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# JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM

Phineas struggles hard to understand the world in A.S. Byatt's new 'Tale'

Reviewed by Victoria Hayne

**T**he Biographer's Tale" is a fascinating book — if you're prepared to enjoy a novel that offers little in the way of plot or character. Instead, it tumbles with facts and thoughts: facts about bees and about the rumpled hair of Henrik Ibsen in a death-bed photograph (reproduced in the novel) and thoughts about these facts; facts that blossom into fabulations, and thoughts about these.

The novel's premise is its narrator's flight from language. One Phineas G. Nanson, he's a British Ph.D. student of literature who rebels against the sterility of his training in post-modern literary theory and sets off in search of "a life full of things."

The potential for literary theory to descend into arid word-spinning is deliciously skewered in the description of Phineas' final seminar, in which the participants "were discussing, not for the first time, Lacan's theory of *morcellement*, the dismemberment of the imagined body" while their actual reading was limited to "not-too-long texts written by women."

Later in the novel, the questions posed by theory about language and meaning are partly rehabilitated, at least as valid questions. They come in handy to conceptualize Phineas' quandary as he gropes with a mass of facts and artifacts from which he struggles to derive meaning. For it is facts, not things, that Phineas, an academic in his soul, at first pursues. Giddy with the prospect and terror of remaking his life, he accepts his professor's suggestion that he should read the massive biography of a Victorian polymath, Sir Elmer Bole, as an example of "the art of things, of facts, of arranged facts."

At first Phineas is amazed by Bole's breadth of knowledge — the stereotypical mental equipment of the stereotypical Victo-

rian traveler-diplomat-sensualist-amateur botanist. Gradually, he becomes fascinated by the deftness with which the biographer, Scholes Destry-Scholes, has comprehended and arranged the multiplicity of Bole's experiences. He awakes one morning with the conviction that he, Phineas, should write a biography of the biographer.

He traces to dead ends the few shadowy trails left of Destry-Scholes' life. He discovers a long-mislaid manuscript

in which Destry-Scholes collected notes about three disparate (real-life) figures — the taxonomist Linnaeus, the playwright Henrik Ibsen and the 19th-century eugenicist Francis Galton. Delving deeper, Phineas discovers that Linnaeus' fabricated account of a journey to Lappland seemed to have inspired Destry-Scholes to further fictions. In the manuscript, which occupies a quarter of the novel, Destry-Scholes embroiders the lives of his three subjects with further journeys and supernatural encounters. Phineas can't figure out

## THE BIOGRAPHER'S TALE

A.S. Byatt  
Knopf, 301 pages, \$24

Sunday, January 28, 2001

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The San Diego Union-Tribune



why.

To support his research, Phineas takes a job in an off-beat travel agency, Puck's Girdle, where he is the object of the slow, unsubtle advances of a homosexual customer, the import of which he fails to discern. In his research, he meets Vera Alphage, Destry-Scholes' niece, who has her uncle's collection of marbles and incoherent note-cards. Phineas tries and fails to make sense of these.

As he achieves these failures, he and we learn an abundance of fascinating facts about the world. He does succeed, however, in becoming Vera's lover.

He also meets Fulla Biefeld, an entomologist and environmental activist who puts him to work helping her study the stag beetle after he loses his travel agency job. In this work, collecting facts about the beetle's sex life, he edges closer to the world of things. He becomes Fulla's lover, too.

And that, dear Reader, is the plot. At the end, Phineas claims he has learned that "the too-much-loved earth will always exceed our power to describe, or imagine, or understand it. It is all we have."

True enough, but it is possible to evoke the world in words more effectively than Phineas (or Byatt) has done. Instead, the novel seems to emphasize that, powerless as words may be, we can still have fun with them. The thought-provoking fun in "The Biographer's Tale" comes in the language games played by Byatt, a Booker Prize winner for "Possession," her previous novel about the pitfalls of research.

The episode of the lascivious customer is a good example. As the narrator, the wise-after-the-event Phineas, describes the customer's interactions with the still-innocent Phineas, the narrator comments that he "was a failure as a semiotician. ... I did not read the signs." This is, of course, an invitation to the reader to read the signs in the

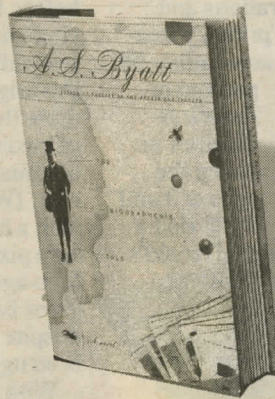
customer's slicing a peach, "insert[ing] his blade in the crease between the two rounds of the fruit," and opening a bottle of wine with "rhythmic screwing motions, and a smile on the corner of his mouth."

The savvy reader takes the narrator's invitation and imagines the unwritten referent of these gestures. It's fun to be in on the joke at the innocent Phineas' expense. But the customer and Byatt both turn out to have something a bit different in mind. That difference suddenly opens an abyss both of meaning and of morals.

I've nearly exposed Byatt's stratagem, but don't worry: There are many more. And don't forget to read her copious acknowledgments, documenting where her facts come from. See what you can make of a fact she discloses there — that the beetle carrying Dutch Elm disease is called *Scolytus Scolytus* or *Scholytus destructor*, while the parasitic wasp that feeds on that beetle is called *Phaeogenes nanus*. Does that mean something? Or not?

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# OH BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?

*Metaphysics mixes with politics and 'Grief' in ambitious first novel*

Reviewed by Doug Payne

**T**he American Civil War is often remembered as fratricidal conflict. Although families were also divided by the Revolutionary

War, the image of brother fighting brother has been particularly affixed to the Civil War. The intimate horror of war within the nation seems to have demanded such a representation.

Chris Adrian explores the war of brothers from a different angle. In "Gob's Grief," his intriguing first novel, the division of North and South has been superseded by a greater division: the separation of the living from the dead.

Gob Woodhull's twin brother Tomo runs away at age 11 to join the army as a bugler. After Tomo's death, Gob dedicates himself to bringing his brother back. As an adult, he works incessantly, building a fantastic machine of glass, copper and bones, magnets, gears and cranks, which fills his five-story New

York townhouse. The machine is intended to bring back not only Tomo but all the war dead — indeed, all the dead from the past. The story of conflict, then, gives way to the quest for healing.

To help him abolish death, Gob recruits a group of similarly bereaved associates, each of whom is in direct contact with the dead. Walt Whitman hears the voice of Henry, a soldier he had nursed in a Washington hospital, and whose words he incorporates into his poetry. Dr. William Fie, Gob's friend from medical

school, sees the spirits of many men from his old army unit, including his brother Sam, and builds them a glass house on his roof. Maci Trufant, a feminist writer and activist, receives through her left hand spirit messages from her brother that challenge the conscious skepticism of her right-handed writing.

Maci eventually agrees to marry Gob to cure him (and herself) of his delusion — or to confirm its truth. Adrian thus elaborates around the basic, simple longing of brother for brother, living

for dead. His own fantastic machine is a novel that blends history and fiction, political struggle and metaphysical speculation, generating a vision of America in the late 19th century that is utterly eccentric and quite engaging.

Adrian, a young, well-regarded short-story writer who is currently enrolled in medical school, shows impressive range in his prose. Whether he is dealing in the carnage of the battlefields, tracing the tangled threads that connect private desires to public actions, rendering miraculous events or allowing his characters' obsessions to be mocked, his writing is consistently self-assured and vivid.

At times, especially in the middle chapters, the accumulating stories of dead brothers and strange messages from beyond the grave grow excessive. The reliance on the plot device of supernatural contact entails a sacrifice, as the infinitely complicated, often indirect and tricky ways people actually relate to their dead tend to be reduced to a single structure of obsessive mourning. Adrian's invention never

flags, however, and with the emergence of Maci Trufant as a major character in the final section, the novel's energy revives. Politics and metaphysics are more tightly integrated, and Maci's skepticism helps make the supernatural events feel fresh and surprising again.

"Gob's Grief" ambitiously links its own preoccupation with the return of the dead to a host of apparently disparate concerns: the radical feminist politics of Gob's mother, Victoria Woodhull (a historical figure); homoerotic desire and Whitman's poetry; and the late-19th-century fascination with new technologies, among others.

This expansive scope serves a provocative purpose. How much of our work, Adrian seems to ask, is like Gob's — an elaborate response to those losses we experienced when we were too young to accept them with numbed resignation? Those causes and pursuits and routines that have come to define us are reflected back in Gob's bizarre machine. To contemplate our reasonable, practical, workaday lives in the light of such a mad undertaking is unsettling, to be sure, but also potentially enriching.

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## GOB'S GRIEF

Chris Adrian  
Broadway Books, 384 pages,  
\$24.95





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**HEADLINE:** Titillation Island: Show promises real-life infidelity

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Infidelity and weddings have long been ratings grabbers on TV. But now a network is trying to manufacture one at the expense of the other - with a twist. The morality play stars real couples.

Starting tomorrow, Fox debuts its much-hyped reality series "**Temptation Island**" - where four unmarried couples head to a tropical island with 26 singles put there to test the strength of true love.

Thanks to provocative promotional ads, the program is already getting boos from the clergy and parent groups and raising questions about how far these shows will go to manipulate reality.

"Now there's a sense that all bets are off," says Prof. Robert Thompson, a pop-culture expert. "It's the ultimate set up. Talk about the devil's workshop."

Billed as the most daring reality show ever, "**Temptation Island**" is a product of the current reality-TV blitz that began when Americans flocked to their televisions last summer to watch "Survivor" on CBS. Along with "**Temptation Island**," Fox also has romance-themed "Love Cruise" in the hopper, where 16 singles with access to alcohol and one another cavort on the high seas. UPN has picked up "Chains of Love," which shackles four singles to a member of the opposite sex.

But it's "**Temptation Island**," the first off the blocks, that has some people shaking their heads in disbelief. Ethicists question whether it will cause Americans to place less value on trust in relationships. And at least two watchdog groups - the Parents Television Council and the American Family Association - have posted notices on their websites asking people to call Fox and protest.

In Dallas, Rabbi Kenneth Roseman mailed more than a thousand letters to his congregation at Temple Shalom and other clergy last month encouraging them to do the same.

"It's an assault on relationships," says Rabbi Roseman.

### Moral outrage or morality play?

Besides breaking couples up in the name of ratings, he says, the program also challenges the work clergy and other professionals do to repair damaged relationships. "I'm not prepared to take that lying down. There are so many of us that work so hard to strengthen American families," he says, noting that nearly 50 percent of marriages end in divorce in the US.

Fox is encouraging people not to make judgments based on promotional ads - which executive producer Chris Cowan says are meant to create a stir and don't reflect the nature of the entire series. Fox officials also maintain that the show is not about sex.

It does have titillating and sensational elements, Mr. Cowan says, but does not cross the line. "The concept to me is not about breaking people up, but it's about putting people into a moral dilemma and seeing what decisions they make," he says. One of the biggest misconceptions, he says, is that "we went out and cast 26 nubile singles to go in and try to seduce and break up relationships."

"I don't believe the couples are victims," Cowan adds. "They're very strong, confident, resourceful ... people who made the decision to come on this show."

The four pairs, who receive a small fee but no cash prizes, have been together from 1-1/2 to 5 years. They and the singles were put through a battery of interviews, and psychological and physical tests (including for AIDS) before heading off for two weeks in paradise.

Each week, the couples - separated after the first day - go on dates and vote those singles they find least compatible off the island. They also have the option to watch videos of what their significant other is doing at a similar resort on the other side of the island.

"I didn't expect this level of temptation," says one beau in a Fox ad. "This could rip two people apart," says one of the women.

"**Temptation Island**" could prompt interesting discussion about morals in society and in relationships, Cowan suggests. But at what cost to the couples - who may or may not have realized what they were getting into - and the public, ask ethicists.

One message the program can't help but send is "Doesn't everyone do it?" notes Prof. Lawrence Hinman, director of the Values Institute at the University of San Diego. In turn, viewers could lose trust in themselves and others. "People probably won't initially think less of themselves," he says, "but they will probably think less of the people they care about."

Indeed, ads tell viewers to "Watch it with someone you think you love."

The network of "COPS" was pushing the limits on reality television long before "Survivor" became a buzzword.



After the "Who wants to Marry a Multimillionaire" debacle last February, when the millionaire had fewer millions and more restraining orders than the network knew about, it swore off exploitative shows. But that was before reality-TV became The Next Big Thing.

"It was an absurd promise for them to make, because they had to know they couldn't keep it," says Professor Thompson at the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University in New York. "You knew it couldn't be true because it's their franchise."

Some standards left

Fox has shown some restraint, backing away from specials like "World's Nastiest Neighbors" and "Cheating Spouses Caught on Tape," which UPN picked up and had its best Friday night ratings of the season.

And it has company in the enticing-to-break-up department. One half-hour show, "Change of Heart," also encourages couples to go out with other people.

In the end, it's the unpredictability of reality programs that grab us, Thompson says. "When all is said and done, it's a pretty fascinating way to tell a story," he says. "As bad as that sounds, you're thinking, 'What time is that on again?' "

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Multiple Species A Concern

# Californians Need To Find A Way To Smarter Growth

By **THOR KAMBAN BIBERMAN**  
*San Diego Daily Transcript*

California's old habit of growth by sprawl just won't work anymore, says state Treasurer Philip Angelides.

\* At a real estate conference at the University of San Diego last week, Angelides said strong economic numbers have little meaning without an smart way to accommodate the 12 million more people expected in the state within the next 20 years. During that time, the state is also expected to add 5 million in new jobs.

Angelides predicted both the population and jobs growth in the upcoming 20 years will be greater than the 1950s to 1960s and the 1970s combined, and said the challenge for those who live in cities and in less urban areas will be to avoid the temptation of gobbling up more and more land for development.

In both Northern and Southern California, the appetite for land has significant environ-

mental impacts, he noted, and in the San Joaquin Valley the demand for new residential housing is eating up one of the nation's largest agricultural centers as well.

The sprawl that has pushed San Diego and Orange County growth into southern Riverside County has, Angelides suggests, helped create significant problems on Interstate 15.

"Californians spend 800,000 hours per day on congested freeways," Angelides said, adding that he doesn't think residents need be victims of the strong economy.

He wasn't alone in expressing this frustration. John Robbins Jr., chairman and CEO of **American Residential Investment Trust** who drives Del Dios Highway across north San Diego County every morning, said he'd like to know what's going to be done about the region's problems now.

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"Del Dios Highway today is somewhat of a parking lot. It's solid traffic from Rancho Santa Fe to Escondido," Robbins said. "It can take an hour."

He argued that with terrible traffic, an uncertain energy future, "astronomically priced gasoline," and too many new homes spread out over the landscape, San Diego has already lost its quality of life.

While it may be difficult to solve existing problems, Angelides said, it is worth trying to tackle future ones.

He favors a smart growth approach, much like local government agencies ranging from the city of San Diego to the San Diego Association of Governments. In its most ideal form, this approach places housing, retail and employment centers close together, along with access to a well-connected public transportation system.

Angelides said he doesn't believe governments can be relied upon to stop the sprawl themselves.

Rather, he supports a carrot-and-stick approach, whereby communities are rewarded for good planning and penalized for bad choices. He suggests a point system be devised to reward communities with state funds if they put projects along strong public transit corridors.

The city of San Diego has been trying to work such an idea into its Strategic Framework Plan to create "villages" that employ the smart growth concepts.

**Burnham Real Estate Services** Senior Vice-President Michael Philbin said the region is running out of buildable employment land. There are only 1,420 acres of employment land immediately available for development in the entire county, he said. Between 1996-2000, more than twice that amount, or 3,196 acres, were developed and approximately 40 percent of county land that is immediately available is in Poway.

Over the longer term, Philbin said about 10,770 acres might become available, but approxi-

mately 25 percent of that acreage is unusable. About half of the total acreage is in the South County with Otay Mesa representing the largest segment.

On the housing side, the county of San Diego and Sandag continue to plan living space for the projected 1.2 million more residents expected to arrive in the next 20 years.

The last time the county's plan had a major update was in 1978. Since then, the Multiple Species Conservation Program, which prevents large portions of county land from being developed, was introduced.

The Board of Supervisors, not entirely happy with the General Plan 2020 the county and Sandag submitted, has sent portions back to the drawing board a few weeks ago.

Gary Pryor, the county's director of planning and land use, said the Supervisors wanted a better determination of where populations will be distributed.

One problem with the General Plan proposal is that it assumes the 18 incorporated cities and the county will cooperate as to how each should grow.

But the task is far more complicated; the city of Escondido, for example, requires any amendment to its general plan that increases density must go to a public vote. Of the several plan amendments there that did reach the ballot last year, most were defeated.

Pryor said the county needs to know just how much growth each city will accept and determine how much is projected in the unincorporated area, before it can even determine if the region can accommodate 1.2 million more people. If not, some jurisdictions will have to give, and if they don't, the growth will have to go somewhere else, meaning longer commute and more sprawl.

"There's not a simple answer," Pryor said. "When you're looking at a general plan, it's something so huge ... It's all about choice. What do we put in place for our future generations?"

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## Seller-Servicers and the GSEs: The Timing Is Right for a Summit Conference

Remarks of Mark J. Riedy

GuarantyBank Mortgage Finance Group Breakfast, October 31, 2000

In my hometown of Del Mar, California, I recently attended a local meeting at which four high-tech, young multimillionaires spoke. One of them, Bob Bingham, had started an Internet company that he subsequently sold to Yahoo! Now, he's an angel investor. One of his stories intrigued me and gave me food for thought for my remarks today.

Mr. Bingham told us about a new car he had just purchased and driven to Los Angeles for a daylong meeting. The car was equipped with a global positioning system (GPS). On his drive back to San Diego, late that evening, he decided to test the GPS in order to find a restaurant. After he'd punched in the necessary information, the GPS came up with a list of 137 restaurants, all of which were behind him. Traveling on the freeway at 70 miles per hour, by the time the GPS downloaded the results of his search, he was already past all of the restaurants. He had too much information, and it was too late to be useful.

Speeding along, always two miles past the restaurants, Bob Bingham failed to nourish his body with food. Similarly, I suspect that many mortgage industry professionals feel like they are being propelled forward by the forces of change, and yet their companies are not being nourished adequately by profits. There's a disconnect between activity and profitability.

This disconnect is the theme of my remarks this year. To understand the disconnect between activity and profitability, I'll try to weave together the impact of technology with the GSEs' leadership in that field. Also, I will assess the benefits of some of the options that are available for mortgage bankers, particularly subprime lending and partnerships with credit unions. Lastly, I want to emphasize the relationships mort-

gage bankers need to rebuild, or build anew, in order to survive in the 21st century.

Some say it is technology that is driving such rapid change in the mortgage industry. But it isn't just technology that's driving change. Left to its own devices, "technology" as we know it consists of countless initiatives across every facet of our lives. In the mortgage industry, technology is like the "hydra" of Greek mythology, the nine-headed serpent slain by Hercules; when any one of its heads was cut off, it was replaced by two others. Hence, in Webster's dictionary, we find that the "hydra" also is referred to as "any persistent or ever-increasing evil with many sources and causes." Technology is not an evil thing, but it certainly does seem to sprout two new heads, or two new technology companies, for every one that dies.

If it is not just technology that's driving change in the mortgage industry, then, what is it? To my mind, change is being driven by technology, yes, but more importantly by technological change financed and harnessed by the two giant GSEs — Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — and by a handful of other mega-originators and loan servicers.

In the past, technological change occurred in fits and starts, giving mortgage professionals time to digest and learn how to accommodate change. Today, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and a few others of the largest firms in the industry are making dramatic leaps forward in developing software applications to drive down costs in the home mortgage business. They are large enough that they can afford the enormous investments necessary to adapt technology to all their needs. As a consequence, technological change in the mortgage industry has accelerated beyond the pace that would have occurred without the leadership of the GSEs.

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## Seller-Servicers

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Small to midsize mortgage lenders cannot compete by developing their own software applications. So, what choices do they have?

A. Be acquired by or merge with larger competitors.

B. Find new niches where technological advances and/or major competitors have not yet eroded profit margins completely, and exploit those niches until they, too, lose their profit potential.

C. Adopt the technology solutions provided by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and hope to compete in a high-volume, low margin world while exploring options A and B.

These three options rest on the premise that the owners/stockholders of these firms constantly should be asking themselves this simple question: On a risk-adjusted basis, are the returns I'm earning on my capital equal to or better than I could earn by investing my money elsewhere? It's one thing to accept lower returns on capital if they are cyclical and, therefore, only temporary. It's

quite another if the reduced returns are a permanent trend. Mortgage lenders need to be brutally realistic in distinguishing temporary cycles from permanent trends, and in choosing among their future options.

Option A is to be acquired by or merge with a larger firm. Through mergers and consolidations, surviving companies such as Bank of America Mortgage, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Chase Manhattan Mortgage, Countrywide and Washington Mutual have gotten large enough to remain competitive even in the conforming loan markets, or at least so they believe. They are committed to diversification of product lines (outside the arena where the GSEs play) and cross-selling to their mortgage customers as a way to justify remaining in the conforming loan market. So long as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac continue to pay servicing fees, these megaservicers perhaps will make a reasonable profit there as well. Over time, however, I expect servicing fees to fall as servicing portfolios continue to be consolidated and competition induces the megaservicers to forego most if not all of their fees.

Small to midsize servicers still may be competitive in nonconforming niche markets, but

those niches will not remain profitable for much longer either. The GSEs and the megaservicers have voracious appetites for greater volumes and will expand into niche markets as quickly as Congress, risk-based pricing models and other technological innovations enable them to do so. Make no mistake about it, the GSEs are directing technological change and expanding it into new markets for their own advantage. They are revolutionizing the way you do business, but costing you profits in the long run by making your markets so efficient and competitive.

There are three groups of winners in this revolution. First are the consumers, who have unparalleled cost mortgages. Second are Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, who continue to report record or near-record earnings quarter after quarter and year after year, with combined total profitability that probably exceeds by a country mile the total profits of all residential mortgage lenders. The third group of winners, at least temporarily, are the mega-originators and mega-servicers. However, I have to wonder, might Countrywide be for sale because Angelo Mozilo looked into the crystal ball and decided to "cash out" while the "getting" was still good? Why did GE exit the origination business and allow Wells Fargo Home Mortgage to subservice its \$78.6 billion servicing portfolio? And why has First Union turned over the lion's share of its servicing portfolio to Wells Fargo for subservicing? Do GE, First Union and perhaps Countrywide see a more ominous side to the future of the mortgage business that others are slower to recognize and/or accept?

Meanwhile, the largest firms get larger still. Wells Fargo Mortgage is the first com-

pany to have a servicing portfolio exceeding \$400 billion. WAMU, or Washington Mutual Savings Bank, by acquiring PNC Mortgage. Its \$85 billion of servicing, now services more than \$250 billion of home loans and its mortgage portfolio is in excess of \$100 billion, third in size only to those of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Kerry Killinger, the CEO and chief architect of WAMU's aggressive acquisition binge, has been quoted as saying that by 2005, 80 percent of the origination and servicing market will be controlled by five lenders. He might be right. Consolidation remains the name of the game.

Option B is to find and exploit new niches until technological advances and major competitors squeeze the juice out of that niche's profit potential. Two niches come to mind for traditional mortgage bankers: subprime lending and partnering with the credit union industry. My immediate reaction is that subprime lending is dicey at best, and certainly not for the faint of heart or firms with thin capital cushions. And the credit union industry virtually is a closed society, one that will be most difficult to crack open.

If options A and B don't particularly appeal to you, there's always option C: Adopt the technology solutions provided by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and compete in their high volume, low margin world while you search for other untapped niches or finally execute a suitable exit strategy and take up golf. To pursue option C successfully, you have to take a long, hard look at the business relationships you either have, or need to rebuild in order to survive.



# Year in **PREVIEW**

## Local Firms Look at Raising Wages, Boosting Staffs

### Labor: Economists Expect Moderate 1 Percent Job Growth in Local Region

BY TIM COFFEY  
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An overwhelming majority of local businesses are projecting such financial success in 2001 that more, higher-priced employees will be needed.

They indicated increased sales and net income would accompany new hires, according to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual *San Diego Business Journal*/Deloitte & Touche Economic Outlook Survey.

Of the more than 200 firms queried, 59 percent expected to hire more employees and 96 percent of all firms said average employee compensation would increase.

Firms across the board were interviewed. Industries ranged from retail stores to biotechnology firms.

However, San Diego economists believe new job growth in the local economy will maintain a slight, but steady increase of 1 percent per quarter through 2001.

"We're looking at consistent growth, but not as strong as 2000," said Anthony Bolanos, a research analyst with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

#### Level Job Growth

Bolanos believes the 1 percent job growth will cushion the unemployment rates of 2001 from dipping below the rates of 2000.

November 2000's unemployment rate slid to 2.6 percent unadjusted, according to the California Employment Development Department. It was well below the national average of 4.6 percent and less than the state mark of 3.8 percent.

If San Diego companies can hire available employees they will have to move fast, said Louis Song, the San Diego business unit vice president for **kforce.com Professional Staffing**. The Florida-based firm is full service, but specializes in staffing for information technology and accounting positions in San Diego.

"Because of the dot-com crash here the

amount of quality candidates has increased. Although the number of positions available hasn't decreased, the amount of time the positions are typically open has," Song said.

Now companies "don't have to search as long or as hard as they had to four or five months ago," he added.

Song expects his firm will hire more employees as the slowdown in the national economy stretches into San Diego and firms that normally hire permanent employees instead reach out to independent contractors and temporary staffing services.

Last year, 75 percent to 85 percent of total business at **kforce.com**'s San Diego office focused on permanent placement. In 2001, Song expects that number to drop to 60 percent.

#### Positive Outlook

A majority of the respondents to the Economic Outlook Survey said the local economy would remain about the same in 2001 (54 percent) with sales and net income improving (81 and 80 percent, respectively).

They were also optimistic on business growth for the next three to five years, with 76 percent predicting good and excellent conditions.

However, 85 percent admitted difficulty in recruiting qualified employees last year.

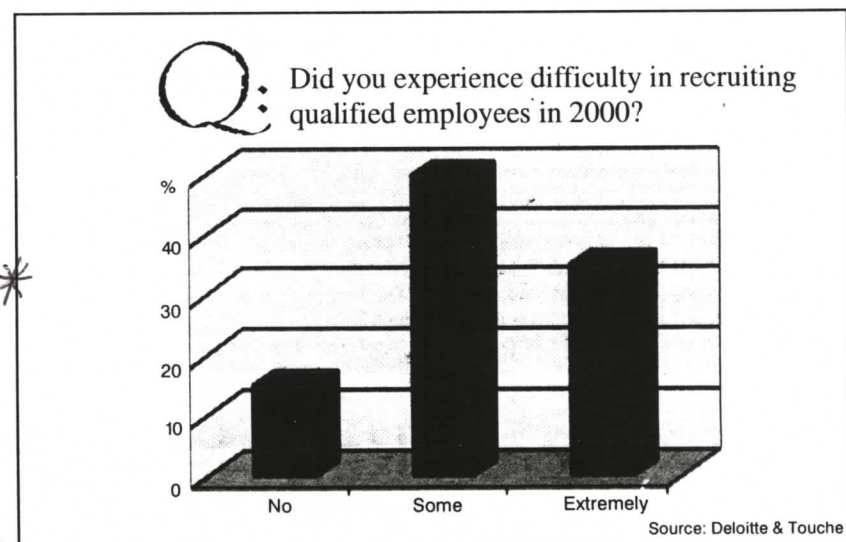
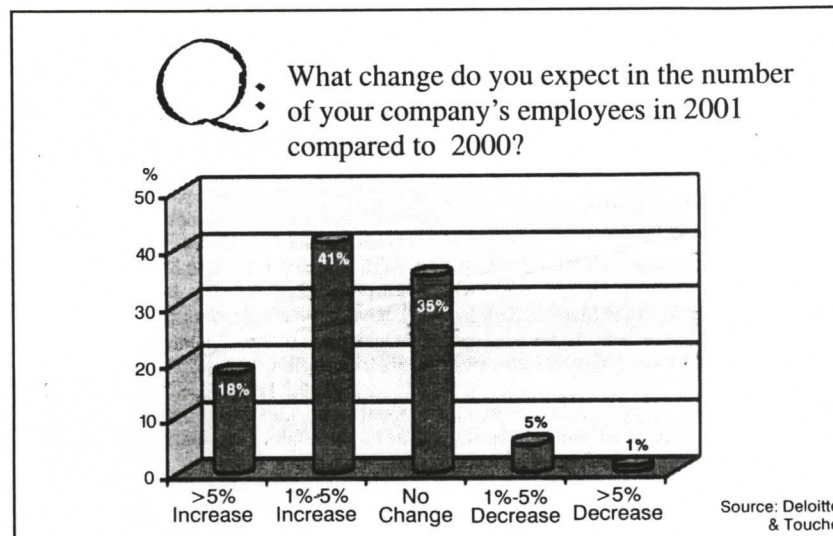
Should companies need to import employees the shortage of affordable housing, and not the energy crisis, will create the biggest burden for employers, said Dr. Alan Gin, a USD economics professor and author of the Index of Leading Economic Indicators.

"People making relatively good wages — \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year — are beginning to have a difficult time buying homes," he said.

In November 2000, the average San Diego County single family home sold for \$393,021 with townhouses and condos averaging \$218,168, according to the San Diego Association of Realtors.

#### Rental Rates Up

As a result, an increased demand for rental units has applied upward pressure on monthly rents. Gin's own Economic Indicators show that building permits for residential units is-



sued in San Diego fell almost a full percent in October.

Although nobody is advocating rent control — and probably won't — Gin said, it is

being discussed in economic circles.

"The mere fact that people are even mentioning it here in San Diego indicates how serious the problem has become," he said.



## Year in PREVIEW

# Low Consumer Confidence Plagues Retail Industry

**Retail: Energy and Housing Costs, Unstable Stock Market Affecting Buyers' Moods**

BY LEE ZION  
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Cue the Richard Strauss music. "2001" is upon us.

But this won't be a year of black monoliths and missions to Jupiter. Instead, this is shaping up to be a time of stock market woes and high energy prices.

However, people have varying opinions on how these will affect retail and wholesale business in San Diego. Business leaders foresee a slowdown, but not a recession, while many business owners predict they'll be doing about the same this year as last year.

Kelly Cunningham, research director of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, predicts there will be 3.5 percent growth in the Gross Regional Product this year. That's down from 6.4 percent in 2000 and an average of about 6 percent for the last decade, he said.

Slowdowns in other areas of the country are largely responsible, along with high utility rates, Cunningham said.

"The consensus now is ... a slowdown. We keep hearing the talk about a 'soft landing.' But now I'm starting to hear some talk of a recession. If that happens for the rest of the nation, San Diego will certainly be impacted by that," he said.

Still, San Diego's momentum will help keep

the city going, Cunningham said. On the other hand, the city faces its own challenges, such as the high cost of living, the housing crunch and high energy prices, he said.

Alan Gin, economic professor at the University of San Diego, agreed. He cited a number of factors behind the lowered consumer confidence — high utility prices, the housing crunch, and the volatile stock market.

"Nasdaq has been down 40 percent from its high, and that's affected some of the companies we have here in San Diego, like Qualcomm. So people who, last year, got rich on Qualcomm soaring up, have seen the value of their portfolios decline, and that could affect their plans," he said.

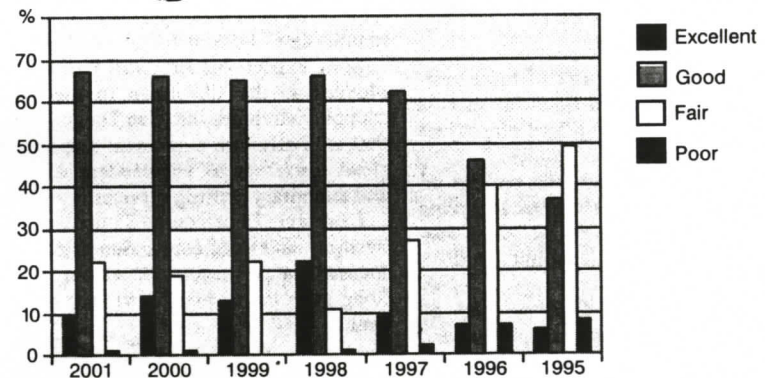
Consumer confidence has been a huge drag on the leading economic indicators, he said. And since about two-thirds of San Diego's economy is dependent on what consumers buy, Gin expressed concerns that the effects on small business and retail could be big.

"Things are going to be slowing in the retailing area," he said. "People are a little more worried about future prospects, and so they're going to cut back on their spending."

According to local business owners, the outlook is a bit brighter than the experts indicate. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual *San Diego Business Journal*/Deloitte & Touche Economic Outlook Survey questioned 207 business owners, including 16 people in the field of retail and wholesale.

The survey showed that 63 percent of the respondents felt the national economy would be about the same this year and last year — both for the retail portion of the survey and for all respondents.

**Q:** What is the outlook for San Diego business growth over the next 3 to 5 years?



Source: Deloitte & Touche

The remaining respondents — both for retail and the survey as a whole — were evenly divided in saying business would be "better" or "worse." No respondents said business would be "much better" or "much worse," according to the survey.

Closer to home, 87 percent of the respondents reported California's economy would be the same or better in 2001 than in 2000 — both for retail/wholesale respondents and overall. For San Diego's economy, the figures are 94 percent and 86 percent, respectively.

Also, 13 out of 16 of the retail and wholesale respondents felt their business, on a national scale, would be about the same next year, with one expecting better results and

two expecting worse conditions. The overall figure for 2001 was 54 percent reporting business would be about the same, with an additional 31 percent reporting that business would be better or much better.

For business conducted in San Diego, nine out of 16 companies expected business to stay about the same, with three expecting improvement and three expecting decline. Overall the figures were 51 percent reporting business would be about the same, with an additional 35 percent reporting business would be better or much better.

Additionally, 13 out of 16 retail/wholesale respondents said the outlook for San Diego

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over the next five years is good, while three said the outlook is fair. Overall, 9 percent of respondents said the outlook was excellent, 67 percent saying the outlook was good, 22 percent reporting the outlook was fair.

USD's Gin noted his picture of the economy isn't entirely bleak. There could be some mitigating factors to the decline in the stock market, including lower interest rates, he said.

For example, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan will likely lower interest rates slightly in 2001. Gin predicts that rates at the end of the year will be one-half of 1 percent lower than they were at the start of the year.

However, despite promises from President-elect George W. Bush that he would work to reduce taxes, Gin doesn't see that as likely.

"Congress is so narrowly divided that you will not be able to have any sort of major change in policy like that, even if the thought is that the national economy is slowing down," he said.

Gin noted that there are also local issues which may effect small businesses in various areas of the community. Areas heavily dependent on tourism, such as Old Town or the Gaslamp District, may also suffer losses.

If the economy cools off as predicted, fewer

people will travel, with less money spent on retail locally, he said.

Beach communities may also suffer from lost tourism. Also, if the recent trends in sewage spills continue, that will keep more people away, and stores here could suffer additional losses in business, Gin said.

But border communities might see increased business. Policies under Bush's administration could help to improve the Mexican economy, which means more people will cross the border into San Ysidro and Chula Vista to shop, he said.

One thing Gin said will have little effect on small business and retail is the state's minimum

wage, set to increase Jan. 1 to \$6.25 an hour.

"It's not going to have a very big impact right now. The labor market is so tight right now that most wages are above the minimum wage. Overall, I don't think the impact is going to be so large," he said.

His statement is borne out by a California Chamber of Commerce survey of 108 companies in the state. About two-thirds of the respondents said the increase would have no effect on their business.

An additional 23 percent said it would have a negative effect and 13 percent said it would have a positive effect, according to information posted on the chamber Web site.



## Don Bauder

# San Diego panelists see hopeful signs amid slowing



Panelists at this year's San Diego County Economic Roundtable were surprisingly upbeat yesterday.

According to the panel's consensus, San Diego's unemployment rate will only grow from 3 percent at year-end last year to an average of 3.5 percent this year.

Despite the possibility of a further rise in electricity prices, the consensus was for consumer inflation to decline from year-end 2000's 4.3 percent to 4.1 percent.

However, housing prices, surging at a 20 percent annual rate at year-end, will grow by 8 percent this year, according to the consensus.

Howard Roth of Rancho Santa Fe's Investment Research Co. realistically warned that perils lurk on the national and state scene. Last year, "credit quality declined — you often see that at the end of an expansion," he said.

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# Affordable home shortage a hot roundtable topic

are at record levels, credit is tighter and "doubts about the economy are growing," Roth said stocks "face a difficult environment."

Optimistically, the U.S. economy could grow by 2.5 percent, "but I fear it will be lower than that. The risks of a hard landing are growing," he said.

"There were few signs of a slowing of the California economy at year-end," said Roth, but energy costs are spiraling upward, high tech has its problems, and "California is more at risk than the rest of the nation."

Kelly Cunningham of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce said San Diego's gross regional product — the total local an-

nual output of goods and services — should reach \$117 billion this year, as San Diego grows by 3.5 percent, inflation-adjusted, and the state grows by only 2 percent and the nation 3.1 percent.

"I certainly do not see a recession coming in San Diego," Cunningham said.

Marney Cox of the San Diego Association of Governments said the county will add 27,000 jobs — 30 percent below the average of the last five years.

Software, the sector with the second-fastest jobs growth from 1995 through 2000, had the highest pay at an average \$63,657. Cox expects continued strength in that industry, but looks for weakness in semiconductors and computer components.

Biomedical products jobs have been slipping since 1995 (down 23 percent in the period), and there may be little relief this year as more and more jobs in that sector are sent outside San Diego, he said.

University of San Diego economist Alan Gin noted that his leading indicators of the local economy

have fallen for five consecutive months.

"There has been a big drop in consumer confidence," he said, pointing to monthly surveys by the *Union-Tribune*, sponsor of the roundtable. "The big spike in electricity prices," and a similar one in gasoline, plus the tight housing market and the volatile stock market are hurting consumers, he said.

Despite the five-month decline in his index, Gin said there is only a small chance of a recession here this year.

Peter Reeb of Reeb Development Consulting said, "The demand for housing is still high and the supply is low; that equals rising prices." But they won't rise as fast as last year, when new homes were up 14 percent and resales 13 percent.

This year, both new-home and resale prices are likely to rise 8 percent to 10 percent, said Reeb, noting, "The majority of new supply in the new-home market is priced over \$600,000," no new homes are priced under \$200,000, and the condomini-

um market is down 90 percent from the 1980s.

The lack of affordable homes in San Diego — only 23 percent of households can afford the average-priced home — was a subject of much discussion. "How can you get a world-class engineer from MIT (the Massachusetts Institute of Technology) to come here if he can't get a house under \$300,000?" said Mary Walshok, associate vice chancellor of UC San Diego.

For San Diego's high-tech industries, "we don't yet grow our own work force — we import workers," said Julie Meier Wright, president of the Economic Development Corp. There is also a shortage of developable land, she said.

Still, San Diego enjoys "growing recognition as a tech center of excellence," Wright said.

Said Walshok, "There is more than \$1 billion of basic research going on in San Diego."

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# S.D. growth picture not encouraging

## 5th monthly drop shows county mirrors U.S. trend

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The outlook for San Diego's economy continues to weaken, according to an index of leading economic indicators that fell in November for the fifth month in a row.

The index, released yesterday by the University of San Diego, mirrors national trends that show the national economy cooling off as a result of slowing consumer

and business spending.

Ominous signs, both locally and nationally, continue to include sharp drops in stock prices and in consumer confidence, which led to a soft holiday season for many retailers.

"This indicates that we'll have some rough times here in San Diego," USD business professor Alan Gin said. "Whether it meets the classic definition of a recession is another thing."

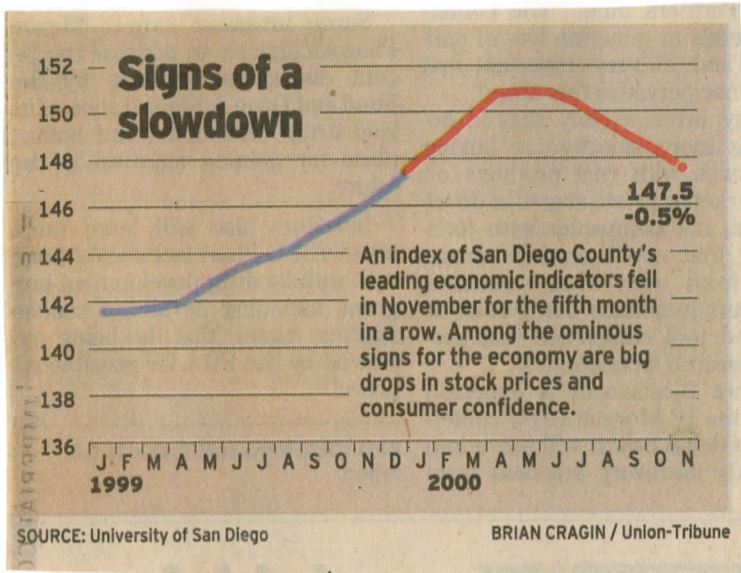
Gin, who compiles the index of economic indicators every month, said the most likely scenario is for "turbulence" in the local economy later this year but not neces-

sarily a recession, which economists define as two consecutive quarters of negative growth.

The various indicators that Gin looks at in compiling his index continued to look as they have since last summer: mostly negative.

Most dramatically, local stocks dropped sharply in November — and continued their decline in December. That could hurt the economy both by making it more difficult for companies to raise money and by reducing the value of stock that employees

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## Drop in S.D. mirrors trend hitting nation

and other San Diegans hold in local companies.

Consumer confidence also continued to fall, as San Diegans continued to read daily reports of soaring energy costs and the falling stock market. It was the eighth straight month that consumer confidence has fallen, which suggests that San Diegans could become more conservative in their spending, if they haven't already.

However, San Diego has thus far been spared the large job cutbacks that have hit other areas of the country, as major companies such as General Motors and Sears laid off or fired large numbers of workers. Initial unemployment claims in San Diego continued to drop in November.

"We don't have a lot of the Old Economy-type of industries that are more susceptible to cyclical swings," Gin said.

Overall, the index fell 0.5 percent in November. Unemployment claims were the only component that improved. Building permits, local stock prices, consumer confidence, help wanted advertising and national economic indicators all fell.



# San Diego's jobless rate set record last month

## 2.3% was county's best showing in 43 years

By Michael Kinsman  
STAFF WRITER

Despite continued evidence that San Diego County's economy is weakening, the region's unemployment rate dropped to a 43-year low in December.

Bolstered by holiday retail hiring, the county's 2.3 percent jobless rate in December was down from 2.7 percent in November, the state Employment Development Department reported yesterday. A year ago, the rate was 2.5 percent.

Statewide, unemployment was 4.6 percent in December, down slightly from 4.8 percent in November.

Just last week, the University of San Diego reported that its index of leading economic indicators tumbled in November for the fifth month in a row.

Despite that, more San Diegans hold jobs today than ever before. Cheryl Mason, an EDD labor market analyst, said that 1.37 million people held jobs last month — five times the number of people employed here in May 1957, which was the last time the county's unemployment dipped to 2.3 percent.

"In 1957, construction accounted for 6 percent of the employment, the same as now," Mason said. "Wholesale trade was 4 percent, just as it is today. But manufacturing was 31 percent then, and just 11 percent now. We had a complete reversal in services, too. We had 12 percent in services then and 33 percent today."

California's annual jobless rate for 2000 was 4.9 percent, down from 5.2 percent in 1999, the EDD survey showed.

A total of 16.4 million Californians held jobs last month, the highest number ever employed in the state. That was up by 90,000 from November and by 558,000 from December 1999.

Statewide, there were 800,000 people applying for unemployment benefits, down by 28,000 from November and also by 28,000

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## County posted lowest rate in 43 years

when compared to December 1999. Of those jobless, 385,500 were laid off, 90,300 left jobs voluntarily and the rest were new entrants or re-entrants into the job market.

All areas of the economy except mining showed job gains both for the month and the year.

When adjusted for the holiday season, the retail industry experienced a loss of 500 jobs statewide in December. The adjusted loss means there were fewer jobs than would normally be expected for the holiday season, the department said.

When adjusted for the winter

season, the construction industry added 10,200 jobs. Without the adjustment, there was a loss of 6,800 jobs. That means that more jobs were available in December than would normally be expected, the department said.

Not all counties had San Diego County's glowing employment news. The highest jobless rate was 23.5 percent in Colusa County, followed by Imperial County at 21.7 percent and Tulare County at 15.8 percent.

Meanwhile, San Mateo County had the lowest jobless rate at 1.2 percent, followed by Santa Clara County at 1.3 percent and Marin County was at 1.4 percent.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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# Diversity Key In a Slowing Economy

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For the fifth consecutive month, the University of San Diego index of economic indicators has declined. But according to those at a recent economic forum, there is little reason to worry.

Because San Diego's economy is no longer driven by one industry, as it was with the defense industry a decade ago, economists say a recession is unlikely.

"Even though the index has been down the last five months, we may not necessarily be heading for a recession here in San Diego," said Alan Gin, an economics professor at USD

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who conducts the forecasts. "But this definitely is not good news."

The forum, hosted by county officials, was held Jan. 5 at the County Administration Building. Panelists made presentations regarding local real estate and construction markets, employment opportunities, education and interest rates, among others.

Gin said in the five months the index has been down, the decline has been broad, with at least five of the six components showing negative in each month.

In November, there was a sharp drop in local stock prices. Consumer confidence and help-wanted advertising were also down moderately, while building permits and the outlook for the national economy decreased by smaller percentages.

One positive for the index was initial claims for unemployment insurance, which declined slightly in November.

Although the overall outlook for 2001 is positive, Gin said the local economy could experience some mid-year turbulence. The same is true for the national economy, he said, where a forecast by UCLA's Anderson School of Business recently indicated a 60 percent chance of a recession starting in the second quarter of 2001.

"We're now tied to the national economy more than before," Gin said. "We used to have a big concentration in the defense industry. Now what we have is more diversified. More San Diego companies are selling products to the national market."

Nasdaq's recent decline also created several problems for high-tech companies here,

Gin said. That decline has negative implications for the future of the local economy in a number of ways, according to the professor.

"The financial market indicates they are concerned about sales and earnings of San Diego companies," Gin said. "That all translates into jobs. There could be layoffs or there could be fewer people being hired. It's harder for companies to obtain capital because of the fall of the stock market."

The decline also caused some individuals to witness their wealth reduce substantially, Gin said. Many credited a "wealth effect" due to the rising stock prices with fueling the expansion of the economy. It is possible that a "negative wealth effect" due to falling stock prices will adversely affect the local economy in areas such as consumption and housing.

Julie Meier Wright, president and CEO of the San Diego Economic Development Corp., echoed Gin's remarks regarding the diversification of the local economy.

Wright has repeatedly tagged San Diego as "technology's perfect climate," with an array of bioscience, software and computer services, electronic and telecommunications companies. Because of that, she said, the overall local economy will remain healthy.

"There was a relative concentration on defense somewhat (in years past)," Wright said. "The total value and economic impact of defense jobs of the early '90s was higher than many of the new economy jobs. Therefore, the economic impact was higher, and when change took place in that industry the negative impact of that change was also very high.

"Today, that's offset in San Diego because of the increased diversification of the economy. The new economy is dependent on consumer and business spending."

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## Buick Tournament Adjusts Parking, Hotel Arrangement

BY TANYA RODRIGUES

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For Tom Wilson, who heads the Buick Invitational Golf Tournament, this year's big challenge wasn't only whether Tiger Woods would play or if local star Phil Mickelson is in contention the final day to repeat as champion.

New parking plans are high on the list.

With various developments in Torrey Pines taking up much of the space, Wilson and his staff at the Century Club have developed a new plan that has general parking in satellite areas at **SeaWorld San Diego** in Mission Bay and the Showpark near the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

In previous years, busing has been a five-minute ride, with 20-person vehicles, Wilson said. Starting this year, larger buses will carry 40 to 50 people on a 15-minute ride, and parking revenue will be shared with the operators of each site.

The change is an expensive one, said Wilson, who would only say it was "in the thousands."

The tournament, which takes place at the Torrey Pines Golf Course, runs Feb. 5-11.

Parking isn't the only adjustment this year for the Century Club, which coordinates the event with contracts from the Professional Golf Association, the city of San Diego, which owns the Torrey Pines course, and title sponsor Buick Motor Division.

A \$50 million major renovation at the **Lodge at Torrey Pines** also caused the Century Club to rework some plans.

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The hotel is located along the golf course and is used extensively during the invitational.

The Century Club had to find new locations for players' locker rooms and dining area. The group also had to move its media center and some of its hospitality venues, Wilson said.

Now, Wilson looks forward to the tournament, which will be bringing back several golf favorites, such as Woods and Mickelson.

Last year, the game generated \$13.8 million in direct spending, part of the tournament's overall impact of \$27 million in the county, according to an economic impact report USD did for the Century Club.

According to Wilson, 125,000 to 130,000 people attend the tournament each year.

USD's study found 46,860 out-of-towners attended last year. Two-thirds of them indicated the tournament was the main reason they came to San Diego.

According to Sal Giametta, a spokesman for the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau, the event's television exposure generates valuable publicity for San Diego. ConVis also uses the tournament as a springboard for its cooperative \$100,000 golf advertising campaign, which runs from the middle of this month through the end of February.

Last year, the last day of the tournament, which airs on CBS, got an 8.0 rating — which soared over the 6.3 rating record set in 1999.

The 2000 match, whose rating translated into approximately 8 million households and 17 percent of the viewing audience, set a record for a PGA event — excluding major championships such as the Master's and the U.S. Open.

There was a lot of drama heading into last year's event, Wilson recalled. Woods had won six tournaments leading up to the tournament, which boosted the hype as well. It then culminated in a Woods-Mickelson duel that saw Mickelson emerge as the victor.

Wilson expects this year's tournament to be closer to '99 figures. Viewing and attendance will really hinge on players' performances in the previous week's tournaments, he noted.

# Punta Banda land fight waves a flag of caution

By Sandra Dibble  
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PUNTA BANDA, Mexico — More than two months after some 200 Americans lost their homes on this picturesque sand spit, the fallout continues to raise fears among those who have invested in real estate throughout Mexico.

Though Punta Banda is an extreme and rare situation, development pressures and increasing land values in Mexico have validated some of those fears. Baja California, with its highly prized coastline, has been especially embattled.

"It's not that it's anything new," said Silvia Perez Thompson, a San Diego-based consultant on Mexican real estate. "It was always the same problem, but it



was just sleeping there."

The media have trumpeted losses by Americans, but Mexicans are equally vulnerable.

Development in one large section of eastern Tijuana has been paralyzed for years because of a complicated land dispute. Thousands of families live there without basic services because government agencies are barred from supplying electricity and water to disputed areas.

American investors face special challenges, however.

Mexican law bars foreigners from outright ownership of residential property within 62 miles of the border or 31 miles of the coast.

Americans who invest in these areas

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### Punta Banda a boon for title insurance firms

typically have leased the land or acquired a document known as a *fideicomiso*, or land trust, that gives them ownership rights through a Mexican bank.

Punta Banda's ghostly streets, vacant houses and shuttered hotel bear testimony to dreams gone sour. Since October, when hundreds of police enforced a court order restoring the property to the legally recognized owners, a few dozen Americans have negotiated to stay. But most of the rest are seeking compensation through lawsuits and a complaint filed under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Jesús Arteaga, a Tijuana real estate attorney, says people must be cautious when investing in an area where some plots can have two or three titles.

"All this is coming to light as the properties are now being developed," Arteaga said. "Someone starts to build, and suddenly a person remembers, 'Hey, wait, my grandfather had title.' Mexicans have suffered more than Americans."

That's not much solace to Claus and Dolores Sellier, who in 1989 spotted what looked like the perfect place for a vacation home: a quiet, affordable resort community that hugged a crescent-shaped beach less than a two hours' drive from the U.S. border.

"It looked like a very good investment," Dolores Sellier said.

Since their eviction from Punta Banda in October, the Selliers have been back home in Escondido, trying to get restitution for their \$150,000 investment, struggling to reconcile their love of Mexico with their outrage over what happened to them there.

### 'No hall of records'

The land situation on the Baja California peninsula drew Nelson Monzalvo's attention when he served as legal director of Mexico's Tourism Secretariat from 1990 to 1996.

"I saw that Baja California was a high-risk area, because the assigning of land was not carried out with precision," Monzalvo said. "There was never a reliable public property registry."

Far from Mexico's mainland, the peninsula for years was a sparsely settled backwater with extensive stretches of undeveloped land. Baja California didn't become a state until 1952. Baja California Sur, whose southern end includes the booming Los Cabos resort, was granted statehood in 1971.

In the early years, informal arrangements often took the place of legally binding agreements common in older parts of Mexico. And land-surveying methods were imprecise, so unoccupied tracts of land remained vaguely defined for decades.

"There's no hall of records

here where you can go pull the file and read back all the way to when it was Indian property," said Raul Magaña, a licensed real estate broker from San Pedro, Calif., who owns a plot in Rosarito Beach.

Real estate ownership is complicated by the fact that more than half of Baja California's land is in the hands of land collectives known as *ejidos*. Created under Mexico's 1917 constitution, *ejidos* were seen as a means of distributing prop-

erty among landless peasants.

In Baja California, where much of the land can't be farmed, *ejidos* were also used to help populate remote areas.

For years, *ejido* land could neither be bought nor sold. But since 1992, Mexican law has allowed *ejidos* to privatize and sell their land.

When investing in *ejido* land, "The red flag should go up right away, even today," said Jorge Vargas, a law professor at the University of San Diego.

"*Ejido* members can enter into private arrangements, but the problem is to do things in the right way."

But finding the "right way" can be difficult even for someone as savvy as Magaña, the California realty man.

Because he is a Mexican citizen, Magaña was able to buy land in Rosarito Beach 21 years ago from a private owner. He protected himself by researching the title and querying municipal and federal government



offices about the land.

"They told us the property was free and clear," he said.

But in 1991, the Ejido Mazatlan, created in 1938, obtained a new government-approved map that showed its boundaries included Magaña's plot and dozens of other developed properties on a 247-acre area.

"We proved beyond a doubt that we were right and the *ejido* was wrong," Magaña said. But now he is preparing to pay the collective to drop its legal actions against him. "It's going to cost me more for attorneys than it would to settle."

### Rush for title insurance

Punta Banda has been a boon for title insurance companies. Once unheard of in Mexico, the insurance has been offered in recent years by three major U.S.-based firms and, most recently, by a Mexican company.

Mitch Creekmore, of Houston-based Stewart Title, says attitudes toward title insurance have changed dramatically since his company started working in Mexico in 1994.

"When we first started, we were told, 'We do not need title insurance. We do not have title problems in Mexico.' Now everybody is recognizing the need."

Since Punta Banda, "Our phone has been ringing off the hook," said Cabo San Lucas-based Jorge Rodríguez, who represents Fidelity National Title Insurance.

Title insurance in Baja California typically runs about \$6 or \$7 per \$1,000, about twice what it is in California.

But title insurance wasn't available at any price to the Americans who invested in Punta Banda.

None of the companies will insure *ejido* property unless it has been properly privatized. Had he been approached by any of the Punta Banda homeowners, "I would have told them flatly that I could not help them," said Jose Palli, president of Miami-based World Wide Title.

Most people agree that government agencies exacerbated the problem at Punta Banda.

In 1987, the Agrarian Reform Ministry approved a map showing that the boundaries of the Ejido Coronel Esteban Cantú included the scenic sand spit known as La Lengüeta Arenosa.

But in 1995, the Supreme Court upheld lower court decisions saying the land didn't belong to the *ejido*. And last year, the court ordered the property returned to a group of private owners whose titles date back to the 1950s.

The Agrarian Reform Ministry has since admitted it made a "mistake."

The victorious land owners at Punta Banda say the Americans who invested there had ignored many warnings that the land was in dispute, and invested anyway out of greed or stupidity.

Many of the Americans insist they made the proper checks. Some even received assurances from top Mexican government officials that their investment was legal and safe.

"It's way too obvious to say, 'You just need to watch out and hire an attorney,'" said Leigh Zarembo, leader of one American homeowners group. "When a government tells you what you can do, you tend to believe the government."

### A time of transition

Baja California's land problems are surfacing as Mexico is working to strengthen its institutions and attract foreign investment.

Some say it's no coincidence that the problems have come to light during a transition in Mexico, with the election of President Vicente Fox of the National Action Party, which ended 71 years of rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party.

"We're at this moment of institutional flux where things that were on the back burner are being brought to the front," said Lawrence Herzog, a San Diego State University professor who has studied development in the border region.

Former Tijuana Mayor Héctor Osuna Jaime, now a PANista federal senator representing Baja California, believes past corruption in the Agrarian Reform Ministry led to the problems at Punta Banda. He is calling for an investigation.

But even as problems continue to surface, many insist that it is safer to invest in Mexican land than in years past.

"Depending on the zone, through litigation, the situation is becoming clearer," said Artega, the Tijuana attorney. "The delivery of justice in Punta Banda was very painful, but at least now you have legal certainty there. I'd estimate that 10, 20 years from now most land problems along the coast will be resolved."

### Punta Banda deals

Since their evictions, about 70 of Punta Banda's former residents have negotiated with the new landowners to stay on the property. Many are paying a one-time fee of up to \$450 per square meter (about 1.2 square yards), more than four times the going price for resort land, Zarembo said.

Zarembo's homeowners' group has filed a criminal complaint against the Mexican government, and another under the North American Free Trade Agreement. Other investors have hired attorneys and are deciding whom to sue. But others can only walk away.

"It is an unforgettable sight to see people evicted from their home, come back days later and realize there is no hope," said Zarembo.

Last month, Dolores and Claus Sellier met with their property's owner, a group called Nueva Ensenada, and were told they would have to pay \$75,000 to remain on their 300-square-yard lot. For that price, the owners promised the Selliers land trusts — something they thought they had bought when they paid developer Carlos Terán \$150,000.

The Selliers said they can't afford it.

"We don't trust promises anymore," Dolores Sellier said. "At this point, all we're asking for is our day in court and some kind of compensation."



## OPINION

## Something smelly about port plan

By Gail Heriot

Sometimes it's hard not to laugh at regulatory proposals. The San Diego Port Commission's proposal to regulate "offensive body odor" among the taxi drivers serving Lindbergh Field is a nice example.

If passed, these regulations will impose fines on those hapless cabbies who fail the sniff test on hot summer days or who wear collarless shirts or pants that need pressing. And woe to the driver who forgets to wear socks in the morning! He, too, will be slapped with a fine under the proposed rules.

When news of the proposal hit the streets earlier this month, comedians had a field day. One radio personality took a playful trip to Lindbergh to hand out sticks of deodorant — much to the amusement of both drivers and passers-by. Another mused about whether America's Finest City had not become America's Fussiest City over matters of personal grooming. Many citizens wondered whether the commission couldn't find something better to do with its time.

It is a mistake, however, to see the proposal as an example of heavy-handed, but ultimately harmless, regulation. These rules are not just silly; they are bad for San Diego. Rather than serve the public interest, they will drive small, independent cab operators out of business, denying them the opportunity to earn an honest living and denying their customers the good service that vigorous competition brings.

The body odor provisions in the proposal grabbed the public's attention. But they are just part of the proposal. By far, the most troubling aspect of the proposed rules is the provision prohibiting cabbies from operating vehicles more than 10 years old. Unlike the "offensive body odor" proposal, this ban on older cabs is no mere irritation; it is a serious and arbitrary interference with the ability of small entrepreneurs to make a living.

A rigorous program of safety inspections is already required of all cabs, new and old alike. All such cabs are well-maintained or they wouldn't have passed inspection. Why ban a



cab that has passed inspection simply on account of its age?

For the answer, one should look to the proposal's supporters. The greatest enthusiasm for the 10-year ban comes from San Diego's larger taxicab companies. But the port commissioners should not confuse that enthusiasm with concern over the quality of taxi service available in San Diego. For already well-established taxi companies, a ban on older cabs is an effective way to stifle competition from upstart, independent cab owners, who are not in a position to purchase new taxis. Many will go out of business; others will be prevented from entering.

Similarly, requirements that dings and dents be repaired promptly are a greater burden to independents (who don't have a spare car to drive when their cars are in the shop). Again, larger taxi companies know this; that's why they support it. The port commissioners should not allow the commission to be the tool of these anti-competitive interests.

For some time now, independent cabbies in many parts of the country have been the target of a relentless stream of anti-competitive regulation. The reason is clear: Taxis are a natural way for the poor, often struggling immigrants with an entrepreneurial spirit, to establish themselves. Taxi driving requires relatively little capital, making it a perfect ticket into the middle class. The competition these independents create, however, is quite unwelcome by the better-established cab companies, who lobby for regulations

that will drive them out in any way possible. They enlist local governments to secure by force of law a market share they cannot achieve through competition.

Some cities, like Denver and Cincinnati, are resisting the pressure to regulate taxicabs to death. Doing away with onerous regulations, these cities find that they can simultaneously increase both the quality and quantity of taxicabs on the road and decrease fares. The results have been excellent. These cities now boast a robust, competitive market — a market in which customers are trusted to make their own decisions about which cab they prefer. And doors have been opened for a whole new class of small entrepreneurs.

The primary argument offered for the proposed rules is that they will enhance the city's image. In fact, San Diego's image is the best argument against them. San Diego's economy has boomed in recent years, due in large part to the hard work and determination of small entrepreneurs. We have earned a reputation as a city that fosters productivity and competition. This competitive spirit — as personified by a vibrant throng of cabbie-entrepreneurs — is what visitors should see when they step off the planes at Lindbergh Field and not an army of underarm inspectors seeking out small dings and dents in the cabs that serve the airport.

Our image — and our community — will be best served by rejecting this anti-competitive proposal.

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At the Legislature's Dec. 5 CBA sunset hearing, attention quickly focused not on whether the CBA should continue, but whether it should be composed of a majority of public members rather than CPAs. Also discussed was whether or not the governor should be mandated to appoint at least one member from a small firm (fewer than four CPAs) and one sole practitioner.

A lively debate centered around the CBA proposal to conform California's CPA licensing standards to the existing licensing requirements in 45 other states. Opposition to increasing California's educational requirement to 150 hours was presented by representatives of the California Coalition for Affordable Accounting (membership unknown); California Society of Taxation and Accounting Professionals (300 members, mostly unlicensed accountants); the Society of California Accountants (700--800 CPA members); and the **Center for Public Interest Law** (a private entity affiliated with the University of San Diego Law School).

CalCPA's Board of Directors voted to support the UAA's substantial equivalency requirement in June 1999. Government Relations Committee Chair Mike Ueltzen testified of behalf of CalCPA and in support of substantial equivalency. He noted, "the new economy transacts business across state and national borders daily and California's lack of conformity with the national licensing standard is problematic even for small CPA firms like mine."

All issues related to the CBA sunset will be reviewed again in early spring when the Department of Consumer Affairs completes its own independent report on the CBA and its proposals. These proposals must then be enacted through the legislative process during 2001 to ensure the CBA's continued operation.

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# Holland shuffles the deck at USD

**By Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

Ten games in, USD men's basketball coach Brad Holland made the first change in his starting lineup this season.

Saturday, senior point guard Dana White was moved to shooting guard and sophomore Roy Morris from backup to starter at the point. Andre Laws, the team's leading scorer and a preseason All-West Coast Conference pick, went from starting at shooting guard to coming off the bench as the first backcourt substitute, usually at the point.

"When your ballclub is not playing as well as it should, it behooves you to shake things up a bit," Holland said.

Slightly shaken, the Toreros stirred significantly in Seattle, pounding the Washington Huskies 72-54 for their second victory in three games against Pac-10 opposition this season. Morris hit a midrange jumper on the first possession to get the Toreros started, and White finished with nine points.

Laws? He had a team-high 11 points and six assists.

Holland plans to go with the same starting lineup — Morris, White and front-liners Cameron Rigby, Tom Lippold and Tyler Field — and the same substitution rotation when the Toreros take on Wisconsin-Milwaukee tonight at 7 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"The change has been positive, and we'll continue to go that direction and see how far it takes us," Holland said.

UW-Milwaukee sowed the first seeds of the change when it defeated USD 58-55 in Milwaukee 10 days ago. That was the first of two Toreros road losses — the other at Boise State — that prompted Holland's move.

"Both losses were to teams that played solid defense and are well-coached," Holland said. "But it was disappointing because we didn't play up to our capabilities in either game. We didn't run our offense hard, and we didn't rebound well. We were deficient in some areas, even in the area of effort and hustle, and just weren't getting it done.

"Whether it was the (lineup change) or not, we played harder, with a lot more aggressiveness and efficiency on offense and with a lot more energy at Washington."

Laws almost welcomed the reassignment, realizing he had been struggling and pressing on offense as the starting shooting guard. The switch removed some pressure while putting him in a more comfortable position.

"I like point guard more because the ball is in my hand there," Laws said. "I think I see the floor better and have a better feel for what to do when I've got control of the ball.

"I'd like to start; that's what every player wants. But Coach pointed out how I'd played well coming off the bench at point guard the last two years and I'm OK with whatever's best and works for the team."

Scheduling a home-and-home series with a team from the Midwest is unusual. In explaining how the quick series with UW-Milwaukee came about, Holland used the term "desperation."

"We both had openings on our schedules late into the summer because nobody wanted to play either one of us at home," Holland said. "So we kind of found each other in August and the thinking was, 'We're both dying to fill openings, why not play a home-and-home?'"



# Toreros suffer a second loss to same team

**By Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

Different latitude. Different climate. Same result.

Only the scoreboard numbers changed slightly as the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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**Toreros 71**

wauke defeated USD for the second time in 10 days last night.

The Panthers (8-5), who downed USD 58-55 on Dec. 23 in Milwaukee, handed the Toreros their first loss at the Jenny Craig Pavilion, 81-77 before 1,535.

Reserve guard Jason Frederick led a three-point shooting assault, making 5-of-6 in scoring 21 points to lead the winners, who made 13-of-18 from behind the three-point arc. Andre Laws got 20 points in his new sixth-man role for USD (8-4) and Tom Lippold (14) and Tyler Field (13) joined Laws in double figures.

But the Toreros never led by more than five, that early in the first half, and never recovered from a nine-point UWM run that broke a 62-62 tie. The run started with 7:11 to play and ended with just under five minutes left.

"Obviously, they're better than us right now," said USD coach Brad Holland. "They must be to beat us twice like that. We need to regroup and get better at certain things."

The game in Wisconsin was like the weather there — cold (shooting-wise) and ugly. The Panthers only connected on 2-of-11 three-point shots there and the rugged defense of both teams kept the score in the 50s.

The hot-shooting of UWM last night might have been partly in response to the San Diego weather. But the consensus was it was also partly in response to the San Diego defense.

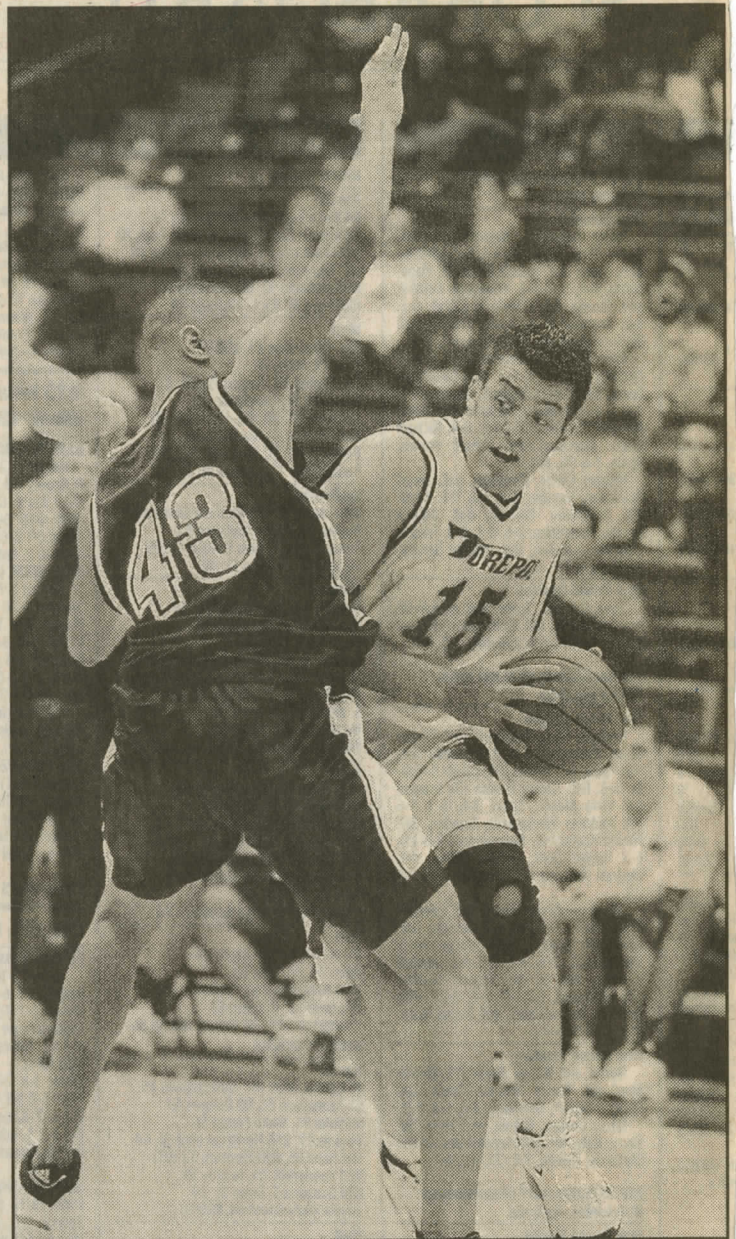
"Obviously they shot well, but to a man I think we'd agree that our defense wasn't what it should have been," said Lippold.

No disagreement from Frederick, who said that the Panthers, in their pregame shoot-arounds at the JCP, didn't find the range "any more than we do any other place."

"The play was more intense tonight than in the game at Milwaukee and there were more fouls called," Frederick said. "And I felt like we got more good looks tonight than we did in the other game. Last time, they did a good job on us, but tonight we got some better opportunities and we were able to hit our shots."

UWM put on an impressive three-point shooting exhibition in the first half and took a 39-35 lead into the locker room. The Panthers hit their first five three-point attempts and made 8-of-12 in the half.

The Panthers showed that a



**USD's Cameron Rigby looks for a way past the defense of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's James Wright.** *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

split-second in the open was all that Ronnie Jones (3-for-4) and Frederick (4-for-5) needed and USD's defenders always seemed to arrive a split second too late.

While the Panthers' offense was outside-oriented, USD concentrated its efforts inside and

got 10 points from Lippold and eight from Field. Most of Field's came by posting up on the low block and muscling home short-range shots. Most of Lippold's came on putbacks of rebounds. Five of Lippold's eight first-half rebounds were offensive.



# Toreros drop Titans to 0-12 after a struggle

By Nicole Vargas, STAFF WRITER

No team should be intimidated by an 0-11 opponent. But USD women's basketball coach Kathy Marpe admitted that the Toreros had in fact been pressured early on last night by Cal State Fullerton.

**Toreros (w) 58**

**CS Fullerton 45**

"It was reminiscent of the Long Beach State game," said Marpe, citing USD's come-from-behind win. "In the first two plays, we let them have the ball back, and that was a huge thing. We are a better team when we start stronger."

Although the Titans started with extra intensity, a second-half surge by USD gave the Toreros an 58-45 win at Jenny Craig Pavilion in front of 902, giving Fullerton its lowest final score of the year.

The loss drops the young and short-handed Titans to 0-12 on the season and extends their losing streak to 25 straight.

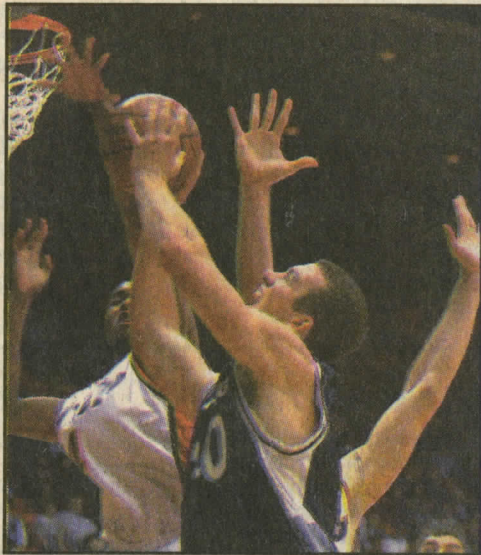
"They had nothing to lose," said USD point guard Melissa Glazebrook. "They came to play, and I don't know if we were ready for their intensity in the first half."

After trailing by four points in the first half and allowing Fullerton to again tie the score in the second half, USD (5-5) finally jumped ahead for good with a three-pointer by junior Glazebrook with 15:07 left in the game.

Although those were her only points of the game, Glazebrook moved up in the USD record books in another category. Finishing with a season-high eight assists, Glazebrook moves to second in career assists with 250.

Junior Amber Jansen led USD with 17 points, a typical night for the West Coast Conference's No. 2 scorer. What was different, though, was her rebounding, as she finished with only two rebounds, well below her team-leading average of 7.8 per game.

"They were physical," said Jansen, a 6-1 junior. "I felt like I was boxing out all right, but the boards weren't bouncing my way."



USD's Tyler Field (foreground) has his shot blocked but is fouled by UTEP's Leonard Owens in Toreros' road loss to the Miners. Victor Calzada / Associated Press

## Toreros start fast but fizzle at UTEP

By Steve Escajeda

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

EL PASO, Texas — USD exploded out of the blocks last night but couldn't sustain the torrid pace as the Toreros fell to the Texas-El Paso Miners 88-80 in USD's final tuneup before the start of West Coast Conference play next week.

USD (8-5) raced out to a 16-3 lead before the Miners knew what hit them. But UTEP (12-1)

regrouped and went on a 15-2 run of its own to tie the game 18-18 with 11:02 left in the half.

The Toreros stayed close, trailing only 38-34 at halftime, but the Miners opened the second half with a 16-4 run to take a comfortable 54-38 lead with 15:46 remaining in the game. USD could get no closer than eight points the rest of the way.

The difference came down to defense, or the lack of it.

"This has to be the worst defensive effort I've experi-

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## Defense fails in USD's final tuneup for WCC

enced in the last three years here," said USD coach Brad Holland. "I thought our bench wasn't very good, our rebounding was horrendous. We have a lot of guys here that just didn't do their jobs tonight."

UTEP outrebounded the Toreros 34-24, led by Brandon Wolfram's 14 boards. Wolfram, the nation's third-leading scorer (24.4 ppg), finished the game with 24 points, 18 of which came in the second half.

The Miners dominated inside, scoring many easy baskets in the paint.

"We have to recommit ourselves to defense and rebounding. We can't play like this at-

conference time and expect to beat anybody," Holland said.

Leading USD in the scoring column was Sam Adamo. Adamo had 23 points, 18 after intermission. Adamo, who hit five of his eight three-point attempts, saw some good in the loss.

"We never like to lose," he said, "but UTEP is a good team and this felt like a conference game. This was a good tuneup going into next week."

Andre Laws followed with 17 points and three assists. "I don't know what it is, but we're on a major down right now," Laws said. "But I still feel we'll snap out of it, and I know our chances are real good in the conference."

Cameron Rigby was the other USD player in double figures with 10.

UTEP had three other players score in double figures. Eugene Costello scored 20, Chris Neal 14 and Victor Lucus 10. The Miners enjoyed a distinct advantage from the free-throw

line, hitting 32 of 39 attempts, while USD hit just 13 of 22.

UTEP coach Jason Rabedaux had nothing but praise for the Toreros. "This is a quality team that didn't quit all night," he said, "and that's why they'll be playing somewhere in March."

Despite last night's effort, Holland felt his team's record was misleading.

"We feel we should be better than 8-5 on the season," said Holland, "but when you play nine of your first 13 games on the road, that's tough for anyone."

Both teams had trouble holding onto the basketball. USD committed 18 turnovers, and UTEP coughed it up 21 times.

When the teams did hold onto the ball, they each shot it well. The Toreros shot 56 percent from the field (30-54); the Miners hit 53 percent (26-49).

USD will open WCC action Friday at Loyola Marymount.



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



## CONFERENCE PREVIEWS

# Jansen gives Toreros big lift in the paint

**By Nicole Vargas**  
STAFF WRITER

**L**ast year, Jessica Gray was well-known around the West Coast Conference as the power player on the USD women's basketball team, dominating the paint and posting up against anyone who got between her and the basket.

When the 6-foot forward graduated last year, the other teams in the WCC breathed a collective sigh of relief, chalking this season up as a rebuild for the Toreros, especially under the basket.

That was before Amber Jansen stepped on the floor.

Jansen, a 6-1 junior forward who transferred from the University of Rhode Island and sat out last season, may not be the kind of power player Gray was, but the Toreros haven't missed a beat.

"Jess and I have a lot in common," said Jansen, who averaged 16.7 points per game at URI, "but there are also a lot of differences. I bring a different style to the game."

Jansen has averaged 17.2 points per game, No. 2 in the WCC, and ranks seventh with 7.5 rebounds per game.

"She is a blue-collar player," USD coach Kathy Marpe said. "Jess had a physical ability that Amber does not have. But Amber is a bread-and-butter player who does all the little things."

"It doesn't matter whom we play — she has managed to keep her average up. There is no one way to stop Amber, and that has helped her."

Jansen has kept scoring despite double-teams and defenses designed to shut her down.

"I'm a scoring player," Jansen said. "I've been seeing that through my whole career, and I know I have to keep working to get the best position."

Last season, Gray had shooting guard Susie Erpelding, who was capable of drawing defenses away from the paint with her devastating shot.

Although they have yet to prove themselves as the type of scoring threats Erpelding was, capable guards surround Jansen, like senior Amanda Bishop, junior Robyn Fortney, sophomore Kerri Nakamoto and freshman Melissa Padgett.

"There are more pure shooters here," said Jansen, who is originally from Syracuse, N.Y. "Back home, you see more slashing, more players who drive to the basket."

"If we don't have guards outside who can shoot, (the defense) will collapse in on Amber," Marpe said. "If we can hit those outside shots, that gives her some room to work."

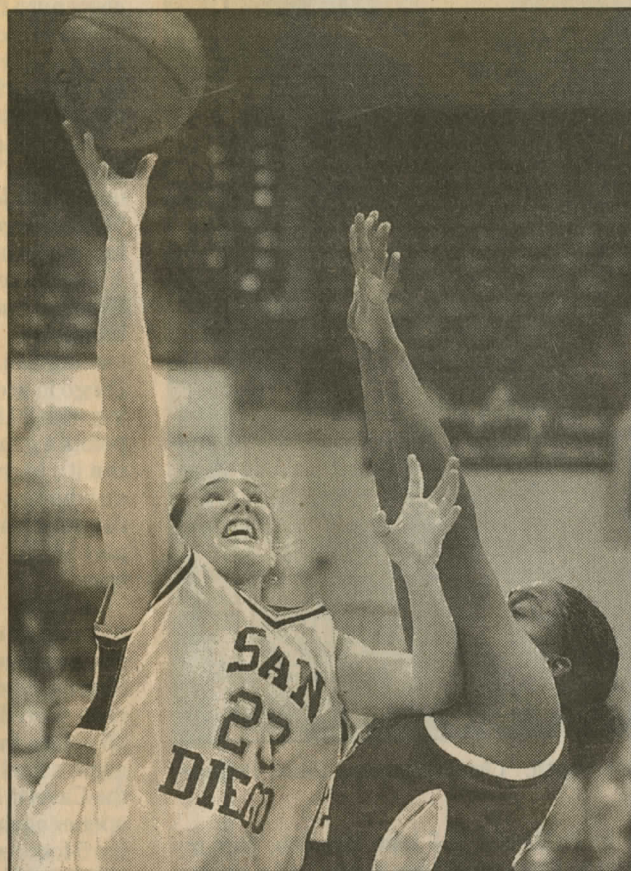
"She's been in the Atlantic 10 Conference, and that is just as competitive as the WCC. The biggest thing, though, will be how we jell and play as a team."

So far, outstanding team performances against the Pac-10 and 17th-ranked Oklahoma have been counterbalanced by lackluster efforts against Cal State Northridge and Tulsa. And in a conference like the WCC, which has four teams in the top 65 in the nation by RPI, consistent play is a must.

"If we stick together and come as a team, we can compete against anybody," said Jansen, whose first WCC test will be tonight against Loyola Marymount, RPI-ranked 38. "We need to pull out some W's right from the beginning and be consistent night in and night out."



## West Coast Conference team capsules (in predicted order of finish)



Rhode Island transfer Amber Jansen leads Toreros with 17.2 points per game. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

### 1. SANTA CLARA (9-3)

**COACH:** Chris Denker, first season.

**KEY PLAYERS:** Sr. C Annie Garrison (12.2 ppg, 7.8 rpg); Jr. G Caroline Gruening (10.4 ppg); Sr. F Jennifer Glysson (10.0 ppg, 7.3 rpg); Jr. G Becki Ashbaugh (8.2 ppg, 5.4 apg).

**OUTLOOK:** If Santa Clara can survive Pepperdine and LMU in the opening week without Glysson (sinus surgery), the Broncos should be the team to beat.

### 2. SAINT MARY'S (11-2)

**COACH:** Michelle Jacoby, first season.

**KEY PLAYERS:** Jr. F Jermisha Dosty (12.9 ppg, 11.2 rpg); Jr. F Jerkisha Dosty (14.5 ppg, 9 rpg); So. F Katie Davis (10 ppg, 40% 3-FG).

**OUTLOOK:** With players like the Dostys in the frontcourt, St. Mary's will be trouble for every team. Jerkisha has already earned two WCC Player of the Week honors this season, and Jermisha has one. They are also double-double machines, 'Kisha with seven and 'Misha with six.

### 3. PEPPERDINE (10-5)

**COACH:** Mark Trakh, eighth season.

**KEY PLAYERS:** Sr. G Rasheeda Clark (11.4 ppg, 8 games); So. G Damaris Hinojosa (14.4 ppg, 4.3 apg); Jr. F Nadja

Morgan (14.1 ppg, 7.8 rpg); Fr. G Shandrika Lee (11.1 ppg).

**OUTLOOK:** Although Pepperdine was the preseason favorite of the WCC coaches, the defending regular-season champs are getting limited action from Clark, last year's WCC Player of the Year.

### 4. LOYOLA MARYMOUNT (9-4)

**COACH:** Julie Wilhoit, sixth season.

**KEY PLAYERS:** Jr. G Bryn Britton (13.2 ppg, 6.4 rpg); Sr. G Taryn Reynolds (13.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg); So. G/F Kate Murray (12.9 ppg, 6.1 rpg); Fr. C Adrienne Slaughter (10.4 ppg, 7.3 rpg); Jr. G Rosa Bernasconi (9.8 ppg, 6.0 rpg).

**OUTLOOK:** LMU is fast, athletic and features a strong backcourt, and with Bernasconi recovered from a broken hand, is back to full strength. Four Lions are scoring in double figures and 6-2 freshman Adrienne Slaughter is finding her home in the paint.

### 5. SAN DIEGO (5-6)

**COACH:** Kathy Marpe, 21st season.

**KEY PLAYERS:** Jr. F Amber Jansen (17.2 ppg, 7.5 rpg); Jr. G Melissa Glazebrook (3.6 apg); So. G Kerri Nakamoto (9.7 ppg, 2.9 apg); Jr. G/F Robyn Fortney (46% 3-FG).

**OUTLOOK:** For USD, all the pieces were there against UCLA and No. 17 Oklahoma, but consistency has been lacking.

### 6. SAN FRANCISCO (7-6)

**COACH:** Mary Hile-Nepfel, 14th season.

**KEY PLAYERS:** Sr. C Kim Whisler (14.8 ppg, 8.1 ppg); Jr. G Melanie Turner (11.5 ppg, 1.9 spg); Jr. G Lindsey Huff (9.9 ppg, 5.8 apg); Fr. C Mary Jane Krueger (8 rpg).

**OUTLOOK:** Despite a veteran squad, San Francisco's challenging preseason schedule is reflected in its record. With everyone healthy now, Hile-Nepfel hopes to make her first season as the sole head coach of the Lady Dons an improvement from last year's 12-16 record.

### 7. PORTLAND (9-4)

**COACH:** Jim Sollars, 14th season.

**KEY PLAYERS:** Jr. F Tami Standish (15.4 ppg, 9 games); Sr. G Sharon Rissmiller (11.5 ppg, ); So. G Ashlee Giles (10.9 ppg, 3.1 spg).

**OUTLOOK:** Although Portland has won seven of its last eight, injuries have devastated the Pilots, whose starting lineup in its final non-conference game included three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior.

### 8. GONZAGA (6-8)

**COACH:** Kelly Graves, first year.

**KEY PLAYERS:** Jr. F/G Jessica Malone (20.1 ppg, 7.6 rpg); Jr. G Erin Bergman (11.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg); So. G Triana Allen (6.9 ppg, 1.7 assists); Jr. G Bernice Stime (5.9 rpg, 1.3 spg).

**OUTLOOK:** When Graves looked out his office window on Monday, he saw only four players healthy enough to practice. While Malone has carried the team with her conference-leading scoring, injuries have left Gonzaga with only seven active players with 10 or more games played.



## WCC PREVIEW

## Slow start by the league's elite trio may be deceiving

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

**T**he West Coast Conference didn't do much to attract attention to itself in November and December.

But what else is new?

The league's modus operandi, established the past two seasons, has been to wait until March before doing the kind of outrageous things that make the basketball nation sit up and take notice.

Such as have a Gonzaga step on some major-conference program's toes on the way to the Elite Eight or Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

Or have a Pepperdine rout Indiana in the first round in what turns out to be Bob Knight's last game as Hoosiers coach.

Between the end of December and the beginning of March, of course, WCC teams occupy themselves by being as mean to each other as possible in the relative obscurity of league play, which starts tonight with four games, including USD at Loyola Marymount. Then through the league tournament, which this year is March 3-5 at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion, they identify a team to represent the

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## Pepperdine, USD and Gonzaga are favorites

"nice little midmajor" conference and carry on the tradition of at least scaring whoever draws them in the NCAA opener.

So a man such as Santa Clara's Dick Davey, with 24 years' experience in the league, can look at the 8-5 nonconference records of the three top teams and the WCC's 52-56 overall record and not see it as a down year.

"I think a lot of teams in the league have upgraded their schedules and tried to play a little more competitive preseason," Davey said. "When you do something like that, you are going to lose a few more games."

"Our conference doesn't get a good chance to play a lot of those so-called 'upper echelon' teams at home. So, it is a little tougher to do."

"Maybe the records aren't quite as good as I might have thought going into the (conference) season. But I think there surely is a solid contingent in our league. I am hoping that we get at least a couple of teams in the NCAA again. Maybe the biggest thing is that the records aren't quite where we thought they might be. But I think a lot of that has to do with schedule."

The three 8-5 teams, Pepperdine, USD and Gonzaga, were 1-2-3 in the preseason poll of WCC coaches.

### TONIGHT'S GAME

#### Men: Toreros at Loyola Marymount

Site/time: Los Angeles, 7.

Radio: KCBQ (1170 AM)

Webcast: [www.torerosfans.com](http://www.torerosfans.com)

Records: Toreros 8-5, LMU 4-9.

**Outlook:** For the West Coast Conference opener, USD coach **Brad Holland** makes his second starting-lineup shakeup of the season. **Andre Laws** and **Dana White** are reunited in the backcourt, **Tyler Fields** remains at center while **Sam Adamo** and **Nick Greene** get their first starts. Guard **Roy Morris** and forwards **Tom Lippold** and **Cameron Rigby** become first-option reserves. LMU is led by guard **Robert Davis** (13.0 ppg) and swingman **Elton Mashack** (6.8 rpg). USD has seen Lippold and reserve swingman **Matt Delzell** miss some practice this week because of a swollen gland and intestinal flu, respectively, but both are expected back. LMU is awaiting the return from injury of 6-foot-10 **Pablo Machado** (hip), but that may not happen until next week. LMU leads the overall series 32-27, but USD has won the last three, including 75-53 last year in L.A.

— HANK WESCH

Pepperdine has played solidly against a testing schedule. USD has lost four of its last five after starting 7-1. Gonzaga hasn't been at full strength, missing standout point guard Dan Dickau, for the last nine games.

"You look at nonconference record and strength of schedule and all those things and it takes you straight to Pepperdine," USD coach Brad Holland said.

"Pepperdine's the best team in the league right now. But I think we have the makings of a good team in the conference and Gonzaga is always right there."

"It's going to be very difficult for the league (regular-season) champion to go through without more than two losses."

Pepperdine coach Jan van Breda Kolff labeled the Waves' nonconference season "good, not great," but was encouraged by the team ending it with victories over UNC-Charlotte and Ohio University.

"It seemed like we finally came around those last two games, and hopefully we can carry that momentum into the conference," van Breda Kolff said.

Beyond the Big Three is a trio — Santa Clara, San Francisco and Portland — that appears capable of causing problems if able to overcome major flaws. In Santa Clara's case, it's depth. In USF's, backcourt deficiencies. In Portland's, inability to win big games — especially on the road.

"I don't think the (top three) are so far ahead of everybody else that it's an impossibility to catch them or to beat them," Portland coach Rob Chavez said. "I think it will be a tight race. Those three schools are clearly the class right now, but things can change in the next couple of months."



# Even without Big Wave, USD toppled

By Nicole Vargas  
STAFF WRITER

On paper, the Pepperdine women's basketball team appears a shadow of itself without West Coast Conference Player

**Pepperdine 79**

**Toreros (w) 58**

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On the court, though, it is a whole different story.

USD lost 79-58 to two-time defending West Coast Conference champion Pepperdine last night in front of 1,010 at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"They just abused us," said USD coach Kathy Marpe, whose Toreros have lost three straight. "They pushed us wherever they wanted to. They've got so much talent, and they are so big and so athletic."

Five Pepperdine players finished with double-figure scoring, led by sophomore guard Damaris Hinojosa. Last season's WCC Freshman of the Year scored a game-high 19 points in the absence of Clark, out with a knee injury.

The Waves (11-6, 1-1 WCC) won the boards as well. In Thursday's 74-70 loss to Loyola Marymount, the Toreros had 12 first-half offensive rebounds. Against Pepperdine, USD (5-8, 0-2) didn't have any in the first 20 minutes, and the Waves out-rebounded the Toreros 35-26 for the game.

"The biggest thing was the offensive boards," said senior forward Jamie Lucia, who finished with seven points and a team-high five rebounds on 3-of-3 shooting. "We never adjust-

ed to that. They scored so many points on put-backs alone. Take that away, and it's a much closer ballgame."

As the first half wound down, it was a much closer game thanks to guards Kerri Nakamoto and Amanda Bishop, who finished with a team-high 15 and nine points, respectively, and have stepped into the role of point guard in the absence of junior Melissa Glazebrook.

Pepperdine led by as much as nine points with less than three minutes left thanks to a layup by Hinojosa that extended the Waves' lead to 31-22.

Bishop answered with two back-to-back three-pointers, closing the score to 31-28. Then, with time running out on the shot clock, Lucia kicked the ball out to Nakamoto, who tied the score at 31-31 with less than 30 seconds remaining in the half.

"Toward the end of the first half, we had some good ball movement and we did some good things," said Nakamoto. "The crowd got into it, and we knew we were right there."

Pepperdine, however, wouldn't let USD get any closer to a lead and returned down the court to score when junior forward Anna Lembke converted an offensive rebound in the closing seconds of the game. The Waves regained the 33-31 lead that held into halftime, and USD never got another chance to get close in the second half.

"Against LMU and Pepperdine, we only played one bad half when we couldn't play with the other team," Marpe said. "And those are two very good teams."



# Adamo got early start with hoops

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

**S**am Adamo's earliest connection to the sport of basketball is, well, pretty early.

"I know the first word out of my mouth as a baby was 'ball,'" the USD junior said yesterday.

The mental image that promotes, in light of his recent Toreros performances, is of baby Sam spotting up in his crib and calling to an imaginary teammate for a pass to convert into a three-point shot.



**Sam Adamo**  
USD junior  
hits his shots

"Sam Adamo is the prototype spot-up three-point shooter," one Pepperdine official said after Adamo hit 6-of-12 threes in scoring 24 points against the Waves on Saturday. "He killed us last year in San Diego (19 points) and almost beat us again tonight."

The 6-foot-4 guard/forward has provided some rays of hope on a USD team that has struggled lately, losing six of its last seven. He figures to play an important role as the Toreros host San Francisco tonight at 7.

"Right now, Sam is playing with the most confidence of anyone on the team," coach Brad Holland said. "If we can get the rest of the team to believe in themselves as much as Sam does, we'll have something going."

Adamo has established career scoring bests in two of the last three games. He hit for 23 against UTEP on Jan. 6 and the 24 against Pepperdine a week later. Those efforts were sandwiched around an off night (1-for-7) at Loyola Marymount upon which he does not dwell.

"As a player, and especially as a shooter, you always try to

stay confident," Adamo said.

"Actually, my job's the easy one. I sit in the corner and wait for my teammates to penetrate and kick it out to me."

He may have been calling for the ball with his first word. But Adamo didn't *really* start playing the game until he was 2. Talk about a basketball family.

His father, also Sam, a criminal defense lawyer in Houston, played one year at Saint Louis University. "His story is that late in the year he went up for a jump shot, got it blocked into the bleachers and decided it was time for law school," young Sam said.

The elder Adamo's passion for the game didn't end with his playing days, however. When looking for a home for the family, a priority was enough backyard space to build a state-of-the-art court.

Father coached son through the sixth grade. The final year before junior high, Sam and some friends played in three different leagues and competed in a total of 88 games.

Teams Adamo played on went 60-5 through his seventh- and eighth-grade seasons. At Strake Jesuit High School in Houston he was a key contributor to two 4-A (second-largest division) state championships in three years.

Recruited by Texas Christian, Southern Methodist, Colorado State and USD, he chose Colorado State but lasted only one semester.

Coach Stew Morrill and the staff that had recruited Adamo moved on to Utah State between Adamo's recruitment and arrival in Fort Collins. Adamo wasn't as comfortable with new coach Ritchie McKay and his staff.

"The experience made me tougher and I learned a lot," Adamo said. "But it got to the point where I just wanted to go somewhere I could be happy."



## A look at past may give Toreros a future in WCC

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

The magic of the movies put the magic back in the play of USD's struggling basketball team last night.

**Toreros 86**

**USF 61**

And the Toreros went out and blasted San Francisco 86-61 before 1,898 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion, ending a four-game losing streak and getting into the win column in the West Coast Conference after an 0-2 start.

The Toreros coaching staff's inspiration of a motivational tool yesterday was to show the team a tape of the highlights of its early-season successes in

building a 7-1 record. Then, spliced at the end, was a clip from the movie "Any Given Sunday" in which Al Pacino, as an NFL head coach, gives a fiery pep talk.

It worked for senior guard Dana White, even though he'd seen the movie several times.

"It was a good message for us; it was perfect," White said. "We have to play as a team. We have to know everybody has everybody's back. And play with intensity."

White had 22 points, two below his career high, and was one of four Toreros in double figures as USD (9-7 overall) took control late in the first half

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### Easy victory over Dons is USD's first in WCC

and didn't let up in winning for the second time in its last eight games.

Sam Adamo triggered the first-half pull-away by hitting three of the five three-pointers he'd make in a 15-point night. Starters Nick Greene (11 points, 7 rebounds) and Andre Laws (10-8) stoked the USD fires, and the work off the bench of Tom Lippold (9 points, 8 rebounds) and Kevin Hanson (8-3) stilled any comeback thoughts of USF.

The Dons (7-11, 0-3) have lost three straight and seven of their last eight.

"We knew that they'd lost a few like we had and would come out and play hard," said Hanson, a 6-foot-10 backup center who came within two points of his career high in scoring and contributed solid defensive work on USF's 7-foot center, Hondre Brewer.

"But it's like we got back our chip-on-the-shoulder attitude. This is a huge win for us."

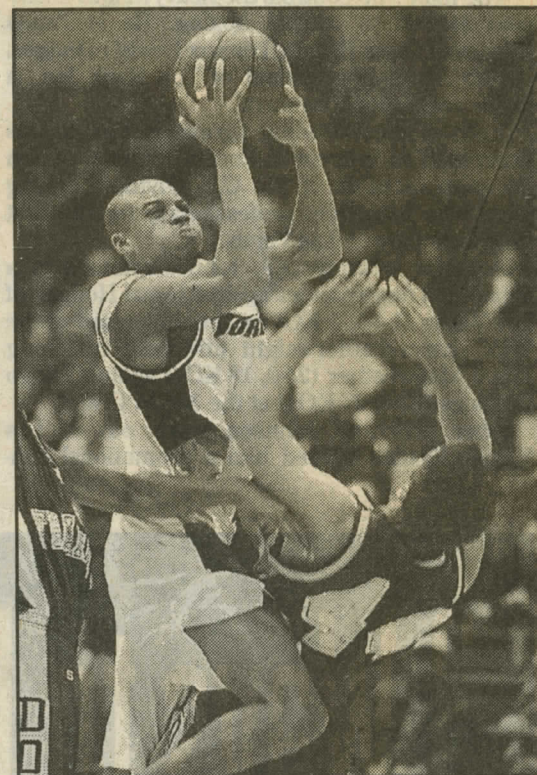
While taking his morning jog, USD coach Brad Holland had the idea of putting together a highlight tape of the good times in the not-so-distant past. "Our guys hadn't had too much in the way of positive reinforcement lately and I thought they needed it," Holland said.

Assistant coach Steve Flint came up with the idea of tacking Pacino's speech onto the end.

The result, to quote Pacino from another film, "Scent of a Woman": Hooooo-aahhh!

"We played with more passion than we had been; we had a lot of energy that had been lacking," said Holland. "We made plays both offensively and defensively. It looked like our old team was back."

The Toreros went on a 13-2 run in the final three minutes, scoring nine in a span of 1:05 at one point, to secure a 36-21 lead at halftime.



Dana White, who led USD with 22 points, bowls over San Francisco's Nick Tarbat on his way to the basket. Jim Baird / Union-Tribune

Adamo hit two three-pointers, combined with three Lippold free throws, in the short burst. Another Adamo three — with 1:02 remaining — set the Toreros' score for the half.

White also played a solid half, scoring nine points and handing out four assists without a turnover. USD then scored the first six points of the second half, on a three-point play by Laws and a three-point shot by Adamo.

The last four points for White came on break-away slam dunks, after steals triggered by Lippold and Laws. "I haven't had that many dunks in a game since high school," White said.



# Toreros look for road consistency

**By Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

"On The Road Again" isn't just the title of a Willie Nelson golden oldie.

It's the story of the next three days for USD's basketball team — and in large part the story of the Toreros' season.

After playing 11 of the first 15 games on the road, USD last week had the luxury — for the first time all season — of back-to-back games at its new Jenny Craig Pavilion. The Toreros made it "quality time" by defeating San Francisco and Saint Mary's to even their West Coast Conference record at 2-2 and move from a tie for last to a tie for fourth.

That home stand behind them, the Toreros have gone through the now-familiar routine of packing their bags and traveling, this time to the Pacific Northwest for games against Portland tonight and Gonzaga on Saturday. They take with them an overall record of 10-7, including 5-6 on the road.

Without question the Toreros are an experienced road team. But should they be considered a good one?

"We've been a good road team, but inconsistent," coach Brad Holland said. "I look back at our wins at Hawaii, Irvine and San Diego State as very good. And we had our chances but couldn't get the job done in that mid-December to early January (1-5) stretch.

"There's no question that, at that point, playing so many games on the road caught up with us."

If there was blame to be assigned for the Toreros' brutal preconference road schedule it would go to Holland. He's in charge of scheduling.

But Holland was a victim of circumstance. Teams weren't

inclined to sign up to visit San Diego and play a Toreros contingent with everyone back from last season's 20-9 edition that would, coincidentally, be breaking in a new gym.

It was like being asked to be the guest of honor at a dinner thrown by cannibals.

"I had no choice, no option, but to schedule a lot of road games this year to get commitments for teams to come here next year," Holland said. "I didn't want to have only four (preconference) home games. But I thought that with the experience we have this could be a team that could handle that kind of schedule."

The Toreros did at first, going 4-1 in their first five road tests while getting off to a school-best 7-1 start. Then came the 1-5 run.

Now USD undertakes what is geographically the longest, and arguably toughest, trip in the conference having lost its last three road assignments. In the WCC the Toreros are 0-2 on the road. They started their league schedule Jan. 12 with a 62-59 stumble at Loyola Marymount, a school on a 14-game WCC losing streak at the time. USD fell 83-73 the following night at traditionally home-tough Pepperdine, a team that was rated, with Gonzaga and USD, as the preseason conference title threats.

Pepperdine (12-5, 4-0 WCC) is 5-4 on the road overall and 1-0 in conference play. Gonzaga (12-5, 4-0) is 5-4 on the road, 3-0 in league.

USD needs to put the majority of its five remaining road games in the win column if it is to contend for the regular-season title.

"Without a doubt, it's how we do on the road that will tell if truly we are one of the three best teams in the league," Holland said.



# USD frosh Padgett has game in genes

**By Nicole Vargas**  
STAFF WRITER

Basketball is in Melissa Padgett's blood.

The USD freshman's grandfather Jim played at Oregon State before coaching at Cal and Nevada.



**Melissa Padgett**

Her father, Peter, played at Nevada before being drafted by the NBA's Atlanta Hawks in 1976. He later became one of the most successful high school coaches in Nevada before joining UC Santa Barbara's coaching staff as an assistant this season.

Her "little" brother David, a 6-foot-11, 230-pound sophomore at Reno High, is one of Nevada's top prep talents and is expected to be one of the nation's most sought-after recruits in two years.

Melissa, a former Nevada State Player of the Year, is making that lineage work for her.

"I grew up around the game, and I am still learning," said Padgett, a 6-foot-1 guard who calls her dad after every game for feedback. "Being a coach's daughter, I know what coaches want and expect, and I am not so worried about the big plays as I am about the little things. I know I'm not going to play any

minutes unless I prove myself."

Padgett has played in all 15 games this season, averaging 4.2 points, 1.9 rebounds and 13 minutes off the bench. In her second game, she had 16 points and seven rebounds against UCLA.

"She's having a fantastic freshman year," USD coach Kathy Marpe said. "Look at (the) UCLA (game). She's really a smart player and the team has embraced her."

"In the past, we've had trouble matching up with the taller (guards), and she gives us that look. Now teams are having trouble matching up with us."

Almost as important as the shots she's making are the near-misses. In overtime losses to then-No. 17 Oklahoma and Boise State, Padgett took the Toreros' final shot. Padgett hasn't made a buzzer-beater yet, but Marpe says putting the ball in Padgett's hands in pressure situations was part of the game plan.

That's something the freshman has come to appreciate.

"Just being in the game at that point is an experience in itself," Padgett said. "When I got the ball, I just looked at it like a normal shot that I make in practice every day. Unfortunately, I didn't make it and am 0-for-2 right now, but the fact that (the coaches) have confidence in me makes me feel really good."



# Toreros end skid, get first WCC win

By Nicole Vargas, STAFF WRITER

Remember the USD women's basketball team that opened the season with a spirited victory over Long Beach State and pushed then-No. 17 Oklahoma to double overtime?

**Toreros (w) 81**

**Gonzaga 55**

Against Gonzaga, those Toreros were back.

They defeated the Bulldogs 81-55 before 263 at Jenny Craig Pavilion last night, giving USD (6-10, 1-4) its first West Coast Conference win and ending a painful five-game losing streak.

"It's about time," said junior guard Robyn Fortney, who scored 11 points and hit 3-of-4 from beyond the three-point arc. "I'm really proud we finally put two halves together. We played good, solid defense, we attacked on offense and we played as a team."

Five Toreros finished with double-digit scoring, led by junior forward Amber Jansen's 18 points on 7-of-8 shooting. She was followed by sophomore forward Erin Malich, who came off the bench to score 12 points, her fourth consecutive game with 10 or more.

Sophomore guard Kerri Nakamoto finished with a double-double, scoring 10 points with 10 assists, while senior guard Amanda Bishop matched Nakamoto's scoring and added a team-high five rebounds.

"After losing the first four games of conference, we weren't happy with that," said Jansen, who came into the game as the conference's No. 2 scorer. "The rebounds definitely led to a lot of transition scoring, and that was huge tonight."

Not only was USD's scoring as balanced as it has been all season, but the Toreros outbounded Gonzaga 36-22 while shooting 59 percent from the floor compared to 36 percent by the Bulldogs (5-13, 0-5).

What hurt Gonzaga most, though, was the play of junior forward Jessica Malone, the returning WCC Player of the Year and the conference's leading scorer with 18.8 points per game. Malone was held to 12 points, all coming in the second half, and four rebounds. She shot only 3-of-13 from the field.

"The focus was on Malone and taking her out of the game," USD coach Kathy Marpe said. "Then we just wanted to play solid defense on the rest of the team. Once you play good, solid defense, you get the offensive scoring opportunities."



# Holland gets thrown out; USD men get blown out

By Steve Christilaw

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

SPOKANE, Wash. — For the first time in his coaching career, Brad Holland watched his team play a conference basketball game from a television monitor in

**Gonzaga 78**

**Toreros 57**

his team's locker room.

And it was a painful finish, at that.

West Coast Conference co-leader Gonzaga went on a 17-0 tear in the second half to hand USD a 78-57 loss last night.

Holland, the WCC Coach of the Year the past two seasons, was ejected at the 14:58 mark of the second half, picking up two technical fouls in a span of 13 seconds.

Holland's first technical was for strenuously questioning a foul called on Toreros forward Nick Greene, a similar call to one Gonzaga coach Mark Few had argued a few minutes earlier on his center, Zach Gourde.

The second technical, however, was for something entirely different.

"I was just trying to call a timeout," Holland said, still shaking his head. "I will do something (about the call). I will not sit back. I'll do whatever I can. I'll talk to the (WCC) supervisor of officials. That's the first thing I've got to do."

The Toreros (11-8, 3-3) played a sparkling first half, shooting 50 percent from the floor (14-of-28), outrebounding Gonzaga 18-14 and limiting the Bulldogs' leading scorer, Casey Calvary, to just four points and one field goal.

But as hot as the Toreros were in the first half, they were just as cold in the second half.

Sam Adamo drilled a jumper from the ton of the key to give

USD a 40-38 lead with 17:38 left. The Toreros' next field goal, a three-pointer by Matt Delzell, came more than 10 minutes later, and it cut Gonzaga's lead to 15 points.

Between those field goals, Calvary scored seven points and junior guard Dan Dickau was 6-for-6 from the free-throw line.

Holland was asked if his ejection affected his team.

"Apparently it did," he said, with only a trace of sarcasm. "After that, Gonzaga did anything (they) wanted to us on the offensive end. And we played scattered, missing shots and helping their cause."

"They just whipped our behinds after that."

Gonzaga's Few disagreed.

"I think we were beginning to take control before that," Few said. "(San Diego) came in and had the highest shooting percentage a team has had against us in quite a while."

## WCC

|               | Conference |          |             | All Games |          |             |
|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
|               | W          | L        | Pct.        | W         | L        | Pct.        |
| Gonzaga       | 6          | 0        | 1.000       | 14        | 5        | .737        |
| Pepperdine    | 6          | 0        | 1.000       | 14        | 5        | .737        |
| Santa Clara   | 4          | 2        | .667        | 12        | 9        | .571        |
| <b>USD</b>    | <b>3</b>   | <b>3</b> | <b>.333</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>.536</b> |
| Portland      | 2          | 4        | .500        | 9         | 10       | .526        |
| Loyola Mary.  | 2          | 4        | .333        | 6         | 13       | .316        |
| San Francisco | 1          | 5        | .167        | 8         | 13       | .381        |
| St. Mary's    | 0          | 6        | .000        | 2         | 17       | .100        |

### Yesterday's Games

Gonzaga 78, USD 57

San Francisco 67, Loyola Marymount 63

Pepperdine 77, St. Mary's 65

Santa Clara 60, Portland 56

### Wednesday's Games

Santa Clara at USD, 7 p.m.

St. Mary's at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

### Friday's Games

Portland at Loyola Marymount, 7 p.m.

Gonzaga at Pepperdine, 7 p.m.

"They're a very well-coached team, and they believe they can come in here and win."

Last year the Toreros did just that, ending a 20-game Gonzaga home win streak with an 82-70 victory.

In the second half, USD hit just 7-of-26 shots and was outrebounded 20-14.

Andre Laws, coming off a 19-point effort in a win at Portland on Thursday, had 11 first-half points but was held scoreless in the second half. Still, he shared team-high scoring honors with Tyler Field.

Gonzaga's Dickau, a junior transfer from the University of Washington, led the Bulldogs with 25 points, including an 11-for-11 effort from the line.

## USD SUMMARY

### Gonzaga 78, USD 57

|               | Min        | FG-A         | FT-A         | R         | A        | F         | Pts       |
|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| USD           |            |              |              |           |          |           |           |
| White         | 30         | 2-5          | 3-4          | 2         | 0        | 1         | 9         |
| Laws          | 33         | 4-10         | 2-2          | 2         | 1        | 3         | 11        |
| Field         | 21         | 3-6          | 5-6          | 6         | 0        | 2         | 11        |
| Adamo         | 25         | 3-9          | 1-2          | 5         | 1        | 2         | 7         |
| Greene        | 22         | 3-7          | 0-0          | 5         | 1        | 4         | 6         |
| Boardman      | 3          | 0-1          | 0-0          | 1         | 1        | 0         | 0         |
| Lippold       | 15         | 0-3          | 0-0          | 1         | 1        | 2         | 0         |
| Morris        | 3          | 1-2          | 0-0          | 0         | 0        | 0         | 2         |
| Rigby         | 17         | 2-3          | 0-0          | 3         | 0        | 3         | 4         |
| Hanson        | 17         | 2-4          | 0-0          | 5         | 2        | 3         | 4         |
| Borrego       | 3          | 0-0          | 0-0          | 1         | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Delzell       | 11         | 1-4          | 0-0          | 0         | 0        | 0         | 3         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>200</b> | <b>21-54</b> | <b>11-14</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>57</b> |

Percentages: FG .389, FT .786. 3-Point Goals: 4-15, 26.7 (White 2-4, Delzell 1-2, Laws 1-4, Boardman 0-1, Morris 0-1, Rigby 0-1, Adamo 0-2). Team Rebounds: 32. Blocked Shots: 1 (Hanson). Turnovers: 10 (Laws 3, Field 2, Greene 2, White, Lippold, Hanson). Steals: 2 (Laws, Field). Technical Fouls: Two team.

|               | Min        | FG-A         | FT-A         | R         | A         | F         | Pts       |
|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| GONZAGA       |            |              |              |           |           |           |           |
| Stepp         | 33         | 5-8          | 0-1          | 4         | 5         | 1         | 14        |
| Dickau        | 34         | 6-7          | 11-11        | 0         | 8         | 3         | 25        |
| Calvary       | 34         | 6-16         | 3-5          | 5         | 2         | 0         | 16        |
| Spink         | 23         | 2-2          | 0-1          | 5         | 2         | 3         | 4         |
| Gourde        | 17         | 4-9          | 0-2          | 3         | 0         | 4         | 8         |
| Forbes        | 15         | 3-8          | 0-0          | 2         | 0         | 2         | 6         |
| Reason        | 25         | 1-2          | 2-2          | 8         | 0         | 1         | 5         |
| Hernandez     | 3          | 0-1          | 0-0          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Tricco        | 3          | 0-0          | 0-0          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Violette      | 13         | 0-2          | 0-0          | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>200</b> | <b>27-55</b> | <b>16-22</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>78</b> |

Percentages: FG .491, FT .727. 3-Point Goals: 4/11 (Stepp 4-7, Dickau 2-3, Calvary 1-2, Reason 1-2, Violette 0-1, Forbes 0-2). Team Rebounds: 34. Blocked Shots: 3 (Stepp, Calvary, Reason). Turnovers: 9 (Dickau 6, Calvary, Spink, Gourde). Steals: 5 (Spink 2, Stepp, Dickau, Reason). Technical Fouls: One team.

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|---------------------|----|----|------|
| USD (11-8, 3-3)     | 35 | 22 | - 57 |
| Gonzaga (14-5, 6-0) | 34 | 44 | - 78 |

A-4,000. Officials—Mark Reischling, Thomas Wood, Mike Peterson.



# USD catcher seeking to muscle way ahead of the learning curve

By Kevin Acee, STAFF WRITER

**T**here is a goatee and a trail of a beard that runs across his cheek, contradicting his youthful face. There is 20 pounds of muscle that wasn't there last spring. There is a look in his eyes, a purpose in his stride around the batting cage.

There are expectations.

"I play to have fun; I play to win," Greg Sain said. "But if I say I don't care what anybody says about me, that I'm out here only for myself, that's baloney. I want to do well to show everyone I can do well."

That was never a problem before last season, before the switch, before the whispers that he might have lost his swing somewhere in all that catching gear.

Last year, the new position was as the USD catcher. This year, the new position is one of uncertainty.

Following his first season at USD, one spent at third base, Sain was named a freshman All-American and the West Coast Conference's co-Freshman of the Year. *Baseball America* noted his .339 batting average, including 12 home runs and 21 doubles in 233 at-bats, and projected him as the highest draft pick out of the WCC following the 2001 season.

That season begins tomorrow at 2 p.m. when the Toreros host UC Riverside.

"I am more excited for this year to start," said Sain, a 6-foot-2 junior from West High in Torrance. "It's a redeeming year for me. I can show

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### Sain planning to make junior year his best

the scouts, the fans, my teammates, my parents and myself that last year wasn't me and I'm capable of more than that."

"That" was a 2000 season for Sain that featured a batting average of .286, six home runs and 16 doubles in 199 at-bats.

It also featured a move to catcher that was contrived the previous summer and was essentially a work in progress during the season.

Sain is more inclined to blame his offensive downturn on bad habits than on the stress of his new job, though he did acknowledge, "I am aware that some of the problems can be attributed to learning a new position. Catching takes a lot out of you, especially as the games go on. It takes away from you offensively. Anybody who says it doesn't is a liar or hasn't caught."

In addition to the constant squatting, collisions at the plate and foul tips off various body parts, catching is a mental drain, especially to the new practitioner. At no other position does a player have to be aware of so much, while also being in tune with his pitcher and reading a hitter.

Often, at the plate, Sain

would be thinking about what had happened the previous inning behind the plate or what might happen the next inning.

"It was hard for me to separate offense and defense," Sain said, echoing the struggles of even the most experienced catchers.

As a new catcher, Sain worked to grasp the nuances of framing a pitch, the quick release and staying in front of pitches in the dirt.

"I don't know how many passed balls I had last year," he said, "but it was a gross number."

It all combined to make the day's fourth at-bat feel like the 14th and the week's third game feel like the sixth.

"Last year I was really more concerned with getting the position down," he said. "A lot of things go on back there. I didn't want to embarrass myself."

He didn't, but his season did produce too little in the way of statistics.

Sain started 2-for-24, went on a 9-for-18 stretch against mostly non-Division I opponents and then struggled much of the rest of the season.

Realizing midway through the season his average would never rise to his accustomed level, he began to swing for the fences more often to try to compensate with some run production. He spent the rest of the season wrapping and unwrapping his approach at the plate.

Sain ended up batting .333 in conference play, spending

some of that portion of the schedule at third base and even being named to the All-WCC first team at that position.

But by May he was ready to start over.

"I was glad when it ended," he said, "so I could have a fresh start for the summer."

Playing catcher for the Fairbanks Goldpanners, Sain was named to the All-Alaska League team. When he returned home, he went to work in the weight room.

"I figured out I'm going to have to be in top-notch physical condition to last the whole year," he said. "I noticed that a lot of my strength broke down, especially as the season wore on. Those days catching are long and exhausting."

So he begins this year in better shape and hopes to finish it just as strong. He will be eligible for the major league draft in June and is planning on being selected high enough that he will be a professional catcher by summer.

"I'd like to say this is my last year," he said. "And I want to have the best year we can as a team. I know if I have a good year, the team is going to do well. I want to win the WCC championship. I look at this as my senior year, my last chance, and I want to leave this school with it getting some of the respect it deserves."

"I'm not going to get caught up in the whole draft idea. I've put in the effort in the weight room and the cages to set myself up. That's all I can do."

## 2001 SCHEDULE

### USD MEN'S SCHEDULE

| Date          | Opponent             | Time      |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Jan. 30       | Riverside            | 2 p.m.    |
| Feb. 2        | at Cal Poly          | 2 p.m.    |
| Feb. 3        | at Cal Poly          | 1 p.m.    |
| Feb. 4        | at Cal Poly          | 1 p.m.    |
| Feb. 9        | Sacramento St.       | 2 p.m.    |
| Feb. 10       | Sacramento St.       | 1 p.m.    |
| Feb. 11       | Sacramento St.       | 1 p.m.    |
| Feb. 16       | x-Riverside          | 1 p.m.    |
| Feb. 17       | x-Oklahoma           | 1 p.m.    |
| Feb. 18       | x-Texas Tech         | noon      |
| Feb. 20       | at Riverside         | 3 p.m.    |
| Feb. 23       | at Northridge        | 2:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 24       | at Northridge        | 1 p.m.    |
| Feb. 25       | Northridge           | 1 p.m.    |
| Feb. 27       | at USC               | 5 p.m.    |
| March 2       | E. Michigan          | 2 p.m.    |
| March 3       | y-E. Michigan        | 1 p.m.    |
| March 4       | E. Michigan          | 11 a.m.   |
| March 6       | UCSD                 | 2 p.m.    |
| March 9       | Portland             | 2 p.m.    |
| March 10      | Portland             | 1 p.m.    |
| March 11      | Portland             | 1 p.m.    |
| March 13      | Purdue               | 2 p.m.    |
| March 16      | at St. Mary's        | 2 p.m.    |
| March 17      | at St. Mary's        | 1 p.m.    |
| March 18      | at St. Mary's        | 1 p.m.    |
| March 20      | Long Beach           | 2:30 p.m. |
| March 23      | Pepperdine           | 2 p.m.    |
| March 24      | Pepperdine           | 1 p.m.    |
| March 25      | Pepperdine           | 1 p.m.    |
| March 27      | UCLA                 | 2 p.m.    |
| March 30      | San Francisco        | 2 p.m.    |
| March 31      | San Francisco        | 1 p.m.    |
| April 1       | San Francisco        | 1 p.m.    |
| April 6       | at Gonzaga           | 3 p.m.    |
| April 7       | at Gonzaga           | 1 p.m.    |
| April 8       | at Gonzaga           | 1 p.m.    |
| April 12      | at Santa Clara       | 7 p.m.    |
| April 13      | at Santa Clara       | 7 p.m.    |
| April 14      | at Santa Clara       | 1 p.m.    |
| April 17      | SDSU                 | 3 p.m.    |
| April 20      | Loyola Marymount     | 3 p.m.    |
| April 21      | Loyola Marymount     | 1 p.m.    |
| April 22      | Loyola Marymount     | 1 p.m.    |
| April 24      | at SDSU              | 6 p.m.    |
| April 28      | at Pepperdine (2)    | noon      |
| April 29      | at Pepperdine        | 1 p.m.    |
| April 30      | USC                  | 3 p.m.    |
| May 4         | at Portland          | 3 p.m.    |
| May 5         | at Portland (2)      | 11 a.m.   |
| May 8         | at Long Beach        | 5:05 p.m. |
| May 11        | St. Mary's           | 3 p.m.    |
| May 12        | St. Mary's           | 1 p.m.    |
| May 13        | St. Mary's           | 1 p.m.    |
| May 18-20     | WCC Playoffs         | TBA       |
| May 24-27     | NCAA Regionals       | TBA       |
| May 31-June 3 | NCAA Super Regionals | TBA       |
| June 9-16     | College World Series | TBA       |

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# Joining the globe trotters



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Five San Diegans make their marks in European game



**By Nicole Vargas**  
STAFF WRITER

**A**ll Susie Erpelding wanted was a glass of water.

So in her best German, the former USD women's basketball player-turned-pro made her request to a waiter, expecting it to arrive at her table free of charge.

"They came out with a liter bottle and told me it would be six marks-fifty," said Erpelding, who is now playing in Germany. "I knew my parents were going to be laughing at me about it because I had just spent \$3.25 on water."

This past fall, five women with local ties stepped back onto the basketball court, this time as professionals in three European leagues.

Erpelding, Amy Cleveland and Lakeysha Wright are continuing their careers in Germany, while Mary Apiafi and Jessica Gray have settled in Denmark and England, respectively.

The weather is cold, the courts are made of rubber and the pay isn't great.

But playing in the European leagues has not only allowed the five to live out their dream of continuing their basketball careers beyond their college days, but experience another culture along the way.

While the four others live in flats, or apartments, with one or two people, Erpelding lives with a family of four outside of Bensberg. Small, compared to her family of 10 brothers and sisters.

"The family I live with has really welcomed me into their home," said Erpelding, who has helped her second division team become one of the league's best. "I am like another daughter or a big sister. They are really supportive, and at home games, they are there banging on drums."

Erpelding has seen how sports is completely separate from the schools in Germany, and kids tend to be involved in fewer extracurricular activities.

"School is hard," Erpelding said. "They are taking three or four languages and doing a lot of work. You don't see them crazily running around like we are in America, when you're in football, soccer, basketball, two plays and piano lessons. Sports are just for fun."

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# European game extends careers of San Diegans

## A serving of Danish

Former SDSU forward Apiafi has a dream to play for the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks, but with only five complete seasons of basketball behind her, the 6-2 Nigeria native knew one more season would only help her.

So when her initial plans to play with a Washington, D.C.-based international traveling team fell through, the chance to play in Copenhagen has turned out to be the perfect fit for Apiafi.

"I am playing better (this year)," said Apiafi, who has scored more than 30 points in a game this season. "I have more opportunities to be myself and not live up to the expectations of others. We defeated one of the top teams in the league this season, and really surprised the rest of the teams. Things are really coming together."

Unlike the United States, where sports such as football, baseball and basketball are king, Apiafi has found the nation's passion lies in team handball. Women's basketball in Denmark receives little attention. However, Apiafi has been surprised by the level of competition.

"Games are totally different," said Apiafi, who is the only American on her team. "Mentally, it's tougher. It's more of a battlefield out here."

"But I really like it. It's nice to travel and see what the world is about, and it is so beautiful here."

## It's Gray in England

For Gray, the thought of adjusting to a foreign language was intimidating, so the chance to play in England seemed like the best opportunity.

"I thought that because I spoke English I would be OK," Gray said. "The language may be the same, but the culture is very different."

Also, the seemingly constant rain takes some getting used to.

Soccer and cricket dominate the sports headlines, and the relationship the English have to each other — at least from what Gray has experienced — is unlike anything she has seen.

"I don't think the English like anybody," Gray said. "Many of the English think they're posh, proper. It's funny. But the people I associate with are awesome."

That includes her coach-boss-roommate, Elaine Miller. Miller, who is from Ipswich, not only coaches Gray, but also is an operations manager at the office where Gray works.

Like Miller, many of the players on the Ipswich Bobcats are locals, which translates into strong fan support, especially from players' families. The team's small gym also has an additional advantage.

"Our gym has a bar in it," Gray said.

## On the court again

For Cleveland, the thought of playing overseas was always on her mind, but as time passed, it seemed less and less of an option for the 27-year-old junior high teacher and coach.

"If you don't come from a big school or have a big name, it's a lot of who you know and being in the right place at the right time," said Cleveland, who played at Claremont McKenna College. "But I always had it in mind to (play overseas), so I kept in shape."

The right place and time came last year, when an old teammate of Cleveland's mentioned her hometown team in Germany (SC Rist Wedel) was going professional. The team was in need of a talented American player, and Cleveland, a 5-10 shooting guard, was just the type of player it needed.

Although Cleveland had stayed in shape, playing games again took some getting used to. However, even that wasn't as big a challenge as dealing with the approach her coach had to stiff competition.

"We have two really good teams in our league that has WNBA players, national team members and lots of (sponsorship) money," said Cleveland, who as the highest-paid player on her team earns only about \$1,200 a month plus housing for playing and coaching. "Our coach tells us we have no chance of winning, and we



## MAKING POINTS IN EUROPE

### Mary Apiafi

**Current team:** Denmark's Copenhagen, elite division.

**Local connection:** The 6-2 forward may have only five years of basketball experience, but Apiafi made a name for herself at SDSU as one of the bright spots of the 1999-2000 season, her senior year. The native of Nigeria finished second in the Mountain West Conference in rebounding (9.1) while averaging 12.1 points and earning All-MWC second-team honors.

**While in Denmark:** Apiafi is coaching two youth basketball teams, one for teen-age boys and one for boys and girls ages 13 and 14. "In Nigeria, we had many languages, but we still learned English and used it first. It's tough to get adjusted to everyone speaking Danish."

### Amy Cleveland

**Current team:** Germany's SC Rist Wedel, first division.

**Local connection:** After graduating from University City High in 1991, Cleveland set 21 individual records at Claremont McKenna College in her four-year career. Cleveland returned to San Diego to play for the San Diego Sol, a local semipro women's team, and played in camps for the ABL and WNBA. Cleveland most recently was a teacher

and junior varsity basketball coach at Horizon High.

**While in Germany:** The 5-10 shooting guard has continued coaching, working with a youth team. "(German basketball players) don't drink regular water. They drink bubble water, even during games. At the end of the bench, there are glass bottles filled with bubble water. It's so strange."

### Susie Erpelding

**Current team:** Germany's TV Bensberg, second division.

**Local connection:** A San Diego native, Erpelding graduated from Our Lady of Peace in 1995. The 5-9 guard then went on to become one of USD's most decorated athletes, leading the Toreros to an NCAA Tournament berth her senior year and becoming the program's all-time leading scorer with 1,510 points. Erpelding graduated from USD in 2000 with a master's degree in counseling.

ended up losing by 50 and 70 points because he didn't bring our whole team and he didn't even coach (the game). "That mentality that we were going to lose before you play a

**While in Germany:** Erpelding, who has helped her team become one of the top in its division, lives with a local family and spends her free time coaching a youth team and taking German classes. "Everyone really follows American news. They know more than we do in America. It's so important to them what the dollar is, who the president is, what's going on, where the crisis is. They even knew about the energy crisis in San Diego. Someone said to me, 'I heard there are too many Christmas lights in San Diego and there is an energy crisis.'"

### Jessica Gray

**Current team:** England's Ipswich Bobcats, first division.

**Local connection:** The 6-foot forward graduated from USD in 2000 and was a presence inside for the Toreros. Besides averaging 14.3 points her senior season, Gray set a record for rebounds during her senior year with 281, an average of 9.4. She finished as the school's No. 2 all-time rebounder (700).

**While in England:** Gray works as an office assistant in town and coaches a youth team a couple of days a week. She also volunteers at a group home for troubled boys. "I knew I wanted to play basketball after college. I didn't know where or when or how I would end up, but I knew I wanted to do it. I wanted to stay out of the real world for as long as possible."

### Lakeysha Wright

**Current team:** Germany's SC Rist Wedel, first division.

**Local connection:** Wright, a 5-6 point guard, helped SDSU to three NCAA Tournament appearances and back-to-back WAC titles from 1993-1995. During her senior season, Wright was named team MVP and left with the fourth-highest career assist total (358). Wright was a student assistant for one season at SDSU before joining USD's coaching staff, where she remained for four years.

**While in Germany:** Wright is adjusting to life as a player again, concentrating on her physical fitness and conditioning. "I can figure something out (on the court) because I am a former coach and I understand the game. Also, as a point guard, I know exactly what I am looking at. It's funny, though, because I see things way before my coach or any of the players."

— NICOLE VARGAS

paid to play a game."

### Still the Wright stuff

Knowing that her new team needed a point guard, Cleveland mentioned the chance to play in Germany to former SDSU standout Wright during a pick-up game at the USD Sports Center.

Wright, who had coached at USD for four seasons, tried to avoid making a decision, passing the opportunity on to her twin sister, Falisha, who had taken the opposite path of Lakeysha and played in the now-defunct ABL for three seasons, or Erpelding.

However, Erpelding had already made contact with her team in Germany, and Falisha was interested in a coaching job at Portland State, leaving Lakeysha with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity sitting in her lap.

"I always wanted to play, but coming out of college, I didn't want to go to another country to play basketball," said Wright, who finished playing at SDSU in 1995 but had stayed in shape. "Back then, there wasn't a lot of opportunity to play, and the ABL was just getting started. But now, I thought, 'I'm older. I'm more experienced.' I think I could handle playing in a foreign country."

As the team's only point guard, Wright, 27, is playing 40 minutes a game and is a vital part of daily practices. And while Wright stayed in shape by practicing against Erpelding and Gray during the last four seasons, the transition — just as Cleveland discovered — wasn't easy.

"There's a difference between running three days a week and lifting and playing 40 minutes a game," said Wright. "It took me about a week and a half, two weeks, to get into game shape."

With half a season behind her, Wright has fit back into the daily life of a full-time athlete, juggling five practices a week, daily personal workouts and a weekly game. What the future holds, though, is still up in the air for Wright.

"After this year, I'm going to look at my options," Wright said. "I can always go back to coaching, but I'm not in any rush to start back working."

"I've worked since college, so why not have fun now?"

game, I don't care how many WNBA players you have. That's why you play the game."

And while some of the quirks of the international game are different from what Cleveland

is used to, and the pay is not nearly at the level of any professional league in America, Cleveland doesn't mind at all.

"It's not too bad," Cleveland said. "After all, we are getting



# USD mound outlook: Zeros

By Kevin Acee, STAFF WRITER

It was a long wait — through a sore elbow, a broken finger and his coach's derision.

Aaron Wilson came through yesterday, allowing just two infield singles in five innings and

**Toreros 10**

**UC Riverside 0**

earning the victory for USD in the baseball team's season-opening 10-0 victory over visiting

UC Riverside.

"I've been ready for this for a long time," said Wilson, a redshirt freshman out of Santana High. "I've never been so ready."

Wilson began last season strongly before developing pain in his elbow. After trying to pitch through the malady, he was redshirted at mid-season.

With his elbow better by summer, he headed to the Alaska League and was 15 innings into that season when a comebacker jammed the index finger on his pitching hand.

So he worked out this fall "itching" to pitch again, only to be blindsided by USD coach Rich Hill's prognosis of the pitching staff in the paper a few days ago.

Said Hill: The Toreros' young arms appeared average.

"I could see where he was coming from," Wilson said yesterday, through a smirk. "We hadn't shown anything. But I also knew what we could do."

Hill was maybe trying to motivate his staff, or he may prove to be correct. But for one day, against a team that banged out 16 hits against

UCLA last week, USD's pitchers could not have thrown much better.

Junior Chris Martinez, pitching just one inning because it was the season's first game, started and was perfect in the first before giving way to Wilson.

Sophomore Patrick Lucy (Fallbrook) started off the seventh allowing a sharp single to left and a bunt single, then went 3-0 to the next batter before throwing eight consecutive strikes, adding a few ticks to his fastball and getting three straight outs.

Sophomore Tom Caple, a Rancho Bernardo alum who spent last season at the University of Texas, came in from right field to pitch the final two innings.

"We couldn't have asked for anything more from them," said catcher Greg Sain, who was 2-for-3 with three RBI.

With the way the pitchers went about their business, all the Toreros needed was junior designated hitter S.C. Assael's two-run homer in the second inning. But a couple of more big innings — a four-run fifth and a three-run eighth — made the final score more impressive.

The Toreros, picked to finish third in the West Coast Conference, need some big victories. Their nonconference schedule — especially this month — is not overwhelming, and any hopes of getting into the NCAA Regionals without a conference title hinge on piling up victories.

"It's going to be important for us to play well early," Hill said. "Our nonconference schedule (features) winnable games. We feel like February is an important month."



# Ex-Tritons party animal now solid at USD center

**By Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

It was December 1996. Holiday break for a first-term freshman at UCSD.

Tyler Field, who should have had everything going his way, was instead going nowhere.

He wasn't playing basketball. He wasn't studying. But he was partying, smoking, not taking care of himself.

"I met some of my best friends at UCSD, but that first few months I wasn't happy with where my life was academically, socially, athletically," Field said. "All the things that I had enjoyed in high school.

"I realized I wasn't getting much out

of college and was pretty much wasting my time and money."

It was time to rebound.

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One look at Field now, 6-foot-9 and 250 pounds of USD basketball center, and you know where coach Brad Holland is coming from when he says, "I think solid is the description of Tyler. As a leader of the team and in terms of production on the floor he's been solid since he's been here."

He has started 48 straight games, contributed to 31 wins in the past two seasons and leads the Toreros in rebounding for the second straight season.

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USD center Tyler Field credits his basketball success to a pact he made with friends at midterm his freshman year. *Earnie Grafton / Union-Tribune*



## He and Toreros can still make season memorable

Solid? Yes. But it wasn't always the operative word. The one Field chose was "shaky."

He had been a standout at Cardinal Newman High of Santa Rosa on a team that was state Division IV runner-up in his senior season. And, after failing to attract much attention from major recruiters, he opted for Division III UCSD.

Field's plans to play as a freshman were scrubbed, however, by a hand injury incurred the summer before he enrolled. The surgical scar in the web between the index and middle fingers of his left hand is a souvenir of a wild time on a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

"I was in my party phase and went down there to hang out, like a lot of kids do," Field said. "We had a little party, I slipped and fell and kind of split that (index finger) off a little."

He arrived at UCSD feeling neither physically nor mentally prepared for the demands of college basketball and opted for only the student part of student-athlete.

And didn't do too well at that.

"I started hanging out all day, not going to class and got into academic trouble," Field said. "I was partying way too much, smoking cigarettes and doing all kinds of bad stuff."

Home for the holidays, Field got together with friends and realized: "A lot of them were doing the same thing. We all made a pact with each other that we were going to try to get our lives in better shape."

Field's accounting of the other pact participants is that two went on to play basketball at the new Cal State Monterey Bay and another played football at Portland State.

"We all kind of got our act together," Field said. For his part, Field resolved to change his ways and get back on the basketball court. Daily workouts and pickup games replaced parties, cigarettes and — whatever.

He got back into playing shape quickly enough, but not academic shape. He failed a class and didn't become eligible to play for the Tritons until six games into the season.

UCSD, 2-4 before Field became eligible, won 15 straight after his arrival. He averaged 24.2 points and 14.3 rebounds.

"I didn't realize I was going to be as big a part of that team as I was," Field said. "But I guess by having to work as hard as I did, I got the love back for basketball after losing it for a while."

Field reformed academically in his sophomore year as well. Nothing below a "C" after going two straight quarters at the sub-2.0 level as a freshman. He's on track to graduate from USD in May, a business economics major with a 3.0 GPA.

Playing in a league for collegians that summer of 1998, Field found himself on a team with USD point guard Dana White. The bond for a Toreros



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- "Compared to Blacks and Whites, Hispanics less likely to be satisfied with the quality of their medical care"
- "Lesbian sues California physician for denying care based on her sexual orientation"
- "Over half of physicians don't receive adequate training for diagnosing and treating victims of domestic violence"
- "Patients with low levels of health literacy are 52 percent more likely to be hospitalized"
- "Traditional Asian healing process called 'coining' often mistaken for domestic abuse by health care practitioners"

There is a common thread tying together these recent news headlines: health professionals need to become more sensitized to the multiple "cultures" that affect patients' attitudes toward and responses to health care. In other words, health professionals need to achieve a higher level of cultural competence.

## Defining the Terms

Any definition of *cultural competence* must include a definition of *culture*. *Culture* can be broadly defined as any group of people who share experiences, language, values, and perspectives that permit them to communicate in special ways.

This concept of culture, then, is not limited to race, ethnicity, or nationality. As categorized in the *Cultural Competence Compendium*, a resource guide for physicians and other health professionals published

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by the American Medical Association (AMA), a culture could include:

- underrepresented and underserved racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups;
- people with physical or mental illnesses or disabilities;
- children and adolescents, women, older adults, and people at the end of life; and
- people affected by issues such as domestic violence, genetic conditions, organ donation, and sexuality.

Health professionals themselves have their own culture: their career stage, their practice specialty, and their geographic location all contribute to their unique perspective on life.

Cultural competence is not about pigeonholing or stereotyping—it's about respect, understanding, and communication. Culturally competent health professionals can provide respectful, patient-centered care by adjusting their attitudes and behaviors to account for the impact



of emotional, cultural, social, and psychological issues—the patient's as well as the practitioner's—on the main biomedical complaint.

### Need for Cultural Competence in Health Care

The spectacular improvements in medical care and technology, particularly over the last 50 years, have saved and improved countless lives, but they have also led to a clinical philosophy of treating a condition, disease, or body part rather than a complex human being. In addition, despite the growth of managed care and HMOs, startling disparities in health care access in the United States continue both in big cities and rural areas, with millions of Americans uninsured and underserved. Ignorance of cultural issues, lack of knowledge, language differences, prejudice, bigotry—whether on the part of the health professional or the patient—all serve as barriers to access to a uniform standard of health care for every American.

The Hispanic community suffers disproportionately from health care

disparities in the U.S. According to the Commonwealth Fund, Hispanics are less likely to have health insurance than are Whites and African Americans. In addition:

- Hispanic women are more likely to rate their own health status as fair or poor and are least likely to receive preventive tests;
- Hispanics are most likely not to have a regular doctor and not to have seen a doctor in the past year; and
- half of Hispanics face access and medical bill problems due to cost, and are more likely to be dissatisfied with their health insurance.

### Strategies for Enhancing Cultural Competence

How do we address these issues? Growing emphasis on and attention to cultural competence has already led to such strategies as expanding access to insurance and to primary and preventive care, increasing the availability of translators and bilingual printed information, increasing the number of health professionals from Hispanic and other underrepresented minorities, and educating health professionals about the importance

of each patient's individual culture when delivering care.

To help assess the status of this last strategy, in April 2000, the AMA surveyed health professions' program directors about the existence of cultural competence-related curricula, the implementation of cultural competence standards as directed or encouraged by accrediting agencies and/or professional associations, and any procedures to measure educational outcomes in relevant areas.

This Survey of Cultural Competence Materials went to directors of nearly 5,000 educational programs in 48 of the 52 professions included in the AMA's annual *Health Professions Career and Education Directory*. (Dietitian, dietetic technician, audiologist, and speech-language pathologist programs were not surveyed.) The survey was attached to the AMA's annual Survey of Health Professions Education Programs, mailed each April to collect updates to *Directory* program listings as well as data on program enrollments, graduates, and attrition.

The cultural competence survey

asked whether the program offers required and/or elective courses on providing care to diverse populations and on racial, ethnic, or other cultural issues related to complementary/ alternative health care practices, domestic violence, genetic conditions, homelessness, organ donation, sexuality, and spirituality. The survey also queried whether the agency accrediting the program and/or institution has standards requiring curricula in cultural competence, organizational assessment, staff diversity, and/or diversity training.

As of August 15, 2000, 3,200 annual surveys had been completed and returned. Out of these, 760 programs (24 percent of respondents and about 15 percent of all programs surveyed) had completed and returned the optional Survey of Cultural Competence Materials. A total of 435 respondents filled out the survey—with 50 of these attaching additional information—and 369 respondents noted that although they had no information to provide, they were interested in the survey results.

If there is sufficient interest in the results of the cultural competence survey among allied health accrediting agencies, educators, and practitioners, the surveys will be tabulated and distributed throughout the allied health community, ideally in a monograph. Such a monograph could be a useful tool in identifying accreditation and certification standards, educational materials, and organizational policies that might guide others interested in developing similar resources.

### Some Preliminary Results

As might be expected, professions concentrating in general health care (and with significant patient contact) and those dealing with mental/emotional health issues have been more proactive in developing cultural competence requirements or guidelines. For example,





educational standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs—which accredits programs in such fields as community counselor, school counselor, and marriage and family therapist—indicate the importance of providing students with an “understanding of issues and trends in a multicultural and diverse society.” These issues would include “multicultural and pluralistic trends including characteristics and concerns of diverse groups”; “attitudes and behavior based on such factors as age, race, religious preference, physical disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity and culture, family patterns, gender, socioeconomic status, and intellectual ability”; “individual, family, and group strategies with diverse populations”; and “ethical considerations.”

Similarly, educational standards for programs in rehabilitation counseling, art therapy, genetic counseling, occupational therapy, and nuclear medicine—all professions with significant patient contact—include cultural competence guidelines. In addition, professional associations in the health professions are developing education and training resources—including books, videos, and articles—to help programs comply with these educational standards. The American Physical Therapy Association, for example, has produced *Cultural Diversity in Physical Therapy*, a video dramatizing how practitioners and students can deal with issues of race, ethnicity, and cultural background in encounters with patients, peers, and teachers. And the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association has a Multicultural Resource Center to keep abreast of such issues as dietary customs when helping patients learn how to swallow.

Many of these professions' educational standards and training resources are reflected in the responses to the Survey of Cultural

Competence Materials. Looking at the survey responses of 50 educational programs that included attachments with their completed surveys, we again see that the professions with considerable patient contact are well represented:

- 12 Physical therapy and occupational therapy
- 7 Medical assisting
- 6 Clinical laboratory science
- 5 Dental hygiene
- 4 Counseling-related professions

Materials sent in with the surveys to illustrate programs' commitment to cultural competence run the gamut from photocopies of accrediting agency standards to role delineation and competency guidelines and course descriptions. One respondent, Patrick Knott, MS, PA-C, of the physician assistant program at Finch University of Health Sciences, mailed a copy of a paper he had written on cultural competence, “The Influence of Culture on Patient Care.” Several programs also attached copies of professional codes of ethics.

Some programs also enclosed their accreditation applications, which offer detailed descriptions of ways in which they were working to meet cultural competence-related accreditation requirements.

#### Feedback from CSU-Sacramento

The physical therapy program at California State University-Sacramento explained how it was meeting the American Physical Therapy Association standard requiring programs to “[i]ncorporate an understanding of the implications of individual and cultural differences when engaged in physical therapy practice, research, and education” and “practice cultural competence: provide sensitive and competent physical therapy service to individuals representing diverse cultures, ages, economic and health status.”

“Our classes have been composed historically of 25 to 30 percent students of color, so we invite

students to share their differences to highlight culturally diverse health beliefs. Significant age, economic, and health status differences usually exist in our classes as well, and identifying the diverse positions related to these facilitates a greater understanding and tolerance for differences. Students must [keep a] journal about their feelings associated with these classroom experiences. We also use the APTA videotape *Cultural Diversity in Physical Therapy*, which presents several clinical vignettes that are then the basis for class discussions.

“Students are required to consider cultural implications when presented in their clinical science courses with case studies of subjects from diverse backgrounds. Students are required to consider race and ethnic origin when deciding on treatment approaches and how best to communicate with that individual. For example, in one, a subject presenting with a back injury is a graphic designer who is a non-English-speaking Hispanic; in another, a child of Chinese descent is presenting with cerebral palsy. Students must consider the sociocultural implications/ramifications of a person with an amputation in the Therapeutic Techniques and Measurements course. Students are also exposed to patients from a variety of backgrounds in the clinics throughout our service area during their clinical affiliations, and where they have volunteer opportunities in the free clinic in Davis and the Mary Jane Rees clinic on campus. Other teaching strategies utilized within the curriculum to address this criterion include lecture, guest presentations, discussions, and role-playing. [edited]”

#### Moving Towards a Uniform Standard of Care

Judging from the number of programs and associations that did not provide information about cultural competence efforts, it appears that

these efforts within the health professions are fragmented and sporadic. Moreover, comprehensive data on racial and ethnic diversity within health professions programs are no longer available. The AMA discontinued collection of these data in 1995, due to the difficulty and expense of collecting accurate numbers as well as an apparent lack of interest in these data on the part of the health professions' community.

Today, as the effects of rollbacks in affirmative action are being felt across higher education, racial/ethnic data would seem to be more important than ever to researchers, policy analysts, and advocates for increasing the number of health professionals from Hispanic and other underrepresented minorities. Perhaps the AMA can work with interested organizations to resume collecting racial and ethnic data for health professions educational programs and to continue to collect information on cultural competence. In the long term, this information could be used to improve access to a uniform standard of care for all Americans.

To order either of the books mentioned in this article, call the American Medical Association at (312) 464-5333 or visit [www.ama-assn.org/diversity](http://www.ama-assn.org/diversity). *Health Professions Career and Education Directory* (order #OP417500), 540 pages, \$50 for AMA members, \$60 for nonmembers. *Cultural Competence Compendium* (order #OP209199), 460 pages, special offer of \$25 plus shipping and handling. Also available is *Health Professions Career and Education E-letter*, a free monthly e-mail service, at [www.ama-assn.org/hpe-letter](http://www.ama-assn.org/hpe-letter).





# Local Sacred Heart Sisters Celebrate Order's 200th

BY MARTHA LEPORE

*Special to The Southern Cross*

ALCALA PARK — From east to west, a perfect offering was made at Masses around the world in mid-November, capping a yearlong bicentennial celebration of the founding of the Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ).

Locally, more than 35 of the sisters serving in the diocese participated in the Mass concelebrated by Bishop Robert H. Brom and Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough at the University of San Diego's Founders Chapel on Nov. 19.

Close to 200 friends, former students and family gathered in the chapel and heard Msgr. Dillabough say in his homily that he was intimidated by the honor of representing so many people "who have experienced the love of Christ through the sisters in their 200 years of service."

"Thank you," he said to the sisters present. "Thank you for having said yes to Christ, for teaching us through your living example what it means to be devoted to the heart of Christ."

Msgr. Dillabough noted that the symbol for the Sacred Heart had changed over time and that the sisters had recast their emblem to a heart now open at the top. "Your example of openness to the Heart of Jesus Christ reminds us that to know the living Christ is to be open to change," he said.



MARTHA LEPORE

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:** Bishop Robert H. Brom, Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough and USD president emeritus Dr. Arthor Hughes are pictured with members of the Society of the Sacred Heart at the celebration of their bicentennial.

The congregation has broadened its original ministry from the education of youth in France to encompass human development, the promotion of justice, guidance in the faith and pastoral work amid many cultures, religions and nations.

Sister Mary Hotz said in her reflection that the expansion of the RSCJ mission had resulted from interactions with students and others in the course of their ministry. She listed among these USD president Alice Hayes, president emeritus Dr. Arthor and Mrs. Marjorie Hughes, USD director of major gifts John Trifiletti, representatives of religious orders of women in San Diego and scores of Sacred Heart schools' graduates.

"We wish to express our deep gratitude not only for your presence among us, but for all you have done to show us how and where to live the mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart," said Sister Hotz.

"Just as our founder Sophie Barat and her friend Rose Duchesne, with the help of the prayers of friends and colleagues, listened hard to the needs of the world in the early 19th century, so too have you promoted our hearing, our understanding and our action in the world," she continued.

"You have so gently, so persistently tapped us on the shoulder, drawing our attention to the needs of immigrants, of students,

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ministers, spiritual seekers, the powerless. Together, shoulder to shoulder, we have tried to meet their needs and, in doing so, we shape the society's mission now and for the future," she noted.

An unexpected highlight of the bicentennial year for the more than 500 Religious of the Sacred Heart in the United States was the election for the first time of an American woman as superior general of the congregation.

Sister Clare Pratt, who was born and raised in Washington, D.C., taught in several Sacred Heart schools on the East Coast after making her final profession in Rome in 1967. Twice she was in national and international leadership roles in the congregation and in July was named superior general in Amiens, France.

Local Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Heart are: Ada Burns, Eileen Bearss, Annice Callahan, Connie Campbell, Susan Campbell, Maureen Chicoine, Trudy Considine, Irene Cullen, Sally Furay, Linda Hayward, Marina Hernandez and Mary Hotz.

Also in San Diego are Esperanza Jasso, Nancy Kane, Nancy Koke, Maxine Kraemer, Anita Lapeyre, Justine Lyons, Marina Mapa, Helen McHugh, Marie McHugh, Virginia McMonagle, Theresa Monroe, Irma Mota, Carolyn Mouton, Barbara Quinn, Judy Roach, Virginia Rodee, Sandy Schadewald, Patricia Shaffer, Mary Sutherland, Fran Tobin, Marianna Torrano and Betsy Walsh.



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**Solutions or Illusions for a Small Planet** will be the theme for the fourth annual **Regional WorldLink Youth Town Meeting** on Jan. 11. The event will bring together 600 middle and high school students from San Diego and Tijuana who will provide ideas on how the new presidents of their countries should approach cross-border and global cooperation in areas like immigration, trade and environmental protection. Local, regional and world leaders are expected to attend. The sessions will take place at the new **Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at USD**. For more information, contact **Dee Aker**, director of WorldLink at (619) 260-2358 or e-mail



## San Diego and Tijuana Youth Enjoy a Day of World Affairs

By ANN AUBREY HANSON  
The Southern Cross

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO — They're not old enough to vote but they have plenty of ideas on how the world's leaders, particularly Vincente Fox and George W. Bush, can begin a new era in cross-border and global cooperation on economic, environmental and other important issues.

On Jan. 11, despite a torrential downpour that hampered travel, more than 500 middle and high school students from San Diego and Tijuana met at USD for the WorldLink 2001 Town Meeting. WorldLink is sponsored by USD and the U.S. Department of State. During the meeting, they had the opportunity to listen to and question diplomats and foreign policy experts on issues challenging society locally and globally.

This year's event — "Solutions or Illusions for a Small Planet" — focused on hot-button issues like the proposed International Criminal Court, global water rights and efforts to achieve peace with justice in the world's troubled spots.

"It was an amazing day," says Dr. Dee Aker, USD's director of WorldLink program. "The students were so enthusiastic and the evaluations were very positive."

The day was student-run, says Aker. Students opened and closed the day's events, acted as moderators and generally ran the program.

The speakers at WorldLink included more than a dozen government, non-government, academic, legal, media and activists in humanitarian organizations. They spoke on both



**PROTECTED IDENTITY:** Leon Willis sketches one of the local refugees who spoke to students at WorldLink 2001, relating his story of terror, flight.

local and global issues and their impact on the world which these youth would be inheriting.

One of the best-received speakers was Michael Farrow, director of Resources for the Umatilla Basin, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Farrow helped draft the current model in use for negotiating for water rights with indigenous peoples and has worked to restore the watersheds in the aboriginal domain of 10,000 square miles in northeast Oregon and southwest Washington. The Umatilla Basin Project is the prototype scenario for ceded lands.

"The students applauded every time [Farrow] stood to speak," says Aker.

Susan Keogh, director of Bilateral Affairs for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and

Labor at the U.S. State Department, got a "tremendous reception" for her discussion of human rights and peace with justice. She is a career Foreign Service Officer who has taught

public diplomacy and U.S. human rights and democratization policy, and has served in several posts around the world, including as Political Officer in New Delhi and Country Officer for Australia.

A. Widney Brown, advocacy director for the Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch, spoke on the International Criminal Court, explaining its purpose and outlining both sides of the issue. Brown was active at the recent Rome Treaty Conference for the International Criminal Court and continues to participate in preparatory and developmental meetings for the ICC. She works on issues related to women in conflict and post-conflict situations and humanitarian intervention.

One of the most popular engagements was the panel of local student refugees who shared their stories of human rights abuses and international criminal activities. The students came from Afghanistan, Somalia, Togo, Sudan and Iraq.

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### ***Education Agreement Signed***

OnlineLearning.net and bigchalk.com have signed a distribution agreement to provide graduate-level courses to educators through the University of San Diego's Division of Continuing Education and UCLA Extension. Through the new agreement, educators can now review and register for OnlineLearning.net's courses in teacher education, business and management, writing, computer and information systems, and general interest at [www.bigchalk.com](http://www.bigchalk.com). The courses cover a variety of topics such as integrating technology into kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum, inclusion, world literature and cultural diversity. Online teacher-education courses are instructor-led and mirror traditional classroom formats using online discussions, specific start and end dates, and textbook assignments.

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Eighth-graders from Earl Warren Middle School in Solana Beach discussed ideas at a break-out session at the Student Human Relations Conference. *Don Kohlbauer / Union-Tribune*

# Teens get tips on fighting bigotry

## Seminar is primer on confronting hate

By Samuel Autman  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine graduating from college, being on the threshold of a career, only to have your dreams and spirits crushed by the swing of a baseball bat — because you are gay.

"That's how some victims of hate crime have felt before they died," said Scott Gross, coordinator for youth services at the Gay and Lesbian Center in Hillcrest. "It happens all the time. Thank God Matthew Shepard got the press he did. It made hate crimes more real."

Shepard was the 21-year-old gay University of Wyoming student who died in October 1998 after being tied to a fence and beaten into a coma. His case catapulted hate crimes to a new

level of awareness nationally.

Gross and Miriam Malin, assistant director of the Anti-Defamation League, led a session yesterday at the 11th Annual Student Human Relations Conference held at the University of San Diego. \*

Nearly 300 middle and high school-aged students from throughout the county participated. The sessions included "Unmasking Hate," "Being Different," "Identifying Issues on Campuses" and "Marketing Hate." In a county where hate crimes increased by 33 percent in a year, according to the latest figures, organizers want these students to go back to their campuses armed with strategies for combating bigotry and hate.

The conference began with Earl Faison, a former Charger and a Hall of Famer, who shared his experiences grow-

ing up as a black man in the South. It concluded with a videotaped message from Carlos Colbert, the 24-year-old African-American and Marine who was paralyzed in what authorities said was a racially motivated brawl in Santee in 1998.

"The thought of hate kills in your heart and in your spirit," Colbert said, from his home in Florida. "That's what kills from the inside out."

Hate crimes continue to make the news locally and nationally. On Wednesday, for the third time in 10 days, the Chabad Center, a University City synagogue, was struck by vandals who smashed glass panels on doors, scrawled a swastika on a window and tossed eggs and rocks at the building.

"We want them to act when they see and hear discrimination," said Denise Frey, the conference organizer. "We want them to know that this is

their world and that they have a responsibility to make that world a safer place for everyone regardless of race, religion and sexual orientation."

Frey said this year's inclusion of gays, lesbians and bisexuals was long overdue.

Natalie Glickman, a senior at the San Dieguito Academy in Encinitas, said she hears "queer," "faggot" and "gay" used frequently among students. A common phrase is "this homework is so gay."

"I say to them, how is your homework homosexual?" she said.

Soraya Gheissari, a sophomore at La Jolla High School, said the conference challenged her to think differently.

"I thought it was great because it was a lot more intense than I thought it would be," she said. "This really made you feel how real the fear is."



## Local Colleges

# Broncos buck fouling Toreros in OT

**C**oming off a two-game winning streak that evened its season record, USD's women's basketball team ran into foul trouble and lost to Boise State 59-55 in overtime last night before 1,068 in Boise, Idaho.

The Toreros (4-5) won battles on the boards (41-37) and points in the paint (26-18) and even shot better from the free-throw line, but the difference was the number of free shots taken. The Broncos (4-9) made 19-of-29 to the Toreros' 8-of-11.

USD's Amber Jansen led all players with 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Robyn Fortney added 16 points and five rebounds. Bianca McCall and Crista Peterson led Boise State

with 13 points each.

USD was credited with only five assists and Boise State had seven steals. Adding to its woes, USD shot only 34.9 percent, making 22-of-63 attempts, including just 3-of-15 from three-point range.

Two players fouled out for the Toreros — starter Kerri Nakamoto (zero points) and Erin Malich (eight points).

The Toreros had beaten UC Riverside 97-75 and Cal State Fullerton 58-45 in their last two games.

### Men's basketball

UCSD (2-8, 1-4) fell to **Cal State Bakersfield** 78-64 in a California Collegiate Athletic Association game in Bakers-

field. The Roadrunners improved to 6-4, 3-2.

### More women's hoops

Visiting **UCSD** opened the second half with a pick-and-roll offense and a 20-6 run, building its lead to 18, and then held on for a 70-67 victory over **Cal State Bakersfield** in a California Collegiate Athletic Association game. Forward Ashley Kokjohn led the Tritons (7-3, 3-2) with 18 points and nine rebounds. Genevieve Ruvald added 12 points and Maya Fok chipped in 11 points and seven assists. Amanda Baker had 26 points and 11 rebounds for the Roadrunners (7-3, 3-2).



# Holland fiddles as WCC opener looms

**By Hank Wesch**

STAFF WRITER

'Tis the night before the West Coast Conference season and all is not well in the house of the USD basketball team.

At practice, coach Brad Holland is putting players in various combinations and assessing individual and group performances as a means of determining the starters for tomorrow's WCC opener at Loyola Marymount.

During breaks he gives stern talks that include phrases such as "going the extra mile" and encourages individual soul-searching. When mistakes are made in drills, the offenders are immediately required to do penance by running or doing pushups.

During free-throw practice, the only noise heard is the bounce of the ball and an occasional coach's shout of "focus" or "concentrate."

USD finished preconference play 8-5, the same record as Pepperdine and Gonzaga, the Toreros' main rivals for the WCC championship.

Ordinarily, an 8-5 preconference record, from a schedule that included nine road games, wouldn't seem to be cause for alarm.

But given the 7-1 start and 1-4 finish, Holland offers a blunt assessment that the Toreros are "a group that has underachieved."

Hence the unrest.

Holland's ominous statement after Saturday's loss at Texas-El Paso: It was the worst defensive and rebounding effort by a USD team in three years. And effort is the main ingredient in playing defense and rebounding, the staples of the Toreros' success in 19- and 20-win sea-

sons the past two years.

"That's what I'm most concerned about," Holland said. "We seem to have lost focus and commitment. For whatever reason, we've gone a bit stale and we need to inject more enthusiasm into our play if we're going to have a good conference season."

"We're not panicking, but we need to right the ship."

Holland finds it puzzling that the Toreros built their 7-1 record at a time when school was in session and swooned in five games during the holiday break, when there should have been no distractions.

He doesn't want to use travel weariness — from trips to Milwaukee, Boise, Seattle and El Paso — as an excuse for recent stumbles.

"There's no question our schedule got the better of us in the last month," Holland said. "It seemed to become easy for us to accept and succumb to fatigue as a foe. We didn't handle the success of being 7-1 very well, and a veteran team like this should have."

"With a veteran team it was easier to get up to speed and playing well ... But a veteran team can sometimes get stale, and that seems to have happened to us."

The Toreros have everyone back from last season's 20-9 squad, including five seniors to whom Holland looks for leadership. One, Cameron Rigby, said the team as a whole agrees with Holland's assessment.

"We played bad enough to lose four of our last five and that's what we all hate," Rigby said. "We're trying to figure out what needs to be done to get back to doing our stuff and doing it right."



# Toreros become prey for surprising Loyola

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Apparently USD still has some adjusting to do when it comes to life as one of the West Coast Conference's hunted rather than a hunter.

**Loyola Mary. 62**

**Toreros 59**

The Toreros, one of the preseason favorites, were upset 62-59 by lowly Loyola Marymount in the WCC opener before 1,106 last night at Gersten Pavilion.

It was the first conference victory for LMU (5-9) since Feb. 19, 1999, and it was achieved in the manner in which USD had racked up most of

the 13 conference wins it had posted in the same time frame. Back when the Toreros were considered mid-pack material in the WCC and underdogs in most games.

"Loyola made a couple of key plays down the stretch and we didn't," summed up Toreros coach Brad Holland, who saw his 8-6 team lose for the fifth time in six games.

USD took a 59-56 lead when Sam Adamo hit a three-point shot with 1:29 remaining. But LMU's Elton Mashack, who had a game-high 18 points, got the Lions back to within one by hitting a short jumper with 1:14 left.

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### Stunned in WCC opener at Loyola Marymount

In the remaining time, USD would complete a pathetic night of three-point shooting (2-for-13) with misses by Dana White (0-for-2) with 40 seconds to play and Adamo (1-for-7) at the buzzer.

And Loyola Marymount would pull out the victory with forward Sean Mollins hitting an open jumper from the free throw line with 15.1 seconds remaining and guard Erskine Robinson cashing two free throws with 4.9 seconds left.

In between, the Lions stripped White of the ball as he drove the lane for a potential winning shot. It was the Toreros' 18th turnover of the game, against a team that came in forcing an average of 14.

Things only get tougher tonight when USD travels to Malibu to face Pepperdine, the league favorite and an 87-66 winner over Santa Clara last night.

"We battled throughout, which was a positive step, but we had too many individual breakdowns," Holland said.

The kind of overall balance that marks most USD wins was reflected in a negative manner last night.

Andre Laws, who came in as the only Torero averaging in double figures, scored four points on 1-for-5 shooting, the one being USD's only successful three-pointer in the first 38½ minutes. Fouled attempting a three-pointer with 3:50 to play and USD ahead 53-50, Laws connected on only 1-of-3 free throws.

"That was unfortunate," Holland said. "He's shooting the ball better in practice, and he will in games too, eventually."

Senior forward Cameron Rigby was held scoreless while committing three turnovers and four fouls. He played only 14 minutes.

Adamo, who had scored a career-high 23 points six days earlier at Texas-El Paso, got his first start but couldn't deliver. He missed his first five three-point attempts and was off the back iron with a 25-footer at the buzzer that would have forced overtime.

"It felt good when I let it go," the junior forward said. "An inch here or an inch there could have made the whole difference."

Adamo echoed Holland's words about an overall improved Toreros effort but too many breakdowns. And he conceded that being the hunted is different than being the hunter.

"Teams are playing well against us," Adamo said. "Teams are definitely coming out to play hard against us. But we should be prepared for that."

"We should know that teams are going to come out gunning for us, but we're not playing how we can play."



# USD is better; still bested by Waves

**By Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

MALIBU — USD coach Brad Holland's rough estimate was that his Toreros basketball team authored a 50 percent bet-

**Pepperdine 83**

**Toreros 73**

ter performance last night

than it had on Friday.

But even 50 percent wasn't a strong enough solution to remove the grit of the dirty little streak in which the Toreros find themselves.

Pepperdine's All-West Coast

Conference duo of guard Brandon Armstrong and forward Kelvin Gibbs combined for 38 points, including the Waves' last nine of the game, as they prevailed over the Toreros 83-73 before 2,433 at Firestone Fieldhouse.

The loss was the sixth in the last seven games and the fourth in a row for USD (8-7). Coupled with the shocking 62-59 loss on Friday to Loyola Marymount, last night's setback dropped the Toreros to 0-2 in a WCC race they entered two days ago

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### Pepperdine's 9-0 run ruins early comeback

with the label of championship contenders.

"We got our fight back to-night. We were a lot more inspired, a lot more competitive," said Holland. "We put ourselves in position to win, but then we didn't make the plays we needed to make down the stretch and they did."

"Part of that is believing in yourself and part of it is to work harder on the process. Right now we need to focus on the process so that we don't turn the ball over and miss defensive assignments, which we did in the last five minutes."

The Toreros entered the last five minutes trailing 67-74 but managed to claw their way into a 71-71 tie when Dana White grabbed a rebound of his own miss and put it back with 3:18 to play.

However, 59 seconds and one failed possession by each team later, USD's defense lost track of Pepperdine's David Lalazarian. The senior transfer from Notre Dame, who had scored a career-high 22 points in Pepperdine's 87-66 victory over Santa Clara on Friday, drilled a three-pointer that triggered a 9-0 Pepperdine run.

Game, set and match to the Waves (10-5, 2-0).

The loss overshadowed a career-high 24-point scoring night for USD junior guard Sam Adamo, who hit 6-of-12 three-point shots. The Toreros also got 18 from Andre Laws and 10 from White as the starters in the three-guard alignment inaugurated on Friday accounted for more than two-thirds of the points.

"We played a lot better, competed better," said Laws. "We knew we'd be in a war tonight, and we pulled together. This could help us. We've got a challenge ahead of us, for sure, but we have people who can lead us out."

The Toreros were shocked early by Pepperdine's trademark full-court defensive pres-

## WCC

|              | Conference |          |             | All Games |          |             |
|--------------|------------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
|              | W          | L        | Pct.        | W         | L        | Pct.        |
| Gonzaga      | 2          | 0        | 1.000       | 10        | 5        | .666        |
| Pepperdine   | 2          | 0        | 1.000       | 10        | 5        | .666        |
| Portland     | 2          | 0        | 1.000       | 9         | 6        | .600        |
| Santa Clara  | 1          | 1        | .500        | 9         | 8        | .529        |
| Loyola Mary. | 1          | 1        | .500        | 5         | 10       | .333        |
| <b>USD</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>2</b> | <b>.000</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>7</b> | <b>.533</b> |
| San Fran.    | 0          | 2        | .000        | 7         | 10       | .411        |
| St. Mary's   | 0          | 2        | .000        | 2         | 13       | .133        |

### Yesterday's Games

Pepperdine 83, USD 73  
Santa Clara 78, Loyola Marymount 70  
Portland 74, San Francisco 73  
Gonzaga 102, St. Mary's 48

### Wednesday's Games

Portland at Gonzaga, 7 p.m.  
Pepperdine at Loyola Marymount, 7:30

### Thursday's Games

Portland St. at CS Northridge, 7 p.m.  
San Francisco at USD, 7 p.m.  
St. Mary's, Cal. at Santa Clara, 7:30 p.m.

sure. The Waves hit the first five baskets of the game, with six of the points coming directly off USD turnovers.

The Toreros gave the ball up five times and missed six shots in the first 4½ minutes of the

game and, considering the result from the night before, looked like prime victims for a 100-0 shutout.

Then Laws broke away for a layup, was fouled and made the free throw to complete the three-point play. And suddenly, the Toreros were back on their game again.

They went to a zone defense, which caused the Waves real trouble. And they began playing aggressively on offense, firing threes without hesitation from the perimeter and driving to the basket at every opportunity.

Astonishingly, USD led 41-36 at the break.

Then Pepperdine scored the first 10 points of the second half, withstood surges that gained USD leads of up to four points on three different occasions and then dominated the closing minutes.

The good news for the Toreros is that an initial portion of the schedule in which 11 of the 15 games have been on the road is over. Seven of the next 13 are home, starting Thursday night against San Francisco.



## Women's Basketball Report

# USD without Glazebrook again

By Nicole Vargas  
STAFF WRITER

Last season, the USD women's basketball team suffered when point guard Melissa Glazebrook was forced to sit out six games with a stress fracture in her right shin.

Now the Toreros have lost her again, right when they need her most.

Glazebrook was diagnosed with mononucleosis last Wednesday, the day before the West Coast Conference opener against Loyola Marymount. On Sunday, the junior returned home to San Jose, where she will remain until classes resume on Jan. 29.

"It's so hard, especially since (WCC) play is starting," said Glazebrook, who is expected to be out 4-6 weeks. "It is the focal point of the whole preseason. Now, to sit out in conference kills me."

Without Glazebrook in the lineup last week, USD started conference play against two of the WCC's toughest teams and finished 0-2, and will face San Francisco tonight. However, Glaze-

brook's problems started much sooner.

On New Year's Eve, Glazebrook first noticed something was wrong when she started to feel pain in her chin. It took two more weeks for doctors to accurately diagnose Glazebrook.

Having Glazebrook out means more pressure is put on sophomore guard Kerri Nakamoto and senior Amanda Bishop, who will run a two-outlet transition that allows either to step into the role of point guard at any point in the game.

"Kerri and Mandy's ballhandling has really improved, so whoever is in does not hurt us," USD coach Kathy Marpe said. "We began practicing the double-outlets on Monday before we knew Glaze was sick, and it worked against Pepperdine and we could break the press a lot more effectively with two outlets."

"Best case scenario, she'll be back in four weeks, but then she will have to get back into shape. But I'll take being able to play Glaze just two minutes at a time."

### SDSU debut

This week's road trip to Air Force and New Mexico could mark the first time Lincoln High alum and Southwestern College transfer **Carmen Gonzalez** steps on the floor for San Diego State.

Gonzalez, a 5-foot-7 guard, last week was declared eligible to join the Aztecs, and although she didn't play against BYU, Utah or Air Force, she could see playing time as early as tomorrow's game at New Mexico.

"We are happy to have Carmen join our team," said coach **Barb Smith**. "She brings a tremendous work ethic, speed, maturity and a desire to win in our program. Carmen can push the ball up and attack with the dribble. She is also a tenacious defender and has already helped lift the intensity in practice."

A San Diego native, Gonzalez played for two years at Lincoln before enlisting in the Army after graduating in 1994.

Following her discharge, Gonzalez joined Southwestern's team, starting all 53 games and being named to the All-Pa-



USD will be without point guard Melissa Glazebrook (right) for 4-6 weeks.

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cific Coast Conference first team as a freshman and a sophomore. She also led the Apaches to the California State Community College playoffs both seasons.

As a sophomore, Gonzalez averaged 20.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game, improving on her freshman year averages of 13.1 points, 7.9 rebounds and 2.9 assists.



# Powerful Gaels blow by USD for an easy victory

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

MORAGA — It's been a rough weekend for the University of San Diego women's basketball team.

For the second night in a row, the Toreros tangled with one of the leaders of the West Coast Conference and came up short. It was the Saint Mary's Gaels who belted USD last night, taking a 12-point halftime lead and continuing on to an 82-70 victory.

Amber Jansen scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds to pace the Toreros (5-10, 0-4), who

have lost five in a row. Erin Malich added 16 points and Kerri Nakamoto pitched in 14 for USD.

Hilary Parker punished the Toreros from the free-throw line, where she converted 15 chances without a miss. Parker totaled a game-high 22 points.

Jerkisha Dosty and Jermisha Dosty combined for 30 points and 20 rebounds for the Gaels.

On Friday, USD lost at the University of San Francisco 72-54. The Dons, who were tied for the WCC lead at the time, suffered a 69-64 loss to Santa Clara last night, dropping them into a second-place tie with the Broncos at 3-1.



# Toreros win like warriors on the road

By Doug Binder

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

PORTLAND, Ore. — USD made peace with its road demons last night.

The Toreros got a combined 39 points from starting guards Dana White and Andre Laws, built a 23-point second-half lead and beat Portland 87-72 in front of 854 at the Chiles Center.

**USD 87**

**Portland 72**

USD (11-7, 3-2 in WCC), which had lost five of its previous six road games, shot 50 percent from the field and forced 17 turnovers by the Pilots (9-9, 2-3).

"We were a good road team tonight," USD coach Brad Holland said. "We made a commitment to 40 minutes of being active and energetic."

The win gives the Toreros a shot of momentum as they head to West Coast Conference leader Gonzaga in Spokane tomorrow.

"This is big for us," said Laws, who scored 19 points and had two steals. "Portland is a good team this year and we did a good job for 40 minutes. I think we're starting to peak now. We've won three in a row and we have a big game Saturday."

San Diego hit 11 of its first 18 shots in each half, and survived two second-half runs by the Pilots.

After a slashing drive to the basket by White put the Toreros on top 56-33 with 16:28 left to play, Portland went on a 17-5 run over the next five minutes to cut the lead to 61-50.

San Diego answered with a 12-2 run that included three-pointers by Cameron Rigby and White. That pushed the lead back to 21.

"They're a home team and you know they'll make a run," Holland said of the Pilots. "But we made plays to keep them from getting inside 10. We answered them to keep our distance."

San Diego went scoreless for five minutes and absorbed a 14-2 run that brought Portland to within 75-66 with 2:17 left to play.

The Pilots tried to keep their momentum going by fouling, but San Diego made 12-of-14 free throws over the final 2:34.

Nick Greene, who entered the game shooting 55 percent from the line this season, made 10-of-12 on his way to a season-high 14 points. Greene, who began his career at Oregon State, added five rebounds and two steals.

"It was nice to come back up here and play well," Greene said.

Portland tried to take advantage of its size inside, going repeatedly to 6-foot-8, 265-pound forward Coky Rochin and 6-10 center Tim Frost.

Frost made 8-of-14 shots from the field and led Portland with 20 points, but had just four rebounds. Rochin grabbed 10 rebounds but made just 4-of-12 shots and finished with 12 points.

"I know that San Diego was a possible championship pick by a lot of people in the preseason, but I would have thought we would have defended and rebounded better against them," Portland coach Rob Chavez said.



## USD back to face Gonzaga at site of memorable win

**By Hank Wesch**  
STAFF WRITER

USD's basketball team returns to Spokane, Wash., tonight for the first time since earning one of the biggest, most emotional wins in school history.

Last Feb. 17, a USD team inspired in support of coach Brad Holland, whose father had died four days earlier, beat Gonzaga 82-70, ending the Bulldogs' home winning streak at 20.

Holland was absent from practices leading up to that game while tending to his father, Ray. Assistant coaches Kyle Smith, Terry Boesel and David Fizedale prepared the team, and it executed a game plan superbly to assume control early and maintain it throughout the contest.

Afterward, guard Andre Laws hugged Holland and said: "This one was for you, Coach. And this one was for your dad."

Now the West Coast Conference

schedule has brought the Toreros back to the place where tears of joy and sadness mixed.

"I'm trying not to think about it too much," Holland said earlier this week. "But we're coming up on two important dates. Feb. 6 was my dad's birthday and Feb. 13 the day he passed.

"I'm trying not to think about it, but because I'm human I'm sure that when Saturday rolls around I'll feel some emotion. That's only natural."

Does he expect the team will feel it, too?

"I would imagine that they would, since we're such a close group and we think of ourselves as a family," Holland said.

"Whether they choose to draw from that is up to them. It's a different year. Gonzaga is a different team. Regardless of the circumstance, we have to play an outstanding game if we're going to have any chance of winning."



# Lippold rises to the occasion as Toreros win big

By Hank Wesch  
STAFF WRITER

It seems like every year about this time there comes one West Coast Conference game that marks the reawaken-

**Toreros 80**

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Lippold.

Last night was such a game.

The 6-foot-6 junior forward from Huntington Beach, an early-season starter now coming off the bench, scored 14 points, 10 of them in the second half, as the Toreros roared from behind at the break to defeat Saint Mary's College 80-58.

The victory, before 2,628, was USD's second straight in a brief Jenny Craig Pavilion home stand. It got the Toreros (10-7) back even in the conference, correcting an 0-2 start on the road a week earlier.

Two years ago, Lippold broke out with 20 points in a home victory over Portland. A year ago, his first double-figure night of the season was 14 against Portland in USD's first home WCC contest.

"Something just happens," Lippold said. "I don't feel like I've been playing that poorly, but then I have a game where I play well, get my confidence up and then feed off it."

"Coming off the bench, the key is to provide some energy and enthusiasm for the team. But we (reserves) didn't do that tonight in the first half. The starters brought it, but we didn't. So I was determined to do it in the second half."

Lippold led five USD players in double figures. Dana White and Nick Greene had 12 apiece, half of Greene's coming on 6-of-8 free-throw shooting. Sam Adamo had 11, six via 2-of-4 three-point shooting. Tyler Field had 10 points to go with a team-high seven rebounds.

For the last 14 minutes, the Toreros dominated a reeling Saint Mary's team (2-15, 0-4) as they couldn't, despite expectations, in the first 26 minutes.

"Lippold, Matt Delzell and Andre Laws played some great minutes in the second half, at both ends of the floor," said Toreros coach Brad Holland.

The Toreros shot out to a 10-point lead in the first 4:30 of the game — then unraveled to the point of falling behind 35-33 at halftime.

After the initial burst, USD couldn't stop the Gaels' perimeter shooting. Saint Mary's first 18 points came on six three-pointers, three of them by guard Jovan Harris. The Gaels went 7-of-11 from behind the arc in the half with Harris (4-of-4) leading the way.

The Toreros' frustration at not being able to shake what is statistically the worst team in the conference manifested itself in disputes with officials late in the half. Both Laws and Holland were assessed techni-

cal fouls. Laws' was for coming to the aid of White after he was elbowed by SMC's Teohn Conner, Holland for disputing a reversal of a call when the Gaels' Frankie King sailed a pass high and out of bounds.

Holland went off after the official ruled it had been tipped by a Torero.

"We went up 19-9 and thought, 'This is going to be easy,'" said Holland. "That resulted in Saint Mary's coming back and believing they could beat us. We counted 25 points for them at halftime off uncontested shots. We can't have that."

Saint Mary's led 47-44 five minutes into the second half, when Adamo and Delzell hit three-pointers and Lippold a leaner in the lane in an 8-0 run that put the Toreros ahead for good.

From then on, Lippold worked the baseline and key area for close-in baskets or drew fouls and hit 5-of-6 second-half free throws.



# USD women shoot down Pilots

By Nicole Vargas, STAFF WRITER

For the USD women's basketball team, it was another step in the right direction.

USD won its second straight game with a 80-73 victory over Portland at Jenny Craig Pavilion last night in front of 376. It also moved coach Kathy Marpe to within one win of another milestone in her 21-year career: her 100th West Coast Conference victory.

Capitalizing on the guard-heavy lineup of the Pilots, 6-foot-1 junior forward Amber Jansen scored a season-high 27 points and added a team-high eight rebounds for USD (7-10, 2-4 WCC).

"The thing that is really different (about the Pilots) is they run a four-guard offense," Marpe said. "(Jansen) had more one-on-one opportunities than in a three-guard offense, when the other post can move over to double on Amber."

"Khalila O'Reilly-Williams (a 6-foot forward) got in foul trouble early, and that left (5-10 guard) Kristen Stringer on Amber. Amber can shoot over Stringer all day."

Senior guard Amanda Bishop, who entered the game averaging 6.9 points per game, followed with 14 points for USD, while sophomore guard Kerri Nakamoto scored 10.

Bishop also had a season-high five assists and led the Toreros through the second half without

committing a turnover in the absence of point guard Melissa Glazebrook. Glazebrook has been out for the past six games with mononucleosis and could be cleared to return to the team as early as today.

"Mandy has stepped up great for us," said Jansen, who was on the receiving end of three of Bishop's assists. "With Glaze out, she has stepped in and got the job done. She's been a big asset to the team so far."

In the first half, USD managed to outrebound a battered Portland team 16-11 and hold its turnovers to nine, one less than the Pilots. What kept the game close, though, was Portland's 61-percent shooting. The Pilots were led by sophomore guard Ashlee Giles, who scored 13 of her 20 points in the first half. Guard Da'Love Woods also scored 20.

The Pilots, who went into halftime ahead 37-34, were also better from behind the three-point line in the first 20 minutes, making all four of their threes compared to USD's 1-of-4 from long range.

After trading leads in the second half, junior Robyn Fortney grabbed an offensive rebound and fed it to Nakamoto, who made a three to tie the game at 57-57.

Portland (11-8, 3-3) pulled ahead again with a single free throw by Alison Asher, but USD freshman Marta Menuez scored the go-ahead basket for the 59-58 lead that the Toreros never relinquished.