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Jesse Jackson, Jr. to Speak Tonight in Shiley Theatre

by Laura G. Morton

Jesse Jackson, Jr., son of former presidential candidate Reverend Jesse Jackson, will speak in Shiley Theatre tonight at 6:30p.m as part of the festivities celebrating what would have been the sixty-second birthday of the late Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Various student organizations from the School of Law came together to present a week-long program designed to heighten student awareness of the important role King played in the fight for equality of all races and the importance of this holiday for African-Americans.

Jackson, Jr. is here from the University of Illinois, where he attends law school, to help spread the message of equal rights. His father, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, was an aide to King and has been successful in focusing the national political debate on the issue of equality.

Jackson, Jr. has served as an aide to his father in his bids for the Democratic presidential nominations. In 1990, Jackson, Jr. was named one of the top 30 leaders of the future by Ebony Magazine. He has made numerous television appearances including 60 Minutes, CBS Morning News, and Oprah Winfrey.

Angela Moore, president of the Black Law Students Association, underscored the importance of having a celebration of this type on this campus. According to Moore, students worked long hours and faced many obstacles while putting the week-long program together and the University still has a long road to travel before all students on campus really believe in equality for all.

It is important to raise the awareness of the students here at the University of San Diego, Moore said, "There are still problems on this campus with the attitude many students have towards all people of color."

Other festivities include the following. Today there is a panel discussion on "Dialogues and Progress Between African-Americans and Jews after Martin Luther King, Jr." at 12pm. Tomorrow, Regina Petty, a partner at Gray, Cary, Ammons and Frye speaks on "Minorities and Women in the Law" at 12pm and Judge Martin, USD Visiting Professor, speaks on the "Legacy of Civil Rights Act: Racial Separation vs. Racial Integration" at 4:30pm. On Thursday at 12pm, Thomas Gayton, Civil Rights Consultant, discusses "Where Do We Go From Here?" Winners of the SBA-sponsored raffle will be announced at a kegger on the back patio of the Law School Thursday afternoon at 5pm.

Fellmeth Completes Term as State Bar Discipline Monitor

by Julie D'Angelo

Professor Robert C. Fellmeth and USD's Center for Public Interest Law recently released the Final Report of the State Bar Discipline Monitor, culminating a five-year investigation and effort to reform the State Bar's discipline system.

The Bar Discipline Monitor position was created by the California legislature in 1986, and Fellmeth was appointed to fill the position by former state Attorney General John Van de Kamp in January 1987. The 1986 legislation came in response to widespread public dissatisfaction with the speed, fairness, independence, and adequacy of the State Bar's discipline system, which at that time was controlled by practicing attorneys. The position was created to investigate the Bar's attorney discipline system and recommend reforms.

During the past five years, the Bar has made several hundred changes to all aspects of its discipline system. Many of these changes were implemented administratively at the suggestion of Fellmeth; some were in

Supreme Court Abortion Rights Activist to Speak

On January 31, Frank Susman, noted U.S. Supreme Court advocate, will speak at USD about his experiences before the Supreme Court and will predict the outcome of cases now pending before the Court. Susman, a 47-year-old lawyer from St. Louis, has been representing abortion rights organizations for nearly two decades. The Women's Law Caucus and the Student Bar Association are co-sponsoring this event.

Tied a student to law school form is not a University-wide issue. President Gordon, Jr. was drafted by Fellmeth. Fellmeth's term (and the Discipline Monitor position) sunsets on December 31, 1991.

The voluminous Final Report acknowledges that the discipline system of the State Bar has made substantial progress over the past five years. Highlights of that progress include the dissipation of huge consumer complaint backlogs which have historically choked the system. For example, the backlog in the Bar's Office of Investigations has been reduced from almost 4,000 to fewer than 100 cases.

Most important, the Bar has agreed to divest itself of making discipline decisions. Instead of its previous system of using volunteer practicing attorneys to investigate and preside over disciplinary hearings concerning their colleagues, the Bar has created a professional and independent State Bar Court. One of six, full-time judges presides over the accused attorney's hearing, and a three-judge panel handles a one-step appeal. None of these persons is a practicing attorney.

' 'Sexual Orientation' Added to Non-discrimination Statement

MEMORANDUM

TO: Law School Community

FROM: Kristine Strachan, Dean

RE: Non-Discrimination Statement: Sexual Orientation

Sister Furay has responded to the GALLSA request concerning two issues: 1) the overall University of San Diego non-discrimination statement, and 2) the statement in the School of Law application form for admission.

The first issue cited above is a University-wide issue. To go beyond the federal civil rights categories in that statement would require approval of the Board of Trustees, following internal discussion which will be under way shortly but which will take some time.

Inclusion of the expanded non-discrimination statement on the School of Law application form is not a University-wide issue. President Hughes and Sr. Furay discussed the matter and stated in writing: since the University has not in the past and will not in the future discriminate against applicants for admission based upon their sexual orientation, they find it appropriate to expand the statement in the School of Law application form, adding "sexual orientation" to the list of federal civil rights categories, and using the language of those federal statutes. A new statement should be as follows:

"The University of San Diego School of Law does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation in the administration or status of students."
July 1991 Bar Passage Results: CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following Juris Doctor graduates who were successful on the July 1991 California Bar Examination.

- Leslie Ann Greathouse
- Louisa Ann Golden
- Brian Thomas Hackley
- Lisa Marie Goeden
- Heidi Jill Graham
- Kathryn Ann Gooding
- James Anthony Girolami
- Patrick Robert John Fresch
- Patrick Robin Lynn Ferch
- Bradley Stephen Ellis
- Kathleen Marie Ewins
- Kelly Regan Elliot
- Richard Ehrman
- Mitchell Aaron Driskill
- Deryk Shaun Doty
- Rodolfo Rosario Diaz, Jr.
- Thomas Frank DiPaolo
- Dennis Ralph Dollar
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- Robin Lynn Ferch
- Patrick Francis Flynn
- Darcy Alana Prager
- Kathleen Ann Franke
- Robert Jon Franch
- Patrick Sheridan Galvin
- William Charles Day
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VALENTINES PERSONALS

The next issue of Motions will be published on February 11, mere days from the time you will want to cuddle with that special someone and a fine bottle of Moet. Send a message to them through Motions. All persons are free. The only requirements are that they be under 30 words and in (reasonably) good taste. Get them to us by Monday, February 3 and surprise that special someone. Or if you're looking, advertise for that special someone.
Fireside Chats With Kristine Strachan: Dean Addresses Non-discrimination Policy, MLK Day and USD Study Abroad Program

by Mary A. Smigielski

"If you compare it with a summer job, the educational benefits are vastly much more. The contrary point of view is that there are placement opportunities offered by these summer jobs. I don't think that is to be sneezed at, especially in this market. But more and more we see people doing these programs between their first and second years who are not a lot of jobs available. I think some of our former programs to focus on East-West trade law, Mexican-American trade law, and EC law is also a placement opportunity. I don't think you can get that very easily in American legal education. Firms are going to be hiring people who are familiar with that area of law."

Dean Kristine Strachan

Upcoming

Grades

By now most of us have ventured into the Records office to ask that all important question: "When do we get our grades?"

It's a common refrain after finals to find out what we got. According to records, grades will be mailed to students the second week of February.

They're Coming Back! Undergrads!

Just so you can prepare for the sudden influx of students and cars: the undergraduates resume classes next Wednesday, January 29.

Moot Court: Con. Law Competition

The problem for the 1992 St. Thomas More Constitutional Law Competition was distributed last Wednesday, January 15. The problem is still available in the Moot Court Office. It is due next Wednesday, January 29. Bailiffs are welcome to sign up as well. Any questions?

Public Interest Law Career Forum

USD's Public Interest Law Organization will sponsor a Career Forum on Wednesday, February 12 at 4pm. Speakers from several national public interest groups will present information and answer questions on job opportunities in this field. A wine and cheese reception will follow in the UC. WatchSidebar for details.

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Do you have any comment on the new non-discrimination statement?

"It was initiated by a combination of forces. There is a movement within the Association of American Law Schools to ban this kind of discrimination. I think there is a widespread sentiment in the faculty that discrimination of this kind is inappropriate. The gay and lesbian student organizations were important in keeping the focus on everyone on the issue. The USD Board of Trustees because educated on this subject when the issue of registration of their graduate and undergraduate student organizations arose. They approved of that without any question. I think this statement was an outgrowth of that. A number of forces came together in an unusual display of unanimity and harmony to make it clear where USD stands on the question of discrimination.

What is the current status of work on the new attendance policy?

"That is on the agenda for the January 24 meeting of the faculty. However, we have so many things coming up that it may get put over to the February faculty meeting."
LEXIS Certification Offered to First-years

by Brent Bernau
LRC Assistant Director

A new option in this year’s computer-assisted legal research instruction of first-year law students, is a certification program offered by Mead Data Central, providers of the LEXIS database. It is specifically designed to give those people completing it an advantage in the law clerk job market.

The program was created in response to law firms who are interested in hiring students who use the system proficiently and not require more training on the firm’s time and money, according to Suzanne Bacon, USD’s LEXIS representative.

"Everyone puts ‘LEXIS Trained’ on their resumes, but few go above that," said Bacon.

"The certificate program is for the students to ‘prove’ to their potential employers that they have gone above and beyond traditional LEXIS law school training. It distinguishes them from those who have simply completed the basic LEXIS requirement of their Legal Research class."

Where having "LEXIS Trained" on a resume may be ambiguous to a firm, listing completion of the certificate program will let the firm know the individual has completed a specific number of hours of training, no matter what law school they might attend. Bacon said Mead plans to promote the program to their law firm subscribers.

First-years are still required to attend the introductory lecture and complete hands-on training sessions on both Westlaw and LEXIS, as part of their Lawyering Skills I course requirements. This basic component has been in place for four years. Basic training begins today and concludes February 8. LRC staff will conduct 10 individual training sessions during the two-week period covering the basics of searching LEXIS and Westlaw.

Those who wish to be LEXIS-certified will have the option of signing up for an additional 90 minutes of advanced training to be conducted by Bacon at the LRC. February 10-21. This extra 90 minutes, combined with the two hours spent at the lecture and basic hands-on training conducted by the LRC staff, will meet the 3.5-hour training requirement necessary for certification.

Areas to be covered in the certificate training include advanced search logic, cost effective search techniques, short cut, citation services and LEXIS/USER.

Unfortunately for upperclass students, the certificate program is only available to first-years at this time. However, advanced training will be offered to upperclass students during the same time period. Also Mead will conduct Fast Track training in April geared to individuals with summer clerkships.

While Westlaw does not have a comparable program in place, first-years will still complete the basic training offered by LRC staff.

Any questions regarding the certificate program or computer-assisted legal research training generally, can be directed to the LRC Reference Department.

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

Buy your textbooks and outlines early this semester!!!

The USD Bookstore will be moving soon. Due to the lack of storage space, we will begin returning textbooks to the publishers on February 20!
Concerns, and the amended proposal apprised of the existence of this committee, nor was a student member asked to sit on the fall governing. For this reason we will be funding those activities that serve a wide segment of the student body.

My main objective was to increase the student voice in administrative decisions that I thought it would be a good idea to update you on some of the things that I set out to do in my first year again. The budget requests for the spring semester are due in the Spring, and I thought these activities the selection of the last semester you did not hesitate to contact me.

The following groups have contributed a significant amount of work to the program and deserves to be acknowledged, in the last semester has seen increasing efforts by student groups to hold joint meetings and events. This conserves SBA resources by allowing us to allot less money for receptions and speakers. Of course, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration has been the most outstanding col. Cumulative improvement of student groups I have seen. The following groups have contributed a portion of their spring budget allotment or helped contribute to the celebration in some way. BALSA, La Raza, Women's Law Caucus, GALLSA, APALSA, Christian Legal Society, Jewish Law Students, Feminist Society, and GALLSA. Angela Moore has been instrumental in bringing Jesse Jackson, Jr. to speak in Camino Theatre tonight at 6:30 pm. Moore, President of BALSA, has worked very hard to put together many of the programs during the celebration week and deserves to be commended! There will be a reception following the Jackson event. Also, David Hicks has worked to put together a raffle where you will be able to buy tickets for various prizes to be raffled off this Thursday at 5pm. Please purchase at least one ticket to show your support for the events. Tickets can be purchased through your SBA representatives, and the proceeds will go to pay for the Celebration expenses. The events began last Wednesday with a birthday party and celebration kick-off, and continue every day at noon and in the evening until January 23. Check the posters for more details.

Shawn Randolph: The SBA President's Report

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Before writing this report I reviewed my platform from the 1991 Motions election issue to make sure I have been accomplishing some of the things that I set out to do in my term as SBA President. I thought it would be a good idea to update you on some of the things I have been working on. My main objective was to increase the student voice in administrative decisions that affect students. During the last two months of fall semester I worked to give student input into the new attendance policy that will be adopted next year. A faculty committee was formed to address the ABA concerns regarding low class attendance. The faculty drafted a proposal that some places appeared unfair to students. The SBA was not apprised of the existence of this committee, nor was a student member asked to sit on the committee until after the proposal was drafted. I was, however, allowed to speak as the student representative in the faculty meetings where the proposal was discussed. The faculty listened to and debated student concerns, and the amended proposal will be voted on this month. I will keep you apprised of the new policy.

Secondly, in the coming month I will be working with the Dean Strachan and the SBA appointed graduation committee, chaired by Judy Hartwig, to work at changing the University's policy regarding the selection of the law school commencement speaker. As it stands, students have little formal input. Students have also been afforded an increased voice in faculty tenure decisions through the Dean's Student Advisory Council. The Student Advisory Council is comprised of elected SBA representatives and other appointed students and sits to give advice to the Dean on various matters, including student evaluations of professors up for tenure. If you have any suggestions as to other administrative matters that you think the SBA should have a voice in, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I have also worked very hard at other objectives, mainly improving communication between the SBA and students by bringing student groups together to achieve common goals. Some of the communication improvements include the implementation of the SBA master calendar posted outside the Writs, the SBA suggestion box, increased announcements in Siderbar, and hopefully increased announcements in your classes by your SBA representatives. During the spring semester you will also see excerpts from SBA meeting minutes printed in Siderbar. While all students are invited to attend SBA meetings, reading the minutes in Siderbar is a more convenient way to keep yourself apprised of what your student government is doing. If you have any suggestions or comments on how the SBA can more effectively communicate with you, please contact me. As my promise to work to bring student groups together to achieve common goals, the last semester has seen increasing efforts by student groups to hold joint meetings and events. This conserves SBA resources by allowing us to allot less money for receptions and speakers. Of course, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration has been the most outstanding col. Cumulative improvement of student groups I have seen. The following groups have contributed a portion of their spring budget allotment or helped contribute to the celebration in some way: BALSA, La Raza, Women's Law Caucus, GALLSA, APALSA, Christian Legal Society, Jewish Law Students, Feminist Society, and GALLSA. Angela Moore has been instrumental in bringing Jesse Jackson, Jr. to speak in Camino Theatre tonight at 6:30 pm. Moore, President of BALSA, has worked very hard to put together many of the programs during the celebration week and deserves to be commended! There will be a reception following the Jackson event. Also, David Hicks has worked to put together a raffle where you will be able to buy tickets for various prizes to be raffled off this Thursday at 5pm. Please purchase at least one ticket to show your support for the events. Tickets can be purchased through your SBA representatives, and the proceeds will go to pay for the Celebration expenses. The events began last Wednesday with a birthday party and celebration kick-off, and continue every day at noon and in the evening until January 23. Check the posters for more details.
First-years Start on Road to Recovery with PDP

from Phi Delta Phi

January 21, 1992 -- MOTIONS

It was after the first-year students' last final, Criminal Law. They came down the stairs and elevator to the first floor like zombies in anticipation of cold beer provided by Phi Delta Phi. They looked exhausted, many were unshaven and almost all had bloodshot eyes in dark, hollow sockets. They had been deprived of basic necessities such as sleep and proper nutrition for the past tortuous week or more. However, after a well-deserved beer and exclamations of relief, everyday looked revived and ready to party. Just as a messenger from upstairs came down to the noise level, the keg ran dry. But for most, the party had just begun, and would continue at fine establishments such as Fibber's. Here is what first-years had to say about finals and how law school has changed their lives.

"It's over. I know I messed up and I failed, but I don't care. I'm just happy that it's all over. Now, I just want to spend the next two weeks in a drunken state." "My brain is like mush. I can't even remember what I ate for lunch yesterday. It has gone into overdrive and stopped functioning." "Whenever I see that drug campaign ad where they crack open an egg and fry it, I will think: this is my brain; this is my brain on Contacts."

"My life is pathetic. I have gone topsy-turvy. Law school, my least favorite things to do were laundry and grocery shopping. Now, I see them as leisure activities— a nice break from studying." "I have really sick dreams. They involve some of my professors and they are really twisted and perverse and I can't tell you about them or you will send me straight into analysis." "I dream that there was a class that I just realized I'd forgotten to go to all semester and that it was impossible to ever be prepared for the exam." "I dream that I slept through an exam."

The Client Letter You Have Always Wanted to Write

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jester:

Two Winnin Court
San Diego, California 92110

Mr. and Mrs. Jester:

My senior partner, Mr. Davenport, with whom you spoke
last week, has asked me to write to you. (His precise words were: "Get those freeloadin' cheapskates off my back, will you?"") He would have liked to do this himself, but the recent accusations against him, you may have read about this in the newspaper—of forcible rape of the 13-year-old Girl Scout who came to his door selling cookies has occupied his attention. We are convinced these allegations are invalid, even though he was terribly distracted at the time by his recent conviction for income tax evasion. But he also had your important case on his mind! We know how greatly this disturbed his mental equilibrium, and made you, in part, responsible for his unfortunate situation (the relevant legal doctrine is rex ipso loquitur, which means, "the King can do no wrong"). Criminal charges may also be filed against you, too, by agents (regnant diligence, loosely, "in due course"), because you caused his disturbed mental state. If he is convicted on criminal charges, such as rape or felonious assault, being a respected attorney, he will probably have to spend more money the IRS can trace. Our first step is usually to write a nasty threatening letter to the other party. We make it clear that we will not take any crap or guff. We intimidate and coerce them with a warning that unless they shape up, we will have them in court before they can say habeus corpus. (Loosely, "Ouch!") We tell them we are prepared to go all the way, even to the People's Court, unless they come up with the dough! And we take only cash—no certified checks, or anything the IRS can trace. Our fees for such extraordinary work of course are sky-high. We charge about 40% of your annual income (before taxes, travel expenses not included) when you become our client. But for this high price, you do get value. To send a letter, in your case, we would have to transmit the following: rex ipso loquitur.

Now, as to the facts of your claim. You claim to have received the leaflet, from a young boy. The other side also claims that you arrived at the hotel, the party had just begun, and that it was impossible to ever be prepared for the exam. Following this, at the close of the presentation, while you abstained yourself to sniff cocaine in the men's room (Sefores), several witnesses will verify that Mrs. Jester stripped to the waist and flung herself at the Speaker, complaining bitterly of your poor sexual performance on the honeymoon, and demanding that he satisfy her voracious sexual lusts. (The fact that Mrs. Jester has four prior convictions for various sexual offenses, and two convictions for drug abuse, was also noted by the other side.) Whereas, and hereinafter as claimed, in view of the fact that commodious ex injuria non curatur (No one should profit from his or her own wrong) should apply, we feel confident in claiming our clients will triumph. Trust me, I'm a lawyer. Now that we have given you so much legal advice, please remit your check for $14,000 as a retainer ($12,000 if you wish to pay cash). We must have this in hand by Wednesday, or the District Attorney, who is virtually in bed, as we may say (actually, they use a hot tub), with my secretary, will be forced to pursue the criminal matter mentioned supra. (I.e. above.)

The party of the first part (you) and the party of the second part (Condos Magnificos) are now joined in what is called legal battle. The party of the second part refuses, under any circumstances, to permit the party of the first part to spend time at their hotel, due to what they claim is prior drunken, drug-crazed, lewd, licentious, and immoral behavior. The party of the second part has sworn solemn oaths that the party of the second part will prosecute the party of the first part for pederasty should the party of the second part enter the city of Turista again. There will not be a pleasant party under those circumstances.

We, on the other hand, are determined to get you your rights. To uphold the principles of American justice, we will get the judgments we need. Ipsa dixit (keep your fingers crossed) is our motto. Looking forward to being your attorney and representing you in many legal matters, I remain, your obedient servant,

Clarence Pettigrew Ill, Esq.
Counselor-at-Law

For those curious about the degree of competitiveness encountered by law school applicants for the 1991-93 school year, consider the median scores of USD's incoming class of 1991-92. Applications for the day program totaled 3,733, with 255 enrolled; for the evening program, 609 applications were received, and 79 enrolled. The median GPA for last year's class was 3.34 (day), and 3.2 (evening). LSAT medians were 38 (day), and 37 (evening). 45% of those enrolled in 1991 were women, and minorities represent 18% of the class. Median age for the day program was 23, for the evening, 29.
Le Gringo et L'Hollywood dans Paris

Violin Dingue, Somewhere in Paris

Gringo: There are three kinds of drinking establishments in the City of Lights: pubs, disco, and cafes. I recommend that you scorc the disco and concentrate on the other two, but mostly on the pubs. The Violin Dingue ("Crazy Violin") is definitely a pub: it's filled with all manner of English speaking peoples in a loud, crowded, smoky, hot-diggity-darn authentic atmosphere. Drinks aren't especially expensive in Europe, but wines. A note to think about: home slurping down vin de pays (known affectionately as "the wine that pays"), then head on over to the best happy hour in Paris: everything is half price from 6-9pm so you can get a pint of beer for $3 (cheaper than Fibber McGees). Good music too; it'll make you feel right at home.

Hollywood: Of all the gin joints in all the world I spent most of my time walking into this one. I can't believe I never walked the two more blocks to Napoleon's grave, the Hotel des Invalides. This is a very smoky and disgusting hole in the wall in all of Paris. Imagine coming halfway across the world just to end up at O'Connell's. Little wonder that no Parisians had been there since the German invasion—they knew that even the Germans wouldn't be able to drink the moonshine beer they serve there. However, during happy hour it was cold and cheap. You will need at least three to survive the heat and the stench of last night's cigarettes.

However, other than the chic Baine Douche, this is the one place where I was able to utilize my Don Juan charm to secure a date with a lovely French maiden. I think she was just impressed with my study prowess at arm wrestling, which takes the place of pool here. Gringo won money; I don't know how he found someone more dense, I mean uneducated in betting, to wager against me, particularly at three-to-one odds. If you ever tire of French TV, including 'All in the Family' and 'Sexy Clips,' come here to watch American silent movies like 'Field of Dreams.'

Banana Cafe, Lombard Street, maybe Chatelet/Les Halles, definitely Hollywood: A must for anyone who wants to make the scene. Patrons come here to eat one on before Les Bains/Baine Douche, get it on downstairs in a most cozy lounge to or welcome the dawn, when the place closes. From the dyed red-hair, cat-eyed, boom-reveling waitress through the gossipy club queens to the micro mini-skirt wearing most beautiful women ever, it all happens here. Although technically a cafe, it does have a happening bar scene. In general, Tennessee whiskey is more expensive in Paris, but the prices here are reasonable, and the wine was only 18 franks, approximately $3. Banana Cafe also features a lovely high-tech downstairs lounge and always offers a generous supply of chips and ranch dressing and freshly cut interior hors d'oeuvres. Comparable to Cafe Lulu in style of patrons and beauty of interior, but surpasses it in terms of action.

Gambrino's, Lombard Street

Gringo: A cool place but you'd never know it from the outside. Advertising itself as having over four thousand different beers on tap (Gambrino is a god of beer), it is from its looks a simple cafe. However, dear reader, be not fooled! On weekend nights starting about ten or eleven, there is a basement to this simple place and it transforms itself like Clark Kent in a phone booth or rather like the Incredible Hulk in a moment of stress. The basement is more or less tied together and is filled with drunk revelers singing along with the band to American blues and rock. A rowdy, outstanding time was had by all except Hollywood, who seemed to cater to mostly a very sexually liberal crowd, but everybody's welcome. However, when I went in there with Hollywood a couple of times, I received the sort of looks that made me blush! Not a place though in general; try going downstairs if it's open—there's a smaller lounge where things are quieter and the service better.

Hollywood: The most beautiful study/necking environment in all the world, plus wine. An enchanting environment for conversation, law and passing love notes. Laugh at your friends as they walk home from the Pompidou Library; furthermore, this cafe is open later. Behave as the Parisians on a budget and order espresso for $2.00, never drink it, and just order refill of water. Enjoy premium wine for $3 a glass, or go for the carafe of country wine for the same amount. Women sing that they game, but hey, its French, and costs top dollar back home. Don't take it personally; they unload it for cheap in Paris.

Cafe Beaubourg, near Georges Pompidou Centre

Gringo: Good. Your traditional Euro-cafe with moody waiters, really bad food, and a cheap house wine. Typically filled with people smoking particularly odorous cigarettes who are avoiding the food. Not a bad place to study as long as you realize that you won't actually do any studying. Much better decor than most of the other cafes in town—designed by Paul Sarrir or Phillip Stark or some one like that.

Hollywood: The Violin Dingue was right: this place is a disco. Nevertheless, we spent my twenty-sixth birthday night here. Disco ball, mirrors, and small lights create a 1970s effect in Paris, although they never played KC and the Sunshine Band. Break out your bell bottoms, platforms or at least polka-dots shirts and visit La Scala. The cover charge entitles patrons to one very stiff cocktail, and if you haven't learned to brown bag it yet, start here. Drink freely in the empty and spacious bathroom, but you will pay dearly at the bar. The cost was 80 franks, about $13 and well worth it for a night of high energy dancing in a glorious disco.

Cafe Costes, near Les Halles

Gringo: An unpleasant little cafe. Very similar to Cafe Beaubourg above (same designer) but perhaps because its location is trendier, the place seemed less friendly. DO NOT EAT THE FOOD. The Europeans do not eat in these places and neither should you. DO NOT ORDER the "grog"; I thought that as an old sailor I should sample this drink. Luckily there was a dentist nearby who rushed me to a hospital and was able to save most of the enamel on my teeth: it was like grappa only more so. Greg is served hot with a decanter of hot water, a slice of lemon, and two packets of sugar. These items will not help you. Avoid gorg and grappa both as you would avoid pro bono work for Tom Metzger. Cafe Costes in general should only be avoided by those who would avoid kissing strangers with open cold sores, or dining alone at the Krishna restaurant on Garland in PB.

Hollywood: This place was recommended to me stateside, and I walked by it my first night in Paris. The best people-watching place in the entire world. If Paris is the crossroads of the world, this cafe looks out on the crosswalk. The interior is worth note; however, no trip to Cafe Costes is complete without a trial run of the bathroom. Do not be in a hurry because it will take a few moments to figure it out. The ultra-modern art deco architecture also permeates the facilities. Even with time you may not be able to figure it out if you are at a strange drinking fountain or supposed to try on clothes. The food is not bad; Gringo and I dined here our first night in Paris.
Institute on International and Comparative Law

Mexico

by Chris Tenorio

A trip to Mexico is not what you might expect. Unless you've been to the heart of Mexico, you cannot begin to guess how much there is to discover. The finest thing that makes an trip to Mexico is the rich cultural history that permeates every aspect of Mexican life. Native American influences are seen in the vast landscape and the pyramids around the country, serving as reminders of an old history that is still very much alive. The Aztec metropolis of Tenochtitlan, now Mexico City, and the colonial city planning of cities like Guadalajara and San Miguel de Allende, American tourists tend to forgive these errors, but as a traveler, or even as a person living in the country, it is easy to get stuck in a rut. Here is a place where you may need and must use your common sense. There are plenty of Mexicans who can afford only the cheapest, and many restaurants and diners don't want to charge more than they expect you to pay. If you plan to have fun (and you don't want to be had), you can get away with anything you want, and you'll be shocked when you find it's not as expensive as you thought it would be at home.

In one respect, Mexican culture is more open and relaxed. They don't think twice about it when they don't.

Remember, this is a very different culture, and business personnel has evolved considerably. Don't take it personally when a local takes the freedom to bring your shoes, or coffee for you to spend a long time chatting the tenant after a meal. Don't think it is rude if your tips are less than appreciated, or an employee actually asks you for more money. In Mexico, tips are more than just gratuities, they are expected. People will assume you are not generous. Don't be shocked if you are asked to tip more than the United States. Although there is a different system of providing tips, avoid the confusion by giving them what you would in the States. In Mexico, it is often that tips constitute a large part of the pay. Keep that in mind and always tip when you are in a large restaurant. Tip more if you have a private booth, or when the service is much better. You can always leave a note, asking the manager to bring your shoes, or coffee. If you plan to visit open museum, avoid viruses like Acapulco which lost its charm in the 1970's. Hand for places like Lagos and Maracay, newer resorts, in small towns that have taken over commercialized. Also, although it will be more expensive, go to the best hotels, because there is usually a huge difference between first and second-rate in beach resorts.

Plan your time very wisely, for you will not be able to do everything you want. Plan to spend a lot of time in the main attractions in Mexico, for there are a lot of class activities. To make the best use of your time, it is imperative that you speak and carefully read a map book. I recommend something like Fodor's Guide to tell you of hidden places to visit.

Mexico's旅游资源

Mexico City: Courtyard of St. Anthony's where ghosts come to offer money to St. Anthony for help finding good husbands.

Plan to Study Abroad

by Mary Slagielski

This year the USD School of Law's Institute of International and Comparative Law celebrates a twelfth year. From Professor Herbert Lake's initial 1979 study abroad program in Paris which saw fruition in the summer of 1979, to the current study abroad programs, the Institute has grown to be broad and expansive. Programs are currently offered in Alaska, London, Moscow, Oxford, Paris and Russia/Poland.

The Institute is co-sponsored by Law and his executive assistant/program director, Cindy King. In the past year, King has gathered a multitude of additional information to assist students who are trying to decide whether or not to study abroad and where they would like to go. Information is organized by country in program books and in lists of trips which include information on what to take when, how much and how to prepare.

Russia/Poland

by Pam Schaffer

The Russia/Poland program clearly offers some of the most exciting and fascinating destinations offered by the Summer Abroad program. Clinics will be held in Moscow and St. Petersburg at the USURA Social Science Institute, in Warsaw, in the Private Faculty of Law at Warsaw University and in Russia.

Housing in Russia will be one of the Spanish Halls, dorm style. In Warsaw, housing will be hotel doubles. The cost of this program, unlike the others offered by the Institute, includes meals, books, visas, travel, transportation and hotel accommodations. USSR sponsors the program in cooperation with the Russian World, the Russian Institute of Warsaw University, the Law Schools at the Universities of Moscow and St. Petersburg.

The program itself offers diverse opportunities for students. First, the professors who teach the classes had law schools all over the USSR and are likely renowned experts in the fields they teach. Frequentiy, faculty from the schools with which the program is associated abroad also participate.

Another feature of the Institute is the diversity of the students. Although the Institute is sponsored by USD, students from law schools across the US participate as students from a variety of countries, France, Turkey, China, Germany, and others.

All programs are conducted in English and meet the requirements of both the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Association of American Law Schools.

The Academic Committee of the ABA Section of Legal Education has approved each program.

According to King, the Institute is exploring the possibility of expanding to other countries but does not yet have any definite plans as to do so.

London

by Mary Slagielski

The London Institute is co-sponsored by Regent's College London at its eleven-acre campus in Regent's Park. This year, clinics are offered in International Business Transactions and European Economic Community Law. In addition, students may participate in: clinical instruction in business law; English litigation.

The Institute will also sponsor activities which will include visits to the Royal Courts of Justice, the Lord's, Old Bailey and Westminster Hall as well as social gatherings with London's legal practitioners.

The city of London itself offers opportunities not to be found elsewhere in the world. London's theater district is beyond compare and tickets to shows can often be had for lower prices on the day of the show. Public transportation by bus or underground allows one to maneuver most areas of the city. (Cabs need to be in the price category.) Piccadilly Circus is an adventure of people, Scotland Yard is a mystery and the British Museum contains some of the finest antiques in the world. The British Museum also houses Shakespeare's First Folio (1623), two copies of the Magna Carta (1215) and the Gutenberg Bible (circa 1453), the first book printed utilizing moveable type. Karl Marx wrote Das Kapital in the British Library Reading Room. The National Gallery contains paintings by Rembrandt, Raphael, Bonicelli, Goya and many others.

There is also a Buckingham palace and the changing of the guard (early April through August) to mention the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London. Climb to the top of St. Paul's Cathedral (Christopher Wren's masterpiece) and meet yourself to one of the finest views of London. And all these are just the obvious; study in London and explore for yourself the subtleties of London life.

Informational

The Institute on International and Comparative Law is sponsoring an art exhibition and slide show for interested students on Sunday, January 21 in Grace Court House. The program begins at 5pm and will be followed by a reception on the second floor of Warren Hall. Institute professors and future participants will be on hand to answer questions.
by Mary Galardi

Don't delay!

Do check in early. If you do not like your room, the staff will let you change (IF Indra, aka Igor, likes you).

Do wait outside all hours of the day and night during finals week for Prince Charles to show up. It's worth the picture to take back to impress your friends. Also, he really is quite charming and believe it or not, handsome.

Do rent a tour bus with a group to visit Stonehenge and those infamous, mysterious circles in the corn. If you can't find any, make your own.

Do expect to pay double what it would cost here for anything and everything.

Do go to London at every opportunity. Use the bus; it's cheaper and in most cases just as fast as the train.

Don't pay a scalper (aka trout) for theater tickets.

Don't expect to lose the weight you gained during a year of sitting in the Legal Studies Department. Also, he really is quite charming and believe it or not, handsome.

Do kiss up to Dean Strachan when she visits. She came to Oxford to make sure that we really were studying before the ABA came through. Tough job, but that's what she's paid for.

Do take EEC law from Mr. Craig. He was everyone's heartthrob and an excellent professor. Too bad he got married the day after we took his final. Actually, maybe that helped our grades!

Don't call it Magdalen with a long "a." The English pronounce it "Modlen" with a long "o."

Don't refer to a Scotsman as English.

Don't buy sweatshirts in the shops. Find the two guys who sell them off a cart on Magdalen Street. If they like you and it's early in the summer, they'll give you one so you can tell all of your friends where you got it.

Don't get too attached to the deer in Magdalen's Deer Park. One of them is eaten in the fall by the Dooms. Don't go punting in the river unless you are fully sober.

Don't miss the tour of Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. I liked it better than Versailles.

Don't expect Oxford to be quiet and serene just because the students are gone for the summer. Every other student (including Italian teens learning English) descend on Oxford.

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In honor of our special study abroad issue, Gringo and Hollywood have agreed to a discourse on the City of Lights, Paris, in addition to their usual Bar Review, which will also focus on Paris. Enjoy, and we hope you are able to try their suggestions. --Eds.

PARIS, Somewhere in Europe (near France, I think)

Gringo: By far my favorite city on this or any planet! Ten thumbs up (I'm all thumbs, you see)! Located in the heart of everything, you'll find it your best choice for summer entertainment. It's close enough to weekend on the Riviera, or to travel to Spain for the running of the bulls, to Switzerland, Belgium, or even England (well, probably not really England). A thriving metropolis of romance, fun, culture, museums, romance, party atmosphere, history, and of course, ROMANCE. What a place!

While there, be sure to miss every tour offered by the school; they are uniformly boring and unproductive. The thrill of seeing a real, live, genuine French Senator is not to be compared with the experience of a four hour walking tour of the non-air-conditioned Senate building in the humid French summer (wearing your lawyer suit) with no water fountains and no potty breaks. The trip to Normandy is an unsurpassed sleeper--like going to see your grandmother as a kid: there are no toys, the conversation is slow, and the food sets new standards for disgust. Not pretty. And NO, you don't see the beach where John Wayne beat back the Nazi menace. One of the tours of officious buildings did include snacks and sips (champagne and hors d'oeuvres) but unless you know which one it is in advance, its just not worth the risk.

BIG TIP: Go to the Louvre about six times; it's a veritable warehouse of goodies. If you only pass through Paris on your way somewhere else (WHY?), make this your mainstay. The Eiffel Tower is just a chunk of metal, and Notre Dame is a tent revival by comparison.

For restaurants, I recommend Le Souffle--be sure to try the duck in peaches. Also the Creperie St-Germaine--go for the tarragon chicken. I'm being too long winded and the editor will cut all this but I just cannot stress how wonderful Paris is, despite the Parisians and hot weather! Watch out for dog terds!

Oh, bring lots of peanut butter and salsa.

Hollywood: Oh, to be in Paris in the Summertime, Close to the Edge. I had thought Venice was the most romantic city, but after haggling over a gondola ride I changed my mind. (The standard gondola price is $80 an hour.) Paris is the most Romantic city. The Eiffel Tower glows at night; boatrides down the Seine are only a few dollars and the discos are open all night. The most marvelous art I had ever seen in my entire life, until I went to the Getty Musee in LA.

Learn about wine, women and culture. Forget about song; in Paris you will hear more badly sung Beatles tunes than ever in your life. Visit the catacombs, see the thin-skulled plaintiff and realize that "from dust to dust" actually occurs. Prepare yourself for Phantom of the Opera (which is coming to San Diego) by seeing a performance at the Opera Garnier. We saw the ballet for $10 in orchestra seats. The school sponsored tours are quite good. Prof. Lazerow is at least as good of a tour guide as property professor. I particularly recommend the Counsel D'etat for its socio-political significance and the champagne which follows and Claude Monet's home for its beauty.

Visit Paris: stroll over the glorious bridges, experience a religious revival at Notre Dame, and make your contribution to the Seine.

By the way, the most French you need to speak is biere, vin, croissants, Louvre and l'amour.
Dublin

by Warner Broaddus

The things that strike you when you first arrive in Ireland are the same things that define the country in your memory. As the plane descends below the clouds, approaching Shannon in the west of the island, you are treated to your first glimpse of its unique and breathtaking landscape. Eerie, windswept fingers of the sea point to ancient castles surrounded by green rolling hills traversed by stone walls. Shadows and light chase each other over the ground as if late for a great rendezvous in some faraway place.

Landing in Dublin, you are immediately “greeted” by the always-affable Irish. An unlucky elderly couple asks you for directions. Realizing as soon as you open your mouth that you’re not going to be much help, they nevertheless engage you in a friendly conversation about origins, relatives in America and Irish tourism. They wave goodbye, leaving you with a bit of folk wisdom: “Mind your coppers, dearie,” – a reference to the high prices in the city, at least as compared to their home in the countryside.

It is this amazing scenery and ubiquitous friendliness that are immediately apparent and which stay with you long after you have left.

Trinity College is your home and probably first stop in Dublin (unless you managed to secure a penthouse suite in Parnell Street). The college boasts 18th century architecture and the most convenient location in Dublin. Inside its gates are cobblestone squares, cricket pitches (fields), two pubs, the Book of Kells and daily maid service; a perfect base for further exploration.

James Joyce once wrote, “Good puzzle would be cross Dublin without passing a pub.” But why pass a pub when it’s so much more fun to go in?! The pubs of Dublin (and all Ireland) offer much more than a tasty pint of Smithwick’s (pronounced “smiddicks”), Guinness, Harp, etc. They are the containers of much of the country’s social scene and the obvious place to hob nob with the people of Ireland. Don’t worry, you’ll have no trouble making friends, especially if you’re alone or in a small group. In addition, the pubs play host to troubadours who arrive in clutches of two or three to play traditional Irish music on period instruments. The music is as fun as it is authentic and evocative. Dublin is full of things to do and places to go. You tour the legislature, attend a traditional dances fair, visit medieval cathedrals, take in a play, ride the rapid transit train to the Victorian seaside resort of Bray. Museums, galleries, and parks abound and the Guinness brewery is everywhere as its perfume washes over the entire city.

Weekends are spent exploring the hinterlands, especially the west coast. There, the last ice Age threw up an incredible landscape of great green hills plunging into lakes (loughs) and bays, the edges of which are sprinkled with ghostly gray castles and colorful fishing villages. Trains and buses take you out of Dublin, careening down stone-walled roads and through green pastures occupied by giant cows and myriad sheep. Hospitality in the countryside is warm and cozy. Pubs are small and family-run, bed and breakfasts are quaint and friendly (and the breakfast is massive).

Blarney Castle, Dingle, the Beara Peninsula and the country around Killarney are musts. Ireland is undoubtedly one of the easiest to negotiate; language isn’t a problem and the Irish are friendly, easy going, and excellent hosts. It is a place where you truly get to know the whole country—its cities, its rural towns and farms, and its people.

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Motions: Gifts they Could Have Received
by Dallas O'Day

The holiday season is a bundle of mixed feelings for me. On one hand, I'm always happy that my relatives enjoy toasting me a few bucks and some new clothes. On the other hand, however, I always feel guilty that the best I can do in these dollar-less times is the occasional Hallmark card. This Christmas I felt even more guilty than usual because what little money I did have went to the Volkswagen Corp. to help keep America's trade deficit high and not (for the most part) pay my relatives. So, I was thinking about what I would have gotten for everyone if I had unlimited resources. Here's what I came up with:

Charles Thomas: A newly-discovered taste for 7-Up and all the Disney videos currently available.

Massachusetts voters: Local emotions for re-electing Tod Kennedy.

Notre Dame haters: A longer basketball season so Notre Dame fans can't talk about football.

George Bush: A puke bucket and a reality check.

The U.S. Navy: A better role in the next war.

Florida prosecutor Moira Lasch: An explanation of the refractory period as it applies to male sexuality.

40% of Louisianans: V.O., tests for voting for David Duke.

UCLA Basketball: An 11th NCAA hopeless title.

Mikhail Gorbatchev: A new job (but not in Southern California).

You may be thinking that none of this applies to you. After all, you are not a Klan member, you would not have voted for Duke, and you think Metzger is a loony who will go the way of the pothead. Obviously, the message of Dr. King need not be diluted.

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Willie Brown: An indictment (for anything) and a pink slip from the voters.

MADONNA: An unpleasant social disease and a five-year case of laryngitis.

Beauti and the Beast: An Oscar nomi-
nation and a plush doll.

USC haters: A longer year to savor the incompetence of the Trojan sports teams.

People who protested the Bravos, Chiefs, and Indians: A life.

First-years: Less stress and more bears.

Second-years: Summer employment.

Third-years: Any employment.

USD Law Students: More parking and a tuition freeze.

The SBA: A purpose.

John Wallner: A tipple for his boat sail.

Dan Quayle: A little respect (although it won't help).

Motorcycle riders: A repeal of the mandatory helmet law.

Anita Hill: A better sense of timing.

I had more presents picked out for others, but due to space and cash restrictions I was unable to list them all. Until I can get these presents, enjoy your lumps of coal and the lumps you'll take in this semester's classes.

Civil Rights Today: Fighting the Pretense
by Laura G. Morton

I have a dream! This week many students will have the opportunity to join together and celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A man who believed with all his heart that change could and would come to America. A man who believed in the equality of the races and who, to a certain degree, had to believe in the 'overall goodness of man'. A man who died in a vaining struggle, trying to obtain for his people, all people, what they rightfully deserve: respect for the human spirit no matter what color the skin.

Many of you will pass by the celebrations and wonder what all the commotion is about. Many of you will not participate unless there is a freebie involved. And many of you will pay lip service to the same beliefs that Dr. King fought so hard for while still harboring his bellyaching and get on with trying to achieve the American dream? How many of you have had a person of color as a real friend?

The reality is that many people still lack a clear perspective of the challenges faced by persons of color in today's society. For many minorities these are indeed the best of times and the worst of times. Segregated lunch counters no longer exist; minorities, in theory at least, are accorded equal rights; integration has been achieved in many American neighborhoods. However, before deciding that the struggle is over and that we can all go back to being our complacent selves, think about this: David Duke made a serious bid for the governorship of Louisiana; the Ku Klux Klan is still very active in many parts of the country; and the Tom Metzgers of the world still find large numbers of people willing to follow them in the quest for white supremacy.

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Yes, it has been many years since the demise of slavery in this country. Yet, how many of you stop to consider the fact that the effects of racism are still very prevalent in our society today? How many of you stop to consider that people in our society are still judged not by what they are but by the color of their skin? As you go about your daily lives this week and in the years to come, think about this: a country is only great as its people. A country that cannot see the beauty of its differences will only become mired by the blindness of its ignorance. Now is the time for all of us to make a commitment to keep the dream alive.
Faculty Question of the Month:
Do you think the government should release the documents pertaining to the Kennedy assassination now?

"Yes, I think the government should release the documents now, and not wait until the 75 years have run out. Like most people, I have doubts about the conclusion of the Warren Commission, that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. I've been to Dallas and to that site, and I've looked at the type of gun used by Lee Harvey Oswald. To me, it's not very believable that Oswald acted alone, once you look at all of the physical evidence."

Professor Walter Heiser

"Sure—1963 was a whole 'nother generation ago. We're a much more open society today. Right?"

Professor Paul Horton

"Absolutely. I do not believe in governmental secrecy; too often governmental secrecy is for political purposes and not for the security of the country. I would question constantly anything which is declared private or secret or anything like it. I think there should be an ongoing review of anything that the government tries to hide from the people and that includes military secrets. As soon as it is possible to release without any real danger to the country we should do so. Unless it is dangerous to some individual, such as revealing the identity of an undercover agent, or it actually relates to the security of the nation, I don't think anything should be kept secret."

Professor John Roche

Letters to the Editor:

Letters to the editor will be published monthly. Please address all letters to Motions Editor and place them in the Motions mailbox in the mailroom next to the assignment board on the main floor of Warren Hall. All letters must be signed and include a phone number so we can contact you if necessary. Names will be withheld upon request.

Law School Gets Failing Grade from Student

Criticism of the law school administration parallel critiques of the Bush Administration: high marks in the areas of foreign policy and outside relations, but attention to internal problems sorely lacking. While the administration places its efforts on public relations and political maneuvering to achieve a more formidable reputation in the world of academics, the needs of the students who are here are being ignored.

Temporary sacrifices made in pursuit of long-term goals are understandable, and to an extent, necessary. We would all like to see the law school achieve an impressive reputation. Yet, the law school student body has endured a less-than-satisfying academic environment for years. The incoming classes of 1987 and 1988 pursued their first-year studies in a cramped, temporary library space. From 1989 to the present, deficiencies in parking availability have reached incredible proportions. Students are better able to rationalize compromises made today when they can anticipate a greater result, i.e. a new law library. However, where no long-term goal is being pursued to remedy or justify the inconvenience, i.e. parking availability, the student's sacrifice made today is in vain.

Consider as well: what student can recall a favorite professor nor an inspiring class? I'll remember instead the $100.00 I paid to retrieve my towed car; the fact I consistently had to take two evening classes per semester, although I am a day student; that I couldn't get my preference of Tax I or Criminal Procedure classes until my third year; and was never able to enroll in a clinical program. I do not believe in prolonged sacrifice made today when they can anticipate a greater result, i.e. a new law library. However, where no long-term goal is being pursued to remedy or justify the inconvenience, i.e. parking availability, the student's sacrifice made today is in vain.

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Traveling?

If you are planning to study abroad or travel this summer, these are just a few of the places you may want to consider taking in.

Germany: The Bavarian Alps

Spain: From 2-4pm, the Spanish take siesta. Everything is closed so don’t expect to do your shopping or touring then. Spanish meal times fall late in the day. Lunch at about 2pm and dinner 10:30pm or later. Don’t plan on arriving at a night club until after 11pm; things don’t really get hopping until about 1am. It is common to be out until the wee hours.

Puerto Rico: Although Puerto Rico is a United States territory, it is best to refer to it as an independent country lest you find yourself in an ugly-American situation. It is proper to shake hands with your host; women will often embrace or kiss one another’s cheeks in greeting.

Germany: If a menu says “Bedienung,” that means that tip is included. If not, leave the usual 10-15% gratuity. While it is customary to drink beer with a meal, do not order a Bavarian beer if you are not in Bavaria. It is a faux pas and you will run the risk of insulting those who’s history includes being conquered by the Bavarians, a touchy subject.

“Herr” means Mister, “Frau” means Missus, and “Fraulein” refers to a single woman.

India: The cow is sacred to the Hindus and deserving of your respect while in India. It will not be eaten. Muslims also do not eat pork. Talk of poverty, politics and free trade should be avoided.

Kenya: Drink only bottled water, soft drinks or beer. Bottled water is often the most expensive of these choices. Tusker beer is made in Kenya and will be a fine complement to any meal. Be sure to be vaccinated against malaria before you go.

Grenada, West Indies: Some of the nicest people in the world live on this fine island. Most tourists are German or Canadian, not American. Bargain with the artisans selling black coral jewelry and spices on the famed Grand Anse beach. But save some money to bet on the Sunday night crab races!