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NOVELIST'S GIFT

Teacher, writer uses poetry to tell compelling tales

Reviewed by Bart Thurber

Long known for his novels, stories and plays, the distinguished teacher and writer Reynolds Price has also, along the way, been a poet. Three previous collections are brought together here, with a new group, "The Unaccountable Worth of the World," and more work from his ongoing "Days and Nights," a kind of poetic journal and daybook. There, he tells us, the rule has been that no poem "could be significantly changed past the day or two of its arrival."

In "Days and Nights" Price has done some of his calmest and most lucid work, as the entries from the past quarter-century illustrate: from the shock of his first bouts with spinal cancer —

At five p.m., grim as Charon's punt,
The neurologist finds me on my stretcher by the door
Of the radiological torture-tank
In which four searchers kind as children
Have found the fault — "A ten-inch tumor
On your spinal cord."
(from "TV")

through what he calls "those burnt months" of 1984, during which he underwent radiation treatment, endured chemotherapy and became paraplegic; to the unexpected anerotic quietude of L

And shows round
Of him such satisfactory likenesses of Lear.
That I'm driving from Durham, North Carolina
To Lexington, Virginia to get General Lee. He'll be spending two days at Duke University,
Meeting with students and giving one formal
Evening lecture. Time is the present... He's shed one or two of the
(from "The Dream of Lee")

At times Price's Southern heritage serves him well, as in the easy conversational lope of his beginnings:

A god stopped in at the house late last night,
Claiming to be a Jehovah's Witness
Peddling tracts and offering to expound
John's Apocalypse — what it meant for me.
And it serves as well to deepen and broaden the impact of his poetry, as, like James Dickey or Eudora Welty or Walker Percy, he registers the power of the past in the present, or the stupendous impact of the divine on the very heart — here the home — of the everyday:

Then slowly his essence gathered;
Limbs, trunk, head throbbed, coalesced —
A second prolonged transformation.
The glare consumed his pedlar's mask
Til he sat up near my face, then rose —
Himself revealed, incendiary core,
A megatonnage unforeseen
By any computer or institute;
Precisely the grandest male I'd found,
Exhaling from every pore of a skin
Dusted with a pelt of slant tan hair
The constant ground-bass of majesty.
(from "Three Visitors: Dionysos")

But at times Price is self-conscious and artificial, constricted perhaps by the weight of the tradition within which he writes. In the middle of "House Snake," a Faulkneresque record of the impact of an animistic Other on an awakening human witness, he can say that

I watched him, still as he; then smeared
A palm on intervening air,
Set down my coffee, and said "Thanks,
Nero" — naming him as Adam
Named the stock of Eden, spontaneously,
Straight homage to his essence; clandestine, pure
Black.

Apart from the difficulties of "still as he," and "Smeared/A palm on intervening air" (how do you do that?), there is that "Straight homage to his essence," about which I guess I would say — well, just that I hope no one ever pays it to me. And Price can be suspect, too, in his too-frequent musings on Milton or on classical authors, or in his ill-judged attempts to render the Anglo-Saxon.

But in most of his poems, Price is more sure-footed, with a powerful narrative urgency that drives each line beyond itself, collapsing it into the next. With Reynolds Price we are always hungry for the end, impatient to see how it will all turn out, never certain that we know. That is a born storyteller's gift — and if it is primarily a novelist's gift, if he sometimes sacrifices the line for the sake of the story, in the end it is the gift we most prize in his poetry. It's a gift worth having.

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THE COLLECTED POEMS

Reynolds Price
Scribner, 464 pages, $37.50
Moriarty sentenced to 3 years’ probation

Professor convicted of threatening ex-wife must wear transmitter

By Clark Brooks  
STAFF WRITER

Daniel Moriarty, the psychology professor convicted of threatening his former wife, will be released from jail as soon as he can be equipped with a tracking device that would warn her if he comes near, a Superior Court judge said yesterday.

Judge Richard Murphy also placed other, more routine, conditions on Moriarty, who will be released in about two weeks.

Moriarty was sentenced to the time he has already served, plus three years’ probation. He must wear the electronic transmitter around his ankle for 180 days. His ex-wife, Suzanne Bounds, and her husband, Larkin Bounds, will carry receivers.

Moriarty, former chairman of the University of San Diego’s psychology department, was arrested June 14. Entries in his diary said he planned to kill the Boundses and himself June 16 — Father’s Day and Moriarty’s 50th birthday.

His attorney, Michael Goldfeder, contended in court that Moriarty was merely venting emotions over the breakup of a 26-year marriage and never intended to hurt anyone.

However, Suzanne Bounds, a teacher at Tierra Bonita elementary school in Poway, testified that Moriarty sent her a journal in which he threatened to kill her and her husband, who teaches at Midland School, also in Poway.

The Boundses were not in court yesterday.

Murphy said his decision to waive further jail time was influenced by “a tremendous number of letters sent on behalf of Dr. Moriarty,” including one from Suzanne Bounds’ father.

Prosecutor Daniel Goldstein also told the judge that “prison was not a viable option” for Moriarty, considering his maximum sentence would be three years and he would be eligible for release within four to six months.

Moriarty flashed a dimpled smile to his supporters before he was led back to jail.

Goldfeder said Moriarty was “pleased with the sentencing, but the actual prosecution in this case is a different matter.”

Goldfeder said he has appealed “for unconstitutional prosecution of a citizen of the United States,” hoping to clear Moriarty’s name and put an end to the probation.

Dr. John Valois, a professor in the USD psychology department and a friend of Moriarty’s, was among those who wrote letters to the court supporting Moriarty.

Valois disagreed with the Jan. 8 guilty verdict, but said that the probation and its conditions were “under the circumstances ... the most diplomatic way to handle a very difficult situation.”

In addition to wearing the tracking device, Moriarty agreed that he, his house and his car may be searched without probable cause. He must undergo counseling until his probation officer and therapist decide it is no longer necessary.

Moriarty will be required to pay the cost of the tracking system, $150 to $200 per week, Goldfeder said.

Moriarty was relieved of his teaching and administrative duties following his conviction. USD officials anticipate reviewing his status when he gets out of jail, said university spokesman Jack Cannon.

Valois and other professors have lobbied on his behalf.

“We’re hoping the university will be compassionate and keep him in the university family,” Valois said. “At this point, it’s the only family he’s got.”
Psychology professor out of jail, must wear an electronic device

By Bill Callahan
STAFF WRITER

The University of San Diego psychology professor convicted of threatening his former wife was released from jail yesterday after being fitted with an innovative tracking device.

Daniel Moriarty, who spent nearly a year behind bars, is required to wear an ankle bracelet with an electronic transmitter for the next 180 days. The device will warn his ex-wife if Moriarty approaches within 500 feet of her home or work.

Moriarty also has agreed to a number of conditions, including staying away from where his former spouse and her new husband work and live.

Moriarty was convicted by a jury Jan. 8 of terrorizing Suzanne Bounds after the breakup of their 26-year marriage. He made entries in a diary targeting her, her husband and himself for death.

His lawyer argued during the trial that Moriarty never was serious about injuring anyone. The diary, he said, was a release for his client's frustrations over the divorce.

Moriarty, who was head of USD's psychology department before his arrest June 14, was sentenced to jail time already served and three years' probation on May 9, but he had to wait until yesterday, when the electronic device was ready, to be released.

In granting Moriarty freedom, San Diego Judge Richard Murphy urged friends of the professor in court to rally behind Moriarty and help him move on with his life.

Murphy reiterated the conditions of Moriarty's release and ordered him not to go to Escondido, where Bounds and her husband, both schoolteachers in Poway, live. Visits to the North County Fair shopping center and Kit Carson Park were excepted.

Moriarty will be confined to his home daily between 10 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. while wearing the sophisticated new tracking device, which will allow system operators to track Moriarty's movements.

"This is a brand new, high-tech solution to stalking and domestic violence cases," said Murphy.

Moriarty was relieved of his teaching and administrative duties at USD following his conviction. University officials have said they planned to review Moriarty's status after his release from jail.
Myths surround poverty and welfare
The number of poor people in the United States is increasing at a troublesome rate. In the early 1970s, one of every nine Americans lived in poverty. Today, that figure is almost one in seven—36.4 million people, and 40 percent of these individuals live in "extreme poverty." According to some estimates, another 25 million people (the "near poor") live on the edge of financial hardship, with many in this group only one paycheck away from slipping below the poverty line ($15,569 for a family of four in 1995).

The basic facts surrounding poverty and welfare are rarely understood and routinely distorted. Many Americans are still of the opinion that welfare recipients are predominantly a collection of lazy, wine-drinking, Cadillac-driving minorities only too happy to live at the taxpayers' expense. William P. O'Hare of the Population Reference Bureau has outlined a number of misconceptions about the poor and government assistance.

**Myth 1: The overwhelming majority of poor people are blacks and Hispanics.** Although rates of poverty are higher for African-Americans and Hispanics than they are for other racial/ethnic categories, these two groups do not constitute a majority of the poor. Non-Hispanic whites account for 48 percent of the country's poor, with African-Americans making up 27 percent and Hispanics 22 percent.

**Myth 2: Most people are poor because they do not want to work.** This is the most deeply ingrained and commonly held truth about the poor. Approximately half of all the people living in poverty are either too young or too old to work (40 percent under 18, and 10 percent over 65). If present trends continue, by the year 2010, half of all African-American and Hispanic children as well as 25 percent of Non-Hispanic white children will reside in poverty. Many of the working-age poor (18 to 65) are employed but earn below-poverty wages. O'Hare notes that 30 percent of this group had jobs for at least six months in 1994.

**Myth 3: Poor families are trapped in a cycle of poverty from which very few escape.** The poverty population is quite dynamic, with people moving in and out of dire financial circumstances every year. Approximately 20 percent of those who were poor in 1992 had climbed over the poverty line in 1993. One study that tracked 5,000 families for 20 years discovered that only 12 percent remained in poverty for five or more years. Most of the people in this investigation had spells of poverty that lasted one year or less.

**Myth 4: The majority of the poor live in inner-city neighborhoods.** O'Hare found that 23 percent of the poverty population make their home in inner cities, 19 percent live in other parts of the city, 36 percent live in suburbs (a growing category), with the final 22 percent resid-

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welfare budget is earmarked for training and educational programs.

The first thing we can say about the high rate of poverty is that conditions can be changed for the better. A recent study comparing child poverty in this country with 16 other developed nations found that, not counting "government assistance," 25.9 percent of this nation's children lived in poverty. When government funding was factored in, the rate was lowered to 21.5 percent (the highest figure by far of all 17 countries). Comparable before- and after-government assistance figures for France were 25.4 percent and 6.5 percent; and for Sweden, 19.1 percent and 2.7 percent. If these nations can substantially reduce the number of poverty ridden children, then so can we.

However, providing government aid in the form of monetary assistance seems to go (strongly) against the grain of many Americans, even if this assistance benefits individuals who cannot work: children, the elderly and the disabled. Since over half of all poor people fall into one of these categories, the government is the only institution capable of providing for their well-being. Churches and charitable organizations simply cannot be counted on to care for millions of people.

Those who can (and should) work need decent-paying jobs (and often training) that will lift them out of poverty. Conservatives and liberals have long differed as to whether these jobs should be provided by private industry, the government or both. Regardless of one's political philosophy, the bottom line is that employment must be created if the poverty situation is to improve, or for that matter, to keep from getting worse.

For those of us not struggling financially, it is easy to ignore the poor. While it may be an exaggeration to say that anyone and everyone is capable of sliding into poverty via job loss, illness, divorce or bad luck, under present economic conditions, more people than ever are susceptible to monetary disaster.

If there is anything to the adage that

"our children are our future," we are wasting the talent of untold millions of individuals, many of whom will take to the streets in search of making money illegally if they cannot find employment.

To the extent that poverty is a cause of crime, we are all at an increased risk of criminal victimization. And with the cost of incarcerating a convicted felon for one year approximately 75 percent of the median family income ($38,782), locking people up is more expensive than caring for them via welfare or (preferably) creating employment.

If people cannot be convinced to help alleviate the plight of the poor because it is the right thing to do, then they should work toward this goal if for no other reason than self-interest.
San Diego Commerce
Tuesday May 13th

“Fundamentals of Project Management”
University of San Diego, School of Business Administration
Place: University of San Diego, School of Business Administration, Olin Hall
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fee: $125 per person.
Topic: This seminar was designed to provide an overview of the unique problems associated with controlling projects. Call Katy Petersen (619) 260-2258.
San Diego economy forges ahead

With unemployment dropping and help wanted ads plentiful, the outlook for San Diego's economy continues to improve, according to a survey by the University of San Diego. The survey said the region's index of leading economic indicators rose 0.8 percent in March, marking two years of consecutive monthly gains. The labor market was the strongest performer in the index, with initial claims for unemployment insurance dropping sharply, a sign that the rate of job loss has declined significantly. Meanwhile, the heavy volume of help wanted ads suggests that job creation is picking up speed.

Synbiotics to make acquisition

Synbiotics of San Diego has agreed to buy Rhone Merieux's veterinary diagnostic business for $12 million in cash and about 821,000 shares of newly issued common stock. Rhone Merieux is an animal health unit of Rhone-Poulenc. Synbiotics, which provides veterinary diagnostics, vaccines and related specialty products, expects to complete the acquisition during the second quarter.

Qualcomm sheds assets

Qualcomm of San Diego has sold the assets of its TL2000 dispatch software business to TMW Systems, an Ohio-based developer of software for the trucking industry. The software unit, formerly known as McCormick and Associates, is based in Indiana and served about 100 customers. Qualcomm bought the unit in 1995.

TV/Com makes Italian deal

TV/Com International of San Diego has signed an agreement with Telepiu, the Italian pay-TV company, to supply digital satellite receivers to the Italian market under the Hyundai brand. The receivers will be offered exclusively in Italy.
DIVIDING LINES

Wherein the Age of Reason slams into reality to form our United States

Reviewed by Doug Payne

The story of the European colonization of the New World, and the resultant creation of a new breed of people called "Americans," has been told and retold, but never like this. Like the country it seeks to portray, Thomas Pynchon's novel is huge, ambitious, hilarious and thoroughly weird. If myth often works to familiarize the incomprensible, "Mason & Dixon" is a counter-myth that turns familiar stories inside out in order to make "home" something deeply strange.

Pynchon's narrative takes the form of a historical novel in 18th-century prose, following the careers of the British astronomer Charles Mason and his younger colleague, surveyor Jeremiah Dixon, from their first meeting to the ends of their lives. Most notably, Mason and Dixon accept a commission in the mid-1760s to survey the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland that came to bear their names and to signify the larger divide between South and North, slave and free, in the United States.

The central section, dealing with their American adventures, takes up more than half the novel and inspires Pynchon's most compelling writing. Mason and Dixon meet Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and a host of other characters, some historical, some apparently fictional, almost all eccentric. The series of meetings between curious Brits and curious denizens of America - colonists, Indians, Jesuits, an automated "Duck" who has become animate and a Chinese geomancer who opposes the carving of straight lines upon the living body of the Earth - enables Pynchon to create a panoramic portrait of the colonies on the brink of independence. Familiar themes are sounded, but they have been remixed, filtered through Pynchon's unique perspective and infused with equal parts screwball humor and mysticism.

George Washington, for instance, may well have been preoccupied with his real estate investments, as the novel suggests; Pynchon's cunning and earthy Col. Washington is historically grounded and provides an invigorating counterpoint to the monumental-but-dull paragon installed in our national pantheon. But ultimately, revisionary history is not the point. The scene begins with Washington's getting Mason and Dixon intoxicated on punch and hemp; later George and Martha spontaneously sing a duet, while the Washingtons' African-Jewish "servant," Gershom, tells a series of "King-Joaks" that turn out to be "Slavee-and-Master Joaks, retailer'd for these Audiences." The effect of such extravagant, barbed humor seems to be not to correct the received image of the Father of Our Country so much as to disrupt received ways of thinking about the United States in general.

One can get a handle on the novel's larger ambitions by contemplating the elaborately developed image of the (Mason-Dixon) Line. Pynchon repeatedly causes "the Age of Reason" to collide with myriad forms of unreason - slavery, the political and economic machinations that distort and direct scientific inquiry, the supernatural, dreams. The United States is the novel's supreme consequence of such collisions, at once a peak accomplishment of 18th-century rationality and its absurd contradiction. The Line becomes the emblem of this constitutive tension in the nation: "Does Britannia, when she sleeps, dream? Is America her dream?"

For Pynchon, no sooner is a possibility imagined than the processes of rationality begin to contain or imprison it. The Line, in increasingly ominous ways, comes to symbolize an oppressive system of control apparently built into European forms of reason. By mapping the new onto the already known, we employ rational means in counterproductive ways, "reducing Possibilities to Simplicities that serve the ends of Governments, - winning away from the realm of the Sacred, its Borders" by one, and assuming them unto the bare mortal World that is our home, and our Despair."

Underneath the wacky comedy lurks the haunting sense that the Line is a scar in a network of scars - Mason & Dixon victims as well as agents of the wounding.

Interesting issues abound, such as Pynchon's linking of the American experiment to larger histories of imperialism and class struggle; the charming frame-tale, in which the entire narrative is purportedly recounted by an unorthodox minister around the fireplace of a middle-class Philadelphia family (in a single evening!) in 1786; and a certain tenderness and interest in sustained relationships that suggest Pynchon may be mellowing as he nears 60.

But sustaining balance is required. "Mason & Dixon" is not a beach book. Pynchon's very virtues can be frustrating.

He is consistent: If his characters sense they are being manipulated by mysterious agencies with dubious agendas, he refuses to let us know more than they; the conspiracies remain elusive. Pynchon's formal originality is often stimulating, sometimes just baffling. The sections set in America have more narrative drive than those elsewhere, and the comical Dixon is more intriguing than the melancholy Mason, whose visitations from his dead wife Rebekah never quite click. As in many buddy stories, the female characters seem limited.

However, I have reservations about these reservations. Pynchon wears well; I am still figuring out images and phrases of his I encountered 10 years ago. I imagine much that seems arbitrary now will take on weight and resonance over time. "Mason & Dixon" stretches the imagination and the vocabulary, and presents a bizarre vision of the United States that may ring truer than the image enshrined in national myth.

Doug Payne teaches 20th-century literature and theory at USD.
Economy still glowing reports USD indicators

Declining claims for unemployment insurance and increasing help-wanted advertising are signs of continuing strength for the San Diego economy, according to USD's report of Leading Economic Indicators for March.

The composite index was up 0.8 percent, as help-wanted ads rose 1.1 percent and unemployment insurance claims dropped 2 percent.

USD expects a strong job market to continue for the rest of the year.

Tourism posted a 0.9 percent increase, while stock prices were up 0.6 percent.

The only negative in March was a 0.2 percent decline in building permits, the first decline in any index category since last September.
Elsewhere

Jobless Claims

After jumping because of strikes and floods, the number of new claims for unemployment benefits is holding at levels consistent with moderate job growth. The Labor Department said Thursday that first-time applications for unemployment insurance totaled 322,000 last week, 5,000 more than the previous week but still in a range suggesting continued economic growth. The report was in line with analysts' expectations and had little effect on Wall Street, where stocks slipped as interest rates rose in the bond market on renewed inflation concerns.

Local Scene

USD Economic Index Up

The University of San Diego Index of leading economic indicators for San Diego County rose 0.8 percent during the month of March, compared to a 0.9 percent gain the previous month. The gain was lead by a strong drop in claims for unemployment insurance, whose inverted indicator rose 2.02 percent. Another strong gain in the labor market was seen as help wanted advertising rose 1.13 percent. Tourist activity in the county rose 0.9 percent, and stock prices rose 0.58 percent. Residential building permits fell slightly by 0.19 percent for the month, the first time since September that they have decreased.

San Diego Stocks

The San Diego Stock Market Index closed up at 662.158 on Thursday, an increase of 0.20 percent from Wednesday. Mail Boxes Etc., which announced it was being acquired by one of the nation's largest office supply companies, was the biggest money gainer, up $3 to $22.625. WD-40 was the biggest loser, down $1.50 to $54.50. Fifty-two issues were up, 51 issues were down and 60 were unchanged. The San Diego Stock Market is on Page 7A.

Qualcomm Sues Philips

Qualcomm is embroiled in legal battles again, this time with U.S. Philips Corp. The Sorrento Valley-based wireless communications company has filed suit in San Diego's Federal Court seeking declaratory relief that it did not violate three patents held by Philips relating to CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) technology, a digital wireless communications technology. The case states that Qualcomm has received calls from Philips accusing the company of violating the patents. Officers at Philips had no comment on the case but said no lawsuit against Qualcomm has yet been filed. The complaint filed by Qualcomm claims

Financial Knowledge

Most high school seniors lack basic personal finance knowledge that they will need to manage their lives, such as handling credit cards, paying taxes, even saving for the future, a national survey suggests. In a 40-minute, multiple-choice examination administered in March and April, 1,509 soon-to-graduate seniors on average answered correctly only 57 percent of the 31 questions. That's an "F" based on a typical high-school grading scale.

Hard On Judges

Gov. Pete Wilson, who has seen several ballot issues he supported passed by voters only to be thwarted by legal challenges, called for more careful screening of judges. The Republican governor criticized judges for attempting to legislate from the bench, rather than interpreting the law as it is written. Wilson said Congress should take steps to prevent judges from acting outside their authority, including more careful screening in the Senate, legislation that would require three-judge panels to hear challenges to statewide referenda, and setting time limits for judges to act.

Media Regulations

Media companies should not be given more freedom to own multiple TV stations in a community, the

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COMMUNITY NOTES:  

STUDENTS OVERCOME DAUNTING OBSTACLES  
Grossmont College recently honored 10 students who are achieving their educational goals despite daunting difficulties. Major health problems, abuse and past failures are recurring themes in the life histories of this year's Students of Note. 

Recipients of the 1997 Student of Note Awards are: Galavej Barwar; Darlene Duncan; Debra Fryer; Bella Mak; Victor Muglia; Karen Ogle; Francisco Palacios; Karen Vignault; Thomas Wagemaker; and Charlotte Warrick. 

"The Students of Note ceremony recognizes students who have overcome severe obstacles on their road to success," said Dr. Richard Sanchez, Grossmont College President. "The entire college community is very proud of these students. We applaud their perseverance, determination, motivation and persistence."

HARBORSIDE ELEMENTARY RECEIVES WHITE HOUSE RECOGNITION  
Students at Harborside Elementary, Chula Vista, joined more than 550,000 children from thousands of schools throughout North America and across the world to read more than 8 million books. 

The 750 students at Harborside read more than 24,000 books, earning the literacy program at Harborside considerable national attention. 

Recently Harborside was honored as a Teaching Example to be featured during the President's Summit for America's Future. The school achieved this honor through a unique application of educational technology, teaching techniques, and its association with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps.

UCSD EXTENSION HONORS TIJUANA RESIDENT  
Martha Lima Morris of Tijuana was the recipient of UCSD Extension's Club 1000 Outstanding Employee Award. 

Lima, director of membership development and special programs, was presented the award by Mary Lindestein Walshok, associate vice chancellor for Extended Studies and Public Programs. Walshok praised Lima for "consistently showing excellent judgement, dedication to her work, and a welcomed sense of humor. Martha's creative solutions to problems never cease to amaze her colleagues. She is a wonderful example of how a person can be successful through innovative solutions."

COLLEGE THEOLOGY SOCIETY'S 43RD ANNUAL CONVENTION  
The University of San Diego will host the College Theology Society's 43rd annual convention from Thursday, May 29, through Sunday, June 1. The theme of this year's convention is "Theology: Expanding the Borders."

On Friday, May 30, Virgilio Elizondo of the Mexican American Center in San Antonio, Texas, will be the featured speaker for "Transformation of Borders: Border Separation or New Humanity." Dr. Elizondo is considered the founder of U.S. Latino theology. The session will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in USD's Shiley Theatre. Admission fee is $5.

THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO AND TIJUANA  
The Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana is being formed to bring together American, Japanese, and Mexican individuals, opinion makers, and organizations who share the common goal of enhancing awareness of the importance of the trilateral relationship. 

The Japan Society will be providing opportunities for intercommunication and exchange; offering business, cultural, and education programs; and provide an interactive framework upon which to build increased trust and sensitivity.

Individuals and organizations and call Anthony Enomoto at 619-233-6873 for further information.

COMMUNITY HEALTH GROUP HIRES JOSEPH GARCIA AS DIRECTOR OF MARKETING  
Community Health Group (CHG) has hired 20-year healthcare veteran Joseph Garcia as director of marketing. Garcia will be responsible for all aspects of marketing for both the Medi-Cal prepaid health plan and the commercial health plan, as well as membership services. 

Prior to joining CHG, Garcia was executive director at CompCare Health Plan with responsibility for all operations. Prior to that, he spent 11 years at San Ysidro Health Center, Inc. as health education coordinator and then as chief operating officer. 

Garcia, a San Diego native, earned his bachelor's degree in health science from San Diego State University and a master's of business administration at National University in San Diego.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE  
Special election will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, for voters in Alpine; Carlsbad; Poway; East County; San Dieguito Emergency Medical Services District; and Heartland Emergency Medical Services Area (CSA# 69).

Voters who expect to be away on election day, or who prefer to vote at home, that Tuesday, May 27th, is the deadline for the Registrar's office to receive an application by mail for an absentee/mail ballot.
Although no solution for trial-court funding is in sight, thanks to Assemblyman Bill Morrow, R-Oceanside, skateboarders may soon be able to kick up their wheels in Carlsbad and elsewhere. Morrow's bill, AB 1296, would give cities and other public entities limited immunity from civil suits by persons who were injured while skateboarding on public property.

Like smokers, skateboarders have seen their freedom to enjoy their hobby severely constricted in recent years, with the city of Carlsbad banning the sport in its downtown area due to escalating property damage and fear of litigation.

The bill passed the Assembly on Thursday and now goes to the Senate.

In addition, AB 320, or the Restorative Justice Bill, cleared the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Wednesday. Sponsored by Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith, R-Poway, the measure would establish a pilot program in three counties, to be chosen by the Department of Justice, that would force juveniles convicted of non-violent offenses to perform community service and meet with their victims to get a better idea of the impact of their actions.

In a prepared statement, Goldsmith said he hopes "by taking a tough, rehabilitative approach, we can turn these kids into productive, law-abiding citizens." The full Assembly must act on the bill by June 6 or it will die on the floor.

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Should Lockyer's bill make it to the Senate floor and be approved there, legislators will have the unenviable task of reconciling it with AB 1438 sponsored by Assemblywoman Martha Escutia, D-Huntington Park and AB 233, which is co-authored by Assemblyman Kurt Pringle, R-Garden Grove.

The Escutia/Pringle package would transfer financial responsibility for future court expansion from the counties to the state and would grant authorized employee groups much more limited collective-bargaining rights than the Lockyer bill.

However, a spokesman for Wilson has refused to say whether even the Escutia plan would be acceptable to the governor. If no plan is in place by the end of June, the county of San Diego will have to fund all local court operations.

Another person challenging what he sees as unacceptable behavior is San Diego attorney Tom Tanana, who is suing the San Diego Police Department. Apparently the controversy arose after Tanana, the attorney for Citizens Reforming the Prostitution Laws, met with Lt. Howard Kendall, former head of the vice squad.

Before the meeting got underway, Tanana noticed a list of the names and identities of the department's plainclothes vice detectives was posted on the wall. Unfortunately, Kendall noticed he was written down the names and seized Tanana's notes.

In a prepared statement, Tanana said he plans to use the case as a vehicle to obtain confidential police documents, such as the Criminal Intelligence Manual and the Vice Manual.

It is SDPD policy not to comment on pending litigation.

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Meanwhile, all eyes are on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which is currently considering SB 9, sponsored by Sen. Bill Lockyer, D-Hayward. His court funding package would restore to court employees some of the collective-bargaining rights they lost after the California Court of Appeals for the Fourth District ruled in AFSCEME et al. v. County of San Diego that they were not state employees. Lockyer's approach has been condemned by Wilson, who has threatened to veto any court funding package that contains those elements.

Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps is four associates stronger with the addition of Thomas A. Borton, Lori Chamberlain, Rand R. Serva and John D. Vaughn. Borton received his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1993 and his B.S. from Indiana University in 1988. He will work in the Insurance and Reinsurance Practice Group with a special emphasis on bad-faith issues. In addition to California, he's a member of the Indiana State Bar and the Seventh Circuit bar association.

Chamberlain graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1990 and specializes in the defense of wrongful-termination actions and employment discrimination and harassment issues, as well as privacy rights and wage and hour matters.

She will join the firm's Labor and Employment Law Practice Group. Before becoming a member of the bar, Chamberlain earned her Ph.D. from the University of California-Irvine and her B.A. from San Diego State University in 1974. Chamberlain is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association, the National Association of College and University Attorneys and the San Diego Lawyer's Club.

Serwin, who concentrates on healthcare matters as well as bad-faith actions concerning insurance companies, will join Borton in the Insurance and Reinsurance Practice Group.

He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1995 and his received his B.A. from the University of California-San Diego in 1992.

Vaughn is the newest member of the Business Litigation Practice Group, thanks to his extensive experience in the resolution of complex business disputes and general civil litigation. He obtained his J.D. from Santa Clara University in 1992 and his B.A. degree from California State University-Fullerton in 1988.

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Deana Lynne Boheneek, a senior at the University of San Diego School of Law, received the first Alec L. Cory-Bono Award on Friday for her work with Volunteers in Juvenile Probation and Pro-Bono Legal Advocates. The award, along with a $2,500 scholarship, was presented by founding partner Alec L. Cory, who recently received the Legal Professional of the Year Award from the San Diego County Bar Association.

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Taxes and other disasters

Unger, 27, is a practicing lawyer. At the San Diego firm of Post Kirby Noonan & Sweat, he specializes in real estate and business matters. At USD, though, he's a candidate for a master of laws degree.

Having more on-the-job experience than most of his classmates, Unger used a real-world episode to shape his thesis. After the Northridge earthquake of 1994, Unger received a call from a client, an owner of several Santa Monica rentals.

"Hey," the client said, "the fourth floor of my apartment building is gone."

After Mother Nature did her worst, Big Brother tried to one-up her. The city of Santa Monica wanted to demolish the structure. But the client couldn't take a tax loss on the building until the IRS appraised the damage.

To Unger, this seemed an unnecessary burden. After all, another federal outfit — the Federal Emergency Management Agency — had already performed an appraisal.

"There's a duplication of government effort," Professor Snyder said.

"Taxpayers," Unger insisted, "should be able to use the appraisal used by the government when it makes disaster loans."

Snyder read this paper, stamped "pass" on the cover sheet, then forwarded it to the state bar association.

The bar enthusiastically adopted Unger's "Proposal." So did Rep. Wally Herger, R-Chico. Then the calls came rolling in from the IRS and the Treasury Department.

Suddenly, Unger's idea had more step-parents than Elizabeth Taylor's kids.

99% perspiration

Last Sunday, Unger woke up early in his hotel room and hurried to the Mall. He walked all day, from monument to monument, finally climbing the Capitol steps.

"I've been here before as a tourist," Unger said by phone from D.C., "but never before on official business, for the people who work here. I was just inspired."

As Thomas Edison would have predicted, this visit was 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration. Unger's Monday and Tuesday schedule was wall-to-wall schmooze. Meetings with Herger and Rep. Bob Filner, D-San Diego. Sessions with aides to Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-San Diego, and Rep. Thomas Sawyer, the Democrat from Unger's old hometown, Akron, Ohio. Hours in the Longworth and Dirksen buildings, being quizzed by House and Senate tax analysts.

Dinner with tax lawyers. Breakfast with the California Bar Association. Lunch with tax judges.

"This is incredible," said Professor Snyder. "And this is his first venture into tax law."

It's been a great education for a San Diego lawyer who may, or may not, receive an LLM next Saturday.

Will he?

"He's a good student," Professor Snyder said.

Nothing is certain, except death, taxes and final grades.

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UCSD graduation will be a world news event, too

Clinton to give address on race relations June 14

By Jeff Ristine
STAFF WRITER

To make a big splash with a graduation ceremony, UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes agrees, there's someone in particular who's hard to beat as commencement speaker.

Between today and mid-June, more than 24,000 students officially will receive their degrees or certificates as graduates of San Diego County colleges and universities, as others at a handful of other institutions already did earlier this month.

They'll hear from prominent educators, state and local elected officials and jurists, perhaps offering sage advice on how to conduct themselves as learned members of the human community.

But for thousands of UCSD graduates and their families, President Clinton's decision to deliver an address on race relations at the university June 14 will turn a happy ritual into an international news event.

"I think it's wonderful," said Dynes, who will be attending his first commencement ceremony as chancellor. "I'm very excited by the prospect of him delivering a major policy speech on our campus."

It's the most prominent visitor for a commencement address in San Diego since President John F. Kennedy spoke to San Diego State's graduates at Aztec Bowl in 1963.

Fine Arts and Sciences ceremonies, but "overflow" rooms will be available elsewhere on campus for viewing by closed-circuit television. All ceremonies also will be carried live on Cox Communications cable Channel 24 (Channel 18 in northern areas) and Southwestern Cable Channel 16. Not all colleges have guest speakers.

College of Business Administration, 8 a.m., May 24. Degrees awarded to 1,259 graduates.


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How did the Clinton decision happen? Dynes isn't sure, but allows that "people talked to people."

The School of Medicine will hold its own commencement June 8, but UCSD is altering its practice of splitting its other colleges into separate graduation ceremonies. "The president wants it to be a full-blown graduation," Dynes said.

Tentative plans call for an all-in-one morning ceremony on June 14 at the football field adjacent to RIMAC (the campus arena). The event is for Muir College, Thurgood Marshall College, Eleanor Roosevelt College, and the Graduate School of International Relations/Pacific Studies. Other UCSD graduates have ceremonies scheduled for June 15, but they will be invited to attend commencement with the president.

A campus spokeswoman said tickets will be required for admission to the president's speech. It's not yet known how many each graduate will be entitled to.

As for graduation ceremonies, National University, California Western School of Law and Christian Heritage College were among the first out of the commencement gate, holding their events earlier this month.

Here is a guide to the remaining ceremonies and the scheduled speakers. All locations are on campus unless otherwise noted. In some cases, the number of degrees or certificates to be awarded are estimates — some students still haven't completed their programs.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law
10:30 a.m. today, Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park. Speaker: Cruz Reynoso, former California Supreme Court justice. Awarding more than 170 juris doctorate degrees.

Point Loma Nazarene College
2:30 p.m. Sunday, Greek Amphitheatre. Speaker: Jerald Johnson, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. The college will award 414 bachelor's degrees and 72 advanced degrees.

San Diego State University
All ceremonies except those for the Imperial Valley campus will be held in the Open Air Theater at SDSU. Tickets (already distributed) are required for guest seating at the Arts and Letters, Business Administration, Professional Studies and...
Graduation

Ceremony at UCSD offers the president

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College of Engineering, noon, May 25. Honoring 328 graduates.

College of Arts and Letters, 3 p.m., May 25. Speaker: Alvord G. Branan, co-director, Center for International Education and Research, SDSU. Degrees awarded to 1,691 graduates.

College of Sciences, 6 p.m., May 25. Conferring 1,342 degrees.

Imperial Valley campus, 7 p.m., May 22, campus grounds. Speaker: Antonio Flores, president, Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities.

California State University San Marcos

College of Arts and Sciences, 9 a.m., May 24, Forum Plaza. Speaker: Richard Rush, president, Mankato (Minn.) State University and former executive vice president of CSU San Marcos. Conferring 694 bachelor's degrees and 34 master's as part of the university's sixth and largest graduating class.


University of San Diego

School of Law, 10:30 a.m., May 24, Torero Stadium. Speaker: Dorothy W. Nelson, senior judge, 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Conferring 379 law degrees.

Undergraduate commencement, 9 a.m., May 25, Torero Stadium. Speaker: Janet Brown, executive director, the Commission on Presidential Debates. Degrees will be awarded to 970 students.

Graduate commencement, 2:30 p.m., May 25, Torero Stadium. Speaker: Shirley S. Chatfer, University of California Regents Professor at the Institute for Health and Aging. Conferring 188 degrees.

University of California San Diego

School of Medicine, 11 a.m., June 8, lawn at corner of Gilman Drive and Osler Lane. Speaker: Dr. Eugene Braunwald, cardiologist and founding chairman of the UCSD Department of Medicine. The school will confer 117 medical degrees as it celebrates the 25th anniversary of its first graduating class.

Muir College, Thurgood Marshall College, Eleanor Roosevelt College and the Graduate School of International Relations/Pacific Studies, June 14, final decisions on time and place to be announced. Speaker: President Clinton. Degrees for 700 graduates of Muir, 600 from Marshall, 400 from Roosevelt and 90 graduate degrees from IR/PS.

Revelle College, Warren College and the Division of Graduate Studies and Research, June 15. Details on time, location and speakers to be announced. UCSD is awarding degrees to 650 graduates of Revelle College, 650 graduates of Warren and 150 from the graduate division.

United States International University

5 p.m., June 14, campus library lawn. Speaker: Richard Detwiler, president, Hartwick College (Oneonta, N.Y.). Conferring more than 300 degrees.

Community Colleges:

San Diego Mesa College


Grossmont College

5:30 p.m., June 4, campus quad. Speaker: Daniel Reveles, writer. Conferring 964 associate degrees and 146 certificates of achievement.

Cuyamaca College

5:30 p.m., June 5, on campus track. Speaker: Valedictorian Carol Lynn Lloyd. Conferring 264 associate degrees and 114 certificates of achievement.

Miramar College

5:30 p.m., June 5, Hourglass Park on campus. Commencement speakers: 1997 distinguished alum Rose DeMarco, who is a continuing education adjunct faculty member, and Tom Remy, branch manager, Thermo King. Conferring 630 degrees and certificates.

Southwestern College

6 p.m., June 6, DeVore Stadium (in case of rain: gymnasium). Conferring 1,128 associate degrees and 322 certificates of achievement.

San Diego City College

7 p.m., June 6, Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park. Speaker: State Assemblywoman Denise Moreno Ducheny, D-San Diego. Conferring 809 associate degrees and 454 certificates of achievement.
X Appeal
Secrets to managing Generation X

By Robert McGarvey

The Generation X stereotype is that those born between 1966 and 1978 are lazy, anti-authority slackers with an ultrashort attention span and absolutely no loyalty to their employers. Sound harsh? That verdict was loudly echoed in a recent survey of small-business owners. A stunning 65 percent said Gen X's work ethic is worse than that of prior generations, with 49 percent contending Gen X simply isn't willing to work hard, according to Cleveland-based small-business lender Key Corp.

Is this sweeping put-down accurate? Not according to the many management experts who insist Gen X workers are top quality and highly educated (more have attended college than any prior generation). More important, "These are the employees who are coming into the workplace," says Rebecca Haddock, a career counselor at the University of San Diego. Since these are today's—and tomorrow's—workers, you've got to learn how to motivate Gen X for best results.

Small-business owners who have learned how to handle Gen Xers are profiting as a result. "If you allow slackers to work for you, that's what you'll get. But I don't have any slackers on my payroll—my people all work hard," says Denise Pagura, owner of Dublin, Ohio-based Northern Lights Tree Farms, a Christmas tree grower and multistate retail operation that employs some 50 Gen Xers in peak seasons. "Set your standards high enough, and many will rise to meet them."

"They will work very hard and very long hours if you manage them properly," agrees Pamela Hamilton, founder and president of Collaborative Communications Inc., a Cambridge, Massachusetts, public relations agency. Hamilton says 12 of her 13 employees are Gen Xers, and "it is a challenge to manage them, but if you do, you'll get terrific results."

MOTIVATING FORCES

A big hurdle, according to Hamilton, is that the age-old motivational carrots—loftier job titles and more pay—won't work magic with this group. "What gets these folks up in the morning is very different from why baby boomers woke up. They are not interested in climbing the conventional job ladder. Offer them an extra $10,000 per year, and they won't necessarily hop jobs," says Hamilton. "What's critical to Gen Xers is feeling they have an impact on what the business is doing. Titles don't matter to them, but job responsibilities do."
They really want to feel as though they are contributing.

These different motivators link directly to the big goof most managers make when handling Gen Xers: Don't view and treat them as a young you, says Richard Thau, executive director of New York City-based fiscal policy advocacy group, Third Millennium, and co-author of Get It Together by 30 (Amacom). “To believe this generation is like its predecessors is wrong, but that’s a common mistake baby boomers make,” says Thau.

How is Gen X different? A key difference is that “this generation prizes its individuality,” says Thau. Proof of this: Many Gen Xers even deny they are part of a generation—what they want to be is individuals, period. And that shapes how they need to be managed. “Management has to recognize them as people with individual needs. You shouldn’t try to force-fit people into the same mold,” says Thau.

Case in point is flextime—Gen Xers thrive on it. “I tell my staff I need at least 40 hours a week of hard work, but they have a say in what hours they work,” says Thau, who manages three Gen X employees. Ditto for dress codes. Gen Xers often have a flair for the unusual in appearance, and when it doesn’t impact the work, why make it an issue?

Mind you, Thau is not urging disruptive behavior be condoned, but when there’s room for flexibility, bend a little. The payoff can be immense, he promises: “Provide a degree of choice, and members of this generation flourish.”

THE PARENT TRAP

The other big goof with Gen Xers is “parenting us,” says Melissa Daimler, a 27-year-old career coach in New York City. It’s understandable that many managers parent younger workers—“many have children of their own that age,” Daimler says—but it’s no way to inspire an employee to achieve. “Many managers don’t even realize it, but they don’t trust young workers to do the job without direct supervision. That causes resentment among Gen Xers.”

Worse still, parenting Gen Xers backfires because there is a strong anti-authoritarian streak among them. “The old business rule was ‘Do what I say because I’m the boss.’ That doesn’t work with this generation,” says Barbara Fagan, a management consultant in Healdsburg, California. “Gen Xers won’t follow a rule until they understand and value it for themselves.” That puts the onus on management to explain the “why” of decisions and rules—Gen Xers insist on a lot more communication than prior generations—but when management is committed to ongoing employee education and involvement, Gen Xers respond positively, says Fagan.

“They are desperately looking for somebody to help guide them through the business process,” Fagan
continues. “They don’t want you to do the job for them—or tell them exactly how to do it—but they respond to a manager who says ‘Let me show you how to play to win.’ The leader who can communicate in that vein will get the loyalty of this generation.”

More specifically, Daimler suggests, “check in regularly with your Gen X employees. Don’t check to see if they are doing the job right—that sends the wrong parental message—but check in to see if they need any support or guidance.”

Then, too, whatever you say to Gen Xers, plan to stick by it. They quickly turn on a boss who doesn’t walk the talk: “You have to do what you say you’ll do,” says Fagan. “If a Gen Xer sees underhanded conduct, he’ll absolutely reject that authority figure. But if he sees personal integrity, he’s behind you 150 percent.”

■ MYTH AND REALITY

What about the legendary short attention span of Gen Xers? The label isn’t false, says Haddock—“this is the MTV Generation”—but is it all bad? Maybe in a slow-moving corporate behemoth it’s a negative, but in a thinly staffed entrepreneurial business where workers wear many hats, this trait may be a plus. “Generation Xers thrive with multitasking and are happy doing three things at once,” says Haddock. “A job with plenty of variety keeps them challenged.”

Another knock against Xers is that they flit from job to job. “If they feel challenged and valued, they are satisfied employees,” counters Fagan. “If they don’t, they’re out the door. This is a high-energy generation that bores easily. It’s a challenge to keep them engaged.” But keep heaping challenges on Gen Xers, and, more often than not, they’ll rise to meet them. This is a very talented, highly capable group. Sound like good news for a small business? There are still more positives: “Gen Xers don’t want to be just cogs in the wheel. They want to get recognized for what they do,” explains Haddock, who says the anonymity of much work in Fortune 500 companies is a real turnoff for this genera-

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1 Individual is chancellor.
2 Budget is not categorized by restricted and unrestricted.
3 Individual is associate dean of admissions and records. Offices are located in Phoenix, Ariz.
4 Individual is director.
5 Individual is assistant dean.
Ninteman

Ninteman Construction Co. has broken ground on the $10 million Mission Parking Complex on the University of San Diego campus. The new five-level, 274,300-square-foot facility will provide parking for 975 vehicles. Ninteman will perform approximately $4 million in concrete work for the project and will also construct a freestanding guardhouse.

The project was designed by Carrier Johnson Wu. Ninteman's key subcontractors for the project include Naton Engineering for excavation and grading; Steiny and Co. for electrical contracting; Geyer Plumbing; and Select Electric for traffic lights. Latitude 33 is the civil engineer, John A. Martin and Associates is the structural engineer, and Van Dyke & Associates is the landscape architect.

The parking complex will be completed by early February 1998, according to Bill Lies, Ninteman's project manager.
FOR THEIR BENEFIT

By Maureen Chism

For Their Benefit is a weekly listing of activities sponsored by non-profit organizations to raise funds for programs that serve San Diegans.

Saturday, May 3

■ All aboard for “Railroadiana” — the San Diego Model Railroad Museum swap meet for train fans and collectors. Train fans can buy hobby items and railroad memorabilia at the Casa de Balboa Building on the Prado in Balboa Park, 8 a.m. to noon. Admission for buyers is $2, which includes an all-day museum pass; sellers $5 per table (bring your own tables). Call (619) 696-0199.

Sunday, May 4

■ The University of San Diego’s Community Choir will present its spring concert at 7 p.m. to benefit the Anne Swanke Memorial Music Scholarship Fund. Stephen Sturk conducts Leonard Bernstein's “Chichester Psalms” and the USC Choral Scholars sing Brahms’s “Liebeslieder Waltzes,” at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. Admission is $10. Admission for students and those over 55: $5. Call (619) 260-2280.

■ Get in gear for “Heartride ’97” to benefit the American Heart Association. The event features 100-, 60-, 30- and 12-mile bicycle rides in North County. Registration begins at 5:45 a.m. in Felicita Park in Escondido. Cost is $30. Call (619) 291-7454.

■ The halls will be alive with the sound of music when The Monettes, a local adult-education choral group, sponsor the 350-voice California Women’s Chorus for “We Believe in Music” at the Spreckels Theatre at 2 p.m. Proceeds from the annual concert go to provide scholarships to young musicians. The concert will feature classical, jazz and Broadway-show selections. Tickets are $17 in advance, $20 at the door and $15 for those 55 and older. Call (619) 276-1190.
MYSTERY NO MORE

The Grand Forks angel has a name: Joan Kroc

T WELVE YEARS AGO, FATHER JOE Carroll, a San Diego priest, got a phone call from a woman asking him about the homeless shelter his parish was building. She wasn’t just idly curious; by the end of the conversation she had offered $500,000 to speed the project along. So Carroll, for one, wasn’t surprised when “Angel,” the anonymous donor of $2,000 to each and every needy family in flood-ravaged Grand Forks, N.Dak., turned out to be his benefactor Joan Kroc. “It’s just her style—quick, spontaneous, anonymous and very generous,” he says.

The identity of the donor had been closely guarded since the announcement of her contribution on April 29. But last week reporters discovered that a private jet belonging to Kroc, 68, widow of McDonald’s Corp. founder Ray Kroc, had recently landed three times at the Grand Forks airport. Later, North Dakota Sen. Byron Dorgan confirmed that Kroc was in fact the angel. Characteristically, the secretive benefactor had no comment. “She doesn’t do these things for publicity,” says Carroll. “She does it because she cares, and because she can.”

True, on both counts. With an estimated fortune of $1.7 billion, Kroc is one of the wealthiest women in the country. She is also among the most generous. Last year she reportedly gave away $33 million to institutions, including the University of San Diego and the Betty Ford Center. The North Dakota disaster may have touched a particular nerve since Kroc, now living near San Diego, was born and raised in Minnesota. Whatever her reason, residents of the Grand Forks area have been deeply grateful, though not all those who applied were able to receive money before Kroc’s initial donation ran out. “Her good deed renewed faith in people,” says Grand Forks Mayor Pat Owens, “and kept the community hoping that we could rebuild.”

Adolph Pesch and 11,000 other flood victims have applied for aid. Kroc (in 1990) “just responds when she sees a need,” says a friend.
Joan Kroc Unsuccessful In Remaining Anonymous For Gift To Flood Victims

By THOR KAMBAH BIBERMAN Daily Transcript Staff Writer

Joan Kroc may have tried to remain anonymous, but it was difficult to hide who had given $15 million to North Dakota flood victims. This was just the latest gesture in a long history of giving by the widow of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc.

A check of Grand Forks Airport records found that a Gulfstream IV jet registered to Kroc flew in, and a woman identifying herself only as "Angel" toured the area.

Kroc reportedly asked officials last month to distribute $2,000 to each family who suffered from the flooding of the Red River, which ravaged 90 percent of the cities of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, N.D.

One of those families was the Raymond family.

"I thought it was a marvelous gesture," said Rose Raymond, whose family received one of the $2,000 checks.

Raymond also thought it would be virtually impossible for Kroc to remain anonymous.

"I didn't think that would ever be possible, especially when she's been in town," said Raymond.

Kroc was no stranger to that part of the country, having grown up in neighboring Minnesota. Press reports said that may have been a factor in the donation.

"Without those values, Midwestern good stock, I'd probably be doing something stupid right now, like running barefoot in the Riviera," Kroc had said in a 1983 Los Angeles Times interview.

"She stated that the press should go to the people in need and not herself," said Lynn Stauss, East Grand Forks mayor.

Kroc left her jet and got into a van while still in the hangar, so as to try and keep her identity secret. The tail number on the jet and the credit card she used to buy jet fuel led reporters to conclude it was her.

Stauss said that Kroc had referred to the area as looking "like a war zone with no bodies."

Another donor, who apparently was successful in remaining anonymous, gave $5 million that was to be donated at the rate of $1,000 per family. That still left many of the estimated 11,000 homeowners who applied for aid, but Kroc was not asked for more money to make up the difference.

The mayor of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks gave her letters and gifts, including a sweatshirt that says, "I helped rebuild Grand Forks and East Grand Forks."

Neither Kroc, who had owned the San Diego Padres, nor officials representing her could be reached for comment Monday.

Forbes and Fortune Magazines listed Kroc, who maintains a home in Rancho Santa Fe, as the 68th richest American with a wealth estimated at $1.7 billion. Last year alone, she was said to have given $33 million to charity. That ranked her 11th among the nation's top philanthropists.

Father Joe Carroll of the St. Vincent de Paul Center said Kroc has given his organization between $2 million and $5 million over the years.

Carroll recalled an incident shortly after he had made an appeal for donations.

"She heard it over the radio, drove over and gave me a check for $800,000," said Carroll.

The beneficiaries of Kroc's generosity have been widespread. They include the San Diego Zoo, the San Diego Hospice, the University of San Diego, Old Globe Theatre and the San Diego Opera.

In 1988, Kroc donated $3.2 million to the San Diego Zoo for Tiger River: Kroc Family Tropical Rainforest. That is a three-acre part of the zoo that features tigers, Malayan tapirs, pheasants and Gavial crocodiles.

Kroc later gave $18 million to purchase land and build the San Diego Hospice's site in Hillcrest. Kroc also donated a large sum (the amount was not revealed) for a new animal hospital currently being constructed at the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

Last September, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Kroc donated $2 million to the Betty Ford Center to expand the children's program regionally and nationally. That was the largest single gift to the nonprofit Betty Ford Center, which has treated 30,000 people for chemical dependency since 1982.

"She has made a lot of contributions," said Carroll. "She responds to her own instincts. She does not go to the press. She responds spontaneously."

In addition to cash donations, Kroc has contributed $66 million in stock to Ronald McDonald Houses around the country during the past five years.

With Associated Press.
Fact or fiction? Or a bit of both?

When county Supervisor Ron Roberts got his '97 Grolier Encyclopedia on CD-ROM, the first subject he called up was "San Diego." Imagine his surprise to learn that fish canning is the backbone of S.D.'s diversified economy and that our city's "deep-water harbor is the base for a major commercial fishing fleet." Wake up, Grolier. Bumble Bee and Van Camp tuna canneries are in Chapter 11, and commercial fishing fell victim to save-the-dolphin nets years ago.

The encyclopedia also mentions SDSU and USD on S.D.'s educational front but, oops, no UCSD to be found. Add to this a bit of literary license with the name of missionary Father Junipero (sic) Serra and we have, well, some entertaining fiction.
Aztecs use eighth-inning slam to win series with Spartans

Former San Jose State player Chris Yerke belted a grand slam in the eighth inning as San Diego State defeated SJSU 6-2 yesterday in San Jose and won the three-game Western Athletic Conference series two games to one.

Yerke's home run, which capped a five-run inning that broke a 1-1 tie, was the first of his career. The senior (Patrick Henry High, Grossmont College) played for the Spartans (33-19, 17-10) in 1995.

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Ruben Aguilera (3-0) pitched a five-hitter, allowing one earned run for the Aztecs (32-16-1, 14-10).

More baseball

Joe Dusan, Brook Jacksha and John Doran each had two hits as visiting Portland (17-27, 6-14) edged USD 5-4 and split the four-game West Coast Conference series. Alan Leuthard had three hits for the Toreros (23-20-2, 11-9).

Softball

Nevada-Las Vegas scored four runs in the first inning and three in the second in defeating host SDSU 8-3 in the first game of a WAC doubleheader. Freshman Jackie Eigner (Santana High) singled to extend her hitting streak to 10 games. The Rebels (24-22, 15-9) won the second game 3-1, dropping the Aztecs to 29-21 and 13-11.

Women's water polo

Stanford (22-7) scored three unanswered goals in the final period and defeated SDSU (14-10) 7-4 in the third-place match of the National Qualifying Tournament in Berkeley. SDSU sophomore Rachel Scott, who scored two goals, was named to the All-Tournament Team. UC Santa Barbara (17-14) beat UCSD (4-16) 6-2 in the fifth-place match.
Toreros add some speed to roster

It hasn't been the easiest of springs for USD men's basketball coach Brad Holland.
First, forward Brian Smith transferred to New Mexico after his freshman season. Then, the Toreros' top two recruits reneged on verbal commitments.
But USD had some good news yesterday, announcing the signing of two incoming freshmen who will give the Toreros a commodity usually in short supply at Alcala Park — speed.
Signing letters of intent were 6-foot-3 shooting guard Deldre Carr from Durango High in Las Vegas, and 6-7 power forward Michael Blackmon from Mt. Eden High in Hayward.
"Both are fairly quick and athletic," said Holland. "Added to (incoming point guard) Dana White, we've added some quickness and athletic ability. We're trying to make a move toward a little more quicker and athletic."

The Toreros have signed five freshmen and have guard Jim Brewer, who redshirted last season in his first year out of high school.
Carr averaged 14.2 points and 10.8 rebounds and played on two Nevada state champions. He holds Durango's single-game rebounding record with 28.
The 215-pound Blackmon averaged 17.2 points, 13.1 rebounds and 2.7 blocks last season. He was a two-time all-league selection and was All-East Bay as a senior.

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Bulletin Board

- **Tennis**: USD freshman Zuzana Lesenarova of the Czech Republic lost in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Women's Tennis Individual Championships yesterday at Stanford. Lesenarova was beaten 7-5, 6-4 by No. 1 seed Karin Miller of Duke University. Lesenarova, an All-American by virtue of her NCAA Tournament performance, finished with a singles record of 27-5.

- **Track**: CIF-San Diego Section 110-meter high hurdle record holder Reggie DePass of Montgomery High signed a national letter of intent with the University of Colorado yesterday. DePass, who will compete in the section prelims Saturday at Balboa Stadium, ran 14.09 seconds at Trabuco Hills earlier this year, lowering the 14.10 he clocked in the section championships last week.

- **Women's Basketball**: La Jolla High alumna Nicole Anderson was selected by the WNBA Los Angeles Sparks. Anderson, who played at UCLA, coached girls basketball at Francis Parker the last two years. The Sparks' season runs from June 21-Aug. 31.

- **College Baseball**: Steve Gotowala, who played baseball at West Hills High and Grossmont Junior College, is making the most of his senior year at Chico State. He was named MVP of the NCAA Division II West Regional Tournament after hitting two home runs in the final. Gotowala broke six school records, including home runs (20), RBI (91) and doubles (25) while batting .425. Chico advances to the Division II College World Series, which begins Saturday in Montgomery, Ala.

- **Softball**: Northeast Louisiana senior Sarah Dawson, a Christian High alumna, was named NCAA Division I first-team All-American. Dawson will join the Orlando Wahoos of the Women's Professional Fastpitch League after being traded by Tampa Bay, which selected her in the third round of the April WPF draft. The Memorial Day Classic NIT Softball Tournament will be held Saturday through Monday at Poway Sportsplex. It is the fifth stop of the United States Slo-Pitch Softball Association Worth Power Tour. There will be a home run derby at 7 p.m. Friday.

**Trivia Answer**: Ed was the most accomplished of five Delahanty brothers from Cleveland who played in the major leagues around the turn of the century, the others being Frank, Jim, Joe and Tom. Also, Ed was one of a few major leaguers who died during a season. After being benched for poor conditioning in July 1903, Ed left the Senators in Detroit and took a train bound for New York. He got boisterously drunk during the trip, however, and a conductor put him off the train at the International Bridge at Niagara Falls. While walking across the bridge in the dark, Delahanty fell, jumped or was pushed to his death.
Welshons' four years on boxing panel 'hell'

By Jerry Magee
STAFF WRITER

CARLSBAD — After serving four years on the State Athletic Commission, Kim Welshons calls the board "a commission from hell." She contends she experienced "retaliation and isolation" during her tenure on the board, which supervises boxing in California.

In a series of interviews, Welshons, a former synchronized swimming champion who serves on the Carlsbad Planning Commission and Design Review Board, detailed a number of problems she had with the SAC. They include:

■ The commission's accounting procedures.
■ Its sexist attitudes.
■ That in at least one instance a fighter who had not passed a neurological test was permitted to box.

Welshons, 47, said she was stripped of committee assignments as a means of silencing a voice that some commission officers found too strident. When the Carlsbad woman's association with the eight-person commission lapsed in August, she was not reappointed. She attributes that to the activist role she assumed.

The commission supervises kickboxing and martial arts as well as boxing. It collects fees due the state from boxing promotions and handles matters such as the neurological and HIV testing of boxers. The commission meets every 60 days at places throughout the state.

Willie Buchanon, the former Green Bay and Chargers defensive back, is the chairman. Bill Eastman, police chief in Pleasanton, is a board member and was chairman when Welshons was relieved of committee responsibilities. Executive director Richard DeCuir is the only salaried member on the commis-

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Welshons
She's an angry ex-commissioner

Welshons, "Effectively, what the chairman was trying to do was punish me and diminish any authority and participation I might have."

After she received the fax from Eastman, Welshons said DeCuir ceased to call her concerning, say, where meetings were to be held.

"He would call the other commissioners, but he would never call me," said Welshons, who said DeCuir would have his secretary advise her.

Welshons said her only communication with DeCuir during her last 18 months on the commission was when he would say hello at meetings.

Possibly Welshons' most serious charge is that during her time on the commission, inspectors failed to collect monies due the state from boxing promotions, resulting in shortages of from $200 to $2,000 per show.

DeCuir denied this and was supported by Buchanan, who said there have been discrepancies between the data collected by inspectors and the figures made public, but the errors were caused by changes in the commission's accounting procedures.

"No money is missing," Buchanan said.

"What I would suggest is that somebody should have the state auditor do an independent audit of these inspector reports," said Welshons. "Where is the money? Maybe it is all there, but if the numbers don't jibe, then you have to ask, 'Is the money going into somebody's pocket?'"

Among Welshons' allegations is that DeCuir permitted heavyweight Lionel Butler to box in the Palm Springs area even though Butler had not passed a neurological examination.

After checking his records, DeCuir said Butler never has failed a neurological examination in this state.
Coming over:
USD's Zuzana Lesenarova applies topspin on a forehand in her 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 No. 1 singles victory over Marianne Vallin of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Colleges look far afield for top tennis talent

The Pepperdine women's tennis team yesterday did what was expected of a No. 1 seed, dismissing Washington 5-1 in the NCAA Tournament West Regional at USD. Afterward, in your best English, you could have congratulated each Waves player. You also could have done so speaking Spanish, German, French, Swedish, Hungarian or Norwegian.

Someone wearing blue and white would have understood.

On a day when San Diego State and USD advanced to today's second round, local fans got a first-hand glimpse of what has been the norm at most colleges for some time. America's best female high school players opt for the elite (see Stanford, Florida, Georgia, Duke, UCLA, Texas), leaving the rest of Division I coaches with this dilemma:

Do you recruit, say, the 40th-ranked U.S. junior or the No. 1 or 2 player from a foreign land?

If you are 20-year Pepperdine coach Gualberto Escudero, it's a no-brainer. You go for the I — as in international.

"After the real talented Americans go to Stanford and other big schools, we are left with good but very average players," said Escudero. "So if you have the chance to get a very good, experienced player from another country, you do so."

Pepperdine this morning at 9 plays fourth-seeded SDSU, a 5-2 winner over Oregon. At 12:30, USD meets USC. The Toreros, inspired by the return of injured leader Yvonne Doyle, edged No. 2 seed Nevada-Las Vegas 5-4 yesterday. USD beat Fresno State 5-2.

Forty-nine players were involved in matches that led to the day's outcomes (some doubles were suspended once teams clinched victory), and only 23 were Americans. That's 47 percent. Not even half.

Eight of Pepperdine's nine players are foreigners. Names such as Borgersen and Csapo and Petrov and Svedenhov lead the nation's 14th-ranked team. How important does Escudero think it is to land some of the best talent from Europe and South America?

He saw none of the eight play before signing them.

"Word of mouth, recommendations and results from matches they have won," said Escudero. "That is what I go on."

Things are nearly as imported for No. 27 SDSU, which fields five players from four foreign countries.

"I don't want a completely international team," said Aztecs coach Peter Mattera. "When I took over the program (four years ago), my intent was to get our ranking back up so the really good American juniors would look at us. But it's clear you need to have a foreign player or two at least to be at the level we want to be, which is among the best in the country. To be a Top 10 team in this country, you need some international students."

Doyle is one of four foreigners playing for the Toreros. The senior from Dublin, Ireland, missed 20 matches this season with a stress fracture to the right fibula. Yesterday she played her first singles match since February, beating UNLV freshman and Vista High alumnna Gee Gee Gervin 6-3, 6-2 at the No. 3 spot. Doyle later teamed with Julie Baird in doubles to beat Natalie Frawley and Veronica Goude 8-5, clinching USD's victory.

"I knew I wanted to come to the States for college, because you can't do as much for your tennis back home as you can here," said Doyle.

Steps are being taken to ensure that teams no longer can recruit and sign veteran international players, those who spend several years traveling pro circuits before arriving here to compete against much younger players. Next season, international players must enter college no later than a year after graduating high school or risk losing a year of eligibility. If they wait two years to arrive, they lose two years, and so on.

"It will keep the intent what a student-athlete matriculating out of high school should be," said Mattera. "Having someone come in at 24 after playing on the pro tour is not the intent of college sports."

Notes

SDSU lost to Pepperdine 6-3 earlier this season. USD beat USC 5-3 in Los Angeles before Doyle's injury. "She told me she was ready to go (yesterday)," said USD coach Sherri Stephens. "She was definitely on her game. You can see she makes a huge difference in our lineup."

Today's winners advance to tomorrow's 1 p.m. final. The weekend's champion advances to the NCAA's 16-team main draw next week at Stanford. La Jolla resident Ditta Huber yesterday won at No. 1 singles for USC, beating Fresno State's Dora Djilianova 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6).
USD’s tennis luck runs out

By Ed Graney

USD yesterday sent its women’s tennis team out to participate in an NCAA Tournament West Regional second-round match against USC. Impressive?

Consider a few months ago: The Toreros had just lost to North Carolina State, which at the time wasn’t ranked among the nation’s top 100 teams, which is another way of saying there are high school teams that might have beaten the Wolfpack. USD coach Sherri Stephens walked into athletic director Tom Iannacone’s office and asked if the university would face penalties should it cancel the remainder of the season.

Just pack it in after 10 matches.

“I felt bad putting them out there,” said Stephens. “They were limping around. It just didn’t seem right.”

The Toreros yesterday lost 5-1 at home, allowing USC to advance to today’s 1 p.m. regional final against Pepperdine. It was a bitter-sweet ending to USD’s 16-12 season. On one hand, the Toreros were a dejected bunch yesterday, because they had high hopes after upsetting No. 2 seed Nevada-Las Vegas on Friday. On the other, they realized what an improbable run theirs was.

Stephens has coached USD for 13 years and never before could she remember losing a player to injury for a critical match. This year? Nightmare.

Senior leader Yvonne Doyle, at one time ranked No. 21 nationally, missed 20 matches with a stress fracture. Senior Julie Baird missed significant time with an injured tendon in her arm. Junior Tasha Jackson was coming off knee surgery and couldn’t play without her knee swelling up like a balloon.

Junior Steffi Hesse had shoulder surgery in December and wasn’t supposed to return this season. She did, far too early, and served underhand. Michelle Smith, a top 3 singles player, returned to Canada with a stress fracture. Junior Brigid Joyce had knee problems.

“It’s as if all my 13 years of good luck caught up to me at once,” said Stephens.

They played on for several reasons, including allowing Doyle and Baird to finish their senior years and hoping freshman Zuzana Lesenarova would qualify for the NCAA individuals (she did, along with Doyle). Stephens employed one walk-on and a player from, no kidding, one of her PE classes. It was a patchwork lineup that could have produced a very strange quilt.

But the NCAA Tournament is about peaking for several consecutive days, about being in top physical condition, about settling on a consistent lineup weeks in advance. It was a bit too much to ask of USD.

“We played some unbelievable tennis to beat UNLV,” said Stephens. “We just couldn’t do it again. We rose from the ashes this year. I’m very proud of this team. We had some great wins, and they came from the heart. At the same time I’m sad, because we were ready for this tournament.”

Mentally, yes. Physically, doubtful.

SDSU season's over, but future is brighter

By Ed Graney

The torch was a bright one to accept, the footsteps very large to follow. Peter Mattera knew all about the victories and championships, all about the sparkling reputation, all about the genuinely deep respect many held for her. Carol Plunkett was much more to San Diego State’s women’s tennis than 18 years, 312 wins, seven league titles, a national Coach of the Year plaque and the countless All-Americans produced under her tutelage.

“I learned a lot from her,” said Mattera, who served as Plunkett’s assistant for 12 years.

Now, four seasons after Plunkett was forced to retire after developing a rare nerve disorder, the program no longer lives off past glories. It is Mattera’s team and appears within grasp of writing its own special history.

SDSU’s season ended yesterday with a 5-2 loss to top-seeded Pepperdine in an NCAA Tournament West Regional second-round match at USD. But in defeat, there were optimistic thoughts for the future.

The Aztecs finished 18-13, won their first WAC title under Mattera and advanced to the second round of the NCAAs for the first time in five years. Mattera loses seniors Emma Doyle and Tamara Bridges, but already has signed the nation’s No. 1 junior college player, Dorota Wozniak from Tyler, Texas, and Whitney Wells from Fresno, ranked No. 1 among Northern California high school players.

Mattera is unlike Plunkett in some ways and similar in others, specifically in a strong approach toward academics. Mattera’s team is consistently the university’s top women’s program in terms of GPA.

“Many players have been through SDSU and have their own dreams of what it means to be an athlete,” said Mattera.

One obstacle, major at that, remains. SDSU’s tennis facilities are, in a word, horrendous for the Division I level. This doesn’t bode well for a coach who recruits head-to-head against the likes of Stanford and UCLA and Pepperdine and USD, all equipped with excellent facilities.

“Our courts is the last place we take recruits,” said Mattera, “and only if we have to.”

Rumors have surfaced about plans for a new tennis facility, and if athletic director Rick Bay has proved anything since arriving two years ago, it’s that he is passionate about upgrading the structures SDSU teams use. Plans are under way, be sure of that.

Until then, Mattera plugs away. Next season, he fields a team of only his recruits for the first time. Carol Plunkett, now living in Oregon, will never be forgotten. But make no mistake, the torch has been passed.

And Peter Mattera is running with it.
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**Bulletin Board**

- **CHARGERS:** The team worked out veteran safety Greg Jackson, who spent six years with the Giants and was with the Saints last season. General manager Bobby Beathard said the club will decide shortly whether to offer the former LSU star a contract.

- **PREP SOFTBALL:** University City first baseman Jennifer McCausland has committed to Bucknell University, a Division I school in Lewisburg, Pa. McCausland, who has a 3.40 GPA, is batting .320 for the Centurions.

- **BASKETBALL:** Second team All-CIF guard Charles Butcher, who led Scripps Ranch High to the title game three straight years, signed a letter of intent with Fresno Pacific University. The 5-9 guard averaged 18.5 points a game as a senior.

- **TENNIS:** San Diego State sophomore Maggie Cole earned a berth in the NCAA Women's Individual Championships to be held May 19-23 at Stanford. Cole, ranked 42nd in the nation, led the Aztecs to their third Western Athletic Conference championship and was a first-team All-WAC selection. She is the first Aztec to compete in the NCAA Individual Championship since Nicole Storto in 1993. Three USD men's players were selected to the All-West Coast Conference team. Sophomore Ola Lindblom, from Skanor, Sweden, was named to the singles team; newcomers Rodolfo Rodriguez (Guadalajara, Mexico) and German Maldonado (Mexico City) were selected to the doubles team. The Toreros finished 13-12 under the direction of first-year coach Tom Hagedorn. The Grossmont College women's team will play for the Southern California Dual Title Championship against College of the Desert at 2 p.m. today at the Rancho Mediterranean Tennis Club in Colton. The Arthur Ashe Memorial Tournament will be held May 17-18 at USD and May 24-26 at Rancho Bernardo High. Entries include men's and women's open divisions as well as age groups from 30 to 80. Entries close Saturday. For more information, call Virginia Glass at (619) 224-5748. The 10th annual Pacific Beach Junior Open will be held the weekends of May 31-June 1 and June 7-8 at the Pacific Beach Tennis Club. The tournament is open to boys and girls ages 10-18. For more information, call (619) 270-3256.
Zuzana Lesenarova honed her tennis game in Ostrava, Czech Republic. As resorts go, Ostrava doesn’t evoke images of La Costa. “It’s very industrial, flat; there’s coal mines,” said Lesenarova. “It’s gray and polluted. There’s dust in the air.”

Lesenarova, 19, won three satellite professional tournaments in Europe, was ranked as high as 342nd in the world and then decided she wanted to experience American college life.

Her older sister had served an internship at the Los Angeles Times. She had friends playing at Oklahoma State. Lesenarova longed for Southern California beaches over Oklahoma oil fields.

She called USC, Trojans coach Richard Gallian said he was out of scholarships. He suggested the Czech try USD.

Lesenarova did her homework, looking up USD on the Internet. She was awed at pictures of the Immaculata, the university’s beautiful on-campus church. The stained-glass windows and blue domes were inspiring, if hard to believe.

“I figured, ‘This is a façade,’” said Lesenarova. “There’s probably gangs in the streets.”

Meanwhile, a Swedish recruit to USD failed to qualify academically, and coach Sherri Stephens was prepared to offer Lesenarova a scholarship. But having never seen her play, Stephens wanted to cover her bet.

“Are you sure you can play Division I tennis?” asked the coach.

Although with teammates Lesenarova is noted for her sometimes non-stop chatter, in business matters she’s known for her brevity.

Said Lesenarova: “I am very good.”

Stephens wasn’t sure whether to smile or sigh. Said the coach: “Is this girl a prima donna?”

Stephens vividly remembers meeting Lesenarova for the first time last January at the downtown train station.

“She’s standing at the side of the street, holding her bags,” says the coach. “She gave me a big hug and had the biggest smile on her face. She said, ‘I can’t believe I’m here.’”

**Stephens’ fears unfounded**

Once on the hilltop campus, Stephens asked Lesenarova her first impressions.

“I don’t even know the words,” said Lesenarova. “Gorgeous isn’t even the word.”

Added Stephens: “Tears welled in her eyes. She said, ‘I’m so happy.’ She kept saying that over and over again.”

Stephens’ fears about her import being selfish proved to be unwarranted. USD has been rocked by injuries this spring. Senior Yvonne Doyle, counted on at No. 1 singles, has barely played because of a stress fracture. Michelle Smith suffered a stress fracture and hurt her back. She’s mending back home in Canada.

Tasha Jackson is coming off knee surgery.

The team was so depleted that Stephens and her squad considered canceling the rest of the season. Lesenarova, meanwhile, was in the midst of compiling a 22-4 singles record.

One of the Toreros suggested they should play on for Lesenarova, who could advance to the NCAA Individual Championships.

**Power play: USD’s Zuzana Lesenarova is a strong baseline player with a 22-4 record.**

“Don’t play for me,” said Lesenarova. “I have three more years. I want you to be happy.”

Stephens used a walk-on and added another player out of a PE class. The Toreros rallied to finish the regular season 15-11, earning a berth in the NCAA West Regional, which begins Friday at USD.

“This is one of the most incredible seasons I’ve ever had,” said Stephens.

Lesenarova is currently ranked 33rd in NCAA singles. Doyle is ranked 34th. Both have been invited to play in the NCAA Individual Championships. Among Lesenarova’s singles victims are three players currently ranked 17th or better.

In terms of style, Lesenarova is a power player. She’s 5-foot-8 and strong. She hits the ball hard and harder.

Stephens would like to see her add some variety to her game, sometimes taking a little off the ball to keep it in, sometimes charging the net. But Stephens isn’t bashful about assessing the freshman’s potential.

“If she refines those skills, she could be awesome,” Stephens said. “I think she could win the NCAAs.”

Coach says student’s biggest improvement must come in her mental approach. After hitting a short overhead long, Lesenarova said her opponent was lucky, failing to accept she was to blame for the lost point. She complained about the wind in another match.

“I have to work on focusing,” said Lesenarova.

But on the appreciation scale, the Czech scores off the charts. She finds Americans sometimes naive.

“They have perfect schools; they have cars; they have a wonderful life,” she said. “It’s hard for them to appreciate something when they haven’t seen the other side.”

In the Czech Republic, Lesenarova attended a high school that had one computer. It was often broken. Her father, who was in the army, wasn’t permitted to travel outside the country.

As for the future, Lesenarova plans to put her scholarship to use.

“I want to study, earn my degree,” she said. “I think it’s important for life. I don’t want to throw it away and just play tennis.”
Being an outsider not a bad thing for Shaw, Davis

ORONADO — Remember when you were in grammar school and you had been naughty and they made you go stand in the coat closet? Works the same way in the NFL.

“If you don’t see things their way, you’re a bad guy,” said John Shaw.

Outside the white double doors of a meeting room on the second floor of the Loews Coronado Bay Resort stood Shaw yesterday. Within the room, other members of the NFL’s executive committee were in solemn session, but Shaw, the ranking executive of the St. Louis Rams, and Al Davis had been invited to absent themselves for a time.

Good guys and bad guys. As Shaw noted, it’s how the league seems to classify its members, good guys on one side of a door, bad guys on the other. Davis, of course, is the consummate bad guy, a role the operator of the Oakland Raiders has played for years, seemingly with great relish.

Davis, incidentally, has not fixed precisely what value he places on the NFL’s Los Angeles market, which he contends he owns, but the figure $300 million came up in a discussion with him.

For Shaw to have joined Davis on the outside, as it were, relates to the former USD student having made himself a party to a lawsuit against the league. Shaw, an attorney, contends he is not a plaintiff in this matter, but he said the league’s stance is that he is.

Some background: When the Rams fled Orange County after the 1994 season for Missouri, they were assessed a relocation fee by the NFL, something like $40 million. Fans Inc., the St. Louis group that had encouraged the club’s action, countered with a suit in which it was claimed that the relocation fee represented an antitrust violation.

Fans Inc., meantime, owed the Rams, by Shaw’s accounting, $10 million. Shaw arranged an exchange: He would forgive the $10 million if Fans Inc. would assign the team a 50 percent interest in its suit. Done.

And what sort of money are we talking about here? Shaw was asked.

“I think it’ll be several hundred million dollars,” said Shaw, laughing.

For half of that, a lot of guys wouldn’t mind standing outside a meeting room’s doors.