwinners — it faces a team with a far different personality.

“I think the experience of getting in the NCAA Tournament and winning a game was huge,” Grier said. “The players came into the season with the belief that they can beat every team on the schedule, because we proved it last season.”

Nevada coach Mark Fox said there is no question the Pack will get a completely different San Diego team tonight.

“I don’t think there’s anything we can take from that game (last season),” Fox said. “They left our place, went on the road to Kentucky and got a win there and then won a game in the NCAA Tournament.”

San Diego (0-1) is off to a turbulent start this season.

Three players — starters Gyno Pomare and Trumaine Johnson and reserve Clinton Houston — were suspended for the team’s season-opening 65-60 loss to UNLV on Saturday. Another starter, De’Jon Jackson, missed the game with a sprained knee and is doubtful for tonight’s game.

While Johnson and Houston remain suspended for separate violations of team rules, Pomare, a first-team all-conference power forward, will return to the court tonight.

The 6-foot-8, 240-pounder had 22 points and nine rebounds in 29 minutes before fouling out against Nevada last season. This year, the senior gets to work against a much smaller and far younger Wolf Pack front court.

“We had a tough time guarding Pomare last season and we were big then,” Fox said. “He’s big and strong and tough and it will definitely be a challenge for our frontcourt.”

Another challenge for the Wolf Pack will be dealing with USD’s first-team all-conference point guard, Brandon Johnson, and sophomore forward Rob Jones, whom Fox called “maybe the most under-appreciated player on the West Coast.”

“They have a very complete team,” Fox said.

Grier said the same of Nevada, calling the Pack’s guard play “terrific” while highlighting Luke Babbitt as a potential matchup issue. Babbitt had team highs in points (20) and rebounds (12) in the Pack’s season-opening win at Montana State.

“You look at a kid like Babbitt, and even though he is a true freshman, he is such a fundamentally sound and complete player,” Grier said. “He’s going to be a matchup problem for every team they play this season.”

Additional Facts

Nevada in for tough test at USD

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Nevada's inexperienced basketball team gets its first true test of the young season when it faces the University of San Diego.

Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m. (Channel 27/ESPN Radio 630 AM) at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Nevada enters the contest with a 1-0 record after a nine-point win at Montana State, while San Diego is 0-1 after a narrow loss at UNLV.

The Wolf Pack faces a team that returns its entire starting five from last year's NCAA team that went 22-14.

The Toreros will be a bit short-handed because Clinton Houston and Trumaine Johnson are serving suspensions for breaking team rules. The good news for USD is that center Gyno Pomare, who went for 22 last year in Reno, is scheduled to come off a suspension tonight, according to USD spokesman Ted Gosen. De'Jon Jackson has a knee injury, but is expected to play.

"They are a darn good team," Nevada coach Mark Fox said. "They have good guard play and good bigs.

"He's (Pomare) a load. He wore us out last year. We didn't defend well. It will be a huge challenge for our inside players. We'll have to do it by committee."

Roberto Mafra, a JC transfer, scored 18 in his debut while Rob Jones, who was hampered by early foul woes in last year's game, added 14.

Fox hopes to see improved shooting tonight. Against Montana State, Nevada shot a paltry 34 percent, which usually isn't enough to win many games. Fortunately, Montana State shot only 32 percent, as Nevada played solid perimeter defense.

"I didn't think our shot selection was particularly good," Fox said. "We're still in the infant stages of our offense. We're learning how to play together. They (Montana State) played pretty good defense.

"The first half we defended the 3-point line pretty well. We didn't do well after building a large lead. We didn't sustain it (offensively and defensively). It's part of being a young team. We got up 18 and lost our concentration."

NOTES: Nevada got some good news, as Channel 2 reported that petty larceny charges against Ahyaro Phillips have been dropped. Fox said that Phillips, London Giles and Brandon Fields are still suspended ... Nevada returns home for two games - Saturday against Oregon State and next Wednesday against UOP.
Toreros Report

Today: vs. Nevada

Tipoff: 7:05 p.m. at Steve W. Flagg Pavilion
Records: Nevada 1-0, USD 0-1
TV/Radio: Channel 4 /XPRS (1090 AM)

At a glance: USD will play its home opener on a night that will include the raising of an NCAA tournament banner commemorating last season's trip as a result of winning the West Coast Conference tournament. ... The Toreros opened with a 65-60 loss to Nevada-Las Vegas on Saturday. USD was in position to win the game throughout the second half despite playing without three starters. Senior C/F Gyno Pomare (El Camino High) and sophomore PG Tanae Johnson were suspended, and junior G/F De'Jon Jackson (knee) was sidelined with an injury suffered in a Nov. 2 scrimmage against Long Beach State. ... Pomare, a two-time all-conference pick, will make his season debut, but Johnson and sophomore F Clinton Houston remain suspended. Johnson's suspension is indefinite, and Houston must sit out the first six games. ... Sophomore G Devin Dainty (two points) and sophomore junior college transfer Matt Derr (three) replaced Johnson and Jackson in the three-guard offense. ... Sophomore F Rob Jones led the Toreros with 15 points and five rebounds in the opener.

-- Tom Shanahan
TODAY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
USD vs. Nevada
Site/time: Jenny Craig Pavilion / 7:05 p.m.
TV/radio: Channel 4 San Diego / 1090-AM
Records: USD 0-1; Nevada 1-0
Outlook: Home opener for USD. Nevada has five straight 20-win seasons, is preseason pick to win the WAC and opened 2008-09 campaign with a 73-62 victory Saturday at Montana State.
Johnson’s full forty not enough for USD

By Ryan Greene
Sun, Nov 16, 2008 (2:12 a.m.)

At one point in the final four minutes of Saturday's game between UNLV and San Diego at the Thomas & Mack Center, USD point guard Trumaine Johnson headed for the bench during a timeout and looked to be cooked.

He hunched over and put his hands on his knees for several moments, then threw cup upon cup of water on his face.

The senior point guard played all 40 minutes in the Toreros' 65-60 opening day loss to the Rebels and was as productive as just about anyone on the floor, finishing with 14 points, five assists, four rebounds and three steals.

San Diego, who returned all five starters from a team that a year ago advanced to the NCAA Tournament’s second round, was without question short-handed. Three of those returners - forward Gyno Pomare, guard Trumaine Johnson and guard De’Jon Jackson - were missing in action. Pomare and Johnson, along with reserve forward Clinton Houston, were suspended by coach Bill Grier earlier in the week, while Jackson was out with a knee injury.

And as hard as he tried, Johnson just couldn’t will his team over the hump.

"Coach told me that with the players we had, I'd have to play all 40, but with the pressure UNLV got and all the guys they kept switching on me, it kind of wore me down a little bit," Johnson said. "But overall, there's no excuse. You've just got to keep going. It's more mental than anything. I knew the guys needed me to play up to a higher level, and I was trying to give all that I got."

It was nothing new for Johnson, who last year in the WCC Tournament title game against St. Mary's played all 50 minutes of a double-overtime tilt, scoring a career-high 28 points en route to a 75-69 victory.

But this time he was doing so not only in the first game of the year, but with an unexpected supporting cast.

Aside from fellow returning starter Rob Jones - who had 19 points and 10 rebounds - it was a cast of Division-I greenhorns around him in the early going, and it showed as UNLV jumped out to a 12-4 lead just over six minutes into the game. In fact, Johnson was the only Torero to score until a Danny Brown 3-pointer at the 10:28 mark made it 12-9, Rebels.

"Missing some players is definitely a contributor (to the loss)," Jones said. "It's the home game for them. I believe they came out with a lot of energy. We came out a little soft, we just had to pick it up and get back in the game."

San Diego did that, and behind some surprise performances - such as eight points and six boards from Roberto Mafra in his first D-I game and a trio of 3-pointers from reserve guard Danny Brown - the Toreros led by one point with 2:34 to play.

"Those guys came out and battled their asses off," Johnson said. "(Matt) Dorr and (Mafra), this was their first D-I game. I thought they played solid. With all our players coming back, I think we've got a big chance to get back to the tournament again."

Pomare, who made the trip with the team but did not suit up, will be back from his suspension in time for the team's home opener on Tuesday against UNR. A timetable for Jackson's return from injury is an unknown, and both Trumaine Johnson and Houston should be back following the team's Thanksgiving weekend trip to the Virgin Islands for the Paradise Jam.

In other words, the Toreros could be ready for a nice run once league play begins. Plus, this experience will have Bill Grier's team ready for any obstacles the long, draining season might throw their way.

"It kind of makes it easier," Johnson said. "If a player gets hurt, we won't look down."

Allure Las Vegas
Underdog
USD gives
UNLV bit
of a scare

UNLV 65,
TOREROS 60

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

LAS VEGAS — Underdog, understaffed and under the kind of heat that more than 13,000 UNLV Rebels fans can generate in Thomas & Mack Center, USD's men's basketball team almost got over it all yesterday in its season opener.

Sans three starters, two to suspension and one to injury, USD missed its first six shots in falling behind 7-0 and trailed by 10 in the first 6½ minutes.

But entering the final 2:30, the Toreros had a one-point lead and had the Rebels, picked to win the Mountain West Conference and with a talented lineup led by preseason MWC Player of the Year Wink Adams, concerned about a rare home and season-opening loss.

It didn’t happen. UNLV’s press forced a turnover and USD sophomore forward Rob Jones (19 points, 10 rebounds) fouled out while preventing a layup with the Toreros down 61-58 with 50.3 seconds to play. The Rebels then rode the foul shooting of Adams (19 points, 3 assists) from there to a 65-60 victory.
his Toreros. The 2008-09 season begins tomorrow at UNLV.
The preconference schedule is every bit as challenging as last year’s, which was considered tough as any in school history. The West Coast Conference projects to be as strong at the top as ever with Gonzaga ranked in the Top 10 in the nation and Saint Mary’s on the fringe of Top-25 status.

"I don’t think it’s going to be that hard," Jackson said of turning the focus from the past to the present. “All the coaches, but especially Coach Grier, have been on us and telling us we have to put that behind us because it was last year and it doesn’t matter anymore.

“People don’t care about what you did last year. People only care about right now and the season is coming up on us really fast. To me, it is already behind us.”

The upside for the Toreros: All five starters, led by senior All-WCC selections Brandon Johnson and Gyno Pomare and sophomore Rob Jones, return from last year’s 22-14 team as do five other letter-winners.

The downside: Neither in preseason practices nor in a four-point exhibition victory over Cal State Los Angeles have the Toreros showed anything approaching the cohesiveness that generated a 154- record from January through March.

"With a couple of new guys coming in, we had to get them going so we started kind of slow," Jackson said. "At the end of last year we were really focused as a group and you’re not supposed to go back from something like that, you’re supposed to build on it.

"I don’t think we’ve built on it yet. But I think we are coming together, and we will.”

The upside: USD showed it could not only compete against, but defeat, teams like Kentucky, UConn, Gonzaga and Saint Mary’s in pressure situations last season. The downside: Given the success, USD will be much more of a target for every opponent it faces.

"I think that’s great," Jackson said. "It means we have to play our heart out every night, and as competitors, that’s what we want to do. You always want somebody to challenge you. That’s what I want, and in talking to my teammates that’s what they want too.

"Having that target on our backs is something we want. We like it and we’ll deal with it.”

In practices and the exhibition, the newcomers to the stand out have been junior college transfers Roberto Mafra, a 6-9, 235-pound forward/center, and 6-4 shooting guard Matt Dorr.

USD’S SUCCESS MEANS TEAM NOW A TARGET

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Toreros lose season opener at Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS — Wink Adams scored 19 points and freshman Oscar Bellfield added 13 to lead the Nevada-Las Vegas men's basketball team over the University of San Diego 65-60 Saturday afternoon in the season opener for both teams.

Adams went 7-of-10 from the foul line, while Bellfield added six assists and three steals.

After USD took a 58-57 lead with 2:34 left in the game, the Rebels scored the next six points and hung on down the stretch, as they went 8-of-10 from the foul line in the final 2:18.

Rob Jones led the Toreros with 19 points, 10 rebounds and four assists. Brandon Johnson added 14 points, on 8-of-9 shooting from the foul line. The Toreros were playing without senior center Gyno Pomare (El Camino High), sophomore forward Clinton Houston, and sophomore guard Trumaine Johnson, who all are serving suspensions for unrelated violations of team rules.

Joe Darger added 10 points and seven rebounds for the winners.

There were 17 lead changes and seven ties in the game, as neither team built more than an eight-point lead.

The Rebels were 8-of-29 (27 percent) from 3-point range, while the Toreros were 4-of-16 (25 percent). USD converted 16-of-19 (84 percent) from the free-throw line, while UNLV was 17-of-25 (68 percent).

UNLV jumped to a 12-4 lead and led 34-29 at halftime.
UNLV Survives Against USD

Easy the best matchup of this opening weekend of college hoops was San Diego playing at UNLV. Normally, you are treated to a lot of games where you have Big School X playing Curtain Jerker State University in a game that's about as attractive as Debra Messing.

The Toreros and Rebels, however, weren't afraid to get right into the action. USD and UNLV both won its respective conference tournaments last season, and won its first-round game in the NCAA tournament. Both teams also returned the bulk -- if not all -- of its' fire power in what promises to be a pretty good season for both teams.

The Runnin' Rebels prevailed, 65-60. While some Rebels fans might want to gripe, don't.

The big story might have been UNLV freshman Oscar Bellfield, who looked pretty good. Bellfield had 13 points and six assists in his second start (only this one counted). Bellfield threw down a pretty mean looking one-hand jam late in the game -- which might have been the team's last field goal.

Bellfield came from Westchester High in Los Angeles, the same school that produced Sacramento Kings rookie Bobby Brown. Bellfield probably could have gone to UCLA, but made a better choice going to UNLV. At least he's playing for a better coach. This Rebels team looks loaded.

Wink Adams was clutch down the stretch, as always, and cemented the game on the line. Now, there could be some cause for concern because the Rebels weren't that explosive against USD. But come on, this is a tournament team from the West Coast Conference.

You have to figure that coach Lon Kruger would rather have his team struggle against a Top-25 caliber team, rather than cruising to a win over some tomato can. And games like this is going to get Bellfield up to speed.

San Diego should not fret this loss. They went on the road to play a really good team, and came up a little short. Nothing to be ashamed of. And like Vegas, you expect this team to start clicking in the near future.

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UNLV Survives Against USD

Recap: U-N-L-V vs. San Diego

By Sports Network

Wink Adams scored 19 points to lead the UNLV Rebels to a 65-60 victory over the San Diego Toreros in non-conference action.

Oscar Bellfield posted 13 points and six assists for UNLV (1-0), which has won 16 straight games at the Thomas & Mack Center. Joe Darger tallied 10 points for the Rebels, and Rene Rougeau pulled down 10 rebounds.

Rob Jones had 19 points and 10 rebounds in the loss for San Diego (0-1).

Brandon Johnson finished with 14 points, five assists and three steals for the Toreros.

UNLV led 34-29 at intermission despite shooting 5-of-18 from three-point range in the first half.

The Rebels connected on a lowly 27.3 percent of their field goal attempts in the second half, but 16 points from the foul line over the final 20 minutes sealed the victory.

San Diego committed 19 turnovers in the tilt and shot 37.7 percent from the field.

Game Notes

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By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

The “indefinite” cameo suspensions to two USD men’s basketball players and a third suspension was announced yesterday.

Combine that with junior guard De’Jon Jackson’s doubtful status with a knee injury and coach Bill Grier’s Toreros figure to be at a “definite” disadvantage for this afternoon’s season opener at UNLV.

Senior forward Gyno Pomare, an All-WCC selection, will sit out the contest to serve a one-game suspension before he will be reinstated for the home opener Tuesday against Nevada.

For sophomore forward Clinton Houston, it will be the first in a six-game suspension with reinstatement contingent on meeting certain, unspecified criteria Grier set forth.

Pomare and Houston both missed USD’s exhibition game against Cal State Los Angeles a week ago for what were described as separate violations of team rules.

Trumaine Johnson, who played in the exhibition but has been absent from practice this week, will be precluded from team activities until the Toreros return from the Paradise Jam Tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands on Nov. 23 — effective-ly a five-game suspension — for what Grier termed behavior unbecoming a USD student athlete.

“Obviously this puts us at a huge loss to start the season, and I can’t express how disappointed I am,” Grier said. “We’re going to be short-handed going into a game that concerned me even if we were going into it at complete full strength and health.

“But the expectations of this team are that it act in an exemplary manner on and off campus, in and out of class. It is very upsetting to me that it has come to this. Especially when we should be so excited about the start of a new season.

“But I have to look at the long-term good of this program in making decisions like this.”

Pomare (6-8, 240) averaged 19.6 points, 8.8 rebounds and 1.8 blocks while shooting 61.5 percent from the field in the Toreros’ final four games of a 22-14 season in 2007-08. Those games were victories over Saint Mary’s and Gonzaga as USD won the West Coast Conference Tournament, an overtime upset of Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and a loss to Western Kentucky in the round of 32.

Houston (6-7, 228) averaged 8.5 minutes and less than two points and rebounds per game overall last year. However, he was a key frontline reserve by the end of the season, as evidenced by 25 minutes of floor time in the victory over UConn.

Johnson’s insertion as the starter at the point in a three-guard offense was a key as the Toreros went 12-3 from late January to the end of the season.

Instead of having the same starting five that ended last season, Grier has only two playing today: guard Brandon Johnson and forward Rob Jones. They will be joined by sophomore guard Devin Ginty, a walk-on last year, and newcomers Matt Dorr and Roberto Mafra.

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Toreros come to Las Vegas shorthanded

San Diego without three starters due to suspension, injury

By Ryan Greene

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If overcoming adversity is something which good teams must be able to do, the University of San Diego men's basketball team will find out just how good it is right off the bat.

Second-year coach Bill Grier brings a patchwork lineup into today's 2:30 p.m. contest at the Thomas & Mack Center, with four players unavailable for two different reasons.

Junior guard De'Jon Jackson, who started all 36 games last season for the Toreros, is out with a knee injury.

Meanwhile, senior forward Gyno Pomare, sophomore guard Trumaine Johnson and sophomore forward Clinton Houston have all been suspended by Grier for violations of team rules.

Pomare will be reinstated for USD's home opener Tuesday night against UNR. Houston was given a six-game suspension, while Johnson is out until at least after the team returns from the Paradise Jam - essentially a five-game ban.

To put it in perspective, the four combined last season for 28.5 points per game (the team mean was 65.7) as the Toreros pulled off a memorable first-round overtime upset of Connecticut in the NCAA Tournament. Pomare was San Diego's second-leading scorer in 2007-08 (14.1 ppg) and its leading rebounder (7.4 rpg).

For now, the rest of the team has no choice but to deal. Coming into the season, San Diego was considered a potential postseason Cinderella candidate by many with all five starters from that team returning. But with three of them shelved on Saturday, it might take awhile to see if the Toreros really have it in them.

"Obviously this puts us at a huge loss to start the season, and I can't express how disappointed I am," Grier told the San Diego Union-Tribune. "It is very upsetting that it has come to this. But I have to look at the long-term good of this program in making decisions like this."

The roster has not been stripped completely bare, however, by the poor behaviors of some.

San Diego will trot out two of its starters from last season's 22-14 squad, including leading scorer Brandon Johnson. The 6-foot senior averaged 16.9 points per game a year ago, and in last Saturday's 71-67 exhibition victory over Cal State Los Angeles, he poured in 11 points. He's joined by fellow returner Rob Jones, who had 14 points and eight rebounds in the squeaker.

Also softening the blow will be 6-foot-9 junior center Roberto Mafra. The transfer from Southeastern Community College in Iowa turned some heads in his debut with a team-high 21 points coming on 9-of-10 shooting.

"Roberto did some very good things," Grier said of Mafra's grand entrance. "He's going to help us as the year goes on. He gave us a good presence inside."

It's scary to think what the Toreros could legitimately do in the West Coast Conference down the road with Mafra teaming up inside next to Pomare.

But that's all anyone will be able to do in that regard on Saturday - Think about it.

Another name to keep an ear open for will be that of another San Diego newcomer - Matt Dorr.

The sophomore transfer from Spokane City College scored eight points in the exhibition contest, connecting on two of his four 3-point attempts. At 6-foot-4, he's a more-than-capable distance marksman.

Much like UNLV, who plays four games in the next 10 days, San Diego also has a busy schedule on the horizon. Following Monday's home tilt with Reno, the Toreros head to the Paradise Jam in the Virgin Islands for three games in four days against Valparaiso, Iona and Wisconsin.
Sports

Sunday

Women's college basketball — Dixie State College of Utah comes out to the coast to play the Tritons; 1 p.m.; RIMAC Arena, UC San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla; free; ucsdtritons.com.

Tuesday

Men's college basketball — Nevada vs. University of San Diego, 7 p.m.; Jenny Craig Pavilion, USD, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego; $8-$16; goaztecs.com; Arizona State vs. San Diego State University; 8 p.m.; Cox Arena, SDSU, 5500 Canyon Crest Drive, San Diego; $12-$20; goaztecs.com.

Saturday

Men's college basketball — Fresno State vs. San Diego State; 1 p.m.; Cox Arena, San Diego State University, 5500 Canyon Crest Drive, San Diego; $12-$20; goaztecs.com; also Los Angeles Harbor at MiraCosta College gym; 5 p.m.; 1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside; free; (760) 795-6808 or www.miracosta.edu.

College football — Nevada-Las Vegas vs. San Diego State University; 5 p.m.; Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road, San Diego; $10-$30; goaztecs.com; also UC Davis at University of San Diego; 6 p.m.; Torero Stadium, USD, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego; $8-$12; (619) 260-7550 or usdtoreros.com.

Aztecs quarterback Ryan Lindley
Toreros put ‘The Shot’ behind them

Five starters back as USD opens at UNLV

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

It’s just short of eight months now.

On March 21, USD sophomore guard De’Jon Jackson, on the floor with four freshmen, hit a step-back, 18-foot jumper with 1.2 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Toreros a 70-69 victory over Connecticut in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

The shot of a lifetime for Jackson. The first NCAA Tournament victory for a Division I basketball program from San Diego. One that Jackson will replay in his mind for a lifetime. But one he hasn’t replayed very often on the DVR.

“Right afterward I saw it a lot,” Jackson said at a USD practice last week. “We wanted to see what everything was like so my teammates came up to the room and watched it a few times.

“This summer we had (USD instructional) camps and coach showed it to the kids a lot. So I’ve probably seen it 10 or 15 more times through that. . . . It’s still a great feeling but it’s not the same as when it happened. You’re not in that moment. It’s over and in the past already.”

Putting “The Shot” and last season’s largely unexpected success behind is an immediate priority for coach Bill Grier and
Underdogs by 11 points, USD keeps it close

USD got 14 points and five assists from Brandon Johnson. USD’s guard depth, depleted by the loss of Trumaine Johnson (suspension) and De’Jon Jackson (knee injury), didn’t give coach Bill Grier the luxury of resting Johnson at any time.

And the Toreros couldn’t get the ball in the hands of either of their two best players, Johnson and Jones, on the deciding play.

“It wouldn’t have been any different if (the missing players) were injured (rather than suspended),” Johnson said. “We went out and played hard and did what we could.”

“They got the turnover late in the game and won it down the stretch. Our lack of players didn’t have anything to do with that. We just made a mistake and they made a play.”

After missing its first seven shots, USD cashed in nine of its next 14, sparked by three three-pointers from senior reserve guard Danny Brown to get back in it before the game got out of hand.

With two incoming freshmen and three returnees at guard, Brown’s prospects for getting much playing time didn’t look promising when preseason practice started October 15.

“As a player, you can’t think that you’re not going to play,” Brown said. “You never know what’s going to happen. You always have to be ready when you’re called upon. I just went in thinking to settle things down, just got open and Rob Jones made some great plays to get me the ball.”

The Toreros took their first lead, 43-42, with 12 minutes remaining and their last at 58-57 with 2:36 to play.

USD topped UNLV in points in the paint (26-16), points off turnovers (13-11), second-chance points (15-6) and points by the bench (14-10). But UNLV made twice as many three-pointers (8), although it required 29 tries to do it in extending its record for Thomas & Mack home openers to 17-1 and advancing to 37-2 for its past 39 home games.

“You have to give a lot of credit to USD and Bill Grier,” UNLV coach Lon Kruger said.

“They did a great job. Brandon Johnson is a terrific player. And you know this isn’t the San Diego team that will be playing a few weeks from now, or in March.”

The Toreros were 11-point underdogs. But Grier wasn’t interested in playing the “what if” game regarding the missing players from his roster.

“Woulda, coulda, shoulda — it is what it is,” Grier said. “I’m so proud of this group on the floor today. They never used it as an excuse. They came in believing they could win and they darn near pulled it off.”

The Toreros used isolation or plays designed for Johnson and Jones more than usual, the latter responding with his third career double-double.

“We tried to be as positive as possible (in light of the circumstances) and I considered it an opportunity for me to do some things I’d been working on over the offseason,” Jones said. “I felt those (UNLV) guys couldn’t keep up with me.”

USD’s home opener is Tuesday against Nevada. Senior forward/center Gyno Pomaro, who sat out on a one-game suspension yesterday, is due to make his return.

— NICOLE VARGAS
Tipoff: Thomas & Mack Center, 2:35 p.m.
Records: USD 0-0, UNLV 1-0
TV/Radio: the station (1050 AM)

At a glance: USD was supposed to open the season with all five starters returning from a lineup that last year won the West Coast Conference tournament title and upset Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Turns out only three returning starters will suit up against the Rebels. USD coach Bill Grier said Friday that senior starting C/F Gyno Pomare (El Camino High), sophomore starting PG Trumaine Johnson and sophomore backup F Clinton Houston will miss the game as part of their indefinite suspensions for violating team rules. ...

Grier said Pomare's suspension will end with the UNLV game. He previously missed the Long Beach State scrimmage and Cal State Los Angeles exhibition. He returns to the lineup against Nevada Tuesday at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. ...

Houston's suspension for two incidents was set at six games and Johnson's suspension remains indefinite until he meets criteria to Grier's satisfaction. ...

USD is picked to finish third in the West Coast Conference behind Gonzaga and St. Mary's. 

— Tom Shanahan
Weekly Wrap: Kentucky stumbles out of the gate

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It's deja vu.

About a year ago at this time, the country was shocked by Gardner-Webb's upset at Rupp Arena against Kentucky.

There was no way that it could happen again in the second year of the Billy Gillispie Era, right?

Wrong.

The Wildcats lost to high-scoring VMI at home, but this time it was only one game into the season.

On a positive note, at least Gillispie lost to a Division 1 opponent -- unlike Utah and Coastal Carolina, which each went down to the hands of D-2 clubs. Southwest Baptist, out of Missouri, picked up its first-ever win over a D-1 school when it knocked off Utah while Coastal Carolina lost to Coker College, a small school in South Carolina.

THE GOODS: This will go to a player or team each week and is the highest possible honor. Despite leaving with a loss, Rhode Island senior shooting guard Jimmy Baron put on a show at Cameron Indoor Stadium against Duke. Baron had one of the most impressive performances you'll see all season, making 8-of-9 trifectas from all over the court and nearly leading the Rams to the upset against Duke. He sank 30-footers, step-back 3-pointers and NBA 3-pointers on a regular basis with defenders in his face.

REAL DEAL: Kyle Singler. While Gerald Henderson Jr., has started off slow, Duke's sophomore forward is much more comfortable in his new role -- which should have been his role all along. Singler is on the perimeter, has added strength since last season and is thriving. He's averaging 19.7 points, 7.7 rebounds and is clearly Duke's top player so far.

THE IMPOSTER: Kentucky -- I got hammered by UK fans for not putting the Wildcats in my Preseason Top 25, but this is a team that's not there yet. That was clear while watching the point guard situation -- or lack thereof -- in Kentucky's loss to VMI. Billy Gillispie's team will improve as the season progresses, just as it did a year ago.

MID-MAJOR TEAM OF THE WEEK: We're giving co-awards to Portland and Mercer. How about new Mercer coach Bob Hoffman, who took over a team that won 11 games last season and proceeded to knock off Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Portland coach Eric Reveno and the Pilots got a huge victory over Washington.

AS ADVERTISED: Oklahoma's Blake Griffin, Arizona State's James Harden, Davidson's Stephen Curry and UConn's Hasheem Thabeet all put up ridiculous numbers in their season openers. Griffin went for 24 points and 18 rebounds, Harden had 24 points and 10 assists, Curry scored 29 points, dished out 10 assists and had nine steals and Thabeet finished with 23 points, 17 rebounds and five blocks.

PROVING A POINT: Tennessee's Bobby Maze isn't short on confidence, but it didn't work out a couple years ago at Oklahoma so he spent last season in the junior college ranks. Maze is the de facto point guard for the Vols and was terrific in the season-
opening rout against Chattanooga, scoring a dozen points and dishing out 10 assists with just one turnover.

FROSH DEBUTS: Memphis' Tyreke Evans scored 19 points. USC's DeMar DeRozan finished with 14, Wake Forest's Al-Farouq Aminu had 21 points and 10 boards, Nevada's Luke Babbitt finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds and Tennessee's Scotty Hopson had 17 points. But the most impressive performance might have been that of Florida State's Chris Singleton, who had 12 points and 17 rebounds.

QUALITY RETURNS: Alabama's Ron Steele (25 points) returned after a one-year hiatus and played well despite the Crimson Tide coming up short against Mercer. Levance Fields scored 15 points and had eight assists in his return and Eric Devendorf scored 14 points after missing the second half of last season with a knee injury. LSU's Tasmin Mitchell scored 17 points and had six boards in a win over Jackson State.

SELLING SHORT: Others coming back didn't fare quite so well. Providence guard Sharaud Curry scored two points in 30 minutes in the Friars loss to Northeastern, UConn's A.J. Price was scoreless and was ejected for hitting an opponent in 25 minutes against Western Carolina and N.C. State point guard Farnold Degand logged just 13 minutes and was scoreless with one assist in a win over New Orleans.

DOUBLE TAKE: It's still strange to watch Duke and see senior point guard and three-year starter Greg Paulus on the bench. Paulus played just 11 minutes the entire game against Rhode Island while sophomore Nolan Smith played 31 minutes -- including every single moment on the court in crunch time.

SIGNATURE WIN: Northeastern at Providence. The Huskies had come up short in their 10 previous attempts on the road against BCS teams in Bill Coen's first two years at the helm, but finally pulled one out to mark the start of the Keno Davis Era in Providence. Matt Janning, after a sub-par game in a loss at Michigan, was the best player on the court.

STINKER: Alabama's loss to Mercer hurts, especially with Crimson Tide coach Mark Gottfried on the firing line this season. The good news for Bama fans is that Ron Steele returned and looked solid, but this team could ill-afford a loss to begin the season.

FAILED EXPERIMENT: The one involving Duke freshman Miles Plumlee as the Blue Devils starting center. It lasted all of 13 minutes against Presbyterian. Plumlee logged just two minutes against Rhode Island in the team's third game of the season.

WORST SLIP-UP: Washington's loss to Portland team picked to finish sixth in the West Coast Conference. The Huskies are expected to contend for the NCAA tournament, but the guy who truly showed up was Jon Brockman (20 points, 14 rebounds) -- who put up yet another double-double.

CREDIT: Give it to San Diego coach Bill Grier, who suspended three of his top players for the season-opening loss to UNLV. Gyno Pomare served a one-game suspension while Trumaine Johnson (out indefinitely) and Clinton Houston (six games) didn't play as well.

WEEK TO FORGET: New Loyola Marymount coach Bill Bayno lost his first three games as head coach (to UW-Milwaukee, Iowa State and UC Davis) at the World Vision Classic at Iowa State.

SIX-PACK ON TAP

1. Duke vs. UCLA (potential), Friday at 7 p.m. ET -- Could be the championship game of the Coaches vs. Cancer. Duke still has to get past Southern Illinois and the Bruins will need to beat Michigan, but this could be one of the elite matchups of the early season.
2. UConn vs. Miami (potential), Sunday at 7 p.m. --
   This would be a terrific Paradise Jam semifinal
   matchup if UConn beats La Salle and Miami gets past
   Southern Miss.

3. Oklahoma vs. Davidson (potential), Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. --
   This Preseason NIT regional final could
   feature two of the top five players in the country --
   Oklahoma big man Blake Griffin and Davidson guard
   Stephen Curry. The Sooners need to beat Mississippi
   Valley State while Davidson has to knock off James
   Madison.

4. Memphis vs. USC (potential), Friday at 8 p.m. --
   A possible second-round matchup in the Puerto Rico
   Tip-Off that would pit two of the elite freshman in
   the country -- Memphis guard Tyreke Evans against
   USC's Demar DeRozan.

5. Kentucky at North Carolina, Tuesday at 9 p.m. --
   The Wildcats could use this to gain some
   respect back after the loss against a short-handed Tar
   Heels team that will likely be without Tyler Hansbrough and Marcus
   Ginyard.

6. Nevada at San Diego, Tuesday at 10 p.m. --
   Maybe I'm in the minority here, but I love this
   matchup between two of the most under-appreciated
   coaches in the country. Gyno Pomare will be back
   for the Toreros and Wolf Pack freshman forward
   Luke Babbitt has a chance to be special.
British Open going cable is ‘major’ step

Leave it to the world’s oldest golf event to break a new barrier. The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews announced yesterday that beginning in 2010 the British Open would become the first golf major to air exclusively on cable television. ESPN — you were thinking Game Show Network? — signed an eight-year agreement to carry all four rounds of what has become known, even in this country, as The Open Championship.

Recently the first two rounds have been on TNT, with the final two rounds on TNT and ABC. That will be the case in 2009.

Online: For local sports TV ratings, go to unlontrlb.com/more/sportsmedia

Starting in 2010, ESPN will have 34 hours of coverage over four days, beginning at 2 a.m. PDT for the first two rounds. As usual with an ESPN contract, this one includes wide-ranging digital and international rights. Same-day highlights will be shown on ABC.

But if you want live, you’ll need cable or satellite. And the same soon could be true for an even larger event — the Bowl Championship Series. Sports Business Journal reported all the BCS games — including the Rose Bowl and the BCS title game — could be moving to ESPN beginning in January 2011.

Where will it end? Probably not until ESPN gets the Super Bowl. Scoff if you want, but I certainly wouldn’t rule it out.

Tough job

Can’t imagine how tough it must be for the sales folks at Channel 4 San Diego and XX Sports Radio to sell Padres commercials these days. John Lynch, president and CEO of Broadcast Company of the Americas, which operates XX Sports, has been known to offer a strong opinion or two when he’s unhappy with something on the local sports scene. (Remember? “There’s not a station in El Cajon that will want to carry them if they don’t start winning,” he said of SDSU three years ago.) So I figured it was worth asking what he thought of the Padres’ situation and how it might impact his station. But there was nothing incendiary this time.

“I am obviously disappointed in the Padres’ performance and challenging PR,” Lynch responded via e-mail. “However, I believe that by rebuilding the team, they will get younger, faster and more athletic. I think some of the new players brought here by the trade of Jake (Peavy) and Khalil (Greene) will create excitement and a more competitive team. Adrian (Gonzalez) is becoming one of the best players in MLB. A dynamic product will help us generate more sales. In these unprecedented times, we will need all the help we can get to prosper financially.”

Flipping channels

- Chargers-Steelers games at 6:55 percent of the country as the main doubleheader game on CBS at 1:15 p.m. Sunday. Jim Nantz and Phil Simms call the Bolts for the second time in three games.

- The local college basketball season gets going tomorrow with SDSU hosting UCSD at 1 p.m. and USD playing at UNLV at 2:30. No TV for the Aztecs, but USD’s game will be on The Mtn (followed by SDSU-Utah football at 5). No change in the radio for either school; USD continues on XX Sports with Andy Masur, and SDSU is at KOGO-AM (600) with Ted Leitner (who will work a basketball-football doubleheader tomorrow).

- ESPN gets serious about the start of college basketball Monday with a marathon that will include nine live games in 23 hours, beginning with UMass-Memphis at 9 p.m. If that’s not enough, ESPN2 and ESPNU will combine for five more games Tuesday evening, at 4, 4:30, 6, 6:30 and 8:30, so by the time that last game ends, the marathon will be approaching 26 hours.

- Speaking of baseball, MLB Network now has some studio analysts to work with host Matt Vasgersian — former players Al Leiter and Harold Reynolds. The network launches Jan. 1.
UNLV faces early test against San Diego

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MORE: San Diego-UNLV preview

As far as season openers go, this one is a little tougher than most.

UNLV opens the 2008-09 season with a home game against San Diego on Saturday. Both were NCAA tournament teams last season, and both won at least 22 games.

"It's not your typical season opener, that's for sure," UNLV coach Lon Kruger told Rivals.com. "It's not one of those games where you hope to get a lot of guys a lot of minutes, maybe find out more about your team. This is an opener against an NCAA tournament team that our players have a lot of respect for. We have to play well if we want to win."

One of the Rebels' 27 victories last season came at the Toreros' Jenny Craig Pavilion. UNLV prevailed 66-55 in a mid-November matchup, holding San Diego to 36.4-percent shooting.

But the Rebels couldn't handle Toreros forward Gyno Pomare. The big man posted 23 points and 10 rebounds and shot 8-of-15 from the floor. No one else managed to score in double figures for Bill Grier's team.

That brings to the forefront the biggest question about this game: Will Pomare play? He has been suspended indefinitely by Grier for an unspecified violation of team rules, but he has continued to practice with the team. He did not play in the Rebels' first exhibition game, an unexpectedly narrow 71-67 victory over Division II Cal State Los Angeles.

"Pomare is a big-time scorer," Kruger said. "If he catches in deep, he'll finish. He's a tough matchup."

It's safe to say the Rebels will prepare for Pomare.

The Breakdown

San Diego's Trumaine Johnson vs. UNLV's Oscar Bellfield

Johnson, a 6-foot-2 sophomore, emerged as a starter during the second half of last season, allowing Grier to move Brandon Johnson to the "2." Trumaine Johnson is quick off the dribble, more of a penetrator than a major scoring option for the Toreros. He gained valuable experience during last season's impressive stretch run and played well, including 17 assists in the three-game run to the WCC tournament title.

Bellfield is a true freshman, a pass-first point guard who has good command of the ball. Kruger was a top-notch point guard in his day, so for Bellfield to start from Day One is a huge endorsement. But this still is his first real college game, so Johnson gets the edge.

EDGE: SAN DIEGO

San Diego's Brandon Johnson vs. UNLV's Wink Adams

Johnson, a 6-0, 200-pound senior, is a powerfully built guard with a scorer's mentality (16.9 ppg last season). He'll shoot from anywhere, and he can hit from anywhere, too. He puts a strain on a defense because he can put the ball on the floor as well. It's fair to say he and Adams, also a 6-0, 200-pound senior, are similar. Adams is the go-to guy for the Rebels: he was their leading scorer a year ago (16.7 ppg). He can shoot the "3" and he can score on mid-range jumpers. Adams is a better, more confident player than the one San Diego saw a year ago. This is one of the game's key matchups.

EDGE: UNLV

San Diego's DeJon Jackson vs. UNLV's Rene Rougeau

Jackson, a 6-2 junior, was the only player to start all 36 games for the Toreros last season. He's a spot-up shooter who feels his shots in the flow of the game, not by dominating the ball. He also is USD's best defender. Again, in many ways, his game is similar to that of his UNLV counterpart. Rougeau, a 6-6 senior, is a glue guy for the Rebels. Like Jackson, he doesn't score much, but he makes the most of his opportunities (50 percent shooter last season). He's UNLV's best defender, quick and long-armed and able

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to cut off the passing lanes; he was the Mountain West's steals leader.

**EDGE: UNLV**

**San Diego's Gyno Pomare/Robert Mafra vs. UNLV's Darris Santee**

Pomare, a 6-8 senior, is a force on the blocks. When he's working for position, he'll catch too deep for the Rebels to stop him. He likes to go over his left shoulder, and he can step out and hit the mid-range jumper. He also does solid work on the boards. Santee, a 6-8 junior, is a transfer from Midland College in Texas. He's a blue-collar guy who does what's asked of him. He's much more capable on the defensive end at this point than the offensive end, but it's too much to ask him to control Pomare in his first Division I game. If Pomare remains on suspension, Mafra, a 6-9 junior from Brazil by way of Southeastern Community College in Iowa, would get the start. Mafra had 21 points in USD's exhibition win.

**EDGE: SAN DIEGO**

**San Diego's Rob Jones vs. UNLV's Joe Darger**

Jones, a 6-6 sophomore, stepped up his game over the second half of last season, and it's no coincidence that's when the Toreros took off. He likes to work and bang on the inside, and he's a good mid-range jump shooter. He averaged 9.0 points and 5.8 rebounds last season. Darger, a 6-7 senior, played center last season and often took advantage of slower post players by shooting from the perimeter. He was second to Adams in scoring (11.3 ppg). He's still a top 3-point threat for the Rebels (he had 67 3-pointers last season), but he probably will be more closely guarded out there this season. Still, Darger takes opposing big men away from the offensive glass.

**EDGE: UNLV**

**Bench**

The Toreros could be quite depleted if Grier doesn't lift the indefinite suspensions on Pomare and 6-7 sophomore forward Clinton Houston. Trumaine Johnson missed a practice this week because he was "studying," Grier said, and Jackson was held out of the exhibition game with a right knee strain and is listed as day-to-day. The Rebels' first two players off the bench will be Trequon Willis, a point guard, and forward Mareceo Rutledge. Kruger said Willis could start, but he likes the energy he brings off the bench.

**EDGE: UNLV**

**Coaching**

Grier, 45, spent 16 seasons on the staff at Gonzaga before taking a coaching job within the West Coast Conference at San Diego. Last season was his first, but he made it one for the Toreros' record books. USD won the WCC tournament and stunned Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA tournament for the program's first NCAA win. His roster returns everyone from that team, and he continues to try to instill discipline with the recent suspensions. Kruger, 56, enters his fifth season at the helm of the Rebels after successful college stints at Texas-Pan American, Kansas State (his alma mater), Florida (a Final Four appearance) and Illinois. He has re-established UNLV on the national scene with 57 victories over the past two seasons, and he has more than 400 victories in his career, including three NCAA tournament wins in the past two seasons.

**EDGE: UNLV**

**Bottom line**

UNLV, playing at home, is the favorite. But this is a San Diego team that should play with more confidence than it did when these teams met last season. Trumaine Johnson and Jones were just freshmen learning the ropes. Now, they not only have played a full season but also have played under the spotlight of March Madness. Still, the Rebels, deeper than they were a year ago, are one of the best defensive teams in the country. They sometimes may struggle to score, but they make it even harder on their opponents.

**Prediction:** UNLV 68, San Diego 64

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UNLV beats University of San Diego 65-60

UNLV 65, SAN DIEGO 60 — Rene Rougeau had a blocked shot, a deflection that led to a steal and made two key free throws in the final two minutes as the Rebels survived a scare from the depleted Toreros in the season opener for both teams.

Wink Adams had 19 points for UNLV, but it was fellow senior Rougeau who stole the spotlight late in the game.

With the Rebels clinging to a one-point lead, Rougeau blocked a Rob Jones shot inside, then made a pair of free throws on the other end.

The Toreros then inbounded the ball against UNLV's press, but Rougeau slapped it to Oscar Bellfield.

Bellfield, a true freshman, added 13 points in his first collegiate game.

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Adams scores 19 to lead UNLV over San Diego 65-60

Wink Adams scored 19 points and freshman Oscar Bellfield added 13 to lead UNLV over San Diego 65-60 Saturday afternoon in the season opener for both teams.

Adams went 7-of-10 from the foul line, while Bellfield added six assists and three steals.

After San Diego took a 58-57 lead with 2:34 left in the game, the Rebels scored the next six points and hung on down the stretch, where they went 8-of-10 from the foul line in the final 2:19.

Rob Jones led San Diego with 19 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 assists. Brandon Johnson added 14 points, on 8-of-9 shooting from the foul line. The Toreros were playing without senior center Gyno Pomare, sophomore forward Clinton Houston, and sophomore guard Trumaine Johnson, who all are serving suspensions for unrelated violations of team rules.

Joe Darger added 10 points and seven rebounds for the winners.

There were 17 lead changes and seven ties in the game, where neither team built more than an eight-point lead.

The Rebels from 3-point range were 8-of-29 (27 percent), while the Toreros were 4-of-16 (25 percent). San Diego from the free-throw line converted 16-of-19 (84 percent), while UNLV was 17-of-25 (68 percent).

UNLV jumped to a 12-4 lead and led 34-29 at halftime.

Both teams were winners of their conference tournaments and won a game in the NCAA Tournament last year. UNLV captured the Mountain West Conference title, while the Toreros won the West Coast Conference. The Rebels won last year at San Diego, 66-55.
USD's Houston, Johnson unavailable to practice

USD's men's basketball team was two Texans short of a full roster for practice yesterday.

Sophomore forward Clinton Houston, who hails from Dallas, was out with a throat problem—coach Bill Grier said might be tonsillitis.

Sophomore guard Trumaine Johnson, from Houston, missed the workout, three days before the regular-season opener at UNLV, and was "studying," Grier said.

Johnson started 17 games last season, including the last 15 from late January to March as the point in a three-guard alignment with Brandon Johnson and DeJon Jackson. The Toreros went 12-3 during the stretch, winning the West Coast Conference Tournament and upsetting UConn in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Senior forward Gyno Pomare, who practiced yesterday, and Houston are on indefinite suspension for separate violations of team rules. Grier said he planned to make an announcement regarding their situations tomorrow.

USD also is expecting to sign three players to national letters of intent, with an announcement coming as soon as today.

Vitale at USD tonight

Basketball Hall of Famer Dick Vitale will be at the USD Bookstore from 5:30 tonight to sign copies of his new book, "Dick Vitale's Fabulous 50 Players & Moments in College Basketball: From the Best Seat in the House During My 30 Years at ESPN."
UNLV likely out for USD in hoops opener

By Rob Miech · November 10, 2008 · 10:58 PM

The University of San Diego likely will be short-handed when it plays UNLV in the basketball season opener for both Saturday afternoon at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Torreros coach Bill Grier has indefinitely suspended 6-foot-8 senior forward Gyno Pomare and 6-1 Junior swingman De'Jon Jackson from the squad.

Grier told the San Diego Union-Tribune that they were suspended for unrelated violations of team rules.

Pomare, a back-to-back West Coast Conference first-team selection, averaged 14.1 points and 7.4 rebounds last season.

He had 23 points and 10 boards in a 66-55 loss to UNLV at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The Toreros, who beat Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA tournament on a jumper by Jackson with 1.2 seconds remaining, finished 22-14.

Roberto Mafra, a 6-9, 235-pound junior from Brazil, scored 21 points in USD's tight exhibition victory over Cal State Los Angeles on Saturday.

UNLV went 27-8 last season and bolstered its front line considerably in the offseason.

Darris Santee, a 6-8 power forward who won an NJCAA national championship at Midland College in Texas, will start at center for the Rebels.

Seven-footer Beas Hamga and 6-10 Brice Massamba will spell Santee.

Saturday's game will tip off at 2:30 p.m.
Suspension of San Diego center Pomare to continue Saturday - Sports: UNLV - Las Vegas

By Rob Miech • November 14, 2008 • 2:01 PM

The suspension of San Diego senior center Gyno Pomare will continue through Saturday afternoon’s game against UNLV at the Thomas & Mack Center.
Pomare was suspended from the team for an unspecified violation of team rules before its exhibition game last weekend against Cal State Los Angeles. He averaged 14.1 points a game last season, second on USD’s team.
The Toreros beat CSLA, 71-67, behind 21 points from Brazilian center Roberto Mafra. The junior, a transfer from a junior college in Iowa, went 9-for-10 from the field.
Pomare will be reinstated after the game against the Rebels, according to USD officials.
USD has additional numbers problems, however, as sophomore forward Clinton Houston’s suspension, a second infraction, will cost him six games. Sophomore guard Trumaine Johnson, it was revealed Friday, also has been served with an indefinite suspension.
"These suspensions are for unrelated incidents," said second-year coach Bill Grier. "I am extremely disappointed with Gyno, Clinton and Trumaine. As a member of this basketball program and as a student-athlete at USD, there are expected standards of behavior on and off the floor, as well as in the classroom, to be upheld.
"I am hopeful that all three will learn from their mistakes and understand that the decisions they make have a tremendous impact on our team and university."
If that weren’t enough for Grier, junior wing De’Jon Jackson, who hit the game-winning shot against UConn in the first round of the NCAA tournament in March, is out with a knee injury.
UNLV defeated San Diego, 66-55, last season in San Diego.

Discussion: 2 comments so far...
By phurn
11/14/08 at 2:05 p.m.
Suggest removal
That’s too bad…..would have loved to face them at full strength. Let’s hope we don’t overlook them...
By Rob Miech (Staff)
11/14/08 at 2:08 p.m.
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Yeah, phurn. That kid is very good, and what a double-headed monster he would have been with Mafra. Well, for USD’s sake, it’s only one game.
San Diego has makings of a hardwood hotbed

By Hank Wesch

San Diego has been a college basketball town for years. The USD and San Diego State programs have had their moments, but they've struggled to sustain success in recent years. However, the San Diego State and USD programs have shown signs of resurgence, and the city is now experiencing a basketball renaissance.

USD's USD Classic and San Diego State's Aztec Invitational are two of the biggest events in college basketball. These tournaments showcase some of the top teams in the country and bring major college basketball to the city.

USD's women's basketball program has experienced a resurgence in recent years. The team has made the NCAA Tournament every year since 2018 and reached the Elite Eight in 2019. USD's men's basketball program has also improved, with the team making the NCAA Tournament in 2018 and 2019.

San Diego State's men's basketball program has also found success in recent years. The team has made the NCAA Tournament every year since 2016 and reached the Sweet 16 in 2016. SDSU's women's basketball program has also improved, with the team making the NCAA Tournament in 2017 and 2018.

The city of San Diego is excited about the growth of basketball in the city. The USD and SDSU programs have a strong following, and the teams have seen an increase in support from fans.

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The Toreros trailed 65-59 before holding its Division II opponents without a field goal and to only two points in the final 6:55.

Mafra went 9-for-10 from the field for San Diego, which advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season. Trumaine Johnson added eight points, including three consecutive baskets in the final three minutes when he tied the score and pushed the Toreros ahead for good at 69-67.

Rob Jones finished with 14 points and eight rebounds, and Brandon Johnson had 11 points as the Toreros shot 57.1 percent from the field.

Cal State LA scored nine unanswered points to go ahead 49-44 five minutes into the second half and held the lead until Johnson's lay-up with 2:36 left. Freshman Leland Golden Eagles with 15 points.
What to watch this week, all season as tipoff closes in
By Eddie Timanus, USA TODAY

Five story lines to follow during opening week and throughout the season, which begins tonight:

1. Coach K:

There was no offseason for Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. After leading Team USA to Olympic gold, he now jumps into his regular gig with its usual lofty expectations. The Blue Devils enter the season ranked fifth in the USA TODAY/ESPN coaches' poll with hopes of challenging archrival North Carolina for supremacy in the hoops-happy Atlantic Coast Conference. Coach K appears to have a good mix of experience and young talent, with fourth-year starter Greg Paulus running the point and several newcomers hoping to shore up the inside. But if the Blue Devils hit a midseason slump, critics might offer Krzyzewski's packed summer schedule as a reason. Duke isn't likely to struggle much, however, tonight in its opener against Presbyterian in the 2K Sports Classic. The Blue Devils will then host Georgia Southern or Houston on Tuesday and could meet No. 4 UCLA down the road.

2. The finalists:

The adage that great programs reload rather than rebuild will be put to the test this season. There will be many unfamiliar faces taking the floor for 2008 national champion Kansas and runner-up Memphis, with many participants in the last NCAA championship game now in the NBA. Poll voters appeared to take a wait-and-see approach with both, ranking KU No. 23 and Memphis at No. 12. Jayhawks coach Bill Self will count on junior Sherron Collins, his only experienced guard. Tigers coach John Calipari is hoping freshman Tyreke Evans can fill the role vacated by one-year wonder Derrick Rose.

3. Fillin' it up:

Most players don't set out to win the individual scoring title. But it wouldn't be entirely accidental if Stephen Curry winds up near the top of the charts again this season as he tries to lead Davidson to another deep NCAA tournament run. The Wildcats enter the season at No. 20, thanks mainly to Curry's decision to return. Matching his 25.9-point average of 2007-08 that was fourth in the country and is tops among returning players might be challenging. Point guard Jason Richards was lost to graduation, so Curry might have to do more to create his own shots this year. He'll establish the bar for himself Friday as the Wildcats open against Guilford (N.C.).

4. Bustback:

An interesting feature of the made-for-TV Bracket Buster games is the pledge third-round teams get a return home date the following season. Those return contests will be occurring before the calendar changes, some as early as opening week. The most notable is Butler's visit to Drake on Saturday. Both sets of Bulldogs were ranked Big Ten during the Big Dance. There have since been major personnel changes on both sides. Drake coach Bill Self will count on junior Sherron Collins, his only experienced guard. Tigers coach John Calipari is hoping freshman Tyreke Evans can fill the role vacated by one-year wonder Derrick Rose.

5. Headliner?

It could be argued the best game on the opening-week schedule is Saturday, San Diego at UNLV. Both won their respective conference tournaments in March and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament, and both have a lot back. The Toreros expect to challenge in the increasingly competitive West Coast Conference with the inside-out combo of Brandon Johnson and Gyno Pomare. The Runnin' Rebels have a senior-laden lineup led by double-digit scorers Wink Adams and Joe Darger.

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Little big men

Unlike college football, where only the elite can realistically compete, basketball’s structure gives Davids a chance to post up with Goliaths

By MARK ZEIGLER, STAFF WRITER

SAN DIEGO, State coach Steve Fisher was speaking at a news conference recently, just weeks before Friday’s official start of the college basketball season. Someone asked him about his team’s prospects.

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If you belong to one of the six power conferences that comprise (along with Notre Dame) the lucrative Bowl Championship series, or BCS, you receive a steady flow of revenues that essentially guarantees the same select schools will populate the Top 25. If you’re on the outside, you’re caught in an arms race: once you can’t win, they keep buying, you keep repairing the slagheap.

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BY MARK ZEIGLER, STAFF WRITER

USD had reason to celebrate when it earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament by winning the WCC Tournament. 

MARK ZEIGLER/SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

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System gives hope even to smaller schools

a window of hope.

"The nice thing about basketball is, you only play five at a time," Fisher says. "And it only takes two to take a quantum leap. Two guys can turn a program around. They might not get you to a Final Four, but you can get a couple guys and all of sudden you go from have-not to pretender.

San Diego State was fresh off a 4-22 season when Fisher arrived in 1996. He landed transfers Randy Holcomb and Tony Bland the following year, and in 2001-02 the Aztecs went 21-12 and reached the NCAA Tournament.

"I think fortunes can turn on a dime quicker in basketball than in football," Fisher says. "In fact, I don't think I knew it."

Here's how and why.

Do the math

Fisher spends a week each July in Las Vegas at a series of basketball tournaments featuring hundreds of club teams and thousands of the nation's best high school players. He'd typically go with a list of 20 players to watch.

"And then you sit in the gym and say, 'What's that guy? And that guy? And that guy?'" Fisher says. "You quickly add 20 more to your list. There are a lot of players everywhere."

Makes sense. The 120 schools that offer Division I-A basketball can give out 56 scholarships each year, or more than 10,000 nationally. Even with 314 Div. 1 men's basketball teams, they are allotted 11 scholarships each (down from 15 a few years ago) — or 4,433 total.

That's not the only source of 6-foot-6 shooting guards. There's also the junior colleges, which are filled with players who, in many cases, have Div. I talent but not the grades. Now consider that 69 schools play JJC football, and 43 play basketball.

Share the wealth

The checks arrive each April. Some are larger than others, but the point is, everyone gets one.

Unlike football's BCS, where the nation's six largest conferences (Pac-10, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC, ACC and Big East) board the payoffs from the richest bowl games, the NCAA distributes revenues from the men's basketball tournament based on participation and performance. And since every conference gets at least one entry into the 65-team field, every conference gets a check.

In the six-year period between 2002 and 2007, no conference received a check for less than $8 million. The ACC got $51.2 million over those six years, but Conference USA got $13.3 million and the Mid-American Valley Conference got $4.8 million.

Coup: that with far smaller budgets than football and street NCAA rules the first recruiting time, and the gulf between the havens and have-nots narrows to a crack.

Ohio State, according to federal documents, listed $22.5 million in football expenses for the 2006-07 academic year while its men's basketball team cost just $9.9 million. SDSU spent $2.7 million on football that year, and $2.9 million on basketball.

"To me, that financial piec is a redactor," says Fisher, who has won both sides, having coached at Michigan in the Big Ten and at SDSU in the Mountain West Conference. "I've never had to say I need more money to recruit. I've never worried about how much money someone else had as long as I've had enough, and I've always had enough here."

Early entry, exit

Two seasons ago, Ohio State reached the NCAA championship game with star freshmen Greg Oden, Mike Conley Jr. and Dwayne Cook. All three left for the NBA, leaving Ohio State with a roster and had an occasion that the math to qualify academically, they aren't required to stick around for another season.

"And that's just fine with the Big Ten schools. They almost never land such prized recruits anyway, meaning their players stick around for four seasons — five if they redshirt — and build sophisticated, veteran programs," says Fisher. "They can afford talent."

Acknowledging that, one of the few things Fisher can agree with is that the parity line has dropped. "It was so close," Fisher says of the 16-15 Shockers. "I don't think it's harder for them to truly impact an International college game."

"I think it's harder," Fisher says of the 16-6 Missouri Valley Conference. "It's harder to plan in the Valley to have a chance to be a 3-seed."
Pomare, Houston remain suspended

By Hank Wesch, STAFF WRITER

Senior forward/center Gyno Pomare and sophomore forward Clinton Houston are practicing with the USD men's basketball team this week but their status of being on indefinite suspension remains unchanged, coach Bill Grier said yesterday.

Pomare, a returning All-West Coast Conference selection and preseason All-WCC choice, and Houston, a key front-line reserve, missed Saturday's 71-67 exhibition victory over Cal State Los Angeles for what was announced as "unrelated violations of team rules."

Grier said yesterday that while the two are practicing he had no timetable for deciding upon possible reinstatement and that "indefinite" was still the appropriate word for the suspensions.

USD's 2008-09 season opener is Saturday at UNLV.

Grier, entering his second season as USD head coach, was compelled to discipline players on two occasions last year. Then-freshmen Rob Jones, Trumaine Johnson and Houston sat out the second game of the season for unspecified violations of team rules on a season-opening game trip that produced a victory at Hawaii.

Late in the season Jones, Pomare and guard Brandon Johnson were held out of the first 4:38 of a key WCC game at Saint Mary's (a loss) as the result of infractions in the wake of a victory at Santa Clara two days earlier.

The length of those suspensions indicated that the infractions were minor. Grier declined to comment when asked if the current cases were of similar severity and also was mum regarding the possibility of Pomare and/or Houston being reinstated in time for the season opener.

In Pomare's absence on Saturday, junior Roberto Mafra, a 6-9, 235-pound native of Brazil and community college transfer scored a team-high 21 points in the victory.

"I felt there were some positives that came out of it," Grier said of the exhibition. "But I was disappointed in our lack of putting out the kind of effort needed, as a team, for any extended period of time."

"That's an area we have to show improvement in practice this week."
Suspended at USD: Senior Center; Team's Optimism

This is what University of San Diego senior guard Brandon Johnson says he told fellow All-West Coast Conference pick Gyno Pomare when he learned the Toreros' senior center was suspended indefinitely.

"You can't put what I said to him," Johnson said. "It was R-rated."

USD men's basketball coach Bill Grier said Saturday night after the team's exhibition game win over Cal State Los Angeles that he has suspended indefinitely Pomare and sophomore forward Clint Houston for violating team rules in two unrelated incidents.

He added he suspended the players, as opposed to an automatic school suspension, which suggests there are no legal implications.

The suspensions take some of the luster off of the start of the 2008-09 season that begins Saturday at UNLV, a team on the bubble of being nationally ranked.

Pomare, a 6-foot-8, 240-pounder from Oceanside's El Camino High, is a two-time All-WCC pick that averaged 14.1 points and 7.4 rebounds.

Houston is a backup that played some of his best games at the end of his freshman year.

USD is coming off a season that included the Toreros' first win in an NCAA Tournament game. Pomare scored 22 points in the upset of Connecticut and then 20 points two days later in the second-round loss to Western Kentucky.

USD advanced to the NCAA in Grier's first season by winning the WCC Tournament title.

Grier, who turned down Oregon State to remain at USD, was succinct when asked if he was disappointed by the actions of Pomare and Houston.

"Very," he said, declining to elaborate more on the suspensions.

-- TOM SHANAHAN
Barbecue & basketball: A winning combination

By Nicole Yee

USD Tradition San Nelson and Mary Tausend said they would have showed up to support the Toreros for their season-opening men's basketball exhibition even if it didn't come with a barbecue and pep rally.

But judging by the crowd of students at last night's game against Cal State Los Angeles, nearly all wearing new powder blue T-shirts, a little bribery never hurts.

"It was an added benefit to the game," said Tausend, her cheeks painted blue and white.

Added Nelson, with similar face paint: "It's so cool that our school does this."

The pair of on-campus residents were part of a crowd of more than 1,000 students on hand for the game, which made a statement of support for USD, 71-67 winners in the exhibition game.

"There's a great buzz on campus," said senior Justin Saks, who is part of a campus group promoting school spirit called The Front Line. "Everyone's pumped up about the season, especially after last year."

How surged? With campus dining halls closed for the occasion, dinner was instead served on the patio adjoining Jenny Craig Pavilion and the school's stadium.

The fare included hamburgers and ribs, baked beans and coleslaw, very typical of a barbecue, said Dave Kaplan, manager of the main dining hall.

And from the time the first hot dog was plated at 4 p.m. until 5:15, more than 600 students had paid their $9 either in cash or with a swipe of their meal plan cards. And that number swelled beyond 1,000 by tipoff at 5 p.m.

Not bad for a campus with about 7,500 students.

"Great food, great drinks," said Philip McDermott, the director of athletics for Associated Students. "It's just awesome."

McDermott admitted the idea wasn't unique to USD. While studying in Spain, McDermott roomed with a student from Duke who talked about a similar event on that campus, and he thought it could be adapted to show support for USD athletics.

"It came from the students for the team," McDermott said. "We're a growing program, and after the success of last year, we didn't want (the enthusiasm) to die off."

Time will tell if the support will continue through not only the remainder of the fall semester, but through winter break and into spring as well.

Either way, the athletes said it was a perfect way to kick off the season.

"Shout-out to the students," said senior guard Brandon Johnson. "They gave us a lot of love tonight. Hopefully, that will continue."
USD serving up a feast of events

By Mark Zeigler
STAFF WRITER

If you are a student at the University of San Diego and have a meal plan and want to eat dinner tonight, you can't go to the main dining room. It's closed.

Instead, meals will be served near Jenny Craig Pavilion. It's a not-so-subtle ploy to get students to attend one of the three sporting events—a women's volleyball game at 1 p.m., a men's basketball exhibition at 6 and, the biggie, a blockbuster women's soccer match.

The USD women (14-3-2), ranked as high as 11th in the national polls, host No. 2 Portland (16-1) at Torero Stadium at 8 p.m. It is the regular-season finale for both teams, and both are 6-0 in the WCC. USD has never won the WCC since it added women's soccer in 1992.

"This is one of the things we've been building toward," said Ada Greenwood, who calls it the biggest game in his six years as head coach. "We've got these guys at home, we've been playing well and we're fairly healthy. I don't think we can ask for much more."

The Toreros have won seven straight since a 3-0 loss to No. 3 UCLA on Oct. 15. Portland has been even more impressive, winning 15 straight since losing to UCLA in the second game of the season and outscoring WCC opponents by 18-1.

The crowd, though, could be the great equalizer. Greenwood is expecting 2,500 to 3,000, and perhaps more if students wander over after dinner.

"It will definitely be like a 12th man," Greenwood said. "When we played up there (at Portland) last year, they had a big crowd and a nasty crowd. They yelled some nasty things at us. I don't want our crowd to be nasty, but I want them to be loud and supportive."

The Toreros are a virtual lock to make the NCAA Tournament when the 64-team field is announced Monday, but tonight could be the final home game for seniors Amy Epsten, Jen Mello, Brittny Cameron, Jackie Garcia, Ashley Kirk and Allison Wolters. Even if USD beats Portland, it likely won't host a first-round regional because Torero Stadium is booked next weekend with football and men's soccer.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Local Division I exhibition tonight:
Cal State Los Angeles at USD
Site/time: Jenny Craig Pavilion/6
Outlook: The Toreros return all five starters from a 22-14 squad that became the first Division I San Diego basketball team to win an NCAA Tournament game. This is their only exhibition before their season opener one week from today at UNLV. The Golden Eagles, a Division II team coached by former Syracuse star Stephen Thompson, were 17-11 last year. They lost an exhibition at Syracuse on Monday, 77-56, after trailing by just four at halftime.
USD's Pomare, Houston suspended

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

While one newcomer shined in last night's closer-than-expected exhibition victory for the USD men's basketball team, two key returners are sitting out indefinitely.

In his USD debut, junior Roberto Mafra, a 6-foot-9, 235-pound forward/center from Brazil, scored 21 points in leading the way to a 71-67 victory over Cal State Los Angeles at Jenny Craig Pavilion before a student-heavy crowd of 1,312.

"Roberto did some very good things," said Toreros head coach Bill Grier. "He's going to help us as the year goes on. He gave us a good presence inside."

But senior starter Gyno Pomare and sophomore reserve Clinton Houston may not return to the court anytime soon. Both have been suspended for unrelated violations of team rules, Grier said.

When asked if he was disappointed, Grier kept his comments short.

"Very," he said.

With the second-year coach already concerned about the team's defensive effort, being without the pair, as well as injured junior guard/forward De'Jon Jackson (knee strain), didn't help.

As a team, the Toreros made 57 percent of their shots, but at times struggled on defense to contain a Golden Eagles team that made 50 percent of their attempts. That opened the door for Cal State L.A., which led by as many as nine with 12:31 left in the second half.

"I felt there was a long stretch where Cal State L.A. went at us and we didn't respond," Grier said. "We were on our heels."

USD battled back and regained the lead for good, thanks to a jumper by sophomore guard Trumaine Johnson that put the Toreros up 69-67 with 2:35 remaining in the game.

Sophomore Rob Jones and senior Brandon Johnson joined Mafra in tallying double figures, scoring 14 and 11, respectively. Jones also paced USD's rebounding effort, finishing with eight.

With their lone exhibition behind them, the Toreros look toward their season opener Nov. 15 at UNLV.

Staff writer Mark Zeigler contributed to this report.
Toreros play without Pomare

SAN DIEGO — Robert Mafra scored a game-high 21 points to lift the University of San Diego to a 71-67 exhibition win over Cal State Los Angeles on Saturday night.

The Toreros played without senior forward Gyno Pomare (El Camino High) and sophomore forward Clinton Houston, who have been suspended indefinitely by coach Bill Grier. The reason for the suspensions is not known.
It stands to reason that the USD men's basketball team would be ahead of where it found itself at a similar preseason point a year ago.

Head coach Bill Grier and three of his four assistants now have "second-year" rather than "first-year" modifiers in front of their titles. All five starters return from a 22-14 West Coast Conference Tournament championship team that upset Connecticut in overtime for the first Division I NCAA Tournament victory by a team from San Diego.

The offensive and defensive systems that the coaches were trying to teach and the players assimilated a year ago are unchanged and have been proven in the heat of highest-level competition.

But for all that, Grier is dissatisfied with what he has seen in nearly a month of practice.

"We are ahead of last year, of course, but we're not as far along as I'd like for us to be," Grier said recently. "I don't know if it's me being extra critical or what, but the team's approach in practice has been inconsistent.

"It's like they're waiting for a game to flip the switch on, and I know, and they should know, that it doesn't work that way."

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Coach Bill Grier has five starters back from last year's conference tournament winner. Jim Baird / Union Tribune
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Exhibition today at home; season begins Nov. 15

We've been a little erratic, and even though we're much further along offensively, we need to improve in our effort, especially on the defensive end.

Senior center Gyno Pomare, who had foot surgery after the 2006-07 season, is in better shape than a post-operative Pomare was to start last year.

"He's been posting up stronger and moving better," Grier said. "But he's always going to have some pain or discomfort in that foot, and we're always going to have to be aware of it and use good judgment with him in game situations."

Senior guard Brandon Johnson has been shooting the ball well and showing the enthusiasm and play-making ability that characterized his three years to date.

"He's being really aggressive now, and that's what we need," Grier said.

Senior forward Brandon Johnson has been shooting the ball well and showing the enthusiasm and play-making ability that characterized his three years to date.

"We just need to keep him away from getting out of control and trying to do too much. That's when he gets in trouble."

Sophomore forward Rob Jones has "probably made the biggest strides of anybody in the offseason with his body" and returned in top shape, Grier said. Jones has also shown noticeable improvement in his perimeter shooting.

Guard Trumaine Johnson has returned for his sophomore season stronger and has worked on strengthening his left-hand skills for ball handling and passing off the dribble.

Of the newcomers to the roster, Grier had praise for 6-foot-9, 235-pound forward/center Roberto Mafra, a Brazilian-born transfer from Southeastern Iowa Community College, and 6-4, 196-pound sophomore guard Matt Dorr, a transfer from Spokane (Wash.) Community College.

"Roberto will help us, but it's going to take time," Grier said. "For a JC transfer or a freshman, there's a lot to learn and a big transition to make. There are days where (Mafra) gets everything and days where he has kind of struggled."

Dorr has lived up to his notices as a deadly perimeter shooter in practice. But Grier sees skills that go deeper than scoring.

"He's a real cerebral player and has a toughness and feistiness about him," Grier said. "He knows when to pass, when to shoot and what to do in a lot of situations."

The Toreros had a scrimmage Sunday with Long Beach State at the Jenny Craig Pavilion that was, by NCAA rule, closed to all but the teams involved. The Toreros host Cal State Los Angeles in an exhibition tomorrow at the JCP and open the regular season Nov. 15 at UNLV.

Grier called Sunday's scrimmage beneficial to both teams. But USD junior guard/forward De'Jon Jackson, who made the 18-foot shot with 1.2 seconds remaining that beat Connecticut 70-69, came out of it with a knee strain that has kept him out of practice this week and will make him a game-day decision for tomorrow's exhibition.

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Dayton ends USD's 28-game winning streak at home

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SAN DIEGO — A Dayton University-University of San Diego basketball matchup would draw more interest at the NCAA Division I level than a football game between the schools, but it's doubtful it could provide more back-and-forth entertainment.

Dayton ended USD's national-best 28-game home winning streak with a 30-22 comeback win Saturday night in a game for first place in the Pioneer Football League played before a season-high 4,478 fans at Torero Stadium.

USD, which led 22-6 in the second quarter, had a couple of chances at the end, including a Hail Mary to the end zone, but both passes fell incomplete.

Dayton (8-1, 5-0), better known for a long history in NCAA tournament basketball, took sole possession of the PFL lead and dropped the Toreros (6-2, 4-2) two games out of first place with two league games remaining.

"All in all a good first half — period. Can I end there?" USD head coach Ron Caragher said. "The second half was real simple. They converted third downs and moved the football, and we did not."

Dayton was led by senior quarterback Rob Florian, who completed 34 passes to tie a school record. The Flyers scored 24 unanswered points, with 20 in the second half.

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Bill Grier's grandfather, Ted Riches, had a farm of somewhere between 1,200-1,500 acres in Silverton, Ore., a few miles east of Salem. 

"Corn, green beans, strawberries, cattle, wheat," Grier said. "I did everything from combining wheat to mend irrigation pipe and fix fence, to buck hay, drive the truck. I learned how to drive when I was about 9 years old to work on that farm."

"My grandfather instilled in me the value of hard work, sticking to the job and just never giving up. I remember combining wheat in 95-degree heat. And the combine didn't have a cover, and the chaff from the wheat would blow back in your face, and it was just nasty."

Physically, work circumstances are a little more comfortable for Grier today. The man who led USD to its first NCAA Tournament victory in the history of Division I basketball in San Diego in March is housed in a hotel on the beach with his Toreros in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where they'll play three games in the next four days as part of the Paradise Jam Tournament. It has taken about 22 years, most of them unobtrusively assisting head coaches at his Cottage Grove (Ore.) High alma mater and then Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. But

USD's Bill Grier reached the NCAA Tournament last season in his first year as a head coach. 2007 file photo / Union-Tribune

See Grier, D3
GRIER
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16 years of dues paid as Gonzaga assistant coach

Grier, 45, is enjoying his place in the sun. In San Diego for the past 20 months and today as an island in the Caribbean.

Grier's parents, Bill Sr. and Jane, divorced when he was 7 or 8. His mother moved Bill and his younger sister to Salem, where his mother met and married Keith Attridge. Grier acquired an older stepbrother and stepsister, and the combined family moved 80 miles south down I-5 to Cottage Grove.

"But having grown up on the farm, I would always go back every summer and help my grandfather," Grier said.

Grier had been exposed to the basketball virus by his father, who played AAU ball. His dad would take Bill to see his friend and former teammate, Jim Allen, who became a successful coach in Washington.

In his senior year, Grier was MVP for a Cottage Grove High team coached by Paul Holapa, the former Rosita Vista High standout from 1968 to 1978 and the section's No. 4 all-time scorer.

As second-season coach of the Toreros men's basketball team, Bill Grier has settled in Bay Park with his wife, Nicole, and daughter Giselle, 2. [Cotter & Levin / Union Tribune]

"Paul got tired after my senior year, which tells you how good a player I was," Grier said with a laugh.

But that's a point that Holapa, who was called "Heaps Holapa" when he played for the University of Oregon from 1972 to 1974, would like to clarify.

"More like a forced resignation," Holapa, now a teacher of language arts at Thurston High in Springfield, Ore., said of his departure from Cottage Grove.

And more of it was Bill's fault.

"He was a fine point guard on a team that struggled because it was in a league with schools that were much bigger. ..." Bill was fierce, intelligent, hard-working, everything a coach could want in a player. He was one of those tremendously loyal at players who would do the right thing even if it took sacrifice and reality. The fact he's been loyal and successful as a coach is perfectly in keeping with who he is."

Grier played two years of community college ball, the first at Central Oregon in Bend, which dropped the program during a budget crisis. The second was at Southwestern Oregon in Coos Bay, going from "the high desert to the coast," and playing for two completely different coaching styles.

One was from Oregon coach Dick Harter's defense-first school. The other was more much more laid back and free-wheeling.

But when junior college was over, "I decided that maybe my future wasn'r as a player in the game," Grier said. He enrolled at the University of Oregon.

By chance, during his first semester at Oregon he returned to Cottage Grove High to see some former teammates play.

Afterward, Grier went to the locker room where the new coach, Don Pollard, asked Grier if he'd like to help out by working with the guards on fundamentals and technique.

"That's how I got turned into a coach," Grier said of his volunteer work. "I never, ever thought about it during high school or junior college. Never until Dan brought it up."

"So I always blame Dan, and when I'm having a tough day now I muster Dan's name and a few choice words under my breath. But he really was a huge influence on me. He really shaped and molded my philosophy and taught me how to teach fundamentals and be demanding to have the guys do things the right way."

"He's responsible for a lot of what I have become as a coach."

Grier spent four years learning from Pollard, coaching the freshmen, JV or assisting with the varsity before taking the head coaching position at nearby Creswell High for the 1982-83 season.

"I knew Bill was a quality guy with a passion for basketball, and that's the kind of person you want to have on your staff," said Pollard, now the principal at Cottage Grove. "Everyone has to work to be good at whatever they do, and Bill was a willing worker.

"He went to Gonzaga for not much money, stayed there a long time and now he's a college head coach. He's a good man, he stands for the right things and he builds people around."

The Gonzaga job essentially the No. 3 assistant, paid $5,000 plus good school benefits. Grier got it through No. 2 assistant Mark Fedor, a college friend and former top athlete and slamm dunk star at Creswell High.

The job interview was before insatiable Zags head coach Dan Flaskerud.

"I swear I said 10 or less words in the entire interview as he sat and talked with me for about an hour," Grier recalled.

That was it.

After 16 years at Gonzaga, Grier showed he could be more than an assistant, with USB's success in his first season as a head coach. The Zags went 19-10, a WCC tournament title and a first-round NCAA win over Connecticut turned him into a hot commodity, courted by Oregon State.

But, Grier is happy to still be at USB, and in San Diego, where he has a solid basketball advantage with wife Nicole and daughter Giselle, 2.

"Like everyone, I've had my share of ups and downs over the years," said Grier, whose team this year is 1-1. "But the great thing is that, professionally, I get up and go to work every day and I like what I'm doing. There are so many people, I think, that aren't so fortunate to have that."

And I think the job keeps you youthful. You're coaching kids that are 17 years old and you're around kids that are 18-25 years old. It keeps you in touch with what's going on out there with that age group. Whether you like it or not."
The Obamas' USD Connection

Late last week I asked University San Diego basketball coach Bill Grier if he deserved some of the credit should Barack Obama carry Oregon in the presidential election.

He waved me off with a laugh.

"I want no part of that question," he said, walking back onto the court.

Grier didn't make any public endorsements, but by turning down the Oregon State job, he did raise the Obama campaign's profile in Oregon.

Last April, Oregon State targeted Grier as its new basketball coach.

Grier, an Oregon native, was attractive to the school after he led the Toreros to the NCAA Tournament and an upset of Connecticut in his first season at USD.

The job was reportedly his for the asking, although Grier never said he officially turned down an Oregon State offer when he announced he would return to USD. By avoiding my Obama question, he didn't shed light on that job offer or publicly inject himself into politics.

A little later Oregon State hired Craig Robinson, who woke up today a "First Brother-in-Law" to the President-elect. Robinson's kid sister is Michelle Obama, our next First Lady. Robinson, who played at Princeton, was an assistant at Northwestern and a head coach at Brown.

Robinson introduced Obama at campaign appearances in Oregon, and at the Democratic National Convention, he took advantage of introducing his sister by wearing Oregon State's colors and mentioning his school as the pointed to the Oregon delegation.

Who knew Grier's coaching decisions held such national influence?

— TOM SHANAHAN
Grier and 'Animal House' share something special

Want to get a picture of Cottage Grove, Ore., the place where Bill Grier spent most of his formative years, graduated high school and started his coaching career?

If you've seen the 1978 movie "Animal House," you've seen Cottage Grove. It's where the climactic parade scene was filmed.

"It's a little town of about 7,000 (now about 9,000), primarily a logging community, with one little main drag where they filmed it," Grier said. "They canceled school that day so we could all go down and watch them film it. Just about everybody in town went and I did, too."

Grier said his younger sister can be picked out from the crowd in one flash sequence — "if you rewind and then go forward slowly enough." But he didn't come close to getting on camera.

"I was across the street and, down the block from where the guy (John Belushi's character) grabs the banner and swings down to the ground," Grier recalled. "But I did have a good angle to watch the marching band go down the side street and into the wall."

— HANK WESCH
ACC (the league only sent four teams to the field of 65), the Hurricanes went 8-8 in league play. And that was with center Anthony King, the one starter who is not back this season. The 'Canes would have been in the NIT without King. He led the team in rebounding and blocks.

McClinton’s supporting cast will be better. Shooting guard James Dews is entering his second year as a full-time starter and should develop into a solid No. 2 scorer. Power forward Dwayne Collins has had some big games in the past. Jones adds a new weapon to utilize.

But the bottom line is that this team isn’t all that different from last season. They still lack an inside scoring threat and their average at best on defense, especially without King around.

Young Razorbacks

Q: Austin from White Hall, Ark.: I was just wondering why neither one of Arkansas’ freshmen guards were in your list of the top impact freshmen? Rotnei Clarke and Courtney Fortson both are going to make an immediate impact statistically. They may not have been the highest rated coming out of high school, but they can play and they play well together.

A: Because Arkansas is a long shot to make the NCAA tournament. The Razorbacks are rebuilding after losing their top five scorers. That means plenty of chances for playing time and shots for Clarke and Fortson. They could be among the most productive freshmen statistically in the SEC, but that production won’t mean much on a team that will be fortunate to be in the NIT.

We tried to pick freshmen who will play major roles for teams with the potential to not only make the NCAA tournament but also to do some damage once there. Those are the guys who end up having the most impact on the 2008-09 season.

Wondering about Wisconsin

Q: Brandon from Kiel, Wis.: How do you think Wisconsin will fare? Is losing Brian Butch and Michael Flowers too much, or can the Badgers compete this year in the Big Ten again?

A: Competing in the Big Ten won’t be an issue for Wisconsin. I wouldn’t be shocked if the Badgers finish in first place and would be surprised if they go any lower than fourth.

Remember, at this time last season the Badgers were being asked how they would replace their best player in school history (NBA first-round pick Alando Tucker) and second-leading scorer (Kammron Taylor) from a team that won a school-record 30 games. They answered by capturing the Big Ten regular-season and tournament titles, reaching the Sweet 16 and setting another school record with 31 wins.

It’s tough for me to see the Badgers getting back to the 30-win plateau, but I’ve learned not to underestimate Bo Ryan, perhaps the most underrated coach in the nation.

With the return of point guard Trevon Hughes and forwards Marcus Landry and Joe Krabbenhoft, Ryan has a solid nucleus to build around. Some role players will undoubtedly improve and the Badgers will exceed everyone’s expectations once again.

Job hunting

Q: Niles from Huntsville, Ala.: What coach do you think is most likely to be on the move for a bigger job next offseason?

A: You have to consider a number of big-name candidates with the Arizona job open. Russ Pennell has been made the interim coach, but athletic director Jim Livengood has made it clear that the school is searching for a full-time replacement.

Arizona is one of those handful of jobs that even many of the most established coaches would consider leaving for. The Wildcats may make a run at Memphis’ John Calipari or Pittsburgh’s Jamie Dixon. Younger guys like Xavier’s Sean Miller and Baylor’s Scott Drew could also be candidates.

As far as guys from the low- and mid-major ranks, here are four I could see making moves up: Charlotte’s Bobby Lutz, Davidson’s Bob McKillop, Nevada’s Mark Fox and San Diego’s Bill Grier.

Lutz has been in the mix for many openings in previous years, and the 49ers are being pegged a sleeper in the Atlantic 10. McKillop may want to capitalize on his momentum if star guard Stephen Curry turns pro after this season.

Fox has undoubtedly drawn the interest of athletic directors after four straight 20-win seasons at Nevada. This is only Grier’s second season at San Diego, but his first produced the school’s first NCAA tournament appearance and a first-round upset of Connecticut. If the Toreros follow that up with anything similar, Grier will be one of the hottest names in the offseason.
CAMPS/CLINICS

BASKETBALL
USD MENS BASKETBALL COACHES CLINIC — What: The University of San Diego men's basketball program will be hosting a coaches clinic. The clinic will be directed by head coach Bill Grier and his staff and will feature players from the 2008-09 Toreros basketball team. Where: Saturday. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the clinic runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Where: USD Sports Center, San Diego. Phone: To register or for more information, call Booker Harris at (619) 260-4629, ext. 4. Email: bharris@sandiego.edu.
USD's experience is key in victory over Aztecs

San Diego State's Quenese Davis tries to split University of San Diego defenders Nya Mason (42) and Kalla Mangrum last night. USD went on to post a 63-60 nonconference victory. Peggy Peattie / Union-Tribune

By Glee Thien
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

As seniors on the USD women's basketball team, Amber Sprague and Kiva Herman had the experience to make a difference against San Diego State. In their final game in the cross-town series last night, they also displayed their motivation to come out a winner.

Sprague tallied 17 points, a game-high nine rebounds and five steals, and Herman added a game-high 18 points on 9-of-11 shooting.

More than that, the two led the team in smiles after the host Toreros survived a wild last minute to top the Aztecs 63-60 to regain the city crown before 1,346 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"I couldn't feel better," said Sprague, a 6-foot-5 center from Mission Bay High. "We lost to them last year, and this is our last season. We wanted to beat them, and we wanted to beat them on our home court."

After Sprague's final rebounds, Dominique Conners scored on jumper to increase the Toreros' lead to 61-57 with 32 seconds to go. But then the Aztecs' Jerrica Williams answered with a three-pointer to cut the deficit to one point with 17 seconds remaining.

On the inbounds pass after a time-out, the ball was deflected around until USD's Morgan Henderson secured it. She was fouled, and subsequently sank two throws for her only points of the game for a 63-60 edge with 12 seconds left.

SEE Toreros, D3
Aztecs held 34-30 lead at intermission

Jen Layton-Bailes missed a three-point attempt at the buzzer for the Aztecs.

"That felt amazing," Herman said. "The last 20 seconds were nerve-wracking, but we pulled it together and got the win."

The Toreros (3-2) avenged last year's 55-53 loss at Cox Arena. That setback ended their five-game winning streak over SDSU, starting in 2002 when series resumed following a five-year break.

"They were the aggressor," San Diego State coach Beth Burns said. "They used their experience players to do big things down the stretch. But I'm not upset at all with our team. I like this team a lot. The effort was fabulous."

To go with their experience, the Toreros counted on two freshmen. Connors scored 11 points, and Morgan Woodrow figured in the outcome as a result.

"We gained a ton in the game," USD coach Cindy Fish­er said. "Our two freshman both grew up."

Jene Morris scored 14 points to lead the Aztecs (2-2), and freshman reserve Coco Davis added 10 points and five steals. However, Aztecs sophomore center Paris Johnson was bothered by foul problems after drawing two whistles in the first two minutes.

"USD did a terrific job," Burns said. "For us, the key to the game was our inability to any scoring in the paint. It puts too much pressure on our of­fense. Paris' early fouls really hurt. We're pretty inexperi­enced behind her."

The Aztecs, who came off a 99-55 road loss to No. 1 Con­necticut, start today to Hawaii for Friday's start of the Waikiki Beach Marriott Classic. They will face Hawaii to open the tournament.

With the Aztecs down 30-26 with 1:00 before halftime, Davis scored the final eight points of the half — aided by two steals — to account for SDSU's 34-30 halftime lead. She started the sequence with a driving jumper and then converted a three-point play after each of her steals.

USD started the second half with a 12-3 run to take a 42-37 edge with 13:07 to go.

"In the past, we've been kind of sluggish coming out in the second half," said Herman, who had 14 second-half points. "This year, we want to change that. We want to jump on the team and get a big lead."

"I just tried to play with confidence," Herman said. "It helped that everyone was so on fire and excited. It was an aw­some team effort."

Sprague entered the night averaging 22.8 points per game, higher than her career average of 14.8. She has 1,351 career points and is on pace to surpass the USD record of 1,510, set by Susie Erpelding (1996-2000).

In the all-time series, the Az­tecs hold a 25-7 lead.

Davis, a sophomore from Sacram­ento, started the first two games of the season for the Aztecs but was pulled from the lineup against Connecticut and went scoreless.

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BETH BURNS, Aztecs coach
USD center Amber Sprague attempts a left-handed hook shot over San Diego State's LaSandra Dixon in the second half. Peggy Peattie / Union-Tribune
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
TODAY

SDSU men vs. Fresno State
Site/Time: Cox Arena/7:05 p.m.
TV/Radio: None/600-AM
Records: San Diego State 1-1, Fresno State 1-1.
Outlook: Coming off a loss to 15th-ranked Arizona State, the Aztecs want to avoid their first back-to-back home losses since the end of the 2005 season. Bulldogs start two freshmen, including 6-7 guard Paul George who has 39 points in his first two college games and is shooting 61.5 percent from the floor. George was recruited by the Aztecs. The Aztecs are seeking a third straight win against the Bulldogs for the first time since 1974-75.

- BILL CENTER

USD women vs. Cal Poly
Site/Time: Jenny Craig Pavilion/2 p.m.
Records: USD 2-1, Cal Poly 1-1.
Outlook: With the Mustangs comes former Toreros standout Kerri Nakamoto, now an assistant at Cal Poly. Both teams are coming off victories, USD's over Cal State Northridge.

- NICOLE VARGAS
The Tritons had no answer for Toreros `senior Amber Sprague, who led USD to a season-opening victory at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Sprague (Mission Bay) also paced the team in rebounds, pulling down seven to go with making 9-of-11 shots. Classmate Kiva Herman matched Sprague's rebounds, adding 10 points.
Anthony Napoli chaired the 2008 Girl Scouts Urban Campout Fund-raiser, Sports Madness, held at Girl Scouts' San Diego headquarters. Liz and Mark Leslie were honorary chairs of the event, which featured a meet-and-greet with NASCAR driver Erin Crocker, hoops shooting with members of the University of San Diego basketball team and a host of games. Major patrons included Jo and Ron Moss, Barbara and David Groce, and Patti Roscoe and Jim Tiffany. Shown: 1. Joyce Gattas 2. Sara Napoli, Julie Dubick 3. Liz and Mark Leslie

The Spirit of the Athlete gala at the University Club atop Symphony Towers benefited the Challenged Athletes Foundation, a nonprofit that helps disabled athletes participate in sports by funding the cost of prosthetics and training equipment. Deanna Steffen, Carlos Gutierrez, Deb Hoffman and Georgina Kress chaired the event, which honored athletes who have excelled with the support of CAF. Among them: Warren Frank, Melanie Benn, Ryan Levinson, Sonny Cataldo, Dale Beck, Fred Liebel, David Rozelle and Andy Robinson. Shown: 4. Catherine and Stephen Lee 5. Bob Babbitt, Heidi Janzen, David Rozelle 6. Jeffrey and Jill Esakow 7. Peggy Picano, Alan Baia
SDSU, USD primed for court date

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

After her team pulled out a 59-53 victory over USD at Cox Arena last year, San Diego State coach Beth Burns was pleased with something she saw in both teams that took the court. "You can tell by the intensity of that game," Burns said then. "Those were two teams with mutual respect."

Burns and her counterpart at USD, Cindy Fisher, have more than once over the years expressed the hope that the other's program will be a success.

Well, any day but the one on which they face each other.

The next installment of what has become an emotionally charged rivalry between the Aztecs and Toreros comes tonight at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Although SDSU (3-1) leads the overall series 25-6, USD (2-2) had won the previous five meetings.

There is no question Toreros senior Amber Sprague wants to defend her home court in her final meeting with the program's crosstown ri-

vol: The fifth-year player out of Mission Bay High is averaging 19 points and eight rebounds.

Last year, she scored 15 to go with eight rebounds against SDSU.

But the Aztecs had their own local products who were eager to perform. None were more potent than Allison Duffy (El Capitan) and Paris Johnson (San Diego). Although individually they couldn't match Sprague on rebounds, together they combined for 24 points.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Local Division I game today:
USD women vs. SDSU
Site/time: Jenny Craig Pavilion / 7:30 p.m.
Records: USD 2-2, SDSU 3-1
TV/Web: Channel 4 San Diego / www.goaztecs.com
Outlook: The Aztecs lead the series, 25-6.

– NICOLE VARGAS
Senior hit weight three days after last season ended

Sprague wasn't kidding.

Fast forward eight months. Sprague sat in the office of USD coach Cindy Fisher, a broad smile on her face.

"We've been doing all the practicing and preseason stuff for what seems like forever," the Mission Bay High graduate said, her voice unable to hide her excitement. "It's that sense of urgency. It's my last year out here, and I want to end on a high note."

The 6-foot center was back in the weight room just three days after the final game of last season, and she added 14 lean pounds to show for it as USD prepares for its season opener tomorrow night against UCSD.

"For us to be successful, she has to be a presence on the post," Fisher said. "With that comes a lot of physicalness. But Amber has realized she had to put in some time and work on a different part of her game. She continues to amaze us everyday at the things she can do."

A member of a highly regarded local prep class of 2004, Sprague admitted she thought success would come easier when she first stepped onto the USD campus.

"When I first came, I was new and focused on eating and not playing," Sprague said. "I started getting more comfortable with the competition and the new things she showed me."

The USD center Amber Sprague, who led the Toreros into last season's NCAA Tournament as their top scorer at 15.2 points a game, drives against SDSU's Allison Duffy in a Dec. 5 game. \(\)Tom Grill for \(\)Union-Tribune

Sprague said she now knows how to eat properly, even thinking about it.

"I still have my cheat days, but I limit it to once a week."

Sprague and Fisher are now working on the Size and Strength and conditioning specialist will help her get in shape.

"I think it's easier now," Fisher said. "But now, we want to get there and win.

Fisher said she sees that in every one of her players, from seniors such as Sprague to the newest additions.

One of those additions looks to be more than capable of stepping into a key role. Dominique Conners, a La Jolla Country Day grad, is expected to start in place of Rago, who is playing professionally in Germany.

It makes the first time Sprague will play without Rago, dating to their freshman high school year. Sprague, though, is pleased with what she sees in Conners and Junior Woodrow, a 6-foot freshman forward.

"It's different, but I'm adjusting to playing without Rago," Sprague said. "We just lost a lot in Rago, but we gained a lot in Dominique. With her having experience that she had, and the veteran on the wings, I think we're going to do a good job."

See USD Women, D4

**HOW SHE DID IT**

USD senior Amber Sprague was determined to add size and strength to her slender 5-foot-8 frame in time for the upcoming basketball season. When she steps up for the Toreros' season opener tomorrow against USD, she will do so with 14 extra pounds of muscle.

Sprague said it was very difficult to add the right kind of weight.

"Our weight coach gave me a binder with meals to cut," she said. "I had to write down everything I ate the entire day and give it to him — 34 meals a day.

"I was eating healthy, with the right fats, the right everything."

Sprague said she now knows how to eat properly, even thinking about it.

"I still have my cheat days, but I limit it to once a week."
USD opens women’s basketball season

By PAUL DOUGLAS

The USD women’s basketball team defeated Point Loma Nazarene College 65-56 in an exhibition match-up on Halloween to prepare for the home opener against UCSD Friday, Nov. 14, at the Jenny Craig Pavilion at 7 p.m.

Towering over the Lady Toreros’ hopes this season is senior Amber Sprague, who played her prep basketball at Mission Bay High. The 6-foot-5-inch center rallied USD from a halftime deficit with a 23-point, 13-rebound performance against the Lady Sea Lions.

Sprague’s 8-for-10 shots from the floor boosted the Toreros’ 52 percent shooting accuracy in the second half. She also shot 7-for-8 from the free-throw line.

With the score knotted at 50-50, Sam Child hit a 3-pointer that sparked a 11-2 scoring run that put USD on top for the remainder of the game.

The Lady Toreros have 14 games scheduled through the end of the year, including UCLA and Arizona. The regular WCC season begins when USD hosts San Francisco Jan. 8.

The WCC is made up of USD, University of San Francisco, University of Portland, St Mary’s, Santa Clara, Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine and Gonzaga.

Sprague is high on the 2007 NCAA charts in rebounds and blocked shots. Sprague and long-time teammate Amanda Rego were named to the WCC All-Conference Team after their WCC tournament victory performance last season over Gonzaga. Only Rego and one other senior graduated from the championship team.

Sprague, who sat out a year with a foot injury as a red-shirt player, is now in her fifth year of maturing her game with the Lady Toreros.

Point guard Rego is now playing professionally for the Hale. Ger-

Amber Sprague led the Lady Toreros with 23 points and 13 rebounds in USD’s 65-56 win over Point Loma Nazarene Oct. 31.

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many Lions who are 7-0 early in their season.

The success of the USD women’s program is a credit to Cindy Fisher who is starting her 4th year as head coach of the Toreros.

Sprague and Rego led Mission Bay High to two CIF Championships and were heavily recruited nationally, but choose USD to be impact-players throughout their careers, a goal which they accomplished.

USD basketball information will be available at www.usdtoreros.com.
USD announces '09 basketball recruits

The USD men's basketball team has signed three players to national letters of intent and scholarship agreements and the women's team four, the school announced yesterday.

Committing to the Toreros' men's team were high school seniors Chris Manresa, a 6-8, 245-pound forward from Tesoro High in Mission Viejo, Ken Rancifer, a 6-5, 215-pound forward from El Cerrito High in El Cerrito and Cameron Miles, a 6-1, 160-pound point guard from Skyline High in Dallas, Texas.

Manresa was the 2007-08 co-Player of the Year in the South Coast League in Orange County after averaging 18 points, 10 rebounds and 3 blocked shots per game. "It seems like Chris Manresa has been a part of the program for a while now since he committed to us over a year ago," USD head coach Bill Grier said. "Chris is terrific facing the basket, he can shoot the ball out to three point range and is an exceptional passer."

Rancifer was a first-team, All-Alameda/Contra Costa Athletic League selection after averaging 14 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists and 1.5 steals per game as a junior. "Ken Rancifer will give us much needed athleticism on the perimeter and at the wing position," Grier said.

Miles won district and regional honors last season, averaging 11 points, 7.1 assists and 2.5 steals per game. He is rated the 27th-best player in Texas by TexasHoops.com for the 2009 class and is a preseason all-state pick by Texas Basketball Magazine.

"Cameron Miles will give us quickness and speed at the point guard position," Grier said.

Toreros women's coach Cindy Fisher announced the signing of four high school seniors.

In addition to Mt. Miguel's Danesia Williamson, the Toreros will add San Clemente's Jacquelyn Marshall, Britteny Conger from Mountain View, Ariz., and Felicia Wijenberg from Toronto, Canada.

Williamson, a 5-6 guard, averaged 20 points, 4.7 steals and 5 assists per game.

"Danesia is an exceptional athlete who will give us great speed and athleticism in the backcourt," Fisher said in a statement. "We are thrilled to have such a great local talent committed to our USD family. I expect her to make an impact immediately."

The others bring noticeable size. Marshall is a 6-2 guard/forward, Conger a 6-0 guard and Wijenberg is a 6-0 post player.

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LOCAL COLLEGES

Sprague leads USD to hoops win over PLNU in exhibition

Senior Amber Sprague (Mission Bay) scored a game-high 23 points and had 13 rebounds and four steals as USD topped PLNU 65-56 in an exhibition game at Jenny Craig Pavilion yesterday. The two teams see-sawed back and forth in the second half. With the score tied at 50-50, a Sam Child three-pointer sparked an 11-2 USD run that was capped by a Morgan Woodrow jumper as the Toreros took a 61-52 lead with 2:47 left. USD never looked back as it held on to that nine-point advantage for the remainder of the game.

USD senior forward Kiva Ector had 14 points and eight rebounds. Caleen Planeta added 11 points and Kaitlynn Trester and Amanda Franz had 10 points apiece for PLNU.

Soccer

Matt McManus and Raymundo Reza scored for SDSU as the Aztecs beat visiting Stanford 2-1 in Pac-10 men's action. SDSU is 4-8-2, 2-3-3; the Cardinal are 3-9-3, 1-4-1. Jen Mello scored twice as USD beat host Gonzaga 3-2 in a WCC women's game. Brittany Cameron allowed one goal and had four saves for the Toreros (14-3-2, 6-0). The Bulldogs are 7-10-2, 2-4-1. Jose Godinez scored in the 87th minute to lead Cal State San Bernardino to a 2-1 win over visiting UC San Diego. Tony Fernandez scored for UCSD (9-6-2, 5-6-2); CSUSB is 7-10-2, 6-5-2. TCU's Lizzy Karoly scored in the 65th minute in a 2-1 win over host SDSU in MWC women's play. The Aztecs are 6-9-3, 2-4-1; TCU is 13-3-2, 4-3-1. The UCSD women tied Cal State San Bernardino 0-0 in CCAA action. Jessica McGovern made eight saves in goal for the Tritons (13-2-3, 9-2-2). CSUSB is 9-5-5, 6-4-3.

Volleyball

Behind 13 kills and 28 assists from Lauren Van Orden, SDSU beat visiting UNLV 15-25, 25-23, 25-12, 25-22 in MWC action. Kelsey Manasco and Stephanie Darnall had 12 kills apiece for SDSU (9-13, 5-6), while Leah Lathrop had 23 assists and Michelle Ferrer 15 digs against UNLV (13-11, 6-5). Fresno Pacific stayed perfect (24-0, 15-0 GSAC) after a 25-22, 25-19, 25-21 sweep of host PLNU. Tabitha Henken had 14 kills for the Sea Lions (15-8, 7-8).
Toreros end on historic, winning note

By Bill Center
STAFF WRITER

It was a fitting conclusion to one of the more meaningful games in University of San Diego football history.

With five minutes and 45 seconds to play in what amounted to USD's bowl game, Toreros quarterback Sebastian Trujillo lobbed a fade pass to the left corner of the UC Davis end zone. On the other end was John Matthews, the most prolific pass catcher in USD history.

Once the pass cleared the isolated defender, the result was a foregone conclusion. The ball settled into Matthews' hands for the 50th and final touchdown of the receiver's career.

The catch sealed USD's 28-20 victory at Alcala Park and gave USD just its second victory ever against a scholarship program - a scholarship program, mind you, from inside the state of California.

"This is a great win for us," said Toreros head coach Ron Caragher. "Without the preparation time, this was our bowl game.

The victory over UC Davis capped the Toreros' second 9-2 season in as many year's under Caragher. But this season concluded with a victory against a team that should be bigger and stronger than USD.

Not last night, however.

"They've had our number the last couple of years," said Matthews of the Aggies, who entered last night's game with a 2-0 record against USD. "We really wanted to close out this season with a win here against UC Davis."

Speaking of numbers, Matthews, a week after setting a USD single-game record with 14 receptions, caught 13 passes for 161 yards last night to give him 102 catches on the season for 1,478 yards and 21 touchdowns.

And his career totals of 3,615 yards and 50 touchdowns are also records.

"It was a routine game for John," Caragher said. "I'm confident he can play on the next level."

And while Trujillo's final touchdown toss to Matthews iced the win, it was by no ways the only key play of the game.

Trujillo completed 25-of-40 passes for 281 yards and three touchdowns, including first-quarter strikes to Ben Hannula (23 yards) and Patrick Doyle (31) to give USD an early 14-7 lead.

Running back Phil Morelli rushed for 82 yards on 17 carries and put USD ahead to stay with a 22-yard scoring run in the third quarter on a daring third-and-15 counter call.

And although UC Davis gained 492 yards, the Toreros defense came up with some decisive plays in the second half, holding the Aggies to just one field goal after intermission.

Among the keys to the game were:

- An interception by Toreros defensive back Ryan Echer at the USD 2-yard line in the third quarter two plays after a holding penalty had nullified a UC Davis touchdown.
- A sack by defensive lineman Paul Tremblay on the Aggies' ensuing drive at the USD 39 that forced a fourth-and-18.
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- And a sack by John G'Sell with 1:53 to go that forced the visitors into a third-and-18 on their final possession.

But perhaps the game's biggest play was no play at all.

Clinging to a one-point lead with 9:26 to go, USD faced a fourth-and-five at the UC Davis 35. The Toreros lined up for a punt, but took a delay of game penalty to give kicker Kyle Negrete a bit more kicking room.

However, when the Aggies declined the penalty, Caragher returned his offense to the field and went for the yards - picking up the first down on a 7-yard Trujillo-Matthews pass.

Six plays, and three completions to Matthews, and the Toreros were in the end zone.

"We call that fade to John in the end zone once or twice a game," Trujillo said. "But that's the best fade I've thrown this year by far ... and it couldn't have come at a better time."
Toreros take down Aggies

San Diego -- Seb Trujillo threw for 281 yards and three touchdowns on Saturday night, including a key fourth-quarter score to John Matthews, as the University of San Diego beat UC Davis 28-20 in a nonconference season-ending football game played before 4,503 fans at Torero Stadium.

Greg Denham threw for 434 yards and a pair of scores for the Aggies who lost their third straight game, ending their season with a 5-7 overall record. The Toreros, who beat UC Davis for the first time in three meetings over the past three years, finished with a 9-2 record.

Brandon Rice, one of 10 Aggie seniors playing their final game, had five catches for 92 yards while Bakari Grant had four grabs for 96 yards including a 59-yard touchdown reception two minutes into the game. Patrick Micheller, Tyler Pringle and Nero Evero each had six tackles for the Aggie defense which highlighted its night with a spirited goal-line stand at the end of the first half that turned away the Toreros on four consecutive plays from the two-yard line or closer.

Trujillo completed 25 of 40 passes for 281 yards and was intercepted just once, that coming by safety Nero Evero in the first half. Matthews had 13 catches for 161 yards.

San Diego led 21-20 in the fourth quarter but extended the lead to eight points when Trujillo hit Matthews on a 10-yard fade pass just past the goal line with 5:45 left. UC Davis drove deep into the Toreros' territory on the ensuing drive but turned the ball over on downs at the 10 with 3:43 seconds remaining. The Aggies got the ball back at their own 44 with just under two minutes to go but San Diego got an eight-yard sack on second down and Denham's fourth down pass to Conor Kirkpatrick fell incomplete to stall the comeback attempt.

"There's just a whole host of things that you look back in a game like this," said Aggie coach Bob Biggs. "They just add up. And you play a team that's emotionally charged like San Diego (was) and was making plays and this is the result."

The teams traded touchdowns early in the game. UC Davis scored on the fourth play of the game when Denham hit Bakari Grant on a 59-yard touchdown pass after Grant had sprinted past the defense. However, Trujillo connected with Ben Hannual on a 23-yard pass just over a minute later, tying the game. The Toreros took the lead later in the quarter on a 31-yard touchdown pass between Trujillo and Patrick Doyle.

UC Davis, however, took the lead back with 10 unanswered points. Sean Kelley, who had two field goals, made his first of the game from 26 yards late in the first quarter while senior Chris Miller scored his first career touchdown when he scored on a 36-yard pass from Denham early in the second.

The score stayed that way but nearly changed late in the quarter when the Toreros moved from their own 5-yard line to the Aggies' 2 where they had first down. However, UC Davis stopped them on four straight plays, three of them from the 1. Dozie Amajoyi held Phil Morrelli to just a yard on first down, Trujillo was thwarted by John Faletose on a sneak attempt on second down, and Trujillo's third-down pass to Matthews fell incomplete. Morrelli tried to carry it in on fourth down but linebacker Mike Morales broke through and stopped him for no gain.
Morelli, though, returned the lead to San Diego four minutes into the third quarter, scoring on a 22-yard run that capped an 11-play, 70-yard drive, making it 21-17. Kelley's second field goal - this one from 33 yards early in the fourth - brought the Aggies to within 21-20, setting up the exciting finish.

UC Davis had two turnovers in the red zone and 11 penalties for 94 yards, one which negated a go-ahead touchdown early in the second half.

Denham completed 26 of 41 passes for his 434 yards, finishing the year with 3,478 yards, fourth-best for an Aggie season. His 296 completions are a school record - breaking Kevin Daft's mark of 281 in 1997 - while his 27 touchdowns are sixth-most. Denham is also the sixth Aggie quarterback to surpass 400 yards in a game.

Rice finished his career with 136 receptions - No. 8 all-time - while his 20 TD's are tied for fifth-most.

Two-time All-Great West Conference offensive lineman Jonathan Compas ended his career with his 40th consecutive start while senior guard Mario Gonzalez started his 39th straight. On the defensive side of the ball, preseason All-America defensive tackle Faletoese finished his career with a sack on Saturday, giving him 15.5 for his career.

Ten seniors played their final game, a group that also included Pringle - one of four captains with Gonzalez, Faletoese and Compas - along with Miller, cornerback E.J. Brown, safety Nero Evero, offensive lineman A.J. McTaggart and punter Brett Dickinson.
Mistakes plague Aggies in season finale

By Ivan Orozco
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SAN DIEGO – Greg Denham threw his arms in the air, then smacked his fist.

The UC Davis quarterback celebrated what he thought was a go-ahead touchdown pass Saturday night.

Denham's body language quickly changed when he saw the flag.

A holding call negated an apparent 23-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter that could have given the Aggies a lead.

On the next play, Denham's pass was intercepted at the 2, by Toreros defensive back Ryan Echer and returned 40 yards.

It was that kind of night for the Aggies in a 28-20 loss to San Diego in a nonconference game, the season finale for both teams.

A fumble and interception in the red zone, penalties and a fired-up Toreros team were the primary factors in the Aggies' third consecutive loss.

The Aggies (5-7) appeared ready to add to a 17-14 second-quarter lead. But sophomore running back Joe Trombetta fumbled at the 5 on second and goal, ending a 10 play, 74-yard drive.

The Toreros (9-2) then marched to the UCD 1, but a goal-line stand by the Aggies was of the few defensive bright spots for coach Bob Biggs.

"We were very undisciplined, and that's on me," Biggs said. "But it comes to a point when players have to take it up on themselves. They didn't do it tonight."

What UC Davis did is finish with a second consecutive losing season after 37 consecutive winning campaigns.

"(The season) was terribly disappointing," Biggs said.

Denham did move the ball fluidly against the San Diego defense. He completed 26 of 41 passes for 434 yards and two touchdowns (59 yards to Bakari Grant and 36 yards to Chris Miller). He was intercepted once.

Denham finished the season with the fourth-highest yardage total in school history (3,478). Denham is also the fifth UCD quarterback to throw for 3,000 yards and 25 touchdowns.

"It was definitely a learning curve," said Denham, who got his first career start in the second game of the season. "I got to see a lot of different defenses. I got a good feel for the game. We just couldn't come together. I can't pin-point what it is. The opportunities were there."

Two Aggies drives ended with Sean Kelly field goals (26 and 33 yards).

USD quarterback Sebastian Trujillo found soft spots in UCD's secondary, including touchdown passes of 23, 31 and 10 yards.

Late in the game, Trujillo converted on two fourth-and-short plays to wide receiver John Matthews. One set up a touchdown to Matthews to provide the final margin.

The Aggies had a shot at tying the score when they marched to USD's 16-yard line with less than four minutes left. But a personal foul penalty moved the Aggies back to the 26, and Denham couldn't convert a pass on fourth and 20.

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Toreros end season on big high
Sebastian Trujillo throws three TD passes as USD defeats UC Davis 28-20 to finish 9-2. D10
Postseason world passes USD by

It's won and done despite successes

By Kevin Gemmell
Staff Writer

There are no postseason rewards for this eight-win football team, no playoff invitations or bowls games. The USD football team will call it a season today after playing UC Davis in its finale at Torero Stadium. The coaching staff will go back to work preparing for next year, returning players get their lives back, if only for a couple of months.

According to coach Ron Caragher, the two or three with professional aspirations will be back, but more importantly, where they want to be.

The stigma

Most non-scholarship football players fall into three categories: U. Those injured in high school who are placed on the physically unable to impress list. 2) those with the growth spurt who pack on weight between high school and college, and 3) those who, hard as it may seem, just don't have the talent, size, athleticism or skill (take your pick) to play scholarship football. Not every high school quarterback can be a 6-foot-6, 210 pounds with a side-winder missile for an arm.

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"On paper, you look at a guy who is playing non-scholarship and the automatic assumption is he couldn't get a scholarship," Matthews said. "Some guys it's true, some isn't. I don't know. It's just the nature of the beast.

Money matters

Money doesn't just talk in college football. It shrieks. And it screams. And it howls. The USD football team is one of the many that struggle to get the number of scholarships to fill its roster. The USD financial cost is $46,134 and offers the same scholarship to USD Executive Director of Athletics Kevin Goebel explained.

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It would be a $7.8 million annual commitment to fill the USD roster with non-conference teams. The USD has gone 3-4 in the past two seasons.

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Breaking the ceiling

Just as money factors in to USD staying non-scholarship, it's also the reason USD and every other Pioneer Football League team has been absent from the FCS playoffs since the league's inception in 1993.

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FOOTBALL: Toreros, winning again this season, have no plans to offer scholarships / D4
SAN DIEGO

Five years ago, Jon Compas left Carlsbad High for UC Davis wondering why Division I-A football programs — San Diego State among them — didn't consider him worthy of a scholarship offer.

He returns home Saturday night an NFL prospect playing for the Aggies in his final college game against the University of San Diego at Torero Stadium.

Compas sees some delicious symmetry to it all, why shouldn't he?

"I'm going to have a lot of family, friends and high school coaches at the game,” said Compas, who helped the Lancers to the 2002 CIF San Diego Section Division I title at Qualcomm Stadium. “It's somehow appropriate my last game is in San Diego. I'm really looking forward to it.”

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Assailed why he wasn't recruited more heavily, the 6-foot-3, 298-pound fifth-year senior is stumped. After all, he is expected to earn All-Great West Conference honors for the third straight year.

"You tell me,” Compas said. “I was 260 pounds, but I was strong as an ox. I knew I was going to get bigger.

"But everything happens for a reason. I remember lying in my bed making that decision to come here. Things couldn't have worked out better for me at Davis. Sometimes that makes you more determined when you have people saying you're not good enough to play for them.”

His future includes a degree in international relations with a 3.4 grade-point average.

But there's also a chance he will end up not using his degree until after an NFL career.

"I don't know if he'll get drafted, but there's no question there is a lot of interest from NFL scouts in him,” UC Davis head coach Bob Biggs said. "He will definitely be in somebody's training camp. He's very athletic and very explosive. He's playing guard for us, but he can play center, too.”

Compas said he arrived at Davis determined to put in the work necessary to drain all the potential from his body.

"I want to play football as long as I can," he said, "I don't know what's going to happen, but we've had a lot of NFL scouts come out to see me and a couple of my teammates (wide receiver Brandon Rice and defensive end John Faletose).”

When Compas arrived at UC Davis, the school was in the early stages of a transition from Division II to Division I-AA (now called Football Championship Subdivision). The Aggies (5-6) play in the Great West Conference and lost a showdown to Cal Poly last week for the conference title.

For USD (8-2), a non-scholarship FCS school, facing the Aggies is a step up to a higher level. The Aggies have won the last two games at Davis.

"Jon is one of 10 seniors that helped us through that transition period,” Biggs said. "He plays with a level of intensity and commitment you have to have to succeed at this level, and he has passed it on to our younger players.”

His redshirt freshman year in 2005 — when Davis pulled off a shocking upset at Stanford, leading to a coaching vacancy filled in 2007 by former USD head coach Jim Harbaugh — he started six games before an injury ended his season. Since then he's started 33 straight games.

As it turns out, his 34th straight start will be his homecoming.
USD’s Matthews on award watch list

By Kevin Gemmell
STAFF WRITER

USD wide receiver John Matthews has been added to the Walter Payton Award watch list, which recognizes the most outstanding college football player at the FCS level.

The 16 players on the watch list will be voted down to three finalists for the award, which will be announced Dec. 1.

This is the third straight year a USD football player has been on the watch list. Last year, USD quarterback Josh Johnson finished third.

Through 10 games, Matthews leads all Division I FCS players in receptions per game (8.9), receiving yards per game (131.7), total receiving yards (1,317) and is tied for second in scoring (12.0 ppg).

Hurricanes subside

Jonathan Dwyer ran for 128 yards — all in the first half — and Georgia Tech shredded Miami’s defense for 472 yards on the ground, ruining the No. 23 Hurricanes’ return to the rankings with a 43-23 rout last night.

Miami could have moved a step closer to clinching a spot in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. Instead, the Hurricanes (7-4, 4-3) were soundly beaten in their first game as a ranked team in more than two years.

Georgia Tech (6-3, 5-3) clinched at least a tie for first in Coastal Division, but the Yellow Jackets will need some help because three other contenders would win via a tiebreaker.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bill Snyder is back as head coach at Kansas State. Snyder, who turned one of college football's biggest losers into winners before retiring three years ago, replaces Ron Prince, who was fired with three games left but finished out the season.

• Missouri coach Gary Pinkel agreed to a new contract, two weeks before his 12th-ranked Tigers were set to play in their second straight Big 12 title game.

• Tim Tebow will get a chance to repeat as winner of the Maxwell Award, given to college football's top player. The Florida quarterback was one of three finalists announced, along with QBs Graham Harrell of Texas Tech and Colt McCoy of Texas. The Maxwell and eight other college football awards will be presented Dec. 11 on ESPN.

• Eastern Michigan fired football coach Jeff Genyk after five seasons and a 15-42 record.

• USD wide receiver John Matthews, who was recently added to the final Walter Payton Award watch list, finished his collegiate career with a 13-reception, 161-yard performance in San Diego's 28-20 victory over UC Davis. He caught the game's final touchdown – the 50th of his career – making him just the third FCS receiver all-time to reach 50 touchdowns (David Bell, New Hampshire, 58, and Jerry Rice, Mississippi Valley State, 50).
COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDP\n
McCoy leads Texas to easy victory

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colt McCoy finally got a win over Texas A&M, and No. 4 Texas put a historic whipping on its bitter rival.

The question now is, was it enough?

A 49-0 victory for A&M was too easy to call it a "game." A&M held No. 1 Texas to its first shutout in 15 years and the Longhorns scored in prime position for at least a berth in a BCS bowl, but need some help if the team that spent a month at No. 1 will be able to play for the Big 12 title and BCS national championship.

AT&T Park in San Francisco was packed to see No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 7 Texas, which will play a title game in the Rose Bowl.

"I felt they made the statement they needed to make," Brown said. "Starting with Colt." McCoy passed for two touchdowns and ran for two more as the Longhorns (12-1, 6-2) posted the largest margin of victory in the rivalry since a 44-0 Texas victory in 1969.

McCoy finished with 331 yards on 29 of 38 passing and ran for 49 more to earn his first win over the Aggies in three tries. He also got career victory No. 31, passing Vince Young to set a Texas record for starting quarterbacks, and set a team season record with 3,303 yards passing.

Defensively, Texas held the Aggies (6-6-2) to 245 total yards and minus-1 yards rushing. The Longhorns sacked quarterbacks Jerrod Johnson and Stephen McGee six times.

Texas, currently No. 3 in the BCS standings, now must wait until this weekend to see if its national title dreams are intact. The Longhorns are in prime position for at least a berth in a BCS bowl, but need some help if the team that spent a month at No. 1 will be able to play for the Big 12 title and BCS national championship.

The Walter Payton Award candidate will graduate as the Sooners' 8-4, 6-2, second in PFL all-time leading receiver in several categories, including career touchdown (50) and career receiving yards (2,413).

Matthews was a unanimous pick and was joined on the PFL First Team by tight end Mark Ryan, quarterback Sebastian Trujillo, offensive tackle Ovince Ndubuisi, running back Gabe Derricks. In his first year at quarterback, Trujillo completed 66 percent of his passes for 2,422 yards and 33 touchdowns — the third highest single-season touchdown mark in USD history.

Senior defensive back Al Rihwan Adeyemi was named the PFL Defensive Player of the Year. Adeyemi led the Sooners with five interceptions and returned two of them for touchdowns. Derricks, who starts opposite Adeyemi in the secondary, won the award two years ago.

The Sooners were named to the PFL Second Team were defensive tackle Chris Gianelli, center Conrad Smith, Adeyemi and running back Phil Morell.

The seven Sooners earning honorable mention were wide receiver Ben Hanaoka, fullback Vincent Atolosa, running back Matt Jelinski, offensive lineman Patrick Cahalan, linebacker Loko Ramonganana, punter Kyle Ngwese and return specialist Taylor Wright.

— KEVIN GEMMELL
San Diego holds off Bulldogs, 34-17

SAN DIEGO, California - Matt Kobli threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and the Bulldogs picked up over 200 yards on the ground, but host San Diego used a strong air attack and a late second-half surge to pull away for a 34-17 decision over Butler on Saturday (Nov. 15) evening at Torero Stadium.

Butler finished the contest with 319 yards of total offense - including 208 yards rushing - but the Toreros tallied 299 yards passing to help produce 439 yards total to send the Bulldogs to 6-4 on the year and 4-3 in Pioneer League play while improving to 8-2 overall and 6-2 in conference.

San Diego spotted itself a 14-0 advantage early in the second quarter on a pair of touchdown strikes by Seb Trujillo. The Torero quarterback capped a 12-play, 77-yard first quarter drive with a 10-yard TD pass to Ben Hannula before finding John Matthews in the end zone from five-yards out two possessions later.

Butler would respond in the second, as a big 23 yard rush into San Diego territory by Calvin Blair helped lead to a 28-yard field goal by Jordan Quiroz before a one-yard touchdown run by Kolbi in the final second of the period lifted the Bulldogs to within four at the half.

Thirteen-yard and 15-yard rushes by Dionte Wiggins and a 16-yard run by Scott Gray helped set up a Bulldog first and goal at the eight. The Toreros managed to keep Butler out of the end zone on the first three plays to bring up a fourth and one situation with four seconds left, but Kobli found his way through the USO line to bring the Bulldogs right back into the contest at 14-10.

San Diego began its first drive of the second half with favorable field position at the Butler 43, and the Toreros would take advantage, getting a 22-yard passing play and an 18-yard jaunt by Matt Jelmini to set up an eight-yard strike for a 21-10 USD advantage.

It would be the only scoring of the period, however, as the two squads headed into the final 15 minutes of play in a two-possession contest.

Trujillo would quickly increase the difference at the start of the fourth, hooking up with Matthews for a 33-yard strike for six, but a blocked point-after by Mark Giacomantonio kept the score at 27-10.

Butler closed to within 10 on the very next possession, as Kobli completed a 12-play, 67-yard drive with a 23-yard toss to Dan Bohrer with less than four minutes to go in the contest.

An ensuing on-side kick attempt by the Bulldogs would squirt out of bounds, however, and give the Toreros prime field position that would lead to a 14-yard TB rush to complete the scoring.

Kobli finished 15-of-26 with 155 yards passing and a touchdown as well as 33 yards rushing with a TD. Wiggins led the way on the ground with 63 yards on 11 carries, while Bohrer finished with eight catches for 86 yards and a score.

Trujillo went 22-of-31 for 258 passing yards with four touchdowns.

Butler wraps up the 2008 campaign on the road next weekend when it heads to Davidson, N.C., on Nov. 22 for a noon contest against the league-foe Wildcats.
Help for Toreros is too little, too late

TOM SHANAHAN
FOR THE NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — On a Saturday when the University of San Diego football team beat Butler 34-17, the Toreros received the help they needed for a share of a fourth straight Pioneer Football League title.

Trouble is, league leader Dayton’s upset loss to Morehead State came too late because the same Jack- sonville team that ended USD’s unbeaten season earlier this season is the one that has benefited more than the Toreros.

With its win before 2,517 fans at Torero Stadium, USD (8-2, 6-2 PFL) is a half-game behind Dayton (9-2, 6-1 PFL) after the Flyers were shocked 14-13 by Morehead State (5-6, 3-4 PFL).

But Dayton’s final game next week at Jacksonville (8-3, 6-1 PFL) has turned out to be an unexpected showdown for the PFL title.

USD, which finishes its season Saturday at home in a nonleague game against UC Davis, is left to wonder what might have been. The Toreros’ 30-29 loss at Jackson- sonville on Oct. 25 included two missed PATs and one missed field goal.

“That’s tough when we look back,” USD coach Ron Caragher said. “But you can only go back so far. You’ve got to pick up in the present moment and make the best of what you have.

“I told the team this game (Butler) is for second place. The winner of next week’s (Dayton-Jacksonville) game wins the league and we’ll tie the loser for second.”
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Eds: San Diego 34, Butler 17

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USD banks on receivers, but graduation will thin ranks

By Kevin Gemmell
Staff Writer

Eight days from today, the USD offense will require a transplant. Whether it's microsurgery or a simple knee injury, the Toreros need a new one.

The day after his Toreros beat UC Davis in their season finale, Caraghcr will look to his receiving corps — specifically the "Z" position — thefinder spot occupied so brilliantly by John Matthews, who is in his final year with the football program.

"Do you expect anyone to fill the shoes of John Matthews and do what he's done for us the last couple of years? No," Caraghcr said. "But it's like looking at our receivers today, the Toreros, despite the loss of Butler's 6-3, 220 pounds, McGough is one of the taller receivers on the roster. In limited action this year he has caught eight balls for 117 yards and two touchdowns. He is finally at light end after Mitch Scan was lost for the year with a knee injury.

"Matthews has shown us younger guys what it takes to lead," McGough said. "You look at the things he's done, it's spectacular. We're going to step up, but we're all getting experience now."
Late-game comeback spurs USD in PFL win

Toreros rally from 21-0 deficit on road

By Will Bryan

DAVIDSON, N.C. — The Toreros bounced back from two straight conference losses with a 28-24 comeback win over Davidson yesterday in a Pioneer Football League battle.

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USD (7-2, 5-2) overcame a 21-0 deficit by scoring 28 points while only giving up a field goal through the game's final three quarters.

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Davidson's (3-6, 2-5) early lead was spearheaded by a 38-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on the game's first play. The Wildcats then recovered a botched Toreros field goal and converted that possession into points, giving Davidson a 14-0 advantage.

The Toreros entered the second quarter scoreless for the first time in two years, but after falling behind 21-0, USD saw new life in a 46-yard pass play from Sebastian Trujillo to John McGough.

The play set up a 24-yard touchdown reception to wide receiver John Matthews. Then, after forcing a Davidson punt on the ensuing possession, USD's Kevin Dunn came free to block the ball and set up yet another scoring strike from Trujillo to Matthews.

Matthews finished the game with 140 yards and three touchdowns on 11 receptions. His second touchdown gave him a school record for most TD catches in a season, breaking his old record of 16. Matthews' 11 catches also set a record for most receptions in a season with 16.

In yesterday's matchup against Davidson, Matthews accounted for 100 yards and four touchdowns in a USD win.

"John Matthews is a great player," Trujillo said. "I have a lot of confidence in him. He deserves the ball. He expects the ball. You can't ask for much more from the guy."

Matthews' third touchdown reception of the game capped an eight-play, 79-yard drive that brought the Toreros back to 21-21 at the beginning of the third quarter.

"John (Matthews) and Seb (Trujillo) have quickly gotten a good feel for one another," said Toreros coach Ron Caragher. "Receivers and quarterbacks need to have that good relationship. John is a tremendous athlete and we as coaches like to have the ball in his hands."

Trujillo finished the game with 265 yards on 22-of-27 passing with three touchdowns (and one interception) for a passer rating of 193.2. His biggest play came when he hanged over center on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line to take back the lead in the fourth quarter.

"I never even realized we were down 21-0," said Trujillo. "You try to never look at the scoreboard. Executing plays, that's all that we were trying to do. Even when things weren't going well for us in the first half, we just told ourselves to keep doing what we know how to do and things will work out."

USD stopped a potential scoring drive with an interception from Derek Pilkington on the Toreros' 1-yard line with just less than five minutes to play. Two third-down conversion runs from Matt Jelmini and Trujillo helped the Toreros retain possession and run out the clock.

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With the win, coupled with Butler's 28-21 overtime loss to Dayton, the Toreros are now tied for third in the PFL standings. USD hosts Butler at 6 p.m. Saturday.
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San Diego beats Wildcats, 28-24, on late TD

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San Diego running back Matt Jelmini rushed for 133 yards and defensive back Derek Pilkington had a key interception late in the game to lead the Toreros to a 28-24 Pioneer Football League victory over Davidson at Richardson Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Also this weekend, the men’s soccer team lost a first-round Southern Conference tournament game at Georgia Southern, 1-0, to end its season on Sunday. Details on [davidsonwildcats.com].

Trailing by four points, Davidson drove 54 yards down to the San Diego 15-yard line, but on 2nd-and-10, Pilkington intercepted a Ryan Alexander pass at the 11 and returned it 45 yards with 3:55 to play.

The Toreros tried to run the ball to take time off the clock, and Davidson linebacker Tyler Lemons shot through the line to tackle Jelmini for a 4-yard loss to set up 3rd-and-12. But San Diego ran a draw play, and Jelmini got 16 yards and a first down with just over two minutes to play.

Torero quarterback Sebastian Trujillo converted a 3rd-and-4, by rushing for six yards, putting the game away for San Diego (7-2, 5-2 PFL). The Toreros finished the day 8-for-13 on third down conversions.

Trujillo completed 22-of-27 passes for 265 yards and three touchdowns, and receiver John Matthews had 11 receptions for 140 yards and all three TD catches.

"They have two of the best receivers we’ll see all year, and for the most part, we did a good job against them," said Davidson coach Tripp Merritt. "We didn't give up many big plays and made them drive the field."

Alexander completed 21-of-27 passes for 214 yards and two scores to lead the Wildcats (3-6, 2-5 PFL). Andrew Aldrich caught six passes for 68 yards, and Chad Barnes led the squad with 51 yards on the ground.

Justin Williams took the opening kickoff back 98 yards for a touchdown to spark Davidson to a 21-0 lead. The Toreros closed the margin to 21-14 at halftime with the two TDs coming in a total of 2:12 midway through the second quarter.

"We knew they were going to come back at some point," said Merritt, "but that deflates you a little bit."

The Toreros tied the score with 9:49 left in the third quarter when Matthews caught a 9-yard pass from Trujillo, but Davidson retook the lead with a Ben Behrendt 24-yard field goal with 2:19 left in the period.

Following the field goal, San Diego ate up 8:19 on the clock with a 16-play, 63-yard drive. The Wildcats stopped three straight rushing attempts from their own 1-yard line, but Trujillo got in on a quarterback sneak on 4th-and-goal to put the Toreros ahead to stay.

Williams took the opening kickoff through a hole on the right side and raced up the right sideline for the first Davidson kickoff return for a touchdown since John Leverett returned one 96 yards for a score against Emory & Henry Sept. 28, 2002.

An Aldrich 7-yard pass from Alexander with 4:04 left in the first quarter made the margin 14-0, and Michael Blanchard caught his first career TD pass from Alexander 2:39 into the second period for a 21-0 cushion.

The Wildcats return to action against Marist at home next Saturday, with kickoff set for noon. It will be the first meeting between the Red Foxes and Wildcats on the gridiron.

Game Notes: Alexander set a new single-game pass completion mark with 77 percent, besting last week’s mark of 76 percent... He’s completed 40 of his last 52 passes... Konert surpassed the 1,000-yard receiving mark for his career... The school record for a kickoff return for touchdown is 100 yards, which was accomplished twice and last by John Leverett against Randolph-Macon in 2001.
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At a glance: USD opened the season 6-0 while extending its home winning streak to a nation's best 28, but the Toreros suddenly find themselves trying to end a two-game losing skid. USD, struggling with numerous injuries on both sides of the ball, dropped back-to-back PFL games, on Oct. 25 at Jacksonville and Nov. 1 at home against Dayton. Another streak in jeopardy is USD's three-year run as PFL champions. But the Toreros are in fourth place and need a lot of help to claim a share of the title.

USD coach Ron Caragher said he wants to get back to running the ball more this week. Defensively, the Toreros are trying to compensate for the absence of three defensive linemen who were lost for the year in back-to-back games against Morehead State and Jacksonville.

— Tom Shanahan
By Kevin Gemmele

The frustration is building, but Caragher and the Toreros believe they can get back on track. They're just four catches away from setting a school record.

"The one thing we need is to get back on track and make sure we put things to memory," Caragher said. "It's that blowout, but we're not a good football team." The team is 2-3-2 against Davidson in the final regular season game. Caragher said the game is winnable.

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Toreros, Flyers have owned PFL

By Doug Harris
Staff Writer

Saturday, November 01, 2008

DAYTON — The University of Dayton and San Diego have won at least a share of 12 of the 15 Pioneer Football League titles in conference history, and the winner of tonight's Nov. 1 game could be on its way to another crown.

The Flyers (7-1, 4-0) are tied for first place in the league and will take on the preseason favorite Toreros (6-1, 4-1) at 9 p.m. San Diego is known for its high-powered offense.

The Flyers were handed a 56-14 defeat in their last visit to Torero Stadium in 2006, but they avenged that loss with a 35-16 victory at home last season.

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The Flyers were tied for first place with Butler (6-1, 4-0), which hosts Jacksonville (5-3, 3-1) today. UD and Butler meet in Indianapolis on Nov. 8.
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rob Florian threw two touchdown passes and Dayton's top-ranked defense helped snap San Diego's 28-game home winning streak with a 30-22 win on Saturday night.

Dayton (8-1, 5-0 Pioneer League) stifled the league's No. 1-ranked offense, holding the Toreros to 226 total yards, 200 yards below their average. The Toreros were averaging 39.4 points per game.

San Diego (6-2, 4-2) had not lost at home since Princeton won 24-17 on Sept. 25, 2004. The Toreros' home win streak was the nation's longest among all Football Championship Subdivision and Football Bowl Subdivision teams.

Florian hit Bart Bergfeld with a pair of 16-yard touchdown passes, including the go-ahead score in the third quarter that put Dayton ahead for good at 23-22 with 4:04 left. It was the third of four straight possessions that Dayton scored on after falling behind 22-6 late in the first half.

Florian threw for 353 yards as he tied the school record for completions with 34 on 43 attempts.

Nick Glavin kicked field goals of 30, 42 and 22 yards for the Flyers, but missed a 23-yarder with 3:11 left.

San Diego took a 22-13 halftime lead on a pair of Sebastian Trujillo touchdown passes and a 57-yard interception return for a touchdown by freshman Al-Rilwan Adeyemi.
Today: vs. Dayton

Kickoff: 6:05 p.m.
Records: Dayton 7-1 overall, 4-1 Pioneer Football League; USD 6-2, 6-1.
Radio: KFPT (1700 AM).

At a glance: USD's 30-29 upset loss last week at Jacksonville dropped the Toreros a game behind Dayton and Butler (6-1, 4-0) in the loss column of the Pioneer Football League standings. But the schedule-maker did USD a favor by sending Dayton to Torero Stadium on Saturday and Butler here on Nov. 15. ... The Toreros' home-field winning streak of 28 straight is the longest in the nation for Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision schools. The three teams play what amounts to a round-robin tournament for the league title. After Saturday's Dayton-USD game, Dayton plays Nov. 8 at Butler and the following week Butler travels to San Diego. USD needs to sweep Dayton and Butler — in addition to winning at Davidson Nov. 8 — to split the PFL title with the winner of the Dayton-Butler game. Last year Dayton beat USD at Dayton and earned a co-championship with the Toreros.

— Tom Shanahan
LOCAL COLLEGES

USD goalkeeper Kelln Briones was named to the West Coast Conference men's soccer first team, while Toreros defender Ryan Peterman and midfielder Eddie Ahman made the WCC second team. USD women's goalkeeper Brittany Cameron was named the WCC Defensive Player of the Year and was joined on the WCC first team by Toreros forward Jen Mello and midfielder Jackie Zinke. USD forward Amy Epstein and defender Natalie Vinti made the second team.
The USD women's soccer team failed to advance from an NCAA Tournament regional at UCLA for the seventh time, and it is now 1-15-3 all-time against the Bruins.

What those statistics don't say, though, is how close the Toreros came to reversing that trend last night.

Top-seeded and undefeated UCLA beat the visiting Toreros 1-0 at Drake Stadium in a second-round match postponed from Sunday afternoon due to poor air quality from the Southern California fires. But it took a point-blank miss by the Toreros in the first half, and a 78th-minute goal that came on a deflection off a USD defender.

"We did very, very well," USD coach Ada Greenwood said. "I can't ask anything more from my team, and you know me, I very rarely say that. My team played fantastic and they had a very good chance of winning the game. Considering who we were playing and where we were playing, we did well."

The 16th-ranked Toreros (15-5-2), who beat Long Beach State in Friday's first round, had the best chance of the first half when a shot by sophomore Jackie Zinke slammed off the crossbar and bounced into the goalmouth. Senior Amy Epsten, the leading scorer in USD history, then watched in disbelief as her header toward an open net sailed high.

UCLA regrouped in the second half and outshot the Toreros 10-3. The game's lone score came on a shot by Kara Lang that deflected off a USD defender and caromed just over the reach of goalkeeper Brittany Cameron. The official scoresheet called it an own goal.

Zinke nearly tied it with three minutes left, but her shot from the right side whizzed just over the crossbar.

"Unfortunate, mate, unfortunate," Greenwood said.

UCLA (20-0-2) advances to the Round of 16 against defending NCAA champion USC, most likely at UCLA.

USD, meanwhile, can plot its revenge. It opens the 2009 season against ... UCLA.

— MARK ZEIGLER
USD, UCLA look for some breathing room for game

By Mark Zeckel
STAFF WRITER

USD women's soccer coach Ada Greenwood didn't wait for NCAA tournament representatives to officially postpone yesterday afternoon's second-round game against No. 1 seed UCLA in Los Angeles due to poor air quality from wildfires burning across Southern California.

He figured it out the night before, when he stepped outside the team's hotel.

"The ash was like snow," Greenwood said. "Some of the kids started having chest problems. They kept saying we were going to play at 1 o'clock (Sunday), and it was so obvious we weren't going to play. It was beyond obvious. I took the chance and called their bluff. We just left, mate, and drove home."

It wasn't until yesterday morning that the NCAA announced the postponement. The current plan is to try again today at 6 p.m. at UCLA's Drake Stadium — maybe.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District listed pollution levels in the L.A. area as "unhealthy" with an AQI (air quality index) over 150. Today's forecast still calls for an AQI in the low 100s, which is considered "unhealthy for sensitive groups."

USD officials offered to move the game to Torero Stadium, where air quality is at healthy levels, but UCLA refused.

"Why would they (play in San Diego)?" Greenwood said. "That's not a good scenario when you're a No. 1 seed. They earned home-field advantage. It's obvious they're trying to do everything they can to play the game there.

"I don't care about playing at our place. That's not the issue. It's about the welfare of the student-athlete. . . . We don't want to play if the air quality is still bad."

The Toreros, (15-4-2) beat Long Beach State 1-0 in Friday night's first round and returned to their hotel in Woodland Hills, northwest of UCLA. But the smoke from the fires was so bad Saturday morning that they moved to a hotel in Culver City.

The smoke and ash began to accumulate there, too, and by Saturday night at 11 Greenwood had them back on the bus, this time for home.

"Hopefully the air quality clears up (today) and we can play," Greenwood said. "I will get upset if we drive up there and they tell us we're not playing. If that happens, someone needs to step in and say (to UCLA): 'Drive down to San Diego or Irvine and just play.'"
**Off to nationals**

- Freshmen Bre Schofield (Carlsbad) and senior Jake LeVieux (La Costa Canyon) will represent the UC San Diego cross country program as individuals in the NCAA Division II Championships on Saturday in Slippery Rock, Pa., after finishing fifth and 14th overall in their respective races at the 2008 Division II West Regional Championships. The Tritons’ leader all season on the women’s side, Schofield finished with a time of 21:54.2 over the 6K course. The redshirt freshman was just four seconds behind the fourth place finisher, Alaska Anchorage’s Laura Carr and took home All-Region accolades for her performance. As one of the top two finishers on non-qualifying teams, Schofield will head to Slippery Rock to compete as an individual. LeVieux led the way for the Tritons on the men’s side with a time of 33:41.1 over the 10K course. He finished 23 seconds in front of teammate Gabe LaMothe, who placed 18th at 34:04.9. Like Schofield, LeVieux also earned All-Region recognition and a trip to the NCAAs as an individual competitor.

- The Point Loma Nazarene women’s team and men’s runner Landon Bright qualified for the NAIA National Championship race Saturday at Wisconsin Parkside.

- The Cal State San Marcos men and women’s cross country teams earned a berth in Saturday’s NAIA Nationals in Wisconsin after winning the Association of Independent Institutions Conference Championship. The women, ranked No. 3 in the NAIA, dominated the competition, taking the top three spots in the four-team meet, with Dalton Williams leading the way. Williams cruised to her second individual victory of the season. Morgan Sjogren finished second, and Jessica Sandeval placed third. Caitlin Villareal was sixth and Whitney Parton took seventh with a time of 18:34. The CSSM men were paced by Alex Guadarrama, who finished second overall. Dave Edwards placed fourth, Kyle Hughes was sixth, Chris Capeau finished eighth and Leo Elora took 10th.

**Soccer**

- The Cal State San Marcos women’s squad has allowed just one goal in its previous three matches, surrendered two first half goals and fell 3-1 to fourth-ranked Seattle Pacific in the second round of the NCAA Division II Championships on Saturday in Seattle. UCSD, which had advanced to postseason play 22 of the last 23 years, finishes its season at 15-4-4. The Tritons knocked off No. 6 seed BYU-Hawaii 1-0 in double overtime in the first round Thursday night. With the victory, Seattle Pacific (18-1-2) advances to the round of 16. UCSD, which had allowed just one goal in its previous three matches, surrendered three scores for the first time this season. In fact, Saturday marked the first time a Triton squad has allowed three goals in a match since Nov. 6, 2005, when UCSD defeated Cal State Dominguez Hills 4-3 in a high-scoring affair in the CCAC Tournament Championship. The Tritons played this season with 14 freshmen and the six freshman starters.

— John Maffei
USD women advance to face UCLA

By Mark Zeilker
STAFF WRITER

USD women’s soccer coach Ada Greenwood saw his team’s draw in the NCAA Tournament, saw it would have to go through mighty UCLA once again, and had this reaction: “I’ll play anybody. I feel we’re good enough.”

Greenwood and the Toreros will find out soon enough. Last night’s dramatic 1-0 victory against Long Beach State at UCLA’s Drake Stadium put them into the second round against the No. 1-seeded Bruins tomorrow at 1 p.m., also at Drake Stadium.

USD’s all-time record against UCLA: 1-14-3, including a 3-0 loss last month.

Senior Ashley Kirk provided the game’s lone goal in the 81st minute by slotting home a rebound of a shot by Christine Mock.

The Toreros (15-4-2) beat the 49ers (14-5-4) by the same score last month.

“We were better,” Greenwood said, “and eventually it went our way.”

UCLA (19-0-2) beat Fresno State 5-0 in the first game. USD likely will be without starting midfielder Elissa Magrada, who injured her knee.

USF 2, USD 1

The USD men had their improbable run toward the NCAA Tournament ended by the University of San Francisco when the Dons scored in the 87th minute to clinch at least a tie for the West Coast Conference title.

The Toreros (6-10-3, 6-5) were trying to win the WCC and claim its automatic NCAA berth despite going winless in the nonconference season.

USD tied it on Eddie Ahman’s penalty kick in the 83rd minute, only for USF (9-8-2) to get the winner from Conor Chinn.
USD headed north to familiar UCLA

By Mark Zeigler, Staff Writer

One of these years, the NCAA tournament selection committee for women's soccer will get an imagination and send USD somewhere other than UCLA.

Until then, the Toreros' annual draw remains as predictable as it is depressing. For the sixth straight time, and the seventh time in their nine NCAA tournament appearances, they were shipped 130 miles north to a four-team regional at UCLA from which the hosts almost always emerge.

The 14-4-2 Toreros face Long Beach State at 8 p.m. Friday in the opening round of the 64-team tournament. Win that, and they'll likely get No. 1-seeded UCLA at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Bruins (18-0-2) play Fresno State (11-8-2) in Friday's first match.

It was the same thing last year, when USD lost to Oklahoma State in the first round at Drake Stadium. And the same thing in 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 1999.

"I'm OK with it," said USD coach Ada Greenwood, whose team has been ranked as high as 11th nationally and finished second in the West Coast Conference. "Every team in every sport has a challenge it has to overcome, and this is our challenge. . . . But we're in the tournament; 280 teams aren't."

The two pieces of good news are that the Toreros beat Long Beach State (14-3-4) last month and that they are intimate with UCLA's Drake Stadium. USD played eight games at Torero Stadium this season. It could play five at Drake Stadium.

It played Miami and New Mexico to 0-0 ties there in a September tournament, and lost to UCLA 3-0 there in October after holding the Bruins scoreless in the first half. Now it will play at Drake on Friday, and perhaps Sunday.

"We're comfortable on that field," Greenwood said. "We played five (of six) halves of soccer there this year without allowing a goal."
Can they hang a banner saying the USD women's soccer team was 17 minutes from a West Coast Conference championship?

That's how close the Toreros came to the school's first women's soccer title, and it is 17 minutes they will be replaying in their minds for months, maybe years to come. Seventeen minutes.

Instead, second-ranked Portland won its 10th conference title based on a 4-1 win against No. 11 USD last night before an energetic crowd of 2,537 at Torero Stadium — or nearly twice as many as watched the USD men's basketball game at adjacent Jenny Craig Pavilion two hours earlier.

"Pretty tough to swallow," USD senior forward Amy Epstein said.

Epstein's assist set up the lone USD goal, which came just 40 seconds into the second half. Epstein chipped a perfectly weighted ball into the penalty area, and Elissa Magrencia knocked it past charging Portland goalkeeper Kelsey Davis. It was only the fifth goal Portland had allowed in 18 games this season.

It was akin to rattling a stick in a hornet's nest.

Portland's Sophie Schmidt equalized eight minutes later on a curling shot that smacked off the left post. Had it stayed 1-1, the two teams would have finished tied atop the WCC at 6-0-1 and shared the title.

But Portland coach Garrett Smith had seen enough. He motioned down the bench for Michelle Enyeart, Eli Reed and Kellin Winters to start warming up.

All three are members of the U.S. under-20 national team, which is usually a good thing — except when the U-20 World Championships coincide with the NCAA Tournament. The World Championships begin Nov. 19 in Chile, and the three are scheduled to depart today.

Wanting his team to get used to playing without them in the playoffs, Smith has not started them in recent weeks and kept them on the bench last night. But in the 63rd minute, all three subbed in at once. Instantly, the pace and texture of the game changed.

Korie Nicholson made it 2-1 in the 74th minute.

Enyeart made it 3-1 in the 75th minute.

Halley Kreminski made it 4-1 in the 86th minute.

"They're a good team without their U-20 players," USD coach Ada Greenwood said. "When you've been running around for 65 minutes, and they inject two or three players at that level, it was a little much at the wrong time."

Portland finishes the regular season 17-1, 7-0 and almost certainly will host an NCAA Tournament regional next week. The Toreros' (14-4-2, 6-1) most likely destination is a regional at UCLA or USC. The 64-team field will be announced at 5 p.m. tomorrow on ESPNews.
Soccer

Gonzaga erased an early 1-1 tie, scoring three unanswered goals in a 4-1 West Coast Conference victory over USD. Andrew Feld's unassisted goal at 18:40 in the first was 33 seconds after the host Bulldogs got on the board first.
Toreros Aim to Take Down Pilots

Amberly Richardson
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The USD women’s soccer team looks to wrap up a conference championship when it hosts No. 2 University of Portland on Saturday at 8 p.m at Torero Stadium. If USD takes the victory, it will earn an automatic bid for the West Coast Conference. If the Toreros tie, they can still become co-champs. If USD loses, Ada Greenwood’s team can still get an at-large bid for the playoffs that begin the following week.

USD wants to make it as easy as possible to go to the next round and is asking San Diego soccer fans to come out and support the home team.

“It’s just really nice to play in front of a nice crowd and get everyone pumped up,” assistant coach Karen Bardsley said. “We’ve had a really great run so far. We’ve been climbing the ranks all season. We started out at No. 15. We lost to a couple of teams and dropped to 21, but we’ve climbed back up to 11. We’ve just been playing some pretty entertaining soccer.”

There is a lot at stake in the Saturday night game. USD and Portland have yet to play each other this season. Portland is contention for its 10th WCC title while the Toreros seek their first. The Pilots (16-1-0) arrive in San Diego tied for first in the conference with the Toreros (14-3-2), who hold an undefeated WCC record (6-0-0).

USD has counted on continued strength and support from its senior class and key additions from throughout the roster.

“We are looking to get the word out about the game and put USD soccer on the map,” Bardsley said.

Group tickets are available by calling the Jenny Craig Pavilion Ticket Office at (619) 260-7550.

General admission tickets are available to the public on the day of the game at the ticket office windows, located directly to the left of the Torero Stadium entrance. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.
More soccer

The USD men dropped their second West Coast Conference match of the season, falling 2-0 to visiting Saint Mary's. The Toreros (6-2 WCC, 6-7-3 overall) outshot the Gaels (3-3-2, 4-8-3) by 11-9, but couldn't put anything into the net while being shut out for the fourth time this season. ... Mary Carroll scored twice to lead host Cal Poly Pomona to a 2-0 win over the No. 16 UCSD women in the teams' regular-season finale. Carroll's first goal brought to an end a more than 355-minute scoreless streak by the UCSD defense. The Tritons (9-3-2 CCAA, 13-3-2 overall) open next week's CCAA Championship tournament as the top seed from the South Division. Pairings are to be announced today for the tournament, which will be hosted by the Tritons. ... The UCSD men concluded the regular season with a 4-0 victory at Cal Poly Pomona. The Tritons (6-6-2, 10-6-2) did not qualify for the CCAA Championship Tournament, but still have hopes for an at-large bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament.
USD women advance at Fall Classic

Third-seeded Holly Bagshaw of San Diego State was victorious in her first-round match at the SDSU Fall Classic II yesterday at Aztec Tennis Center.

Bagshaw beat Oklahoma's Kristina Radan 6-1, 6-0 in the A Draw of Singles. Denise Dy of Washington, however, beat Bagshaw 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the second round.

USD's Maja Sujica beat Clare Fermin of UC Irvine in the A Draw, 6-3, 6-2 to advance to a match today against Colorado's Franziska Jendrian. Meanwhile, Marite Raygada of USD beat Radan 6-3, 6-1 and will play Camila Belassi of Colorado this morning. Both Toreros players' matches will be at 10:30 a.m.

In doubles action, SDSU's Bagshaw and Olivia Colman moved on to the second round of the A Draw after a first-round bye. The duo will take on Dy and Venise Chan of Washington in the second round starting at 9 a.m.

Justine Perl of USD, a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Michala Jensen of Colorado, will face Roxanne Ellison of SDSU at noon today. Ellison beat Alexandra Demidova of USD 63, 6-1.

Sierra Ellison advanced to the semifinals of the Singles C draw after a 63, 6-2 win over Ali Borowicz of UC Irvine.

In the Doubles A bracket, Roxanne Ellison and Sierra Ellison won 8-6 over Marie Pier Huet and Maria Kalashnikova of Oklahoma to advance to today's semifinals.
CSU San Marcos takes conference championship with shootout victory

The Cal State San Marcos women's soccer team won its first-ever All Conference championship with a victory over Simon-Fraser.

The game remained scoreless through regulation and two overtime periods, forcing a shootout. Katelyn Krauss, CSUSM's lone senior, scored the game-winner to defeat SFU (11-7) on penalty kicks.

"Our girls kept getting stronger and stronger as the game went on," Cougars head coach Ron Pulver said. "Every player deserves this. This was an amazing team effort.

Krauss was named to the all-tournament team, along with teammates Kaycee Gunioo, Lauren Hernandez, Taylor Germina and Kelly Wherry, the Association of Independent Institutions Tournament MVP.

CSUSM (13-3-0) advances to the national playoffs with the win and will likely host a game next Saturday. The official pairings will be announced tonight.

More soccer

The UCSD women's soccer team fell 3-1 to fourth-ranked Seattle Pacific in the second round of the NCAA Division II soccer championship. The Tritons (15-4-4) showed a goal 25 seconds before the half, putting them in a 2-0 hole. SPU (18-1-2) scored again three minutes into the second half to close the door on UCSD's season. Natasha Bely-Burger scored her third goal of the game to lead SPU.

Cross country

USD junior Dennis Sanchez won the 13th goal for the Tritons men's soccer team, and personal records at the NCAA West Regionals at Stanford Golf (10-6-4, 7-2-1 Pac-10). The Aztecs finished the meet in 31st place out of 30 teams.

Volleyball

The 13th-ranked USD women's volleyball team defeated 21st-ranked Santa Clara (25-22, 25-21, 25-17) at Jenny Craig Pavilion. The Toreros (16-4, 10-2 WCC) were led by Amy DeGroot, who had 17 kills.
Trimble bounces back with Toreros

- Torrey Pines High graduate returns to help hometown team surprise.

**Story TOM SHANAHAN**

**SAN DIEGO**

University of San Diego senior golfer Blake Trimble is known in college sports as a "bounce-back recruit." He was a top prospect coming out of Torrey Pines High — where he won the CIF San Diego Section individual title in 2002 — that committed to a high profile program, Nevada Las Vegas. But his career wasn't flourishing with the Rebels, he came home to play for USD and coach Tim Mickelson his junior and senior seasons.

"I really enjoyed UNLV's a great place," Trimble said. "But we had 14 solid players and you had to shoot few rounds in qualifying just play in the tournament the next week. The reason I transferred is I only played in about half the tournaments — 14 of 24. Here, I've played in all but one, 16 of 17.

In golf, there is no substitute for playing under tournament pressure, especially if your aspirations are to play on the PGA Tour. Trimble's game has not only thrived at USD, last spring he helped the Toreros win their first West Coast Conference team title in program history and advance to the NCAA regional.

In fact, Trimble has played so well for the Toreros, ironically there may come a time when USD is a high-profile program with no room for bounce back recruits.

"I think we've already seeing that, especially with (freshman) Alex Chin coming in as a big recruit," Trimble said. "We have 12 guys and it's a deep team." Trimble, Chin and defending WCC individual champion Jake Yount have led the Toreros to a fast start to the fall 2008-09 season.

The Toreros won the Kauai Collegiate Invitational at North and Fifth in the USF Olympic Club Invitational in September. "This goal is to get better every single year and at some point be a Top 25 program year in and year out," Mickelson said. "Ryan Donavan and Dale Walker have the same goal at San Diego State. The only way to do that is to get better players.

Chin, from Hawaii, is one of those high profile players. But if he didn't pick the Toreros out of high school, Mickelson would have left him with the same message he left Trimble with when he recruited him.

"I sensed early on he wanted to go to a high-profile program, and I couldn't blame him," Mickelson said. "But I'll take transfers if I feel they've same person they were when I recruited them out of high school.

"There isn't one program that fits every kid, in Blake's case, he wants to be a pro golfer and he needed to play in more tournaments."

Trimble says the difference in his game is the work in practice to improve his short game and transferring that to his tournament rounds. He's also lowered his putting average from 34 a round last year to 32.5 through the fall.

As a senior last year, Trimble was medalist honors at the USBC Intercollegiate. He also had top-10 finishes in the Reno Invitational and USD's Callaway Invitational. In March, he was the WCC Co-Player of the Month after posting a 71.2 average for nine rounds in three tournaments.

As a senior in the fall, his seventh place finish at Kauai (74-64-69) helped the Toreros win the tournament by 15 strokes.

"He's improved his consistency," Mickelson said. "The thing with Blake is when he plays with confidence in his swing, he knows the ball is going to do what he wants it to do. He's a very talented player that can shoot some low scores."
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Fukuroku, Mikula players of year

Hawaii senior Taryn Fukuroku and sophomore Nicole Mikula were named as the Western Athletic Conference offensive and defensive players of the year last night at the tournament banquet in Reno, Nev.

Fukuroku and Mikula, along with UH sophomore Mari Punzal, were named as first-team All-WAC players. Rainbow Wahine junior Ambree Ako was picked to the second team.

"I'm surprised," UH coach Pinsoom Tenzing said. "I'm excited for them. They all worked hard the entire season."

Sharks, CaneFires in rare 0-0 tie

Honolulu and West Oahu played to a scoreless tie in Hawaii Winter Baseball yesterday at Hans L'Orange Park.

The game ended after nine innings when the coaching staffs mutually agreed that their pitching staffs, limited to strict pitch counts, could not handle the extra work.

Cyle Hankerd had a game-high three hits for the CaneFires (14-14). 'Iolani graduate Kala Ka'aihue had two of the four hits by the Sharks (14-14).

North Shore punched out nine hits and erupted for six runs in the fourth inning en route to an 11-1 victory over Waikiki last night at Hans L'Orange Park.

Matt McBride led the way with three hits.

Jason Godin earned the win, scattering four hits in five innings.

San Diego takes Kauai golf tourney

San Diego captured the Kauai Collegiate Invitational golf tournament yesterday, finishing at 39-under 825 at Puakea Golf Course.

The Toreros finished 15 strokes ahead of second-place UNC Wilmington.

Derek Wallace of UNC Wilmington took medalist honors after a 7-under 64 yesterday put him at 15-under 201. He finished one stroke ahead of San Diego's Jake Yount.

Hawaii finished in 12th place out of 14 teams at 6-over 870. UH was led by T.J. Kua, who tied for 15th place at 4-under 212.

Seasiders blank Antelopes in soccer

Ashley Hunter and Sarah Welty scored one goal each to lead Brigham Young-Hawaii to a 2-0 women's soccer victory over Grand Canyon yesterday at Laie.

Margaret Sekona and Natalie Cude had assists for the Seasiders (13-4, 9-2 PacWest).

BYUH clinched at least a tie for the conference title with the win.

The Antelopes dropped to 6-12-1 and 5-6.

» Grand Canyon defeated Brigham Young-Hawaii 2-0 in men's soccer on goals by Nick Sykes and Matheau Hall at Laie.

The Antelopes improved to 8-6-4 overall and 7-2-2 in the conference. The Seasiders dropped to 5-11-2 and 3-6-2.

» James Terry, Andre Whitt and Mike Decaires scored goals to give Hawaii Pacific a 3-1 men's soccer victory over Dixie State College of Utah yesterday at Kaneohe.

The win boosted the Sea Warriors' record to 10-5-2 overall and 8-2-1 in the PacWest. The Rebels dropped to 5-9-1 and 5-6-1.
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CaneFires walk past Sharks

West Oahu took advantage of 14 walks issued by Honolulu to rout the Sharks 13-5 in Hawaii Winter Baseball yesterday at Hans L'Orange Park. West Oahu starter Cody Scoppetta pitched four effective innings for the win as the CaneFires evened their record at 14-14. The Sharks fell to 14-14.

» Waikiki edged North Shore 8-6 last night at Hans L'Orange Park.

Tony Thomas, Roger Kirschnick and James McOwen hit solo home runs to lead the BeachBoys.

San Diego takes huge Kauai golf lead

San Diego took a nine-shot lead over the nearest competitor yesterday in the second round of the Kauai Collegiate Invitational golf tournament at Puakea Golf Course.

The Toreros were at 15-under 553, followed by Drake at 6-under 562, heading into today's final round.

Jay Myers of San Jose State held the lead at 6-under 134 after his 7-under 64 yesterday. Jake Yount of San Diego State was one stroke back.

Hawaii freshman T.J. Kua, who shot 1-under 70 yesterday, entered the final round tied for 16th at 1-under 141.

UH finished the day 12th out of 14 teams at 15-over 583.

» Leland Lindsay and Travis Toyama finished at 19-under 125 to win the Aloha Section PGA's Bridgestone Pro-Scratch Championship at Pearl Country Club yesterday.

Lindsay and Toyama won the $2,000 first prize, finishing one shot ahead of brothers Norman-Garin Asao and Kellen-Floyd Asao.

The 40-team field (with one pro and one amateur on each team) played a two-man scramble in the first round on Monday and a best-ball format in yesterday's final round.

Wahine named scholar-athletes

Five University of Hawaii softball players were announced as National Fastpitch Coaches Association scholar-athletes for 2008.

Julie Franklin, Brandi Peiler and Clare Warwick all were cited for the third time. Traci Yoshikawa and Courtney Baughman are first-time honorees.

A 3.50 cumulative GPA for the fall and spring semesters is required.

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Volleyball

LOCAL COLLEGES

USD digs win vs. rival Dons in crucial conference match

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The USD and USF women's volleyball teams both entered yesterday's West Coast Conference match nationally ranked and with identical league records. Still, the No. 15 Toreros admitted they stepped onto the court with a chip on their collective shoulder. They put it to good use in a 25-21, 25-22, 25-21 win over the No. 25 Dons at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

With the win, USD (19-3, 9-1) is alone atop the WCC standings with five matches left in the regular season.

"That was really important for us to beat San Francisco (18-6, 8-2) in three," said sophomore Ali Troost.

Added junior Amy Mahinlani DeGroot: "We're peaking at the right time."

With the memory of an Oct. 11 loss to the Dons still fresh, USD played what Troost and DeGroot agreed was the team's best match of the season.

The pair had 17 kills apiece. DeGroot also was effective in the back row, adding 13 digs. Ashton Basch and Torey Ellick added seven kills each.

Setter Jessica Nyrop dished out 44 assists, while junior libero Andrea Csasz (RBV) collected a team-high 16 digs.

— NICOLE VARGAS
LOCAL COLLEGES

Cross country title to Lobos

San Diego State's Kristin Glen led the Aztecs yesterday with a 6K time of 23 minutes, 23 seconds but SDSU was the last of nine teams in the Mountain West Conference Cross Country Championships at Mission Bay Park.

Upstart New Mexico and nine-time MWC champion BYU finished a close 1-2 — the Lobos with 31 points, the Cougars with 33 — the closest championship meet in MWC history. Utah was third (77).

BYU's Angela Wagner won the race at 21:24 with two Lobos, Lacey Oeding (21:30) and Carolyn Bousey (21:34), on her heels. BYU's Katy Andrews, a freshman from La Costa Canyon, was sixth at 21:43.

Women's swimming

Behind three first-place finishes by Brooke Vessey, SDSU beat Fresno State 153-126 at the Aztec Aquaplex. SDSU had top times in nine of 14 swimming events.

Soccer

PLNU's Tomie Graham and Jennifer Tan scored as the Sea Lions beat visiting The Master's College 2-0 in GSAC women's play. Host PLNU beat TMC 2-1 in a GSAC game behind goals from Brendon Meyer and Dvashock.

Volleyball

Baseball Inks Eight to NLI

USD head coach Rich Hill announced the signing of eight players to NLI’s for the 2010 season.

Head Coach Rich Hill.

Nov. 19, 2008

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of San Diego head baseball coach Rich Hill has announced the signing of eight players to National Letters of Intent to play baseball at USD beginning in the 2010 season, and four of them have been named in Baseball America's top-100 recruits. Siegling NLi's to play at USD are Mike Dedrick (Canyon View HS - Cedar City, Utah), Evan DeLuca (Immaculata HS - Whitehouse Station, N.J.), Cameron Garfield (Murray Valley HS - Murrieta, Calif.), Matt Moynihan (Cathedral Catholic HS - San Diego, Calif.), James Needy (Sanitana HS - Sanitana, Calif.), Andrew Walter (Cactus HS - Peoria, Ariz.), Jake Williams (Brophy Prep - Scottsdale, Ariz.), and Aaron Wirsch (El Toro HS - Tustin Canyon, Calif.).

DeLuca, a 6-1 left-handed pitcher, comes to the Toreros after a stand-out career at Immaculata High School in Cedar City, Utah. He was selected as the No. 39 top high school prospect by Baseball America. DeLuca was selected as the Area Code Blue Team as a junior and played in Perfect Game’s national showcase.

"He has one of those electric arms that we can’t wait to get here," stated Hill. "He fell in love with the city of San Diego on his recruiting trip and we feel fortunate to get a player of his caliber at USD. We feel his best years are ahead of him and he is a real sleeper."

Wirsch, a 6-6 left-handed pitcher, joins the Toreros after an out-standing career at El Toro High School. Wirsch was selected to USA Baseball's Tournament of Stars in 2008, and played in the Area Code Games as a junior. He received the Most Valuable Pitcher award at the WWBA Northeast Regional Qualifier.

"I am just now coming into my own. Every time we see him he gets better and better," said Hill. "He has the ideal pitcher’s frame, can really throw down hill and has a chance to really be special at the top of our rotation someday."

Moynihan, a 6-2 outfielder, will join the Toreros from nearby Cathedral Catholic High School. Moynihan was selected as the No. 52 top high school prospect, according to Baseball America. He has earned back-to-back first-team All-League honors and he ranks second in CIF San Diego Section history with 61 hits in a season, only trailing current Oakland A’s third baseman Eric Chavez. Moynihan was also selected to play in the Area Code Games for the Milwaukee Brewers and was selected to Perfect Games’ National Showcase at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. He also set Cathedral HS single-season records as a junior for hits, runs scored and stolen bases. Moynihan was also selected to USA U-18 National team trials.

"Mall is the fastest player that we have recruited in my tenure at USD. We have been looking to get more athletic and Mall provides for us. "With his speed and athleticism, both centerfield and the top of the order are in good hands for years to come."

Needy, 6-6 right-handed pitcher, will join USD from Santana High School in Santee, Calif. He was selected as the No. 68 top high school prospect by Baseball America. He was selected as the Santana Varsity Most Outstanding Athlete, was a second-team All-East County honoree and named first-team All-League as a junior. He was selected to the Area Code Games for the Milwaukee Brewers, was selected to USA Baseball’s Tournament of the Stars and selected to play in Perfect Game’s national showcase.

"I am just now coming into my own. Every time we see him he gets better and better," said Hill. "He has the ideal pitcher’s frame, can really throw down hill and has a chance to really be special at the top of our rotation someday."

Waller, a 6-4 right-handed pitcher, will join the Toreros after an outstanding career at Cactus High School in Glendale, Ariz. Walter was a member of the Arizona Junior Sunbelt team as a junior and played in the Area Code Games for the Cincinnati Reds. He played in the July 4th Prep All-State Showcase in Peoria Sports Complex and he earned the most outstanding player award. As a junior he pitched in 48 2 innings and posted 84 strikeouts with a 2.01 ERA.

"He has one of those electric arms that we can’t wait to get here," stated Hill. "He gives hitters a different look with his arm angle and provides a ton of deception so hitters don’t get a good swing off."

Williams, a 6-1 first baseman/left-handed pitcher, will join the Toreros after a stand-out career at Emphy Prep. Williams was selected to the Tournament of the Stars with AABC and played in Perfect Games’ national showcase. He also played with the WWBA Texas Scout Team for the Yankees and the Diamondbacks’ Scout Team in the fall. He is the son of former Major League slugger Matt Williams.

"Jake is the best defensive first baseman that we have recruited at USD," stated Hill. "He is really coming into his own as a switch hitter from the left side of the plate, but can already provide some juice from the right side. He has great blood lines from his father Matt."

Wirsch, a 6-6 left-handed pitcher, joins the Toreros after a stand-out career at El Toro High School. As a senior, he has been selected to play for USA Baseball’s Tournament of Stars in Cary, N.C. He was also selected to play in the Area Code Games for the Oakland A’s and was selected by the Baseball Scouting of Southern California to pitch in the 2008 Jesse Flores Memorial All-Star Game in October of 2008. As a junior he helped lead his team to CIF championship and as a sophomore he was named first-team All-League.

Baseball
USD's Rich Hill is one of 11 college coaches chosen to participate in a meeting with Major League Baseball. Hill will join Augie Garrido of Texas, Pete Casey of Oregon State and Ray Tanner of South Carolina in a meeting to discuss ways to improve relations between the college and professional games. The Dec. 10 meeting will be held in Las Vegas.

Swimming
San Diego State, led by three first-place finishes from Brooke Vessey, defeated Fresno State 153-126 Saturday afternoon at the Aztec Aquaplex. SDSU recorded the top times in 10 of 14 swimming events as well as the top point totals in both diving competitions. Vessey's first-place finishes began with a 25.12 in the 50-yard freestyle. She came back to capture the 100 freestyle in 54.52. Her third win came in the 200 IM with a 2:11.72. San Diego State's other double first-place finisher was Jessica Morrill, who won the 200 butterfly (2:15.68) and 500 freestyle (5:17.27).

Women's volleyball
Fifteenth-ranked UC San Diego handed No. 20 Cal Poly Pomona its first loss on its home court, defeating the Broncos 24-26, 25-19, 26-24, 20-25, 15-8 on Friday night. Rebecca Bailey (Orange Glen) led the way with 23 kills. USD (15-4, 12-3) moved into second place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. The Broncos dropped to 15-6, 12-4 CCAA.

■ Three University of San Diego players recorded double-digit kills, paced by Ali Troost's 12, to help lead the 14th-ranked Toreros to a 3-0 (25-10, 25-13, 25-20) West Coast Conference win over Gonzaga on Saturday afternoon. The Toreros improved to 18-3 overall, 8-1 in the WCC, and increased their winning streak to six.

■ San Diego State posted a come-from-behind four-set victory over Nevada Las Vegas in Peterson Gym on Friday, winning 15-25, 25-23, 25-12, 25-22. SDSU, which has won four of its last seven matches, improved to 8-13 overall and 5-6 in the Mountain West Conference.

Men's water polo
UC San Diego, ranked No. 8 nationally, has several players ranked high in the latest national stats. Steven Donohoe and A.J. Kotanjian are both ranked in the nation's top 20 in goals scored. David Morton is eighth in saves after recording a school single-game record 19 against UC Santa Barbara last week.

Golf
San Diego State freshman Malin Enerson closed the women's fall campaign with a final round 69 to place fourth overall at the 54-hole Kent Youel Invitational in Kapolei, Hawaii. Sophomore Stephanie Arcala (Vista), who logged a career-best 67 in the second round, placed 27th overall at +22 over 225. The Aztecs' other three golfers finished within two strokes of one another, as sophomore Samantha Roberts (La Costa, Carlsbad) carded a 236. Freshman Casey Weinfuss ended up 61st at +245 and junior Petra Cole tied for 45th at +258.
University of San Diego Toreros use Zenect to Revolutionize Communication with Fans and Increase Student Attendance at Games by 35%

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MORRISVILLE, N.C., Nov 21, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Zenect, the latest offering from clearTXT, is revolutionizing the way college athletic departments communicate and share information with fans. Building on their success in the Higher Education market, clearTXT created Zenect to enable organizations of any size to create their own micro-blogs and mobile marketing networks quickly and easily.

"Zenect gives organizations, including athletic departments, the ability to deliver news, scores, and promotions to the mobile phones of 50 or 50,000 fans in seconds -- for just pennies," said Doug Kaufman, clearTXT CEO. "Plus, organizations generate revenue from unobtrusive ads that Zenect inserts at the bottom of text messages. Fans can reply to these ads and receive vouchers, promotions, and discounts right on their mobile phones."

According to Chris Morales, Director of Marketing at USD, "the biggest issue we faced was the ability to tell our students in a timely, orderly manner when games were. With more than 95% of college students owning mobile phones and the ubiquity of text messaging, USO recognized that Zenect might be the ideal solution to the problem.

The results have been impressive. Zenect helped USD increase student attendance nearly 35% in a single year. And, with USD's recent successes, fans are hungrier than ever for timely and targeted news, information, and updates. Zenect will satisfy the growing demand, boost ticket sales and attendance, and extend the reach of sponsors—all of which generate excitement and revenue.

And with no software to install and no hardware to manage, Zenect is also incredibly easy to use and cost efficient. Morales asserts, "I'm confident Zenect will continue to be our solution of choice and a trusted product for years to come."

Athletic departments, businesses, and organizations interested in real-time group messaging, powerful mobile branding and outreach, and generating revenue from mobile marketing should visit www.zenect.com for additional information.

About clearTXT

Founded in 2003, clearTXT is a leading provider of micro-blogging and mobile marketing solutions to teams, businesses, and organizations. Some of the college athletic departments already using Zenect include the University of Memphis, San Diego State, University of Iowa, Wichita State, and North Carolina State. For more information, visit www.cleartxt.com or call 1-866-472-1901.

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Foundation supports research and charity

COAST CITIES — The AGIA Foundation presents the inaugural San Diego Tee-Off and Tip-Off fundraiser Nov. 17 and Nov. 18. Events include auctions Nov. 17 with golf and USD basketball Nov. 18. All proceeds will benefit the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund and Father Joe's Villages.

Festivities will begin with a silent and live auction at 6 p.m. Nov. 17 at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. This kick-off event will feature the comedic talents of "Sign Boy." Several celebrity guests will put themselves on the auction block, so participants can bid for a chance to have one of these celebrities join their foursome at the Tee-Off event at La Costa Resort & Spa at 8 a.m. Nov. 18.

The event will close at the University of San Diego with a VIP reception and golfers' award ceremony at 5 p.m. In addition, guests will watch the University of San Diego's Toreros raise their 2008 WCC Basketball Championship banner and battle the University of Nevada, Reno, in their home season opener at 7 p.m.

Celebrity guests include Kevin Towers, executive vice-president and general manager San Diego Padres; Phil Nevin, National League All-Star third baseman 2001; Rick Aguilera, member of the Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame; Eric Musselman, NBA Head Coach Kings 2006-2007 and Warriors 2002-2004 and


Pat Kilkenny, AGIA Foundation chief executive officer and president and his wife Stephanie, plan to personally match the funds raised by this event, thereby doubling the donations made to the two organizations mentioned above.

For pricing and registration information visit www.TEEandTIP.com. To become a sponsor or partner e-mail teeandtip@gmail.com.
Kyoto Prize Winners Get Set to Celebrate

Media meltdown makes the news. A panel of experts debates the future of journalism in the wake of the economic crisis at a special forum starting at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at San Diego State. Panelists include J.W. August, managing editor at KGTV 10 News, Diane Borden, director of the school of journalism on campus, and last but not least, Reo Carr of the esteemed Business Journal. Those of us who toil away in the news industry are distressed by the severe economic buffeting we’ve taken. The event is part of a nationwide conversation tied to the National Press Club’s 100th anniversary. Details at sdpressclub.org ...

Three North Americans, including a UC Berkeley prof, are awarded Kyoto Prizes, given by Kazuo Inamori, founder of Kyocera. Cal’s Richard Karp won for his work in computational complexity and its influence on the design of algorithms to solve problems. The two others are Canadian academics Charles Taylor and Anthony Pawson. All this may seem far removed from the sand and the surf, but San Diego, home of Kyocera’s U.S. operations, plays host to a weeklong celebration in March to fete the award winners. Local high school and college students benefit from scholarships tied to the awards ... Politically progressive filmmaker Wayne Ewing, best known for his documentaries about Gonzo journalist Hunter Thompson, premieres “The Border Wall,” at the Starz Denver Film Festival on Nov. 19. The film focuses on Bush’s efforts to erect a 670-mile “fence” along our 2,000-mile border with Mexico. Ewing covers the project from San Diego, including the notorious Smuggler’s Gulch, to Brownsville, Texas, in a decidedly anti-government slant. To see first-hand, head on over to theborderwall.com ...

... Well, we have a new president, but how ‘bout a last mention of the historic Nov. 4 elections. Grace Rieger, 21-year-old college student and daughter of Scripps Ranch publicist Jan Rieger, tried to go to Harry’s Bar, Ernest Hemingway’s old hangout, in Paris to celebrate the returns. She reports 1,000 people crowded the street in front of the infamous watering hole. However, Harry’s remained open until 4:30 a.m. as Americans, and plenty of Frenchmen and women, hoisted a few to our new president ...

Dick Vitale appears at the University of San Diego bookstore Nov. 13 autographing copies of his latest literary effort. The tome, titled “Dick Vitale’s Fabulous 50 Players & Moments in College Basketball: From the Best Seat in the House During My 30 Years at ESPN,” ranks his favorite plays and players. Commentator Vitale is a self-professed basketball aficionado and the USD site is apropos given the Toreros’ surprising showing during the early rounds of the NCAA tournament ... Miss Lone-lyhearts? Mary Berney, who bills herself as a life and relationship coach, announces the upcoming launch of the Dating Café, a series of monthly gatherings for 40-plus singles. For details about the social event, check out her Web site at maryberney.com.

Editor Tom York joins talk show master Mark Larson on Thursday mornings at AM 1700 to discuss local business news.