

ANHEUSER BUSCH COMPANIES INC
Form DEFA14A
April 07, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)**

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Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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April 8, 2004

Dear Shareholder(s):

The time is approaching for the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. on April 28, 2004, and our vote tabulator has not received your Proxy.

It is important that your shares be represented at the meeting. **PLEASE VOTE IN ONE OF THE THREE WAYS AS DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED DUPLICATE PROXY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Sincerely,

JoBeth G. Brown
Vice President and Secretary

YOU CAN VOTE IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

**ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES,
INC.
ONE BUSCH PLACE
ST. LOUIS, MO 63118-1852**

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone from the US or Canada 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on April 27, 2004, the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions. There is no charge to you for this call.

VOTE BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on April 27, 2004, the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we provide.

**IF YOU WISH TO VOTE BY TELEPHONE OR INTERNET,
HAVE YOUR PROXY CARD IN HAND.**

THANK YOU FOR VOTING

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR
RECORDS

DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.

**The Board of Directors recommends
a vote FOR Item 1.**

| | For All | Withhold All | For All Except | To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, mark For All Except and write the nominee's number on the line below. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS | | | | |
| 01) August A. Busch III | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | |
| 02) Carlos Fernandez G. | | | | |
| 03) James R. Jones | | | | |
| 04) Andrew C. Taylor | | | | |
| 05) Douglas A. Warner III | | | | |

**The Board of Directors recommends a
vote FOR Item 2.**

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| 2. APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

(Sign exactly as your name appears above; in the case of shares held by joint owners, all joint owners should sign; fiduciaries should indicate title and authority.)

Yes No

Please indicate if you plan to attend this meeting

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX] Date

Signature (Joint Owners) Date

PLEASE ADMIT SHAREHOLDER LISTED ON REVERSE SIDE

NON-TRANSFERABLE

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

April 28, 2004, 10:00 A.M. (local time) at Ports of Call at SeaWorld of Florida,
7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, Florida

Each stockholder may be asked to present valid picture identification, such as driver's license or employee identification badge, in addition to this admission ticket.

q FOLD AND DETACH HERE q

PROXY

Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

This Proxy Solicited on Behalf of The Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders

The person(s) signing this proxy form hereby appoints August A. Busch III, Patrick T. Stokes, and JoBeth G. Brown as proxies, each with the power of substitution and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this form, all of the shares of stock that the undersigned would be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. to be held at Ports of Call at SeaWorld of Florida, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, Florida, on April 28, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. local time and at any adjournments thereof.

THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER INDICATED BY THE STOCKHOLDER. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH INDICATION, SUCH SHARES WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS IN ITEM 1 AND FOR ITEM 2. THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE

**VOTED IN THE DISCRETION OF SAID PROXIES WITH RESPECT
TO SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE
THE MEETING AND ANY ADJOURNMENTS THEREOF.**

(Be sure to sign and date the reverse side of this form)

