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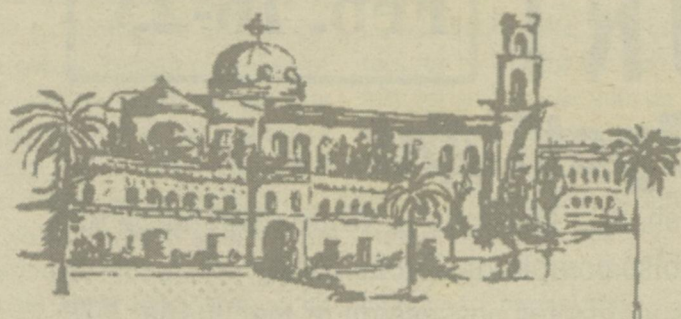




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## Campaigns focus on young voters

By Natalie Zanzucchi  
STAFF WRITER

There are countless ways to break down the demographics of American voters. One extremely important group of voters is the younger group, particularly constituents between the ages of 18 and 24. Many voters in this demographic are voting for the first time, adding a fresh new perspective to the election. Unfortunately, this is also the age group that has the lowest voter turnout rate in America.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in the 1996 presidential election, only 32.4% of 18 to 24 year olds turned out to vote. Compare this to the 67% of 65+ year olds who voted the same year. There are several theories behind the low turnout rate of younger voters. Among them is the idea that younger people just do not care, or do not assume that decisions made in elections will affect them directly.

Another theory is that 18 to 24 year olds are the least educated about what it means to be a citizen in a representative democracy, the least educated about the factors decided through elections and also the least educated about what a difference one vote can actually make.

To combat the low voter turnout rate, hundreds of organizations have set out to register voters, targeting specifically the younger constituency. Research has shown that most people who are registered to vote actually do turnout to cast their ballot. The struggle seems to be in registering younger voters.

MTV has played a huge role in mobilizing young voters with their "Rock the Vote," and now "Choose or Lose" campaigns. Some other organizations that are hoping to mobilize 18 to 30 year olds are "Hip-Hop Team Vote," "WWE's Smackdown Your Vote!," "New Voters Project," and "Declare Yourself." This year, along with MTV and the Coalition of "Rock the Vote," and sponsored by Cingular Wireless, these organizations along with hundreds of others, have combined to aide 20 Million Loud.

20 Million Loud, along with all of its counterparts, are making an effort to get interest and education up among this

group as well as actually register millions of voters. In addition, there are contests to provide individuals and groups, including colleges and universities, the resources and opportunities to set up voter registration projects, as well as help colleges set up polling places on their campuses.

In the last presidential election, voter turnout rate for this group was up just slightly from 1996 to about 36%, according to civicyouth.org.

And while slightly over one-third of this age group seems like very little, it still totaled nearly 18 million people and was about 16% of the total voters in that election. This group has the potential to be the deciding factor in any election. Imagine the possibilities if even half of this age group cast a ballot in an election.

This group is as politically divided as the rest of the country, so once they are mobilized it is as much up to the politicians to gain their support as it is up to the politicians to gain the support of every other group as well.

There is also a strong correlation between periods where there is strong political activity, or wars where young people are fighting, and the voter turnout rate of young adults. An example was the Vietnam war during the mid 1960s to the early 1970s. In 1972, 49.6%, nearly half, of 18 to 24 year olds voted, which is the highest the turnout record has ever been.

The past three years has been a period of strong political activity and even stronger public sentiment: hopefully the trend will continue. Voter mobilization groups also hope so.

"The political and social environment of the past three years has created an amazingly active and informed group of young voters with issues ranging from the war on terror and the U.S. involvement in Iraq to education and the economy," said Van Toffler, the

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SARAH WOLF

At Tuesday's "Take a Torero to Lunch," students Cynthia McGee and Ali Hinga were presented with annual scholarships.

## Campus celebrates Black History Month

By Isabel Huerta  
STAFF WRITER

February is Black History Month and the USD community, led by the Black Student Union, honored the past accomplishments and continuing contributions of African-Americans and of people of African decent.

This month is filled with important dates from the birthday of Frederick Douglass on Feb. 14, 1817, to the passage of the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment that granted blacks the right to vote on Feb. 3, 1870 and to the assassination of Malcom X on Feb. 21, 1965.

Aromas hosted the "Harlem Renaissance Cafe" on Feb. 10. Historically, the Harlem Renaissance is a cultural movement from the 1920s.

Through the autobiographies, poetry, novels and short stories written by African-American writers during this cultural movement, the role of black talent in American culture was affirmed.

According to Kalicia Hill, president of BSU, five students read their own personal poems during this event.

The topics of some poems presented during this event included the struggle of self-appearance, self-confidence, what it means to be mixed race and what it is to be black.

On Feb. 12, BSU, PRIDE and Associated Students brought Keith Boykin to speak about the issues a gay man of color faces.

In another forum on Feb. 17, Todd Boyd and Bakari Kitwana spoke about Hip Hop culture.

Hill hopes that those individuals that were able to participate in the events honoring Black History Month were able to expand their knowledge.

"I feel that in order to accept differences you have to honestly and truly learn other people's traditions, lifestyles, and values," Hill said. Hill hopes that students continue to participate in these events with an open mind.

"If you are excited and even if you have a little bit of curiosity, take that curiosity and just bring it, and let it flourish. Bring it to a meeting, bring it to an event," Hill said.

Hill stated that BSU is not an organization limited to people of color. Instead, everyone is welcome to participate in this organization that celebrates diversity and unity at the same time.

The last event of this month will be held today at 12 p.m. in front of the U.C. It will consist of entertainment and Afro-Caribbean food.

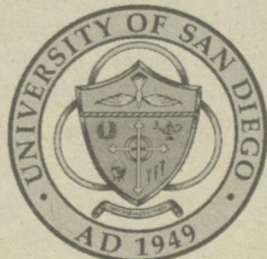
Students interested in getting involved in BSU can attend the meetings that take place every other Tuesday in Serra 204 at 12:30 p.m.



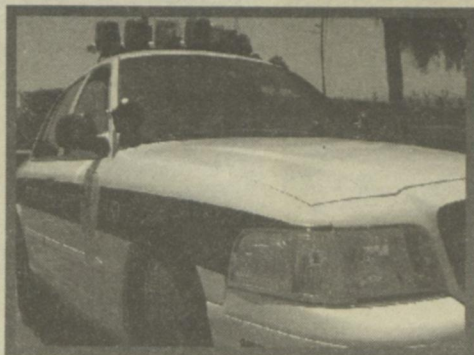
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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Feb. 16-23

## By the numbers...

- 6 Minor in Possession citations
- 4 Marijuana possession
- 5 Burglaries
- 1 student sent to Detox
- 1 DUI cited
- 2 Suspicious persons
- 1 Fake ID confiscation
- 10 Noise complaints
- 5 Fire alarms caused by cooking
- 1 Reckless driving citation

## Spotlight...

Feb. 22, Missions A: While responding to a noise complaint, Public Safety cited several students for possession of marijuana, MIP, hosting, possession of a weapon and possession of fireworks.

Feb. 22, Maher Hall: Resident Hall staff reported individuals throwing trash and trash-cans. One trash can was reported to have nearly struck a female resident in the head.

# University Ministry hosts retreat

By Beth Yanez  
STAFF WRITER

The San Diego Fires of October brought many events to a halt while some were postponed. The annual Freshmen Retreat, sponsored by University Ministry (UM), was one such event.

After much anticipation the Retreat will finally take place this weekend, Feb. 27-29, at Palomar Mountain.

About 70 freshmen are signed up to attend the Retreat as well as 21 students, sophomores through seniors, who will act as small group leaders and/or worship team members.

Mark Peters, of UM, will head the group and oversee all activities put on this weekend.

Resident Directors Paula Chapman and Hilary Andaya-Eccles also plan to go and make this event a memorable one for freshmen. Besides the Pre-Orientation Retreat, the Freshmen Retreat is the only one exclusively for first year students, and gives freshmen the opportunity to connect with one another at a more intimate level.

According to UM director, Mike McIntyre, this retreat has a history of over 15 years.

The purpose is to set students in an atmosphere away from all the commotion and stress every college student faces from day to day.

"A retreat is sort of like an immersion experience," McIntyre said. "People get away from their normal routine to

immerse themselves into some foundational questions about life. What they can hope to get is a deeper awareness of who they are as individuals, as members of a community and in the sight of God and how those three relate to and impact each other."

In order to address these issues and create a discussion, the group will first have to reach a sense of community and create a comfortable atmosphere where students' minds are open and ready to listen.

The student leaders will help bring about this sense of community among the freshmen through icebreakers, worship through song and personal testimonies.

Stephanie Sherman, a sophomore, will act as a member of

the worship team and small group leader and hopes to make this retreat as unforgettable as it was for her.

"Nothing is like the Freshman Retreat," Sherman said. "This is the one retreat that people talk about and remember as they continue on at USD. Nowhere else can you meet and build a strong relationship more quickly. It gives freshman that anchor, that group of people they can go to and feel comfortable discussing their faith with."

The theme of the Retreat this year is "Changes, Choices and Challenges." The three-day excursion will offer more than a getaway for students; it offers the opportunity to grow closer to God and peers.

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President of MTV & MTV2. "The goal of 'Choose or Lose 2004' and '20 Million Loud' is to give this enormous pool of potential voters the tools they need to make informed choices, get involved in the political process and become motivated to make the ultimate choice in our democracy."

On our campus the College Republicans and Young Democrats clubs are busy trying to register voters as well. Their goal is not necessarily to register voters for their particular party, but to make sure that all of their peers are voicing their opinion and casting their vote.

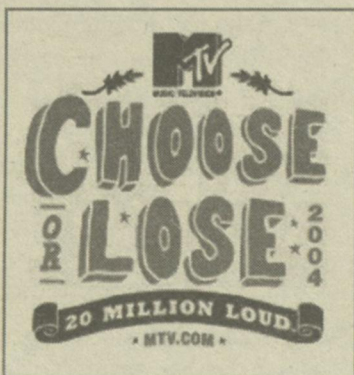
The first step in this important process is registering to vote. The deadline to vote in California's March 2 primary election was Feb. 17. Fortunately,

for those of you who haven't registered there is still plenty of time to do so before the general election in November.

If you do not catch one of the on-campus clubs

on a registration day, it is extremely easy to do it online. Our own unet.sandiego.edu site has a link to "Choose or Lose 20 Million Loud," or you can visit mtv.com for a simple registration process.

Young adults could very well be the deciding factor in this important election.



## Words from the desk Elyse reflects on Lent

This week marks the start of Lent—Fat Tuesday (the crazy day before Lent), Ash Wednesday and figuring out what you are going to give up for 40 days and possibly for good, if you end up liking it.

Christian or not, this can be a good time to work on some self-improvement.

Figuring out what to give up can be difficult. Sometimes people choose the unattainable and sometimes they pick something too easy. It is difficult to figure out what works for you.

If it is difficult for you to figure out what to give up maybe you should consider adding something good to your life instead of taking something bad away. For

example, having prayer partners; and praying for someone different everyday.

This year, Lent will be in the limelight of popular culture with a highly controversial film, "The Passion of the Christ," that comes out on Ash Wednesday. Mel really planned that one well.

Another big part of Lent is not eating meat on Fridays. I have always wondered why you are not supposed to eat meat, but you can eat fish? Eating meat doesn't make you a sinner, but it is a nice way to display your faith-symbolically. You are also supposed to fast on Ash Wednesday and Fridays. According to Craig, fasting means having one square meal and two snacks on those days.



# AS proposes online elections

By Courtney Blokland  
STAFF WRITER

In the newest example of how technology is around every corner, certain members of Associated Students are now proposing a new and improved format for the school-wide AS Elections—online voting.

No longer will students be hassled by going to computers set up in the UC foyer to cast their votes. With the new proposal, students will be able to vote with just a few clicks of a mouse from the privacy of their own room, or any other computer on campus with a network connection.

Ever since the e-voter system was created four years ago, Associated Students has been thinking of moving elections online. This e-voter system is the same system that AS has been using for the past three years to conduct its elections.

With this latest installment of efficiency, Adam Petersen, Associated Students' director of elections, hopes the online election format will make elections easier, as well as increase voter turnout. The highest recorded voter turnout for USD's AS Elections weighed in at 13%. Petersen laments, "The low

turnout barely gives any legitimacy to the elected senator, secretaries and AS Executive Board."

He would like to increase turnout by giving the opportunity for students to vote on any computer on campus, which he believes might reduce student apathy. With the proposed online voting process, every student has the chance to participate with added convenience. "We are hoping not only to make more people vote, we are hoping to make each vote matter more," Petersen said.

So how does it work? Once voters access the web from their on campus computer, they will follow a link posted on the University's Unet website to a Frequently Asked Questions and Help page that will explain the voting procedure.

The next page will be a listing of all the candidates with their pictures and a description, as well as their stance on certain issues. Next, voters will be taken to a page where they must agree to an integrity pledge, much like those on the back of our blue book exams, to ensure that each person only votes once and is in fact who they say

they are. Voters will then be directed to the e-voter system page, which asks students to enter their Unet account username, password, social security number, and USD ID number. Finally, once all the information is entered, the students can cast their votes.

Although some may see the

and IP address. For those concerned about the swaying or influencing of votes within large organizational meetings held in locations where an on campus computer is present, the system will only be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in order to prevent the possibility of illegal polls within any nighttime

computer labs, Garibay believes that "campaigning might be abused since rules will be hard to enforce in dorms."

Some even fear that with students being able to vote from computers all over campus, that AS elections will be turned into a popularity contest.

Jamie Eagan, co-director of Social Issues, believes that polls are always popularity contests, but is concerned that the convenience of elections online might discourage students from researching and getting to know the candidates.

"Voting and elections are serious issues. I don't think online elections will increase student activism on campus. We want the most informed voter turnout, not just voter turnout," Eagan said.

The future for online elections is dependent on the AS Elections bylaws, which Petersen has proposed certain changes to in order to move elections online. The proposal for the revised bylaws and online elections has already been presented to the Senate, which will vote on these issues at their meeting today. Petersen and others who want to see elections moved entirely online remain hopeful.

"We are hoping not only to make more people vote, we are hoping to make each vote matter more."

- Adam Petersen, AS director of elections

future of AS Election moving completely online, there are a few areas of concern that have been raised. Questions about the system's safety have been asked, even though AS has been using the same system for three years without any problems.

Petersen also points out that the e-voter system is tried and true. "Point Loma Nazarene University has used its full online capabilities for three years as well with no major application problems," he says. The system also ensures that a person can only vote once since every vote is logged and tagged with a unique username

meetings.

Others are also concerned with a different aspect of security for online elections. The rules against campaigning also raise risks of accountability of the candidates. Although the revised election bylaws state that a candidate cannot campaign on election day within 75 feet of any publicly accessible computer nor verbally campaign in residence halls, some wonder how restrictions for campaigning are going to be enforced. Mario Garibay of the United Front agrees. Using a system that allows for voting to take place in residence halls and

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Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00pm, UC 107

Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30pm, UC Forum A

Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30pm, UC Forum B

Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm, Loma 4

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, UC Forum A

Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm, UC 107

Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, UC Forum A

Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm, Loma 4

Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm, UC Forum A

Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00pm, UC 107



## OPINION

# Food for thought

There are three types of cloning: DNA cloning, reproductive cloning and therapeutic cloning.

Animals have been cloned since 1952 with a tadpole clone.

In 1996, "Dolly" was the first mammal to be cloned. The sheep lived for six years before she was put to death. At the end of her life, she suffered from lung cancer and arthritis.

"Dolly" was one success out of 276 attempts to clone a sheep.

Scientists hope to use therapeutic cloning to create stem cells and produce replacement cells for organs and tissues.

More than 90% of cloning attempts fail to produce viable offspring.

[www.ornl.gov/sci/techresources/Human\\_Genome/elsi/cloning.shtml](http://www.ornl.gov/sci/techresources/Human_Genome/elsi/cloning.shtml)

## Marian Runway: fashion central

By Misa Maruyama  
STAFF WRITER

In a playful twist on our University's initials, USD has been lightheartedly referred to as the "University of Spoiled Daughters." Forty percent of the student body is male, according to the University's website, thus lessening the effect of this teasing acronym. However, the "spoiled" part of the jest is not as easily dispelled when one observes the co-ed fashion show that is put on every day on campus.

One cannot ignore that, despite the generous financial aid that is distributed every year, we still attend a university charging approximately \$31,000 yearly tuition. If ever in doubt, observe the parade of Juicy Couture sweat suits, Seven for All Mankind Jeans, Abercrombie and Fitch shirts, Von Dutch hats, Gucci sunglasses, Ugg boots and Tiffany and Co. jewelry that makes its way about campus.

Somehow the brand name of apparel and accessories have become inseparable from the items themselves. If Sapir and Whorf, two Communication scholars, were to analyze our understanding of the word "bag," I am sure they would have a hay-day with the linguistic possibilities on campus. Our vocabulary bank runs deep. If someone were to say, "That's a cute bag. What is it?"



LEIGH DONOVON

USD students often feel the need to wear designer labels in order to keep up with San Diego's fashion savvy style.

One would not reply with "A leather clutch." Rather, on this campus, the correct response would be, "A Fendi (or Coach, Louis Vuitton, Dolce and Gabbana, Chanel, Kate Spade, take your pick) bag." Your bag is its

brand name and if it has initials, it inspires interest.

However, there are those who will disagree with me. No, they shall say, there is no competitive game of who-can-afford-what on campus.

## Open Mike: TV helps men separate the whatchamacallits from the thingamabobs

By Mike Minicilli  
STAFF WRITER

Television has long been called the idiot box. It has been described as an outdated machine that kills brain cells with its endless list of Jerry Springer-esque talk shows and Full House reruns.

But if we manage to ignore all of the "Who's my baby's daddy?" DNA tests and the annoying Danny Tanners of the television world, we can really learn valuable lessons from this highly criticized instrument of teaching.

Ironically, television's true professors are not the predictable sitcoms and lifeless dramas it portrays on its small screens around the world. In fact, the commercials in between those programs do the real teaching, namely those advertisements that attempt to sell feminine products to

women in need of, well, feminine products.

And never have men been so grateful.

Maxi-pads, wings, tampons, thingamajigs and doohickeys. They are all the same to me. And I am guessing that the rest of the male viewing audience cannot distinguish Kotex or Playtex from a NASDAQ tech stock either. This is why these commercials are so important. They teach men. They guide men. They reveal to us the mysteries of the female body with colorful diagrams and in depth explanations.

Though I sometimes walk away wondering if I ever want to be taught all of the intricate details again, I do know that after just 30 minutes of television viewing and about 100 feminine product commercials I emerged with an abundance of information that my eighth grade health teacher never taught me.

Who would have thought a tampon could serve as both a feminine product and as a reliable plug if there is a hole in your sinking boat? Simply amazing. Why didn't MacGyver ever teach us this little trick?

It is quite smart, and practical, for a guy to store one of these useful dual-purpose tools in his wallet just in case that weekend fishing trip out in the middle of the ocean happens to take an unfortunate turn of events.

Had it not been for feminine product commercials, I may have never known that a pad with wings can withstand the torrential downpour of a one gallon jug of water. Guys, this bit of wisdom will definitely come in handy later on in life, trust me. I, for one, always keep a pack of pads in my back pocket just in case I get stuck outside in the middle of a rain-

storm. Seriously, they are like disposable umbrellas, I never leave home without one.

For those lost male souls who still have not had the pleasure of witnessing one of these informative commercials, I leave you with this.

Only when a simple guy like you and me is finally able to recognize the difference between Pearl super plus, Tampax slim fits, Always overnights, Always with wings and Stay-Free super absorbents will he begin to understand the complex world that is the workings of the female body.

Then, and only then, will he fully realize just how complicated, confusing, and absolutely uncomfortable the lives of women really are.



# Cloning ban stifles scientific research

Rebecca Clifford  
STAFF WRITER

South Korean scientists recently announced their success in cloning a human embryo, which has thrust the ethical issues surrounding cloning back into public discussion. The current U.S. ban on cloning has caused the country to fall embarrassingly behind in an area of science that promises to be at the forefront of biomedical research. The possible benefits and opportunities that therapeutic cloning offers far outweigh the ethical worries involved.

To understand the cloning issue, it is important to distinguish between two separate worlds of cloning. Reproductive cloning aims to create a new life by injecting a person's DNA into an ovum and subsequently implanting the created embryo into the womb. It is practically pointless to even talk about this type of cloning because the risks

make it obviously unethical. Even proponents of the second type, therapeutic cloning, tend to think that reproductive cloning is immoral due the potential risks and possible genetic defects of the created child.

However, the ethical and medical argument is not valid when discussing therapeutic cloning. The goal of therapeutic cloning is to produce organs or tissue from the embryonic cells for an ill individual in an attempt to save them. Since the process never actually creates another human being, the arguments used against reproductive cloning are irrelevant.

Although other scientists have cloned embryo cells in the past, the South Korean success was the first time those cells were grown into a blastocyst, the point at which the embryo is a ball of cells. This point of growth is significant because it is the stage when in vitro babies are implanted into the womb and when stem cells first

appear. A stem cell is valuable because it has not yet differentiated and can become any type of body cell. The isolation of these cells is the target of therapeutic cloning.

The possibility of creating organs is still far away, but the South Korean advances mark a milestone that brings us much closer. It also indicates that the United States is no longer one of the frontrunners for scientific research. Government laws regarding cloning mistakenly group the two types together. Thus, by banning therapeutic cloning along with reproductive cloning, these laws clearly undermine the potential achievements in the field.

It is time to change these restrictions to allow for developments that will help save many lives.

Therapeutic cloning offers an array of benefits. Presently, patients that undergo organ transplants may potentially reject the donor's organ. In light of this,

they must go through the hassle of taking drugs daily to reduce the risk. With cloning, the cells that make up the organ would come from the individual's own DNA and there would be almost no chance of rejection of the organ. This increases the safety of the process and the chances for a successful operation.

Organ donors are in short supply and many individuals die waiting for an organ replacement. Therapeutic cloning has the potential to eliminate these problems. Organs could be produced when needed and patients would not have to wait for a potential donor.

Opponents to the idea of therapeutic cloning, often also anti-abortionists, argue that it is immoral to sacrifice the life of the embryo despite the potential biomedical advances. They claim that therapeutic cloning involves murdering a human being (the embryo) to save the life of another.

These groups seem to be

missing the point. Seldom do you hear them protest against reproductive clinics that use in vitro methods. However, each attempt at reproduction in this manner results in the destruction of several embryos. It seems that a white-coated scientist is much easier to attack than a woman who desperately wants a child. However, it is unfair to accept one of these practices and reject the other. Our laws should reflect consistency, not hypocrisy.

The benefits of therapeutic cloning are unmistakably clear. Despite the controversy, this type of research will continue because of the amazing possibilities. Whether or not it happens here or in another country, it is going to happen. It is time for our government to wake up and realize the distinction between therapeutic and reproductive cloning before the United States falls even further behind in the exciting field of biomedical research.

# Picture phones fail to fulfill any function

Chris Bresky  
STAFF WRITER

"Can you see me now? Can you see me now? Good!" If that emo, glasses-wearing Verizon nut ever flashes his mug on my phone, I'd throw it out the window. That, or beam it to 12 of my friends with a chain letter attached and feel really offended if they didn't forward it back to me.

Let me be the first to question why we have picture phones. Cameras inside phones are ridiculous. I would have thought it more practical to have a phone inside my camera. That way when I'm out in the middle of nature with a quiet brook, wildflowers or snow-capped peaks, I can still check my stock quotes.

I believe it is just as arbitrary to stick any other common appliance into my phone, say, a hairdryer. This would be quite useful for those unwanted calls on bad hair days when you can easily say, "I'm sorry, Jill, I'm going through a wind tunnel right now I'll have to call... wrrrrr!" Or a toaster for on-the-go Eggo fans, or a fax machine, although of course that would force us to resort to the "Saved By The Bell" super sized cellular and that would never do.

Seriously folks, we live in a world of e-mails, faxes, teleconferencing, pagers, digital networks and satellite connections; a world where it really has become useless for us to leave our houses or the confines of our cubicles. When forced, we do

exit the safety of our technologically-enhanced domiciles and leave the information highways to the traffic-jammed interstates of California.

Once we are all alone and safe in our "one man to one car" ratio we clog the roads while the carpool lanes collect dust. Ironically we are alone again, surrounded by hundreds of honking cars but isolated nevertheless. Solace comes from a little blinking light, a receiver and some touch-tone buttons. Now a colored display shows the face of the caller, and suddenly we are reminded of the friends we have and life seems a little happier.

Now our friend's picture comes up on the phone while dialing. It's as if they're right there. CRASH! Looks like we have to leave the confines of isolation long enough to yell at the driver of the other car. Don't worry, his friends won't come and beat you up, they were all on the other end of his teleconference he was having. But you'll both be happy to realize that the phones you were talking on are intact! Not only that but they come with cameras! Now you can take pictures of the car crash from the phone you were using that also happened to cause the crash. Both problem and solution to life's troubles all wrapped up in a 50-dollar-a-month plan.

We are scared people afraid to talk to other people. What are we afraid of, people seeing into our souls? Certain tribes believe that the camera steals the soul. With all the paranoia



ERIN TOOHEY

Picture phones allow the user to capture images and associate them with caller identification, send them to friends or save them for future viewing. Concerns have arisen over privacy issues in regards to these phones.

in the world, how do we know when a picture is being taken or where it is being taken?

In Salt Lake City, 24 Hour Fitness has banned camera phones from the gyms. No incidents have occurred but the paranoia of possible perversion has led to the preemptive prevention. In Wales, writes the BBC Press, doctors are using camera phones to send x-rays at a quicker speed. Whatever happened to walking them down the hall? Speedy diagnosis or not, when I'm put under I don't

want some pesky pediatrician paparazzi snapping shots of me.

Finally, those pesky phone numbers received from a random person at a social event last Friday night have revolutionized the process of remembering. Now there's a picture to go with a name, but I still can't remember who they are. There goes that idea. Chances are, I'll pass by that person on campus and pretend that I don't recognize them.

We live in a world full of

lonely people, who separate themselves from one another each day. We rarely even make eye contact with random passersby.

None of this matters because now we can look into the digitally replicated eyes of our friends on a mini screen and stay safe from the uncomfortable gazes of others. No need for a chit chat; we can scroll down our phonebook for hours. And just in case people doubt our popularity, we've got the pictures to prove it!



# President's education program leaves kids behind

*Local area school to close after failure to meet federal educational standards*

By Jared Wright  
STAFF WRITER

The "No Child Left Behind" program implemented by the Bush administration has had devastating effects on the nation's schools, including schools here in San Diego county.

Crawford Senior High School sits beside a hill in East San Diego. The surrounding area is a maze of small, old houses in what appears to be a fairly low-income community. The school itself is made up of a few long, plain-looking buildings connected by a courtyard surrounded by a rusty chain link fence. The entrance to the main office is indistinguishable from any other classroom door and its internal appearance is just as informal. There is no secretary sitting at a main desk. Instead, a few student office-aids are there to answer questions.

Compared with most other public schools in San Diego, Crawford High is small. Of its 427 student enrollment, 320 are what the government calls "socioeconomically disadvantaged." This means that they either participate in the school's free- or reduced-lunch program, or neither parents have received a high school diploma. These are the kind of students that tend to get lower standardized test scores than other students of the nation's schools and are now the main target of Bush's 2001 federal program, known as the "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) program.

The program has identified Crawford High, along with other low-scoring schools across the country, as "program improvement" schools. Crawford is now approaching its third year as a program improvement school.

According to NCLB legislation, a school that does not improve its test scores one full year after being identified as a program improvement school must "continue to provide all students enrolled in the school with the option to transfer to another public school." After two years of little or no improvement, such a school must begin to replace part of its staff and/or develop a new curriculum.

Also, the district must hire an outside expert to "advise the school on its progress toward making adequate yearly progress." After three years the district must seek alternative governance for the school, such as reopening as a charter school or turning its operation

over to the state.

As a result of the demands of the NCLB program, not only do teachers at socioeconomically diverse schools have to worry about educating 70 to 130 students who come from completely different social, economic and ethnic backgrounds, they now have to get them to score higher on a standardized test that compares their scores to those of the majority of students that statistically score higher.

The program is geared toward getting schools to struggle to raise achievement, but it's not as if they don't already struggle. "It's not like we haven't been trying to raise achievement anyway," said John Johnson, the Crawford High School Vice Principal. "We've been trying to improve test scores for the last 10-12 years."

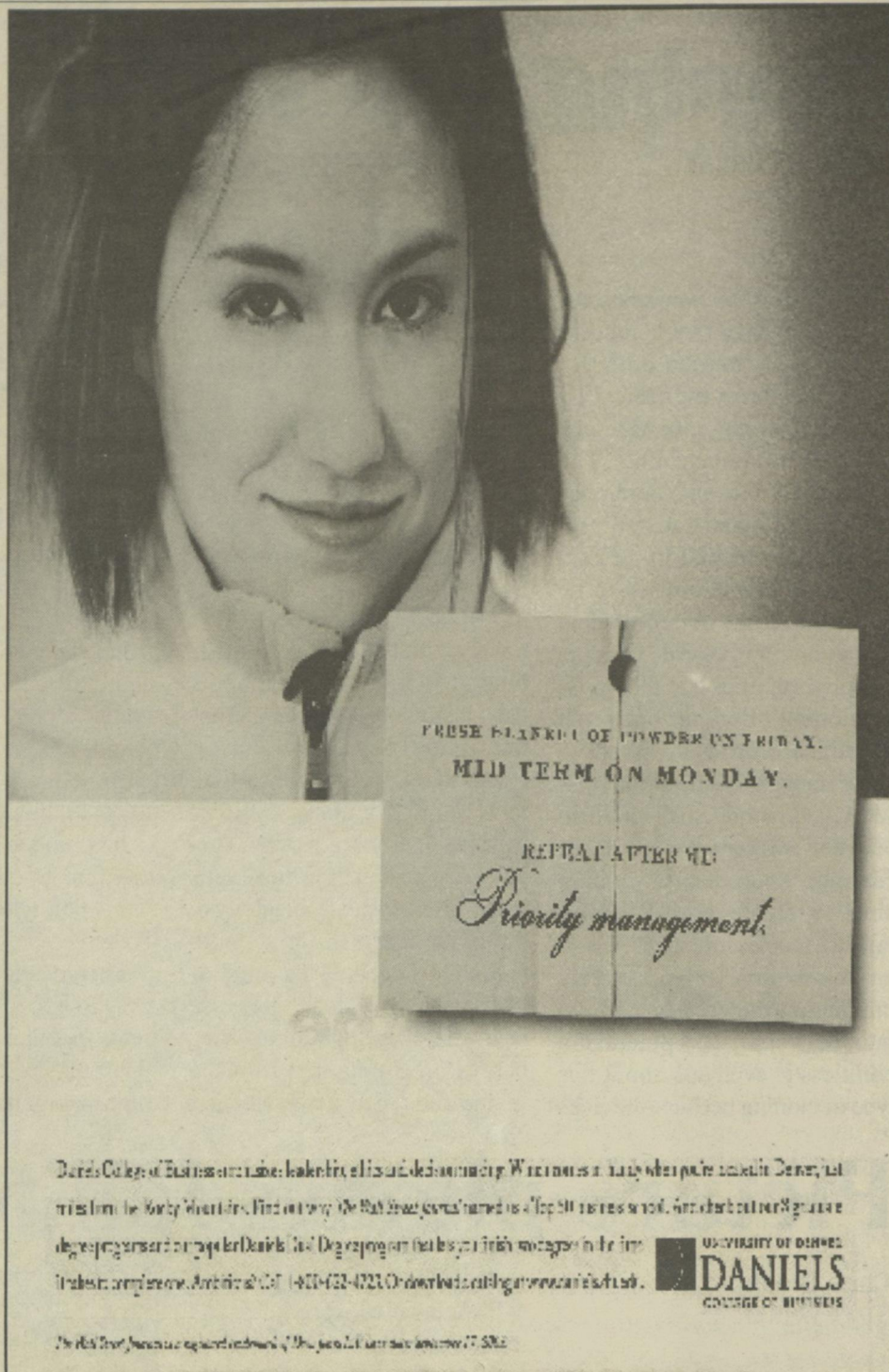
Colusa High, a small school in Northern California, has kept its program improvement status even after hiring an outside expert to help improve test scores. Colusa is entering its third year as a program improvement school with almost no improvement in its Academic Performance Index (API) scores.

"No Child Left Behind" allocates billions of dollars for specific purposes such as corrective action and school restructuring, while Crawford High School, along with most other California schools, face devastating budget cuts. This year alone Crawford has had to slash its expenditures by seven percent (\$425,000). As a result, many non-classroom personnel have been laid off, including one librarian.

According to Tim Wright, a Northern California school board member, salary cuts are the only realistic way to deal with budget crises such as this one. Unrealistic demands will not foster any advancements. "Asking people to conserve paper or materials just doesn't work and isn't enough," he said.

This June, as the last senior receives his or her diploma, Crawford High School will close its doors for the final time. The remaining students will be filtered out into some of the larger schools in the San Diego School District. Their lower test scores will only slightly affect the overall scores of the large schools and what was considered, for them, a necessary achievement before, will now go unnoticed for the remainder of their high school careers.

These students will soon be left behind by a program that sought to keep that very thing from happening.



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George W. Bush (Republican)  
—Presidential Incumbent

George W. Bush will use his unique position as the current president from which to launch his campaign. He is highlighting his advancements in Homeland Security, Medicare and the economy as important accomplishments from his administration. Bush hopes to further protect America by securing the borders and to continue to grow the American economy.

"We are advancing an agenda of compassionate conservatism by rallying the armies of compassion to ensure that every person, every child, and every community can be part of the American dream. There is still much work to be done, and we will continue to work hard to meet the challenges of our time. I intend to make good use of every day I have the honor of serving the American people, and hope that through your support, I will be fortunate enough to serve a second term."

By Erin Toohey  
OPINION EDITOR

California voters will line up at the polls next Tuesday for the Presidential Primary Election, actively participating in American democracy as they limit the candidate pool for the presidential race and make important decisions for the future of California's budget.

The purpose of the California primaries is to narrow down the candidate pool in each political party to one candidate. In the state of California, there are seven political parties: The American Independent Party, Democratic Party, Green Party, Libertarian Party, Natural Law Party, Peace and Freedom Party and the Republican Party. Each party may only endorse one candidate for the upcoming elections. The focus of the presidential race, however, has turned primarily to the Democrats. Senators John Kerry and John Edwards are vying for the Democratic candidacy in the November presidential election. This candidate will face the incumbent President George W. Bush, a Republican. Bush will be the only candidate listed on the Republican's list, although there will be an opportunity to write in an alternative. Howard Dean was originally thought to be the forerunner for the Democrats, but dropped from the race after his distant finishes in other races across the United States.

California law distinguishes voters by political party for primary elections. This means that voters who are registered with a specific political party may vote only within their own party. This is *not* the voter's decision for the November presidential election; it is only a way to narrow down each party to one candidate. In the fall, all voters will be able to elect the candidate of their choice, regardless of party affiliation. Voters who are not registered to any party may vote on the ballot of the American Independent Party, the Democratic Party of the Republican Party.

All California voters will be making their partisan choice for president, U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative in addition to state senator and state assembly. In addition, there may be certain local ballot measures or elections for open positions. All voters will vote on four statewide ballot measures, Propositions 55, 56, 57 and 58. Proposition 55 proposes a bond for public schools facilities and the other three propositions are all related to the state budget. All Californians may vote on these measures, regardless of political party.

Voters should take note that some counties have instituted new voting equipment, different than the last election. Concerned voters can check online for information regarding their polling place. Voters who have registered with USD as their address will vote at the YMCA on Friars Road. Other local addresses should check with the county to find their voting place. Those people who have requested an absentee ballot must return it to any district by the time polls close on election day.



## John Kerry (Democrat)—U.S. Senator

John Kerry is currently the leading Democrat in the Presidential Primaries. He supports American security and his goals include creating jobs and reviving the economy. Kerry also seeks to ensure health care for all citizens and end the special interests of President Bush.

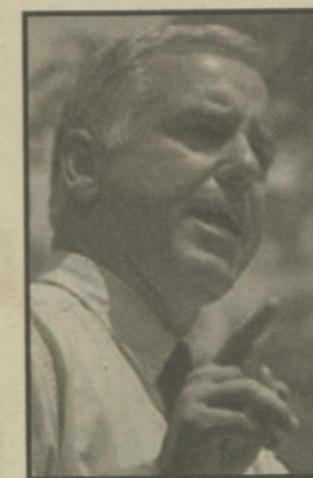
"In his first 100 days as President, John Kerry will: Roll back George Bush's tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans so we can invest in education and health care; Take on the health insurance companies to lower costs and make affordable healthcare available to every American; Stop polluters from weakening the Clean Air Act and stand up to the oil companies to make America independent of Mideast oil; Attack corporate corruption and end the special interest feeding frenzy in Washington; Declare an end to George Bush's go-it-alone foreign policy, win the peace in Iraq, and make America safer, stronger, and more secure."

John Edwards (Democrat)  
—U.S. Senator

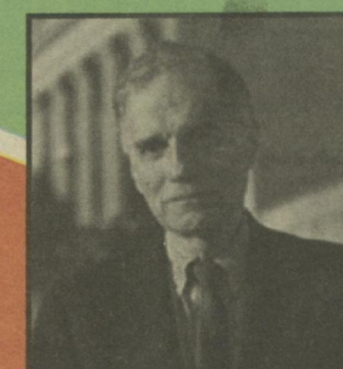
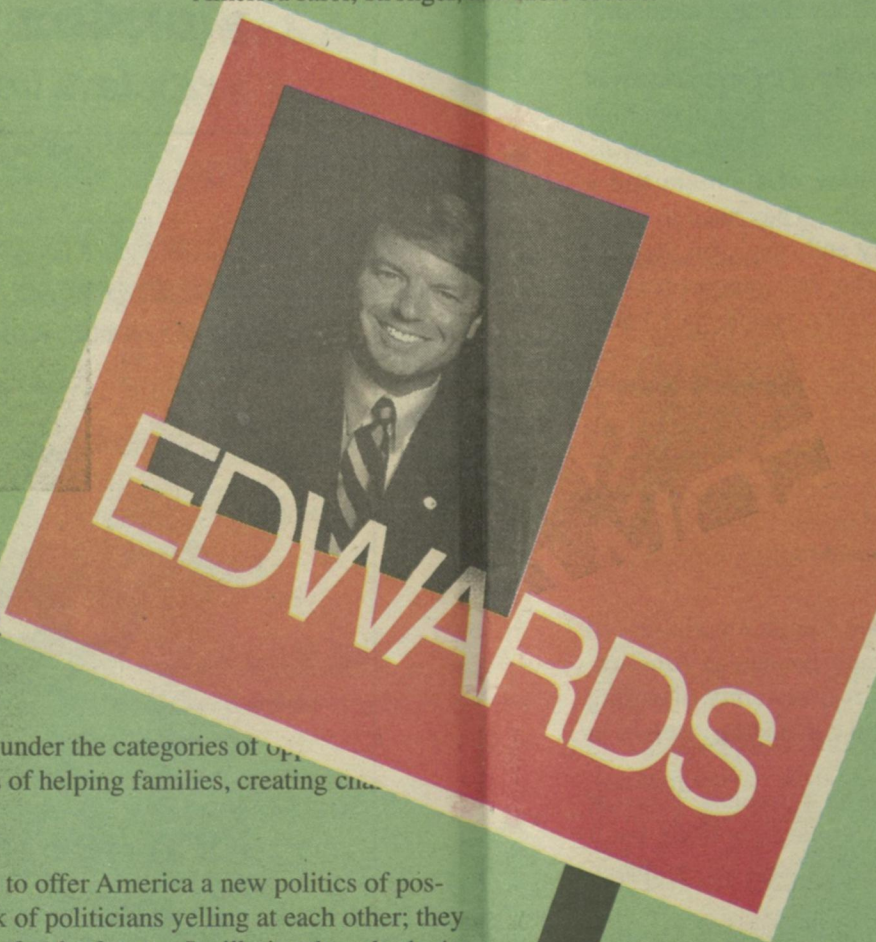
John Edwards describes his political goals under the categories of opportunity, prosperity and security to outline his objectives of helping families, creating jobs and keeping America safe.

"I am running for president because I want to offer America a new politics of possibility and opportunity. Americans are sick of politicians yelling at each other; they want a positive message of hope and a plan for the future - I will give them both. As president, we'll provide qualified students one free year of tuition at a state university or community college if they are willing to work for ten hours a week. We'll make health insurance a birthright for every child. We'll lift up America's poor and working middle class by cutting their taxes to help them own a home, pay off their debt, and live the American dream. We'll change America by putting Washington back on the side of the people, and not the special interests."

The butt of late night comedy's jokes, former Vermont governor Howard Dean also dropped from the race...maybe after one too many outbursts.



Progressive liberal Dennis Kucinich will visit USD on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the IPJ. His grass roots campaign (including his pro gay marriage position) appeals to many student followers.



Consumer advocate Ralph Nader recently announced his candidacy for the Nov. presidential election.



Four star Army General Wesley Clark dropped out of the running.

## PROP 55 Proposition 55: Kindergarten-University Education Facilities Bond of 2004

Proposition 55 is in response to requests by public schools for more money to build and repair facilities. Prop 55 permits the state to sell \$12.3 billion in bonds, thereby creating money to repair schools at all educational levels, kindergarten through college. The money received by the schools would have to be matched by the institution and the money would be allocated to areas with the greatest need. This bond would also help fund the advancement of facilities in higher education, namely the California Community Colleges, California State University system schools and the University of California schools. Legislative Analysts estimate this will cost the state \$24.7 billion to pay off the initial bond and the interest.

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**AGAINST:** ([www.protecttaxpayers.com](http://www.protecttaxpayers.com))

-California already faces a large debt.  
-The bond measure doubles the actual cost of the project (due to the interest it accrues).

**FOR:** ([www.yeson55.com](http://www.yeson55.com))

-Schools are overcrowded and need money for expansion and repair

## PROP 56 State Budget, Related Taxes, and Reserve. Voting Requirements. Penalties.

This proposition seeks to reduce the vote required to pass the state budget from 67% (two-thirds) to 55%. It requires that the legislature stay in session until the budget is passed and would make it so that the governor and the legislature would not be paid for work done after June 15. It also requires that 25% of certain state revenue be appropriated to a reserve fund that helps pay for unexpected costs. This could potentially make the budget easier to pass and the required reserve would help balance spending.

**AGAINST:** ([www.noblankchecks.com](http://www.noblankchecks.com))

-Prop 56 gives the legislature more ease in raising taxes.  
-It makes it easier for the majority party to pass the budget with concern for their own interests.

**FOR:** ([www.budgetaccountabilitynow.org](http://www.budgetaccountabilitynow.org))

-Prop 56 will make it easier to pass the California budget, which hasn't been passed on time in the last 17 years.

## PROP 57 The Economic Recovery Bond Act

This is a one-time bond that will allot up to \$15 billion to pay off the California deficit in the General Fund. This bond will only be issued if the California Balanced Budget Act (Proposition 58) is also passed. The bond money will be paid from state sales tax (one quarter from each cent) and should take nine to 14 years to pay off.

**AGAINST:** ([www.tommclintock.com](http://www.tommclintock.com))

-This puts California into a deeper debt, equivalent to \$2000 per family.  
-This does not address the issue that caused the problem—spending. It is trying to create a solution without fixing the problem.

**FOR:** ([www.yes57and58.org](http://www.yes57and58.org))

-Combined with Prop 58, this bond will solve the deficit problem and ensure it doesn't happen again.

## PROP 58 The California Balanced Budget Act

This proposition requires that the state have a yearly budget that does not allocate more than the state spends. This would allow that the governor could evaluate the budget and require the California legislature to take action if the budget is falling out of alignment. Proposition 58 requires that Proposition 57 also pass in order to balance the budget. This also establishes a budget reserve and prohibits any future deficit bonds. The proposition seeks to balance the budget every year.

**AGAINST:** ([www.tommclintock.com](http://www.tommclintock.com))

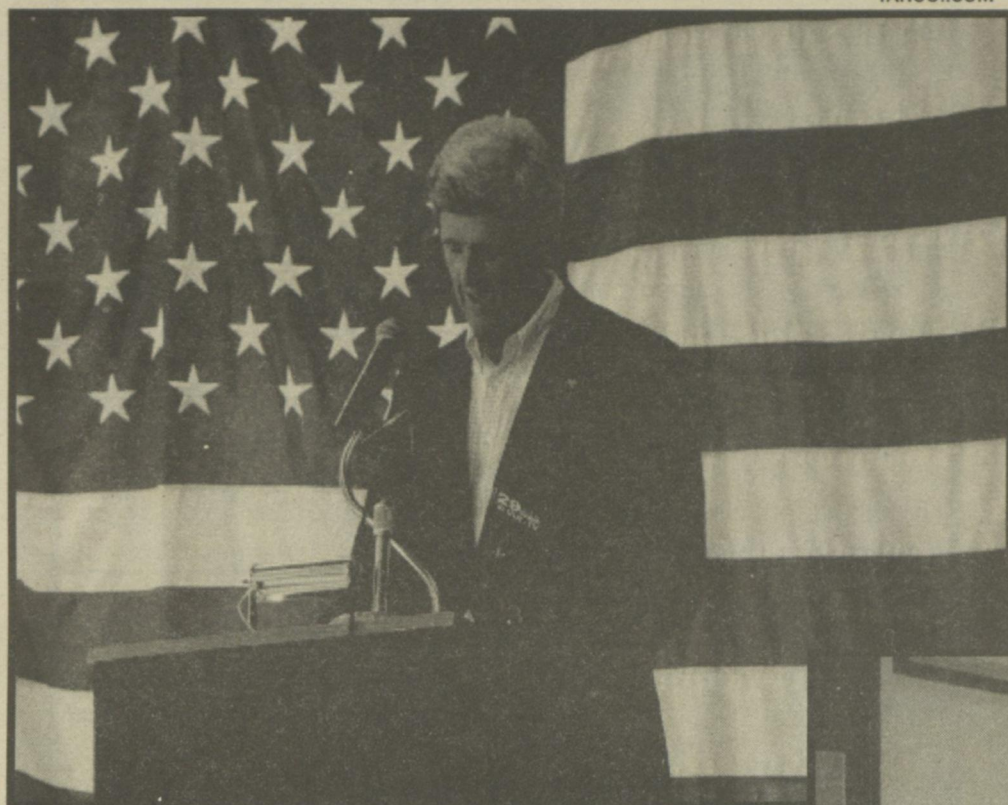
-There are no spending limits

**FOR:** This protects the state budget from loopholes and from overspending.  
-Sets up reserve money for the future.  
-Prevents budget crises in the future.



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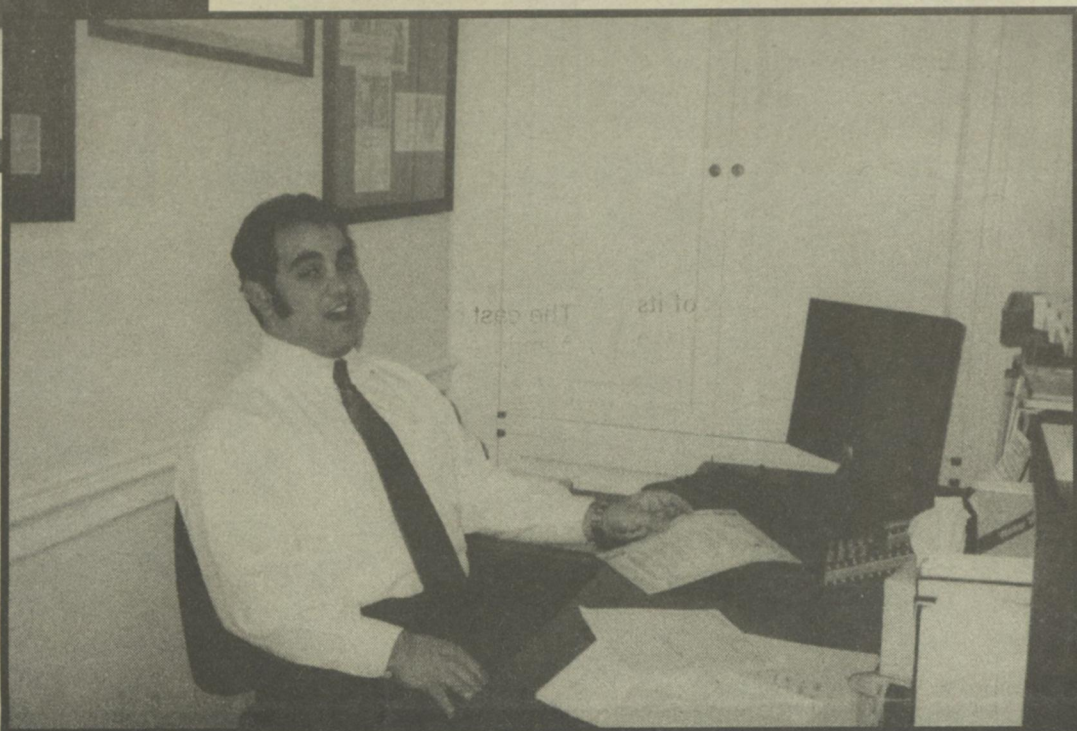


# A Caucus with Kerry

Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry speaks to Americans.

"Life is like a boat out to sea. When the storm comes, you must ride it out because when it subsides the favorable wind will be at your back."

-Marco Guido



Marco Guido, newly elected president and founder of USD's young democrats club, volunteered to help with Kerry's campaign this

COURTESY OF MARCO GUIDO

By Joe Jackson  
STAFF WRITER

"Look at me, I have never been a front-runner," said Marco Guido, a USD junior who volunteered to help with John Kerry's campaign for the democratic nomination this summer. "I knew John Kerry was the right candidate for the American people and his campaign was in serious need of help."

On Jan. 2, the day Guido left for Iowa's caucuses, it seemed like John Kerry's campaign needed a miracle. The Iowa caucus sets the standard for how Americans will vote on the upcoming primaries and caucuses that decide the presidential candidacy. Polls gave John Kerry a range of 8 to 13 percent of the vote in Iowa, whereas campaigners Howard Dean finished with 34 percent and Richard Gephardt with 28 percent.

Despite the fact that Kerry's campaign was being described as the "Titanic," Guido's devotion to Kerry led him a thousand miles away from home in Diamond Bar, CA (near Orange County) to work 12-hour days and rally support.

Guido's love for John Kerry began last fall when he was an intern in Washington, D.C. He was working in the office of Congressman Peter Deutsch from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. On Oct. 5 a co-worker, Joe Maloney, told Guido that John Kerry was speaking close by and that Guido needed to leave the office to "watch how incredible the guy was."

"John Kerry spoke about Moses, FDR, and kicking George Bush's a\*\*. I immediately knew that I liked this guy," Guido said.

Three months after hearing that speech, he was back at home, about to sit down for a family dinner, when he received an unexpected phone call. It was Maloney, who had begun working for Kerry's campaign after finishing in Washington. Their conversation was brief.

"Marco, the ship's sinking, you're coming to Iowa,"

Maloney said.

"Give me directions. I'll leave in a day," Guido responded with little hesitation.

He grabbed a friend, packed up his '97 Camry, and drove to the heart of rural southwest Iowa to a place called Creston and arrived at an office that was in charge of the nine poorest regions in Iowa.

"The area the office was in looked like a ghost town," Guido said, describing his surroundings. "A Wal-Mart had shut down most of the local businesses. All of the empty buildings created a depressing backdrop for the office." He found himself fighting a negative outlook from the first moment he stepped into the office he'd be working at during his time in Iowa.

"They had the numbers that the polls were giving up on a wall and they didn't look good," he said. "On another wall there was a big white board with a sign that said '18 days to caucus.' I didn't know if we were going to make it."

Fueled with desire for Kerry's success, the campaign did make it, but the process was not easy. On average, he made 300 phone calls a day. Of those calls, he was hung up on at least 150 times. In the initial weeks of work, he considered himself lucky if he contacted four Kerry supporters in a day.

Obviously affected by these events, but he didn't give up on himself or the campaign. "I told myself 'You can't get too up in good times or too down in low times.' Life is like a boat out to sea. When the storm comes, you must ride it out because when it subsides the favorable wind will be at your back."

A favorable wind did hit when the media began giving Kerry a great deal of positive coverage the week before the caucus was to take place. Like a "fisher of men," Guido began pulling supporters in by droves.

The media coverage helped tremendously. "At this time I would contact 30 to 40 Kerry supporters in a day as opposed to the three or four I would contact over the

course of an average day two weeks prior," he said.

With the help of the furious efforts of Guido and his fellow volunteers, polls placed Kerry at a statistical tie with Howard Dean on the night of the caucus. It was a tense night for Guido, as he was nervous about how the caucus system would work.

"People don't have the safety of a curtain and a booth during caucuses," he said. "They need to come out in front of the community and state who they are for. People take the person who they support personally, and can get very angry when people they know disagree with them."

Guido drove with a local volunteer to the area where Kerry's caucus was being held. Upon arrival, he looked around at the group of farmers who were in the room and questioned how democratic the process would end up. He feared that dominant members of the community were going to pressure others into caucusing for one candidate.

After the caucus was finished, Guido was convinced that it was the most democratic process in America. He said that Iowans take the responsibility of setting the standard very seriously and conduct themselves in a fair manner.

Kerry won that caucus by five points. This was not as strong as his campaign would have liked, but it was amazing in light of the type of odds his campaign was facing just a few weeks earlier.

Over the course of the 20-mile ride back to Creston, the car broke down. Stranded in rural southwest Iowa and standing outside of a broken-down truck with no radio, Guido called his father.

"Marco, we took the Iowa caucus," his Republican father said.

This cathartic moment choked the young activist up. "Right then I realized that Kerry was no longer my candidate. He had become America's candidate," Guido said.



## ENTERTAINMENT

## The end of an obsession; sex leaves the city

Jen Shaeffer  
FEATURE EDITOR

"Sex & the City" shows us single women who are anything but desperate. They're looking for men, sure, but it's just shopping, not survival. They're well dressed, well paid and sexually gratified. As our favorite TV foursome prowls through New York hunting down new men and discarding the old ones like last year's Prada bags, they reinforce this fact: women who make their own money don't have to depend on a man, and they don't have to settle."

Newsweek

It was a devastating Sunday evening for those tried and true "Sex & the City" fans who gathered together for the last hurrah, bidding solemn farewells to Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte.

It's the end of an era (or at least a very eye opening six years) and the show is going out with a bang at the peak of its popularity. These four characters have been our role models, thrusting themselves through an urban sexual revolution without looking back to the Susie homemakers of the 1950s.

"Welcome to the Age of Un-Innocence," Candace Bushnell said in her original "Sex & the City" column. The show is a medium that allows women to feel justified in asserting their sexuality, but the question remains: Does this behavior elevate the female status, or reduce it to its historical origins, confining women as sexual objects?

They said and did the things most of us only thought about, stimulating discussion that had been locked up behind closed doors for way too long. The three-

some, the lust, the oral bliss, the lost lovers and bumpy relationship woes were all unveiled through the candid stories of these four women. They pushed the envelope so far it practically fell off the table, inviting a free-for-all of "indecent exposure."

Arguments fueled plenty of fire as to the content and message of the program. Is it just about the sex? Do the images and content portrayed in the program

show has provided Manhattan with its biggest PR gig yet, as the city takes on a life of its own, adding a fifth character to the series. Carrie even claims New York City is her soul mate. The big apple markets this love, providing a guided "Sex & the City" bus tour for die hard fans visiting Manhattan to see all of the show's featured destinations for themselves.

The fashion, always trend-setting and

of favorite scenes were shown. Needless to say, soggy tissues filled the room as these characters prepared for their final episode.

"This show has become a pop culture icon," said Amy Hubbell, a USD senior. "Every woman can relate to each of the four characters in some way. It has allowed women to be real and talk about taboo issues--I'm sad to see it go."

Fans were prepared for one of three outcomes: Carrie with the Russian in Paris (fat chance); Carrie with Big (the one that got away); or Carrie choosing "herself," much like old favorite Kelly Taylor did on "90210" when she picked her independence over Brandon and Dylan. The bets were made, and by the end of the night Carrie chose Big and returned to New York, happily ever after.

Her return to the Big Apple brought us back to the very first episode when she met Big (who we finally learned has a first name, John). He pulled up in his big, black Lincoln town car (a.k.a. the Manhattan version of a white horse). This time, in typical Mr. Big fashion, when Carrie asked him to "come up," he responded with his original, first-episode reply as to whether he'd ever been in love. His answer: "absof\*\*\*lutely."

While the end has come to our Sunday night "Sex & the City" rendezvous, the characters, with their vibrant attitudes and blunt mannerisms, will live on... in our conversations, in our ideals, in our actions. Young women were inspired by this four-some of friends and through trials and tribulations, grew along with them.

So cheers to our "Sex & the City" women, and so long. We'll have a Cosmo on you!



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perpetuate gender roles and stereotypes, or challenge them?

While feminist scholars may disagree, fans say no, taking a more sophisticated approach of interpreting the friendship, independence and growth of the characters with which they identify. These girls live a lifestyle of feminine freedom in a world where being a single, middle-aged working woman is liberating and very "in."

New York City is the perfect backdrop for our heroines as they frequent real-life NYC hot spots, sipping Cosmopolitan martinis and sporting trendy ensembles and Manolo Blahnik shoes. The

sometimes faux pas, breeds a materialistic attitude among the viewers who idolize these characters. The brand names Carrie and her pals sport around town spread like wildfire into wardrobes everywhere, giving female viewers a bad case of the "gimmies." This fashion frenzy, while intrinsic to the shows theme, may also be the result of economics underpinnings working behind the mask of entertainment.

Before the final episode, an hour-long "Sex & the City Farewell" brought viewers behind the scenes to see how the show is created. Interviews with the beloved cast and crew, along with thematic clips

## LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ARTS

Andrea Dammer  
DESIGN EDITOR

*Let's talk about when art and music combine to make a rhyme, That possesses your mind And sends you on a crazy journey through time...*

When Linkin Park, P.O.D., Hoobastank and Story of the Year played at the Cox Arena, they brought on a show that rocked the house. The vibes between the bands showed that they could keep a crowd pumped with ease.

Story of the Year kicked off the show by building the audience's enthusiasm. This up and coming punk band is making headlines with potent new tracks from their CD, *Page Avenue*.

The band formed in the heartland of St. Louis, Mo. and has "exploded with an original sound that pushed the stakes for pure punk energy and hard-edged live performances," according to VH1.

"We built our audience one fan at a time," contends bassist Adam Russell. "If the song was going to be heavy, we made sure it was as heavy as it could

be," Russell said. "If it was melodic, we'd push that as far as we could, too. We wanted to make sure we were operating in the extremes of what we could do."

Story of the Year showed the crowd a good time by doing stunning back flips that made the crowd go wild and set up the energy for the next performers.

As the concert continued, the crowd's energy gained momentum. Hoobastank took the stage and performed songs from both their old album *Hoobastank* and the new one, *The Reason*. Songs from their new album seemed to be heavier, thus defining the band's current sound.

Hoobastank has often been compared to Incubus, a band that originated from their hometown of Calabasas. The new album and their live performances have demonstrated that the band has their own personality and style. Hoobastank loosened up the crowds by singing a cover of Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun." According to Doug (lead singer), the 80s classic is the greatest song in the world.

After Hoobastank worked the crowd into a frenzy, P.O.D. took over, driving the audience wild. Being from San Di-

ego, P.O.D. fit right into the crowd and played "South Town." The comfortable atmosphere they created by performing in their hometown showed in the way they carried themselves. They brought kids on stage to help them sing "alive" and the audience joined them in singing Happy Birthday to the lead singer's nephew.

The energy built up as each band performed and climaxed when Linkin Park stepped onto the stage. Mike Shinoda played the piano during "My December" and made the crowd go wild when they played "In the End" from their first album *Hybrid Theory*.

The depth you can feel in Chester's voice, along with the fusion of synthetic and traditional sounds, give off a unique quality. The momentum of the concert seemed to push toward the end, coming to a stop with Linkin Park emitting an endless stream of energy to the crowd.

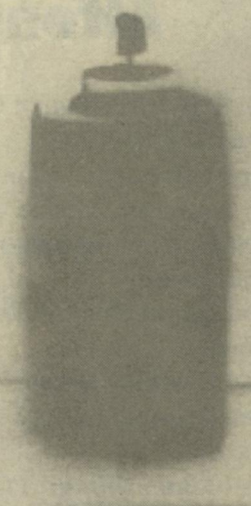
The vibe given by these four bands was energetic, fresh and "alive." This fusion of art and music shows their talent by...

*creating a flow of energy deeply connecting lyrics and style that makes the audience go wild.*



ANDREA DAMMER

Linkin Park are dwarfed by the huge arena props.





# Film Review: "50 First Dates"

Alfonso Magana  
STAFF WRITER

One night stands. Golf balls to the head. Walrus vomit. Rob Schneider getting beaten with a baseball bat. Yes, it may seem like the typical Adam Sandler movie, but in fact, if you look beyond all the shallow humor, it's really a sweet romantic comedy.

"50 First Dates," the new film with Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, tells the story of boy meets girl, boy meets girl the next day, and girl has no clue who the boy is. Barrymore plays Lucy, a woman who loses her short-term memory due to a car crash. Sandler plays Harry, a womanizer who sees an opportunity to be with this woman for only one night. But, Harry doesn't realize what he's getting himself into.

Sure it seems cliché, but in reality this is probably one of the better films that both Sandler and Barrymore have done (including their last film together, "The Wedding Singer"). Sandler gets to show

his charming side, something seldom seen in his obnoxious roles in "Big Daddy," "The Waterboy," or "Anger Management." Barrymore shows that she's more than the giggly little girl that we all remember from "E.T.: The Extra-



Not the typical Adam Sandler flick, "50 First Dates" allows the former SNL comic to appear charming.

Terrestrial" or the "Charlie's Angels" films.

Of course, just like in any Sandler film, Schneider is there, this time as a local Hawaiian who gets into trouble with sharks.

In this film, shot entirely in Hawaii, Sandler's and Barrymore's chemistry is more evident than in "The Wedding Singer." Case in point: Sandler once again uses his "aw shucks" persona when he tries to get Barrymore to fall in love with him by singing her a song that he wrote for her. You believe that they like each other; it's not just something fake that they do for the cameras.

Is this a chick flick? Sort of, but it's the perfect date film. There's enough of Sandler's own brand of humor that the guys will like, and there's enough of Barrymore bubblyness that the ladies will like.

No, "50 First Dates" won't be up for Academy Awards in the near future, but it's the perfect film to watch for a good laugh.

## Oscar Predictions for 2004

Alfonso Magana  
STAFF WRITER

The Academy Awards are upon us again this week. You know the drill. Four hour telecast! Shameless promotions! Joan Rivers having the nerve to tell someone else that her dress looks tacky.

This year, Billy Crystal will be mugging and groveling to an audience of actors, writers, directors, producers and Jack Nicholson.

As an avid fan of these types of award shows, I've been eagerly awaiting this night since Nicole Kidman stole Julianne Moore's Oscar last year. I will be offering up my predictions, to which I'm sure many will disagree.

For Best Picture, it's a done deal for "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King." "Lost in Translation" or "Mystic River" would make fine choices as well, but LOTR has waited three years for this. It's time. There hasn't been a bigger lock in a long while.

Well, there's one bigger lock, and that's Peter Jackson for Best Director. It will be very hard to deny the New Zealand director this prize that he most certainly deserves. Sofia Coppola ("Lost

in Translation") would be my choice for the win, but Jackson has made cinematic history and while the five nominees are all deserving, it's a shame that there is no room for Tim Burton for his strong direction on "Big Fish."

Sean Penn should win the award for Best Actor. He's overdue and actors love him. Besides "Mystic River," he was also in "21 Grams" this year. Although Bill Murray ("Lost in Translation") will offer some competition and although I am happy Johnny Depp ("Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl") finally received his Oscar nomination, it seems ridiculous that he gets his first nomination for such a silly performance. Paddy Considine's subtle performance in "In America" would have been much worthier.

Say it with me now, Oscar winner Charlize Theron. Yes she can act and anyone who's seen "Monster" knows hands down that Theron should take this home. But maybe Keisha Castle-Hughes ("Whale Rider") will win, thus creating history as the youngest Best Actress ever at the ripe old age of 13.

Best Supporting Actor should be Tim Robbins ("Mystic River"). Despite some

competition from Alec Baldwin ("The Cooler") and Djimon Hounsou ("In America"), this is the easiest of all the acting categories to predict.

It would have been more interesting if they nominated Peter Sarsgaard's strong performance in "Shattered Glass," who gave quite possibly the best work from any actor this year.

Renée Zellweger is the frontrunner for Best Supporting Actress, but frontrunners sometimes lose (just ask Lauren Bacall or Kate Hudson). Shohreh Aghdashloo (pronounced "show-ray ugh-dash-loo") from "House of Sand & Fog" has mesmerized audiences in an otherwise mediocre film. The chance to award her might not happen again, whereas Zellweger will no doubt get another nomination in the future.

Marcia Gay Harden ("Mystic River") could upset for the second time in her career and while Patricia Clarkson ("Pieces of April") is overdue for any attention, just not for this film. Maria Bello ("The Cooler") should sue Zellweger for stealing her nomination.

## Alfonso's Academy Award Best Bets

**Best Art Direction:** "LOTR: The Return of the King"

**Worst Dressed:** Judging from previous times, Sofia Coppola

**Best Cinematography:** "Girl With a Pearl Earring"

**Time of the Show:** 4 hours and 27 minutes

**Best Costume Design:** "LOTR"

**Best Dressed:** Let's go with Charlize Theron

**Best Film Editing:** "LOTR"

**Best Original Score:** "Finding Nemo"

**Best Original Song:** "Into the West," from "LOTR: The Return of the King"

**Best Original Screenplay:** "Lost In Translation"

**Best Adapted Screenplay:** "Mystic River"

**Best Speech of the Night:** If he wins it, Bill Murray

**Best Sound Mixing:** "LOTR"

**Best Sound Effects Editing:** "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"

**Best Visual Effects:** "LOTR"

**Worst Speech of the Night:** If she wins it, Renée Zellweger

**Best Documentary:** "Capturing the Friedmans"

**Best Animated Feature:** "Finding Nemo"

**Biggest Winner of the Night:** "LOTR"

## The Boot Summer Festivals

John Piranian  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Have a lot of money? Parents bankroll your summers? If so, this year's summer festival circuit is shaping up to be quite attractive. Mainstay tours like **Warp** and **Ozzfest** will offer up punk and metal line-ups respectively, but one-stop festivals like **Bonnaroo Music Festival** (Manchester, Tenn.) and **Coachella** (Indio, Calif.) provide music fans with a European-style festival experience in amazing environments. Below are the lists of bands at each event.

**10th Annual Vans Warped Tour:** Bad Religion, NOFX, The Vandals, New Found Glory, Atmosphere, Anti-Flag, The Bouncing Souls, Good Charlotte, IMA Robot, Alkaline Trio, Simple Plan, From Autumn To Ashes, Flogging Molly, Story of the Year, Taking Back Sunday, Thursday and more. Internet pre-sales are a good way to save your cash for those trendy "anti-establishment" patches that are popular on the backpacks America's oppressed high school youth.

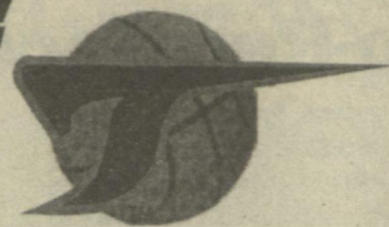
**Ozzfest Cometh:** Slayer, Judas Priest (w/ Rob Halford), Slipknot, Ozzy Osbourne, Supejoint Ritual (Phil Anselmo), Unearth, Lamb of God and more. The tattooed, the pierced and the three wise men (Jack, Johnny and Jim) are sure to attend.

**Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival:** **May 1-** Radiohead, the Pixies, Kraftwerk, Sparta, Wilco, Hieroglyphics, Death Cab For Cutie, Living Legends, Howie Day, ...Trail of Dead and more. **May 2-** The Cure, The Flaming Lips, Air, Basement Jaxx, Cursive, Thursday, Atmosphere, Mogwai, Bright Eyes, Bell and Sebastian, Le Tigre, Dizzee Rascal, Crystal Method, the Sleepy Jackson, Eyedea, The Thrills, Broken Social Scene and more. This show is expensive, but worth it for people interested in being exposed to today's most innovative and critically celebrated musicians. Located just east of Palm Springs, Coachella offers two days of fun in the desert sun.

**Bonnaroo (Tenn.):** The Dead, Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews & Friends, Trey Anastasio, Galactic, Gov't Mule, Damien Rice, Willie Nelson, David Byrne, Primus, String Cheese Incident, Moe., Medeski Martin & Wood, North Mississippi Allstars, My Morning Jacket, Wilco, Burning Spear, Ani DiFranco, Yonder Mountain String Band, Beth Orton, Kings of Leon, Donovan Frankenreiter, Maroon 5, The Black Keys, Cut Chemist, Calexico, Taj Mahal, Soulive, Vida Blue, and many more acts to be announced in the coming weeks. Superfly Productions and A.C. Entertainment has created, hands down, the best festival in America. For the last two years, Bonnaroo has sold out without mass marketing or advertising. Over 80,000 people from all over the country gather in the fields of a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. for three days of musical ecstasy. This show sells out within weeks of the announced line-up so if you want to go, act now and buy your tickets.



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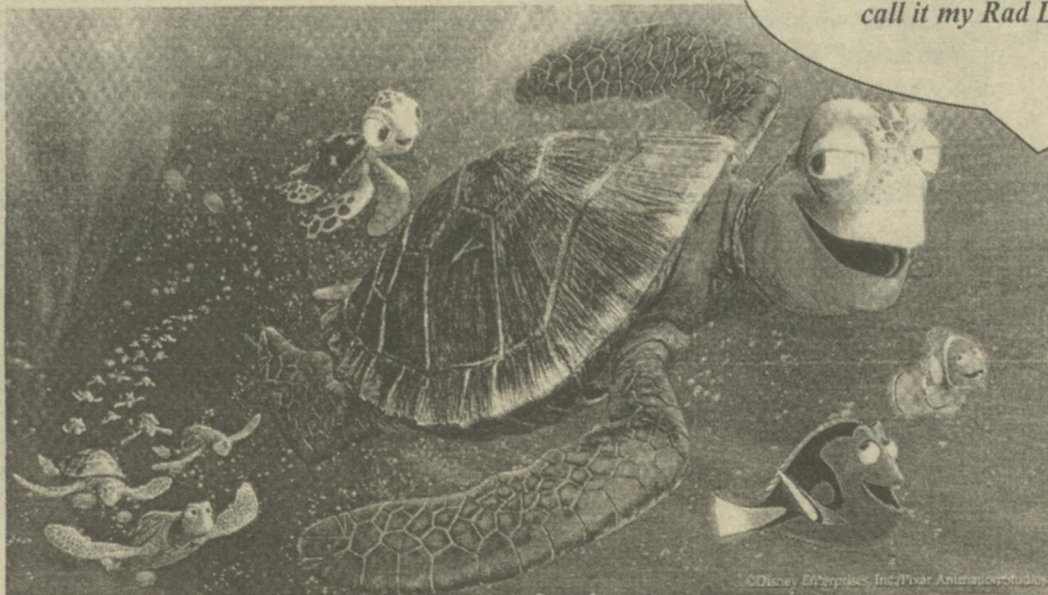
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The Housing Lottery runs from February 23 - March 31, 2004.  
See the Vista next week for more information



## CAMPUS RECREATION

## Co-Rec Soccer: bring your own half-time oranges

By Cristina Tyler  
CAMPUS RECREATION

Thursday, Feb. 19, was the first night of Intramural co-rec soccer. Games started at 8 p.m. with three games played on Manchester Field every hour. So far, there has been a great turnout of soccer enthusiasts.

Not only did nearly every team have substitute players, but there were also fans along the sidelines. The level of competition varied from team to team.

Some teams have already displayed excellent teamwork while others are still working on getting a feel for their team.

It will not go unnoticed, however, that every team flaunted a level of tal-



Play is fierce on Thursday nights at Manchester.

JEREMY DARNER

ent that will make for great games later in the semester.

There are a few teams who have al-

ready proven that they are serious about the winners t-shirt!

The "B420's" blew the "Free

Agents" out of the water with an 18-0 win.

The "Kappa Kickers" had a similar outcome when they beat the "Maher Hooligans" 10-3.

The "Rowers" played an excellent second half, but it was not enough for a victory over "Branded" who won 7-3. "Back Again" played and won to "G-unit" with a 4-goal lead (6-2). "No Kaoi," meaning "the best" in Hawaiian tied to the "10<sup>th</sup> Year Seniors" 4-4.

Come check out the excitement next week from 8 to 11 p.m. on Thursday at Manchester Field. The only question is: Who is bringing the half-time oranges?

4x4 Air-it-out flag football sprints into action Thursdays  
If you're not throwing up during the game you're not running fast enough to win

By Kevin Servino  
CAMPUS RECREATION

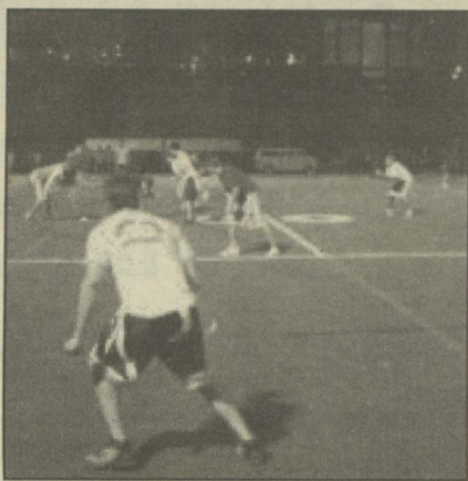
Thursday marked the beginning of the new season of 4x4 Air-It-Out Football and it was full of action!

There were so many acrobatic grabs and sick moves that an unmentioned player on the "Beautifully Unreliable Danksters" team threw up most of his California Burrito all over the 50 yard line.

There were tons of true players who not only kept their dinner down, but also helped their teams pull away with a tone-setting first night win.

The first night showcased four teams trying to live up to their names and display their skills.

The first game between the "Playmakers" and the "Beautifully



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Down, Set, throw it deep, Air-it-out.

Unreliable Danksters" (last year's champs) ended with an official imposed "mercy rule" due to the unstop-

pable scoring ability of "The Playmakers."

Jovanim Martinez made a circus catch in the back corner of the endzone just 4:30 seconds into the second half.

This help "ThePlaymakers" pull away from last year's 4x4 heavy weight "Danksters."

The final was 32-6 when it was stopped.

But those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it, so don't count out the "Danksters."

The second game was between the "Flyers" and the "Pipelayers."

This was a high scoring game but ended with the "Pipelayers" not living up to their name as they came up a little short 38-24.

The 7 p.m. game between the

"Underdawgz" and "Teddy Wolfe's Team" was a three on three game that also ended in a "mercy rule."

The Underdawgz pulled through in a no contest 34-6 victory. The let down of the night came from "Eric Lorey's" team.

It's hard to win when your team decides not to show up.

Luckily, the "ROTC" team showed up, a week before they were scheduled to play.

They held a good scrimmage against "We Score More."

Make sure to be there Manchester Field on Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m.! It is still cold so make sure to bring a sweatshirt.

If you stick around after the games you can watch soccer right after.

## Women's Club Volleyball-Yes, USD has two women's teams

CLUB SPORTS  
SPOTLIGHT

Interview with Jamie Kellenberger  
CAMPUS RECREATION

**When did the Women's Volleyball program start here at USD?**

As far as I understand, the program started up again last year after a change in the president and almost the entire team.

In the past, it has been difficult to organize a team, especially without a coach.

**What league or system do you girls play in?**

SCCVL (Southern California Collegiate Volleyball League)

**How did the team finish last season?**

Let's just say we are already off to a better start!

**How is this season looking?**

This year we have some returning players as well as a new load of freshmen who have added a lot of skill to the team.

We are playing strong in practice and hoping to take home wins this season.

**When is your season?**

The season began Jan. 19, and continues until the SCCVL Championship Tournament March 20 and 21.

**Who looks to be your toughest opponent this season?**

In our league, USC looks to be the toughest opponent.

We just saw them briefly at a tournament last season, and they looked to be fierce competitors.

**When is your next home game?**

Our next home game is March 6, at 1 p.m. against Biola.

**What are the team's goals for the season?**

We want to grow as a team and develop some strong team dynamics.

We all have the skills on an individual level, but our goal is to come together well, have fun and kick some butt.

**How can USD Students get more info on the Women's Club Volleyball team and schedule?**

USD students can email [usdclubvolleyball@yahoo.com](mailto:usdclubvolleyball@yahoo.com), which is an email that the current president

checks, or they can find information by talking to employees at the Sports Center.

Tryouts are held sometime during the first few weeks of every fall semester.

**Why are there both a club Women's Team and a Varsity Team?**

The club team provides a competitive level of play for those who are unable to play Division 1- for whatever reason.

**Why should USD Students come and watch one of your games?**

It's an opportunity to watch some competitive volleyball for free and support our club team.

We only have one home game scheduled so we need all the fans we can get.



Sign-ups end today for Ultimate Frisbee and Rec Tennis.

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For more info or to sign-up, contact Campus Recreation at extension 4533



**SPORTS****USF hands Toreros 85-75 loss: USD drops to 1-11 in WCC**  
**San Diego will try to salvage a tough season with a win against No. 4 Gonzaga Thursday night**

By USD Media Wire

The USD Toreros (1-11 WCC; 4-23) play their final two regular-season games this week in the Pacific Northwest against Gonzaga and Portland. USD will play in Spokane, Washington against the Gonzaga Bulldogs (12-0 WCC; 23-2) on Thursday, Feb. 26th, in an 8 p.m. contest at The Kenel (4,000-person capacity). On Saturday, Feb. 28th USD will be in Portland, Oregon to take on the Portland Pilots (4-8 WCC; 10-15) in a 7 p.m. contest at the Chiles Center. This is the 60th meeting between USD and Gonzaga, with the Bulldogs owning a 39-19 series lead. The Zags won this year's game in San Diego on Jan. 29th (85-73), and have now won 10 of 11 in the series. USD's lone win during that stretch was their 72-63 victory in last year's WCC Tournament

championship game on March 10, 2003. This will be the 55th meeting between USD and Portland, with the Toreros holding a 34-20 advantage. Portland snapped a 4-game win streak by USD with their 84-72 win in San Diego on Jan. 31. Thursday's 8 p.m. game at Gonzaga will be telecast on ESPN2.

The host USD Toreros, playing without leading scorer Brice Vounang and starting guard Mike McGrain due to injuries, gave the USF Dons everything they could handle but came up short in a 85-75 defeat. Behind a season-high 29 points and 14 rebounds from forward Brandon Gay and 16 points/13 rebounds from Nick Lewis, the Toreros had numerous chances to put this game away. The difference in the game was at the foul line where USD converted just 16 of 31 attempts (.516) while the visiting Dons cashed in on

91.7% (22-24).

USF's Tyrone Riley led six Dons in double digits with 16 points while they improved to 6-6 in WCC play and 16-12 overall. USD falls to 1-11 in league play and 4-23 overall.

In the first half, USD fell behind 25-19 with 8:47 to go before battling back to take a 42-37 intermission lead. It was all Brandon Gay in the first half as he totaled 19 points on 7 of 10 shooting (3-3 in treys). The Toreros made 15 of 28 shots in the half on their way to converting 53.6% of their shots. In the second half, USD worked its way to an 8-point lead at 59-51 with 11:33 to go, but the Dons stormed back to tie it at 64-64 with 5:50 to go.

With Tyrone Riley connecting on a three-pointer and jumper to knot the score. It was all USF down the stretch as they converted 9 of 10 charities in-



LEIGH DONOVON

Brandon Gay scored a career high 29 points.

side the five-minute mark.

The Toreros outrebounded the Dons 37-33, but had more mis-

cues (19 to 14). Brett Melton chipped in with 10 points for USD.

**USD women edged by USF 63-61 Saturday**

USF Sports Info

Senior forward Carey Sauer poured in a team-high 19 points to move into fifth place on the USF career scoring list as San Francisco fought off a determined San Diego team 63-61 Saturday night in West Coast Conference women's action at War Memorial Gym. The Lady Dons (10-15, 3-9 WCC) complete the season sweep against the Toreros (6-19, 1-11 WCC) and avoid going winless during league action at home for the first time in program history with the victory in the 2004 home finale.

Sauer finished the night with 1,416 career points, going 5-for-12 from the floor, while sophomore guard Jenni Jones added 10 points off the bench and USF would need every one of them against USD. Junior guard Toni Russell scored nine points, dished out seven assists and recorded three steals. Sophomore forward Jessie Preston added

eight points and pulled down five rebounds in 20 minutes.

USF built a nine-point lead, making it 23-14 with 5:21 remaining in the first half on a bucket by Jones, but the Toreros fought back, taking a two-point lead 29-27 with 50 seconds left. A Sauer lay-up in the closing seconds gave the Lady Dons a 31-29 halftime lead. The second half was a war, with neither team holding a lead of more than five points in a second half featuring no fewer than nine lead changes. The Toreros led 59-58 with 2:16 left and scored another lay-up with four seconds left but a USD desperation three-pointer fell short as time expired.

Never a thing of beauty, the two teams combined for 48 personal fouls and 41 turnovers. USF squandered numerous opportunities to put the contest out of reach, converting on .622 (23-37) from the free throw line for the game, and missed 11 of their 29 second half attempts. The Lady Dons held a 33-30 rebound edge.

**Torero Results and upcoming home games****Men's Basketball (1-11, 4-23)**

Lost to USF 85-75 Sat., Feb. 21

**Women's Basketball (1-11, 6-19)**

Lost to USF 63-61 Sat., Feb. 21

Thurs., Feb. 26 vs. Portland 7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 28 vs. Gonzaga 7 p.m.

**Baseball (5-8)**

Defeated UC Riverside 7-6 Fri., Feb. 20

Fri., Mar. 5 - Sun., Mar. 7 @ LMU

**Women's Tennis (1-3)**

Sun., Feb. 29 vs. Valparaiso 10 a.m.

Tues., Mar. 2 vs. Boston College 1:30 p.m.

**Men's Tennis (4-3)**

Lost to Washington 5-2 Sat., Feb. 21

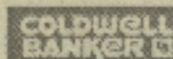
Sat., Feb. 28 vs. SDSU 12:30 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 15 vs. Oklahoma St. 10 a.m.

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# Sports Opinion: Major League Baseball

## The fans are fed up: Baseball is in desperate need of a salary cap

By Evan Sitka

SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

The trade which sent Alex Rodriguez, the reigning American League MVP, to the New York Yankees has sparked discussions all around the sports world concerning the prices teams are paying for top players. Now is the time for baseball to follow every other major team sport and adopt a salary cap. If they don't, they run the risk of losing a large portion of their fan base in the near future.

Every team in baseball has a payroll which accounts for all their players' salaries. The rich teams, such as the Yankees, have very high payrolls, while the poorer teams have very low payrolls. This year the Yankees payroll will exceed \$200 million, which is more than seven times that of the team with the lowest payroll in the league, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

As common sense would lead you to believe, the more you spend on players, the better players you can get, and the better team you can put out on the field. This is why the NBA, NFL and NHL, among other sports, adopted a salary cap many years ago to prevent such a disparity in both payrolls and talent on different teams.

This is good for the game as a whole, for it leads to much more excitement and enthusiasm for the game.

When teams have equal payrolls it makes it much more difficult for the same teams to dominate year in and year out. Therefore, fans of almost every team feel they have a legitimate shot of winning a championship.

For a prime example, look to the Carolina Panthers, who, at the beginning of the year had a 250-1 shot of making the Super Bowl. Equality among payrolls leads to a larger overall fan base because fans don't get discouraged if their team has one bad year. They know the next year their team could be back on top. I feel this is a major reason that, over the last 15 years, both the NBA and NFL (both leagues with salary caps) have overtaken baseball in popularity.

Baseball has really started to frustrate people lately because the same three or four teams always seem to be in the playoffs.

The Atlanta Braves have won their division in the National League for the last 12 years, and although they always find a way to choke, you still constantly hear that annoying tomahawk

chop chant every October.

Not coincidentally, the Braves also have one of the highest payrolls in the league every single year as well. How is a small market team in their division, like Montreal, ever supposed to compete when their entire payroll is smaller than that of the Braves starting outfield?

The San Francisco Giants, a perennial playoff, also have the fifth largest payroll in all of baseball. This makes fans of the Padres, who have less than half the payroll of the Giants, give up and lose interest soon after the season starts.

As a prime example of absolute and utter disproportion in baseball, however, I turn to the New York Yankees. The Yankees have not missed the playoffs since 1994 and in that span have made it to the World Series six times. On their current 25-man roster they have 17 players who have been or are all-stars, including last year's and 2000's MVPs.

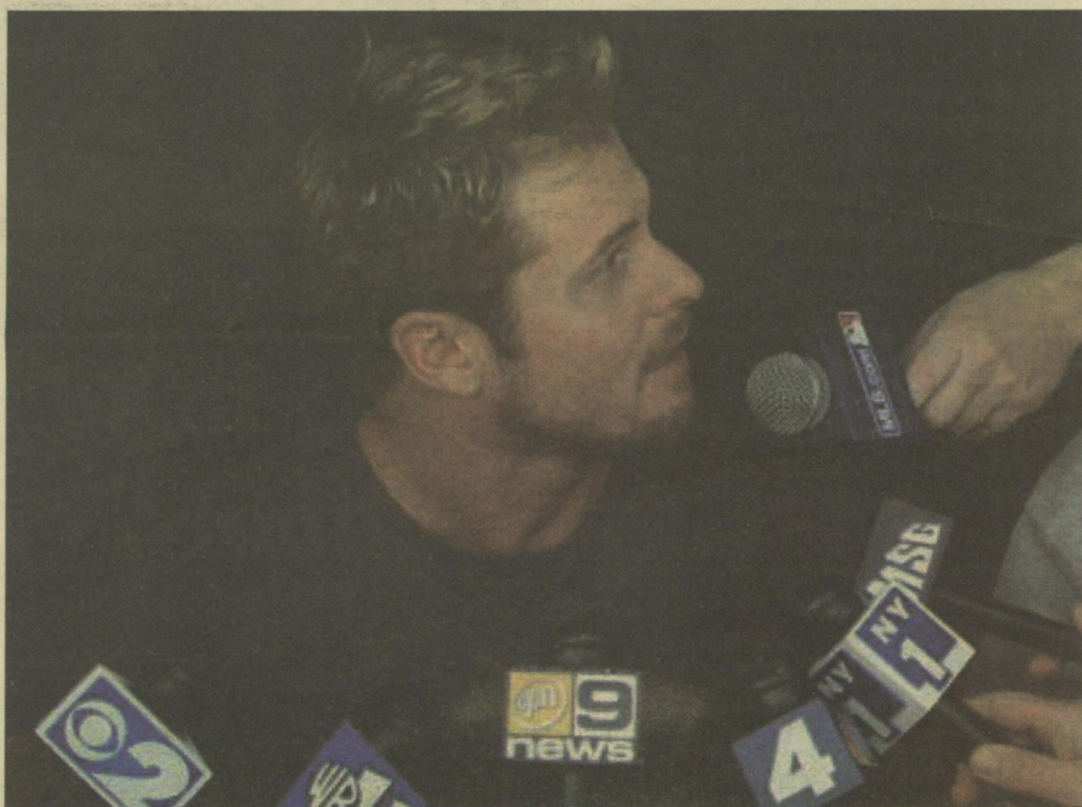
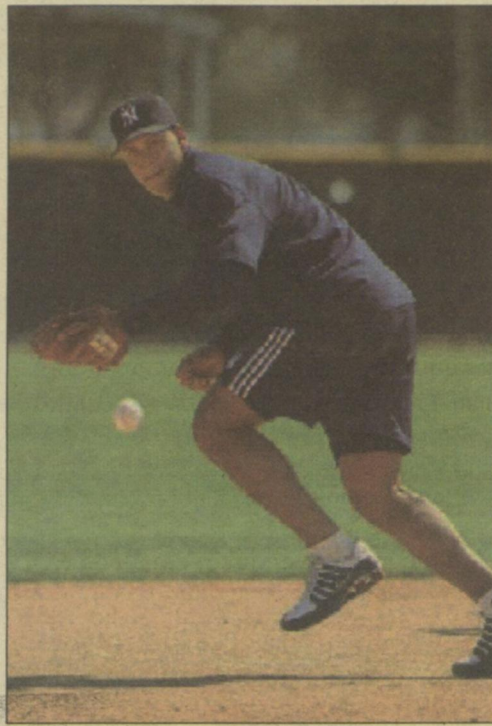
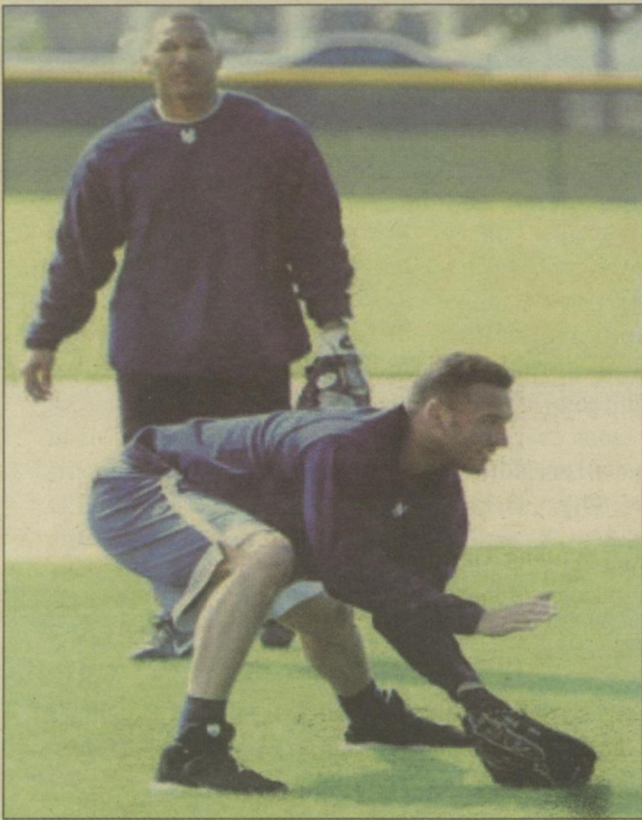
Jorge Posada, the starting catcher in last year's all-star game, will most likely bat eighth for the Yankees this year. The starting lineup for next year's Yankees team will make \$72,000 an inning. If that doesn't call for some sort of shake-up in baseball, I don't know what does.

Now I know some of you may be thinking of teams like the Marlins, Angels, or A's, who, despite their low payrolls, have in fact won. Let's address these teams individually.

The Florida Marlins indeed won the World Series last year over (who else but) the Yankees. The Marlins are a classic example of a low payroll team. When the Marlins won the World Series for the first time in 1997, the entire team was broken up. They then spent the next five years in last place trying to rebuild their team until they finally developed and signed some players last year and won the World Series.

If you look at this year's Marlins team, you will notice that their best hitter, Pudge Rodriguez, is gone, their starting first baseman, Derek Lee is no longer there; as well as their closer, second pitcher in the rotation and their starting left fielder. As a fan of the Marlins, how would you like to celebrate a championship with five straight seasons of your team in last place?

Next, let's talk about the Anaheim Angels. Keeping with the theme of low market teams, the



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New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez takes grounders at third base at the Yankees minor league complex in Tampa, Fla. The American League's reigning Most Valuable Player will start at third base for the Yankees in 2004. Rodriguez shifted from shortstop to third base. (top right)

New York Yankees' outfielder Gary Sheffield stands behind shortstop Derek Jeter in Tampa, Fla. (top left)

New York Yankees' Jason Giambi talks with the media at spring training camp Monday, Feb. 23, 2004 at Legends Field in Tampa, Fla. (lower)

Angels promptly did not make the playoffs last year after winning the World Series. It should also be mentioned that, before 2002, the Angels' last playoff appearance was 1986, further proving the whole 2002 fluke theme. Bottom line: The Angels were a one year deal and in no way a dynasty to be reckoned with.

Finally, there are the Oakland A's. The A's deserve the most credit of any low market team because they have made the playoffs the last four years in a row.

However, in typical A's fashion, they have lost in the first round of the playoffs every year, including twice to the Yankees and once to the Red Sox (who

have the third highest payroll in baseball).

Another overlooked fact about the A's is that in 2000 and 2002 they had the AL MVP in Jason Giambi and Miguel Tejada, respectively.

After Giambi won, he left the next season for the Yankees, and this off-season Tejada left for the Orioles. Imagine being a fan of the A's and losing your best player at the end of every year.

How could you possibly be a fan of a team to which this happens every single year?

Furthermore, why would you want to follow a sport like baseball where this is a common occurrence? Don't get me wrong. I love baseball as much

as anyone possibly can, I just don't want to see it ruined by a monopoly of rich teams.

It's not fair to small market teams to have five terrible seasons to build up to one good season, only to fall back into that same pattern, when a team like the Yankees can buy and reload with high-profile free-agents every off-season.

At this pace, many of the small market teams, as well as the sport in general, are going to lose significant fan interest, and frankly baseball cannot afford that.

I hope baseball implements a salary cap, and soon, because no one wants to watch a sport where they already know who is going to win it all.