



Students Celebrate Filipino-American History Month



Sheryl Abitria singing the Filipino national anthem.
Photo by Tristan Nickey.

By CHRIS MARTIN
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October is Filipino-American History month, and the Asian Pacific Student Society (APSS)

held a three hour tribute to the Filipino culture on Wednesday, October 23rd in the Mezzanine Plaza at CSUSM. The event was aptly titled, "Our Story: Past, Present, Future" and was hosted

by DJ Marlino of 90.3 Jammin' Z90. This cross-cultural event was planned and organized largely in part by Joy Francisco and Trish Guevarra of the APSS.

Some of the highlights included versions of both the United States and Filipino national anthems. The APSS also showcased two different forms of Filipino folk dancing. The Binasuan, performed by Cheryl Arbitria, involves balancing three glasses of rice wine (substituted on campus by kiwi-strawberry Shasta) while moving through a sequence of exotic and difficult contortions. The Tiniklin, performed by members of the APSS, is a choreographed dance that requires perfect synchronization of the dancers, and incorporates the tapping of poles which are laid flat on the ground and tapped to the beat by fellow performers.

The APSS was also successful in requesting Arnel Dimaandal, formerly of KUSI 9/51 News, to come and speak about his experience with being a Filipino male in the broadcasting industry. He urged people of Asian descent to pursue any and all desires to become a part of mainstream culture, which is imperative if Asians as a whole ever hope to

achieve social equality. Along with Dimaandal, this tribute to Filipino-American culture featured a number of musical groups/artists ranging from alternative rock to rap to techno. One of the crowd favorites was the "Squids of Fury," who are a San Diego based break-dancing crew who performed on the very unforgiving medium of concrete.

When asked about the long term goals of the APSS, Joy Francisco (Director of Publicity/Historian for the APSS) responded by saying that the immediate goal of the fledgling organization (established in the Spring of 2002) was simply to inform the public of the existence and relevance of Asian Pacific society in San Diego. According to the U.S. census, Filipino-Americans make up 20 percent of the people of Asian descent in the United States, second only to the Chinese (23 percent). And in San Diego, Filipino-Americans are the largest Asian Pacific Islander group represented. For more information or questions about the Filipino experience in the United States, the APSS will be providing a web-site at www.csusm.edu/apss.

San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Wins Large Chamber of the Year

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The San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SDCHCC) won the 'Large Chamber of the Year - Region One' award on Oct. 1, for the third year in a row. SDCHCC is a non-profit organization that provides many different programs and services for the Hispanic entrepreneur. It also has a scholarship program for graduating high school students and has approved scholarships for some college students, according to Roberto Villareal, which can earn them up to \$1000.

According to SDCHCC, they helped raise over \$350,000 in scholarships for the future of the Hispanic youth, and they are focusing on building a solid foundation for the community, starting with the Hispanic youth and business community. SDCHCC also offers internships for students majoring in International Business. Villareal says that they have a program with San Diego State University (SDSU) but sees no problem with students of Cal State San Marcos (CSUSM) enlisting in the program if they are willing to take the time and follow through.

The organization was established in 1989, primarily to access the \$10 billion Hispanic buying power. The new organization is now the fastest growing Hispanic Chamber out of six states in the western United States. "Our role as a Hispanic Chamber is to advocate small businesses particularly Hispanic businesses," Villareal says.

Membership in the organization entitles small business owners to collaborate with each other, creating business ventures amongst themselves. Membership also entitles the business owners to an exclusive mailing list, which gives the Hispanic business owner an edge.

For more information see website: www.sdchcc.com

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By JENNIFER JARRELL
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The Pre-health society, a club for students who want to pursue careers in medicine, held a meeting on Wed. Oct. 23 to discuss information obtained during the Admissions Personnel Conference. This conference held at UC San Diego informed future medical students of application processes and interview strategies for getting into medical school.

The president and vice president of Pre-health and many other prospective medical students from other San Diego colleges spoke leisurely with students and admissions representatives from schools UC San Francisco, UC Irvine,



Jayson Sack and Andy Mauldin host Pre-health society meeting. Photo by Jennifer Jarrell.

Stanford, and UC Davis about details that will help students become aware of what medical school acceptance entails.

The president and vice president of the pre-health

society informed club members that in their junior year of college, they should take the MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test). This enhances their

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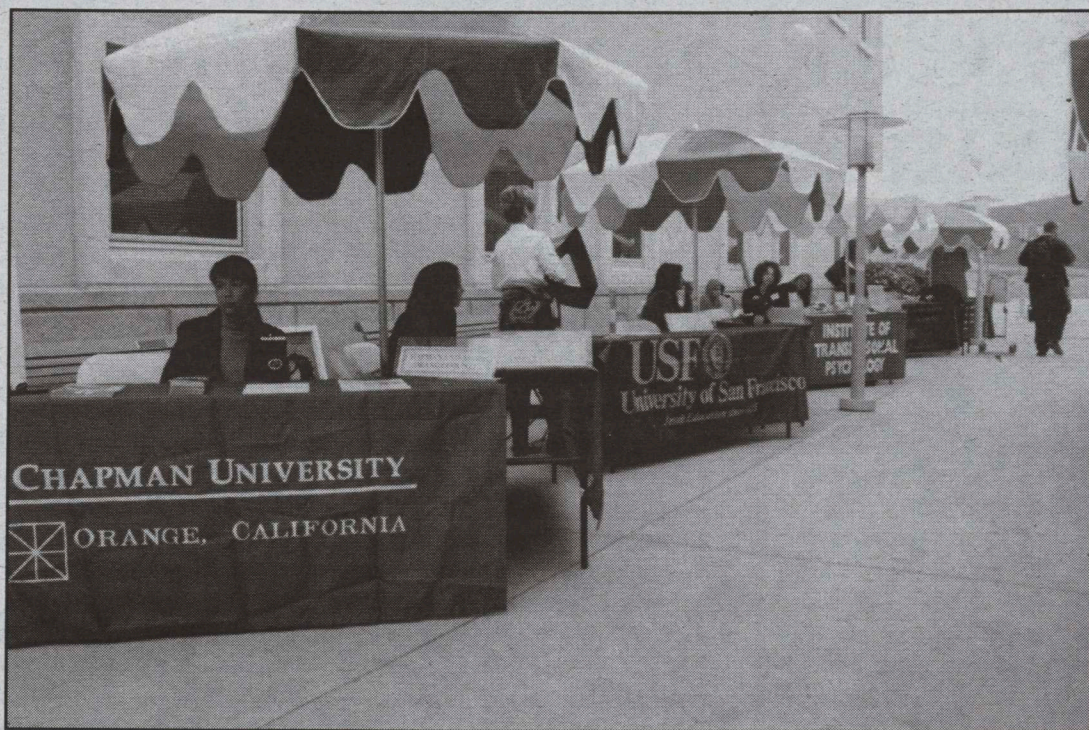
Faring the Grad Fair

By JENNIFER ACEE
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"It's a time when students can ask anything and their acceptance is not on the line," said Susan Buck-Allen, Career Counselor and Coordinator of the Graduate and Professional School Fair, which took place on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

The Career and Assessment Center hosts the event annually to provide a forum for students to informally meet with a variety of graduate school representatives, to ask questions about schools and programs, and to collect informative materials.

This year, the fair was extended an extra hour to last from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., due to student requests made after last year's fair. Yet, despite a longer window of time, student



Grad Fair. Photo by Tristan Nickey.

attendance was low. While clouds covered the sky and frigid breezes filtered through Founders' Plaza, the crowds were minimal.

"Maybe it could be held inside next year," suggested many Southern Californian fair-weather-fans.

With a reportedly high percentage of Cal State San Marcos students going on to graduate school, the fact that the weather could have significantly marginalized the utility of the fair came as a surprise. Bettina Heber, CSUSM Director of Analytic Studies reported from a survey taken in the Spring of 1999 that 45 percent of Cal State San Marcos students, having received their bachelors degree, enrolled in a graduate studies program within one year.

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acceptance to medical schools because schools will not look at applications without MCAT scores. It is also important not to work during medical school due to its intensity. Even though medical schools range from \$60,000 - \$70,000 for UC schools and \$120,000 for private schools, they said that it would be best to take out a loan so as to focus completely on studying.

The CSUSM students who attended the conference shared their knowledge about two of the biggest components of acceptance: interviews and letters of recommendation. They said that many interviewers ask the seemingly fundamental question: "Why do you want to be a doctor?" "Don't say: Because I want to help people," said Andy Mauldin, biology major and vice president of Pre-health, "that is an answer they already know. You need to, in some way, convey passion for medicine and dedication to

science and humanities."

During interviews, Mauldin also mentioned that medical school admissions committees may also ask curve ball questions such as "What do you think about European socialized medicine?" or "How do you feel about health care reform?"

Also, schools expect students to submit a powerful personal statement about themselves in their applications, rather than just a brief synopsis of their scholastic aptitude. "Make yourself stand out. Passion was something that [medical schools] talked about over and over. Express passion for why you want to practice medicine," Mauldin said.

As most students know, it is best not to lie on an application. "The interviewer may ask the student a specific question about something on his/her application, and if the applicant lied, the interviewer will know," said Mauldin. "You will be

blacklisted from any med school if you are caught lying on an application," added Jayson Sack, president of Pre-health and biology and psychology major.

Sack and Mauldin also explained that medical Schools suggest that it is a necessity to have at least one letter of recommendation from a professor that a student knew well. They need to know personal information about the applicant that conveys a willingness to persevere. A student may have multiple letters from professors of classes that he/she aced, but that do not explain anything about his/her personality. It is better to have a letter from a professor of a class in which the student received a C+ especially if it means the professor can vouch for that student's character.

Sack also commented about CSUSM, "It's smaller and more intimate, you really get to know your professors, and there are labs for each science class. It's

teacher interactive, and there's plenty of hands-on learning. I feel that the science program at San Marcos is phenomenal."

Lastly, the president and vice president talked about some of the myths and facts about medical school acceptance and prerequisites. These include:

MYTH: You need straight A's to get in.

• **FACT:** If you have A's and B's it means you were probably busy making your self more well rounded. Ex: community service, involvement in clubs, etc.

MYTH: A C- is a passing grade for pre-med requirements.

• **FACT:** A C- does not count as passing.

MYTH: A C in organic chemistry means you will not get accepted.

• **FACT:** You will probably need to explain why you received the grade, but it does not discount you.

MYTH: If you've attended a UC school, your chances of acceptance are greater.

• **FACT:** There is no school bias - it doesn't matter where you came from.

MYTH: You need to major in biology to get in.

• **FACT:** Schools often times prefer backgrounds in a multitude of majors ranging from biology to business.

MYTH: You should probably double major if you want to be noticed as a prolific student.

• **FACT:** If you are a well-rounded student, your focus may be in areas other than academics.

MYTH: The best students will go directly into medical school from college.

• **FACT:** Some schools prefer people who have taken time off to deliberate other areas of interest.

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Preparations for the Graduate Fair begin early. In July of each year, invitations are sent to "over 300 colleges and universities throughout the country inviting them to attend our annual event," explained Buck-Allen. The list of schools to be invited comes primarily from recommendations made by faculty and students.

The schools that accept the invitation and attend the event are varied. Buck-Allen noted

that, "as a small campus, we don't get as much attendance as other schools do." But that is starting to change as "many schools are now taking notice of CSUSM," continued Buck-Allen. Last year, 52 graduate school programs attended the fair. This year the number rose to 72.

Graduate school programs desiring to be represented at the Graduate Fair must be willing to pay the costs – which can include airfare, accommoda-

tions, and other expenses of their representative(s). There is also a marginal fee of \$65 paid to CSUSM Career and Assessment Center (CAC) in order to cover the production costs of the event. These costs include the fees for rental equipment, the time of campus facilities staff, parking permits, and the provision of shuttle vans and refreshments for the representatives. This registration fee is waived for all CSUSM graduate programs wishing to solicit themselves at

the fair.

The CAC also hires student organizations in order to help with the logistics on the day of the event. This offers a welcome opportunity for fundraising to campus organizations, while also providing the CAC staff with extra hands that ensure the smooth-flow of the event.

At the conclusion of the fair at 2 p.m., a workshop covering graduate school basics such as

how to choose and apply to a school was also provided by the CAC. This year, the workshop was held for a small crowd of twelve in Commons 206.

Students are encouraged to watch for fresh modifications to next year's Graduate and Professional School Fair, as the CAC staff truly takes student feedback into consideration when planning the event.

The King of Chess

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Shaquille O'Neal, Barry Bonds, and William Kemper. What all three of these athletes have in common is that, not only are they all three men amongst boys in their respective sports, but they are also finely tuned athletes at the top of their games. The most unknown powerhouse mentioned above, Computer Science major William Kemper, is Cal State San Marcos' first annual chess tournament winner.

Lasting no more than two hours from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in

Commons 206, five competitors went head-to-head in this truly epic battle of wits and strength, the ASI first annual chess tournament. Tension and physical exertion were all too clear when watching these mental gladiators push themselves to limits never seen before at CSUSM.

Barely avoiding passing out from sheer amazement, junior Communication major Paul Anderson had to say, "I just hope none of these competitors have a career ending injury, they are really pushing themselves tonight". This is the type of atmosphere everyone of the handful of viewers in attendance

experienced, and will probably never forget.

Physically and mentally exhausted, the two last men standing were William Kemper and Jeffrey Santos. With the board as their battlefield, Jeffrey played with the white pieces, and William chose the darker ones. These two titans went blow for blow, neither one wanted to go down. Commenting about Jeffrey's opening, champion William Kemper had to say, "Jeffrey played a variation of the Van't Kruijs opening (1. e3 e5 2. g3), which was deceptively passive." As chess players know, this opening is quite passive, and

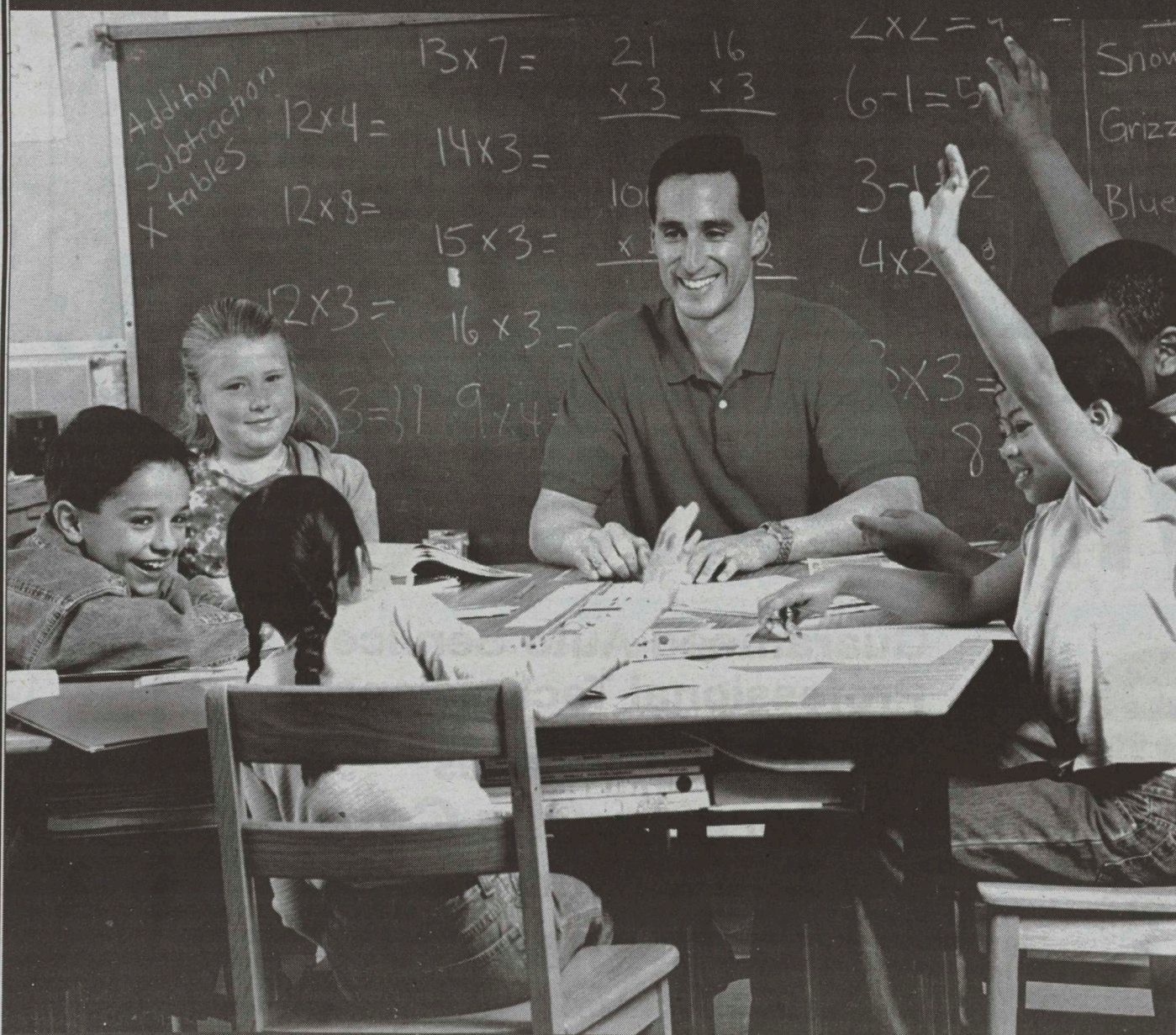
everyone in the room knew that there was a war being waged.

After some nail biting, and serious tension, William Kemper, the mental juggernaut, executed a breathtaking maneuver. Kemper sacrificed his own bishop to open up a line of attacks on Jeffrey's king. Obviously this is no easy task, and despite the risk involved, moves of wit and unmerciful mastery of chess are what makes Kemper such a guru of the chessboard. Immediately following the sacrifice of his bishop, the crowd let out a sigh of disbelief, followed by immediate approval. It was clear; everyone knew who

the king of chess would be. As Kemper explained, "In a game like this, I had to go down with my guns blazing." It was a truly fitting ending to such a match; these competitors brought out the best in each other.

William Kemper, now fifty dollars richer with his first prize cougar card, walks away to battle another day. If anyone is interested in the next upcoming chess tournament, contact ASI, as it is part of the recreation intramural programs. Visit ASI at www.csusm.edu/asi/ or call them at 750-4990 for more information about upcoming chess tournaments.

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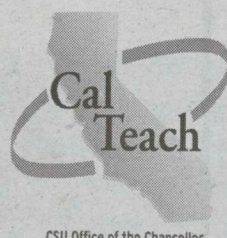


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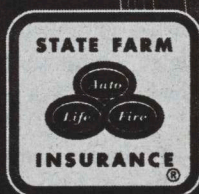
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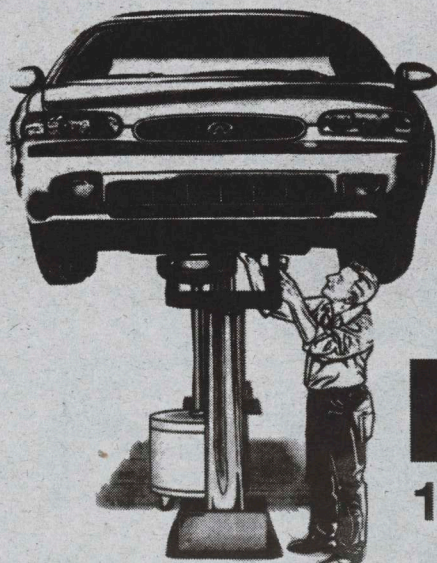
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Depress Your Stress Level

By AMBER ROSSLAND
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Tick. Tock. Tick. Tock. It is once again nearing the time when two of the most dreaded words appear all over your calendar, Midterm Exam! The very thought of these two words can bring down your whole day, but there is something you can do about it. Take control of your test anxiety and depress your stress level.

According to Fjquest.com, there are many ways you can relieve test anxiety. Preparation is the first key to helping your life become a little easier, prior to the big exam. You should start reviewing the material a few days before the exam, and only review a little bit at a time. If your mind is set on the football game, don't try to study at that time. Go watch the football game and then afterwards you can take 20 minutes to review your coursework.

Absorb the information the first time around. Study smart and critically think while initially reading over the material so you won't have to again.

Be a teacher. Pretend that you are the professor giving the exam. What questions would you test on? Think about previous exams and homework, get a feel for the professor's style, and then make up potential test questions. Don't stop there either; make sure you can answer those possible exam questions as well.

Now the day has come and you are entering the test zone. Since you have prepared, your anxiety level is somewhat lower, but you are still feeling the edge. Here are a few tips to get you through the exam without hyperventilating:

First, the most basic and often overlooked, obviously initial step: READ the DIRECTIONS! How many times have you had your grade knocked in the dirt by

a simple jump on the gun without reading the directions? This is the easiest way to ensure you are at least on the right track.

Second, look over the entire exam, including the point values, and immediately answer those that you know. After that, you should go to the questions with the highest point value so that you can get the maximum amount of points even if you are unable to finish. Plus, occasionally an exam will have hints hidden within it so if you answer it out of order you may find clues to other answers that you don't know.

Third, answer all questions even if you don't know them. At least you have a chance to get some points if you answer it, if you do not attempt to, then

you are guaranteeing yourself no credit.

Lastly, sketch out notes in the margin for an essay question. This will help you to remember your ideas and organize your answer.

On a lighter note, if the above strategies do not work for you or you are stressing over something besides the dreaded midterm, Internet-Tips.net jokingly suggests the following stress relievers.

1. Dance naked in front of your pets.
2. Use your MasterCard to pay your Visa bill.
3. Make a list of things you have already done.

4. Pop some popcorn without putting a lid on it.

5. Bill your doctor for the time you spent in his waiting room.

6. Get a box of condoms, wait in line at the checkout and then ask the cashier where the fitting rooms are.

7. Read the dictionary backwards and look for subliminal messages.

8. When someone says, "Have a nice day," tell them that you have other plans.

With a little practice, patience, and humor, you can depress your stress level and be confident that you will pass the midterm exam!

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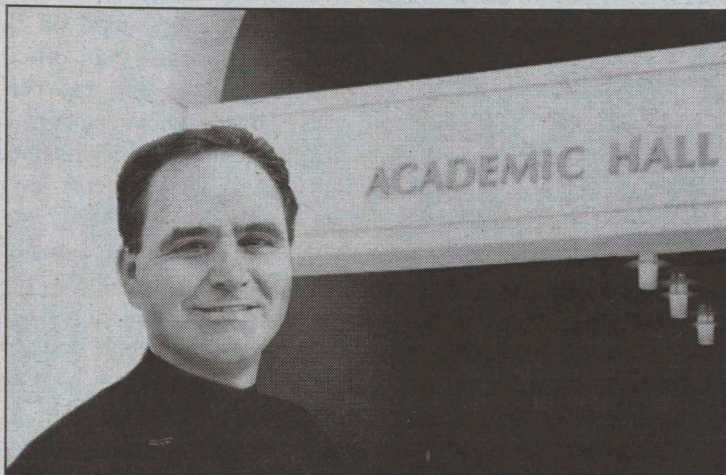
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CSUSM Professor Nombrado Uno de los 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S.

Por MARTHA SARABIA
Lead Editor

Dr. Fernando I. Soriano, CSUSM associate professor and program director of Human Development, was just named one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S. by the Hispanic Business Magazine.

Soriano, founder of the NLRC (National Latino Research Center) in 1997, fue sorprendido por el reconocimiento ya que no tenía conocimiento alguno sobre su nominación. Soriano received the news by an email that was sent by an acquaintance congratulating him for the recognition, and since then has received many more. "I was very shocked and kind of humbled," said Soriano. According to Soriano, knowing many Latinos in the nation who are doing so much for the Latino community, and who are deserving of this recognition, it is both gratifying and shocking. "Me siento muy afortunado de tener este conocimiento y ojala que la comunidad Latina tengan orgullo en esto, igual que los que no son Latinos sepan que los Latinos pueden lograr igual éxito a los que no son Latinos," dijo Soriano.



Dr. Fernando I. Soriano. Photo by Tristan Nickey.

Sobre el efecto de su reconocimiento en su vida, Soriano said, "It [the recognition] gives me an opportunity to serve as a role model especially to children and adolescents, and I think that role modeling for kids is very special." He also added jokingly, "I wish I had the money that went with that."

La página de Internet del Hispanic Business magazine listed la fundación del NLRC as well as the participation of Soriano in the Census Bureau's Advisory Committee on the Hispanic population como sus cualidades principales. The recipients of this recognition were determined by survey results conducted by the magazine.

However, Soriano never received anything from the magazine's editor or publishers, saying anything of his nomination or his recognition.

La razón principal por la cual Soriano decidió venir a Cal State San Marcos fue debido al gran apoyo que la universidad demostró para apoyar el NLRC. "I wanted to make sure that the center had a good home, that it would have strong institutional support for the center; it looked like Cal State San Marcos seemed to be very interested in Latino research and Latino issues so it seemed like a good home for the center." Soriano said that since then, "the center has been doing very well." He added, "We

received much more support [from CSUSM] than we did out of San Diego State [SDSU]." A congressional appropriation and more funding were some of the benefits mentioned by Soriano. Previamente el centro estaba en SDSU and in its beginnings, The National Institute of Health gave funding to the center.

Sobre su persona Soriano mencionó, "I see myself primarily as a professor, I don't see myself as an administrator... I see myself primarily as a professor and as a researcher." For this reason, in addition to his many commitments to the Human Development Department as well as to the NLRC and its classes, he made a decision. "For the good of the center I decided to step down," said Soriano referring to his resignation as the director of the NLRC.

Soriano explicó la meta principal del NLRC. "El centro fue designado para ser un centro que comparte información acerca de la población Latina. Se reconoce que hay una escasez muy grande de conocimiento sobre la población que radica aquí en los Estados Unidos. Había necesidad de un centro que podría ayudar a aumentar el

conocimiento de la población," Soriano exclamo. "Para tratar de ayudar al publico como al gobierno y también a nivel internacional de la países como México que quieren," dijo Soriano explicando otras razones.

Los temas investigados en el NLRC, de acuerdo con Soriano, son muy diversos pero la mayoría son temas sociales que incluyen la demografía, delincuencia e información sobre los niños latinos preescolares. Aunque el ya no es el director, Soriano esta involucrado en el centro indirectamente. Sin embargo, él dijo que quiso separarse para dejar que el centro sea dirigido por el current director, Dr. Gerry Gonzalez. He added, "I'm very excited for the growth of the center." He explained that the center often responds to the needs of different communities and different agents, which may lead to continued funding, because finding funding is one of [the center's] main challenges.

Soriano también comentó sobre su participación en comités en Washington, D.C., enfocándose en youth violence and delinquency, which is his specialty. He is involved in the

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Calendar

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The Great Bridal Expo
Anaheim Convention Center
Saturday, November 2
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<http://www.greatbridalexpo.com/>

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Friday, November 1,
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Saturday, November 2,
5pm Cocaine Anonymous Meet-
ing & Dance
8am-5:30pm Henry's Market
Health Fair
9am-2:30pm Oasis Sample Sale
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Sunday, November 3
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Market Pro Com-
puter Show
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Women's Rites
November 5-7
Film maker Lourdes Portillo
will take part in the university's
first Women's Rites Symposium,
November 5-7, organized by
faculty in Visual and Perform-
ing Arts to highlight the roles
of women in arts and culture.
Portillo will close the three-day
event with a special lecture and
film screening on Thurs., Nov.
7, at 7 p.m. at the California
Center for the Arts, Escondido.
More information about the
Women's Rites Symposium is
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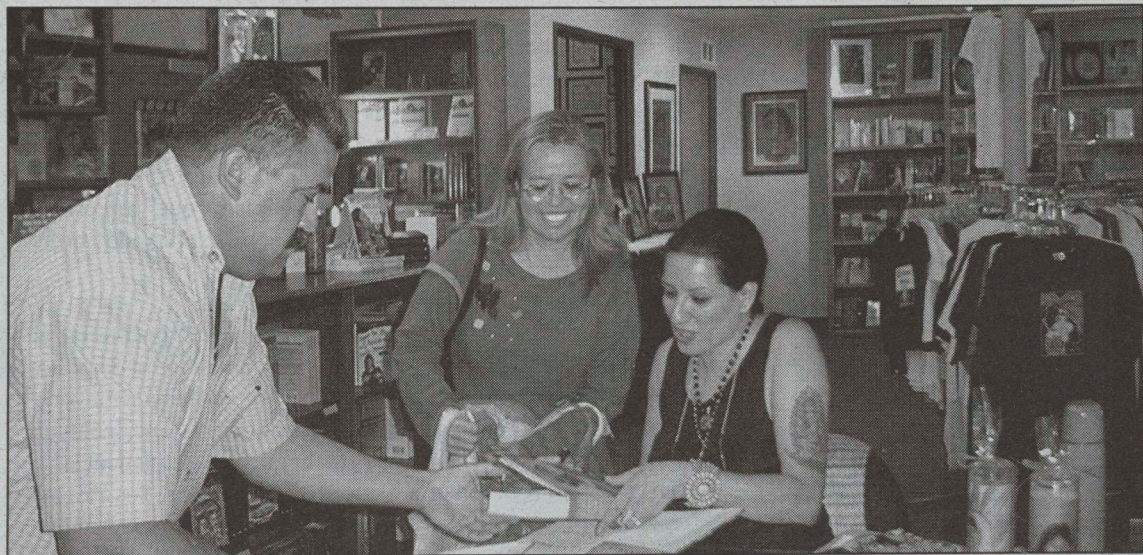
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Sandra Cisneros presentó su libro *Caramelo* en Santa Ana



Cisneros autografiando libros. Foto por María Soledad Acuña.

Por María Soledad Acuña
Redactora de The Pride

La escritora chicana Sandra Cisneros visitó la librería Martínez en la ciudad de Santa Ana, California para presentar su más reciente libro titulado *Caramelo*. Desde las 6 de la tarde del pasado miércoles, a las puertas de la librería y a las puertas del auditorio de la Escuela de las Artes, se formaron las líneas para comprar los libros de la reconocida escritora y para escuchar las lecturas de su última creación literaria. La gente apegada a Cisneros también tenía la intención de poder conocer a la escritora en persona y poder charlar con ella, además de obtener su autógrafo.

Después de comprar el libro, las personas se dirigieron al auditorio de la Escuela de las Artes, para escuchar a la escritora leer algunos fragmentos de

su libro *Caramelo*. A las 7 p.m., el lugar ya se encontraba repleto, calculándose una asistencia de más de 400 personas. La concurrencia formó un grupo bastante heterogéneo de variadas etnias y edades. Asistieron estudiantes y profesores de las diferentes escuelas preparatorias locales y universidades del condado de Orange y Los Angeles, sin faltar algunos alumnos de CSUSM, así como también padres de familia con sus hijos.

El señor Rubén Martínez, dueño de la librería, se encargó de presentar a la escritora y se mostró efusivo por tener de invitada a Cisneros y de ver tan positiva respuesta por parte del público al comprar los libros de la autora. Las ventas de *Caramelo* llegaron aproximadamente a los 450 ejemplares. Los presentes disfrutaron del entusiasmo con que la autora leyó los

fragmentos del libro. Cisneros acentuó las lecturas con gestos y movimientos, usando diferentes tonos de voces para representar a los personajes.

Aunque no se permitieron las entrevistas de prensa, en el auditorio, los presentes tuvieron la oportunidad de hacer preguntas en general a la escritora después de la lectura, a las que respondió plena y entusiastamente. Acerca de *Caramelo*, Cisneros dijo que muchas de sus historias anteriores regresan en este trabajo con más detalle, ya que muchas representan a su familia cercana. También alguien del público le pidió un consejo para las personas que tienen la intención de iniciarse como escritoras/es. Sandra Cisneros les recomendó que vayan a la escuela y se preparen; que obtengan la más alta educación posible porque ser escritor/a es

difícil con un diploma o sin él. Pero, dijo, que es más difícil cuando se logra ser una persona sólida económicamente e independiente. Especialmente, refiriéndose a las mujeres, dijo que es difícil porque todos van a tratar de evitar que una mujer escriba, así que tienen que cumplir primero con su solvencia económica. También dijo que deben leer y escribir mucho si de veras quieren convertirse en escritores/as.

Mary Meredith, quien estudia el último año de la licenciatura en Español en CSUSM, opinó que le pareció muy interesante que las personas que asistieron eran de diferentes edades y sin predominación de sexo. "También había anglosajones, asiáticos y latinos. Me pareció muy bonita la sencillez de Sandra Cisneros, tanto en su persona como en su forma de hablarle a la gente, especialmente a las mujeres. A pesar de su éxito se expresa muy sencillamente. Es una inspiración para las mujeres. El decir que se puede lograr los ideales deseados, el prepararte y rodearte de las personas que te apoyen, me gustó," dijo Meredith.

Ruby Ballesteros estudiante en CSU Los Angeles y residente de Pico Rivera, compró todos los libros de Cisneros y comentó acerca de la escritora, "Me gusta como escribe y además me gusta como ella puede levantar el espíritu de la mujer, la libertad

de la mujer. La mujer no tiene que sentirse mal porque está cambiando y puede decidir lo que va hacer con su vida. Nadie le puede decir que esta haciendo mal en su vida, o que esto o aquello es malo. Mucha gente piensa que si haces algunas cosas, no eres mujer, pero nadie te debe de decir eso, porque nunca dejas de ser mujer. Eso es lo que me gusta de Sandra Cisneros"

Finalmente, la abogada Claudia Álvarez de la oficina del Distrito de Abogados y representante de la ciudad de Santa Ana, entregó a Sandra Cisneros la proclamación de la ciudad de Santa Ana en agradecimiento a su visita.

Sandra Cisneros nació en Chicago. Es una artista reconocida internacionalmente por su poesía y su ficción y ha ganado varios premios de literatura. Otras obras de su autoría incluyen *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*, *My Wicked Wicked Ways*, *Hairs*, *Loose Woman* y *The house on Mango Street*, libro que fue traducido al español por la muy conocida literata Elena Poniatowska, a quien Cisneros admira. A Cisneros le gusta coleccionar rebozos y actualmente vive en San Antonio, Texas, y dijo que sería muy feliz si su libro *Caramelo* se convirtiera en una telenovela, ya que en éste ella hace un recuento de sucesos de su propia familia y de algunas personas que a lo largo de su vida ha conocido.

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Census Bureau, sitting on the larger and smaller committee, focusing on collecting information about Latinos and their many demographics changes. El comentó sobre su participación, "It's very gratifying and it gives me an opportunity to have a voice that is related to the issues."

Soriano recordó los empiezos del centro. Él mencionó que el tener suficiente espacio fue uno de los first challenges of the center. Back then, the center had only two staff members. "That was an exciting period because we had a lot of energy and the few staff that we had were totally focused on getting the center going." Sin embargo, este mismo equipo logro convocar su primera conferencia donde más de 75 researchers and aspiring new researchers de toda la nación pudieron conocerse e intercambiar ideas sobre los Latinos and drug use. "When you are a Latino and you've gone to school and you've gotten your Ph.D., you often are isolated and not with others who both validate you as an

individual researcher and Latino researcher, but also validate your interest in doing research with Latinos," explained Soriano referring to the mentoring that many participants experienced during the conference. One of these conference's attendees is now a professor at Yale. "This was the most challenging but also the most rewarding time," said Soriano referring to the center's beginnings. Currently, the center is researching Latinas of child bearing age, 18-25 year olds, and their experience with domestic violence.

For Soriano, the long-term vision of the center is for it to be a clearing house of information on the Latino population.

About the interest of other people in learning other languages, Soriano said, "It's good to promote another language because as the world is shrinking, we need to become a lot more involved with other cultures and other countries. Even apart from whether you are Hispanic or Latino, it is going to become increasingly important that you learn a second language, and what better language to

learn than Spanish? We not only have a Spanish speaking country right next to us, but we have an entire Hispanic continent that is very large and that is right next to us as well. Promoting the use of language I think is very important."

"We, as a country and as a region, should become much more multilingual and should promote the use of languages," added Soriano. De acuerdo con Soriano, the future of the U.S. is that it is going to become much more interdependent on other countries, as the current situation in Europe, where most Europeans speak more than one language due to their interdependence on other countries. "More and more people who are going out to the job market will find that some of the better opportunities for jobs are going to be given to those who are able to navigate through different cultures," he said.

Soriano said that unfortunately, there are not many Latinos who hold Ph.D's, as well as there is a very low percentage of Latinos who go into 4-year colleges. Soriano mencionó algunos de los factores influyendo a este bajo

porcentaje que incluyen la falta de role models; falta de apoyo y conocimiento de las escuelas, profesores y directores, al igual que la falta de confianza que estos ponen en los estudiantes latinos; los exámenes subjetivos aplicados temprano en la vida académica que afectan la motivación y el auto estima de estos niños; y el pertenecer a familias de bajos recursos donde los padres no tienen la educación y el tiempo para guiar a sus hijos y sobre todo donde hay un stress económico. "Todo esto constituye una barrera muy grande," dijo Soriano. También añadió que hay muchos otros factores que afectan este porcentaje.

Nacido en Guadalajara, México, pero traído a los EE.UU. a la edad de un año, Soriano mandó un mensaje a los latinos. El dijo, "Cada Latino debe de tomar [la] oportunidad de lograr un nivel de éxito más grande de lo que sus padres han logrado y que lo hagan no solamente por ellos mismos pero también por la población en general Latina, que están viendo en ellos las esperanzas de ellos mismos."

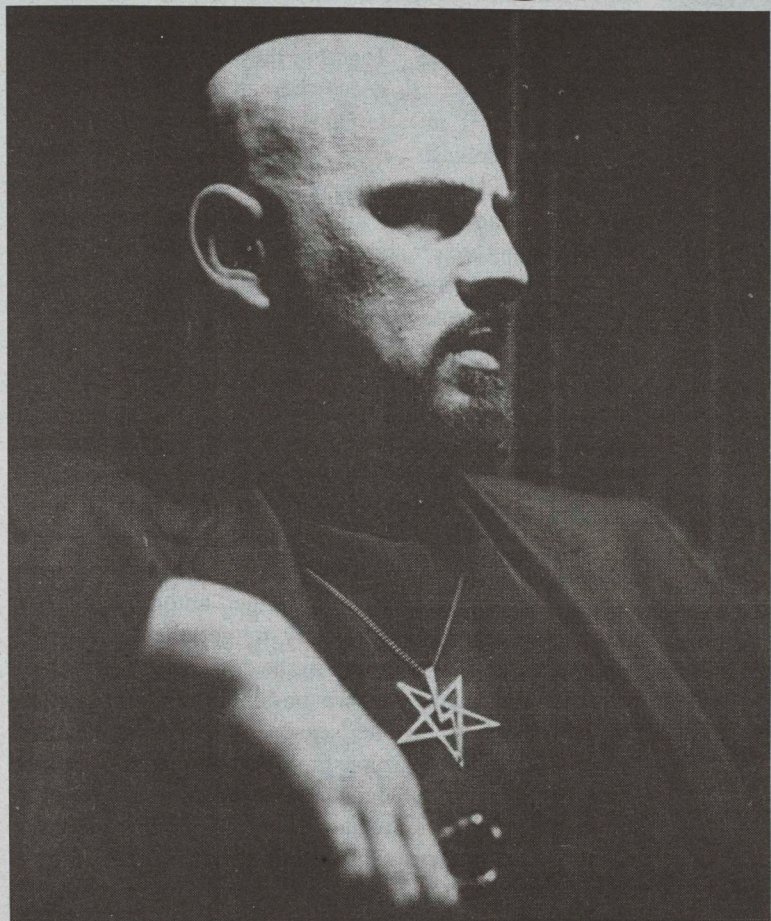
"Cada uno de nosotros tenemos

una responsabilidad muy grande y como nuestra población tiene muchos problemas económicos y educacionales especialmente los latinos que tienen educación o los que están ahorita en la escuela tienen una gran responsabilidad de terminar la escuela de hacer bien en la escuela y luego después demostrar la habilidad y los éxitos que pueden logran por el bien de ellos como también de la comunidad Latina," añadió Soriano motivando a los Latinos a seguir adelante.

Soriano obtuvo su Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at UC Riverside and his Master's as well as Ph.D. at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Soriano is currently teaching three classes at CSUSM: two sections of HD 495 "Fieldwork Exposure In Human Development" and HD 497 "Research in Human Development."

NOTE: This is a language-contact journal article; it's intended to be in both languages.

The Origin of Modern Satanism



Anton Szandor LaVey 1930-1997. Photo courtesy of Feral House Books.

By DESMOND BARCA
Pride Design Editor

On Oct. 29th 1997, five years ago today, Anton Szander LaVey, founder of the Church of Satan, was found dead by his family in his Los Angeles home. His death at age 67 was the result of heart failure. Halloween 1997 marked the end of LaVey's life, but to the annoyance of Christians everywhere, it did not mark the end of his legacy. The Church of Satan is still going strong, admitting new members every day from all over the world.

Satanism has long been a frightening and mysterious concept in western culture. While there is little evidence that the hundreds of thousands of people who were tortured and executed throughout history for being Satanist were anything more than social misfits or radicals, the perception of a secret devil worshipping society has long been perceived to exist. Thanks

to LaVey, this concept has become a reality, though not exactly according to a Christian understanding.

Most people do not have a clue about what Satanism is today. The historical understanding of the satanic creates so strong a picture that it is difficult to approach the Church of Satan objectively. When most people think of Satanists, images of human sacrifice, blood rituals, and infant theft instantly come to mind. However, modern day Satanism, of the variety practiced by members of the Church of Satan, has little to do with these stereotypes.

The church of Satan, aside from its name and being the result of a rebellion against Judeo-Christian values, has very little to do with Christianity. Modern Satanists, do not believe in god or the devil, or any super natural deity and thus modern Satanism falls into the roughly

30 percent of world religions that are atheist. According to Satanists, the only Supreme Being worthy of worship is one's self. Satanists believe in indulgence but not obsessive behavior, celebrating man's or woman's natural instincts rather than repressing them. The holiest day for a Satanist is one's own birthday.

The Church of Satan, as the name suggests, was deliberately designed as an antithesis to Christianity. In order to understand what the church of Satan represents, one must examine the life of Anton LaVey.

Born on April 11, 1930, LaVey, the offspring of Romanian immigrants, was ironically born with a tail that was promptly removed, a rare deformity affecting about 1 in every 100,000 births. LaVey grew up fascinated by the stories of witchcraft and vampirism told to him by his grandmother. A child prodigy, at age 10 LaVey taught himself to play piano. By age 15, he dropped out of school to become 2nd oboist in the San Francisco Ballet Symphony Orchestra. It was around this time that LaVey discovered how easy countries could acquire weapons of mass destruction and began to suspect that the mighty would inherit the earth rather than the meek. Within a year, LaVey quit the orchestra and joined the Clyde Beatty Circus as a cage boy caring for the show's lions and tigers and due to his talent was soon promoted to lion tamer. He later joined the carnival circuit as an assistant magician, in addition to playing organ for Christian tent-show revivals and risqué sideshow acts while pursuing his study of the occult.

During his time as an organist, LaVey became disillusioned with the hypocrisy he saw in Christianity. In an interview with Journalist Burton H. Wolfe, LaVey said, "On Saturday Night I would see men lust after half-naked girls dancing at the carnival, and on Sunday morning

when I was Playing organ for the tent-show evangelists at the other end of the lot, I would see these same men sitting in the pews with their wives and children, asking God to forgive them and purge them of the carnal desires. And then the next Saturday night they'd be back at the carnival or some other place of indulgence."

In 1951, LaVey married and began work on a criminology degree. He became head photographer for the San Francisco Police department where he saw "The Bloodiest and Grimest side of humanity." He left the department after three years, disgusted with the violence and senseless tragedies that he had witnessed. LaVey returned to playing piano in nightclubs and began holding classes on the occult. The classes were known as the magic circle and LaVey gave talks on Vampirism, divination, hauntings, ESP, and ceremonial magic. At these meetings, LaVey studied the works of the Knights Templar of 14th century France and the Hellfire Club and the Golden Dawn from 18th- and 19th-century England.

The Church of Satan was founded in 1966 on Walpurgisnacht, the most sacred festival of the year for those who follow the occult, which takes place every year on the last day of April. On the last day of April in 1966, at the climax of a Walpurgisnacht festival in Los Angeles, Anton Szander LaVey ritualistically shaved his head and announced to his cohorts the founding of the Church of Satan. LaVey felt that the Judeo-Christian religions based worship on the spirit while denying the intellect and the flesh. The concept of man as an animal is fundamental to LaVey who says, "Man, the animal,



LaVey at age 17 playing the carnival circuit. Photo courtesy of Feral House Books.

is Godhead to the Satanist." With this new church LaVey used the figure of Satan as a symbol of rebellion. According to LaVey, "People need ritual, with symbols such as those you find in baseball games or church services or wars, as vehicles for expanding emotions they can't release or even understand on their own."

LaVey has written a number of books detailing his outlook on life: The Satanic Bible, The Satanic Rituals, and The Satanic Witch. His final book Satan Speaks is a compilation of 60 essays completed only days before his death. For further reading on LaVey and modern Satanism, there is an authorized biography called The Secret Life of a Satanist by Blanche Barton.

The Satanic Bible
Anton Szandor LaVey



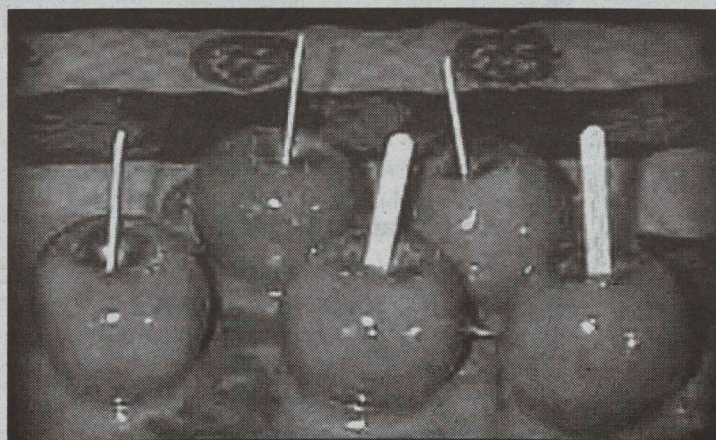
The Symbol of the Church of Satan: The Baphomet.

Foods Welcome the Season of Holidays

By JENNIFER ACEE
Pride Staff Writer

Chocolate bars, fruit chews. Lollipops, bubble gum, and other mini-size confectionery goodnesses beginning to fill your mind? For those who celebrate the U.S. holiday Halloween, these sorts of sugary images may be percolating into consciousness as October 31 nears.

Now that the air has turned crisp and is filled with that distinct fall-time scent of cut grass and burnt-wood melding together, it is about time to carve your pumpkins and welcome in



Candied apples. Photo courtesy of Wanda's Halloween kitchen.

the season. Halloween is just the start of a four-month period dotted with holiday festivities

and foods worth day-dreaming about.

To kick-off fall in a simple way that is sure to bring sweet smells into the home, why not bake something?

Caramel apples are a traditional October treat that are simple to make and sure to set a festive mood. Just melt caramel squares with a touch of water, then dip your apples.

After creating the perfect Jack-O-Lantern, save Jack's guts for another healthy and delicious holiday treat - roasted pumpkin seeds.

To make, remove the seeds from their strings and place them in a thin layer on a baking sheet. (Do not rinse the seeds off, as water will dilute the natural flavor.) Lightly salt them, then bake in a preheated oven at 300°, stirring occasionally. Seeds are done when they are dried and just turning golden brown.

Prior to placing on the baking sheet, seeds can be coated with butter, oil, or seasonings of your choice --Enjoy, and happy holidays!

San Diego Gulls Back On The Ice

By JULIE MYRES
Pride Staff Writer

The San Diego Gulls started out their season with a bang against the Long Beach Ice Dogs on October 12th, 2002. The score was a 6-0 shut out with a great start to the season, as they also conquered them the next day in Long Beach 5-4 at the Long Beach Arena. Their normal season runs from October through April with league play-offs that follow.

The San Diego Sports Arena is home to the Gulls during the hockey season. They play a total of 72 games during a season with 26 home games and 26 away games. During home games, on average they have between 6,000 to 7,000 fans that attend and they are trying to get more fans out to support the Gulls by providing an action packed sporting event that will not empty your wallet.

Tera Black, Director of Public Relations for the Gulls, was able to comment further on the Gulls and their season at hand. According to Black, "We try to provide the best entertainment value for the dollar. We have really good giveaways, plus great intermission entertainment and of course great hockey!"

The San Diego Gulls are considered a AAA hockey team and they are an affiliate of the Hershey Bears in Pennsylvania of the AA league. The Hershey Bears are then affiliated with the Colorado Avalanche of the National Hockey League (NHL). Currently the Gulls have three of their players that have been called up to play with the Hershey Bears.

The Gulls are the San Diego franchise that competes in the West Coast Hockey League (WCHL). The teams that are in that league are Bakersfield, Fresno, Idaho, Anchorage, Long Beach, and San Diego.

The WCHL plays by the same rules as the NHL.

"However as of next season (2003 - 2004) the WCHL will go dark and we will then be the Western division of the East Coast Hockey League. We will then be part of a 40 team, nation-



Playing center for the Gulls, Joe Bianchi.
Photo courtesy of sandiegogulls.com.

wide league. This will make us part of the biggest minor hockey league in the United States. This development took place this summer and was extremely exciting news for all of the WCHL teams. In addition to the teams that are currently in our league, our new "Western Divi-

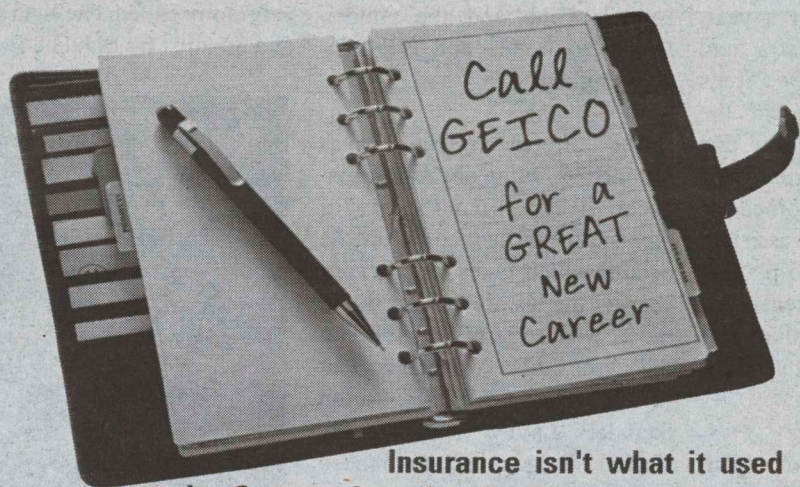
sion" will also have Las Vegas, Ontario (CA), and Reno," said Black.

Steve Martinson, the Head Coach of the Gulls, and Martin

St. Amour, the Associate Coach, head up the San Diego Gulls. Together they offer great experience where Martinson is noted for the most wins in the league as a Coach. Martin St. Amour also offers expertise in hockey with his past experience playing professionally for thirteen years and seven of those years with the Gulls. St. Amour finished his career as the franchise's all-time leading scorer with 392 points.

"What sets us apart from the Chargers or the Padres is the fact that we make our players more accessible to the fans. Fans can wait after games to meet the players or get autographs. We really try to get them out and about in the community as much as we possibly can. Our goals this season is to win the championship! Also, to increase attendance and strengthen awareness to people in San Diego that the Gulls are in full form, deep with skill, and ready to compete," explained Black.

The Gulls next home game is against Bakersfield on Sunday October 27 at the San Diego Sports Arena. Check out the Gull's line up and buy tickets for home games at www.sandiegogulls.com.



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Chargers, Making it Happen

By STEVEN ZAMORA
Opinion Editor

On Oct. 20, the San Diego Chargers defeated their AFC West rivals, the Raiders. The game took place at Network Associates Stadium in Oakland, California.

Before the game even started, the Chargers were the underdogs and were not expected to win. However, the Charger's dynamic defense and explosive offense lead them to a hard-earned victory.

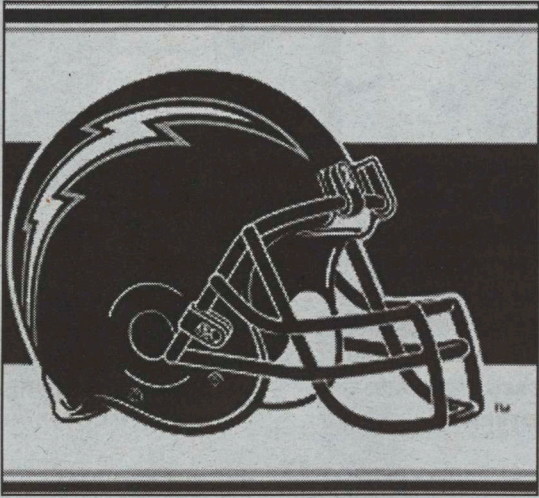
The first quarter started off with both offenses struggling – that reflected the score of zero to zero. Despite this tough defensive match, the Chargers managed to come up with an interception by linebacker Donny Edwards. This interception then turned into a big drive for the Chargers because quarterback Drew Brees was able to connect with a pass to his trusty receiver Caldwell. The touchdown altered the score to seven to zero

in favor of the Chargers and also, hushed the Raider's crowd momentarily.

At the end of the half the score remained the same, until the third quarter began, and the Chargers drove the ball down field into Raider territory. They ended up scoring a touchdown off a screen pass to runningback Tomlinson. The Chargers now lead 14 to zero, which staunchly affected Raider's hope of winning the game.

However, the Raiders were not finished, and they quickly tied up the game with two crucial touchdown passes, by Rich Gannon, to receivers Terry Porter and legendary Jerry Rice. The score was now tied.

In the face of adversity, the Chargers struck back with their own offense. Quarterback Brees decided to take matters into



his own hands when he rushed for a one-yard touchdown with the help of his offensive line. This quarterback sneak ended a championship drive that displayed the charger's determination to overcome the adversity placed in front of them by their rival Raiders.

Now-leading the Raiders 21 to 14, the Chargers were still fearful of another Raider surge. The fear played true as the Raider entered the redzone of the Chargers'. In a crucial play for both

teams, the Raiders were able to score a touchdown off of a reception by fullback Richey. This touchdown tied up the score 21 to 21 that extended the game into overtime.

Reminiscent of last week's victory over the Kansas City Chiefs, Brees drove his offense to victory with only couple of minutes left to play in the fourth quarter. With all the pressure mounting on Brees, he strived to be great, once again, as he delivered an awesome pass to his dependable receiver Tim Dwight who put the Charger into the Raider's redzone. On TV, one can see the Raider's fans and coaches faith seem to diminish.

In striking distance, the Charger gave the ball to Tomlinson who rushed for 19 yards to score a touchdown that sealed the victory for his team. This score made the final score Charger

28 and Raiders 21. The excitement surged like a lightning bolt through the veins of the charger's fans, who jumped and screamed in joy for the Charger's victory. This picture of the Charger fan's excitement was provided by KFMB's coverage right after the game.

The Chargers had once again claimed victory in a game where little hope was given for them to win. At six wins and one loss, the Chargers stand looking down at all their other AFC opponents because they are now ranked first in their division. Although the Chargers have a bye for this week, expect their energy and degree of confidence to return when they play the New York Jets at home. This game is important and the Chargers will definitely strive to win. However, most Charger fans know that their team is looking beyond the play-offs this season; they are looking forward to the Superbowl.

(Source: KFMB)

CSUSM Cross Country Teams

Press Release: October 27, Canyon Park in Brea. 2002

Cal State San Marcos Men's Cross Country Dominates Fullerton Invitational; Women Come in Second

Cal State San Marcos won the men's competition and was runner-up to UCLA in the women's race Friday afternoon, Oct. 25, at the 2002 Titan Cross Country Invitational at Carbon

San Marcos sophomore Rene Reyes was the top collegiate runner with a time of 25:36.1 in the 8-kilometer race. Teammate Robby McClendon ran third with 25:56.6; Michael Shannon finished fifth with 26:03.7; Brian Sullivan finished sixth with 26:08.7; Omar Zavala finished ninth with 26:19.5; Johnny Cordes finished 16th with 26:42.6; and Wes Bryant finished 19th with

26:52.3.

There were 76 runners and 7 teams in the men's race. The Cal State San Marcos men's teams finished with 24 teams points, followed by UCLA in second with 59 points, UC Santa Barbara in third with 64 points, Pepperdine in fourth with 94 points, and the Men of Troy in fifth place with 143 points.

The women finished in second

place in their 5-kilometer race. Among the collegiate runners, Cougar Anne Marie Byrne finished in seventh with 18:58.5, teammate Lanele Cox finished in eighth with 19:05.9, Katherine Niblett finished in 10th with 19:20.6; Camille Wilborn finished in 11th with 19:30; Caren Sperry finished in 18th with 19:43.9; Carissa Marin finished 29th with 20:33.6; and Yolanda Carillo finished 44th with 20:47.3.

There were 77 runners and 8 teams in the women's race. UCLA finished first with 16 team points; Cal State San Marcos finished second with 54 points, followed by Pepperdine in third with 86 points; UC Santa Barbara in fourth with 93 points; and Cal State Fullerton in fifth with 149 points.

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Lady Cougar Golfers Strive for Improvement at the Matador Fall Classic

By JESSICA A. KRONE
Sports Editor

The Cal State San Marcos women's golf team shot a two-day, 36 hole total of 655 (320-335), their best score as a team for this fall season. This earned the Lady Cougars an 8th place finish at the Oct. 22nd - 23rd Matador Fall Classic. Hosted by Cal State University Northridge, 11 teams participated at Olivas Park in Ventura, with an exact yardage total of 6,017 within the 72-par golf course. "The course challenged your own skills of how you can hit the ball, basic skills such as hitting the ball straight," described Stephanie Segura, a junior communication major.

The majority of the competing teams were Division I level schools. "The Northridge Invitational was a very good tournament. The girls and I played very well on the first day. We were playing against very tough competition, full of NCAA I teams," Segura expressed.

The Lady Cougars placed in the sixth slot after the first round of play. "We were excited after the first day, we did really well," commented Stephanie Goss, a sophomore business major.

The Cal State San Marcos lineup included Segura, who scored a 157 (78-77). Seniors Robin Shaft and Jennifer Tunzi, who both shot the same score in each round (80-85), totaled 165

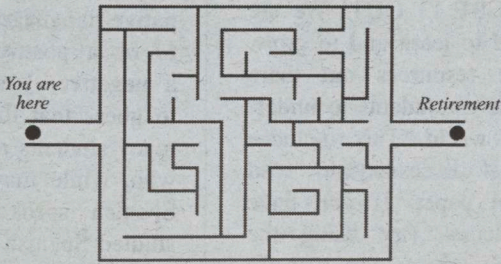
for the two-day course. Goss shot a 168 (82-86), and freshman Traci Tippet shot 172 (83-89).

After placing 3rd in their last tournament at Monterey Bay Golf Mart, the team's scores overall are improving in spite of the lower placing at the Matador. "We didn't place as well, but we did better," explained Goss.

"We have tons of potential to do well. If the team keeps improving the way we are, our chances at Nationals are really good if we keep working hard," Segura insisted.

The Lady Cougars will next head to San Luis Obispo to take part in the Cal Poly Invitational on Oct. 28th and 29th.

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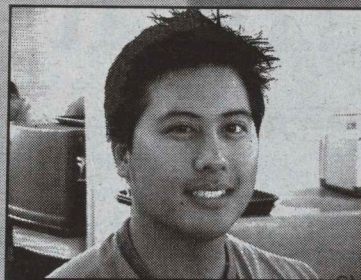
Campus Beat

"What Do YOU Have to Say About the Graduation Process?"



"The only thing I'm worried about is getting told at the last minute I missed something, a class, and can't graduate."

Lorraine Puckett
Senior –
Communication major



"They should double and triple check with the person graduating. What about like a thirty-minute appointment to go over everything, make sure no one gets called back too late... There is no guarantee."

Eric Gacias
Senior – High Technology
Management major



I'm hoping I can do what I need to on my end in order to graduate. I think the Liberal Studies advisors are really good. They've been super helpful all along, because it can be very confusing.

Jodi Stephens
Senior – Liberal Studies major



"Is there anything we can do before we leave here to make sure everything is cool? If it took two hours I don't care, as long as I don't have to come back. I mean, even if you do everything one more semester in advance to make sure everything is copacetic."

Joe Chincuanco
Senior – High Technology
Management major

LETTERS

October 22, 2002

Dear Pride,

In reading the opinion section of the October 8 issue I was very interested in the thoughts of both, student, Amy Granite and, lead editor, Martha Sarabia. I respect Amy's passion for her belief in the mistake of the Pride. I was born in San Diego and I am not fluent in Spanish. Seeing the Spanish Section actually inspired me, the fact that it had no English translation made me even more curious to find out what it said. It also made me think about how those at our school who do speak and read Spanish, what about their view? What a joy for them to open the school paper and be able to read an article in their native language, maybe even the language the learned first.

I think it is reasonable for Amy to request English side-by-side with the Spanish article. Although, the editor, Maria Sarabia brings up that space and time make it impossible. My suggestion as a fellow English speaking student is to FIGURE IT OUT! We are at CSUSM to learn and to grow. There are resources out there we can use as students to understand the world. This includes Spanish, if necessary...to read the school paper. If you have Internet access (try using the school lab) log onto a website such as www.freetranslation.com. Here you can translate words or entire passages in multiple languages. I believe you can go to www.csusm.edu/pride/ highlight the Spanish article copy it and have it translated for you on the website.

We need to be more accepting of the changes happening around us. There is Spanish written on almost all store products and their directions. Even songs on the radio use both English and Spanish in the same song. [i.e. Angie Martinez- "If I can go...contigo (with you)].

I could go on with examples but I think we can all start looking for these occurrences in our own surroundings. I'm sorry to those who are/were offended by the Spanish section, I hope that in the future we as students can pull together all possible resources to better understand the Pride as well as the world around us.

Nicole Capatanos
Senior, Liberal Studies

This is letter is in response to Oct. 8th's "Opinion About The Pride Spanish Section". I was frankly surprised that Ms. Granite took such offense with the article written in Spanish in our school's newspaper. This university was founded on the ideal of multiculturalism and social justice. That a school newspaper would be broad-minded enough to publish a small section where Spanish speakers can read in their native language would seem to be a positive rather than a negative. I would venture to guess that there are many, many students on this campus who, while maybe not fluent Spanish speakers, have yet studied Spanish at some point in their educational career, as I have. I personally enjoyed the challenge of putting my hard-earned Spanish skills to practical use in trying to read the passage. It's not like the article was written in Croatian or some obscure language. This is a language that is so prevalent in our area that if hearing it or reading it offends us, we may be living in the wrong area.

Roxane BenVau
Post-graduate student

Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid: The Attack of the Red, White and Blue is Afoot.

By CARLOS BALADEZ
Pride Staff Writer

As Halloween is on the horizon, I thought that I would throw something else into the mix that will frighten you even more than the ghouls and ghosts that you will inexorably encounter later this week.

History has shown throughout the years that if a president's term stumbles into a war, then his term will inevitably be lengthened to the maximum two terms. From Franklin D. Roosevelt to President George Bush, presidents who use war to their advantage are typically re-elected. Why is this happening? I find this phenomenon very disturbing for many reasons.

When wars occur during a president's term, I feel that presidents, along with the media, begin to breed something of a blind patriotism. A drone is born with no instinct other than to protect its hive. Flags begin to fly, the symbol of America, also appearing on Ralph Lauren Polo sweaters, and brand new cars begin to display the notorious "Together We Stand" stickers eliciting the commodification of symbolic national fervor. All this occurs right as people begin to show off their shiny new toy – patriotism. What is most disturbing about this incident is when someone that has the guts to form an opinion outside of the paradigm is considered Un-American.

My point? Do not get sucked into the trap. Here are some keys to avoid being siphoned into the black hole that presidents and government officials call "patriotism":

Key number 1: Do not fall into

the world trap. What I mean is, do not just listen to what the President says and accept it as fact, for the government tries to keep you out of the loop as much as possible. When you listen to speeches that make you feel like you are proud to be an American, put yourself in check and research what is being said. Do not let your patriotic blood begin to spill from your veins so quickly.

Key number 2: Understand that George W. Bush's speechwriter is a master of the written word; his words manipulate the situation to make all of Bush's decisions sound good. In reality, not everything that Bush does is something to be revered. The fact that George W. Bush has declared a war on terrorism should alone enlighten you to the idea that he is not the brightest of people.

For those of you who are confused by that last statement let me translate: One cannot declare war on an act, which is exactly what terrorism is; war is declared upon a known enemy, therefore to declare a war on Terrorism seems not only silly, but also impossible. So know that Bush's words are masterfully planned to make you follow the leader.

Key number 3: Begin to realize that being a patriot does not mean that we have to go off to war at the drop of Yankee Doodle's hat. Be an individual; be able to express your own beliefs and opinions. Americans carry the identification of travelers who are off the beaten path, so do not feel as if you have to follow the crowd. Understand that being a Patriot is standing for something that you truly believe in and about which you are truly informed.

Do not be a uniformed, blind patriot.

Key number 4: Begin to understand the world around you. Do not fall for phony people that encourage you to leap before looking. If anybody believes in something, strongly enough he or she can convince others, who are less informed, to follow-- do not be one of those followers. Be weary of this () explain this) and investigate thoroughly the possible solutions and outcomes of decisions that our government makes.

And my final point: Remember that almost all massacres have been fueled by an enhanced sense of pride. From the disasters that occurred during World War II in Nazi Germany, to the recent attacks on 9/11, a boiling sense of pride has initiated the beginning of horrible occurrences in the history of the world. Do not let Bush be the next leader to lead us, the United States, into something for which we will eventually be infamous.

Please understand that I am in no way opposed to military action, but I have done my research in the matter, and I know what military action in a country like Iraq will bring. I believe that if we take action in Iraq that we will be seeing the beginning of the next big war: World War III. The sacrifices in a situation such as this are large, and if we are committed to act this strongly, we need to know what the sacrifices are. But hey, don't take my word for it; do some research and decide for yourself.

Get Informed Before You Vote!

Compiled by CAMILLE R. ECKENROTH
Pride Staff Writer

Proposition 46

Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002

Summary

This act will provide shelters for battered women; clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens; emergency shelters for homeless families with children; housing with social services for the homeless and mentally ill; repairs and accessibility improvements to apartments for families and handicapped citizens; home ownership assistance for military veterans; and security improvements and repairs to existing emergency shelters. This act will issue bonds of \$2.1 billion paid from existing state funds at an average annual cost of \$157 million per year spread over 30 years.

Pros

Yes on Prop. 46 will provide emergency shelter and housing relief without raising taxes. It will help 23,000 women and children, who have been turned away from domestic violence centers because they are full. It will require independent audits to ensure the funds are spent correctly.

Cons

This bond has a \$2.1 billion face value. Of this \$2.1 billion, only \$290 million, which is 15 percent, is put into the "Self-help" fund that is supposed to help low-income, first time homebuyers with down payments. Of that, only \$12.5 million is actually going to be used to help with down payments. To receive a part of the \$12.5 million, first-time homebuyers have to purchase their houses in government-approved locations.

Proposition 47

Kindergarten - University Public Educational Facilities Bond Act of 2002

Summary

This act would provide funding for necessary educational facilities, in order to relieve overcrowding and repair older schools. The act will be targeted to areas of the greatest need, and it will be spent according to strict accountability measures. Funds will also target California Community Colleges, California State Universities, and Universities of California. Proposition 47 will provide \$13 billion for school construction and renovation for public schools, colleges and universities without raising taxes.

Pros

It will build new schools and classrooms, and it will repair and renovate old and outdated schools. The money from Prop. 47 will be spent in the most needed areas.

Cons

Prop. 47 does not encourage immediate school construction. Construction is not obligated to begin building a single school for 6 1/2 years.

Proposition 48

Court Consolidation. Legislative Constitutional Amendment

Summary

This proposition will allow the California Constitution to delete references to the municipal courts, which are now obsolete due to the consolidation of superior and municipal trial courts into unified superior courts.

Pros

Municipal courts are now nonexistent, due to the unification of the trial courts. The California Constitution still contains provisions that deal with municipal courts; these provisions are obsolete and would be removed.

Cons

The main drawback to this proposition is that it would pre-

clude the re-establishment of municipal courts in California counties. Separate municipal and superior courts in the counties offered more "checks and balances" than the consolidated superior courts which have now been established.

Proposition 49

Before and After School Programs. State Grants. Initiative Statute.

Summary

This proposition increases state grant funds available for before and after-school programs, providing tutoring, homework assistance, and educational enrichment. It requires that new grants be taken from education funds that are guaranteed by Proposition 98. It provides over \$400 million in direct grants to elementary and junior high schools. These funds can only be used for after-school programs.

Pros

It will not require an increase in taxes or affect the current budget. The return to taxpayers alone is approximately \$3 for every \$1 invested. Also studies show that crime rates dropped 40 percent when schools offered after school programs.

Cons

Proposition 49 would take one program with a powerful sponsor and guarantee its funding every year. It would fall outside the budget process, even in tough economic times when it might take money away from more critical needs. Proposition 49 is the first attempt to earmark money for one particular program within the Prop. 98 guarantee.

Proposition 50

Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking, Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection. Bonds. Initiative Statute.

Summary

This Proposition authorizes

\$3.44 billion in general obligation bonds to fund a variety of specified water and wetlands projects. The state cost is up to \$6.9 billion over 30 years to repay the bonds. A reduction in local property tax revenues is up to about \$10 million annually. The state and local operation and maintenance costs are unknown.

Pros

This prop. aims to remove dangerous, cancer-causing pollutants from our drinking water. It will create new water supplies to keep up with population growth; keep raw sewage and pollution out of our coastal waters; protect rivers, lakes and streams and preserve coastal wetlands; and protect our reservoirs, dams, pumping stations and pipelines from terrorist threats and intentional contamination.

Cons

This proposition does not provide hardly any money to alleviate our water shortage and does not complete the California Water Project, nor provide us with new water supplies. This proposition prohibits funds for building new dams and reservoirs. Overall, this prop. will cost the taxpayers \$5.7 billion in 25 years.

Proposition 51

Transportation. Distribution of Existing Motor Vehicle Sales and Use tax. Initiative Statute.

Summary

This proposition would redistribute a portion of existing state motor vehicle sales and lease revenues from General Fund to Trust Fund for transportation, environmental, highway and school bus safety programs. The redirection of funds total about \$420 million in 2002-2003 and \$910 million in 2003-2004, and increasing amounts thereafter depending on increases in motor vehicle sales and leasing revenues.

Pros

This prop. would relieve traf-

fic congestion and make safety improvements to California's most accident-prone roads. It will also improve school bus safety; make road improvements that assist police, fire and ambulance emergency teams; protect highway workers; reduce oil and gas pollution from roads and streams; strengthen bridges to prevent earthquake damage; and improve our public transit. This proposition does not raise taxes. Strict taxpayer safeguards ensure Prop. 51 funds will be spent only as promised and without waste.

Cons

This proposition ties up the state budget forever with 17 new categories of required spending. This initiative does not provide any new funds, but allocates almost \$1 billion of taxpayers' dollars each year for a long list of programs and projects.

Proposition 52

Election Day Voter Registration. Voter Fraud Penalties. Initiative Statute.

Summary

This prop. will allow legally eligible persons to register to vote on Election Day. It will increase criminal penalties for voter registration fraud and criminalizes conspiracy to commit voter fraud.

Pros

Eligible citizens could register to vote up to and including Election Day. Penalties would be increased for fraudulent registration or voting activity.

Cons

This proposition would cost about \$6 million to fund counties for Election Day voter registration activities. Photo ID is not required to register, making it easier for criminals, dishonest politicians, and non-citizens to commit election fraud. It makes it virtually impossible to detect fraud and overturn elections won with phony votes.

Meet Your State Candidates for California Governor

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Pride Staff Writer

Bill Simon

Party: Republican

Occupation: Businessman/Charity Director

Bill Simon started his career by graduating on the dean's list at Williams College where he was co-editor of the school newspaper and president of his class. Simon's eventful life includes serving as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York working along with Rudy Giuliani. Simon went on to be a lawyer of the firm Davis, Markel, Dwyer and Edwards.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Criminal

Justice Legal Foundation. Simon is proud of his work on behalf of Catholic Charities where he serves as Vice Chairman. Chairman Emeritus of Covenant House California is another role that is a priority in Simon's life; the Covenant house is a crisis shelter for homeless and at-risk youth. Simon is also a member of the Board of Regents at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He continues on the charitable efforts of his father as co-chairman of the William E. Simon Foundation. Together with his wife Cindy, the Simon's established the Cynthia L. & William E. Simon Jr. Foundation.

Last but not least, Simon evaluates important issues facing us in his work on the Board of Directors of the Heritage Foundation,

a public policy think tank that also publishes the Policy Review magazine.

Bill Simon's priorities if elected include cutting capital gain taxes, empowering teachers and parents, imposing greater accountability, repairing and rebuilding our schools in disrepair. He also plans on focusing on the rebuild of our transportation system, ensuring adequate water and getting control of our energy future. Simon also was the first to recommend a comprehensive plan to solve our budget crisis.

Bill Simon's endorsements include California Republican Assembly, National Republican Liberty Caucus, and Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. For more information you can

visit www.Simonforgovernor.com

Gray Davis

Party: Democratic

Occupation: Governor of the State of California

Gray Davis graduated from Stanford University with a degree in history and went on to attend and graduated from Columbia University Law School in New York. Afterwards Davis clerked at the law firm of Beekman & Bogue in New York City. He joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps and served in the U.S. Army where he was promoted to the rank of captain while serving in Vietnam.

Davis served in the State Assembly from L.A. County and was Chief of Staff to former Gov-

ernor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Davis also served as Chair of the California Council on Criminal Justice. He also started the statewide Neighborhood Watch Program and served as President of the State Senate, Chair of the Commission for Economic Development, Chair of the State Lands Commission, Regent of the University of California, and Trustee of the California State Universities.

Prior to becoming Lieutenant Governor, Gray Davis served as State Controller for eight years. As California's chief fiscal officer, he saved taxpayers more than half a billion dollars by cracking down on Medi-Cal fraud, rooting out government waste and inefficiency, and exposing the

Local and County Candidates

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District Attorney

Bonnie Dumanis - *Superior Court Judge*

Dumanis promises to restore ethics and Integrity to the District Attorney's office; tackle hundreds of unsolved murders in the county; and repair relationships with police and prosecutors. For more information: <http://www.dumanisforda.com/>

Paul Pfingst - *Current District Attorney*

Pfingst will expand Internet Crimes Against Children program, one of the nation's first, because sexual predators use the Internet to victimize our children; target rapists and rape drugs through the Rape Prosecution Team that deals with complex medical issues and treats rapes victims with compassion; and argues that the DA's personal ethics must be above reproach. His opponent admitted making false charges against him and refused to retract them. For more information: <mailto:erinbradley@primacygroup.net>

County Treasurer/Tax Collector

Dan McAllister - *Financial Adviser*

McAllister argues that ethical lapses, sexual harassment and excessive absenteeism by the incumbent have no place in an office responsible for managing \$3.2 billion of public funds and collecting \$2 billion in taxes annually.

Bart Hartman - *County treasurer-tax collector; owner, computer software sales*

Hartman says that he will improve quality customer services by continuing to implement and look for new ways to enhance service; would create a treasurer pool safety - continue to provide safety and liquidity first to ensure county and school funds are protected and available when needed; and will continue excellent collections to ensure money is available for schools, county services and cities.

Superior Court Judge Office #30

Richard Whitney - *Lawyer*

Whitney says that he will be a firm, fair and ethical judge, maintain an open courtroom and be active in the community as a judge as well as bring an abundance of litigation experience to the Bench.

Greary Cortez - *Judge of the Superior Court*

He promises to uphold the three strike law, and that he will have no nonsense, strict but caring. He argues to uphold Proposition 21's tough standards for youth's accused of violent crimes

Carlsbad City Mayor

William S. Jubb - *Banker*

Jubb's priorities are school and affordable housing. He says that the number of students in a school should comply with the requirements before more development is allowed and that major developments steal the future because they maximize the total land use and the total building area.

Claude "Bud" Lewis - *Carlsbad mayor, retired teacher and coach*

His priorities are growth, as co-author of Carlsbad Growth Management Plan provides leadership to enforce it; traffic by having Carlsbad circulation plan in place; and developers are responsible for completion of east/west connectors. He also argues that the city must have new water and promises

to assist in bringing Imperial Valley water to San Diego.

Carlsbad City Council (Vote for Two)

Tracy Carmichael - *School Board Member*

Carmichael will focus on public safety, traffic and education, strengthen and support Carlsbad's police, fire and paramedic services; transportation infrastructure must be completed speedily; and dynamic partnership between city government and the school district must be nurtured and enhanced.

Ofelia E. Escobedo - *Market and deli owner*

Escobedo's priorities are traffic, housing and growth. She says that although all of these are touchy subjects, she would do all in her power to work with the policy makers, regional, state and local agencies to address the management of the explosive growth that has occurred and contributed to the traffic and housing problems.

Matt Hall - *City Councilman*

Hall's priorities are police and fire services. His commitment is to ensure they have the equipment they need; and on the preservation of open space and environment. Hall supports the standard of 40% open space and the preservation of Carlsbad's three lagoons through adoption of local and regional habitat management plans.

Allen J. Manzano - *President Education Resource Associates*

Manzano says that citizen concerns on worsening traffic, rapid growth and the effect for development on human and natural environments. He supports smart planning efforts to decrease traffic demand and an accelerated review of the growth management plan emphasizing quality of life, environment protection, and village development.

Mark Packard - *Dentist*

Packard focuses on traffic congestion, primary and secondary roads need to be built now to spread out traffic and ease congestion; maintaining and improving Carlsbad's quality of life; and in parks, a swim complex and other recreational facilities need to be built. He also says that securing our economic future is crucial.

Christine Petrou - *Business owner, operator and development office for the Healthy Foundation*

Petrou will focus on the management of growth, community involvement and education. Carlsbad continues to develop industrial and residential communities and argues that growth must be managed in a fiscally efficient and productive way. He will try to encourage children and adults to be more involved in enhancing the community and provide the educational space needed for current and future residents.

Eric Rollason

Information not available

Carlsbad Unified School District (Vote for Three)

Gary Hill

Hill will focus on educational institution executive and argues that the school board needs more members with a balance of skill and experience. He says that we must plan for our future schools and managing the budget to produce strong fiscal policy.

Nicole M. Pappas - *School Board Member, information technology specialist*

He will focus on the budget by working to preserve a 5 percent

funding; on facilities by prioritizing funding and completion of the approved facility construction and maintenance plan, to accommodate city-planned growth; and on district policy and goals by continuing to focus on accountability of the board and staff members to review and assess our progress.

Lisa Rodman - *Community Advocate*

Rodman will focus on growth addressed through the reallocation or funding, space and scheduling; on the budget to maximize the education expectation of the community with the imposed budget restriction; and on ensuring that every school is serving students with the same high level of achievement and opportunity.

Mark Tanner - *Executive coach*

His priorities are matching education needs with funding resources; managing growth while delivering excellent education; and on safety because all of our schools must be safety for children teachers and administrators.

James Sweeney

Not available for comment

Oceanside City Council (Vote for Two)

Rocky Chavez - *Chief education officer, School of Business and Technology, Oceanside school district*

His priorities focus on economics through re-evaluating our expenditures and increase our transient occupancy tax and sales tax revenue for the city; safety because we have the lowest percentage of police officers to citizens and the second-lowest pay structure in the county for police officers; and on quality of life. He will support neighborhood parks, clean and accessible beaches and development of the San Luis Rey bike path.

Betty Harding - *City Council member*

Harding will focus on smart growth vs. no growth by having more tax on tourism and sales tax-generating more businesses i.e. hotels, car countries, etc.; argues that public safety must be adequately financed, excellently equipped and professionally staffed; and that traffic congestion should be attacked and solved locally and regionally.

Michael T. Lucas - *Office manager, AMQ Roofing in Escondido*

He promises to maintain the quality of life in our city, providing adequate parking for the beach and pier; and to develop a comprehensive master plan for the remaining development of Oceanside. He says that El Corazon needs a community plan and that will give public safety first priority and eliminate street-sweeping fines.

Paul Wick - *Barber, tax preparer, financial consultant, barber instructor*

Wick argues that city property should not be sold; city property should be leased to protect and preserve the interest of future generations; and that El Corazon Park land must be saved for future generations, supporting Peoples Initiative or Proposition M. Wick also says that hotel development at the beach should be low profile development no closer than 200 feet from the bluffs.

Samuel Williamson - *Businessman, insurance agency owner*

Williamson says that waterfront hotel development needs a realistic plan for low-rise project inside the boundaries of the city's existing coastal guidelines; that senior citi-

zens need the near future development to two major full-service senior centers; and that will work toward the continued development, improvement and maintenance of the Oceanside Municipal Airport Work.

Jim Wood - *Oceanside Police Officer*

He will focus on providing low- and moderate-income housing and finding innovative ways to deal with the congested traffic; and on providing parks and recreation for everyone, youth through seniors using income form a hotel and golf course from the El Corazon property.

Suzanne Hill, John Hoffman and Carol McCauley

Not available for comment

Oceanside Unified School District (Vote for Three)

Lillian V. Adams - *School Board member, retired educator*

Adam's top priorities are to provide after school support programs to help raise test scores; keep budget cuts away for direct services provided to our students; and provide bond funds for new schools in the growth areas in our community.

Janet Bledsoe Lacy - *School Board member, Lawyer*

Lacy says that the budget for California public education has plunged into a financial crisis; that he will continue to work towards the correct allocation of funds for the 22,000 students; and will support programs that assist all students in raising test scores and passing exit exams; and on safety, he will support the zero tolerance program to secure a safe learning environment.

Tammy Lawrence - *Financial controller*

Lawrence's focus is on the budget by playing a central role in the allocation of funds or resource toward education and argues that the quality of education for students and parents lack information about the schools: televise board meetings.

Emily Ortiz Wichmann - *School Board Member*

Wichman will focus on student achievement by continuing to support our back-to-basics policy that provides a solid foundation for language arts and math; on fiscal stability to continue to make sure our taxpayers dollars are well spent in a timely and fugal manner; and on safe schools by adopting a district policy against violence and intimidation.

Barney Fleishmen

Not available for comment.

Palomar Community College District (Vote for Two)

Robert Lee Dougherty - *Community college trustee, family physician*

Dougherty will continue to improve student learning and success by implanting new plan.; will reach out to the community, more than 17% of 18 and 19 year olds have mental problem or substance abuse and alcohol problems; and will replace aging facilities with new structures and equipment by supporting bond elections.

Mark Evilsizer - *Business consultant, college teacher*

Evilsizer strongly advocates for fiscal responsibility and sound planning to accommodate student enrollment growth; and on keeping costs and expenses focused on our mission to teach students while proactively lobbying state government officials and agencies for our fair share of funding and grants.

Michele T. Nelson - *Community college trustee, retired community college academic administrator*

Nelson will focus on enrollment growth management and maintaining access to affordable, quality higher education for students, and agrees on implementing of a first-ever faculty union contract.

Candidate Rebecca Faubus

Not available for comment

Vista City Mayor

Paul Eckert - *Retired*

His top priorities are fiscal responsibility, community involvement and citizen input. He says that our natural beauty is disappearing, and asks what kind of community we are leaving behind.

Ed Estes, Jr. - *Mayor, Real estate lawyer*

His priorities include public safety, education and traffic. He says that he is committed to synchronizing intersections, completing Melrose Drive through Carlsbad and widening Sycamore Drive.

Craig A. Heller - *Contractor*

He will focus on having a redevelopment trade center that will put Vista on the map, as the modern, wealth, internationally recognized city we should be. He says that affordable housing plan and a city job-training program will assist senior and low-income citizens in maintaining their homes.

Morris Vance - *Retired Vista city manager*

Vance's top issues are Vista Village by ensuring that the city gets the most benefits out of the project; making the local government more user-friendly by re-implementing true and genuine public service in all aspects of the city government; and on providing youth recreational opportunities.

Elvin Vega - *Tow truck drive, Army reservist*

Vega will focus on installing Shadowridge's street lights to help reduce crime in the area and on Downtown redevelopment and opening of South Melrose.

Joseph Vargas

No information available

Vista City Council (Vote for Two)

Debbie Cramer - *Assistant vice president and quality assurance manager*

Cramer will focus on affordable housing by changing of ordinances to help provide housing; Downtown redevelopment projects; and on financial stability despite revenue shortfalls.

Michael Dinnell - *Podiatrist*

Dinnell's priorities are fiscal mismanagement because the city of Vista deserves better handling of their money; and on providing lights to protect our citizens as well as to support the city's charter schools.

Gene Ford - *Retired bank executive*

Ford's priorities include development and completion of the Vista Village project; the need for improved communications with the community; and bringing a high standard of integrity to the council. Judy Ritter - *City council member, businesswoman*

His top priorities are on public safety, downtown redevelopment, schools and education and continue to support the expansion of parks and sports fields.

Bob Campbell and Frank Lopez

Not available for comment.

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misuse of public funds. He was the first Controller to withhold paychecks from all state elected officials, until the Governor and the Legislature passed a long-overdue budget. He also found and returned more than \$1.8 billion in unclaimed property to California citizens.

Gray Davis priorities if re-elected are continuing to improve our schools by reducing class sizes, provide incentives for higher student performance, ensure public safety, provide fire fighters and police the resources needed to keep our communities safe and continue to expand the Healthy Families program for uninsured children.

Gray Davis's endorsements include Democratic Governors Association, Association of California School Administration, California league of conservation voters, and California Labor Federation. For more information you can go to www.gray-davis.com or email the governor at governor@gray-davis.com

Peter Miguel Camejo
Party: Green

Occupation: Socially responsible investment advisor

Peter Camejo is a first generation Venezuelan-American who has fought for social and environmental justices since his teens. Camejo is chair and co-founder of Progressive Asset Management Inc., which promotes socially responsible investments. He created the Ecological Trust for Merrill Lynch, the first environmentally screened fund of a major firm.

Camejo is currently a county-appointed trustee of the Contra Costa Employees Retirement Association. He has also been appointed by the Lt. Governor of Hawaii to be an advisor to the Hawaii Capital Stewardship Forum. Through his work on the Board of Earth Share, Camejo helped form the Environmental Justice Fund to finance and unify environmentalists of color. Through an organic farming firm, Earth Trade, he helped Nicaragua become the world's largest producer of organic sesame.

Camejo also created the council for Responsible Public Investments, which is funded for anti-tobacco divestment work by the

California Health Department. Camejo is presently working to create a "Solar Mortgage" that will fund solar power installation through home mortgages.

Peter Camejo's priorities if elected include removing the corrupting influence of corporate money on California politics, enact a statewide Living Wage Law, and hold runoffs for statewide elections (using Instant Runoff Voting) to end the "spoiler" problem.

Peter Camejo is being endorsed by Ralph Nader, consumer advocate and 2000 presidential candidate; Medea Benjamin, Founding Director of Global Exchange; and Southern California Americans for Democratic Action. For more information regarding Peter Camejo you can visit www.votecamejo.org or email him at info@votecamejo.org

Gary David Copeland
Party: Libertarian
Occupation: Chief Executive Officer

Gary Copeland's priorities include defending the right to pursue those liberties afforded us under the Constitution, in particular the right to life, liberty

and the pursuit of happiness. Copeland calls for an end to the Drug War and its destruction of our First and Fourth amendment rights. Copeland argues for separation of school and state, by replacing our arcane educational system, rooted in the nineteenth century industrial America, with a private educational system that encourages innovation, creativity and effective choices for parents in teaching all our children.

The state shall pass no law that interferes with an individual's right to self-determination, unless said individual violates the right of another. The government shall not conduct business nor be the entity of a business operation which otherwise can be provided by the private sector. Copeland calls for an end to the state income tax. The only taxes that the state may collect are use taxes and fees for services. No individual shall be forced to serve the government without prior consent of that individual.

Gary Copeland's endorsements are the National and State Libertarian Parties, Individuals Americans for a Free and Prosperous State, and My Children Lake Willow Ceara.

For more information visit www.lpwolfpack.net/copeland or www.lp.org

Iris Adam

Party: Natural Law

Occupation: Business Analyst

Iris Adam is a business analyst in The Henry Samueli School of Engineering at the University of California, Irvine. Iris is an educator, a development officer for Orange County children's charities and a leadership trainer. She works with corporation, businesses and the citizens of this great nation to release limiting perceptions, resolve conflicts, and improve communities. Her area of expertise is researching the relationship between prevention and politics.

Adam's priorities are promoting and keeping jobs in California, promoting security using effective law enforcement and broadened awareness, promoting excellence in all our schools, promoting basic research on power generations and alternative energy, and promoting proven health care programs that prevent disease and cut costs. For more information visit www.irisadam.com

State Candidates

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Pride Staff Writer

CANDIDATES FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Jack O'Connell

Occupation: State Senator, Teacher

Top Priorities if Elected:

Reduce class sizes in as many grades as possible
Make sure a qualified teacher is in every classroom
Provide modern, safe schools with up-to-date textbooks
For more information and endorsements visit www.oconnell2002.org

Katherine H. Smith

Occupation: President, Board of Trustees, Anaheim Union High School District

Top Priorities if Elected:

Programs to teach character, respect, manners and patriotism. Create schools of academic excellence for motivational students. Establish literacy, trade & tech education for non-violent inmates.
For more information visit www.superkathy.com

CandidateS for Insurance Commissioner

David I. Sheidlower

Party: Green

Occupation: underwriting Systems Director

Top Priorities if Elected:

Universal, single payer health care
Disaster insurance; either no taxpayer subsidy or entirely government run
Establish framework for affordable Long Term Care insurance
For more information visit

www.votesheidlower.org

Gary S. Mendoza

Party: Republican

Occupation: Businessman

Top Priorities if Elected:

Increasing the availability and affordability of home, health and auto insurance.
Fighting insurance fraud.
Restoring competence and integrity to the office and Insurance Commissioner
For more information visit www.garymendoza.com

Raul Calderon, Jr.

Party: Natural Law

Occupation: Health Researcher/Educator

Top Priorities if Elected:

Work for the best interests of the people, not the interest of corporations.
Effectively assess and evaluate current insurance policies and practices.
Develop insurance policies to insure that underserved and minority populations have access to affordable insurance.
For more information submit an email at raulnlp@yahoo.com

John Garamendi

Party: Democratic

Occupation: Businessman and Rancher

Top Priorities if Elected:

To rebuild and restore integrity to the Department of Insurance.
To protect California consumers and make sure consumers needs always come first; fight insurance fraud, which drives up all of our premium rates
For more information visit www.garamendi.org

Dale F. Ogden

Party: Libertarian

Occupation: Insurance

Consultant/Actuary

Top Priorities if Elected:

Enhance Solvency Regulation to reduce cost of insurance company failures.
Cut administrative bloat to reduce Insurance Department budget by \$100 million.
Reform the Conservation and Liquidation Office to save billions.
For more information visit www.dalefogden.org

CandidateS for Attorney General

Bill Lockyer

Party: Democratic

Occupation: California Attorney General

Top Priorities if Elected:

Continue to investigate illegal price gouging by Enron and other energy companies.
Continue to work with local law enforcement to expand use DNA technology to identify rapists and murderers and exonerate the innocent.
Continue office's efforts to prosecute nursing homes that abuse and neglect the elderly.
For more information visit www.lockyer2002.com

Glen Freeman Mowrer

Party: Green

Occupation: Public Pro Bono Defense Attorney

Top Priorities if Elected:

Declare moratorium on the death penalty pending study to evaluate its fairness and efficacy.
Establish commission to recommend change in State Corporation laws to create corporate accountability to the community.
Begin in-house review of all 3-strike convictions for "cruel and unusual" application.

For more information submit an email at glenmowrer@cox.net

Dick Ackerman

Party: Republican

Occupation: State Senator/Attorney

Top Priorities if Elected:

Reverse the trend of rising crime in California.
Defend our laws such as 3 strikes and The Pledge of Allegiance.
Protect consumers while making California a more job-friendly state.
For more information visit www.ackermanforag.com

Ed Kuwath

Party: Libertarian

Occupation: Criminal defense Attorney

Top Priorities if Elected:

Take the War on Drugs out of the criminal justice system and put it in the health care system where it belongs.
Establish a system of police officer discipline run by the Attorney General's office rather than local government.
Apply the 3 strikes law to only violent felons
For more information visit www.dui-california.com

Diane Beall Templin

Party: American Independent

Occupation: Attorney/Businesswoman

Top Priorities if Elected:

Work to make California a safer place to live- enforce the law vs. criminals.
Provide youths with alternatives to gangs, drugs, alcohol and porn related-activities.
Restitution and rehabilitation as alternatives to incarceration
For more information submit an email at

votefordiane@hotmail.com

CandidateS for State Treasurer

Greg Conlon

Party: Republican

Occupation: Businessman/CPA

Top Priorities if Elected:

Improve the State's Credit Rating
Get the state government out of energy business
Create a strategic plan to finance California's growing infrastructure needs
For more information visit www.Gregconlonforstatetreasurer.com

Sylvia Valentine

Party: Natural Law

Occupation: Corporation Office Administrator

Top Priorities if Elected:

Well-financed schools at every level of education.
A continually maintained and improving infrastructure of roads, bridges and public transportation.
Enhanced public safety through crime prevention and the assurance of competitive salaries for police, firefighters, and emergency personnel.
For more information visit www.natural-law.org

Jeanne-Maria Rosenmeier

Party: Green

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

Top Priorities if Elected:

Keeping California's economy strong.
Use of economically targeted investments to help all areas of California to prosper.
Use of social responsible investments to help increase the returns we receive.
For more information visit www.jeanne2002.com

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