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People tend to think about crime only when it touches them personally. This has been quite a month for me. It started when somebody stole the stereo from the Motions office sometime during Spring Break. We told ourselves that somebody had just borrowed it for a little while and that they will probably bring it back soon. We are still waiting.

A couple days later I found a big new dent on the fender of my freshly painted VW Beetle (a.k.a. Blue Thunder-the fastest car in school) after it had been parked in front of the LRC. Big Surprise: The denting party didn't leave a note taking responsibility.

Last Tuesday I was studying in the library, like a good law student should, when I had to leave the carrel for just a couple minutes. When I returned I discovered that my backpack had been molested and my wallet was missing!

I went downstairs to the circulation desk to report the crime but I didn't even have to call Public Safety. An officer was already there taking a report from another student whose lap-top computer had just been stolen!

 Needless to say, all of this has brought the crime situation at USD to the center of my attention. Is it outsiders who are committing these crimes? Couldn't we be doing a better job of catching them and keeping them off our campus? Can we close the LRC off to outsiders? Couldn't we have more surveillance cameras on our side of campus? What steps is Public Safety taking to protect us from crime?

On a lighter note, we have a new staff and Editorial Board at Motions. We hope that we can put out a product that meets your expectations. Please bear with us as we try to figure out what's going on and don't hesitate to tell us how we are doing. Good luck on your finals... Congratulations to graduates! See the rest of you next year... Have a great summer!

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New Law School Dean Selected

Daniel B. Rodriguez has been chosen Dean of the University of San Diego School of Law effective July 1, 1998.

Rodriguez, 35, is a professor of law at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. He served as acting professor of law at Boalt from 1988 until 1994, when he was promoted to full professor with tenure. He has taught Administrative Law, State and Local Government Law, Constitutional Law and Legislation.

Rodriguez has been a Visiting Professor at the McGeorge School of Law-Government Affairs Program (1995), a Visiting Scholar at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University (1993), a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics at the University of Virginia School of Law (1993) and a Visiting Professor at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1991 & 1992).

"Dean Rodriguez is a distinguished scholar and educator who will provide outstanding leadership to the School of Law," said Dr. Frank Lazarus, USD Vice President and Provost. "He has outlined an exciting agenda for excellence, and he will support wholeheartedly the efforts of the Bar to enhance the status of the legal profession in Southern California."

"I am absolutely delighted to be joining a law school with a fine reputation at a university with high standards and values" said Rodriguez, "The USD School of Law is highly regarded throughout the country, and I am convinced that the best is yet to come."

Rodriguez earned his J.D. cum laude in 1987 at Harvard Law School, where he served as judicial law clerk for The Honorable Alex Kozinski, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (1987-88).

He also is an alumnus of California State University, Long Beach, where he earned the highest honors as outstanding graduate in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences in 1984.

Rodriguez, a member of the American Law Institute, was honored by the Western Political Science Association in 1990 with its Pi Sigma Alpha Award. He has appeared as a television and radio commentator on various legal topics on such programs as PBS's "The MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour."

He has made important contributions to work in the field of public choice theory and the positive political analysis of legal institutions. His research has been presented to top U.S. law schools and universities, including Harvard, Yale, Stanford and Georgetown, and abroad at universities in Japan, the Netherlands, Germany and Australia.

Thanks for everything...

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Meet Next Year’s SBA President

By Xan Bernay
The new SBA president is not your average law student, and that may make all the difference.

At 30, Bill Ota is older than most of his classmates. He’s also married and has a daughter who is getting ready to celebrate her second birthday.

“It really keeps things in perspective,” Ota said of family life.
In addition, Ota, unlike many law students, isn’t necessarily going to practice law after he graduates next year. Ota said his interest is in management and while he may practice for a few years, doesn’t see himself doing it ten years down the road.
But right now Ota is planning to devote himself completely to his new job as president. “I’m thrilled about doing it,” he said. In fact, Ota took a full load this semester and last to make sure he could devote the time necessary to run the SBA.
Additionally, Ota will have a modified role next year on Moot Court and won’t be as involved as others on the board.

Ota won the presidency after a run-off election against Ray Estolano. Ota said he thought Estolano’s goal of having an on-campus job fair was a “fantastic idea” and plans on looking into the possibility of having such a fair on campus.

“Right now they are struggling to get firms,” he said. Having non-traditional employers represented may provide students with opportunities for employment beyond government work and private law firms, Ota said.

In addition to increased job opportunities for students, Ota said he and newly elected Vice-President Cindy Stoneberg have already been planning some of the events they hope to put on next year. One idea they have been considering is an event to welcome the new 1Ls next fall. Ota said the overwhelming nature of first year could be lessened somewhat if new students could meet with upper-class students in more a relaxed setting.

“We’d like to get them together with 2Ls and 3Ls in an environment that is a little more friendly,” he said.
Ota said part of the event would focus on making sure first year students have a game plan early so they will know what classes to take and how to plan a schedule to meet their goals.
Ota said he and Stoneberg have also talked about having an event next year to send off the graduating class.

“Right now there is nothing to say good-bye to the out-going third years,” he said.

Another issue Ota said he would like to look into is changing the way externship units are dealt with. Ota acknowledged that changing the system may not be possible, but he said forcing students to pay per credit to work for free for a judge or at a firm just doesn’t seem right.

Ota said his job will be easier next year thanks in part to the strides made by outgoing President Matt Denham and the rest of the board.

“Matt did a fantastic job and I would like to take things even further next year,” Ota said.

Election Results

SBA President
✓ Bill Ota

Vice President
✓ Cindy Stoneberg

Evening VP
✓ J.B. Scranton

Treasurer
✓ Cheryl Yarbrough

Secretary
✓ Lili Mostofi

2L Day Reps
✓ Wendy Greenberg
✓ Cari Phillips
✓ Robyn Statman

2L Eve. Rep
✓ Kim Harris

3L Day Reps
✓ Debra Back
✓ Diane McClosky
✓ Krisy Schuler-Hintz

3L Eve. Rep
✓ Luci Montgomery

4L Rep
✓ Chris Brown

ABA Rep
✓ Brittany Oates

Honor Court Justices
✓ Robert Mueller
✓ Margaret Gabor
✓ Mai Petersen

1st Alternate
✓ Catherine Godfrey

2nd Alternate
✓ Kathleen Moss

Honor Court Pre. Exam
✓ Marcus Cohen

Honor Court Prosecutor
✓ Tom Slattery

USD Law students voted in record numbers in this year’s SBA elections. About 500 votes were cast in the elections and about 300 votes were cast in the run-off.
Theft in the LRC: A Continuing Problem

By Ben Goodman

Another laptop was stolen from the Learning Resource Center two weeks ago, bringing the total up to two this year. The question is what is being done about it.

The Director of Public Safety on campus is Rana Sampson. Sampson is a graduate of the School of Law at Harvard University and was a New York Police Officer. According to her the most common form of crime on college campuses nationwide is theft. In the majority of these thefts the criminal is affiliated with the college in some way, she said.

That means that the criminals are more likely to be students, faculty, or staff than "outsiders" from off campus. Sampson said the trusting and open nature of our campus can cause a sense of false security. Many of the students at the law school leave their belongings alone for short periods of time while they search for research materials. This is the time that the criminals strike, Sampson said. They grab the exposed laptop or wallet and disappear in seconds flat.

One of the two laptops stolen from the LRC this year was later recovered by its owner, but such happy endings can't be expected. In 1997 3 laptops were taken and they were all left for less than five minutes, Sampson said. One of the computers was stolen from a professor's office. It was returned anonymously at a later date.

Mike O'Deane, Operations Manager for the Department of Safety, said education is the most important weapon in thwarting these criminals. According to O'Deane, the Department of Public Safety distributed posters after the 1997 thefts and there was an immedicale cessation of thievery. The Department of Public Safety does periodic walk-throughs of the library in order to keep their presence visible to any potential thieves, O'Deane said.

Sean Fitting, circulation assistant, at the LRC says that the best defense is never to leave your computers or wallets and purses alone in the LRC. The library also recommends buying a cable lock for laptops and connecting the computer to a chair or book bag. That will stop any potential thieves from just taking a computer and walking quickly away.

O'Deane recommended not only cable locks for laptops but open eyes. The Department of Public Safety recommends that students report any suspicious people or activities. According to Fitting, any recommendations that would improve security at the LRC will be considered. If we look out for each other and keep our eyes open criminals cannot function.

Chief Justice of Wisconsin Supreme Court Speaks at Nathanson Lecture

By Harry Kassakhian

The Grace Courtroom heard the voice of a Chief Justice.

Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Shirley S. Abrahamson lectured to a courtroom crowded with faculty, alumni and students for the 18th annual Nathaniel Nathanson Memorial Lecture series on April 15.

The lecture series has previously featured U.S. Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Harry S. Blackmun.

Justice Abrahamson's lecture, "Federalism: Let 50 Flowers Bloom" discussed the changing role of the federal government in American life, and its effect on the nation's 50 state governments.

Abrahamson spoke on the changing role of the Federal government since the days of Chief Justice Warren Burger's leadership of the Supreme Court, and she welcomed the opportunity given to state governments and courts to actively recover the larger role they formerly had in American civic life.

The justice emphasized the role of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions in reviving the constitutional limits on federal power in favor of state sovereignty.

Justice Abrahamson, who has been a justice for the state's supreme court since 1976, cited Wisconsin's pioneering role in welfare reform and California's innovations in air-pollution control as examples that the states could be laboratories for innovative solutions to public problems.

"Federalism is a code word for national policies, not a principled position...the states have shown themselves ready and able to take power," said the first woman to serve on Wisconsin's highest court.

She said the "states want cooperative federalism." In the sharing of power between the states and federal government, state governments want to meet national goals, but not exist as mere as extension of the federal government, she said.

Abrahamson, who is a member of the Council of the American Law Institute, stated that there was no "clear and consistent pattern" that federal power was devolving to the states, since Congress has recently federalized areas of law that have traditionally been the domain of the states.

The Justice said that although there may be some setbacks in the devolution of federal power, the years since the Burger court have been marked by a strengthening of the states judiciary systems.

Abrahamson said that the Justice Burger's concern of an increasing workload on the federal docket "urged that the judicial burden be distributed between the federal and state courts" to lessen the burden.

"Burger argued that state judges were competent to

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- Use short paragraphs
- Underline key terms or issues
- Keep tone impersonal, professional

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- Discuss law not raised by the facts.
- Make jokes.
- Identify yourself.
- Use first person.
- Whine or apologize.

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**Finals Survival Kit!**

**Tips: Studying for and Taking the Final Exam**

**Expect a certain amount of tension.** The feeling is normal, and it can motivate you.

**Cope with your tension through exercise and relaxation techniques.**

**Avoid last minute cramming.** Avoid all-nighters that disrupt your regular sleep patterns.

**Think of the coming exam as the final, “application” step of your study process instead of as a threatening new experience.** Know the times of your exams and plan your sleep schedule so you will be at your most alert.

**Arrive early, but not too early.** Have a plan of attack.

**Be aggressive.** Approach studying, and the test itself vigorously determined to do your best with the information you know. Think of yourself as a star athlete before a big event.

**Keep yourself in good health through adequate rest and diet.** Eat something savable before the exam; you can probably hold down a bowl of cereal even if you are very tense.

**Be cautious of over-dependence on caffeine or other chemical aids to study or sleep.**

**Relax yourself** during the test if you notice you are not thinking well or are very tense: pause, lay the test aside, and take several slow, deep breaths.

**Ignore your classmates.** If you tend to be distracted, buy and practice using ear plugs.

**Beware of post mortem.** You may only succeed in raising your anxiety level still further.

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**Sage Advice from an Expert**

*It’s not like you need a magic outline,* Madden said. *The process is what’s important.*

Madden recommends students get together to compare notes and fill in gaps. However, she recommends against splitting up outline duties between groups. *It’s a mistake to delegate,* she said. If one student prepares an outline for torts and another for civil procedure both students wind up losing. Another mistake students make is thinking that studying with the smartest person in class will boost their average. *It leads the others to be more passive,* she said. *Find someone on your own level to go over the material with."

*Another often neglected study resource is professors.* Madden said talking to professors often provides clues as to what they think is important. *If you watch the behavior of successful students you see they talk to the professors.* Commercial outlines and other study aids should be used judiciously. Madden said. She recommended talking to upper class students and only using the commercial products to fill in gaps if at all.

*Read it at least three times and plan carefully then when you start writing it is almost automatic,* she said.

Madden said another pitfall for students is not incorporating the facts into their answers. She said often the difference between an A and a C answer is not that the C student didn’t state the law correctly, but that they didn’t tie the law to the facts.
California Supreme Court Justice to Address Graduates

By Win Anderson

California Supreme Court Justice Ming W. Chin will be the commencement speaker at graduation ceremonies for the USD JD and LLM class of 1998. Chin has been called "the best appointment in the last decade." He has presided over several of the most controversial cases in California in recent years, including issues such as surrogate parenting, asbestos, and the death penalty.

The graduation ceremony and commencement address is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at 10:30 am in the USD Stadium. There is no charge for admission, and the ceremony is open to the public.

Chin is a 1967 Graduate of the University of San Francisco. Before taking the bench, Chin worked in the Alameda County DA's office, and then at the firm of Aiken, Kramer & Cummings.

Chin was appointed to the California Supreme Court by Governor Wilson in 1996. Chin's judicial philosophy has been described as "clearly one of restraint." "I don't think we're here to make new laws," Chin said. "We're here to give the public and attorneys guidance on how to proceed on a particular piece of litigation. We can put up signposts along the path to keep them on the path, but I don't think we're here to create a whole new freeway. I think that's up to the Legislature."

A notable supporter of the GOP, Chin also cites as one of his fondest experiences being able to hear Martin Luther King Jr. speak at the 1964 Democratic convention. Chin says King and Indian philosopher Mahatma Gandhi are two heroes who have had an impact on Chin's life and career.

Chin has served as Judge of Alameda Superior Court (1988-1990) and Associate Justice for the California Court of Appeals, 1st District (1994-1995) before becoming Presiding Justice of that court. Chin is also a decorated Vietnam Veteran.

Growing up on a potato farm operated by his parents in Klamath Falls in southern Oregon, Chin is the youngest of eight children. His family emigrated to the US from Canton, China. In an application for the bench in 1989, Chin wrote "I am very proud to have opened some doors for others of my ancestry, but I will be most proud when it is no longer unusual for minorities to hold the kinds of positions in which I have had the privilege to serve. Chin will be addressing 287 students receiving their JD, and approximately 52 receiving LLM's.

Chin is the next in a series of notable speakers at past USD law commencement ceremonies, including US Court of Appeals 9th District Senior Justice Dorothy W. Nelson, NAACP Legal Defense Fund Director Elaine Ruth Jones, and consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

Professor Heriot Named Civil Rights Counsel for Senate Judiciary Committee

By Harry Kasakhian

Professor Gail Heriot accepted a position as Civil Rights Counsel to the United States' Senate Judiciary Committee and will return to USD School of Law next year.

Heriot said that Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) asked that she go to Washington and work for the committee.

Civil rights counsel advises committee members on judicial appointments, oversees the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, and consults members about legislation, Heriot said.

"I will be advising Sen. Hatch on the positions taken by the nominee on various issues," said Heriot, who was formerly legal affairs counsel to the American Civil Rights Institute. The institute drafted California's Proposition 209, which eliminated state affirmative action programs.

Heriot, who had been invited to Washington suddenly, said she received a telephone call from the committee's former civil rights counsel, Brian Jones. She said she was the last to know that she had been selected for the job. Her acquaintances in the Beltway claimed to have known of her hiring far in advance, she said.

The professor said that Senator Hatch's invitation to Washington for an interview took her by complete surprise.

"I was already scheduled to attend a dinner for Margaret Thatcher in Los Angeles," Heriot said. When she heard of the Senator's invitation for an interview she said she ran through LAX airport, in long white gloves and a purple velvet dress.

Nevertheless Heriot, a former clerk to the Illinois Supreme Court, had previously worked with both the Senate and House's Judiciary Committees. She said she testified in front of both committees on appointments on issues of constitutionality, federalism, property rights and the issue of judicial activism.

"Congress isn't a romantic place for me," said Heriot, who's mother was a congressional aide for several decades.

Congratulations competitors and winners

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Michael Faircloth
Amy Husberger
John Jurata
David LaSpaluto
Matt Mahoney
Angela McCain
Stephanie Pritchett
Amanda Sandifer
Cari Schmidt
Mark Skeels
Mike Vacchi
How Do I Get My Own Law Firm Without Starting My Own Law Firm?

Dear Job Goddess,

I am currently clerking at a large personal injury firm in Washington, DC. I want to be a trial lawyer, but if I start my career here, I will just be shuffling hundreds of worker's comp files. I don't really want to hang out my own shingle. Instead, I've been thinking that I would like to find a job with a senior lawyer who wants to slowly wind down his or her practice, and wants to handle big cases but is looking for a "mentee" to try the smaller cases.

What do you think is the best way to accomplish this seemingly impossible task? I feel like I am trying to locate a needle in a haystack.

DH, Maryland

Dear DH,

Impossible? Needles? Haystacks? Why, this is exactly the kind of quagmire in which the Job Goddess loves to wallow. Your goal is actually very much easier to attain than you think, DH. And on top of that, the Job Goddess applauds you for seeking a job which is likely to bring you a great deal of happiness.

There are several methods for finding the retiring lawyers you seek. There are two direct routes which are likely to bear fruit most quickly. One is to go to local bar association meetings, make a point of introducing yourself to people, and tell everyone whose ear you can bend exactly what it is that you want. Make a special effort to meet the head of the litigation section of your local bar, since it's trial work that you want to do. Along the same lines, go to the local courthouse whenever you can, taking a morning or afternoon off work, if need be. Introduce yourself to the court clerk, bailiffs, judges, and tell them what you're looking for. After all, they're going to know every trial attorney, and will certainly be able to identify the ones who are golf course bound. On top of that, they'll be a great source for weeding out the good eggs from the bad ones, since they've seen local trial lawyers operate first hand!

With either of these direct methods, NR, be sure that you impress every person you meet, even though they will not be your ultimate employer. Smile. Seem enthusiastic. Stress your willingness to work hard in return for soaking up knowledge from an experienced lawyer. Your first impression on the people you meet will have a dramatic effect on their willingness to help you - and what they'll tell the senior lawyers they know!

A somewhat less direct route, but one that not to be overlooked, is to go to the career services office at your law school, talk to the director, and explain your goal. Most law students do not appreciate what a gold mine of information their career services directors really are - they do so much more than organize on-campus interviews! So it may be that you need not go any further than your own law school. Or your own law firm, for that matter - if you don't mind the people you work with knowing that you're looking elsewhere, tell your colleagues about your goal. The benefit here is that because the lawyers at your firm are familiar with your work and know what it's like to work with you, they'll tend to think of people for whom you'd be a good work and personality fit.

If you insist on taking an initial step that doesn't involve talking with people, there are a couple of fertile resources you can use. One is to let your fingers do the walking - check the yellow pages! Look up the names of sole practitioners who are litigators (the yellow pages will mention their specialties),

Don't be discouraged if you and any one employer don't "click"

and then look them up in Martindale-Hubbell. (You can find Mar-Hub on-line, at http://lawyers.martindale.com/marthub) Look at their graduation dates, and when you find ones that are about thirty years ago, you've got a potential target audience for your letters. The Job Goddess would tell you what to say in those letters, NR, except that this simple column would become fifty pages long. Instead, she encourages you to borrow - or, dare she suggest it, buy - a copy of her runaway bestseller, "Guerrilla Tactics For Getting The Legal Job Of Your Dreams," and read the chapter entitled "Correspondence - Making Your Letters Sing."

You might also consider getting on-line. You can go to a chat room or enroll in a list serve for your state and/or local bar association; more and more state bar associations have such facilities, and the Job Goddess knows of enterprising students who have gone to these chat rooms and list serves, waited for an opportune moment, and pitched their services to the members - with glorious results. To find out the web addresses for these resources, call the relevant bar association.

You may even want to consider doing a reverse job ad. That is, run an ad looking for a practice. What you'll want to do is to put an ad in the classifieds section of a publication that goes to your target audience, like your local or state bar journal or even a newspaper. In your ad, don't just state what you're looking for; emphasize your willingness and desire to work hard.

No matter which route you choose, NR, remember the nature of your quarry. When a sole practitioner hires someone on, the relationship resembles a marriage more than a traditional partner-associate connection. The personal relationship you develop is of paramount importance. So be sure to look for someone who is on your wavelength, and don't be discouraged if you and any one lawyer don't "click" - if you do as the Job Goddess advises, there will be plenty of fish in your ocean.

Eternally yours, The Job Goddess

If A Law Firm Promises To Call Me Back And Never Does - Should I Make The Call?

Dear Job Goddess,

A few months ago, I interviewed with a law firm. It went really well, and the attorney I interviewed with told me that she would really try to get me on board with the firm, hoping she could convince the powers that be that I should be hired. Shortly thereafter, the firm held a partners' meeting where I was on the agenda. I haven't heard anything since that time. Even though it's been a few months, I haven't gotten an offer from anybody else. Should I call the firm again and express my interest? After all, it's been months and I haven't heard from them. And I confess, I've been too chicken to call; I did try once, but nobody ever called me back. Should I try again?

SE, Illinois

Dear SE,

In a word - yes. The Job Goddess

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Goddess realizes this seems offhand, like telling you to put on a hamburger bathing suit and jump into a shark tank, but it isn't that way at all. To understand why, you've got to appreciate all of the perfectly understandable, not-rejecting-you reasons why you might not have received a call. As Susan Richey, career services director at Franklin Pierce Law Center (and an attorney before that), points out, "Not receiving a call doesn't mean anything! It certainly doesn't mean they hated you. For instance, they may be waiting for the business they need to support your salary. When I was starting out, a law firm once told me, 'We're counting on a huge piece of litigation, and if we get it, we'll need you.' There are many firms in that position, but often they won't tell you what's going on."

On the other hand, of course, you don't want to be a pest. Susan Richey says that in order to walk the fine line between showing enthusiasm and being a bother, "If they haven't given you a date when they said they'll contact you, wait until two weeks after your interview, and then call and say, 'I really enjoyed myself there, and wanted to check on the status of my application.' Most good recruiting coordinators will give you a date when you can call back, but if they don't, ask if you'll be a bother if you call back."

If the law firm you're interviewing with is too small for a recruiting coordinator, it could well be that the lawyers there have simply been too busy to give your situation the attention it deserves. When you call the firm and speak to the hiring partner's secretary, you could well be speaking to somebody who is up to her knees-with-mass in alligators. If she doesn't give you an answer, or says something like "I don't know where your application is," Susan Richey advises you to ask if it would be a problem if you called back in a week's time. If a week's not okay, the secretary is likely to give you a date that is.

As your situation illustrates, SE, it's important to keep the ball in your court whenever possible. That is, keep the calling privilege for yourself. As Sue Richey advises, "Instead of just leaving a voice mail message for them to call you back, say that you'll try back in a week, and leave them your number in case they want to call you in the meantime."

If time drags on and there is still no decision, think about contacting the person with whom you got along the best to see what else - if anything - you can do to further your cause. Again, couch your request in terms of how much you liked the firm and how you'd like to make a contribution; now is not the time to say, "Honestly, I wouldn't care so much except that I haven't found anything else and I'm getting desperate."

What is the downside risk of this entire approach, SE? There isn't one. As Susan Richey points out, "If they're going to reject you, they won't reject you any harder because you followed up." As the Job Goddess stressed at the outset, there are many reasons why you might not receive an offer that have nothing to do with whether they liked you or not. And even if their reasons did involve you, remember that it's only their impression of you, how you did in a single interview, and whatever you showed them of your credentials in the form of resumes, cover letters, writing samples, and the like. They didn't reject you, the flesh-and-blood person, SE - and no employer ever has that power unless you give it to them. The Job Goddess trusts that you won't.

Eternally yours, The Job Goddess

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Study group leaders are assigned for each first-year course. The study group leaders attend every class. They lead a one-hour study group each week during which they review the week's work, discuss hypotheticals and test questions, and help the students develop study tools such as flow charts and outlines. They write, administer, and grade practice exams during the semester. They also meet regularly with the course professor and with the Director of the Academic Support Program.

Applicants should submit the following to Janet Madden in Room 130: 1) cover letter discussing your qualifications for the position and reasons for wanting to be a study group leader 2) transcript 3) application (available from room 130). You also need to set up an interview with Janet Madden. Final hiring decisions will not be announced until late summer.
Leave it to the Saint!
The Saint’s “Crusade” for President

By Ray Estolano

The idea strikes

It was a beautiful spring day in San Diego, with the mischievous El Niño nowhere in sight. My best friend Lili and I were having lunch at our favorite taco bell, where I was patiently explaining my well thought out plans for world peace, school improvement and culinary arts to a very captive audience...

“And another thing, I don’t understand why the school makes us sign up to take Tax 1! My god, I don’t even plan on paying taxes!! And why do I actually have to spend time looking for a job- let the employers come to me!! Why if you care about your school.

I really focus of Job Opportunities

After declaring my candidacy, I began to wonder if a single man like myself could actually accomplish everything that I wanted to do. By myself, could I really hope to get career services to eliminate the $50 fee that they currently charge employers to come on campus? As I often do when confused, I fell asleep. In my dream, my old boxing coach appeared to me and gave me words to guide me.

“Do you think I can win, coach?” I said as I stumbled back into my corner of the boxing ring. Once again, I was dreaming of my last fight the one that I’d lost.

“Damn it Ray! You were awful out there! At this point the only way you win is if you get an army to help you.”

An army to help me...

He was right, it would take an army to take on career services, the administration, etc. Guided by his wisdom, I assembled the brave knights of Job Opportunities: John “Excalibur” Oh, Bob “Lancelot” McPhail, Gary “Machine Gun” Boatwright, Dianne “Magic” McCloskey, Krissey “The Killer” Schuler-Hintz, and Tom “Better Late than Never” Vivian. Now, there was an army...

The Battle

We marched into the election on white horses, carrying banners that proclaimed that we wouldn’t settle for less than a collating copier in the library. Soon, we met our worthy opponents. Battling against me were no less than seven opponents. Foremost among them was Brave Bill- a human whirlwind of campaigning in a sharp suit. However, the other candidates seemed just as fierce- including a fellow idealist with a vicious Pit Bull who put the bite behind his ideas, a fearless crusader against drunk driving, another advocate of the job fair, and a man who had an unlimited supply of hot dogs and spaghetti and wasn’t afraid to use them. The other knights on my team faced similarly tough opponents.

The battle began. It was a bully fight! Almost instantly, our banner of job opportunity was soiled by accusations of foul play. Before we had so much as talked to a single class, one of the candidates for president called the other candidates to report that our team was slandering them. “I have 6 witnesses that will swear under penalty of death that they saw you rip down my flyers,” said one candidate, voice shaking with fury. “Who?” I had asked. There were other accusations leveled at our team, mostly told to us by Richard Ormond, but again witnesses would never come forward. Maybe they were intimidated by my macho image...

In any case, we did our best to ignore the accusations and to focus on our crusade. By golly, this wasn’t about us- it was about a JOB FAIR! We told ourselves as we passed out cookies, barbequed in the rain, made speeches and did whatever else we could think of to get our message out. In the end it almost worked- most of us made it to the run off election.

Final Election Results

I had another dream before the elections. Once again I was in a boxing ring. I looked to my coach for direction, but he wasn’t there. There was no one around, my opponent. I was alone in the ring with... Brave Bill my opponent for president. I rubbed my eyes- this couldn’t be happening. Bill was brave, but he was also smaller than me. What would he be doing in a boxing ring with me?

As it turned out, the result of the dream was close to the result in real life! In other words, I was pounded. I think the time has come for me to quit having these boxing dreams....

Anyway, I wish you the best of luck Bill. I’d also like to wish luck to the only pro-JOB FAIR candidate elected- my friend treasurer Cheryl Yarborough. Give them hell, Cheryl!!

Congratulations!
to the following people for their selection to the 1998-99 Appellate Moot Court Board

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APRIL 1998
Movie Reviews: We Know Your Time is Tight... That's why we are Going to the Movies FOR you!

By Mike O'Connor

Twilight
This movie moved about as fast as James Garner can probably run. Starring Paul Newman, Susan Sarandon, Gene Hackman and James Garner this story about an ex-cop who turns detective, then retires only to do work and live with his buddy (gene Hackman) leaves me wondering why I ever saw it. Too bad this was the only movie playing between classes on the day I was at the theater.

Newman's character is in love with Hackman's wife (Sarandon) and works for both of them to keep their marriage intact while Hackman is dying of cancer. Through a little blackmail, some murder, and an affair, the story runs its course to find Newman telling the story of this tangled web of deceit. The plot is boring, the way the movie is shot isn't very effective, and there is no climax whatsoever. You keep waiting for the good part of the movie to start but it never does...probably don't even want to rent this one -72.

Wild Things
Starring Matt Dillon, Neve Campbell, Kevin Bacon, Denise Richards & Bill Murray. Notwithstanding the excellent advertising scheme developed by the Wild Things camp, this movie actually turned out to be pretty decent. With more plot twists than Scream I and II put together, and a Pulp Fiction-style wrap up, this film will at the very least keep you interested.

Matt Dillon plays a young teacher, Sam Lombardo, in an upscale town near the Florida everglades. Unfortunately for Sam, he doesn't have enough money to impress the local high society townsfolk, so he relies on his looks to attract the ladies and hopefully someday retire in style. Sam runs into trouble when Kelly (Denise Richards), the high school hottie and local rich girl, and Christie (played by Neve), the local basket case genius with a drug problem and troubled past, both wind up pressuring certain criminal charges against him in court.

From the lawsuit on, this film provides a supercharged thriller that keeps the audience wondering what will happen next. On the sexual side of things, Dillon, Campbell and Richards first experiment as a threesome, only to break off so Campbell and Richards (who spend much of the movie with some article of clothing missing) can try things on their own. And, for all the ladies, Kevin Bacon gives you that full frontal show that you've all been waiting for, which he reportedly likes to talk about on all the TV talk shows.

Overall, the film provides almost non-stop action and plot twists, and is actually pretty entertaining. I give it an 88, anyone interested in a suspenseful action-thriller with some skin and a great cast should check it out.

Dangerous Beauty
Starring Catherine McCormack and set in 16th century Venice, Italy, this film is based on a true story. McCormack (Mel's wife in Braveheart) plays Veronica Franco, a woman torn between loving a man she can't marry and accepting the role of a courtesan (high priced mistress to the nobles of Venice) in order to provide for her family and actually have a future life.

Basically, Veronica's love of poetry and reading coupled with surrounding circumstances inspire her to take her future into her own hands and transform herself into the premiere courtesan in Venice. She initially approaches the crossroads when the man she loves tells her he can't marry her because she is of a different caste than he is. The rest of the movie results in the two trading smart-ass remarks, glances and harsh words as they battle through whether they can stand seeing each other be unhappy- he with his arranged marriage, and she as a high priced mistress.

The movie does justice to the daily activities, scenery and poetry of the time, but bogs down in its depiction of warring relations, the black plague and the Inquisition. This movie could've easily been a lot shorter, particularly by doing away with the last third of the movie. However, the first two-thirds of the movie was actually quite good.

Quite a few members of the female audience went through some tissues during this one, but this movie didn't quite do it overall. If you'd be into a sort of romantic tragedy that actually results in a happy, yet drawn out ending, then this is the movie for you.

Otherwise, and especially if your not female, you probably want to skip this one. I give it an 84, after all I snuck into it too.

The Man in the Iron Mask
This film featured the likes of John Malkovich, Jeremy Irons, Gerard Depardieu and Leonardo DiCaprio. And, despite my stance upon initially entering the theater, this movie actually turned out to be one of the best movies I've seen in a while. This probably has something to do with the fact that anything Malkovich is in is usually worth the price of a movie ticket. Nonetheless, this expansion on the Musketeers legend-protecting the king(dom) of France, is very well played out. There is lots of drama, action and plenty of great acting. Leonardo even actually shows a little passion in this one- perhaps taking some cues from his surrounding cast. If you like old-time settings, or stories that revolve mainly around relationships, loss, and loyalty, then you'll like this movie. Even on a pure, non-thinking, entertainment-value level, this movie scores -89.

City of Angels
Starring Nicholas Cage and Meg Ryan.
Put it this way, the movie has little more to offer than what you've seen in its over-hyped previews. Despite my usual dislike for Meg Ryan, I thought she was actually decent in this movie. Nicholas Cage, on the other hand, who is usually a great actor, seemed a little out of place in this one. Granted, Cage's role as an angel in this movie is a difficult one to play. But, Cage struggles throughout the movie. Perhaps what's worst is that here isn't much action outside of Ryan's and Cage's relationship either.

Set in Los Angeles, with Ryan posing as a surgeon at a busy L.A. hospital, the movie has difficulty filing its couple hours with interesting material. While there is some good dialogue between Cage and his fellow angels about the regular folk and some interesting moments in Cage's experiences throughout the movie, overall it is pretty boring. Nonetheless, with its one liners and aim at sentimental irony, the movie still managed to leave some cheeks wet in the end.

I give it a 78.

Cal-Western plans new law library

Our cross-town competitor California Western School of Law has announced plans for a new $8 million law library scheduled to open in January 2000. The 50,000 square-foot building will be located at the northwest corner of Cedar and Third across from the school's classroom buildings. The new library will be open to members of the legal community.

California Western, which was established in 1924 on Point Loma, has an enrollment of over 700 students and over 100 full-time faculty and staff.
Nathanson Lecture
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hear cases under federal law," said Abrahamson, who was formerly a law professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Law.

Abrahamson said that Justice Burger's confidence in the judiciary systems of the states and his efforts to improve the quality of state courts and judges had help revitalize the state judiciaries.

The Nathaniel Nathanson lecture series is in honor of Prof. Nathanson, who taught alternately at the University of San Diego School of Law and Northwestern University School of Law until 1983. Prof. Nathanson's academic work was renowned in the areas of administrative law, constitutional law, civil liberties and human rights. Prof. Nathanson was extremely prolific, having published five student comments in the Yale Law Journal, a total of 64 law review articles, and eight books. He served as a clerk under Supreme Court Justice Louise D. Brandeis.

The speech was followed by a reception on the first floor of Warren Hall.

ATLA Intramural Mock Trial Competition Provides Forum for Future Litigators

By Gary Boatwright
Eight teams competed in USD's ATLA Mock Trial competition at the South Bay Courthouse in Chula Vista on Saturday, March 28th. The first and second place teams competed in the final round on Sunday, March 29th, at USD's Grace Courtroom. Intramural mock trial is an opportunity for USD students to gain realistic litigation experience. The event was judged by experienced San Diego litigators who volunteered their time to judge and critique the performance of USD students interested in perfecting their trial techniques.

Each team was composed of four students who argued both sides of a case. In the first round, two students argued either the defense of the prosecution side of the case, and the other two students served as witnesses. In the second round, the teams switched sides, and the attorneys became witnesses, and the witnesses became attorneys. The fictitious criminal case involved charges of cocaine trafficking and possession against a woman who claimed she thought she was buying diamonds instead of three kilos of cocaine. The defendant, her lover-friend, the police informant, and the undercover detective served as colorful characters in this interesting case.

The following eight teams participated in the tournament:

- Sean Fitting, Linda Kim, Peter Kim and Diane Richard
- Gregory Borunda, Brandy Bryant, Paul Suppa, and Lucinda Jacobs
- Clay Biddle, Clint Crosser, Jessie LaBay, and Cynthia Stoneberg
- Matthew Guerrero, Barbara Kim, David Leatherberry, and Brian Weber
- Ed Burns, Deanna McDonald, Curtis Ross, and Diane Willis
- Michael Lee, Jakrun Sodhi, Andrea Steinorth, and Michael Vasseghi
- Robert Bradley, Bob Chen, Jennifer Guenthner, and James Kuykendall
- Bonnie Benitez, Anne Bickel, Amanda Doerrer, and Mark Stenson

In the final round the teams of Guerrero, Kim, Leatherberry & Weber prosecuted the case against Biddle, Crosser, LaBay & Stoneberg in the final round. Clay Biddle, Clint Crosser, Jessica LaBay, and Cynthia Stoneberg took first place. Presiding Judge during the final round, Russell S. Babcock, remarked that both teams were better than 85% of the attorneys he sees in practice. Professor Theresa Player, the other final round judge, expressed surprise that the competitors were all second year students, only one of whom had even finished Lawyering Skills II. All of the teams distinguished themselves amidst keen competition.

Judge Ernest Borunda was our Host and Chief Judge for the preliminary rounds on Saturday. The South Bay Courthouse facilities and hospitality were outstanding. We offer a special word of appreciation to Kathleen Bailey, Jodi Henning, Angie De Luca, and Theresa Ferko, South Bay administrative staff who came in on their day off to make sure everything ran smoothly. The tournament was coordinated by the ATLA Chapter Board Members: Gary Boatwright, President; Greg Borunda, Vice-President; and Matt Guerrero, Secretary. The Board was assisted by Lisa L. Hillan, Esq., Chapter Advisor.

The competitors express their appreciation to the other tournament judges: Oliver Cleary, Julius DeGuia, Nelson Goodin, Judith Hartwig, Denise Hickey, Lisa Hillan, Paul Junge, Larissa Kostis, Michelle Paradise, Benjamin Sanchez, Anthony Solare, and Steven Weisenberg. We were delighted that, following such an exciting first round, virtually all of the morning judges chose to stay through the afternoon to judge another round.

The plan for next year's competition is to open the ATLA Mock Trial Competition to Thomas Jefferson and Cal Western. The ATLA board is excited about the opportunity to make this a city wide event. It will make the Mock Trial Competition more competitive and increase the educational value for all participants. We look forward to welcoming the USD law school class of 2000 into next year's All San Diego ATLA Mock Trial Competition.

All of the participants and judges received luncheon gift certificates to the elegant Mr. A's restaurant. The ATLA chapter offers its condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Thomas Alessio, founder and proprietor of Mr. A's restaurant, following Mr. Alessio's passing on March 26. As a prominent member of the San Diego business community, Mr. Alessio was a strong supporter of the San Diego community. He will be greatly missed.
### San Diego (Cal. Western) - Live Lectures

- **Monday, April 6, 1998**
  - 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm
  - **CIVIL PROCEDURE II**
  - Intentional Torts, Defenses, Negligence
  - Damages, Damages

- **Tuesday, April 7, 1998**
  - 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm
  - **CONTRACTS II - U.C.C.**

- **Wednesday, April 8, 1998**
  - 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
  - **TORTS I**
  - Intentional, Torts, Defenses, Negligence
  - Cause of Action, Damages, Damages

### San Diego (FLL Office) - Live Lectures

- **Saturday, April 25, 1998**
  - 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm
  - **CONTRACTS II - U.C.C.**

- **Sunday, April 26, 1998**
  - 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm
  - **TORTS II**
  - Negligence, Defenses, Strict Liability, Negligence

### San Diego Live & Video Lectures

- **San Diego Live**
  - Auditory
  - California Western School Of Law, 350 Cedar Ave., San Diego

- **San Diego Live & Video**
  - Suite 260
  - Fleming's Fundamentals Of Law, 2815 Camino del Rio South, San Diego

### Orange County - Live Lectures

- **Friday, May 1, 1998**
  - 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
  - **CIVIL PROCEDURE II**

- **Saturday, May 2, 1998**
  - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II**
  - Procedure: Due Process, Breach of Equal Protection, 14th Amendment: Injunction

- **Sunday, May 3, 1998**
  - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
  - **REAL PROPERTY II**
  - Sale of Land, Recording Act: Evidence, Priors & Liens

### Orange County - Video Lectures

- **Friday, April 17, 1998**
  - 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
  - **CIVIL PROCEDURE II**

- **Saturday, April 18, 1998**
  - Noon to 5:00 pm
  - **EVIDENCE I**
  - Expertise: Business, Character, Impression, Consumer, Expert Evidence: None, Privileges

- **Friday, April 24, 1998**
  - 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
  - **CIVIL PROCEDURE II**
  - Cause of Action: Decree, Summary Judgment, Actions on the Ground: Appeal, Appeal, Appeal, Appeal, Appeal, Appeal

### Cost

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