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Terminally ill lack right to aided suicide

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Nashua, N. H., a former mill town with a booming economy, has been ranked as the best place to live in the United States by *Money* magazine.

Back on top: Nashua, N.H., resident Cathy Hartford waters her flowers. Nashua was named No. 1 on *Money’s* list of best places to live. It was No. 1 in 1987, then slipped as low as 233.

San Diego fell to 28th in the survey by *Money* magazine. That's down from 16th last year. The survey is based on low crime, clean water and air, good schools and cost of living.
By Michael Kinsman
STAFF WRITER

Nashua, N.H., is beaming today. *Money* magazine calls it the best place to live in the country.

It boasts a finer quality of life than Seattle, San Francisco, Boulder, Colo., and 296 other cities ranked by the magazine, including San Diego.

"Harrumph. America's Finest City isn't quite sure what to make of a survey that shows it sliding from the 16th best place to live in the United States a year ago to the 28th best today.

"From my understanding, San Diego should have gone up in the poll, not down," said Gil Partida, president of the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

Evaluating San Diego's economic and population growth and a declining crime rate, Partida can't explain why San Diego slid in the poll of readers while the Los Angeles-Long Beach area leapfrogged it, jumping from 40th place last year to 22nd this year.

"This is one poll that just doesn't make sense," he said. "It leaves you scratching your head."

But David Sullivan, a professor of communication studies at the University of San Diego, notes that acceptance of poll findings often depends on where you stand.

"If you get a good ranking, you're pleased," he said. "Credibility becomes an issue because you've slipped."

Sullivan said a poll such as *Money*'s usually doesn't mean much, other than to stir up conversation.

"It's almost like we view a bad ranking as a personal affront," said See BEST on Page C-2

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**The best of towns, the worst of towns**

The best and worst places to live in the country, as ranked by *Money* magazine in its July issue. Numbers in parentheses show 1996 ranking.

**The top 30**

1. Nashua, N.H. (42)
2. Rochester, Minn. (3)
3. Monmouth, N.J. (38)
4. Punta Gorda, Fla. (2)
5. Portsmouth, N.H. (44)
6. Manchester, N.H. (50)
7. Madison, Wis. (1)
8. San Jose, Calif. (19)
9. Jacksonville, Fla. (20)
10. Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (18)
11. Seattle, Wash. (9)
12. Gainesville, Fla. (7)
13. San Francisco, Calif. (13)
14. Lakeland, Fla. (10)
15. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (4)
17. West Palm Beach, Fla. (24)
18. Orlando, Fla. (25)
20. Long Island, N.Y. (28)

**The bottom 10**

21. Sarasota, Fla. (23)
22. L.A./Long Beach, Calif. (40)
23. Boston, Mass. (69)
24. Oakland, Calif. (75)
25. Lafayette, Ind. (30)
26. Sheboygan, Wis. (36)
27. Orange County, Calif. (60)
28. San Diego (15)
29. Central New Jersey (83)
30. Naples, Fla. (15)

**300**

Greg Boll of Davenport, Iowa, shovels snow in January. His hometown ranked at the bottom of the *Money* list because of a high rate of violent crime and a struggling economy.
Best
San Diego drops to 28th in magazine's review

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Sullivan. "We're always looking for affirmation and polls are one way of finding that. But if we have this view that San Diego is paradise, those high expectations are like an Achilles' heel."

Actually, Paradise, Calif., ranked No. 234 in the survey, which evaluated the 300 regions based on factors such as economic vitality, water and air quality, schools and quality of life.

Nashua, a former mill town that five years ago was as low as 233 in the magazine's survey, jumped from 42nd to 1st in just 12 months. It also held the No. 1 ranking in 1987.

The city has benefited from a surge in high-tech jobs that has helped cut it's unemployment rate from 8 percent to 2.4 percent. At the same time, New Hampshire doesn't levy a state income tax or general sales tax, and Nashua's crime rate is 84 percent below the national average.

Two other New Hampshire towns — Portsmouth and Manchester — found their way into the top six cities.

Dave Nuffer, chairman of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, took exception to the indignity of San Diego being ranked below Jacksonville, Fla., (No. 9) and Oakland (No. 24), Sheboygan, Wis., (No. 26) and only a step ahead of central New Jersey (No. 29).

"This is just another of those East Coast bias things," Nuffer fumed about the poll by New York-based Money. "They're jealous of us out here. We're the trendsetters; we're smarter; we live a better life. They just can't accept that we live a better life."

At least one San Diegan will register no complaint about the region's slippage in the poll: Gary Beals, leader of the loosely knit San Diego Hell on Earth Club, an organization that favors saving San Diego from explosive growth.

"It (San Diego's ranking) is excellent," he said. "It kind of warms my heart."

But quibbling over whether San Diego is No. 1 or No. 300 doesn't seem to make much sense, said Hell on Earth's Beals.

"It's like if you worry about being hip, you're not," he said. "We are a world-class city. To even discuss that in print is to demean it."
here's nothing dull about middle age. In Richard Ford's hands, at least, middle age seems to be a time in which the possibilities you have to make a good life for yourself are enhanced by greater powers of reflection and greater stores of experience. So, in theory, the choices you make could be real choices, not blind impulses.

Things don't work out so ideally, of course, for the characters in Ford's latest collection of stories, "Women with Men" — the seventh book by the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Independence Day." While Ford refutes cliches about middle age being a static period, he also explores the obstacles that generally prevent us from turning our experience into wisdom.

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**WOMEN**

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In this book, strategies of self-deception and habituated responses to other people make Screwing Up a Decent Life the odds-on favorite to defeat the Pursuit of Happiness. Nonetheless, the possibilities glimmer.

These three long stories are connected by Ford's interest in divorce. Divorce here is not a simple act, but a complicated force field that affects lovers, children and friends as well as the divorcing couple. In "The Womanizer," Martin Austinlongs to feel "Ebullience. To be fiercely alive." Despite believing he loves his wife Barbara as "few people ever loved anybody," he cannot imagine feeling ebullient with her, and is drawn to a woman he meets on business in Paris. But the same self-absorption that ruins his marriage brings trouble to his new interest, Josephine, and her son Leo. In the end, Austin thinks he can reunite with Barbara, but the reader suspects this is only proves Austin has learned nothing.

In the second story, "Jealous," the parents of Lawrence, the teenage narrator, are separated, and he is left to live with his mother in London. Lawrence travels with his Aunt Doris, long separated from her husband, a Grou Vente Indian named Benny. In a story that meets Barney, another American Indian with a troubled marriage. Ford's fluidly ambiguous title further complicates the broken relationships. Barney turns out to have been violently jealous, but the most important jealousy in the story is more subtle, and wrapped in genuine concern. The main characters are enmeshed in rivalries for attention and approval, and Lawrence himself is jealous of adult intimacy; he is at once attracted and repelled by its disruptive possibilities.

The first two stories deal with the breakdown of a marriage and the interrogation of separation, respectively; the last and most ambitious story, "Occidentals," picks up in the aftermath of divorce. As in "The Womanizer," Ford puts an intelligent, self-absorbed 40-year-old white man from the Midwest in Paris to sort out a midlife crisis. The lack of familiar reference points and habitual patterns promises to make decision-making all the freer. Both men oscillate between isolation and disconnection, as if they realize with surprise that, despite the change of scene, they are still dragging the baggage of personality and past choices with them.

Charley Matthews in "Occidentals," however, is less egotistical than the womanizing Austin, less made to knock an impact, and so, more receptive. He appreciates the uniqueness of his lover, Helen, in a way Austin never attempts to do with Josephine. Charley is far from perfect — indeed, much of the energy of the story comes from Ford's technique of allowing readers to pick up the significance of Helen's comments well before Charley, who avoids unpleasant facts. Nonetheless, Charley retains a redemptive capacity to learn — which, in the precarious terrain Ford covers, seems a rare and valuable resource.

(A complaint: Ford makes Matthews a former professor of African American literature, but gives him no interest in his supposed specialty, while the Paris that intrigues Ford is that of James and Hemingway, not Wright and Baldwin. Ford is one of the few white American writers with the chops to write insightfully about race, but this gesture seems empty.)

The author's talent for laying bare the structures of self-deception is unsurpassed. When Austin considers raising a glass to himself in the mirror of his Paris hotel room, for instance, we realize how deeply preoccupied he is with his image, even when alone. When Charley retreats from difficult questions concerning his daughter into a web of veiledness and platitudes, escapism begins to seem the ruling principle of his mental life.

Ford's ruthless, critical portrayals have a boomerang effect: We want to leap upon these flawed characters, and they deserve it — but their flaws are so recognizable, so familiar, that we do so at our own peril.

Ford's stories extend the critical exploration of a certain kind of middle-class, middle-aged seeker that he undertook in "Independence Day." The narrator of that novel, Frank Bascombe, has flaws similar to Martin Austin and Charley Matthews'. But Frank is so engrossed in his insights, his voice so likable, one forgets to care. "It's fun to spend time in Frank's head," says my friend the Ford expert.) In "Women with Men," Ford sacrifices the pleasures of identification; the young narrator of "Jealousy" holds himself too in check and expresses little personality, becoming a pure translucent lens focused on the curious doings of adults. The third-person dissections of Austin and Matthews are colder than anything in "Independence Day."

This increased rigor corresponds with tighter plots; each story ends with a kick. Perhaps the biggest payoff from these narrative experiments lies in the space created for secondary characters. "Independence Day" had terrible characters — hilarious, convincing and varied — but they were Frank's creatures, assigned slots in his life and animated by his breath. Now the secondary characters are liberated, particularly the snappy-appearing wisecracking, achingly lonely Aunt Doris (a cross between Blanche Dubois and Thelma & Louise) and Helen Carmichael, the thrice-married, bigger-than-life, "sassy and ironic" escapee from a West Virginia coal-mining town who actually works at transmitting experience into wisdom, when she's not busy living up to the image that her "chorus-girl figure" and audacious tongue have conspired to create.

"Women with Men" is an ironic title for a haunting, original work. Ironically because the book is more about men than women, and it is driven by the failures of these men to be "with" their women emotionally, doubly ironic because through these displacements of expectation, the women emerge as central figures of wasted possibility, and these detached, fragile connections appear as a new and symptomatic way of being "with" someone in our time.

Like Hemingway's "Men without Women," Ford's book is awash in defeated possibilities. It ruthlessly anatomizes failure while wryly affirming the potential for ordinary folk to achieve wisdom, to establish decent relationships — even to experience ebullience.

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Franciscan Brings Mission Music to CD

BY CYRIL JONES-KELLETT
The Southern Cross
OCEANSIDE — The Franciscan Friars who founded the California Missions were well educated men, and a good part of their education was music. But their music has rarely been recorded. Brother Rufino Zaragoza, OFM, intends to nearly double the recordings available with a new CD.

 раise money, Brother Rufino, a liturgical composer residing at the mission, suggested they sell recordings of California music.

"I talked myself into a job," says Brother Rufino. He already has a portfolio of recorded works, including "Misa Juan Diego," a bilingual Mass, available from the Oregon Catholic Press.

Recording California mission music was a very different challenge, however. "We're kind of rediscovering part of our Franciscan past," Brother Rufino says.

"When you think of the music of that time you think of the European music of Haydn and Mozart," says the friar. "You never hear that in Mexico and Central America there was wonderful original music by Hispanic composers."

The friars, who were educated at the College of San Fernando in Mexico City, learned the classical music of the time. For California's native population, however, classical music posed a daunting challenge.

"The music that the friars were trained in would have sounded just as foreign to the Native Americans as Japanese opera would to us," says Brother Rufino.

Yet "for the Franciscans 200 years ago, they couldn't comprehend liturgy without singing. St. Francis called himself the Troubadour of the Great King," says the composer. "It's part of the joyfulness of friars. It's part of the whole tradition of sharing the love of God through song. One of the most important things they did was teach singing."

At each of the missions, some form of music education and ministry among the native peoples was undertaken. It ranged from rudimentary attempts to keep simple choirs in tune, to well-developed choirs and even orchestras at some missions.

The music that was developed for the missions was specially tailored by the friars to suit the circumstances. At first, instruments were imported from Mexico, but in time the locals made their own. The Franciscans developed a method of writing music that used colored notes of various shapes, because to the local native men just learning to read, a page of black notes was indecipherable.

They simplified chants and songs so that the indigenous population, to whom the songs were overwhelmingly foreign, could develop proficiency. At least one friar attempted to write hymns in the native language. And many pieces of new music were written by the friars for the missions.

As the missions closed throughout the 1820s to 1840s, their written music fell into disuse and much of it was lost. Friars throughout California stored old music books away in cupboards and vaults. At one convent, the chicken coop was lined with sheets of mission manuscript.

In 1941, the music was rediscovered when Owen Da Silva, OFM, published Mission Music of California, a book on California's native population, however, classical music posed a daunting challenge. history and music he had found as a priest at Mission Santa Barbara. Friars began singing the music again. The only two known recordings of mission works are one made under supervision of Father Da Silva, and another made after his death.

For the upcoming Mission San Luis Rey CD, Brother Rufino enlisted the aid of University of San Diego musicologist Stephen Sturk, who gathered a group of singers and musicians. The musicians used instruments similar to those played in the 19th century. The San Luis Rey church, the largest of the California missions, was wired for sound by technician James Kempka, and late in May, it became a giant recording studio.

"We wanted to record the music the way it originally sounded," says Brother Rufino. In August, the public can savor the mission music themselves. The CD, entitled Mission Music of California - A Two Hundred Year Anthology, will go on sale at the Mission San Luis Rey gift shop. Anyone who can't get to the mission but would like to purchase a copy can call Mission San Luis Rey at (760) 757-3651.
Valentine Jubilarian Loves Life in Society of the Sacred Heart

BY LIZ SWAIN
The Southern Cross

OCEAN BEACH — Susan Campbell was born in Valentine, the Nebraska town deluged each Valentine’s Day with mail from people seeking the town’s postmark. For the woman born in Valentine, the postmark of love in the lives of college teachers sparked a religious vocation.

Her teachers at Duschennes College in Omaha were women religious belonging to the Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ). “I was inspired by their love of the Sacred Heart, their dedication and their level of education. I wanted to follow them and do the same thing,” said Sister Campbell, who took her first vows with the order 50 years ago.

She soon came to the West Coast, where she earned a master’s degree and a doctorate in English at Stanford University. She taught in parochial schools in the Bay Area, and then moved south in 1953 to help start the College for Women at the University of San Diego. She taught English at the women’s and men’s colleges, served on the board and in various advisory capacities at the university.

At the request of the late Bishop Charles Buddy, Sister Campbell established a novitiate for her order in El Cajon. She left San Diego in 1959 to teach in Seattle. Twenty years later, Sister Campbell went to the Philippines and started a novitiate in Montalban, a Manila suburb.

Although the El Cajon novitiate closed, another religious facility started by the RSCJ order flourishes. Sister Campbell worked during the 1980s with Sisters Mary Ann Foy and Betty Boyer on the development of the Spiritual Ministry Center in Ocean Beach. The center that marked its 10th anniversary this spring offers retreats and spiritual direction.

Those who turn to Sister Campbell for spiritual direction include Angel Kleinbub. Her friendship with the nun started when Kleinbub was a USD student during the 1950s. “She’s very personable and loving. She doesn’t have only a sister quality, she has a mother quality,” said Kleinbub, a member of Mary, Star of the Sea parish in La Jolla.

Fidelity to relationships is a defining trait of Sister Campbell, according to a nun who has a lifelong relationship with the jubilarian. “Her interest in many kinds of people is made to order for multi-cultural ministry,” says Sister Connie Campbell, RSCJ, who entered the community two years before her sibling.

The sibling sisters are semi-retired and share a home close enough to walk to the Spiritual Ministry Center to give retreats, and they offer spiritual direction in their home. “We’re both older, but forever young in our interests,” said Sister Connie Campbell.

For the jubilarian born in Valentine, religious life, not a postmark, symbolizes love. “Our society’s strongest attributes are love and generosity, we try to pass that on,” said Sister Susan Campbell.
Is Catholic College for You? Students Find Out Why and How

BY KIM CAMPLISSON
The Southern Cross

IMPERIAL BEACH — South Bay public school senior high students and their parents took advantage of the chance to learn about entrance to Catholic colleges and on-campus ministry programs recently at St. Charles parish, Imperial Beach.

"Tools for the College Journey" — presented by the University of San Diego Institute for Christian Ministry (ICM) — had a two-fold agenda, according to Dr. Jane Gorman, ICM director. The evening was designed to make high school students aware of the availability of and access to Catholic colleges. It also was meant to acquaint those who will attend state colleges with Catholic ministry programs on state campuses.

"We want to reach out to public school students who don't have access to the college nights that the Catholic school students have," said Dr. Gorman.

The goal of the program, Gorman told the students assembled, is "to promote your faith wherever you go to school."

In a letter to pastors about the program, she explained that "college is often a time for 'dropping out' to search for 'what is real' ... (and) many students are not aware of the spiritual support systems that are available."

SHARING THE TOOLS: University of San Diego Admissions Officer Chris White explained to the students and parents gathered at the "Tools for the College Journey" seminar what USD considers when admitting a student to the school.

For those students who will go to state schools, Dr. Gorman provided information on Catholic ministry centers on college campuses throughout California.

"We want you to know that going to college doesn't mean you have to lose your faith," she said.

Gorman urged students who believe they cannot afford Catholic college tuition to apply for financial aid before ruling out the option. "Don't say 'My parents can't afford it,'" she urged. "That is not for you to say. There is money there."

Chris White, a University of San Diego admissions officer and recent graduate of USD, presented practical information for high-schoolers who hope to attend a private college. As well relating his own experiences of university ministry life at USD, he gave financial aid information and explained what admissions officers look for in applicants.

Quality counts more than quantity, White emphasized, when admissions officers look at an applicant's extra-curricular involvement.

"We're more interested in how you made a difference in the (groups) you were in, how did you make an impact on those around you, than in how many (activities) you joined," he told the students.

The dual focus of the evening — promoting student involvement in campus ministry programs as well as offering practical tips on college admissions — answered the questions of the students present.

One student, Alden Turiano, who attends Montgomery High School in San Diego and plans to attend USD next year, said, "I heard the program was about religious life (at USD). I am strong in my faith, and that attracts me (to USD)."

Renee Gautreau also attended because she is interested in keeping her faith alive while she attends college. "I am interested in a few of the Catholic colleges in California," said the Chula Vista High School junior.

Southwest High School junior Jose Padron came to the evening program to find out what he needs to do to be admitted to a private college and what type of financial aid is available.

The "Tools for the College Journey" program will be repeated in September at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Ranch Penasquitos. For information on that evening, or to host the program in your area, contact the Institute for Christian Ministry at 619-260-4784.
Area’s economic prospects rise

A monthly index used to gauge San Diego County’s economic prospects rose for the 25th consecutive month in April. A sharp drop in initial claims for unemployment was the strongest positive movement in the University of San Diego index. Help-wanted advertising and tourism also posted solid gains. The underlying national economy and local stock prices lost ground during the month.
San Diego Economic Indicators
Continue Strong, Except Stocks

By KIM PETERSON
Daily Transcript Staff Writer

Local stock prices, which had increased every month since March 1995, dropped slightly in April while other economic indicators were still going strong, the University of San Diego reports. USD’s index of leading economic indicators rose 3 percent in April, spurred on by a sharp drop in initial claims for unemployment. It was the 25th consecutive monthly increase for the index and occurred at a time when the national economy was slightly down.

There was a stretch of time when every single component of the index — including building permits, tourism and stock prices — was continually rising, said university economist Alan Gin. But this year, he said, “I think we’ll continue to see things moving up, but just simply not at as rapid a rate as in the past.”

Local stock prices dropped by .4 percent for the month, a shift Gin attributes to investors gingerly approaching the market. “April was just an uncertain time for stock prices, and there were worries about interest rates increasing.”

Residential building permits rose .13 percent and tourism, continuing its very strong pace, rose .61 percent. Help-wanted advertising was up by .85 percent.

The economy may not see strong gains over last year because 1996 was a strong year for employment growth, said Kelly Cunningham, research manager for the Chamber of Commerce’s Economic Research Bureau.

“Now we’re comparing good years to good years and it’s not going to look as strong.”

Building permits, which throughout the 1990s were the lowest on record, have taken a swing upward and should continue that way for a while, Cunningham said.

“There definitely are pressures on building residential buildings,” he said. “I don’t see it matching the demand yet. I think we’re going to see some real pressures on housing prices now because people are going to be moving here and need places to live.”

The labor market is still healthy, with fewer people losing jobs and more hiring by local firms, said Gin.

But some large companies in the area are starting to slow down their rapid hiring pace due to lack of local candidates, said Cunningham. It will take more time for the companies to go outside of San Diego County to recruit workers.

Although growth seems to have slowed somewhat, Cunningham believes the economy will stay healthy until at least the end of the decade.

“I don’t know that we’re yet going to hit a plateau,” he said. “I expect we’ll continue to see growth, it’s just the rate might slow down some. From our outlook, everything looks positive, everything looks upbeat.”

Gin concurred. “The economy does move in cycles,” he said. “Eventually things will turn down but right now it doesn’t appear that it’s likely in the foreseeable future.”

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USD economic index still rising, but two areas causing concern

The University of San Diego’s Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County rose 0.3 percent in April, the 25th consecutive increase in the monthly index.

Leading the way was a 1.04 percent decrease in unemployment insurance claims and an .85 percent increase in help wanted advertising, indicators of a strong labor market.

The USD index contained two areas of caution, however.

One was a 0.4 percent drop in local stock prices, which had increased every month since March 1995.

The other was a 0.1 percent decline in the national index of leading economic indicators, which had not fallen since January of last year.

Overall, though, a 0.6 percent rise in tourism and a modest 0.1 percent rise in building permits point to underlying strength in the local economy, which USD expects to continue for the rest of 1997 and the early part of next year.
It's the inner city, Mr. President!

By Gail Heriot

When President Clinton spoke here Saturday, his goal was a worthy one. He wanted Americans everywhere to reflect upon the issue of race. He hoped to touch our hearts. Perhaps he failed to set our hearts aflame, but all of us appreciate his efforts to help us "build one America."

Sadly, however, his policies have impeded, not promoted, that goal. The separate college admissions standards, separate hiring standards and separate public contracting requirements he advocates are only a vestige of the divided America he rails against.

His appointees nevertheless pursue those policies with zeal. And they aren't shy about using the immense power of the federal government. While Clinton's rhetoric tends to be measured and moderate, his top civil rights officers have consistently been hard-core, unabashed supporters of quotas and set-asides. And, despite his rhetoric, it's clear they have his blessing.

Take the case of Assistant Secretary of Education Norma Cantu. A few weeks ago, she tried to defy the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in Hopwood vs. Texas — a decision declaring racial preferences in university admissions to be unconstitutional. Evidently, she knew the Constitution better — or thought she did. In a letter to colleges in Texas (one of three states where the Hopwood decision is legally binding), she threatened to cut off funds to any school that dared follow the court's decision. Only a public outcry forced her to back down.

Meanwhile, the problem that Clinton perceives himself to be combating — racial animosity — is quietly solving itself. And it's happening the old-fashioned way, the same way it happened for Italian, Irish and Jewish immigrants of generations ago, when (lest we forget) it was common to speak of each of those groups as a separate "race." It didn't take preferences. It didn't take a blue-ribbon panel. It is being solved at the grass-roots level — with a little love.

Since 1960, the number of racially mixed marriages has increased tenfold. Yes, that's a factor of 10. In 1963, of every eight African-American marriages, one was to a white spouse. Love is conquering racism. It's hard for a white racist to spew his venom when there's a fair chance one of his poker buddies will turn out to have an African-American daughter-in-law and two mixed-race grandchildren. Somehow, the tasteless jokes and racial epithets seem a bit risky.

None of this is to suggest that we don't have problems. We've got a big problem. It's called the inner city. But it's not a "race" problem in any meaningful sense of that term, and it will not be solved by appeals to tolerance and diversity.

Racial preferences haven't done a dime's worth of good for the inner city.

Clinton lamented the end of preferences in California's medical and law schools in one breath and expressed concern for the inner city in the next. But the beneficiaries of racial preferences in UC's professional schools have been overwhelmingly middle and upper middle class, not the poor.

Try telling an inner-city mother that help is on the way because her son will get a preference in admissions to UC Berkeley. She's busy praying that he'll make it through the day without getting a bullet in his back. For her, preferences have been worse than no help. They have diverted attention away from her problems and toward the far less compelling plight of the middle class.

Why can't Clinton see this? Military historians tell us that generals are always fighting the last war. So it is with political leaders. It is not surprising that he would feel passionately about the racial injustices he witnessed as a young boy in Arkansas. Moreover, it is not surprising that he might (tragically, I think) come to see racial preferences as a counterbalance for that kind of blatant discrimination — where an African-American medical doctor was considered unfit to drink from the same water fountain as whites.

But separate water fountains aren't the problem in the inner city. Crime is. Drugs are. Decades of well-meaning welfare programs that promote dependency, teenage pregnancy and family break-up are the problem. Schools that cannot or will not impose discipline are the problem. Economic regulations that discourage enterprise are the problem. In short, there is a hodgepodge of problems, and preferences for middle and upper-middle class medical school applicants who happen to share the same skin color aren't going to help.

These problems aren't totally intractable. Enterprise can be fostered by removing excessive regulation from the backs of aspiring entrepreneurs. Welfare programs can be reformed to promote self-reliance and family cohesiveness. School voucher programs can break the stranglehold that bureaucratic public schools have on urban education. Crime can be dramatically reduced by attacking even its seemingly minor manifestations — by fixing broken windows, tearing down abandoned buildings and chasing away corner "drug markets" before they become established.

Programs like these are being tried in places across the country, and many seem to be working. They may seem unglamorous, but in the end, it will be programs like these — programs aimed at the real problem — that will do the job. They are the way we "build one America."

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Overhaul foreseen in Mexico’s tainted federal judiciary

By Arthur Golden

The Mexican federal judiciary, which has generated outrage over its recent lenient treatment of two reputed drug kingpins, is heading for a thorough overhaul, says a University of San Diego law professor.

In the past year, about a third of Mexico’s 450 federal judges have been elevated to the bench under a new, competitive procedure for selecting and training members of the national judiciary, said Professor Jorge Vargas.

Within a decade, Vargas said, the new procedure will create a federal judiciary of unquestioned integrity, whose members will be courageous enough to reject the bribes and threats of drug-traffickers.

"What you are seeing is a thorough overhaul of the federal judicial system in Mexico," Vargas said.

Moralization of that system is sorely needed, say Vargas and other observers.

On Monday, a federal appellate judge in Guadalajara sentenced to 2½ years the six-year weapons sentence of Héctor "El Guero" Palma, reputedly the head of the Sinaloa drug cartel. The judge said the dozen military-type rifles and pistols confiscated from Palma did not warrant six years in prison.

And on Thursday, a federal judge in Hermosillo threw out cocaine possession charges against Palma.

Several other charges against Palma, including homicide and kidnapping, have been dismissed since his June 1995 arrest along with six bodyguards and 30 Federal Judicial Police agents who reportedly were on his payroll.

In April, a three-judge federal panel in Guadalajara, citing procedural errors, overturned the 40-year sentence of reputed drug boss Rafael Caro Quintero for the 1985 murder of U.S. drug agent Enrique Camarena, and remanded the case back to the trial court.

The Mexican Attorney General's office denounced the decision, and said it would appeal it. The office also said it would ask federal court administrators to investigate the circumstances surrounding the reduction in Palma's weapons conviction sentence.

In any case, the office said, Palma and Caro Quintero will remain behind bars for a long time because each still faces additional drug-related charges.

A former senior U.S. narcotics official, who declined to be identified because he does business in Mexico, said the appellate decisions show that the Mexican federal court system, which tries all narcotics cases, "is in need of reform." The judge said it does business in Mexico, said the appellate decisions show that the Mexican federal court system, which tries all narcotics cases, "is for sale or rent, or intimidated into submission.

"You are never going to prove it, of course, but it is 'plomo o plata' (lead or silver). Do you want a bullet or do you want to survive in a golden existence? It doesn't take a genius to figure out which is going on there."

Indeed, the former official complained, "there is no transparency, no accountability" in Mexican federal court rulings on drugs.

Moreover, he said, he has never heard of a Mexican federal court judge being impeached for cause, "as opposed to being summarily fired" for political reasons.

The former official added that it would be unfair to impugn the honesty of every member of the Mexican federal judiciary. But even an otherwise honorable judge would feel pressure to yield to the demands of drug traffickers, the former official said, "because he knows that these people have the capability of hurting him or his family."

Yet a discussion of the Mexican court system has been missing in the continuing U.S.-Mexico dialogue on drug policy.

The dialogue is all about increasing cooperation, increased use of the military, getting corruption out of the enforcement system - but there is this curious neglect about the Mexican judicial system. Both sides don't talk about it," said Peter Andreas, a drug policy specialist at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UC San Diego.

U.S. Mexican sensitivity may be part of the explanation for the bilateral silence on the issue of its federal court system, a State Department diplomat said.

The diplomat said the United States spends millions of dollars each year on programs to strengthen the judicial systems throughout most of Latin America.

But those programs have never been formally offered to Mexico, the diplomat said, "because they never wanted it."

Accepting such assistance, the diplomat said, would be tantamount to Mexico admitting that it most certainly has a problem with its courts.

Yet Mexico is already moving to clean up the federal bench, said Vargas, the USD expert, who was born in Mexico and hopes to have a legal adviser to a number of Mexican federal government ministries.

Under a profound reform of the legal system promoted by President Ernesto Zedillo shortly after he took office in December 1994, the Mexican government created an independent Institute of the Judiciary, which among other things was charged with selecting and training promising lawyers for careers as federal judges.

All federal judges had been appointed by the Supreme Court. As part of the reform, Zedillo persuaded the entire 26-member high court to accept early retirement.

He then reduced the number of justices to 11 new members, and eliminated their power to make appointments to the federal bench.

In May 1996, Vargas said, the institute offered the first open competition for federal judgeships in Mexican history, and selected 80 applicants.

Some 70 judges have been chosen this year, he said. The 150 new federal judges and those selected and trained by the institute in coming years will gradually replace the judges appointed by the old Supreme Court.

The number of federal judgeships, now around 450, is increasing by some 25 each year, Vargas said, and represents an attempt by the Mexican government to deal with a growing federal court caseload.

Vargas, who has been a strong critic of the Mexican criminal justice system, was nonetheless optimistic that a corner has been turned in efforts to root out corruption from the Mexican federal judiciary.

"In 10 more years, I can guarantee you that this Institute of the Judiciary is going to shine as an example to other countries throughout Latin America," he said.

"That is a completely different story," he said. "They directly depend on the governors of each state, and their procedures continue to be permeated by friendship, influence and other nonobjective factors."

What is happening at the federal level eventually will have some influence on the state courts, Vargas said, but it may take years for those positive developments to occur.
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J. Bradley Russell, 38; practiced, taught law

J. Bradley Russell, a former senior assistant attorney general in West Virginia who taught and practiced law in San Diego, died June 13 in his Pacific Beach home. He was 38.

Mr. Russell had undergone surgery last fall for internal bleeding and had suffered a stroke, his mother, Sherry Russell, said.

He moved to San Diego from Charleston, W.Va., in June 1989. After passing the state bar exam, Mr. Russell joined the faculty at the University of San Diego, where he taught lawyering skills for a year.

In 1991, he joined the firm of Wittman, Pedynshyn & Roberts as a litigation attorney. He entered private practice in 1993 and was working primarily out of his Pacific Beach home at the time of his death.

Mr. Russell handled several high-profile cases while working with the West Virginia Attorney General’s Office from 1983 to 1989.

In 1986, as West Virginia’s special prosecutor investigating election corruption, Mr. Russell was instrumental in the conviction of Mingo County Sheriff Johnnie Owens for selling the sheriff’s job in 1982 for $100,000.

Owens is serving a 14-year prison term.

Mr. Russell defended ex-West Virginia Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. in 1986 when Moore was ordered by Special Judge Larry Starcher to release prisoners at Huttonsville Correctional Center because of overcrowding.

A West Virginia native, Mr. Russell graduated from Charleston High School and West Virginia University’s College of Law.

In addition to his mother, who lives in Charleston, he is survived by his father, Jim Russell, and his grandmother, Lenora Williams Selbe, both of Charleston.

Services were Wednesday at Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home in Charleston.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.
The diversity debate

A question of values

By Roy L. Brooks

Tomorrow, President Clinton will come to UCSD to deliver what is being billed as a major speech on race relations. Coming in the wake of Proposition 209 and other anti-affirmative action measures here and in Texas, the president's address may help reshape the national debate on the use of racial preferences in higher education.

The carnage we are seeing in African-American and Latino admissions affords the president an opportunity to focus the nation's attention on issues that are key to resolving affirmative action question.

In the aftermath of Proposition 209 and SP-1, the UC Board of Regents' resolution that abolished racial preferences in admissions, African-American and Latino admissions are down 41 percent and 50 percent, respectively, at Berkeley's Boalt Hall Law School; 80 percent and 32 percent, respectively, at UCLA Law School; and 26 percent and 28 percent, respectively, at UC Davis Law School. Similar results are being reported in several southern states, e.g., Texas, where racial preferences were proscribed by a federal judicial decree in Hopwood v. Texas.

Supporters of Proposition 209 and SP-1 told us that there would be a decline in the number of minority students at the top public schools (although not to this extent) but also predicted that these students "would lower their expectations and apply to and attend less selective schools if there were no affirmative action admission practices." This is absolutely not happening.

Less selective schools are not increasing their acceptance of African-American and Latino applicants, including those denied admissions to the UC schools. Even private schools, such as USD Law School, which are free from the constraints of Proposition 209 and SP-1 are admitting fewer African-American and Latino students today than they did two or more years ago.

More alarming still is the overall decline in African-American and Latino applications, the percentages of African-American and Latino college applicants in affirmative action states are substantially down. The U.S. Department of Education reports that the anti-affirmative action reputation of California and Texas has had a "dramatic, negative effect" on the prospects of African-American and Latino students. Minority students are unwilling to waste the time and limited funds applying to schools that have "drawn the welcome mat. Even those accepted are driven away by the knowledge that racial isolation cultivates academic failure.

These statistics help to focus our discussion of affirmative action. They bring clarity that was absent prior to the conceptualization and implementation of Prop 209, SP-1, and the Hopwood decree. Until now, proponents and opponents of affirmative action could only speculate about what higher education without affirmative action would look like. Having a far better view of that world now, we can clearly see that the real issue comes down to a question of values. If we value racial integration, or diversity, and racial opportunity in higher education, particularly at our elite public schools, we must then value affirmative action in the form of racial preferences, but not necessarily racial quotas. It is no longer credible to argue that the demise of affirmative action will not have a chilling effect on the higher education prospects of African-Americans and Latinos. The numbers are too clear to be denied.

Nor should we fail to understand what is at stake. It would significantly change the character of our society — indeed, the sense of what it means to be an American — if promising African-American and Latino students were, in effect, granted limited access to UC schools or, worse, discouraged from advancing their education beyond high school. Such a dual educational system — one based on color — is too close in appearance and morality to the segregated educational system that Brown vs. Board of Education invalidated nearly a half-century ago. At its heart, the Brown decision was less about simplistic colorblindness than about racial integration and educational opportunity.

But isn't the value of meritocracy superior to the values of diversity and racial opportunity in our society? This question is based on the false assumption that the vast majority of affirmative action admittees are not qualified as white admittees. This assumption is erroneous because it is primarily predicated on standardized test scores rather than on the actual performance of the students. In law schools, for example, although the typical affirmative action student is admitted with lower Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) scores than his classmates, the former usually graduates near the middle of his class. This means that the affirmative action law student performs better than approximately half of the students who were deemed to more "qualified" based on the LSAT.

One recent study involving applicants to 173 law schools reports that a race-blind admissions policy "would deny a legal education to many minority applicants who were fully capable of the rigor of legal education and of entering the legal profession." The assumption of "underqualification" is also belied by the actual performance of affirmative action beneficiaries in the legal profession. Graduates from the 1970s and 1980s have outpaced their standardized test scores. For example, a report on affirmative action students who graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, one of the elite law schools in the country, shows them to be successful lawyers, federal judges and law professors. We cannot turn a blind eye to these facts when trying to make an honest assessment of competing values.

It would be nice if we could close the racial differential in standardized test scores through better education. After some 30 years of effort, however, we have not been able to do this to the point of eliminating the need for racial preferences. No one has even come close to suggesting that success is just around the corner, and, given the post-graduate performance of affirmative action beneficiaries, I am not sure it is all that important.

Some would argue that the non-discrimination value — the belief that discrimination is intrinsically wrong — trumps the racial integration and racial opportunity values. This argument ignores the fact that non-discrimination, as originally fashioned during the civil rights movement, was intended to advance integration and racial opportunity and was never supposed to further segregation. The argument fails to deal with the fact that the non-discrimination value is selectively observed in higher education and elsewhere even after Proposition 209. Preferences still exist for veterans, the disabled, children of alumni, and those with connections to powerful insiders, such as UC regents and elected officials. Given what is at stake — namely, educational apartheid — can we afford to value non-discrimination over all other values?

Proposition 209 and SP-1 would permit the Legislature to enact a bill that requires UC schools to accept the top 10 percent of graduates from all state high schools. Although this would increase African-American and Latino undergraduate admissions, it would have no impact at the postgraduate level, where the problem appears to be most acute.

Try as we might, we cannot escape the clash of values that affirmative action brings up the table.
Student Finds Road to Success From City College to Cornell

After graduating with high honors from the University of San Diego this past May, it is hard to believe Cornell University-bound Chula Vista resident Julio Villareal was ever confused about his academic goals. Only four years ago the Castle Park High School student was looking toward a career in the Marine Corps.

"I was very confused about what to do," said Villareal about his post high school graduation plans. "I figured I would join the military and let someone tell me what to do. I didn't even take my SAT's (college entrance exams)."

After some serious soul-searching, Villareal changed his mind and enrolled in San Diego City College, where he excelled in the college's honors program. It was through City's honors transfer guarantee program that Villareal was accepted into University of San Diego on a three-quarters scholarship.

His latest achievement is a full four-year scholarship to cover all costs in the doctorate program in Biometry at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. This award could easily top the $100,000 mark.

After completing his general education courses at City College, Villareal's academic rise was no less than exceptional. He continued to excel academically while working three different jobs.

"I attribute my drive and ambition to my family," said Villareal. "They never complained and always supported my choices and decisions. It helped me learn that you must take advantage of opportunities that come your way, work hard and learn self-discipline."

Villareal's chosen field of biometrics is an area that is underrepresented by minorities—an area that Villareal not only enjoys but saw an opportunity to make a difference in. Biometrics, a branch of biology, deals with data collected statistically and by mathematical analysis.

"I never knew I was a minority until I went to college," said Villareal. "It was only then I realized the importance of getting involved and the many opportunities open to minorities."

Villareal is the first in his family to graduate and credits his high school mathematics teacher Ms. Brownell of Castle Park with helping him on his path of success.

"I saw many of my friends struggling in high school and knew I had to take advantage of opportunities to meet people and learn new things," said the 21-year-old.

In addition to excelling in his studies, Villareal also makes the time for three different jobs—he's an instructional assistant in the computer labs at San Diego City College, he tutors and grades papers for students at the University of San Diego, and works in the business department at San Diego High School.

Villareal also finds time for community volunteer work. This past spring, Villareal spent 15 days working in Tijuana in a home for migrants. This summer he'll spend as a mentor/tutor at Cornell mathematical Theoretical Biology Institute (MTBI), a program originally targeted to Latinos and Native Americans but recently broadened to include women, African Americans and Asians.

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McGrory to quit as city manager, accept new job

“I need a new challenge. I’ve always wanted to move into the private sector.”

JACK McGORY
"Frankly, I need a new challenge."

San Diego City Manager JACK McGrory, explaining his surprise decision to leave city government after 23 years to take an executive post with Price Enterprises.

Joins Price Enterprises on Sept. 2 after 23 years in S.D. government

By Ray Huard, STAFF WRITER

The man in the eye of the storm of many city of San Diego crises is stepping down to enter the private sector.

In a surprise announcement yesterday, City Manager Jack McGrory said he will leave by September to take a job as vice president and chief executive officer of Price Enterprises in charge of real estate.

McGrory steered San Diego through the recession of the 1990s and most recently waged a successful fight over the expansion of Qualcomm Stadium.

"Frankly, I need a new challenge," said McGrory, who has been city manager for about 6½ years and has worked for the city government for 23 years.

"I've always wanted to move into the private sector," McGrory said at a morning news conference. "It's not a package I can turn down."

He said he would start his new job Sept. 2. But he said he hasn't decided when to leave his $136,776-a-year manager's job.

Praised by admirers as a hands-on manager who kept track of details, McGrory was criticized by others for being too secretive and hiding information from the public.

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Jack McGrory
- Age: 47
- Career with city: Began in 1975 as a trainee in the Personnel Department, rising to assistant city manager in 1988
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- REAL CHALLENGE: Dealmaking savvy will come in handy at Price Enterprises Inc.

Moving on: San Diego City Manager Jack McGrory is congratulated by City Clerk Chuck Abdelnour after he announced he was leaving city government to run the real estate operations at Price Enterprises. "It's not a package I can turn down."
he city workers caused about the times ahead. We're going to be a tough town..."

"Trying to handle things smoothly over the next six months in a year going to be a challenge to all of us," Kehele said. "I'm really glad that we have a really cohesive City Council because this is the time we're going to have to put politics aside and work together."

Mayor Susan Golding said she had "a wonderful working relationship with McGrory."

"One of the things that I wanted to do is bring back a professional council basic body or getting a major public works project off the ground, he laid the groundwork for both acts as a partner through the whole thing."

The mayor has called a special council meeting for this week to consider the year's budget. She noted the problem to her replacement. She hopes to convince the council to hire a national company to conduct a statewide search, but to consider promoting from within as well.

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After spending 23 years in public service, six at the helm of San Diego city government, City Manager Jack McGrory announced Monday he will leave his position in September to manage a private corporation.

McGrory's announcement, which surprised nearly everybody at City Hall, did not stem from any bad feelings, he said. Instead, the time has simply come to move on.

"I have always wanted to move into the private sector, particularly into a management position," McGrory said. "I need a new challenge, and this is going to be a great new challenge for me."

McGrory will start Sept. 2 as executive vice president and chief operating officer of real estate operations for Price Enterprises, Inc. The San Diego-based company boasts a real estate portfolio of $400 million in 26 investment and for-sale properties. McGrory will be Price's senior real estate executive.

Sol Price, the largest shareholder of Price Enterprises, approached McGrory about four weeks ago with an offer McGrory said was too good to turn down. While he would not state his new salary, McGrory conceded that it was significantly higher than his city wages, which run at about $137,000 a year.

"I wanted to leave at some point on my own terms," he said. "And I feel with this opportunity that has been presented to me by Sol Price and Robert Price that this is a great change for me to move into the private sector."

Robert Price is the president and chief executive officer of Price Enterprises.

A new city manager has not yet been named, and the mayor and City Council will ultimately select McGrory's replacement. Mayor Susan Golding has scheduled an executive session of the council on Wednesday morning to discuss how best to begin the process of replacing McGrory. She will recommend that while the city search internally for candidates, an executive search firm be asked to conduct a national search, said spokeswoman MaryAnne Pintar.

City rules call for a replacement to be selected within 60 days of McGrory's departure. Although he begins work at Price in September, his last day as city manager has not been established. Golding has not yet determined whether an interim city manager will be neces-
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Most city managers in this country only last about three years on the job, McGrory said, adding that his term has given the city a period of management stability.

McGrory cited the victory in the stadium battle as his greatest accomplishment in city government. "I suppose in a perverse sort of way I actually enjoyed that battle," he said. "It was a good fight, we finally kicked their butts and we're getting the stadium project done the way we should have got it done."

While McGrory's successor could come from within city government or the private sector, he said that the complex politics in San Diego may pose difficulties for a new manager that isn't used to the system.

"It's a tough city in terms of the politics of this city compared to a lot of cities across the country," McGrory said. "City managers have come in and don't understand the politics of the council, the council committee system, the mayor's office. It's a tough city to adjust to."

It will be difficult to find an adequate replacement in the 90 or so days before McGrory leaves, said Councilwoman Barbara Warden. The city needs someone who fully understands the city and how it works, she said.

Warden learned about McGrory's decision on Sunday. "It did come as a surprise," she said. "I'm sad to see Jack leave." McGrory said he also talked with Golding for about an hour at her house on Sunday.

Many people in City Hall and involved with local government heralded McGrory's talent and character and said they were sorry to see his departure.

"I have a lot of respect for him," said Scott Barnett, executive director for the San Diego County Taxpayers Association. "He's very creative and somewhat crafty. We've had, I think, a very good relationship and he will be difficult for the council to replace with somebody as qualified."

McGrory, 47, has worked at the city as a personnel analyst, labor relations manager, and has held several positions in the city manager's office. He was appointed to city manager in March, 1991. He received his master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University and also earned a law degree from the University of San Diego. McGrory said he may practice law in the future, and is a member of the State Bar. He was approached by several law firms during the last year, but turned them down. He said he has no desire to run for public office.

"I wouldn't exchange places with Deputy Mayor Warden or the mayor or the rest of the council members for all the tea in China," he said. "What they have to do in terms of campaigning is very, very difficult. It's a lot more fun managing an operation."

There are still some items at the city to tie up in the next few months, McGrory said. The City Council will decide on Aug. 12 whether to approve a $773 million capital improvement plan for the city's water system. The city also needs to negotiate with the county for use of the Sycamore Landfill.

"I think we need to have a good competitive water system, a state-of-the-art water system," McGrory said. "If the council approves that package, then that will put us well on the way to doing that."

The Miramar Landfill, now used by the city, will fill up around 2015, he said. The Sycamore Landfill would last until 2060.

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PREP BASKETBALL: Dan Regas has been hired as the Mira Mesa High boys basketball coach. Regas led the Scripps Ranch girls team to the CIF finals three straight years, winning the title in 1996. He will remain at Scripps Ranch as a teacher and softball coach. The BoA Jammin' Hoops Camp will be held at Serra High from June 30-July 2. The three-day camp is free for girls and boys ages 7-17. For more information, call Serra basketball coach John Labeta at (619) 292-4999.

LUNCHEON: The third Holiday Bowl Hall of Fame luncheon will be held Thursday at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. Honorees will be Robbie Bosco, a former BYU quarterback, and Craig James, a former SMU running back. For information, call Bruce Binkowski at (619) 283-5808.

BASEBALL: Several local players were drafted in the middle and late rounds of the major league baseball draft. They include: Jason Fingers (Torrey Pines) P, 24th round, Red Sox; David Walling (Grossmont CC/El Capitan) P, 27th round, Angels; Andy Bevins (SDSU) OF, 31st round, Cardinals; Steve Hagins (SDSU) OF, 31st round, Angels; Chad Olzanski (San Pasqual) SS, 33rd round, Padres. Torrey Pines pitcher Adam Johnson, who was drafted by the Twins in the 25th round, has accepted a full-ride scholarship to Cal State Fullerton.

YOUTH BASEBALL: The San Diego Stars, a team of 12-year-olds, won the CABA State Championship over the weekend, defeating Fullerton 10-7 in the finals. The Stars are preparing for play in the AAU World Series, to be held in August at Burnville, Minn.

USD AWARDS: Junior Brian Mazone, a San Dieguito High alumnus, was named USD's Most Valuable Player recently. Mazone (7-6) recorded a West Coast Conference-leading three shutouts and 3.25 ERA, and batted .338. Junior Bart Mladich was named Outstanding Pitcher after leading the WCC in complete games (8) and compiling eight wins, 80 strikeouts and a 2.92 ERA. Mladich, Mazone and Hustle Award-winning senior Brian Springer helped the USD staff to a 3.91 ERA, fourth best in the nation. Senior Jeb Dougherty was named Outstanding Hitter after leading the Toreros in hits, runs, total bases, steals and on-base percentage. Senior Jay Parks earned the Gold Glove, USDHS alum Tony LoPresti was Rookie of the Year, and freshman Alan Leuthard (El Cajon Valley) was named Most Improved.

UCSD AWARDS: Seniors Kristin Schueler and Karim Rafaat were named UCSD's Outstanding Senior Student-Athletes at the school's annual Athletics Recognition Night at the La Jolla Marriott. Schueler batted .405 for the Tritons softball team, earned Academic All-America honors and will graduate with a 3.85 grade-point average in biochemistry. Rafaat, a La Jolla High alumnus and member of UCSD's rowing squad, will graduate with a 3.92 GPA in biochemistry. Ele Johnson, NCAA Division III National Player of the Year for the Tritons' national championship soccer team, was selected as the school's NCAA Woman of the Year.

HORSE RACING: Ken Church, a jockey who has been on the publicity staff at Del Mar for the last 22 years, has been named to the Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame in his native Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The 67-year-old lives in Olivenhain.

TENNIS: Kirsten Grady, 12, and Sanaz Ghazal, 17, of Murrieta defeated San Diego State teammates Emma Doyle and Tamara Bridges 6-4, 7-5 in the doubles Open Division of the Fallbrook Open.

Trivia Answer: The Philadelphia Phillies' Billy Hamilton, with 196 in 1894. Babe Ruth has the most (177 in 1921) since the turn of the century.
Former Torero aims for majors after Irabu duel

So, what about the other guy?

Former USD and University City High pitcher Mike Saipe faced off against Hideki Irabu on Friday night in front of a Dodd Stadium record crowd of 7,386 and a massive media contingent in Norwich, Conn.

Saipe started for the Class AA New Haven Ravens, a Rockies farm team. The right-hander entered with a 7-1 record, 2.66 ERA. Saipe breezed through the first two innings and then struggled the final three, surrendering five earned runs in an 8-0 loss to the Norwich Navigators.

"I was hoping to turn the tables," Saipe said yesterday from New Haven, "I had good stuff, but it was almost all for naught, but it was exciting to perform in front of a media-filled stadium. I had fun."

Saipe, 23, has struck out 99 batters and allowed only 20 walks in 106 2/3 innings. A 12th-round pick in 1994, Saipe believes he is ready for Class AAA. Saipe was 10-7 for New Haven last season with a 3.07 ERA. He has shown good command of his pitches, but must improve his change-up.

"I'm hoping to move on soon," said Saipe, who lives in Pacific Beach in the offseason. "I'm bidding my time. I'm not getting bitter, I'm getting better."
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- **SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:** The San Diego Stars baseball program will hold a fund-raising softball tournament July 12 at Hourglass Field in Mira Mesa. It is open to recreation and league teams, at $225 per team. Cutoff date for registration is July 3. For information, call David at (619) 472-8670.

- **BASEBALL:** The National Adult Baseball Association will hold its International Friendship Series from June 28-30. The local NABA women's division will compete against two women's baseball teams from Melbourne, Australia, for a series of six games played at UCSD, West Hills and Helix High Schools. For schedule information, call Judith Schmidt at (619) 993-2798 or Bob Allison at (619) 883-1734.

- **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** USD announced the hiring of Jennifer Toms as assistant women's coach. Toms becomes Sue Snyder's first full-time assistant. Toms, a Mt. Carmel High alumnus, was a four-year varsity player for William & Mary College and was named Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year in 1990 and 1991.
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- **SOFTBALL:** USDHS pitcher Jade Quentin has received a softball/academic scholarship to USD. Quentin was a four-year varsity starter for the Dons at pitcher and third base. This season she pitched 192 innings, struck out 220, had an ERA of 0.66 and batted .294.

- **HALL OF CHAMPIONS:** Padres relief pitchers Doug Bochtler and Trevor Hoffman will be guest speakers at "Sports At Lunch" on Wednesday at the San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. Check-in is at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon in the executive board room. Tickets are $25 for members and $30 for non-members. For more information, call 619-234-2544.

- **BASKETBALL:** USD men's basketball coach Brad Holland announced yesterday the appointment of Joe Prunty as a part-time assistant coach. Prunty, 28, replaces Royce Youree, who stepped down after two years with the Toreros. This past season, Prunty was a member of the San Antonio Spurs staff, where he served as assistant video coordinator. The San Diego Summer Collegiate Men's Basketball League will conduct tryouts June 21-22 from 1-4 p.m. at the La Jolla Country Day School at 9490 Genesse Ave. The league, for college- and professional-level players, has a 16-game season beginning June 24 that runs through the end of July. Games are played on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Cost is $75 per player. For more information call (619) 586-0423.
MARKETWATCH

By HEATHER MILNE
Daily Transcript Staff Writer

Pamela G. Gray has been named director of community/government relations at the University of San Diego (USD). Her responsibilities include acting as a liaison among USD and the San Diego community, government agencies and statewide educational associations. Prior to joining USD, Gray was community relations specialist for the San Diego Housing Commission.

Tony Perry joined KPBS as the Friday host of the 9 a.m. hour of "These Days." Perry comes to KPBS with more than 25 years of journalism experience including being the current San Diego bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times. "These Days" focuses upon news and public affairs, and the other hosts are Gloria Penner and Dan Erwine.

Elsa M. Runk has been promoted to senior account executive at Stoorza, Ziegler & Metzger Inc. Runk will oversee public relations for clients such as City National Bank and Presley Homes' Inland Empire division.

Cooper Iverson Marketing announced five new account acquisitions. Cell-Loe Inc. and Wi-LAN Inc., both of Calgary, Alberta, ENEN, a subsidiary of Marshall Industries of San Diego and Contigo Software, also of San Diego, and Web Methods Inc. of Fairfax, Va., have retained Cooper Iverson for high-tech strategic marketing and public relations services.

The Eagle 94.1 has placed the largest mural in downtown San Diego on Laurel Street.

The painting is roughly 12,000 square feet and advertises the radio station's name and dial number.

Oxford & Drozda Advertising has been selected to create an advertising campaign for Cubic Corp.'s military combat training systems and automated fare collection systems.

Look for the popular morning team, Tony and Kris from KSON, at Kobey's Swap Meet on Saturday, July 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. KSON will broadcast live from the meet as part of KSON's Rollin' Radio Show.

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Kalla, Alison Kung-Kellerer, Vicki Piazza, Thomas J. Rybski, Ernesto M. Santos and Steven T. Schrader were named associates of Carrier Johnson Wu. Kevin Bridges was named area controller, Dee Snow was named project manager and Robin Stroman-Wixom was named contracts administrator of Presley Homes.

**Banking and Finance**

James S. DiValerio was promoted to partner in audit and business advisory services of Price Waterhouse LLP. Julie Bell was appointed by North County Bank as branch manager of its Banning office. Pinnfund USA elected Ashley Khong and Eric Lewis as assistant vice presidents.

**Construction and Design**

Libby Thomas joined Accountemps' La Jolla office as a staffing manager. Paula Jacks joined KEA Environmental as a senior biologist and permitting specialist. Ric Ferrentino was appointed president of Invest Learning Corp.

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**Media and Marketing**

Susan Vance joined Oxford & Drozd as an account executive. She will be responsible for the computer technology and biotech accounts.

**Government and Nonprofit**

Chuck Flacks joined Centre City Development Corp. as associate project manager. Pamela G. Gray has been named the director of community/government relations at USD. The Downtown Business Association in Escondido named Suzanne Struddburger as its executive director.

**High-tech and Manufacturing**

Gary M. Rectenwald joined EPIC Solutions Inc. as vice president of sales. ComStream appointed Gwen Carlson and Richard Hercules as director of corporate communications and vice president and GM of the satellite products division, respectively. George Caspari joined Plant Equipment, Inc., as customer service project manager. The San Diego Regional Technology Alliance named Joe Raguso as its new executive director.

**Hotels, Resorts and Restaurants**

Beresford (Beres) Wall has been named manager of Prince of Wales Grill at the Hotel del Coronado. Gerald Maddux has been named food service director of The Fountains at Sea Bluffs. Patrick Dickey was promoted to director of tennis at Hotel del Coronado.

Eric Batson is the new assistant food and beverage director at the Hyatt Regency on San Diego Bay.

**Law**

Matthew W. Argue was promoted to partner of Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP. Hon. Ronald L. Johnson joined J-A-M-S/ENDISPUTE to provide alternative dispute resolution services.

**Miscellaneous**

Robert W. Sayler was awarded the President's International Elite designation of Coldwell Banker agents. Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP's Steven S. Wall was nominated for board of governors seat. Capt. Thomas J. Ross will relieve Capt. Michael H. Miller as Commanding Officer of the Third Fleet command ship USS Coronado. Navy Storekeeper Seaman Dawud Agbere was commissioned as an Army Second Lieutenant (Chaplain).

**Real Estate**

Paul Klink and Rob Hill were promoted to senior vice presidents and Reilly Shaugnessy was named vice president of real estate financial services of John Burnham & Co.*ONCOR International. Linville C. Martin and Joel K. Cloud joined A. W. Arendsee Real Estate. Lou Binford is now with the University City office of Ellis Realty Group/Better Homes and Gardens.
APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, DEATHS, FELLOWSHIPS, COMING EVENTS, & DEADLINES

LOI ADAMS-BLACK, deputy commissioner of Kentucky State Department of Education, to director of the Institute on Education Reform at U. of Kentucky.

ILOHA A. ANDERSON, acting dean of faculty relations and professor of English at City College of City U. of New York, to vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Bloomfield College.

JOAN BARRETT, vice-president for instruction at Columbus College of Vocational Community College District, to president of St. Cloud Technical College.

JOE E. BINGHAM, director of scholarships and financial aid at U. of Nebraska at Lincoln, to dean of enrollment management at U. of Maine at Orono.

FRANK E. HELMEL, acting dean of the graduate school of basic medical sciences at New York Medical College, to dean.

AVI BILAL, provost and vice-president for academic affairs at Chicago State U., to interim president.

MICHAEL A. BLOOM, executive director of the Women's College at U. of Denver, to dean of women's college.

MARY BRENNERT, director of university communications at Northeastern U., to director of communications and public affairs in the school of government at Harvard U.

KENNETH H. BALLARD, associate professor of physics and speech at U. of South Carolina at Sumter, has retired.

K. LEE CRAGG, professor of English at U. of South Carolina at Sumter, has retired.

ALBRECHT CUSZ, associate vice-president for human resources at Milwaukee Area Technical College, to vice-chancellor for human resources at Seattle Community College District.

MICHAEL A. DUFAR, professor of photography at St. Mary's College, has retired.

JAMIE W. DODSON, president of Judson College (Ill.), has announced her retirement, effective no later than June 1998.

LEAH DOWNIE, senior development officer at Eastern (Cal.) Minda Gregor Inc., to director of development for the college of science at San Jose State U.

JOSEPH H. DREXLER, chairman of chemistry at U. of Scranton, to dean of the college of arts and sciences.

JOE E. EDDIE, president of Delgado Community College, to vice-chancellor for educational services at Perdual Community College District.

C. HOWELL EELERMAN, general counsel and executive assistant to the president at Occidental College, to vice-chancellor for human and resource development at Los Rios Community College District.

LESLIE FREDRICK, instructor of liberal arts and foundations at Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, to dean of liberal studies.

CAROL M. FITZGERALD, senior associate director of alumni relations at U. of Pennsylvania, to vice president for alumni relations at De Sales U.

SHAWN FISCHER, instructor of art at Duquesne University, to assistant professor in art education and measurement in the college of education at Kent State U.

JACK L. ROBERTS, associate professor of marketing at Middle Tennessee State U., to coordinator of the master's program in business administration at Cumberland U.

ERIC FORSTER, professor of business and information systems at Northeastern Nazareth College, to vice-president for enrollment and student services at Mount Saint Mary's Nazareth College.

JOHN PRYCE, director of admissions at Brooklyn College of City U. of New York, to dean of admissions at Western Michigan U.

P. J. PRUKE, director of sports publications at Ohio U., to communications specialist at West Virginia U. Foundation.

WILLIAM SIMS, professor of nursing at Mr. San Antonio College, has retired.

R. BARBARA GERTZ, provost and professor of English at Drake U., to executive vice-president and provost.

ROBERTA L. GOODRICH, senior associate vice-president at St. Mary's College, to director of admissions at Clark Atlanta U. College of Liberal Arts.

JOHN K. GRAY, dean of admissions and financial aid at Kentucky Wesleyan College, to vice-president for admission and financial aid at Ripon College.

CATHERINE C. GRABER, associate dean for academic affairs at Colorado U. at Denver, to vice-president and dean of the college.

MAUREEN GRANT, vice-president for academic affairs at Bloomsfield College, has retired.

PAMELA G. GRAY, community-relations specialist at San Diego State University, to director of community and government relations at U. of South Florida.

JOHN P. GRIFFITH, president of Lycoming College, to president of Presbyterian College, effective December 1.

FRANCIS G. GYAKI, former director of internal audit at Agnes Scott U., to director of internal audit at Texas Tech U.

CORNELIA E. HARRISON, dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences and professor of philosophy at Alfred U., to provost and vice-president for academic affairs at Frostburg State U.

NEEDY HARRISON, Jr., vice-president for administration at California State U. at Sacramento, to vice-president for administrative services at Arizona State U.

JENNIFER V. HIGGINS, communications manager of Waukeha (Wis.) Health Systems, to director of marketing and public relations at Mount Mary College.

PETER B. HOFF, senior advisor to the chancellor at California State U. System, to president of U. of Maine System, effective August 1.

CAROL HIGHT, member-services officer at Research Libraries Group, to head of research, research and institutional management in the libraries at U. of Iowa.

LUBER E. HUBBARD, Jr., assistant to the vice-president for academic affairs at Western Kentucky U., to associate vice-president.

ALLEN JACOB, dean of the college of education at Michigan State U., to dean.

KAREN (JAN) JOHNSON, president of Coast College (Wash.) to chancellor-supervisor at San Mateo County Community College District.

JAMES R. JOHNSON, interim president of Red Wing (Minn.) Technical College, to president.

ROGER E. KENT, associate vice-chancellor for academic affairs and director of international studies and studies at U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, to dean of the graduate school of international studies at U. of Maine, effective August 1.

STEVEN KAPLAN, dean of the liberal arts division at Indiana State University, to dean of arts and design, in the arts and design and studies at U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

JEFF D. KOPP, instructor of religion at Temple U., assistant professor of religion at Luther College.

RICHARD KULAY, constructor at Aronson Diamond Research Center (New York), to chief of previous divisions at U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

KEITH KULAY, associate registrar at U. of Minnesota Duluth, to director of registration at U. of Minnesota Duluth.

PAUL LEVING, professor of computer science at Mr. San Antonio College, has retired.

NATASHA LEVINE, visiting professor of education at Colgate U., to assist...
Serving as new president of the San Diego Association of Mortgage Brokers is John Yeager, who has worked in the industry for 24 years, most recently as broker/owner of Yeager & Associates, a division of Insight Financial.

Chet Billinger is newly appointed senior vice president of the San Diego community banking division at Union Bank of California, N.A. He has been with UBOC since 1987.

Joining Southwest Value Partners as director of leasing is Bradford Perry. He is responsible for leasing programs at Comerica Bank Building, First National Bank Center and 525 B St., three of the four office towers in Downtown owned by the company.

First VP Gene Ingargiola is manager of the Downtown branch of Prudential Securities, overseeing sales, administration and recruitment for the branch and its 80 employees.

Rich Johnson heads a new division of ROEL Construction. The Hospitality Group will target the growing hotel projects market.

The contract of Ian D. Campbell, general director of San Diego Opera, now extends through June 30, 2012. Campbell, in San Diego since 1983 when he came from Metropolitan Opera, New York, expects opera "to thrive here for generations to come." Australian-born, Campbell began his career in 1967 as a singer with Australian Opera. Named as the new San Diego Opera chorus master is Timothy Todd Simmons.

Managing wireless sales in the county for GTE Mobilnet are Dianne Dallape, Kevin Sage and G. David Klim. Dallape will manage commercial sales, Sage handles retail sales and Klim will manage indirect distribution.

Jane Bryant assumes duties as editorial director and general manager of the McQuertergroup Inc.'s new Washington, D.C., office. The opening of this office reinforces the San Diego firm's commitment to high-tech. Bryant was editorial director of Wireless Business & Technology magazine and has 13 years in the telecom industry.

Elsa M. Rank is a newly appointed senior account executive at Stoorza, Ziegams & Metzger, Inc.

Recipient of United Way's 1997 John V. Naish Award is Richard Sweat, managing partner at Post Kirby Noonan and Sweat. The award recognizes distinguished service by a United Way volunteer in the county and commemorates the commitment of John Naish, a board member from 1965 to 1978.

Candace M. Carroll, civil appellate specialist, is president of the San Diego County Bar Assn. for 1998. A La Jolla resident, she has practiced law since 1974 and is an attorney and shareholder with Sullivan, Hill, Lewin, Rez, Engel & LaBazzo.

Ramona Holmes joins The Irving Hughes Group, Inc., as executive director of the San Diego-headquartered commercial real estate services firm.

Dr. Glenn H. Perseion joins Great American Health Plan as medical director. Also new to the HMO is Zenda McNeider, community liaison/field representative.

Rozann Sweeney is ACCION San Diego's Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year. The award, sponsored by Citibank, honors a microbusiness owner. Sweeney has a dried flower arrangement business.

Three new senior vice presidents at John Burnham & Company ONCOR International, are Rob Hill, Paul Klink and Relly M. Shaughnessy. Also Susanne Field is a new vice president in the Real Estate and Asset Management Division of the company, and John Donovan is a senior vice president in corporate services.

New on the staff of Centre City Development Corp. as associate project manager is Chuck Flucke, a community development specialist with San Diego's MAAC Project since 1992.

Joining The Executive Group is banking and business management expert Larry Rossi, as vice president of client services.

In new positions with Consumer Credit Counselors of San Diego & Imperial Counties are Marjorie Darwe, assistant branch manager in Chula Vista; Stafford McCullough, branch manager/assistant coordinator for the counties; and Cheng Runsteinke, assistant branch manager, North County inland office.

Pamela G. Gray is director of community/government relations at University of San Diego. The past seven years, she has been community relations specialist for the San Diego Housing Commiss-ion.

Appointed to positions at Xerox San Diego are Monsevra S. Ames, high volume product manager; Kathy Altemare, field customer service manager; Trina Barbosa, finance connecting manager; Steven M. Lawver, integrated systems sales manager; and James A. Potts, digital product specialist.

A new account executive with Oxford & Drazda Advertising is Susan Vance, who will handle computer technology and biotechnology accounts.

Colleen Weston and H. Ross Hein join Doyle Donnelly & Associates investment group in La Jolla.

Robert C. Dyms, chancellor of UCSD, is the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science degree from his alma mater, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Recipients of Cancer Awareness media awards are Stan Hay and John De Tirole, KNSD-TV 39, Kyung Lab and Adam Klarer, KGT9 TV 10; and Sandra Maas, KFMB TV 8. Giving the honors was the Thrivers' Network, a UCSD Cancer Center affiliated support agency for cancer patients.

Accepting a position with Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., is Beatol L. Hobson, formerly a financial planner with Waddell & Reed Financial Services, Inc.

Joining the Del Mar office of Grossmont Bank as vice president/commercial lender is Chris Isaacsen, formerly with Montecito Bank & Trust. Padma Gupta is the new SBA officer in the La Mesa office of Grossmont Bank.

William B. (Hubie) Hawthorne, founder and executive director of Community Research Foundation, formerly known as Vista Hill Community Treatment Systems, is the county's Mental Health Person of the Year, recognized for his years of support for patients and their families.

Gregory K. Hansen joins the San Diego office of Best, Best & Krieger LLP as an associate who will work with employment issues.

Newly elected directors to the board of the Bankers Small Business Community Development Corporation are Donna Smith, James Smith and Rhonda James.

New to the commercial brokerage firm of A.W. Arendise Real Estate are Linville C. Martin and Joel K. Cloud, both formerly with Metropolitan Properties of San Diego.

Jeffrey J. Jensen and Richard L. Mortensen are on the staff of Integrated Neuroscience Consortium as vice president, operations, and vice president, information technology, respectively.

New to Capener, Matthews & Walcher are Douglas Smith, account supervisor, and Marianne Hume, assistant account executive.

Shelley Stefanuszyk enters a new career phase with resignation from her position as public relations manager/account executive at Neiman Marcus in San Diego. (see METRO MOVERS page 37)
Volunteer Fernando Medina with artifacts he discovered.

Tecolote Canyon volunteers

Neighbors of Tecolote Canyon joined forces more than 25 years ago to persuade San Diego to preserve the canyon as a city park. They saw their dream realized when the city dedicated Tecolote Canyon Natural Park in 1978. That is just the beginning of their story. In the almost 20 years since then, they have worked as volunteers in the park, helping prevent non-native vegetation from taking over from the native sage shrubs.

"There are some of the children, grown now, of people who were active back in the 1970s. So, we now have a new generation of volunteers," said Sherlie Miller, a canyon-rim resident who helped found the preserve.

But the canyon draws volunteers beyond local residents. The University of San Diego has an active student-volunteer program, where students learn environmental science while helping maintain and improve the park through service learning.

And, a student volunteer from Mark Twain High School recently discovered an archaeologically significant trash site that helps tell the story of canyon-rim dwellers dating back as early as the 1870s.

TECOLOTE CANYON VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. STEVE LA RUE TELLS THEIR STORY. SEE PAGE B-1.

COMMUNITY VOICES

"I used to ride my motorcycle in these parts and tear them all up and now it is payback time, time to give the city something back."

Volunteer John Syson

"For me it was the first real example of a hands-on thing I had done that really made a difference."

USD student and park volunteer Jon Coraggio

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They saw a way to help: John and Mary Gray, holding willow branches they cut for a display on American Indian shelters, have found a home as volunteers at Tecolote Canyon Natural Park. A 1971 petition drive prevented the canyon from being filled with apartments and other housing.

The park the people built

Old treasure:
A souvenir of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition was found in a forgotten dump by student Fernando Medina.

By Steve La Rue
STAFF WRITER

A great blue heron glided over a 200-year-old sycamore tree, wheeled over a creek's gurgling water and alighted on its bank, perhaps watching for a tasty crawfish lurking in the gradual waters.

Not far away, three tiger-swallowtail butterflies clutched and wrestled each other on a sycamore leaf, rapt in an insect love triangle. Nearby, California rose plants seemed poised to explode with pink spring blossoms.

These recent sights come from a swath of nature seemingly chiseled out of the asphalt of some of San Diego's most urban neighborhoods.

The place is the 970-acre Tecolote Canyon Natural Park. Neither it nor the native plants, birds or natural vistas would exist without years of dedicated work by volunteers.

This is the park the people built, and the people — from high school and university students to retirees — still toil to preserve, improve and maintain it.

And in the 19 years since residents persuaded San Diego to preserve the canyon as
Canyon
Tecolote was a natural
for volunteer activism

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a park, they have continued to make a difference.

Their top priority in recent years has been to protect the park from the incursion of non-native vegetation that can overtake the native river willow shrubs.

Their goal is to restore the canyon's vegetation and ecosystem with native oaks, willows and sycamores and native shrubs such as fragrant black and white sages. Their goal is to restore the canyon's vegetation and ecosystem with native oaks, willows and sycamores and native shrubs such as fragrant black and white sages.

Going way back: Fernando Medina examines items he found in a Tecolote Canyon dump site 18 months ago. Traces of optium, used in 19th-century medicine, were found on one bottle's cork.

Trash of 1870s becomes archaeological treasure today in a Tecolote discovery

By Steve La Rue

A Fernando Medina, a Tecolote Canyon volunteer, walked through the park about 18 months ago, he noticed stands of broken crockery and other debris around.

Thinking the objects might be recent, the Mark Twain High School student reported them to Senior Ranger Tracey Walker. He and Walker studied the debris more closely and determined that it was a fascinating kind of trash — dating back as far as 1870.

Fernando's curiosity had uncovered an unknown dump site where San Diegans had deposited their trash for about eight decades. Now the "Medusa site" is considered an archaeological resource that scientists think will offer an exciting glimpse of how life was in San Diego more than 100 years ago.

"It is interesting. You learn a lot," said Fernando, now 17, who just completed his junior year.

"This stuff is not just trash. It is San Diego's culture. You can learn a lot about people from their trash."

The site is in the 70-acre city preserve is kept secret to prevent souvenir hunters from destroying it. It was gradually revealed by strong currents of winter rainwater that course into the canyon from the upper streets and sidewalks near the canyon rim.

The power of this water, streaming through the dump site, was so strong that scattered some of the debris while carrying some away.

Among the items washed away was an old bone broken creek water from the upper Union Hotel and the Hotel del Coronado, a souvenir store at the hotel, according to Fernando.

"I was very impressed," said Lynne Vida, a street cleaner for the city.

The canyon bean plant, for example, grows to about 16 feet and takes over streamside areas, crowding out the native plants and other plants planted by a sungard, the endangered beach bells's vine, which at the same time also prevents habitat for the insects and vertebrates.

Other plants kill the arid annual grasses that comprise the coastal sage scrub plant community, eliminating the habitat for the endangered California gnatcatcher and the insects it consumes.

The preserve is intended as a refuge for native plant species, and the volunteers are required to make a declaration of war against dozens of non-native species, including, German ivy, which covers other plant species and prevents the light, giant, needle grass called Arundo donax, which steals water from a native plant, which steals water from the soil, and the bean plant, which steals water from precious water more efficiently than native species.

Non-native plants have overrun about 15 percent of the preserve, which wanders for a little more than six miles, about a mile east of Interstate 5, reaching from Linda Vista Road north nearly to Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, with several interior canyons.

It is hardly Eden.

The Tecolote Canyon golf course occupies a swath of the canyon's southern reach. There's an electrical substation on the north boundary. The foundations of former military housing remain, and the canyon is preserved by electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, and remote watch towers.

"Pristine is not an option," said John Snow, a retired civil service worker at Clairemont, who has been volunteering for this and related work for about 10 years.

"I used to ride my motorcycle in these parts and tear them all up and now it is park time, time to grow the city something back," said John, recently named volunteer for an exhibit at the park headquarters.

"How about 500 years from now? It's the size for nature to be able to come to San Diego and say, 'So is this what it looked like?'"

Corrigan, 32, an aeronautics and environmental studies student at UCSD, recently decided to volunteer for the required two semesters that acquainted him with environmental management — which is really important that we take care of the land.

"There is a really special feeling of being in a place like this that is so rare and unique. There is no such an urban place. It is in the middle of a city that is immersed in a natural environment. It means to all of us.

The Tecolote area is the city's third-largest canyon park, behind the 1,500-acre Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and the 3,500-acre Los Penasquitos Canyon Park. But few natural areas are so completely surrounded by intense urban development. This means that native plants and animals can't re-colonize Tecolote from adjacent wild areas.

"Tecolote is unique in that it is isolated. There is no limit to other natural canyons, and that is why it is really important that we take care of it," said Sherlie Miller, president of the Tecolote Association.

"It would be nice for someone to be an environmental biology student in a preserve like this that is surrounded by development and development all through there," said Miller, the fate of the park will depend on the cooperation of about 700 canyon-area residents who live door-to-door to roughly 2,400 neighbors' homes in 1978 and gathered on a petition to preserve the preserve of the area.

The alternative, they argued, would be to give the canyons filling with about 1,500 apartments and condominiums of single-family houses, and a major freeway.

"When I started this 25 years ago, I said to myself, Maybe we can save this little canyon park," said Miller. That would have been about 200 acres," said Miller.

The save the canyon movement and the Tecolote Association has been dedicated in 1978 — much longer than Miller had hoped.

But the residents' work had just begun.

A big reason was that Proposition 13, which severely cut the money local governments get from property taxes, was approved that year. The city of San Diego simply couldn't afford to buy the land to maintain and enhance the park.

So Miller and Elodie Baker and her group of citizens, "It would be impossible. We couldn't afford it," said John, now retired junior high school teacher at Linda Vista.

"College students learn about things like endangered species and preserving parks and it will help younger students appreciate this and also do some trashing," declared John, director of the USD office for community service training.

Neighbors love the canyon's natural value in spite of the power lines and other intrusions from civilization, and Tecolote activist Mike Miller.

"They see that this is not just trash. It is San Diego's culture. You can learn a lot about people from their trash."

Fernando Medina, Tecolote volunteer, said.
College Bill Had Lots of Support, but No Votes

Assembly: Democratic panel kills
GOP lawmaker's savings plan, which had bipartisan backing. He calls it politics; others cite stiff competition for funds.

By JENIFER WARREN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO—A week ago, nobody around here would have bet against Assembly Bill 13. But sometimes, bad things happen to good legislation.

Such was the case Friday, when AB 13—a modest proposal to create a state-run, tax-free savings program for parents of college-bound kids—hit a wall and exploded like an overripe tomato.

The bill's fate has left its author dazed and disgusted. Assemblyman Brooks Firestone, a Republican from Santa Barbara County, can't understand how his most popular piece of legislation could wind up on the capital junk heap of 1997.

"It's a shame," he said Monday. "This bill deserves to live. It has a lot of friends."

Or so it seemed.

Earlier this year, AB 13 triggered a love fest as lawmakers lined up like woozy suitors to add their names to the bill. In the end, 50 co-authors, including one—Speaker Pro Tem Sheila Kuehl of Santa Monica—who had sent out a news release in April extolling its merits.

"As the cost of a college education increases," Kuehl's release said, programs like Firestone's "become more and more important for California families."

How could such support have withered so? Were partisan politics to blame? Had Democrats smothered AB 13 to ding Firestone, a likely Republican candidate for lieutenant governor in 1998?

Firestone understands that the competition for dollars is fierce—especially for a member of the minority party—but he insists that when it comes to AB 13, the fiscal argument doesn't hold up. True, his program—dubbed Scholarshare—required start-up funding of $1.1 million, but he proposed to repay that amount from earnings from the Scholarshare program once it was in business.

"Scholarshare is designed to be self-supporting," Firestone said. "This was absolutely not going to be a drain on the general fund."

Though the picture is bleak for AB 13, Firestone says he has not given up. On Monday, he made a please see COLLEGE, A14
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motion to have his bill heard on the Assembly floor. That motion requires a majority of votes and is a longshot at best, Firestone said.

Should that tactic fail, Firestone may try another option—persuading a Democrat to take over the Scholarshare bill as leading author. Perhaps then, he said, Democrats would consider the legislation a high priority this year.

"If that's what it takes, we may do it," Firestone said.

Scholarshare—modeled after programs in other states—would pool parents' investments in a government-run savings plan, allowing them to obtain a higher rate of return than an individual could. Families could invest at whatever level they choose, and their earnings would be federally tax-free and subject to state income tax only when the money is withdrawn to pay for college. A competing proposal is pending in the state Senate. Sponsored by Sen. Tom Hayden (D-Los Angeles), the bill aims to allow parents to entirely prepay their children's college tuition—locking in tomorrow's education at today's rates.

But Hayden's bill has one problem—an opponent in Gov. Pete Wilson, who considers the plan risky. Wilson has vetoed Hayden's bill once, and there is no indication that he feels any warmer about the concept now.
Tending her flock: Meghann Kaiser, (above) whose father is a veterinarian, takes care of her birds as her dog and kitten vie for attention.

Hard worker: Bao-Quoc Do, (at left) an immigrant from Vietnam, delivers chicken in Oceanside. Bao overcame language problems to become fifth in his class.
Home-schooled student heads for UCSD classrooms

Name: Meghann Kaiser
School: Home schooling program run by the Grossmont Union High School District.
Age: 17
10-year goal: Become a doctor or a writer
Last thing I read: Ayn Rand’s “The Fountainhead”

By Steve Schmidt
STAFF WRITER

Excuse Meghann Kaiser for a moment. Before she gets on with her life, she has a chore to do.

It’s the day before graduation, and the Spring Valley girl needs to buy a commencement dress. Yet, there she was yesterday morning, taking time to feed her flock.

“This is Honey Bee,” she said. “That’s her half-brother, Coshi. This is Yeller, as in Old Yeller. That’s Thunder, and that’s Marshmallow. This is my favorite one, Little Green Bugde. This one’s Curly.”

They’re birds, some 80 of them stacked in cages in the Kaiser family patio. One flew free for a moment, bouncing off a screen.

Sometimes learning comes best when uncaged. Or so Meghann’s story suggests.

Meghann was home-schooled. While others her age plied the traditional route, she spent little time at her nearest public campus, Mount Miguel High School.

She will be there for graduation this evening, though, a product of a program that tries to marry strong academics with the flexibility of home schooling.

Home Choice, run by the Grossmont Union High School District, allows qualified students to fulfill their graduation requirements at home, with the help of parents and regular contacts with credentialed teachers. Home Choice students can also participate in regular classes and campus activities.

For Meghann, 17, and her parents, it was a good fit.

“It gives you the best of both worlds,” said her father, Kim, a veterinarian. He runs the Animal Medical Hospital of Spring Valley. His wife, Sandy, works at home as a bookkeeper for the business.

Meghann tried some high school classes but said a lot of time was eaten up by announcements, taking attendance, chitchat and other nonacademic distractions.

“My first week, my God, how I messed up,” she said. “One night, I got yelled at five times.”

Meghann, a devout Baptist, said home schooling buffered her from the sometimes corrosive world of youth culture, with its peer pressure and emphasis on looks.

Through Home Choice, Meghann studied calculus and Spanish and took three advanced-placement courses for college credit.

Her grade-point average, a jaw-dropping 4.83, earned her the role of one of two salutatorsians at tonight’s Mount Miguel commencement.

She has been accepted at the University of California San Diego and plans to become a writer or a doctor. Her love for medicine has roots in her childhood.

As she tended her flock yesterday, Meghann said she used to hang out at her father’s animal hospital as a kid. That was before she started her avairy on the patio.

Occasionally, she pulls a bird out of a cage and lets it sit on her shoulder while she studies.

“They sit beside me when I work,” she said.

From Vietnam to USD, it’s a steady climb for teen

Name: Bao-Quoc Do
School: El Camino High School in Oceanside
Age: 18
10-year goal: Become a plastic surgeon
Last thing I read: Ernest Hemingway’s “The Snows of Kilimanjaro”

By Daniel de Vise
STAFF WRITER

The sign said, “No turn on red.”
But the mottled-red Toyota Celica defied the advice and squealed around the corner onto Mission Avenue.

The aroma of fried chicken and the pulse of Vietnamese synth-pop wafted out the open windows into the dusky evening air.

Inside, Bao-Quoc Do counted minutes.

In his three weeks as a delivery driver for Kentucky Fried Chicken in Oceanside, Bao has handed out a fair amount of free food. His 1990 Thomas Guide, inexperienced and the dark conspire to get him lost. Food congeals, and hungry customers lose their patience.

“The first week, my God, how I messed up,” he said. “One night, I got yelled at five times.”

Bao is studying economics at El Camino High School. In his first few nights on the new summer job, he would try to persuade customers to spend another 20 cents or a dollar for a larger meal of greater value. They didn’t always appreciate the advice.

“KFC delivery,” Bao called through the closed screen door of a small ranch home.

A woman appeared at the door.

“OK; there’s a 10 and a five,” she said.

“And there’s one for you.”

Bao was born in Da Lat, Vietnam, the middle of three children in a family that dreamed of joining relatives in the United States. His mother applied for immigration papers in 1983. They arrived 10 years later.

He was 4 feet 9 inches tall, weighed 70 pounds and spoke few words of English.

His first year was a blur of miscommunication and fistfights. Other students would tease him relentlessly about his size and language problems. Bao had come from a country where teen-agers did not tease.

“When people joke, you need to understand it,” he said. “You need to get the joke.”

Bao took night English classes, shot up in height and made friends. He kept running the student government until he won a seat last year.

On the eve of his June 18 graduation, Bao ranks fifth in his class. He is finishing a handful of final projects that discuss his journey to America.

“After getting off the airplane and walking around the airport, I felt that I was in heaven,” he wrote in one essay.

But at the same time, isolated by language, “I felt like a person stranded in the middle of the desert.”

Bao lives in a rented house near MiraCosta College with his mother, brother, sister, grandmother and uncle. His mother earns only $8,000 a year as a manicurist, so Bao is scraping together scholarships and loans to pay tuition at the University of San Diego in the fall. He hopes to become a plastic surgeon and earn enough money to buy a better life for his family.

For now, Bao toils. Two summers ago, he worked as a school custodian. Last summer, he packed boxes at a Sony factory. This summer, he will haul chicken for KFC.

Roy Orbison’s “Dream Baby” hummed from the ceiling speakers Tuesday night as Bao took another round of delivery calls, working two phones at once.

This time, the callers would get exactly what they ordered.
Going to College without Going Broke
Ways and Means of Cutting Costs

by Russell Guerrero

M arisa Caro is finishing up her first year at Palo Alto College in San Antonio. Like most first-year students, she enjoys college life. And, like most college students in general, she is a little concerned about making ends meet until she graduates.

"Money is tight, and it is kind of hard," she says.

In fact, Caro, who was never really serious about saving money until she went to college, now works part time and lives with her grandparents to meet her financial needs.

"I used to spend about $35 a day on eating out when I was in high school because I thought I was too busy to make anything. But now I make my own lunch and bring it to school. That adds up to $25 a week that I can use somewhere else," This year, Caro, a theatre major, has learned lessons in basic college economics.

While money and college have always gone hand in hand, the quest for an affordable education has become more difficult and more prominent. President Clinton has called for relief for college students, while magazines sell college guides that rate both academics and value, and Time magazine puts higher education on the defensive with a cover story on the high cost of earning a diploma. Still, there are ways in which students, before entering college and during their college years, can stretch their dollars or shrink their expenses.

"It is a tough process," admits Drew Murray, a senior at Trinity University in Texas, when asked about cutting the cost of college. But Murray has been successful at watching his budget and staying in the black. What advice would he give future students? Murray has a quick answer: "Take as many A's as you can," he says. Advance Placement tests are offered to high school seniors and count toward college hours.

High schools offer advance placement classes, but students do not need to take the courses to take the tests. "A couple of teachers strongly advised me to take the test," says Murray, who adds, "It turned out to be good advice." Murray was able to get six hours of college credit before walking into a college classroom.

Murray has another suggestion for incoming college students. "See if you can get a work-study as part of your financial aid package." His on-campus job has helped him with spending money during his years at Trinity. Murray points out, though, that the money would not go too far without a budget. "I kind of had a budget in high school, but it's much different in college because of the higher level of independence I have," he says. "I had to cut down on luxury items like compact disks, and concentrate on the essential stuff like laundry, food, and haircuts."

Murray has more advice for students watching their bottom line, including going to the library instead of heading straight for the bookstore for required college texts. "I was able to get an extended checkout for a book I needed for a Jewish literature class at the university's library," he says.

Other advice includes borrowing a friend's computer or finding one on campus to write papers on, and getting the most out of the school's meal plan. "I know people who will use their meal plans to stock up on food and drinks in their dorms."

Skip Walsh also knows how difficult it can be for students to make ends meet
on campus. Walsh has been the director of residence life at the University of San Diego since 1973. He is also the assistant dean of students. As a school administrator, Walsh understands the forces that can drive up education costs. But he has thought of ways for students to fight back.

One of the first ways a person can control expenses, says Walsh, is to do a good deal of research at a bookstore or library on getting extra money for tuition. "There are publications that have unusual and obscure financial aid or funding opportunities," says Walsh. Many of these opportunities take some work to apply for, and they might have strict guidelines to meet, but the payoff in college money is worth the effort.

Walsh has come up with a slew of other ways students can save a buck. Using public transportation, for example, or riding a bike to campus to save on transportation costs. "And not just the stuff you use. Go around and collect other items to make some extra money from," says Walsh, adding, "You should do it anyway to take care of the environment."

He advises going to discount stores for student needs. "There will be discount coupon books on campus. Look for the discounts. Find access times and locations where student discounts are available."

If a student decides to live off campus, multiply the number of roommates and split the rent with more than just two people. Or, if you want a little more privacy, look for rooms offered by senior citizens nearby. If a student lives on campus, Walsh advises getting a two-year contract on your room and board arrangement to freeze annual cost-of-living hikes.

Walsh has a radical notion for saving on food costs: "Limit yourself to two meals a day," says Walsh, who adds that in San Diego, "Taco Bell is open 24 hours a day."

Walsh also looks at cutting the price of textbooks by finding other people with the same major and sharing the cost. "Theoretically, if you meet with other people in your major, you can pool your money together and buy the needed books."

As far as socializing goes, Walsh suggests getting involved in intramurals. "They offer pretty reasonable social interaction that won't cost you an arm and a leg." He says going to official campus events that have student discounts can make for a nice diversion from studies.

Another big way to save on college costs is to graduate on time. One way to do this, says Walsh, is to take basic courses and explore different subjects before committing to a major right away. "Too many students commit to a major and then switch to something else and then add a semester to their course load." Walsh says there are also some advantages to finishing college in three years. "The cost of tuition will still be the same, whether you finish in three or four years, but theoretically you will save on secondary costs like room and board."

And, like Murray, Walsh strongly believes students need to get a job. For example, a resident assistant for a campus dorm can get free room and board.

Jobs are important to about 80 percent of the students attending the University of Texas-El Paso, according to Gary Edens, director of UTEP's student development center. That is the percentage of students who work part time and go to school on the west Texas campus. "Our students are present-focused rather than long-term focused," explains Edens.
"They are paying for tuition as they go through school to keep their post-college debt level low." In order to balance work and school, most students take lighter course loads per semester, usually from nine to 12 hours. These students consequently take longer to graduate but do so without huge loans staring them in the face.

Edens has another piece of advice for saving money: "Take some basic courses at a community college, and then transfer the hours." Edens sees that as a major trend among students at UTEP's campus.

The huge cost of college might make these suggestions seem a bit trivial, but they are time-tested and can make a difference in the long run. As Caro says, "I would rather sacrifice now because I know there will be a payoff later."
Isaac Williams Becomes Monk on May 31
Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside is proud to announce that Brother Novice Isaac Williams professed his simple, triennial vows to become a monk on May 31. He was given the name Brother Gabriel. He is a native of Houston, Texas and is the fourth in a family of 12 children. Brother Gabriel was baptized at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Houston, and attended Houston’s High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. He studied chemistry at Sam Houston University in Texas. Before coming to Prince of Peace, he worked in the geotechnical engineering field and attended daily Mass at St. Dominic’s Church in San Francisco.

USD Selected for Honor Roll of Character-Builders
The University of San Diego was selected by the John Templeton Foundation for its 1997-1998 Honor Roll of Character-Building Colleges. The honor roll recognizes 135 four-year accredited undergraduate institutions that emphasize character building an integral part of the college experience. Foundation officials made special mention of USD’s “Ethics Across the Curriculum,” a campus-wide initiative funded with a two-year, $138,000 grant from the E.L. Wiegand Foundation. USD is one of eight California colleges and universities named to the honor roll. Selection criteria evaluated the extent to which an institution of higher education: inspires students to develop and strengthen their moral reasoning skills; encourages spiritual growth and moral values; provides community-building experiences; advocates a drug-free lifestyle and conducts a critical assessment of character building programs and activities.

June 22 Pow Wow Benefits Noah Homes’ Disabled
The public is invited to a Native American Pow Wow that will benefit Noah Homes, a nonprofit organization that provides residential care for people with developmental disabilities. The pow wow is slated from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at Noah Homes, located at 12526 Campo Road in Spring Valley. The cost is $25 for adults and $10 for children. Noah Homes serves adults and was opened in 1983 by Sister Kathryn Jennings, a member of the Benedictine order. She serves as director of the facility that she said allows people to grow in confidence and competence. The pow wow features a 5 p.m. friendship buffet with items such as enchilada pie and chicken fajitas. There will be Indian dance lessons and entertainment by performers including the Eagle Talon Dancers. For information, call Adele Neves at 660-6207.

June 29 Triathlon Draws Iron for St. Vincent de Paul
On Sunday, June 29, 1,000 iron men and women will swim, bike and run a 41-km (25.4-mile) course as part of the St. Vincent de Paul International Triathlon/Pacific Rim Championships. The route takes participants from Spanish Landing to the Cabrillo Monument to Seaport Village. International triathletes — including Spencer Smith and Paula Newby-Fraser — participate each year in the grueling event formerly known as the port of San Diego International Triathlon. The 14-year-old event is the United States Southwest Regional championship.

The event is open to the public. If 25 miles seems too daunting, a 6K Walk/Run allows the public to enjoy a leisurely walk while observing the pros. Volunteers are also welcome to help out on race day. Registration will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday June 28, at the Southern California Recreation & Fitness Expo behind Seaport Village. The public is invited to a VIP reception slated from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at the Quality Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South. Top professional athletes will be present to answer questions and sign autographs. To sign up for triathlon activities or attend the reception, call event organizer KOZ Enterprises at 689-8930 by Monday, June 23.
Latino summit aims to improve student performance

By Leonel Sanchez  
STAFF WRITER

Many Latino students statewide are performing below grade level, according to research by a professor at San Diego State University.

Latino leaders plan to hold an educational summit in San Diego on Saturday to discuss ways to improve on such disturbing data.

“Our Latino students are not doing that well when you look at standard achievement test scores, and they’re not doing well when we look at the dropout rates,” said Alberto Ochoa, an SDSU professor who is helping organize the Latino Educational Summit.

The meeting, to be held at the University of San Diego, is expected to attract more than 100 Latino leaders.

Among the organizations participating are the Chicano Federation, the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Mexican American Business and Professional Association and the Latino Educational Alliance. The county Office of Education is a co-sponsor of the event.

A Latino summit was held in San Diego in 1990 to address a variety of issues affecting Latinos in the county, including political representation, economic opportunity and education.

That meeting came in the wake of U.S. Census data showing rapid growth of the Latino population in the 1980s.

The Saturday summit has been fueled by educational data showing Latinos doing poorly on standardized achievement tests, particularly in math and reading, Ochoa said.

“Education was one of our issues at the first summit, and unfortunately our students continue to underachieve,” he said.

In the San Diego Unified School District, Latinos and African-Americans drop out of school far more than members of other racial and ethnic groups, according to district records.

Nearly one out of five Latinos and one out of seven blacks drop out by the end of their senior year, according to district data.

Nationwide, Latino students drop out of school at a higher rate than any other major segment of the population, according to a 1996 report by the National Center for Education Statistics. Officials call it a national crisis since Latinos make up a sizable and rapidly growing population.

Irma Castro, who presided over the first Latino summit and is now a San Diego Unified School District administrator, said the dropout figures for Latinos are disturbing.

Last year Latinos were 47 percent of the 1,130 students in grades seven through 12 who dropped out of city schools, she said, citing district figures.

Ochoa said 80 percent of Latino students across the state are “underachieving” in math and reading by third grade. The trend remains constant through 12th grade, Ochoa said. That conclusion is based on data from school districts across the state from 1976 to 1992 that he and a fellow researcher at SDSU analyzed, he said.

One of the reasons so many Latinos are performing below grade level is that many of their schools set low expectations for them, Castro said.

“When we don’t expect our kids to succeed we teach like that,” said Castro, who oversees a city schools program that aims to improve Latino performance.

For more information about the summit call Ochoa at (619) 594-6676.
**Moving south**

Look out, there's a cat on the prowl in the North County. A Black Cat called Lynx. Lynx Golf Inc. will join the ever burgeoning golf club manufacturing sector in Carlsbad later this year. The company is relocating its corporate headquarters and manufacturing facilities from the City of Industry.

David Schaefer is president and CEO of Lynx, which was sold last summer to a group that included San Diego entrepreneur and horseman Alan Paulson.

The primary focus for Lynx, which should have upwards of 125 employees when in place, is its line of Black Cat irons and metal woods.

nationwide in helping celebrate the 85th anniversary of Nabisco Co.'s Oreo cookie. The local stores sponsored Oreo cookie stacking contests by youngster, one of whom managed 31.

**Mixed signals**

The National Federation of Independent Business reports that, nationally, small-business optimism has dipped, but not in California. In fact, the small-biz optimism index here is at its highest in two years.

The American Bankruptcy Institute reports that the number of consumers and businesses filing for bankruptcy protection in the first quarter of 1997 has risen sharply. For the fifth straight quarter bankruptcies were up, this time to 335,073, more than 26 percent higher than the first quarter of 1996. Credit card debt is blamed for most of the problems.

**Databank**

The Vista Chamber of Commerce, celebrating its 75th year, plans its office installation June 30. Dal Williams is incoming president.

Nice gift. SDSU student Gabriel Garcia has won one of three $1,000 scholarships given out by the Greater San Diego Business Association.

Einstein Bros Bagels said it was going to be aggressive in expansion. Believe it. The company has now opened its 17th San Diego location (on Lake Murray Blvd.)

The Barona Casino is the sole casino among 18 finalists nominated by the California Task Force for Employment of Older Workers for Gov. Pete Wilson's Older Worker Recognition Award. Barona has 1,073 workers and one-third are over 40 and 11 over 65.

Congrats to the private Catholic school on the hill overlooking Mission Bay. The University of San Diego has been selected by the John Templeton Foundation for its Honor Roll of Character Building Colleges.

Jim DeGraw
USD's child development center called a plumber — not to rescue a diamond ring or a contact lens from one of its sink drains — but the baby tooth of 5-year-old Patrick Frank. He had been cleaning it for the tooth fairy. Patrick earned $1 from the fairy. The plumber got ... well, the plumber was on USD's maintenance staff ...

As Phil Hills was ordained into the ministry at University Christian Church last Sunday, an associate minister asked a group of kids: "Do you know what it means to anoint?" Evan Simoni, 5, eagerly replied: "Sure. It's when somebody bothers you."

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