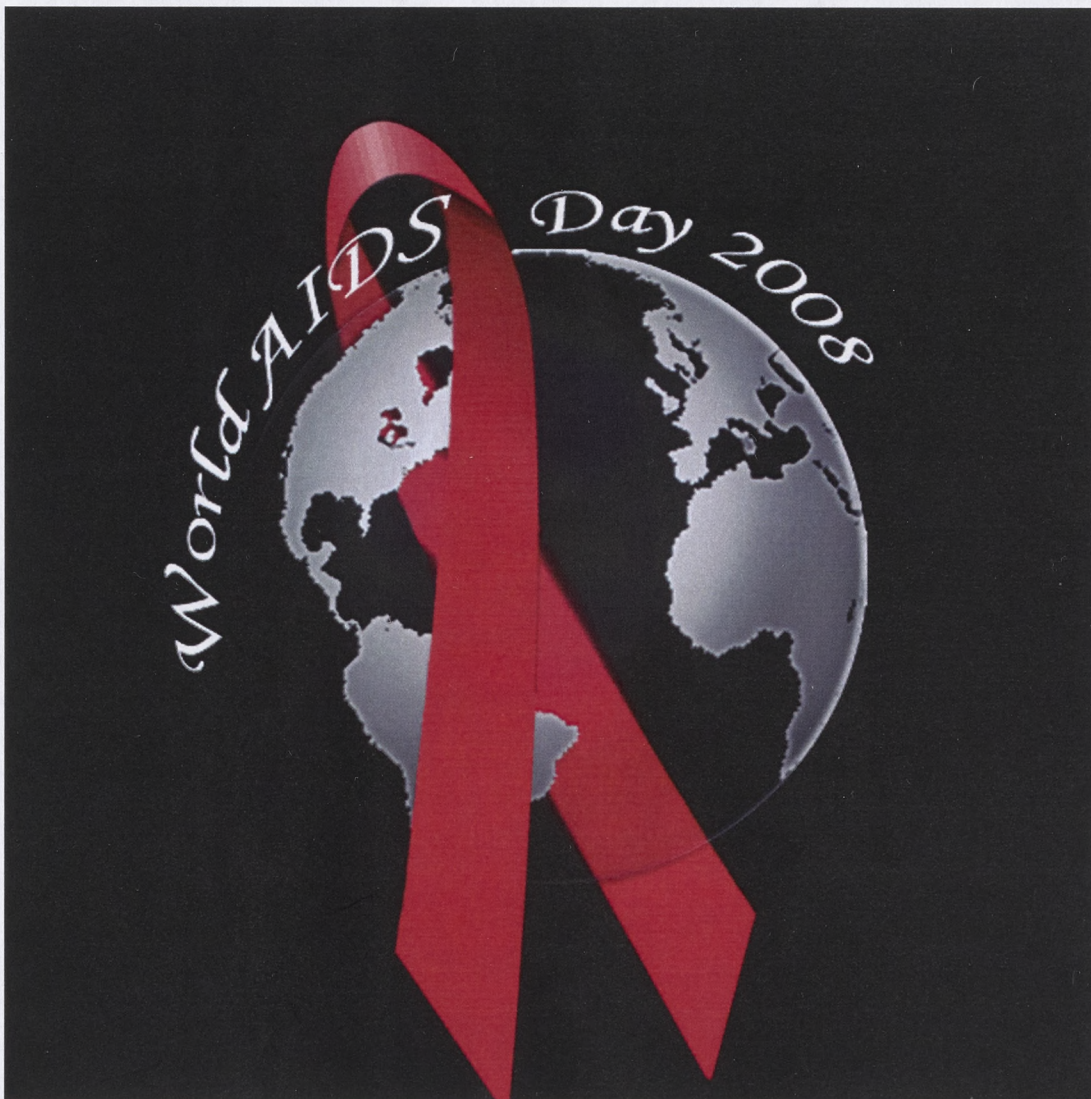


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Monday, December 1st, 2008



WORLD AIDS DAY 2008

The 1st of December, World AIDS Day, is the day when individuals and organizations from around the world come together to bring attention to the global AIDS epidemic. 2008 marks the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day. Whilst we have come a long way since 1988, there is still much more to be done.

**World AIDS Day 20th anniversary marks progress
but no solution**

In the midst of a global financial crisis, leaders must deliver on their AIDS promises or hard fought gains will be lost, declares the World AIDS Campaign in highlighting the theme of leadership for World AIDS Day. This 1st of December 2008 is the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day, which is marked by significant progress in prevention and treatment over the past two decades, but highlights how much more still needs to be done by leaders at all levels to reach universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010.

Schedule of Events

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World AIDS Day 2008

EVENTS

Price Center East Ballroom

7:00am - 9:00am **AIDS Memorial Quilt Squares Candlelight Vigil**

7:00am - 4:00pm **AIDS Memorial Quilt Squares Display**
Wall of Remembrance
Self-learning Stations
Personal Artistic Impressions of the Impact of AIDS

Library Walk

8:30am - 12:30pm **Rapid HIV Testing**

9:00am - 3:00pm **Red Ribbon, Condom Rose, Et Dental Dam Lily Distribution**
Face AIDS Pin Sales
Local HIV/AIDS Organization Information Tables

Visit the Biomedical Library Breezeway for the AIDS Day Display during December.

Cross Cultural Center

FILM SERIES

11:00am **Sasa**
(30 min)
Sasa tells the story of two women who are HIV positive and domestic violence survivors in Sub-Saharan Africa.

11:30am **Pills Profits Protest: Chronicle of the Global Aids Movement**
(60 min)
An up-to-the minute documentary about AIDS treatment activism.

12:30pm **Life Support**
(120 min)
An HIV-positive Brooklyn woman channels her regret over past drug addiction into working for AIDS outreach group Life Support.

10:00am - 6:00pm **Artwork by AIDS Arts Alive San Diego**

The Loft

2:30pm **The Impact of AIDS in Africa**
Dr. Joseph Caperna, UCSD Owen Clinic

3:15pm **The Impact of AIDS in Africa**
Arusha Project and Open Mic

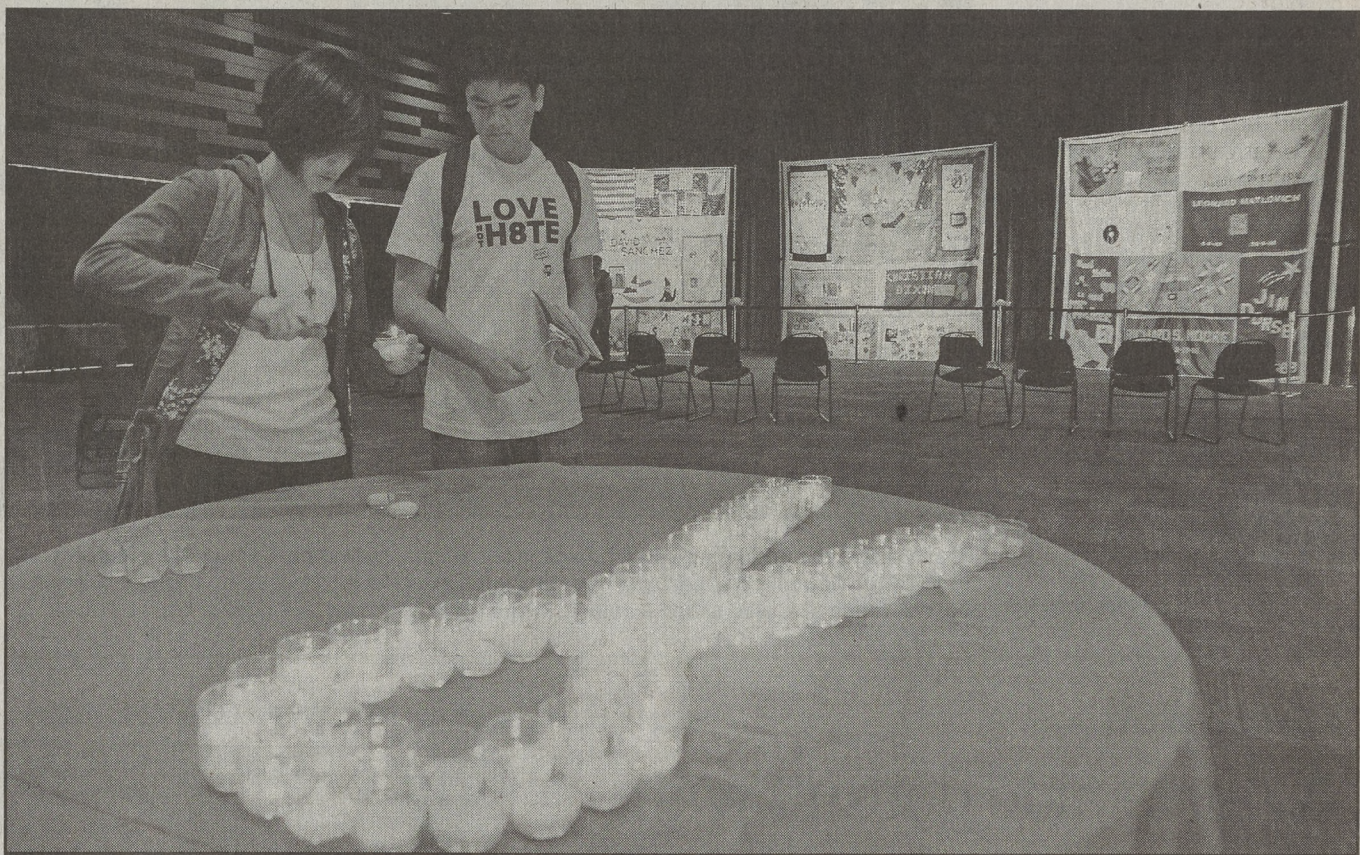
4:00pm **Impact of HIV and AIDS**
UCSD HIV Youth Council

11:00am - 6:00pm **Survivors Photography Exhibition by Jae Hansen**
HIV/AIDS Slide Show (Loft Video Gallery)

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Awareness, Accountability, Action

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WORLD AIDS DAY

Freshmen Tiffany Chen and Andrew Yeung lit candles in the UCSD Price Center yesterday in remembrance of those who have died from AIDS. Sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt were on display behind them. *Sean M. Haffey / Union-Tribune*

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In The Limelight...



As the Graduate Community Coordinator, I help plan events and programs for graduate students at

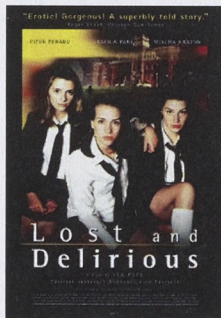
each of the UCSD Campus Community Centers. Each quarter, I'm based at a different Center and will be at the Women's Center in the fall, the Cross-Cultural Center in the Winter, and the LGBT Resource Center in the Spring. Some highlights of the year include the annual fall and spring Diversity Dinners, regular meetings for LGBT Graduate Students at the LGBTRC, and professionalization workshops addressing questions of race and gender in academia.

Friday Night Movie:

Lost and Delirious

LGBT Resource Center

December 5th, 2008, 4:30 PM



Lost and Delirious is the story of three adolescent girls' first love, their discovery of sexual

Finals Study Breaks at the Campus Community Centers!



That's right folks, for your study pleasure the Campus Community Centers have combined forces to provide a space

for students to have late-night studying in preparation for finals. On Sunday - Wednesday of Finals Week, one of the community centers will be open until the late hours. There will be study space, study group rooms, and plenty of coffee! The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday night/Monday morning - LGBT Resource Center
- Monday night/Tuesday morning - Cross-Cultural Center
- Tuesday night/Wednesday morning - Women's Center

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passion, and their search for identities. Set in a posh, private boarding school surrounded by luxuriant, green forest, *Lost and Delirious* moves swiftly from academic routine, homesickness, and girlish silliness to the darker region of lover's intrigue.

Regular Hours

Mon - Thu 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
 Fri 8:00 AM until Movie is over
 Sun 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LGBTRC Visitors

Week 9:

Students: 215
 Staff: 11
 Faculty: 5
 Alumni: 1
 Guests: 3
Total: 235

"Sexual love is undoubtedly one of the chief things in life, and the union of mental and bodily satisfaction in the enjoyment of love is one of its culminating peaks."

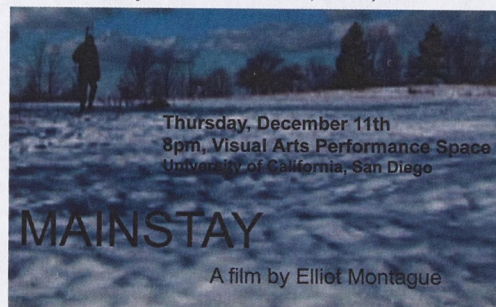
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Premiere of an MFA thesis film, **MAINSTAY.**

Visual Arts Performance Space

-- Thursday, December 11th, 2008, 8:00 PM



Elliot Montague presents a fictional narrative that follows the journey of a young

transgender person's return to his hometown in rural Maine after learning of his ex-partner's sudden death. *Mainstay* animates the intimate bodies of one's past, relating the memories of a lover's body to the bodies imagined and realized by queer fantasy.

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Winter Q Camp Welcome Back

LGBT Resource Center

-- Wednesday, January 7th, 2009, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM



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Cross-Cultural Center, Comunidad Room

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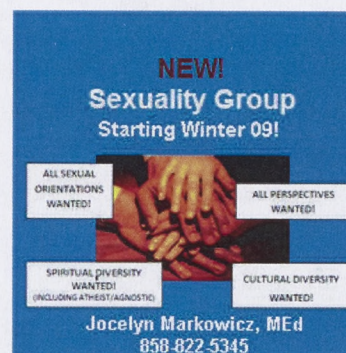
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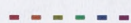
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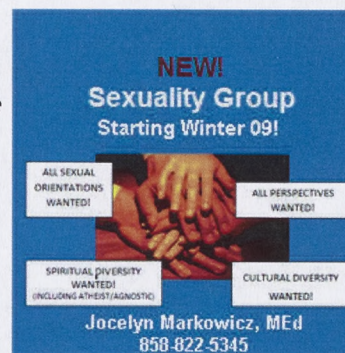
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VOTE NO ✓
ON PROP 8
EQUALITY FOR ALL

Prop 8 eliminates
marriage for
same-sex couples.

VOTE NO!

- **Regardless of how you feel about this issue, we should always guarantee the same fundamental rights and equality for every Californian. Vote No on 8.**
- **Let's remember that gay and lesbian people are our neighbors, our friends, our co-workers, and our family members.** They are nurses, firefighters and small business owners. Like any of us, they love and make commitments for life, and just like other couples, they take care of each other, pay taxes, and want to protect and take responsibility for each other. We should not hurt same-sex couples in California by eliminating their right to marry. **Vote No on 8.**
- **It's not the government's place to tell couples who have been together for years whether or not to marry.** In California, we let people decide what is best for themselves — without government interference. Eliminating fundamental rights for same-sex couples would treat them differently under the law — AND THAT'S WRONG. **Vote No on 8.**
- **Domestic partnerships are NOT the same as marriage.** Domestic partnerships are only legal documents. They don't provide the same dignity, respect, and legal protection as a marriage. In a marriage, a paramedic doesn't tell you that you cannot get into the ambulance with your spouse unless you have a paper or a lawyer. Married couples can automatically make life or death decisions for each other in these crisis situations, no questions asked. **Vote No on 8.**

Regardless of how you feel about this issue, it's unfair to eliminate a fundamental right of fellow Californians — and permanently hurt our friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members. THAT'S WRONG.

VOTE NO on Prop 8!

www.NoOnProp8.com

NO on 8

"Proposition 8...would eliminate the fundamental right to same-sex marriage. The very act of denying gay and lesbian couples the right to marry — traditionally the highest legal and societal recognition of a loving commitment — by definition relegates them and their relationships to second-class status."

— *Los Angeles Times* Editorial, August 8, 2008

Join the growing list of groups and individuals who urge you to **VOTE NO:**

**Governor
Arnold Schwarzenegger**

League of Women Voters of California
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)
California Labor Federation (AFL-CIO)
California Teachers Association
SEIU California State Council
AFSCME California PEOPLE
Communications Workers of America District 9
California Federation of Teachers
Pride at Work
California Young Democrats
Courage Campaign
American Academy of Pediatrics, California
Planned Parenthood Action Fund
National Association of Social Workers, CA Chapter
American Medical Student Association
Latino Coalition for Justice - L.A.
California NOW
API Equality
Japanese American Citizens League
Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California
Feminist Majority Foundation
National Black Justice Coalition
California NAACP

**Senator
Barbara Boxer**

California Democratic Party
United Farm Workers
Log Cabin Republicans
Stonewall Democrats California
California Faith for Equality
California Church IMPACT
American Civil Liberties Union
National Council of Jewish Women
Progressive Jewish Alliance
The Southern California-Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, California
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
Equality California
Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)
Human Rights Campaign
The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund
Bienestar
Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center
National Center for Lesbian Rights
San Diego Center Advocacy Project
Family Equality Council
Interfaith Clergy Coalition



No on 8, Equality for All, major funding from No on 8 - Equality California and Human Rights Campaign/HRC California Marriage PAC - No on Prop 8



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**PROP 8
ELIMINATES
THE RIGHT TO
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FOR SAME-SEX
COUPLES
EVERYONE MUST
BE TREATED
EQUALLY!**

The fundamental right to marry the person you love should not be eliminated.

We are all one community – same-sex couples are part of our campus, they are our neighbors, friends and family members.

It's hurtful and wrong to treat same-sex couples differently from any other loving couple in California.

Hey Government! Stay out of our lives, don't you dare tell us who we can and can't love and marry! **In California, we let people decide what is best for themselves – without government interference.**

Don't let others decide who you can love...

Get up, Vote Down Prop 8.

IT'S OUR LIFE and OUR CHOICE!
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**JOIN
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**PROP 4
THREATENS
A WOMAN'S
RIGHT
TO CHOOSE
AND PUTS
TEENS
AT RISK**

Prop 4 states that in order for a woman under 18 to receive an abortion, she must tell her parents.

But Prop 4 isn't just about teens notifying their parents before they have an abortion. It was written by the same conservative groups that want to outlaw abortion. Backers of 4 have a clear agenda: **they want to limit a woman's right to choose.**

And parental notification laws don't work anyway. Not all teens live in homes where communication is possible. Remember that friend in high school who was truly afraid of what her parents might do or say...especially if she got pregnant! If Prop 4 passes, those teens will have nowhere to turn.

And scared, desperate teens do scary things...take matters into their own hands, resort to an unsafe, back alley, illegal abortion, or even contemplate suicide.

We've all grown up in a world where Roe v. Wade is the law of the land. Make No Mistake...Prop 4 threatens that...

Get up, Vote Down Prop 4.

IT'S OUR LIFE and IT'S OUR CHOICE
www.NoOnProp4.org

**VOTE NO
ON 4!**



**P R O T E C T
TEEN SAFETY**

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CONTACT THE EDITOR

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There's Nothing Wrong With a Fairytale Wedding

I never intended to use this column as an arena for political commentary, preferring instead to leave the ranting and raving for bombastic professors, bantering A.S. councilmembers and the annoying Greenpeace gadflies on Library Walk (unless the university decides to ban them from campus, under new guidelines set by the alarmingly paternalistic UC Board of Regents in a policy that effectively bans nonaffiliate free speech, although that is a topic for a different day).

My loyal readers may remember my past spiels on party manners, Facebook etiquette, pre-med assholes, Las Vegas and the ins-and-outs of being the only male among hundreds and hundreds of drunk lesbians.



Word Up

Matthew McArdle

mmcardle@ucsd.edu

But after turning on my television the other day to discover a horrendously disgusting political advertisement about Proposition 8, I had to relent. In case you've been living in the closet, Proposition 8, if passed, will eliminate the right of same-sex couples in California to legally wed by amending the state constitution to specifically outline marriage as the union of "one man and one woman."

Backed by reactionary activists across the state who campaigned vigorously to obtain enough signatures to place the initiative on this November's ballot — following the California Supreme Court's landmark decision earlier this year to grant gay couples the same marriage privileges as their straight counterparts — Proposition 8 is a frightening attack on civil rights, not to mention a stupid and unnecessary waste of funding and political resources during a time of extraordinarily immense economic uncertainty, a climate crisis and two hugely unpopular foreign wars.

Money that could be spent on worthwhile causes (say, your children's college funds or, if you have to get political, environmental and

Latest 'Yes on 8' Ad a Pathetic Cheap Shot

► **WORD**, from page 4

renewable energy initiatives, because the polar icecaps are disintegrating whether or not two men decide to kiss and put rings on each other's fingers), is being funneled by groups such as the American Family Organization and Focus on the Family to support bogus and shocking ads meant to provoke the public into fearing gay marriage as an attack on family values.

The latest commercial is a disturbingly low blow: A kindergartener comes home from school, excitedly telling her mommy that she learned she can marry a princess when she grows

up, followed by a close-up of mommy's horrified reaction. The ad proceeds to claim that if Proposition 8 doesn't pass, public schools will essentially indoctrinate children with gayness. Or something like that.

Forget that the state education code doesn't dictate teaching kids about marriage until they get older (and even then in the most basic of manners, such as examining the difference between dating and marriage) or that parents can choose to have their children skip lessons on sexual or other personal matters; forget that gay marriage has absolutely nothing to do with teaching

children about proper life values.

All these radicals want to do is advance their personal homophobic agendas onto everyone else. And that's sad. Hopefully, Californians won't be fooled by these grossly distorted advertisements and, come Election Day, vote to uphold equality under the law, whether they agree with being gay or not (again, a topic for a different day).

Besides, the widely circulated "Yes on 8" posters show kids reaching for adults' crotches. To me, that creepy poster design is more disturbing than two committed adults of the same sex getting married.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Like It or Not, Gay Couples Deserve Marriage Rights

Dear Editor,

The stock market is in terrible shape, the nation's debt is nearly a trillion dollars, half of Africa is starving and the other half is struggling with wars or deadly diseases, the polar icecaps are melting, and more and more people are being diagnosed with cancer. However, what is the big topic nowadays? You guessed it: gay marriage. Honestly, should we even be discussing this?

I'm going to be frank with everybody: Gay people aren't really my cup of tea. Even though I've met some gay people and had some friends who later turned out to be gay, I've never really felt comfortable around them. But the bottom line is that gay people are exactly that: people. They are human beings who have feelings, and they express them in exceptional ways. Nevertheless, the "Yes on 8" supporters believe otherwise. For them, gay people are Satan's minions out to get the children (darn it, not the children again). Americans frequently fail at providing logical arguments — it's either the children or the Bible, but how malevolent and ignorant can someone be to literally abuse the emotions of the general population by putting children in their commercials?

My point is that the U.S. "tries" to portray itself as a democratic and equal

society, but it is really terrible at living up to its claims. It's none of my business to prevent someone else from marrying. It shouldn't be anybody else's, either. These people deserve to be together, to make it official and reap the advantages of being married like everyone else — the sole reason being they are no different from us. If you still believe they are different from you, then you are badly informed.

— Michael Blacking
Thurgood Marshall College junior

Legislation an Unnecessary Response to Juicy Campus

Dear Editor,

My letter is a response to the "Juicy Campus a Pathetic Cesspool of Hate Speech" article published on Oct. 23.

I was alarmed by the writer's suggestion that Congress should amend the laws that currently protect the First Amendment rights of Internet users and Web site owners. Juicy Campus' content is disgusting by any standard, but is governmental intervention the answer to all of life's trivial injustices? Does Congress need to pass a law to protect college students from some temporary embarrassment?

The request for legislation on Internet content is like asking to be coddled by the law, and is no different than a child begging for his nanny.

It is a proposal that demonstrates the increasing unwillingness of Americans to deal with their own personal and social problems. America needs less government, not more of it.

Ultimately, an individual should be allowed to say what he wants, and if the pathetic coward chooses to hide behind the Web site's anonymity then I suppose cowardice is his right. If I ever spoke to the site's founder or its contributors, I would surely invoke the words of Voltaire: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

— Nicolas Sawaya
Earl Warren College junior

Centrist Voters Should Consider Barack Obama

Dear Editor,

Although it would be improper to say I represent all centrists, as founder of the Centrist Party, I wanted to share why I am voting for Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.).

I am a traditional conservative, — meaning conserve as much as possible, and don't waste. I don't believe in entitlement programs (rich or poor).

I believe if we don't earn our money, we don't own our money, and likely we won't respect it. Ultimately, if you can't respect something, you might waste it.

Our economic maelstrom is partly due to corporate entitlements and the leaders that bathed in them (including politicians that relied on their campaign contributions, creating a partnership between corporations and government, not the people). Some proclaim the "free market" silly because we have a federally regulated Keynesian market ("free market" isn't possible). Corporations and pundits don't want the government in business. But as soon as they're in trouble, who is their daddy?

Corporations are wasting "our" resources to maintain a proclaimed higher standard of living, yet they don't realize that quality of life will suffer due to their actions. Corporations promote that "standard" to uphold "their" profits at "our" expense. What is really valuable? Security, health, friends, family, and above all, honor.

I was fairly evenly split between Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Obama. I like McCain because he works across the aisle. I like Obama because he discusses unpopular issues, but I began favoring Obama due to the tone of his responses and campaign. This upheld the tradition of honor better than the McCain campaign. My tipping point occurred after examining the two vice presidential picks.

Gov. Sarah Palin (R-Alaska) stood out; her interviews, beyond the talking points she had been briefed on,

revealed she clearly is inexperienced, making this a high-risk bet.

With all due respect to McCain and his exceptional record, America cannot afford an inexperienced person in the White House. With all due respect to Palin, she has no foreign policy experience, and little understanding of the challenge global warming will place on our economy; and her energy policy is drill, drill, drill, above all other considerations.

We need a pragmatic centrist in the White House and Obama has held his ground well. Centrists right and left should carefully consider the short and long term: Think outside the box of right/left. Cast your vote for the most reasonable ticket. It's not an easy choice, but it may be the most important choice in our lifetime, considering all that is on the table at this point in history.

— John P. Reisman
Chairman, Centrist Party

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Religious groups gather on both sides of Prop. 8

Thousands at stadium; mayor speaks at vigil



2008 VOTE
STATE PROPOSITIONS

**By Matthew T. Hall
and Michael Stetz**
STAFF WRITERS

San Diego became a front in the war over same-sex marriage yesterday, as groups on both sides of the issue asked God to guide voters toward the right decision on Election Day.

Thousands of people gathered at Qualcomm Stadium to fast and pray, many in support of Proposition 8, which would ban same-sex marriage statewide.

Meanwhile, opponents of the measure held a morning prayer service at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral near Balboa Park and later a candlelight vigil in Hillcrest with Mayor Jerry Sanders and his lesbian daughter, Lisa.

Speakers at the events couldn't stress enough the importance of the issue.

"The very foundations of law are being shattered," Lou Engle, coordinator of the stadium event, told early arrivals as they settled in for 12 hours of prayer and music. "We can't see



Noah Lystrup (left) and Kevin Mann were among those gathered at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral to oppose Proposition 8. *Laura Embry / Union-Tribune*

between right and wrong anymore."

Last night in Hillcrest, Sanders told about 3,000 people: "Tonight we let California know that everybody deserves the same rights. No one can take those fundamental rights away."

A Field Poll released Thursday shows the Proposition 8 race has tightened recently. In a poll of 966 likely voters taken late last month, 49 per-

cent opposed the measure, 44 percent supported it and the remaining 7 percent were undecided.

Last month, the Field Poll showed the measure losing, 38 percent to 55 percent.

Yesterday's stadium event, known as TheCall, was the latest in a series of

SEE **Events, A20**



Thousands gathered at Qualcomm Stadium yesterday to participate in a day of prayer and fasting. The event was the latest in a series of religious gatherings organized in U.S. cities since 2000. *Nelvin C. Cepeda / Union-Tribune*

EVENTS

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Latest Field Poll shows tight race for Proposition 8

religious gatherings in U.S. cities since 2000. Part spiritual revival, part music festival and part political rally, it drew people from Alaska and New York, but mostly from California. Many cars bore "Yes on 8" bumper stickers.

Inside, on a giant stage set up under the stadium scoreboard, Engle, TheCall's co-founder, and a string of pastors spent the day asking the crowd to stand, pray and repent while spiritual music blasted from speakers around the field.

Several pastors spoke passionately about protecting marriage between one man and one woman and — in seeming reference to Proposition 4, an abortion-related, parental-notification ballot measure — the unborn.

"We are not dragging our sins into this stadium," the Rev. Jim Garlow, pastor of Skyline Church in Rancho San Diego, told the crowd. "There is too much at stake this day."

People of all ages prayed with eyes closed, arms raised, hands clasped or clapping, mouths moving silently or bursting in song, swaying, shaking, dancing, alone and in small circles.

Organizers estimated there were 33,000 people inside the stadium by 3:30 p.m., but a crowd count was difficult to obtain because attendees could come and go throughout the day. Although a cluster remained in front of the stage as the hours passed, the stands, which can hold 71,000 people, never looked more than one-third full.

Some in the crowd acknowledged the event's political implications, while others downplayed them.

Clayton Boyer, 40, brought his wife and three children from El Cajon. "People are motivated by different things," Boyer said. "I hope that everyone is here for the right reason, and that's praying for our nation as a whole."

Dan Wuestenberg, 26, came to San Diego with his wife, Tarrah, 21, and their 5-week-old baby, Jericho, from Wasilla, Alaska, now known as the home of Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

"This is the first trip that we can devote to God's will," Wuestenberg said.

June Ainley, 56, made the trip with a youth group from Tulare. She said she has missed only one of the national TheCall events since the first one in Washington, D.C., eight



U-T Multimedia: To watch video of both prayer events, go to uniontrib.com/more/prop8

years ago, which drew about 400,000 people.

"That's when all that went on in Florida, and that's what put President Bush in office — all that prayer," Ainley said.

Mixing their own prayers with politics, as many as 400 opponents of Proposition 8 showed up for the interfaith service near Balboa Park, billed as Make the Right Call, in answer to TheCall.

Clergy members of different faiths wore "No on 8" stickers on their vestments.

"The purpose of today is to stand on the side of love," said the Very Rev. Scott Richardson, dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral.

In that vein, speaker after speaker focused on the importance of love and acceptance for all.

The Rev. Mary Sue Brookshire of United Church of Christ in La Mesa spoke of a lesbian friend who felt her life was incomplete because of society's treatment of gays.

"As long as she is not fully human, neither am I," said Brookshire, whose homily was interrupted by applause several times.

The Rev. Felix Villanueva, also from United Church of Christ in La Mesa, said praying for discrimination is wrong. Instead, prayers should go out for "the sick, the homeless and lives wasted in war."

People attending the interfaith service said they wanted

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CLAYTON BOYER,

El Cajon resident who attended TheCall

to show they have strong faith as well.

Randy Clark, 55, and Tom Maddox, 51, bicycled to St. Paul's from La Jolla. They were married in August. Church members both, they teach Sunday school.

"People of faith belong in equality," Clark said. "True religious teaching supports all loving relationships."

Barbara Whitman, 55, and Mary Miller, 46, were married in September and went to the event to protect that union, the San Marcos couple said. "God's will is that everybody deserves love," Miller said.

Jennifer and Jed Siemer-Arogante were there to support others, including many of their friends who happen to be gay, they said. The Vista couple brought their 22-month-old child, Nathaniel.

"I don't want to raise my child in a world where there is discrimination," Jennifer said.

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An unidentified man was prostrate in prayer yesterday during TheCall, a spiritual and political gathering of an estimated 33,000 people at Qualcomm Stadium. *Nelvin C. Cepeda / Union-Tribune*



San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders (center) passed out candles with his daughter Lisa (second from left) at a vigil in Hillcrest last night to voice opposition to Proposition 8. "Tonight we let California know that everybody deserves the same rights," Sanders told the crowd of about 3,000. *Barnie Grafton / Union-Tribune*

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2008 ELECTION GUIDE

Vote Barack Obama for President


So in case you've been hiding out with a certain al-Qaeda terrorist in his ridiculously unfindable cave-spot for the last eight years, you should know — we're in deep. Men in business suits are ready to jump out their 100th-story windows, the public school system is being all but torched to pay for a war we can't finish, the rest of the world hates us and we've done so many Palin impressions that our faces just might stick this way.

The cartoonish downfall of the United States was actually kind of hilarious at one point. But now that the George W. Bush coffee-table quotebook is on its eighth edition and the new Republican candidate — with one foot in the grave and all other limbs unusable — has chosen a sassy PTA mom as his running mate, it's becoming difficult for even the most patriotic plumber to maintain that all-American superpower swagger without hallucinating up a couple weapon-of-mass-destruction shadows behind him on the sidewalk.

John McCain isn't necessarily Bush's ghost come back to haunt us in rodent shape-shift — after all, undying love for the same brand of uber-successful, unregulated laissez-faire capitalism aside, he can actually form quite a complete sentence and, well, has said a whole bunch of sentences about how he's not like

Bush at all. But at this point, we can all agree that it's going to take something phenomenal to salvage the few scraps of reputation that do remain to our name.

Barack Obama is not denying what an astounding mess we've managed to make the last eight years (not to mention the last 50), and — with a brave new face that political leaders around the world are far less likely to plaster on their dartboards — has single-handedly restored a desire in even the most staunch anti-government types to dust off their Fourth-of-July flags and consider anew the rocket's red glare. He's ready to kick this McCain dude off the path, put the preach to practice and look damn good doing it; now it's up to us to Barack the vote like only America can.

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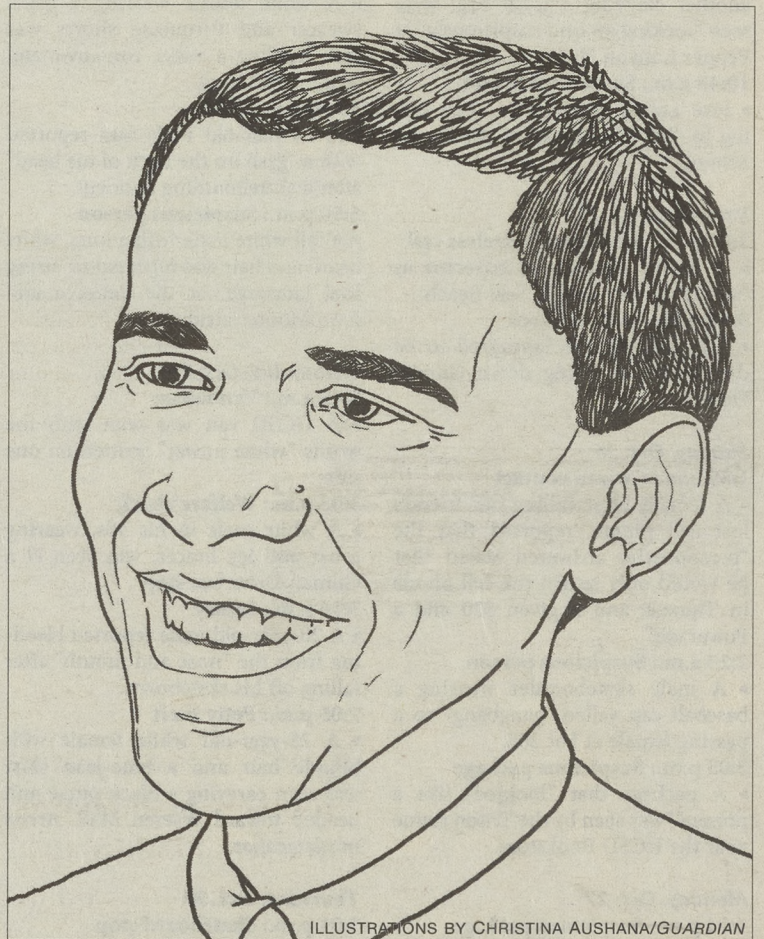
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AT A GLANCE

Presidential Ticket

Barack Obama
Joe Biden

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Proposition 2

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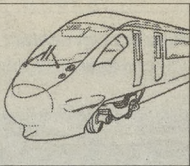
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No — Beach Booze Ban

Be sure to vote in the upcoming election on Nov. 4. There will be a number of polling places on and off campus. Visit www.as.ucsd.edu for on-campus voter information, or find your specific polling location at smartvoter.org.

YES ON PROPOSITION 1A



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Allow the state to sell \$9.95 billion in bonds for a high-speed rail, running from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

An image of sleek, high-tech bullet trains zipping passengers across the length of the state may seem hard to fathom for Californians used to plopping down in their gas-guzzling SUVs and sitting in traffic gridlock on choked freeways for hours on most weekdays — but Proposition 1A makes the novel idea excitingly realistic and crucial to the well-being of the state's future.

Projections indicate that the proposed rail line would make traveling from San Francisco to Los Angeles possible in less than three hours for a cost of about \$55. But aside from dramatically improving the flow of people across our noto-

riously crowded state — by up to 117 million riders annually — the measure would also lead to reduced greenhouse-gas emissions as a direct result of less cars on the roadways, not to mention that the rail line itself would produce zero emissions. And although the estimated \$40 billion cost seems enormous, the measure asks California taxpayers to only foot about 25 percent of the total bill, with the rest of the money coming from federal and private sources.

Opponents claim that California cannot afford to invest so much money on such a lofty project during an economic crisis, but the rail line would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, a major step toward economic recovery. With such visionary goals for the state, voters would be unwise to reject the measure. Vote yes on Proposition 1A.

YES ON PROPOSITION 3



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Authorize \$980 million in bonds for construction and equipment in eligible children's hospitals, costing the state about \$2 billion over 30 years.

California's health-care system is ailing, and while what we need is to commit tremendous funding and attention to all of our state's hospitals, such a measure is not on Tuesday's ballot. However, voters are able to affect just a small portion of the problem: children's hospitals.

Funding from Proposition 3 would allow these hospitals to expand their facilities and update

equipment, which would in turn help save young lives. The measure also requires hospitals seeking a slice of the Proposition 3 pie to undergo an application review from state regulators, who would ensure that this money is only being spent on improvements to children's health care.

Although children's hospitals still have \$350 million in 2004-approved bonds and adequate fundraising opportunities, these facilities are responsible for treating many of the state's uninsured or poorly insured youth and because of this are in disproportionate need of support. Vote yes on Proposition 3.

NO ON PROPOSITION 2



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Starting in 2015, make keeping animals in areas where they cannot turn around, lie down, stand up or extend their limbs illegal.

At first glance, Proposition 2 doesn't even seem open for discussion; who wouldn't want to protect animals from cruel confinement on large factory farms? But upon closer inspection, Californians must realize that if passed it will do more harm than good for state agribusiness.

Proposition 2 would add a chapter to the state's Health and Safety Code to ban the housing of animals in a manner that does not allow them

free range of movement, focusing on three types of caging: veal crates, sow gestation crates and battery cages for chickens.

Although the relatively small pork and veal industries could adapt — as they have Colorado, Arizona, Oregon and Florida, which have passed similar measures regulating those sectors — to the changes, it's California's \$337-million egg industry that would be cracked wide open if the measure is successful because the market would adjust to the expensive restrictions by simply importing eggs from neighboring states and Mexico.

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NO ON PROPOSITION 4



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Change the state constitution so that a doctor would be required to notify a minor's parents at least 48 hours before performing an abortion.

Proposition 4 supporters seek to mislead voters by framing their measure as one that would protect against child predators; it's actually the same effort to hinder reproductive rights that Californians have already voted down twice.

A parental-notification requirement would not protect minors — it would put their health at risk, forcing those who are unwilling or unable to tell their parents about their pregnancy to resort to unsafe methods of termination. The majority of parents are already aware of their teenager's pregnancy, according to a *Los Angeles Times* article. Clearly the current policy is in place to protect minors who are

absolutely unable to tell their parents.

Proposition 4 wouldn't improve family communication in these households or protect minors who may be experiencing abuse. It would instead encourage these young women to seek unlicensed abortions or go the duration of their pregnancy without medical attention or support, giving birth alone and abandoning their baby to hide it from their parents.

Our state constitution should not be used as a tool for limiting access to nationally recognized liberties — particularly for the minors who are largely silenced in the political process — and this attempt is another nauseating reminder of the illusory conduct still championed by conservative extremists.

California voters need to stand up, as they have in the past, and protect the state's minors against this dangerous measure. Vote no on Proposition 4.

Cage Restrictions for Chicken Farmers Would Cripple California's Egg Industry

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which still use battery-cage systems, inevitably leading to the industry's virtual collapse.

Cruelty to animals is abhorrent, and the parts of the measure regulating sow and veal confinement are

worthy, but Californians would be irresponsible to pass the measure as written because of the drastic economic pitfall it will bring to the egg industry at a time when the economy is more fragile than ever. Vote no on Proposition 2.

YES ON PROPOSITION 5



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Allocate \$460,000 annually to the improvement and further development of criminal treatment programs for those convicted of drug and parole-related offenses. The measure would lessen the severity of punishments for those convicted of minor drug and parole violation offenses, while creating new drug education programs for offending minors deemed at risk for future drug-related crimes.

Proposition 5, the Nonviolent Offender Rehabilitation Act, is a much-needed step toward reforming California's overcrowded prison system. With resources at the state's 33 prisons stretched thin and inmates stacked wall to wall, it makes

no sense to continue incarcerating nonviolent offenders who would benefit more from rehabilitation and drug education than from simply being locked up.

Additionally, the measure's provision for the creation of drug treatment programs for at-risk minors is exactly the type of progressive action that will provide tangible, long-lasting solutions to the drug problems that affect our youth, rather than attempting to merely obscure these pressing issues with fines and imprisonment.

The benefits of pursuing the expansion of treatment over incarceration when dealing with drug offenses have been proven. When Proposition 36 passed in 2000, it provided California

courts with the option of placing drug offenders on probation while requiring them to participate in rehabilitation programs. Since then, the treatment programs associated with Proposition 36 have turned out over 84,000 reformed offenders, individuals who were given the opportunity reassert themselves as law-abiding, tax-paying citizens.

Excessive incarceration practices have left our state's prisons in a predicament that only threatens to grow worse unless an acceptable alternative is agreed upon. Proposition 5 is a pragmatic and forward-thinking approach to both solving California's prison-crowding dilemma and to addressing the issue of substance abuse among minors and adults.

Vote to create a new set of standards by which to determine the sentencing of nonviolent offenders, standards that will allow the state to assist these individuals on the path to recovery. Vote yes on Proposition 5.

NO ON PROPOSITION 6



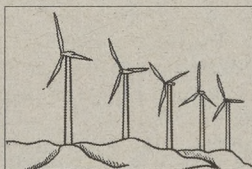
WHAT IT WOULD DO: Increase state police and law-enforcement funding to a minimum of \$965 million per year in 2009-10 — an increase of \$365 million — in order to implement and enforce 30 revisions to California criminal law.

problem at its roots; instead, police and prison bills skyrocket while the moneymakers at the top of the crime circuit continue to roam free. Proposition 6 belligerently and haphazardly pushes for "safer neighborhoods" by calling for stricter penalties on small-time, street-level crime like gang activity, drug use, the bearing of arms and auto theft. The measure doesn't well mask its mission to lock up the little (and

As a quick run-through of our country's self-destructive history in law enforcement could easily inform us, cuffing every last petty criminal with a 10-sack doesn't exactly kill the

See **PROP. 6**, page 6

NO ON PROPOSITION 7



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Require all utilities, including those operated by the state government, to generate 20 percent of their power from renewable resources by 2010, a standard which would increase to 40 percent by 2020 and 50 percent by 2025.

Opposed by power companies and renewable energy firms alike, in addition to influential labor, environmental and consumer groups, this measure has ignited protest from almost every group likely to be affected by the new regulations that it would impose. While enacting what appears to be an environmentally positive set of

regulations for California's energy production, Proposition 7 in fact

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enforces unrealistic standards that would ultimately prove detrimental to the well-being of the state's

energy providers.

Proposition 7 seeks to enforce its suggested regulations upon all California energy producers. That means that small energy companies would be subject to the same stringent policies as larger firms, thus placing a crippling financial burden on the state's small wind and solar energy producers, effectively limiting competition while driving business and jobs out of California.

Additionally, the measure provides for no cap on electric bills, meaning that as power providers look for ways to fund the changes required under this measure, they have the option of digging into the pockets of California's consumers.

Join California's leading energy producers, environmental activists, labor groups and consumer interest groups in opposing this risky measure. Vote no on Proposition 7.

NO ON PROPOSITION 8



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Change the state constitution to recognize marriage as strictly between a man and a woman, banning same-sex marriage.

limit homosexual, monogamous adults from enjoying the same rights as their heterosexual peers. Supporters argue that gays are already allowed civil unions, which grant them many of the same privileges of marriage. They say that marriage has *always* been between a man and a woman, and therefore it should stay that way. But until 1865 blacks were *always* regarded as property, kept as slaves because of their skin color. Until 1920 women were *always* excluded from the political process, denied the right to vote. Separate but equal does not work. America is plagued by a history of irrational prejudice, but we also have a history of taking great strides to overcome this prejudice. Now we have the opportunity to open the path for one more great stride. Vote no on Proposition 8.

Similar to Proposition 4, Proposition 8 attempts to use our state constitution as a method for denying rights. As Californians, we need to come together to ensure equality for all — and this Tuesday, that means marriage equality. Although Proposition 8 supporters claim the measure protects families, saying that if it doesn't pass, gay marriage will be taught in elementary schools — this could not be further from the truth. Marriage rights have nothing to do with schools, and California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell has denounced the measure's misleading advertisements.

Proposition 8's backward ideas

NO ON PROPOSITION 9



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Allow for victim input during certain phases of criminal prosecution and charging and reduce the number of parole hearings offered to prisoners, while enforcing mandatory restitution regulations for cases in which victims experience material loss.

Although paraded under the banner of the expansion of victims' rights, Proposition 9 is little more than a misguided attempt to increase the stringency of California's already strict parole process.

Supporters of the measure have exploited the emotional concern of voters for crime victims, courting fear in an attempt to create a state consti-

tutional amendment that would only serve to undo any progress toward relieving California's overcrowded prisons.

If passed, Proposition 9 would cost California millions as prisoners formerly qualified for early release on parole suddenly lose this right, forcing the state's prisons to house inmates for longer than courts now deem necessary.

Victims of crimes are already adequately protected under state law.

Vote to oppose a measure that would enforce additional, unnecessary restrictions on prisoners' rights while placing an even greater strain on California's prisons. Vote no on Proposition 9.

YES ON PROPOSITION 12



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Like 26 measures before it, Proposition 12 would issue bonds to assist war veterans in becoming homeowners through the CalVet HomeLoan program — this time, \$900 million worth.

The only thing more heartless than joining the opposition ranks for Proposition 3 (among all others who hate sick children) is frowning upon an initiative to help thousands more of our nation's heroes out of their cardboard boxes — the least they deserve after carrying out all Washington's overseas dirty work. Proposition 12

may call for some hefty cash in an obvious drought, but if we want to keep filling out the Army barracks, we have no choice but to supply those retreating from the front lines (or training camp, for that matter) with space to carry on.

So far, taxpayers haven't been charged many a penny for the preceding veteran-home-assistance bonds, and if desperate times do call for some citizen assistance for the new bonds, a few extra dollars from our happy homes will be a small price to pay for those who have more than earned their own. Vote yes on Proposition 12.

NO ON PROPOSITION 10



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Allow the state to sell \$5 billion in bonds to spend on programs supporting alternative fuels and renewable energy. The majority of the money would be spent on rebate programs.

Simply put, Proposition 10 is a ridiculous scheme that is being advertised by propo-

nents as an effort to benefit the environment.

Backed by Clean Energy Fuels Corp. — the natural-gas company of billionaire Texas oil baron T. Boone Pickens — the measure would shell out taxpayer money largely in the form of rebates to boost the alternative-fuel vehicle market, focusing on hydrogen,

electric and natural-gas engines.

The catch? The rebates are structured so that most would go to subsidizing natural-gas-powered vehicles, thus building a customer base for Pickens' business. Furthermore, the measure stipulates that in order for alternative-fuel vehicles to qualify for rebates, they must be only "as clean" as gasoline-powered vehicles, an obvious slap in the face to anyone who really supports the environment, courtesy of California taxpayers.

The only green part of this initiative is the money that will be flowing into Pickens' company. Vote no on Proposition 10.

YES ON PROPOSITION 11



WHAT IT WOULD DO: Amend the California constitution to re-assign the geographic boundary-drawing of the state's 120 legislative districts and four Board of Equalization districts — currently a task undertaken once every 10 years by the state legislature — to a 14-member commission consisting of five Democrats, five Republicans and four independents.

Voters hold an obligation to more heavily scrutinize any initiative that would go so far as to amend the state constitution — after all, those largely permanent standards have made up the DNA of California since its creation. But this necessary conservatism to such grave change shouldn't blind us to perfecting our genetic makeup where there exists even a minor chance for it to more justly represent us.

Proposition 11's aspiration to shift districting power from those it would strategically serve to a board of evenly distributed party representatives is

an opportunity to iron a bureaucratic wrinkle with a long history of personal interests.

Instead of leaving historically utilized room for gerrymandering — or the budging of district lines to improve one party or politician's likelihood of election — the new system would level the playing field, place a much-needed check on self-interested legislators and possibly even stir a little bipartisanship into a legislature of stubborn purists.

Just like with any group of humans, no commission could be perfect, but a complex selection process from a pool of 60 registered voters would bring us the closest possible to a fair 14 — and even with their inevitable Democratic or Republican interests in mind, equality in numbers will prevent anything but an eventual compromise.

And really, anything is better than letting a politician choose his or her own demographic. Vote yes on Proposition 11.

Crime Enforcement Funds Better Applied to Long-Term Solution

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colored) guys, targeting California's most underprivileged by increasing punishment for minors, eliminating bail for illegal aliens and requiring criminal background checks from those in subsidized housing.

Instead of pouring money into stricter punishment, which has a ridiculously poor record of making anyone change their ways — a more common reaction is a teardrop tattoo and renewed hatred for the po' — our money would be far more productively spent on improving living conditions and rehabilitation resources in areas of high crime (not to mention health care and education, if we're really talking shop here).

Handing out wads of cash and responsibility to state cops is a shallow and shortsighted solution to the viscous cycle that pushes so many inner-city youth to the wrong side of the law. Vote no on Proposition 6.

FEATURE

USHERING IN THE STUDENT CHOICE

After months of observing candidates under a media microscope, the textbook-worthy Nov. 4 presidential election is finally upon us.

By Sarah-Nicole Bostan
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This is a landmark year in which students will receive not two, but seven polling locations — one per college, except in the case of Eleanor Roosevelt College and Thurgood Marshall College, which will share RIMAC.

And the excitement won't die just because the booths shut down. UCSD's first-ever presidential Election Night Party will be held the same evening in Eleanor Roosevelt College's Great Hall.

A.S. Vice President of External Affairs Lisa Chen said that to attain the extended number of polling centers, she and Special Assistant to the Vice

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Where to Vote

Poll hours: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

- 1 RIMAC
Green Room
- 2 MUIR COLLEGE
Commons Apt. Lounge
- 3 PRICE CENTER
Ballroom A
- 4 SIXTH COLLEGE
Dogg House
- 5 REVELLE COLLEGE
Why Not Here? Lounge
- 6 SOUTH MESA APTS.
Common Room #9126
- 7 WARREN COLLEGE
Student Activity Center

POLLING THE LINE

BY SARAH-NICOLE BOSTAN • CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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Chancellor of Student Affairs Cynthia Davalos met regularly with the city registrar to analyze the problems with on-campus voting in 2004 — particularly, three- to four-hour lines — before deciding to place a polling location at each individual college, and properly placing each of them.

“Even just a few weeks ago, they were about to take out Muir as a polling place, but Muir and Price Center have historically been UCSD’s main polling locations so we fought against it and succeeded,” Chen said.

Available to man the on-campus polling places will be 43 poll workers from the county registrar’s office.

Once the hectic day of polling is complete, big-screen TVs, food, nonalcoholic drinks and political commentary from leading political scientists at UCSD will ensue. The free nonpartisan event will occur from 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., welcoming everybody in the UCSD community, and anyone else who feels like showing up regardless of their political affiliation.

“Planning has been under way for over three weeks, and the crowd could be overwhelming,” said Barry Jagoda, director of communications at the Office of the University Communications and Public Affairs.

According to Jagoda, while it takes leadership and a high level of efficient teamwork to organize such an event — a great part of which was facilitated by professor Thad Kousser and International House — the excitement surrounding the election makes it worth the effort.

“The most expensive thing is a piece of pie and a large-screen TV,” Jagoda said. “All of the organizations have put up a little bit

of money. It’s a small amount of money for a great educational and fun evening.”

To spread word of the event, a large number of printed flyers were distributed, students were sent electronic flyers on their school e-mail accounts and information was circulated among relevant disciplines, such as political science.

A.S. sent notifications to all UCSD students, asked all resident advisors to inform their residents of polling locations, and plastered information all over TritonLink. According to Chen, these methods have

seen huge success.

A.S. councilmembers have also expressed concern that commuter students recognize their vote will not be recorded the day of the election if they cast their vote at Price Center.

“Though students registered off campus can technically vote in Price Center since it is the official provisional polling location, we’re strongly encouraging as many off campus students as possible to vote before coming to campus,” Chen said. “Provisional ballots only get counted two to

three weeks later, and it’s best that their votes get counted on the same day.”

In order to further streamline the voting process, the council plans to provide a variety of new conveniences.

“The biggest thing is that so many people haven’t looked at the propositions, so we have these really easy voter guides, which are a poster of all the propositions, in hopes that students can make their decisions before they go to the polling locations,” she said. These proposition guides have been passed out to resident deans and student organiza-

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After Vote, Party Will Get Political

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tions on campus.

Chen added that students need to be aware that they can't wear any political attire into the polling site, as it's considered campaigning.

"They'll make you turn your shirt inside out once you get into the polling locations," she said.

Meanwhile, student organizations such as Students for Barack Obama will make their presence known on Library Walk directing students to their proper voting locations since — according to chapter coordinator Apratim Ghosh — they agree that voting provisionally should be avoided.

The UCSD College Republicans declined to comment on their Election Day activities.

On the night of Nov. 4, several political discussions by leading political scientists at UCSD will be at the heart of the party, including a panel with Kousser, who specializes in legislatures, legislative elections and California politics. Other panelists will include James Fowler and Sebastian Saiegh.

"I'm going to be talking about what to look for in the battleground states, Fowler will be discussing his much-publicized research about the Colbert-bump and how Democratic candidates receive fundraising boosts after appearing on [The

Colbert Report] and Saiegh will give an international perspective since this is an event working together with I-House," said Kousser, the faculty coordinator of the event.

A precursor to this large-scale event was held for the 2006 midterm election, which nearly 250 students attended.

This year, the coordinators and sponsors, including the Council of Provosts, comprised of all six UCSD college provosts; the Department of Political Science; International House; the Office of University of Communications and Public Affairs, say they can't know for sure how many will attend, but are anticipating record turnout and are making sure they're ready for it.

"There hasn't been this kind of energy around a presidential election since my freshman year in college when Bill Clinton was elected, and even that was nothing compared to this," Kousser said. "When I talk to my students, all 175 of them say without hesitation that they're registered and ready to vote, and all signs point to record youth turnout in this election."

Aside for preparing for massive attendance, the I-House staff will be helping out a great deal with preparations, along with two UCSD service-based fraternities.

A student panel, including A.S.

President Donna Bean, will be discussing how students can get involved in politics.

Through live remote iChat, participants will be able to talk with Alec Weisman, who works on republican campaigns and is the social coordinator for the UCSD College Republicans.

There will also be a question-answer session from St. Louis, Missouri, with Dan Palay, a recent UCSD alum and current Obama staff member.

The Office of the University of Communications and Public Affairs, a co-sponsor of the event, said they do this because they want to involve the media so that people in San Diego know that there are students engaged in voting and the elections.

"Radio, television and printed media all want the experts' help in understanding what's happening on election night, so they'll be coming over to the event too," Jagoda said.

As Kousser put it, "This is a historic election and your grandkids are going to ask you where you were when the first woman was elected, or the first African American, and we want to make sure everyone has a good answer for it."

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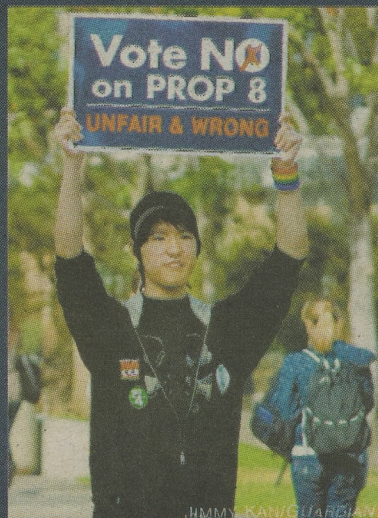
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Top right: Students in Great Hall celebrate upon the announcement of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama's victory against Republican candidate Sen. John McCain. **Top left:** As of press time, Obama had taken 349 electoral votes while McCain received 163. **Left:** Student activists demonstrate in support of Proposition 4 at Price Center Nov. 4. **Bottom:** Proposition 8 sparked protest on Library Walk.



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BY JOYCE YEH • STAFF WRITER

An epic two-year race came to a close Tuesday evening as students gathered across campus to witness Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) open a new chapter in American history, claiming a landslide victory against Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) to become the 44th president of the United States.

National exit polls suggest that between 21.6 and 23.9 million voters between the ages of 18 and 25 participated in the election, compared to 2.2 million in 2004. The San Diego County Registrar's Office estimated that 5,000 ballots were cast at on-campus polling stations.

Political science professor Thad Kousser said Obama's age, background and message of change made him more appealing to young voters than any previous presidential candidate.

"We see this huge increase in youth registration and turnout because we have this candidate who is clearly different," he said. "[Obama] is closer in age and appeals to the younger demographic. His positions may be similar to others, but he looks different and talks different."

Kousser added that the McCain campaign's use of Facebook

ELECTION RECAP

NATIONAL
Obama 53%
McCain 46%

STATE
Obama 61%
McCain 37%

PROPOSITIONS

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1A YES
High-Speed Rail | 7 NO
Alternative Energy |
| 2 YES
Animal Confinement | 8 YES
Gay Marriage Ban |
| 3 YES
Hospital Bonds | 9 YES
Victims' Rights |
| 4 NO
Parental Notification | 10 NO
Alternative Fuel |
| 5 NO
Drug Rehab | 11 YES
Redistricting |
| 6 NO
Police Funding | 12 YES
Veterans' Bonds |

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Source: California Secretary of State, as of press time



A.S. Teams With Registrar to Facilitate Polling

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and other popular media outlets also accounted for the spike in youth interest.

Poll clerks at the Revelle College voting booth in the Why Not Here? Lounge said students began lining up 15 minutes before the scheduled 7 a.m. opening. By midafternoon, all of 380 English ballots had been administered, so clerks resorted to using Spanish, Filipino and Vietnamese ballots with English translations.

Raz Autman, a touchscreen inspector stationed on campus, said students seemed more eager to vote than they did in past elections, rushing to vote between classes and patiently waiting in line despite the rain.

"The students seemed more dedicated, geared in, focused — very willing and very concerned about today's society," he said. "They want change."

Other items of chief concern on the ballot included California Proposition 4, which would have delayed abortions for unemancipated minors until 48 hours after parental notification by a physician; California Proposition 8, which outlaws same-sex marriage; and San Diego County

Proposition D, which bans alcohol on San Diego beaches.

Students protested both propositions on Library Walk in the weeks leading up to the election.

Revelle College freshman Josh King

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— Raz Autman, touchscreen inspector

was among a group of students on Library Walk holding anti-Proposition 8 signs as voters approached the Price Center polling location.

"Now that I am 18, I can take my

political views to action," he said. "I think this election is a historic election both in terms of national and state politics. Both the candidates were claiming to be agents of change and I wanted to impact that change."

The San Diego Registrar reported 2,328 ballots cast in San Diego County, with 53.18 percent supporting Obama, 44.51 percent supporting McCain and 1.64 percent supporting third-party candidates. Precinct-specific data breaking down candidate support by voter demographic will not be released until 30 days after the election.

For the first time ever, the A.S. Council worked with the city registrar to ensure efficiency and alleviate long lines. Councilmembers watched the polls throughout Election Day to answer questions and ensure that no registered voters were turned away.

As the votes were tallied, students gathered at various on-campus locations — including Great Hall, the Loft and Porter's Pub — to watch a televised broadcast of the election results.

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S.D. Employment Rate Lowest Since Mid-1990s

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Employment Development Department, the state's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent, as of September of this year. The rate in San Diego County has risen significantly since last year, and remains at 6.4 percent as of September.

The same department estimated that 1,300 San Diego jobs were lost between August and September. This level of unemployment is the highest since the mid-1990s, and is expected to continue rising over the next several months.

UCSD Extension instructs over 22,000 individuals per year in 3,200 courses.

The extension program offers 80 certificate programs held at the UCSD campus, as well as in Sorrento Mesa, Rancho Bernardo and Mission Valley.

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Hundreds Rally Against Gay Marriage Ban

Students stage campus protest in hopes of drawing university support for movement to repeal Proposition 8.

By Reza Farazmand
NEWS EDITOR

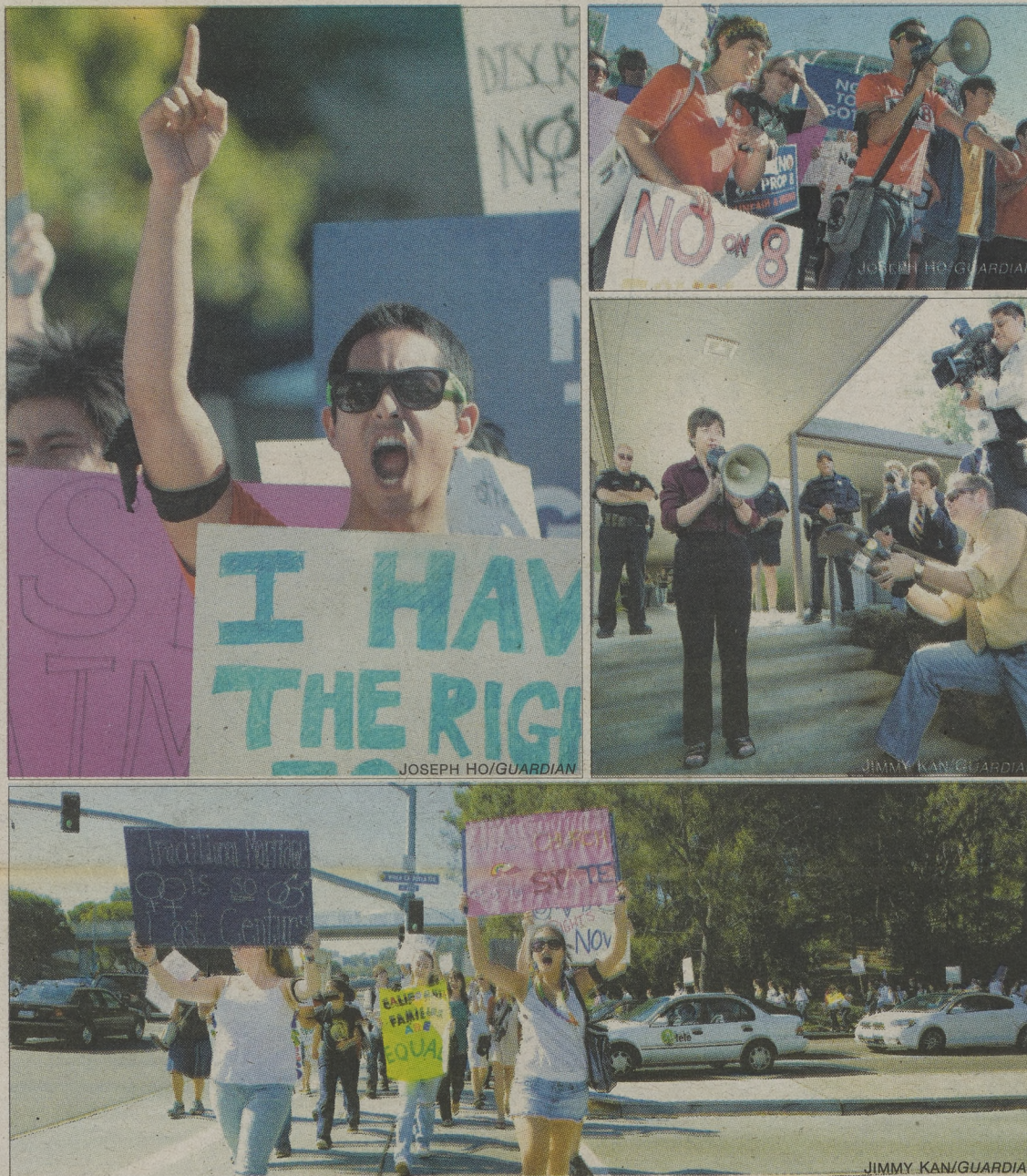
California's constitutional amendment to define marriage as between a man and a woman continued to draw vocal protest last week when a coalition of nearly 400 students, faculty, staff and community members converged on campus to take part in a walk-out rally denouncing the controversial new legislation.

Beginning shortly before noon with an open microphone at Price Center Plaza, the rally saw protesters march through campus and out onto La Jolla Village Drive, where chants of "equality" and "civil rights" drew frenzied honking from passing motorists, as police officers stood by.

"We are the youth," Thurgood Marshall College senior and rally organizer Rob Corea said before a cheering crowd gathered outside Geisel Library near the close of the protest. "We are the future. We are going to be the ones who are going to bring equality to everyone. Gay, straight, black or white, civil rights are for everyone."

Marshall senior and rally organizer Kyle Samia said the event was meant to serve as a vehicle for continued opposition to the recent passage of Proposition 8, the measure that outlaws same-sex couples from joining in matrimony.

"This event was assembled by UCSD community members for the UCSD community," Samia said. "This action wasn't meant to convince anyone from the 51 percent that voted



Top left: Rally organizer Kyle Samia leads the march through campus. **Top right:** Demonstrators first gathered at Price Center Plaza, where individuals were invited to express their opinions on the passage of Proposition 8. **Center right:** Chancellor Marye Anne Fox declined to offer an official university endorsement of the Proposition 8 repeal movement, but voiced her personal approval of the demonstration. **Bottom:** Protestors cross Villa Ja Jolla Drive.

COUNCIL STRIKES LOFT FROM FEE REFERENDUM

By Connie Shieh
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A funding provision for new campus nightclub the Loft will not be included on next quarter's activity-fee referendum, the A.S. Council decided last week in a 15-11 vote that struck down the proposal.

University Events Office Director Martin Wollesen first introduced the measure to the council on Oct. 15. According to the budget he provided, the proposed \$2.65 quarterly student fee would have enabled the Loft to continue offering the ambitious programming it has demonstrated since its opening on Sept. 25.

Over the past month, the A.S. Council forum has been a referendum battleground, divided by those who support and those who oppose the Loft's funding request.

Sixth College Senator Vishal Kotcherlakota said many councilmembers appreciate the Loft's frequent events and intimate space, but that the majority of them feel the university should demonstrate greater financial responsibility for the enterprise that it developed.

"There are other services on campus that could use that same \$2.65 and do a lot more with it," Kotcherlakota said. "Building something that [the administration] could not support themselves is what upset a lot of councilmembers."

Some councilmembers were also upset that the referendum would not give the council control over use of the Loft's profits, despite the fact that the nightclub's funding would be generated in part by student activity fees.

ANIMAL STYLE



BY CHRISTINA AUSHANA

Fox, Regents Decline to Endorse Repeal Movement

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 'yes' and it's not meant to change minds. It's for the UCSD community to address our grievances and to express those grievances as a community."

Samia said he hopes Californians who opposed the measure will recognize the need to push for its repeal.

"California has a very deep progressive history when it comes to fighting discrimination and to really bringing about equality under the law," Samia said. "Proposition 8 isn't equality and it isn't equal under the law, so it's important that we remain visible and that we do not become complacent."

Armed with signs proclaiming disapproval of the measure's success, protestors made their way to the Chancellor's Complex, where Chancellor Marye Anne Fox emerged to address the crowd.

Fox voiced her personal support of the demonstration, but declined to meet demands by rally organizers to officially endorse the repeal movement. Instead, Fox said the university's stance on the issue must be determined by the Board of Regents.

According to Corea, one of the demonstration's primary intentions was to obtain Fox's endorsement.

"One of our goals today was really to speak to the campus administrators and let them know that we'll no longer let the university take a neutral stance on the Proposition 8 issue," Corea said. "We feel it's their obligation to come out and publicly speak out against the proposition, because this is a civil-rights issue and the California Constitution is something that we need to take seriously."

Corea said the next step for the movement will be to demand an endorsement from the regents. UC spokesman Trey Davis, however, said the board has no intention of endorsing the movement, as the university only takes official positions on measures related to higher education.

Associated Students President Donna Bean, who marched with the protestors, said the A.S. Council will vote on a resolution to repeal Proposition 8 at its meeting Wednesday.

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The Nov. 14 demonstration took protestors from Price Center Plaza to the foot of Villa La Jolla Drive and back to Geisel Library, where rally organizer Rob Corea delivered a speech to close the event.

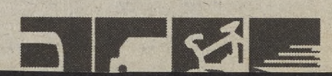
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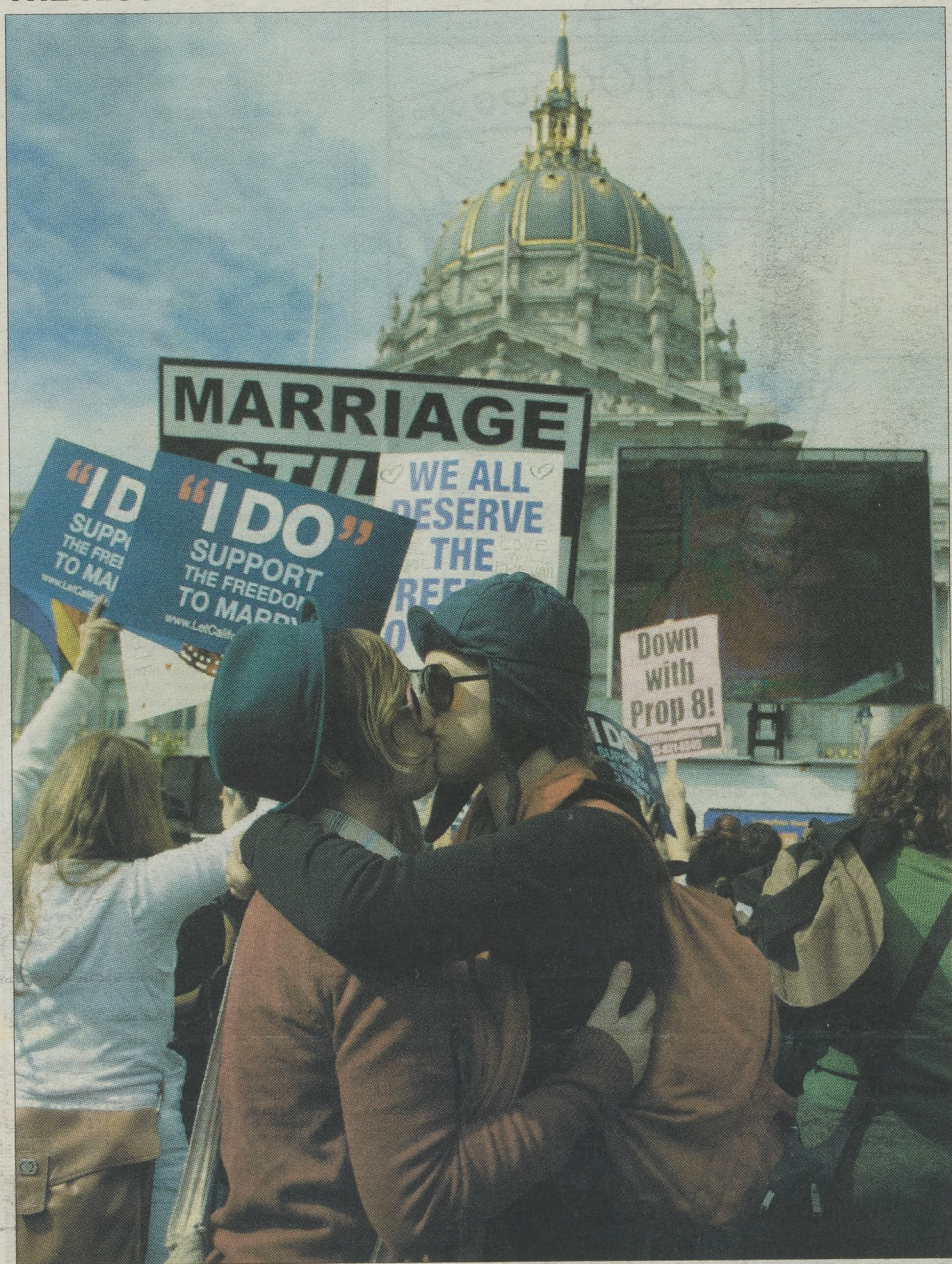
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Hundreds of students from across the University of California traveled to San Francisco last week to rally for the repeal of Proposition 8, a measure that prohibits same-sex marriage in California. Organized in part by UC Santa Barbara senior Urvashi Nagrani, the rally drew more than 1,500 demonstrators to Civic Center Plaza to watch a four-hour California Supreme Court debate over the constitutionality of the measure, screened on a giant television above the crowd.

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Same-sex marriage initiative put to test

Calif. high court to hear challenge

By Greg Moran
STAFF WRITER

There is little common ground between those on either side of the charged debate over marriage in California.

But on the eve of the state Supreme Court hearing in San Francisco on Proposition 8, which prohibits same-sex marriage, advocates on both sides describe the issue in similar high-stakes rhetoric.

"History swings on very small hinges sometimes," said Jim Garlow, pastor at Skyline Church in La Mesa and one of the state's highest-profile supporters of Proposition 8.

"On a broader scale, beyond the scope of the definition of marriage, this is about whether the social fabric will be torn by decimating the concept of the consent of the governed," Garlow said.

Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco, which has been at the forefront of the battle for marriage rights in the state, sees it in different but no less apocalyptic terms.

"I truly believe that the future of equality and the promise of justice for all hangs in the balance as the court considers


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OVERVIEW

Background: The continuing legal battle over same-sex marriage resumes tomorrow. The California Supreme Court will hear three hours of oral arguments from opponents and supporters of Proposition 8, a measure approved by voters in November that bans same-sex marriage.

What's changing: The court will decide if Proposition 8 is a revision of the Constitution rather than an amendment. If it is found to be a revision, the measure would be procedurally flawed because revisions require action by the Legislature before being put to voters. The court will also decide the status of same-sex marriages that occurred between June and November.

The future: A ruling is due within 90 days.

 **Online:** For information on how to watch the hearing on television or online, go to uniontrib.com/more/prop8viewing

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Proposition 8," she said.

Such sweeping pronouncements surround a case that on one level deals with a somewhat technical, even dry, legal question.

The core of the attack on Proposition 8 that the court will hear tomorrow is that the measure is a revision, rather than an amendment, to the California Constitution.

Revisions alter the fundamental structure of government in the state, Proposition 8 opponents argue in their legal papers to the court. Such far-reaching changes can be done — but they must be approved by the Legislature before being put to the voters.

Supporters of the measure counter that the 14-word proposition does not change the basic structure of state government and that the court would be dangerously overstepping its power if it went against the express will of a majority of state voters.

Attorney General Jerry Brown will not defend Proposition 8.

In addition to that question, the seven justices will deal with two related issues:

One is whether the proposition violates the separation of powers doctrine by stripping the judiciary of its role of protecting minority groups from discriminatory acts by the majority.

And the justices will have to decide the knotty question of what to do with the thousands of same-sex marriages that took place between June and November. Proposition 8 supporters contend those marriages should no longer be recognized under a plain reading of the measure.

Opponents contend that, even if they lose on the larger issue, these marriages should remain legally valid.

In a rare departure that adds another twist to the case, Attorney General Jerry Brown will not defend the initiative, the traditional role of the state's top lawyer.

Instead, he will ask the justices to strike it down under an argument that experts say is novel.

In written arguments, Brown does not side with those who say Proposition 8 is an amendment. Instead, he calls the measure unconstitutional because it takes fundamental rights away from a minority group.

Brown's argument might not be strong enough to persuade the court but does raise an important issue, said Vikram Amar, a professor and associate dean at the University of California Davis School of Law.

"It points up an internal tension in the Constitution," Amar said. "We call certain things rights but allow majorities to take those rights away."

A number of civil rights groups, such as the NAACP and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, have filed friend-of-the-court briefs siding with Proposition 8 opponents. They are only a small part of the 62 briefs the court has received in the case.

The high court will revisit the marriage issue one year and one day after it first weighed whether same-sex couples could legally wed in the state.

Two months after that hearing, the court, in a 4-3 decision, struck down laws banning gays and lesbians from being legally married in California. Doing so, Chief Justice Ronald George wrote for the majority, violates equal-protection laws under the state Constitution.

Yet even before that historic ruling, the fight over Proposition 8 had begun. Backers had already begun circulating petitions to qualify the measure for the November ballot.

Proposition 8 says that only a marriage between a man and a woman is legally valid in the state. It passed Nov. 4 with 52 percent of the vote. When opponents went to the Supreme Court the next day, asking the court to strike down the measure, it set the stage for tomorrow's hearing.

Justices have set aside three hours to hear arguments in three post-election lawsuits that have been combined. Opponents of the measure include same-sex advocacy groups, gay and lesbian couples, and the cities and counties of San Francisco, Los Angeles and Santa Clara.

Defending Proposition 8 will be a coalition headed by Protect Marriage. Its case will be argued by Kenneth Starr, former U.S. solicitor general and the special prosecutor in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton.

A decision is due within 90 days of the hearing.

The court has been historically reluctant to strike down voter-approved propositions.

Measures that changed legislative terms and altered property tax or death penalty laws also have been challenged on the basis that they were constitutional revisions, but they were not struck down.

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