

MEDIA ADVISORY

May 12, 2006

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EVENT: The Triton Junkyard Derby at the University of California, San Diego, during which students, staff and alumni test the laws of physics and mechanics by assembling pieces of junk into box cars for downhill races.

DATE/TIME: Friday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Finish line in front of Geisel Library. Start is the top of Peterson Hall hill.

BACKGROUND: Based on the popular TV show, "Junkyard Wars" on The Learning Channel, derby competitors have two days before the race to collect pieces of junk and assemble these in building the perfect boxcar...or anything capable of making it to the finish line. Donated items for use this year--the third annual--include a patio recliner, an ironing board, screen doors, a car hood and a lawn mower. A total 22 teams are entered, with two going off at a time from the starting gate. No engines are allowed, but brakes are required. The mini-Nascar route will be marked with hay bales and balloons. The Triton Junkyard Derby is presented by the UCSD Alumni Association and Triton Engineering Student Council. For more information visit www.alumni.ucsd.edu/derby.

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