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USD coach beats cancer, community celebrates

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Qualcomm Stadium hosted a fundraising event to fight against the devastating effects of Leukemia and Lymphoma. The event occurred Oct. 24, and is part of a nationwide campaign sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society known as the “Light the Night Walk.” The organization celebrated its 10th year of raising money for the research against the deadly diseases. Amongst the crowd were many students, student-athletes and faculty from USD who were there to support the cause and honor one of the special guests of the evening, USD men’s tennis coach Tom Hagedorn. Hagedorn was diagnosed with Leukemia in September, 2007, and after an intensive first week of treatment, he was notified that he would probably not live for more than 24 hours. What happened during those next 24 hours was deemed a medical miracle. Hagedorn fought during his first night and remarkably, his condition took a turn for the better. Doctors and nurses appropriately named Hagedorn “The Miracle Man.” He stayed in the hospital for about three more weeks until he was able to leave.

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California to allow Ron Paul write-in

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Ron Paul, the Texas Congressman who caused a stir during the Republican primaries with his unorthodox political philosophy, will still have a shot to make an impact this election. Despite withdrawing his bid for the Republican Party’s nomination earlier this year, Paul was officially certified as a write-in candidate in California for the upcoming elections.

Eric Garris of the LewRockwell.com blog first reported on Oct. 23 that Paul would be certified, which was confirmed on Oct. 24 when California Secretary of State Debra Bowen released the official list of certiﬁed write-in candidates.

Early in September, both Montana and Louisiana added Paul to their ballots, making California the third and most populous state to make him a factor in the November election.

The Constitution Party of Montana removed Reverend Chuck Baldwin from their presidential ticket and replaced him with Paul. In Louisiana, a group of electors, under the label of the Constitution Party with Paul, will still have a shot to make a difference.

Another potential candidate is Chuck Baldwin, representative of the Constitution Party with Darrell Castle as his running mate. According to the official Baldwin campaign website, the Constitution Party believes in limiting government under the Constitution as well as keeping a steadfast moral value present. The site adds that the Baldwin/Castle doctrine holds firm beliefs against foreign ownership in the United States. Baldwin aims to eliminate U.S. dependence on foreign countries all together.

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Students use alternative modes of transportation

Bucksley award recognizes outstanding professor

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The most prestigious award in the University of San Diego’s College of Arts and Sciences recognizes a teacher who is focused on teaching and impacts the lives of students.

Mrs. Darlene Davies established the grant in 1984 in remembrance of her husband, Lowell Davies, a lifetime enthusiast of theater and the arts. When the new Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Mary K. Boyd, presented her with a bouquet, she was met with a standing ovation from attendees, including 20 of the 25 previous Davies Award winners.

Dr. Kenneth Keith, a psychologistрад и the 2008 recipient of the Davies Award for Teaching Excellence was honored last Thursday in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the 25th anniversary of the accolade.

The award comes with a $1,000 grant that Keith plans to use toward attending the National Institute of Teaching Psychology. The recipient also gets his or her choice of an actual chair, office or rocking version, with a commemorative inscription. “At this time of my life the rocking chair is the best one,” Keith said of his decision.

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USD students consider third-party options for president

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Barack Obama and John McCain are not the only candidates running for the presidential election. As America enters the homestretch of the 2008 elections, voting for an alternative candidate remains a viable option for student voters and the independent-minded alike. Libertarian candidate Bob Barr will be on the ballots alongside his running mate Wayne A. Root. Libertarians traditionally believe that every individual has the right to do what they want to reach personal goals, as long as it doesn’t interfere or degrade those of their peers. Barr is generating more appeal by grounding his campaign on reforming the economy, an important issue that has caught the attention of the student body of USD.

“The most important aspect of this election is the economy,” senior Tom Nash said. “Neither Obama nor McCain know much about the economy. McCain is a National Security guru and Obama knows how to recite really emotional speeches. Politics is economics.”

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