Blake, Tylor named top ASI officials

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In light of an even lower voter turnout than the Associated Students Inc. presidential election May 6, Blake Bolton and Tylor Middlestadt captured 68 percent of the run-off votes to win the top two positions on campus. A mere 9.7 percent of the student body cast votes Wednesday.

The winners were announced at the bi-monthly ASI Board of Director’s meeting. Bolton and Middlestadt defeated Rory Scci-Marrion and Eric Ri, who mustered 32 percent of the votes. Scci-Marrion and Ri did not attend the meeting and were unavailable for comment.

“We were under the impression that a lot of people were going to vote in the ASI elections this year, so the turnout was a little disappointing,” Middlestadt said. “But one of our main goals for next year is to make students aware of what ASI does, so that they are better informed about their votes.”

The two candidate teams were forced into a run-off election after results from the May 6 vote failed to give a majority to either candidate. Middlestadt and Bolton led Scci-Marrion and Ri by 330 votes in the initial campaign but needed 50 percent of the vote to officially declare the winner. As successful write-in candidates, Middlestadt stressed that word-of-mouth support greatly aided their campaign.

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Bolton said their main goals for the 2004-05 school year will include promoting sustainability on campus, increasing off-campus housing and standing up for students’ rights.

Bolton and Middlestadt are both current members of the ASI Board of Directors. ASI President Allison Anderson said she has been working with the pair all year.

“All I can say is that they are really hard workers,” she said.

Anderson plans to bring Bolton and Middlestadt along to all meetings immediately, in order to give them a few weeks of training before the quarter ends.

And for the two, the added experience will be beneficial.

“It’s really great that we are going to be able to put the goals that we have been talking about into action,” Bolton said.

The pair will assume their ASI presidential offices in Fall 2004.

SLO’s infamous Mardi Gras: The party is officially over

Stacey Anderson

The party is over for San Luis Obispo.

Mardi Gras celebrations, including the traditional parade, were officially cancelled Wednesday in response to the riots a few months ago.

Organizers have not projected a time when festivities may commence in the future.

“We hope that the events of last Feb. 21 will serve as a catalyst for this town to once again lead the way in solving a community, as well as national, problem,” said 2004 Mardi Gras King and spokesman Allen Root. “For this year, we say goodbye to San Luis Obispo. We sincerely hope it is not the death knell.”

The committee’s decision was made under pressure from the City Council, which sent a unanimous letter asking for termination of the event.

Ending the parade was a conscious effort by the city to prevent the mayhem of the past fete, which exploded in 198 arrests, national headlines and cost the city more than $250,000.

“I don’t know if it will make a huge difference this first year,” he said. “I don’t know how word would get out. Students know Mardi Gras here as a fun place to drink and enjoy anonymity, and our local students are only a small part of it. It will probably still be a busy time and will take years to calm down.”

Private annual events will continue under new titles. The Mardi Gras Festival will become “The Gumbo Fest,” and the Mardi Gras Ball will be changed to “Le Grand Ball Masque.”

Without an official celebration, though, the city projects a loss of revenue, which annually brings in about $250,000 to the hospitality industry.

“Several of the community at large by the decision,” Root said. “Mardi Gras is about creative excess and it took us a long time to decide.”

Officials are hopeful that events will resume more calmly in the near future, when it becomes a more centralized event.

“We hope that solutions will emerge so that we can once again offer our beloved town its favorite event, the best Mardi Gras parade west of the Mississippi,” Root said.

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Grads get bonus on diplomas: signature of ‘The Terminator’

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LOS ANGELES — California college graduates are getting a bonus on their diplomas this year — the signature of a Hollywood superstar.

Now that Arnold Schwarzenegger is governor, his name appears on every degree awarded by the state’s two largest university systems. That has excited some graduates who are fans of the governor, but dismayed others who are not fond of his movies or politics.

“It kind of makes the diploma seem like a lot of a joke that an action hero has signed and validated it,” said Bridget O’Brien, who graduated in December from the University of California, Los Angeles. “I get a B.A. in geography, but I think my diploma is B.S.”

O’Brien, who opposed the recall election that propelled Schwarzenegger to the governor’s seat, was among the first batch of students to receive diplomas with the actor’s signature. The others will be given out after the more traditional graduation ceremonies this month.

Dean Theobald, who graduates this week from Humboldt State University, said the signature has symbolic value to him because Schwarzenegger rose from roots as an Austrian immigrant to become one of Hollywood’s biggest stars and governor of the nation’s most populous state.

“He is a man living the American dream, giving all hope for success,” said Theobald, a member of the Republican club on the campus, which is along the state’s northern coast near the Oregon border.

It’s not the first time college graduates in California have taken home diplomas with a famous signature. Ronald Reagan was governor for eight years, winning the first of his two terms in 1966.

But Schwarzenegger is one of the world’s most popular movie stars, far more popular than Reagan was. His name adds an amusing twist to the otherwise traditional document.

His signature will appear on the diplomas of the 125,000 students who graduate each year from the nine-campus University of California system and the 23-campus California State University system. His signature will not be included on degrees awarded by the state’s community colleges.

A column in the Daily Californian, the student newspaper at the University of California, Berkeley, suggested diplomas granted during Schwarzenegger’s tenure might become a collectors’ item. Some students even joked that they would consider putting their degrees up for bid on eBay.

A Schwarzenegger signature, however, lists for just $30 or less on the Internet auction site. The value of the diploma signatures could be even less because they are copies of one delivered to each campus by the governor’s office.
Sacramento — A key Assembly committee deferred action Wednesday on a bill to legalize same-sex marriage in California, placing the legislation in limbo as lawmakers examine its financial effects and supporters determine if they have the votes to pass it this year.

Although the bill passed another Assembly committee last month — which supporters said was the first time any gay marriage bill had passed a legislative panel in the nation — Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez said the legislation would most likely go no further this year.

Sacramento — Ruth Green, a Santa Barbara educator, was elected as president of the state Board of Education Wednesday.

Green, a Democrat, was appointed to the board in January by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. She has served as a member of the board of trustees for Santa Barbara elementary and high school districts. She has also served on state advisory panels on instructional materials and testing.

“Shes brings to the position of board president a strong background in curriculum and assessment, and long dedication to serving the needs of our most at-risk students,” said F. Keegan Connell, superintendent of public instruction.

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World Briefs

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An explosion ripped apart an Israeli armored vehicle Wednesday, killing five soldiers, in the second such attack by Palestinian militants in Gaza in two days.

Hours later, an Israeli missile attack killed seven Palestinians in a refugee camp, Palestinian medical officials said. Four other Palestinians were wounded in the missile strike on the Rafah camp near the Egyptian border, the medical officials said.

London — One of every 10 schoolchildren in the world is overweight, and about 45 million have an increased risk of developing diabetes, heart disease and other illnesses before the age of 20, said the first global assessment of child obesity.

The report, compiled by The International Obesity Task Force, estimates that at least 155 million children between the ages of 5 and 17, or about 10 percent of the total, are too heavy, while almost 45 million of them are obese.

The findings were submitted to the World Health Organization before next week’s critical vote by the world’s health ministers on whether to adopt a global strategy on diet, physical activity and health.

The strategy, which the U.N. health agency has been developing for two years, aims to head off a worldwide crisis in chronic diseases linked to bad eating habits and lack of exercise. A third of all deaths globally are from ailments linked to weight, lack of exercise and smoking.

MEXICO CITY — Mexican air force pilots filmed 11 bright, rapidly moving objects in the skies that an expert said proved the existence of UFOs, but defense officials said Wednesday no conclusions had been reached about the objects origins.

A videotape aired Monday on national television showed a series of brilliant objects flying at more than 1,900 feet over southern Campeche state. The tape was filmed March 5 by air force pilots using a video camera equipped with an infrared lens.

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Criteria: teaching excellence, outstanding professional development, service. Please provide specific examples that support your recommendation and include the name of the nominee and department, as well as your name and department.

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Artist draws on fortune telling for art exhibit, senior project

She sat in a room with Tarot cards in front of her, in the shape of a Celtic Cross. It was at this point that Rachelle Kam saw her future and knew exactly what she wanted to do for her senior project — and possibly with the rest of her life.

"The uncertainty of the future plagues the mind," Kam, an art and design senior with a studio art concentration, wrote. "Without reassurance, one may question faith, hope or prayer to make appropriate decisions in life. In the past, people knew exactly what she wanted to do for her senior project — and to a therapist," statistics junior, Tarot reader -DEBRA GUYTON

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Her project is the compilation of a year's worth of hard work and hours of research. "Tarot is something I've always been interested in," Kam said. "I could see these cards relating to anyone's life and that's why I chose it for my senior project."

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"People want to be comfortable."
The must-haves for women this
spring include skirts and heeled flip­

the top of the list.
"Shorter skirts is what's going on," said
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These hot items are found
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Schools, parents should regulate childhood obesity

Commentary

Childhood obesity is a rapidly growing problem. Five to 25 percent of children and teenagers in the United States are obese, not to mention the countless amount who are simply overweight. According to T.G. Lohman's "Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance," obesity in children is defined as an excessive accumulation of body fat. It's present when total body weight is more than 25 percent fat in boys and more than 32 percent fat in girls.

Being drastically overweight can cause many physical complications such as: pediatric hypertension, increased risk of coronary heart disease, high level of blood pressure, gall bladder disease, Type II diabetes and cholesterol problems, backache, drowsiness and headaches.

There are also many psychological problems that occur with obesity. These include low self-esteem, eating disorders, depression, increased suicide attempts and many more.

"Psychological effects are difficult to study, but obese children may be scarred permanently," Indiana State Rep. Charlie Brown said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Psychological concerns plague those obese children, not to mention the effects of harassment they might receive."

"I support the recent development at certain schools that have cut back on fatty foods served at lunchtime and disposed of all soda and candy vending machines, despite the effect on the school's annual revenue. This is important because school lunches account for about 20 percent of children's total weekly calorie intake."

These same schools are also adopting new physical education programs that include kids and junior high students at least four to five times a week. As of now, only one-third of elementary students exert daily physical activity, either at school or at home, according to www.kidsource.com.

In California alone, a Public Health Institute revealed that 95 percent of districts sell fast foods and junk foods on campus. In some school districts, as many as 90 percent of students are overweight, according to a state report. Former Gov. Gray Davis signed a bill in 2001 that will raise nutrition standards and put restrictions on the kinds of foods and drinks that can be sold in school vending machines beginning in July 2004.

Last year, California became the first state to ban the sale of soft drinks at elementary and junior high schools.

"About two dozen states are considering total bans or limits on vending machine products," Alissa Chung of The Associated Press said. "About 29 states already restrict students' access to junk food after lunch."

Another important step is for schools to send home monthly or semi-monthly newsletters about healthy eating and physical activity.

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Children should not be on the amount of fast food that their parents consume. Children's diets should include more sandwiches and salads instead of cheeseburgers and french fries.

Overall, schools and parents need to obtain a greater awareness of the health risks threaten their sons or daughters.

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Free press doomed when politics and business are intertwined

Commentary

In recent months, moviemakers such as Hollywood moguls Jerry Bruckheimer and Michael Moore all have been censored by the corporate news media for their opposition to policies of the Bush administration.

While our First Amendment protects us from government's infringement of free speech, it doesn't protect us from corporate censorship.

Companies like CBS, Sinclair and Disney have a huge responsibility to the American people and democracy.

They are the floodgates of information in our society. If they choose to filter and choose what news to make public and what to bury, they define the margins of our political debate.

But news corporations are built on profit. Unlike other types of corporations, they not only have an interest in how the public responds to policies, but the power to alter that response.

When documentaries like Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" have the power to out cut a corrupt president and sell back tens of millions of dollars in tax incentives, corporations give them the axe.

What you, the public, and I will be missing out on this time is a documentary detailing a shady system of deals and favors exchanged between the Bush oil fortune and the Saudi Arabian royal family, including that of Osama bin Laden.

As you will recall, 16 of the 18 terrorists in the Sept. 11 attacks were from Saudi Arabia. European news sources, including the BBC, have reported on a series of investigations relating to the war on terror that were quashed by the Bush administration when it looked like they were leading back to Saudi Arabia.

Moore believes Bush is covering for the corrupt Saudi Arabian monarchy, even though this 2-year-old monarchy is suspected of funding terrorism that kills Americans.

Disney's official reason for refusing to distribute Moore's film is that it does not want "to distribute a partisan political film that may offend some of our customers." This is the same Disney that distributes Sean Hannity's radio show and broadcasts Rush Limbaugh. Disney also distributed such noncontroversial classics as "Pulp Fiction" and "Kill Bill 2."

Moore believes it comes down to tax benefits bestowed on Disney theme parks and ventures from Wa's baby brother, Jeb.

Censorship of political discourse is one thing, but the national dialogue is a marketplace where the great ideas like sliced bread and sneakers prevailed while communism and Clear Pepsi get stale on the shelf.

On Monday, Sen. Tom Daschle said stifling democratic discourse corrodes our democracy. He also stated a fair and independent media is critical to preserving fair debate on pressing issues. That's why the founding fathers wrote a free press into the Bill of Rights. What Senator Daschle didn't point out is that a free press can't exist when corporate interests compete with the public interest.

When corporations eliminate the exchange of ideas that are not beneficial to them, such as the possibility that the man who gave us tax cuts is a tax slammer, the marketplace doesn't work.

OK, maybe Michael Moore is an attention-seeking sociopath, or even just a liar. But that's the case, what's the harm in letting him put out his silly nonsense so the reasonable public can roundly criticize him?

If his points are as worthless as Disney thinks they are, then distributing his film wouldn't jeopardize the Bush dynasty. And if he's onto something, then Disney has an obligation to let the man speak.

If the National Enquirer and men and women are being killed, tortured and raped because of someone's personal vendettas, the American public needs to know. If one of our leaders has inappropriate sexual acts to the leaders of a repressive monarchy where our troops are helping maintain the peace, the American public needs to know that too.

And if our healthy American corporations are censoring ideas because they might lose a few bucks, well, I guess at least you know that now.

Barbara Mayer is a writer for the Kansas State Collegian at Kansas State University.
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There is proof of Armenian genocide

I am writing in response to the letter "Governor capitalizing on historic tragedy" [Mar. 11]. I am disturbed by Karanen Men's comments regarding the Armenian genocide. She claims that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger comments regarding the genocide are propagandists, and there is no proof of any genocide during the World War I. Millions of Armenians were systematically killed and dragged through the desert, beaten, raped and burned alive along the way. About 1.5 million did not survive, and those lucky enough to survive became refugees in neighboring countries. If Mens wants peace, she should go read a few books. There are several surviving documents from high-ranking Turkish officials who urge and approve of the genocide of the Armenian people. Another form of proof is myself. My last name used to be Ekmekjian, as most Armenian last names end in "ian." But, my great grandfather, who had been living in Turkey in his whole life, had to remove the "ian" to avoid persecution. Now I have to live with this it already affects me. I urge everyone to take some time and research this topic on their own. You will be surprised how much you will learn. Armin Ekmekjian is an industrial tech­ nology sophomore.

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Shriver unveils ‘remarkable women’ exhibit

Jim Wasserman

SACRAMENTO — California is famous for its sunsets, mountains and Hollywood. But its women are also something to behold.

That’s the theme behind a new state museum exhibit that salutes some of the biggest names in California’s history — more than 200 women from astronaut Sally Ride to television chef Julia Child.

It’s the brainchild of first lady Maria Shriver.

Shriver, saying she quickly noticed a prominent lack of women’s images in the state Capitol museum, spurred the state Department of Parks and Recreation early this year to produce a major exhibit on women pioneers and other standouts in the arts, business, sports, entertainment and social world.

Shriver is to formally unveil the exhibit, dubbed “California’s Remarkable Women,” Wednesday night with her husband, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The show, opening Thursday at the California State History Museum near the Capitol, testifies to the influences of California women inside the state and beyond.

While spotlighting dozens of world-renowned superstars and celebrities, it displays three Academy Awards won by actress Elizabeth Taylor, the ice skates of Olympic gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi and a black dress worn by actress Julia Roberts as she received a Golden Globe award.

But it also honors 91-year-old molecular biologist Marguerite Vogt, still working at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, and former star Bridget “Biddy” Mason, who became one of the first black landowners in Los Angeles.

“I feel like I came from a great family of remarkable women. I continue to be inspired by them.”

—MARIA SHRIVER

California’s first lady

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“I feel like I came from a great family of remarkable women,” Shriver said while leading a tour Wednesday. “I continue to be inspired by them.”

She offered special praise for the late architect Julia Morgan, who became the first woman to graduate from L’Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, in 1902, then designed scores of buildings throughout California, including Hearst Castle.

“I love her. She’s so extraordinary. So ahead of her time,” Shriver said.

Shriver said she must likes the exhibit’s “red carpet of opportunity,” a stroll designed to impress young women of the wide array of careers available to them, from judge and archaeologist to mayor and wife. The walk ends before a sign where women can be photographed as “California’s first woman governor.”

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It's a few months away, and "Doc" wants for his shot like the next guy.

The confident senior calls the time leading up to that chance an "internship."

When it's over, former Mustang cornerback David "Doc" Richardson will head back to the place some call the "Longest City in the World" - Jacksonville, Fla., to his chance to make a living the way most men dream - playing football.

His internship is maneuvering the Jacksonville Jaguars playbook as he strengthens his muscles and runs his already sculpted body into premier form.

Richardson, an NFL rookie free agent hopes by Sept. 5 — the day of final cuts — he will have impressed an already-interested Jaguars coaching staff.

The Jaguars want to earn a starting corner in one of the most challenging conferences in football — the AFC South.

If he does he'll get $353,000 over two years.

"I've never been the type of person in awe of someone else, backing in the glory of another man playing football," Richardson said. "I'll play him no matter who he is. I'll do him up as good as anyone else. I'll go up against anyone."

A week ago, the ex-Mustang backed it up at the Jaguars mini-camp.

First, he picked off a Byron Leftwich pass Leftwich, by the way, is the Jaguars' starting quarterback and "the future of the team." Then he5hit off backup quarterback Doug Johnson's pass twice.

He's been called by a Jaguar reporter one of the "stars of the (team's) undrafted class."

Now he sits in San Luis Obispo, continuing to work with the Mustang football team until he heads back to Florida for rookie workouts. In July, he will attend training camp.

For now, it is studying a defense that looks a lot different from the Cal Poly defense he familiarized himself with for four years.

"The playbook is a little harder to have a lot of scouts here," Richardson said. "A big thing you have to know, the motorsport is that you know it so you can just react instead of thinking what to do."

"Being a rookie is a challenge in general, Richardson learned by talking to such NFL veterans as safety Deon Grant (ten-year player) and cornerback Dwanye Washington (10-year player).

"I asked them if they were as confused as I was," Richardson said. "They said, 'We were more confused.'"

But Richardson has shown no sign for the job ahead of him.

Even when the idea of knocking down passes shown by ex-MVP quarterbacks Steve McNair and Peyton Manning, both on AFC South teams, was questioned, "Doc" responded, "Knock down! I'll pick 'em off."

As a corner for Cal Poly, Richardson found a way to make himself a full NFL free agent while playing for a Division-IAA program. He finished with 167 tackles, 95 solo stops, three sacks, 10 tackles for lost yardage, 20 pass breakups and 10 interceptions. His final year he was selected to the American Football Coaches Association's DI-AA All-America Team and played in the La Vegas All-American Classic.

Richardson credits Cal Poly defensive coordinator David Brown with getting him national recognition despite the small-school status.

"It's a little harder to have a lot of scouts here," Richardson said. "Brown did a lot of that work. He helped me out tremendously."

"Richardson came to Cal Poly on a football scholarship after being an all-everything in football, baseball, wrestling and track and field at St. Bernard High School in Playa Del Rey.

Now he's at the stage he believed he would reach since he was a little kid.

"I'm going to approach it the same way I always have, this is just the final stage," Richardson said. "I'm going to work, even hard now that I'm here."

Many of the current Mustangs were curious about the experience of their former teammate.

"It's the first time I've seen him since the camp and I want to hear about the other side," freshman offensive lineman Curtis Thomas said. "I want to know and it's pretty good to have a first-hand connection."

"Whether it's a football player or a doctor, you want to get paid for what you're doing."

-DAVID RICHARDSON

Jaguar cornerback

Richardson has set an example for many of the cornerbacks at Cal Poly, which of him is housed with a line during the summertime.

To take the next step he'll likely have to beat out some of the current cornerbacks to be one of the four or five a team typically keeps. For now, Washington, Janm Golden and Rasheem Mathis are the top cornerbacks, Richardson said.

"It's my career," Richardson said. "Just like the next man that wants to make money. Whether it's a football player or a doctor, you want to get paid for what you're doing."

"You get a little bit here after games and what not, chilling with the little kids and signing autographs," Richardson said. "But now it's grown men and women. They'll go sell it on eBay. They got the media surrounding the whole field and it's a big practice field. It's a pretty awesome experience."

Richardson's mini-camp routine was rough: waking up at 6 a.m., work until 7 p.m., dinner and then studying the playbook until sleep. The work was similar to what it was like in high school and college Richardson said.

"The trainers come over with water," Richardson said. "In college you get your own water bottle and squirt it in your mouth. Now a guy comes up to you and squirts it in your mouth for you like you're a superstar or something. I didn't like that, I could do it myself."

As he heads to that "final stage," "Doc" seems confident and relaxed for a man that's waiting for his shot like the next guy.

SPORTS

Losers' lament

Commentary

It's bad, but it could get much worse.

There's no sugarcoating it, even considering the tough competition.

It's been dreadful lately.

But I've got five reasons Mustang baseball players and fans should feel better about the situation.

There are some of the worst losing streaks of all time. It got so bad for these teams that the losing was addictive, familiar and unfortunate for die-hard fans.

1. 1962 New York Mets (40-128)

The "Worst Team Ever," this bunch lost 17 in a row and prompted haranguing coach Casey Stengel to say to his outfielders, "When one of them guys hits a single to you, throw the ball away - we need problems." That way we can hold them to a double.

That's what happens when your team has games that draw 95 fans.

The Mets lost a season reasonable paycheck.

2. 1968 Boston Braves (38-115)

This team achieved a 15-game losing streak, went bankrupt after the season and was forced to move to Milwaukee.

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The losing even persuaded Babush Radh to time to retire. He played only 28 games before throwing in the towel.

3. 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers (9-73)

This "team" accorded losing bad ol' days when you might hear the New York Knicks' record.

4. 1989-92 Sacramento Kings (36-127)

This team road losing streak.

5. 1916 Philadelphia Athletics (36-127)

At least they had fan favorite's Spud Smith.

IncRidibly, the Mets were 9 1/2 games out of first place after their first game road losing staak.

None could delve to this low. They finally finished with 95 fans. The losing left them with a reasonable paycheck.

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Today's Question

What other two pitchers started 6-0 after switching leagues?

Yesterday's answer: Lopez was coached seven teams in the NBA Playoffs. Congrats to our first.

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