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Tyson Foods reported third quarter sales of $1.89 billion, compared with $1.81 billion last year, an increase of 4.8 percent with a 1.8 percent increase in volume. Gross profits for the third quarter were $279.6 million, compared with $268.8 million in the same quarter last year. Gross margins were 14.8 percent, compared with 14.9 percent last year.

Hormel Foods reported third-quarter sales of $1.04 billion, a 17 percent increase from sales of $886.01 million for the same 13-week period of fiscal 2000. Net earnings for the quarter were $33.21 million, compared with year-earlier earnings of $29.13 million. Earnings-per-share were 24 cents, compared with last year's earnings-per-share of 21 cents.

Smithfield Foods reported that net income for the first quarter of fiscal 2002 rose 28 percent to $56.9 million, or $1.06 per diluted share, compared with $44.6 million, or 81 cents, a year ago. Smithfield Foods also completed the acquisition of Moyer Packing Co., Smithfield Cos., Gorges/Quik-to-Fix Foods and 50 percent interest in Pinnacle Foods Inc.

PSF Group Holdings Inc. reported net income for fiscal 2002's first quarter of $9.1 million, compared with $9.5 million in the first quarter a year ago. First-quarter sales were $171.16 million, compared with $87.92 million a year ago.

ConAgra Foods named Alice Bourke Hayes, president of the University of San Diego, to ConAgra Foods' board of directors. Hayes has served as president of the university since 1995.
Bank president McGee named to head USD board of trustees

UNION-TRIBUNE

LINDA VISTA — Liam McGee, president of Bank of America California, has been named chairman of the University of San Diego board of trustees.

McGee, 46, is the chief executive of California's largest bank. He is responsible for consumer and commercial banking statewide and oversees nearly 40,000 associates.

McGee has served on the USD board since 1991. He is the first USD graduate to serve as chairman of the board.

The native of Ireland has lived in California most of his life. He holds a degree from USD, an MBA from Pepperdine University and a law degree from Loyola University. He and his family live in Pasadena.
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season except for the final holiday show.

GLOBE ARTIST PICKED: Thanks to a $1-million contribution from Donald and Darlene Shiley, Globe Theatres is launching a permanent artist-in-residence program. The first artist is playwright Jeffrey Hatcher, who will receive about $50,000 to be on hand next spring and summer, when the Globe will present two of his plays. First up is "Compleat Female Stage Beauty," about the period when women were finally allowed onstage during the English Restoration, scheduled for March 31-April 27. It will be followed by "Smash," Hatcher's dramatization of George Bernard Shaw's novel "An Unsocial Socialist," May 26-July 6. The artist-in-residence program isn't just for playwrights. Directors, actors and designers are all eligible for future residencies.
Seyyed Vali Reza Nasr, a professor of political science at the University of San Diego, made an even blunter charge in a speech delivered in Washington last year: “The rogue states [such as Iraq and Libya] are,” he said, “less important in the radicalization of Islam than Saudi Arabia.” Asked recently by U.S. News to elaborate, he explained, “Until now, Saudi Arabia has said to the United States that what it does for the Muslim world is none of its business. But the unintended consequences [of Saudi actions] are now being visited upon the United States. We now know where the ideological fervor is coming from.”

But what can America do in this struggle within Islam, beyond urging the Saud family to beware of what it sows? Quite clearly, America needs to combat Islamist propaganda about its role in the Middle East, particularly its caricature of U.S. dealings with Israel and the Palestinians. Additionally, America can and should encourage Saudi Arabia and other allies in the Islamic world to truly liberalize their regimes—even at the risk of alienating some of the major suppliers of U.S. oil by doing so. And certainly, it is in America’s interests to support the voices of moderation engaged in Islam’s momentous culture war. What will it take to accomplish all of this? To begin with, a broader knowledge of the languages and traditions of a great civilization than we have previously attempted to acquire.
Announcing 2002-2003 Gandhi Fellowships

The University of San Diego is proud to announce the availability of Gandhi Fellowships in support of study in the M.A. Program in Peace and Justice Studies. The Fellowship awards will go to the students selected for the Program; the amount of the award is a minimum of $11,500 and will be applied to tuition.

The application deadline for the Program is May 1, 2002. However, applications will be considered as early as February 2002 and decisions on admission and Fellowships will be made and announced beginning in March 2002. Students granted admission and a Gandhi fellowship must confirm admission and accept the Fellowship in writing within 30 days of the date of announcement of the award.

Other financial aid, including loans, will be available to most students in the M.A. Program in Peace and Justice Studies. The Gandhi Fellowships and other financial aid are offered to permit full-time study (part-time study is not available toward this degree), and Gandhi Fellows will be involved in various activities in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice in collaboration with USD faculty and Institute officials.

Further information on USD and the M.A. Program in Peace and Justice Studies, including application forms, can be gathered by contacting the Office of Graduate Admissions: (619)260-4524; grads@SanDiego.edu; www.sandiego.edu/gradmiss. Please also visit The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Web site for Peace and Justice Studies at http://peace.sandiego.edu.
Leonel Aceituno was excited to be a Latin studies major at the University of San Diego.

But the third-year student has been disappointed by the university's curriculum focusing on Spain. He had hoped there would be more on Latin America.

"Do you know how far Spain is from Mexico?" Aceituno asked hundreds Tuesday at a rally to support an ethnic studies department at USD. "I want to learn about my people."

Aceituno and others have been pressuring the administration to create an ethnic studies department, but such courses have been hit-and-miss. Although USD students can minor in ethnic studies, often they are forced to take classes at San Diego Mesa College because their own institution does not consistently offer them.

In 1991, a multicultural student center opened on the USD campus. Over the years those students have increased their demands of the university. In 1998, after they had proposed an ethnic studies minor, the university agreed. Now they have delivered a two-page proposal calling for an ethnic studies major.

Francis Lazarus, vice president and provost, told the crowd the university has given the green light for the design of courses to be taught once the ethnic studies department is complete. Four professors have been hired to teach the courses.

Many colleges and universities have ethnic studies programs and departments that grew out of the 1960s civil rights movement. African-American, Asian, Chicano, women's and even gay and lesbian studies have been established at many campuses. Critics charge that such courses are catering to political correctness and have no academic value.

But the student speakers at the rally said that given the growth in the Asian and Latino population in the last decade in California, such a department is long overdue.

"It's a weak minor here," said Gail Perez, a professor of English literature and ethnic studies. "Every other major school in San Diego has programs in ethnic studies, but the University of San Diego missed the 1970s."

Perez will head a committee charged with creating a curriculum for the new department.
Understanding Terrorism — the Economic Factor

Terrorist groups originating in the Middle East cannot be fully understood without examining the economic geography of that region.

Unfortunately, economic variables are routinely ignored in favor of analyzing political and religious factors. To begin, the popular, often stereotypical view of the Middle East (and to a lesser extent, North Africa) is that of a people made fabulously wealthy as a consequence of their access to the world’s most critical resource: oil.

Although the per capita GNP of some of these nations is high, the oil-produced wealth is not evenly distributed. The annual incomes of the 500 million people in countries stretching from Egypt to the Central Asian nation of Kazakhstan range from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars with the vast majority of wealth concentrated in the hands of a few families. Countries like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates (with a combined population of 27 million) are almost four times as wealthy as Afghanistan, Jordan, and Iraq (with a combined population of 55 million).

The tremendous disparity between the region’s highly visible “super rich” and the “dreadfully poor” — greater than the wealth gap between the haves and have-nots in Central America and Sub-Saharan Africa — has resulted in a hotbed of turmoil and instability. “Is it any wonder,” asks Paul Kennedy, author of “Preparing for the Twenty-First Century,” “that the badly housed masses ... are attracted to religious leaders or strongmen appealing to Islamic pride, a sense of identity, and resistance to foreign powers and local lackeys?”

Teeming With The Unemployed

The streets of many Islamic cities are teeming with young men who have migrated from impoverished rural areas devoid of any hope of attaining economic mediocrity, much less financial prosperity. In Jordan, where almost three of four people are under 29 years of age, the “official” unemployment rate is 30 percent. This unemployed (and underemployed) youthful generation will increase dramatically as numerous countries in the region have exceptionally high rates of population growth. For example, the number of individuals in the Palestinian territory and Iraq are projected to increase from 3.3 to 7.4 million, and 23.6 to 40.3 million people respectively by 2025.

With few economic or social prospects, young people are highly susceptible to terrorist group recruitment, as such organizations simultaneously provide employment and profound meaning to otherwise empty lives.

A Sense Of Powerlessness

To internalize a terrorist political and religious worldview is to have one’s existence almost magically transformed from insignificance and powerlessness to that of all encompassing importance at the global, if not cosmic, level.

Unlike their more sophisticated and affluent comrades who hijacked the doomed airliners (these individuals comprise a relatively small number of terrorists), the poorly educated, revolutionary foot soldier has a naive, simplistic worldview. Interpreting all but local events in terms of two mighty opponents locked in a global fight-to-the-death makes him especially loyal and dangerous. While not all terrorists are willing to strap explosives to their chests, these thoroughly indoctrinated zealots can be counted on to do as they are told.

Although a protracted military campaign may intermittently halt terrorist activity, the frail and lopsided economies of the Middle East all but guarantee that an ever-increasing supply of poverty-stricken young men will respond to the inflammatory rhetoric of individuals such as Osama bin Laden.

The esteemed psychologist Rollo May noted violence is a symptom and not a disease; the real disease is powerlessness. A primary source of power in the modern world — even in those nations wherein events are typically interpreted in terms of religious and political factors — lies in access to economic resources.

The equation, therefore, is straightforward: economic deprivation breeds intense feelings of frustration and powerlessness which in turn produces violence directed at a target considered responsible for the situation. It doesn’t take much to convince poorly educated young men from the lowest socio-economic strata of society that the root cause of their misery is rampant global capitalism — the center of which is the United States.

Bryjak is a professor of sociology at the University of San Diego.
A vision for creating lasting peace, justice

By Lawrence M. Hinman

In the month since the terrorist attack, I have found myself yearning for a vision of the future, a vision sufficiently strong and clear that can guide us through the perilous times that lie before us.

It is a vision of peace, a vision that allows for the possibility of specific and intense attacks against those responsible for the attacks against the United States and yet also a vision that is crafted with a commitment to peace at its center. Let me articulate its elements.

First, if we kill, we only create more enemies than they eliminate. If we engage in large-scale military operations against those on the periphery of the groups responsible will create more enemies than they eliminate. If we engage in large-scale military operations, we will fail. For every “fanatic” we kill, we will create two converts.

Second, our principal response ought to be a concerted effort to bring conditions of genuine economic and social justice to the Middle East. This is no small goal, and obviously not one that we can accomplish easily or in its entirety.

Yet this is the long-term answer to terrorism. We will never be able to eliminate fanatics like Osama bin Laden, but we will be able to remove the basis of popular support such extremists must have to flourish.

Not only does this involve taking a more even-handed stance toward policies in the Middle East, but it also involves an aggressive plan to bring countries like Afghanistan into the world community. This may involve aid to the citizens of Afghanistan as well as strengthening in various ways the moderate wing of Islam.

In the past, the United States has demonstrated the wisdom of such an approach, although only after an enemy has been thoroughly vanquished. The Marshall Plan at the end of World War II is probably the best example of this enlightened self-interest: by helping a vanquished Germany to rebuild, we established a staunch ally and avoided the cycle of retribution and recurrent war that marked the end of World War I.

We need to pursue a similar policy in the Middle East, forging new alliances and interdependencies. We cannot wipe out the rebels, but we can erode their power base by reaching out to those who live in one of the poorest and most embattled countries in the world.

Third, we can take a major step toward the vision of peace by living up to our own ideals abroad. For too long, we have turned a blind eye to the human rights violations of our friends while condemning those same actions on the part of non-allies. We need to hold ourselves and our friends to the same high standards we set for our enemies.

Similarly, we need to sign key treaties — such as the U.N. treaty on the rights of children, the land mine treaty, and various environmental accords — that are deeply consistent with our highest ideals even when they conflict with short-term and short-sighted economic and military goals.

Fourth, we need to take positive steps toward the establishment of a genuine world court of criminal justice. This is only feasible if we are willing to let justice be blind, to be applied even-handedly to our friends and ourselves as well as to our foes.

There is wide opposition to terrorism at the moment, and this moment in history offers us a unique opportunity to build on this shared outrage and move toward a world court of criminal justice. The surest way to erode such support, however, is to play partisan politics, to want justice to apply to our enemies and mercy to our friends. The formation of an international coalition dedicated to establishing a truly international standard of justice will only flourish if we are committed to genuine justice, not partisan enforcement that meets narrow political ends.

Finally, we need to hold firmly to a vision of peace throughout all this. Our goal is not to win, whatever that might mean. It is certainly not to banish evil from the world. Rather, it is to create peace, to let the guiding principle behind our decisions be an abiding concern with creating a just and lasting peace throughout the Middle East, including Afghanistan. In the long run, this is the only real way to protect ourselves against terrorism.

Congress approved $40 billion in response to this terrorist attack. Let a percentage of that be devoted to a military operation directly against those responsible for this attack, but apportion a large part of that money to the active pursuit of peace and justice in the Middle East.

A military operation needs to be part of our overall response to this attack, but it need not be the only or even the principal element in that response. Let our primary response be guided by a vision of how to create lasting peace and justice in one of the poorest and most war-torn parts of the world.

Hinman is a professor of philosophy and director of the Values Institute at the University of San Diego. He can be reached via e-mail at hinman@sandiego.edu.
One needs ethics on a daily basis about as much as one needs an umbrella in the sunshine. They’re convenient — they give us a comfortable sanctuary from which we can conduct our business — but ultimately they’re too awkward. A strictly ethical mind hinders the spontaneous, impulsive judgments we must make just to get through a day. It’s during extraordinary times, like these, that we all start citing our ethics — that we start using phrases like “the right thing to do,” “the responsible action,” “the just response,” and so forth. We look to the big, fixed things — such as country or religion — for guidance about enormous problems, like the most ethical way to respond to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Or most of us do anyway (as I write this, 88 percent of Americans have actually turned to George W. Bush for a solution). I’ve never had, nor wanted, a place where I can turn to find a consistent ethical philosophy, so seeking some ideas about this so-called war against terrorism, I stumbled across the website of the Values Institute (ethics.sandiego.edu/values/index.html), a program affiliated with the University of San Diego.

The website is massive. It includes a glossary, transcripts of symposiums, and videos of lectures on subjects ranging from animal rights to business ethics. The heart of the site is the Ethics Update, an encyclopedic digest of “ethical theory” and “applied ethics,” which considers nothing less than abortion, euthanasia, “pluralism and meta-ethical concerns, Kant and deontology [that branch of ethics relating to duty], and contemporary anti-theory.” The mission of the institute is not particularly exceptional. “Its principal aim,” according to its director, Professor Lawrence H. Hinman of USD, “is to provide a place where people can come together for the thoughtful discussion of difficult moral issues.”

I spoke with Larry Hinman a week after the terrorist attacks about his website, military ethics, and what constitutes a just war. I didn’t come away with any definite solutions, but I was surprised to hear that absolutes and consistency are not always ethics’ best friends. Maybe Ambrose Bierce got it right in The Devil’s Dictionary, in which he defines “moral” as “Conforming to a local and mutable standard of right.”

I began by asking Hinman about the recent rhetoric surrounding the American response to the attacks on September 11. “One of the things I’m saying is that anger blinds,” he said. “A lot of people are angry right now, and they’re reaching out, to some extent blindly, in retaliation. I think anger, at the right time and in the right way, is a fine thing, but we need to respond to this with a range of actions. One of those might be some kind of military response, but what if we take a percentage of the $40 billion that was just appropriated for the military action and tag it for peace pro-
grams in the Middle East? That's much more likely to serve national and world interests in the long run. Rather than think that there are only two choices — between responding militarily or not responding at all — I really want to broaden that conversation and point out that there's a range of additional responses that are perhaps more appropriate. But I don't think we're a pacifist nation, so I think we will have to respond to some extent with our military.

"I'm speaking this evening to the NRTC battalion on this stuff, so it will be an interesting audience. One of the things that I feel pretty strongly about is that there is not a lot of public discourse about the specific courses of action that are open to us. I'm very wary of this notion of ridding the world of evil. Talk about a blank check: $40 billion won't cover that one. It will, in fact, rid the world of what we perceive to be the evil of our enemies but not the evil of our friends. We're not going in to wipe out the IRA, and we're not going to wipe out the people who support that terrorist organization. In that sense, the war against terrorism as it's framed right now is not principled.

"The 'just war' discussion has been going on for centuries, and some of the things that have emerged are that there has to be -- well, let me start again. We don't talk about a just war, we talk about the just conditions under which one might react rather than attack. One of the conditions has to be a reasonable chance of success, and that's not at all clear with some of these proposed military actions. From Engels on, you know, we've got works that suggest that going into Afghanistan is not a smart move. Also, one of the conditions has to be the protection of civilian lives. It's not at all clear how much we're willing to risk the lives of civilians outside of our borders. In the last couple of campaigns that we've waged, we've been willing to trade off high-altitude bombing that protects American lives for civilian casualties on the ground, and that's a suspicious trade-off. There's also a principle that says retaliation has to be the last resort, and one of the questions that I would ask is, 'Is it, in fact, the last resort?'"

I asked Hinman if there was any way to ethically condone an offensive, if there was any way to distinguish between terrorism and a just attack. After a pause, he said, "I don't have an answer for that one." Who does? It's the crux of the problem. But Hinman offered, "Part of it is that we're entering a new stage of political evolution. Traditional nation-states are becoming blurred, and boundaries are becoming less political and more economic. Eventually we'll have wars between corporations. But today the line between a country and a terrorist group is much more fluid than it might have been. The vacuum in a lot of these theories is that they were designed during a particular stage of political development that we've now left behind."

This last statement, I had a hunch, was related to the so-called anti-theory that I saw as a heading at Hinman's site. "There are a variety of people that represent this point of view," he explained. "What they're saying is that moral theories can't do the job that traditionally they've been billed as being able to accomplish. It may be that as a result of that we need to be theory-less, or maybe that we need some kind of approach that recognizes character. There's a lot of stuff about moral particularity. Traditional moral theories are impartial. Basically, modern ethical theory arose at the same time that the umpire arose in sports -- you know, the one who makes the impartial call. But in our lives we have very particular relations, and it's hard to figure out an account that would make sense of all these differences from a moral point, if morality still insists on laying claim to impartiality."

— Justin Wolff

*Shrink to Fit* is not just another self-help book. Dale Masi and Robin Masi Kuettel have created a resource that can be invaluable to those who are seeking to find a “good fit” with a therapist. The author’s intent in creating this book was to provide a thorough guide through the entire therapy experience. They have given the reader a step-by-step process beginning with an explanation of what therapy is and concluding with when and how to terminate. Included in this “manual of therapy” is information that enables the readers to help themselves, loved ones, and children in their therapeutic journey.

The simple, clear format may be a deterrent to therapists themselves who would not give it the attention it deserves. However, reading it will reveal a tool that is as useful to the provider of therapy as to the client. It teaches the seeker of therapy what to expect and to do as a client. The authors offer in a very readable format encouragement to clients to be responsible for their own therapy. The Early Therapy Checklist, for example, is a tool that helps the client to observe and evaluate the appropriate fit between therapist and self. The book includes several checklists, evaluation instruments, and guiding questions to focus the reader throughout the therapy process. Terms are defined simply and clearly and vignettes are used to illustrate concepts.

To teach the reader how to determine a qualified therapist, the authors have provided a section describing the specializations and accreditations of “mainline” providers. Although Masi and Kuettel emphasize the importance of advanced training in pastoral counseling, they have neglected to mention that the American Association of Pastoral Counselors certifies pastoral counselors, thereby assuring training in both psychology and theology/spirituality, experience in the integration of these disciplines, and endorsement by a faith tradition. Although this may be interpreted as a minor omission, it is significant in that there are many new age and alternative therapies offering counseling without the qualifications of certified and/or licensed therapists. Clients need to be aware of what to look for in the way of credentialing.

Despite this omission, Masi and Kuettel have, nevertheless, created a user-friendly handbook that shifts the responsibility from the therapist to the client without negating the power of therapy to “provide a life raft in a sea of emotional turmoil” (p. X). As a self-help book, it is a succinct and practical guide to the sometimes intimidating world of psychotherapy. I recommend it to anyone considering embarking on a journey that is both liberating and enhancing.

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U.S. scrambles for tighter control of its borders

Coastline a weak link in system

By Valérie Alvord
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Millions of people come to the United States every year on temporary visas, but the Immigration and Naturalization Service doesn't even have an up-to-date guess as to how many leave when the documents expire.

Thousands of travelers cross the Canadian border into the United States every day, with little more than a cursory glance from a border inspector.

In the waters off U.S. coasts, the identities and nationalities of fishing and pleasure boaters are a mystery to the Coast Guard and U.S. Customs Service.

From airports to land entry points to thousands of miles of coastline dotted with bays and marinas, critics have warned for years that it's too easy to get into the United States. Now, in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon, there is a scramble to bar the doors.

"We're eyeballing every small boat we can," said Petty Officer Barry Lane, spokesman for the Coast Guard, who says all cargo ships are being stopped and inspected before they are allowed into a harbor.

"We've increased our patrols in the San Francisco Bay to make sure anything suspicious is inspected. And that's true of all the other large ports."

But boaters like Steve Taft, commodore of San Francisco's St. Francis Yacht Club, know the unsettling truth.

"The ocean is a big place," he says. "You could easily bring in something from Mexico or rendezvous with a larger ship in the middle of the night, and no one would be the wiser."

"Terrorists have already used a boat to blow up a Navy ship in Yemen. Before Sept. 11, we never would have thought of that. Now we have to."

Boaters along the coasts are being warned to stay at least half a mile from U.S. Navy and commercial vessels and to stay "well clear of sensitive areas," including bridges, refinery docks and coastal military installations. They're also being asked to fly colors if they belong to a yachting club, as a signal that they are a legitimate part of the seafaring community.

The Coast Guard also sent communiques to marinas and yacht clubs asking regulars to be on the lookout for anything out of the ordinary, said Bob Johnson, manager of Long Beach Marina Sports Fishing, which takes tourists on day trips. "They're telling us to make sure we take phone numbers of customers and ask for identification. We were always supposed to do that, but like everyone else, we got lax."

For some law enforcement experts, the waterways present a particularly problematic threat.

"There's a lot of water," said a source inside the U.S. Customs Service in Washington, who would speak only on the condition that his name not be used.

"When you look at the Gulf of Mexico to the Caribbean off South Florida to the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, there are literally hundreds of thousands of small boats. That gives you a perspective on what we're up against."

"The drug dealers have always known this. I think it's entirely hard-pressed to inspect everything. How could we?"

Peter Nunez, a former U.S. attorney in San Diego who now lectures on law enforcement at the University of San Diego, said: "It seems clear that if you got on a boat in Canada or Mexico and came cruising up the coast, you could blend in with the yachting public. You could come to shore, off-load people or dangerous cargo."

"The drug dealers have always known this. I think it's entirely..."
Revamping U.S. border security

In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon, officials are worried that access into the United States is too easy, and they are seeking ways to change this. Among recent efforts:

► A 5-year-old program that cut red tape for small planes has been suspended. General Aviation Telephonic Entry (GATE) had allowed prequalified pilots flying from Canada to land anywhere in the United States after notifying customs by phone of their itinerary. This allowed them to skip landings at border airports for customs checks. Some inspectors inside the U.S. Customs Service had complained privately that GATE was an open invitation for smuggling.

► The INS is trying to quickly implement a tracking system for students in the country on temporary visas. The urgency increased after it was revealed that at least one of the Sept. 11 terrorists used a student visa to get into the United States but never showed up for classes. In 1996, the INS was ordered by Congress to find a way to track every person who entered or left the country. But deadlines for the program have consistently been waived.

► Attorney General John Ashcroft announced he would increase security on the Canadian border, which has fewer border patrol agents and customs inspectors than the border with Mexico.

► The Coast Guard has authorization to call up as many as 8,000 reservists to help patrol harbors and waterways.

—Valerie Alvord

rational to assume that the terrorists know it, too. It’s obvious that these people are thinking outside the box.”

The eyes of critics are also turning to the INS and wondering why immigration officials don’t seem to know who is in the country. The government has no system for keeping track of visitors who enter legally on tourist, work or student visas, then fail to leave when the deadlines expire. In fact, immigration officials can’t say for sure how many non-Americans are even in the country.

Steven Camarota, policy analyst for the Washington, D.C., think tank Center for Immigration Studies, said the United States has a “broken” immigration system, which, in some cases, doesn’t even ask for fingerprints on visa applications. Computer systems inside the INS, he said, are so dysfunctional that one branch of the agency has granted citizenship to criminals at the same time another branch was trying to deport them.

INS spokeswoman Elaine Konis concedes that the INS doesn’t know how many people have overstayed their temporary visas or how many are legally in the country at any time. That’s because some visitors are free to come and go. Each time they come back, they are counted as a new entry. There are a little more than 30 million entries a year, said Konis.

The most recent estimate of the number of people who may have overstayed their visas is from 1996, said Konis. Back then, the INS calculated that of 5 million illegal immigrants in the country, about 40 percent had originally come in legally on temporary visas.

“You could put a system in place that would, at least partially, keep track of people entering and leaving the country,” said Nunez. “But that would mean long waits at the border, which hasn’t been politically acceptable.”
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Local students make the grade

Fangda Huang of Lake Forest, son of Dr. Yizhou Huang and Hui Fang Wong of Vernon Hills, plans to enroll at Emory College of Emory University this fall.

Sarah Isola of Lake Forest graduated this spring from the University of San Diego. Isola earned a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Italian. She earned departmental honors in English and made the Dean's List both semester of her senior year. Her parents are Spencer and Lynn Isola of Lake Forest. She is a graduate of Lake Forest High School.

Eric Newman made the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of San Diego. Newman, who will be a senior this fall, earned Second Honors with a grade point average between 3.33 and 3.64 for the semester. He is majoring in English. He is the son of Steve and Carol Newman of Lake Forest.
Residents earn academic honors

The following Madison resident were named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2001 semester at the University of Connecticut: Katelin Mary Atwater, Sarah E. Barry, Michael R. Falcone, Nathan Gates Fisher, Luis R. Gonzalez, Amy E. Griffin, Meghan Ann Landon, David Mathew Morosan, Nathan J. Rogalski, Maryclaire Sullivan, Jennifer L. Williams, Andrea L. Wilson, Jason P. Atwater, Patrick Ashby, Amy Holly Federico, Laura Marie Harrison, Kathryn Medvedeff, Rachel Leigh Phelan, Matthew F. Decapua, and Jeffrey J. Weed.

Peter B. Leckerling, son of Jon and Nancy Leckerling of Madison, was named to the dean’s list at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. He was cited for outstanding work in education.

Kimberly Jerzyk, daughter of Brook and Jodie Jerzyk of Madison, was named to the dean’s list at the University of San Diego. She earned first honors with a G.P.A. of 3.65 or higher for the semester.
SAN FRANCISCO — Already reeling from the tech meltdown, residents here now worry that fallout from Sept. 11 will plunge the area into a recession.

"This is the first time we've seen such a drastic change," says Laureen Sabella of the 47-year-old A. Sabella's Restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf. "We've rebounded from the (1989) earthquake and the Gulf War ... (but) this has frightened people off." Since Sept. 11, the restaurant has stopped serving lunch and has laid off half its staff.

The pain is widespread. Tourism, a $7.6 billion driver of the San Francisco economy, is down about 50% since Sept. 11, executives say. About 25% of flights at the San Francisco airport have been slashed.

Things are so grim that the airport is reducing rent for airport shops because it is "more than they take in," spokesman Ron Wilson says.

Hotel occupancies, running at about 60% to 80% before the attacks, are now about 20%, observers say. That could lead to $1 million in lost revenue nightly. The $350 million Four Seasons, opening today, may lay off up to one-third of its staff.

The area's technology industry, too, is likely to be hurt as companies curtail tech spending. Already, tens of thousands of workers have lost jobs — driving the unemployment rate in Santa Clara County, in the heart of Silicon Valley, to 5.4% in August from 1.9% a year ago. And venture capital funding, crucial to tech start-ups, has tanked; down 72% nationwide in the third quarter, VentureWire newsletter says.

Typically, Silicon Valley is the biggest regional recipient of VC funding. No turnaround is in sight, venture capitalists say.

The year looks equally bleak for San Francisco's 5,000 non-profits. They expect a drop in donations as the focus shifts to New York charities. "It's very hard to remind people that there are other issues," says Sydney Levy, spokesman for the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. It is revising its financial forecast in anticipation of a slowdown.

Civic leaders are taking steps to assure the public that San Francisco is safe. The subway system has tripled the time its cars wait in the station before a 6-minute ride under San Francisco Bay. That gives police time to inspect cars. The procedure is in place indefinitely.

The famous Transamerica Pyramid building is closed to visitors without tenant escorts. Foot traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge, banned for 19 days after the attacks, is allowed only during the day.

Whether the fallout sends San Francisco into a recession remains to be seen. Real estate prices are being watched. In August, the area's median home price was $475,830. The number of homes sold dropped 22% from the same period a year earlier. Rent in many cities is coming down. If real estate prices crater, homeowners may cut discretionary spending.

"It exacerbates the downward movement of the economy," says Mark Riedy of the Real Estate Institute at the University of San Diego.
Renovating houses gives USD students management lesson

By Gregory Alan Gross

Twenty MBA students at the University of San Diego are getting a hands-on lesson this weekend in project management.

In this case, however, their hands will be on picks, shovels, paint brushes and rototillers as they renovate two houses in Linda Vista as part of the university's Thanksgiving House project.

They have to calculate their costs in materials and labor, raise the needed funds via donations, organize themselves into construction teams and, when necessary, improvise.

Everything has to be done on time and on budget, just as they'd have to do in the real business world. Once they're done, they have to write a paper on the lessons they've learned.

What does renovating a couple of aging homes in Linda Vista have to do with learning good business practices? Plenty, said professor Barbara Withers, who teaches the class.

"If you run a restaurant or a car factory, you're using certain business tools. But a project presents different kinds of challenges that demand a different kind of managerial approach," Withers said.

"Before, businesses were doing projects on a 'cost plus' basis. If it took too long or you went over your budget, you were still going to get paid. Nowadays, if it goes over budget, it comes out of your profits. And there are penalties for not completing a project on time."

If Withers sounds as if she's not the typical business professor, you're right. Before joining the academic community, she worked as a construction project manager for Arco in Prudhoe Bay in Alaska.

"I walk into class the first day with a hard hat on," she said. "You can see the students' jaws just drop."

The students have to talk to the homeowner to get an understanding of what they would like done to make their life easier and their home better. They have to learn about obtaining permits and getting expert help when needed.

"None of us know how to lay carpet," Withers said.

They also have to learn how to manage their time and delegate authority, a task complicated by having to work on two houses instead of just one, Withers said.

With a cement truck due at one house at 2 p.m., the student project manager, Beat (pronounced BAY-at) Ammann, sends nearly all of his crew there to make sure the walkway they're installing is ready to have the concrete poured.

"You cannot have a concrete truck just sitting around," said Ammann, a 45-year-old graduate student from Switzerland who was involved in the construction of a housing project in Oman.

When three residents drop by and volunteer to pitch in, Ammann sends them to the second project house with a couple of students.

Said Withers: "Last year, (the students) had to stucco a house. They didn't know anything about stuccoing. One of the neighbors came by and gave them stucco lessons. Twenty minutes later, they were stucco experts."
USD, alumni slighted by story in Business

Re: “New UCSD school to meld tech, management skills” (Business, Oct. 18):

As alumni of the University of San Diego School of Business Administration, we respectfully disagree with your citing a report asserting the lack of a “first-rate” management school in the San Diego region. In fact, the report cited made no such statement, although it did incorrectly state there was a “lack of an MBA program in the region.”

USD’s School of Business Administration has been a leader in offering quality business and management education for nearly 30 years. Its MBA degree program is accredited by AACSB International, a distinction shared with Harvard, Wharton, Stanford and, locally, SDSU.

Alumni possessing MBA and business degrees from USD enjoy leadership positions in high technology and new economy corporations throughout the world. A short list of those companies includes WD-40, Cubic, Qualcomm, SAIC, Flextronics, Active.com, Vsource, Euro Suisse International Limited, Handspring, SECOM PLC, Marconi, Kyocera, Motorola, Cisco, IBM, Ward North America, Lockheed Martin, Ross Stores, RiceHallJames, BNP Paribas and Citibank N.A.

These firms recognize that USD’s School of Business offers a comprehensive course of study that prepares its graduates to tackle pressing issues in management, finance, entrepreneurship, information technology, marketing and supply chain management. They also recognize that the talent needed to address those issues can be found at USD.

We are proud of the contributions our alma mater has made to the economic growth and prosperity of the San Diego region, the nation and the world.

Editor’s note: The letter was signed by Robert T. Atwood, retired chief financial officer, First Union Corp.; Philip Kelly, chairman and CEO, Vsource, Inc.; Anish Lalvani, group managing director, Euro Suisse Intl. Ltd.; Michael Liuzzi, partner, Barker Walters; Garry Ridge, president and CEO, WD-40; John M. Sedej, vice president, Flextronics; Minoru Takeda, managing director, SECOM PLC; Craig B. Warriner, managing director, Citibank N.A.; and Ethel Yamamoto, BNP Paribas.
Patiently awaiting signature, somewhere among the heaps of bills on Gov. Davis' desk in Sacramento, lay AB 585 and SB 133. These two laws-in-waiting dramatically change the licensing requirements for California CPAs. They don't make it easier to become a CPA, instead they reflect the natural evolution of the profession and offer two similar, yet distinctly different licensure pathways.

In response to this legislation, the California Board of Accountancy has proposed new regulations to implement the changes in CPA licensing requirements that take effect next year. These regulations address several issues including transition rules, education requirements, examination elections and qualifying experience. If adopted, both the new law and proposed regulations will take effect Jan. 1, 2002.

Relying heavily on task force recommendations, the CBA will substantially revise current regulations to reflect AB 585 (Nation, Campbell) and SB 133 (Figueroa et al.). Further, the new law extends California's present requirements until Dec. 31, 2005 for candidates already in the CPA pipeline.

Two New Pathways
AB 585 and SB 133 offer candidates two new pathways for certification. Both pathways require candidates to complete a bachelor's degree with 24 semester units of accounting-related courses and 24 semester units of business-related courses before sitting for the Uniform CPA Examination. However, after that point, the two pathways diverge.

THE EXAM
Pathway 1 allows candidates to pass the exam under the current format: A candidate must sit for at least two parts of the exam initially. Once passed, candidates may sit for the remaining sections individually.

Pathway 2 follows the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) format and requires a candidate to sit for all unpassed sections...
concurrently. To receive passing credit for a section under Pathway 2, a candidate must pass at least two sections, and receive at least 50 percent on all unpassed sections.

Conditional credit under both pathways is good for only three years.

EDUCATION
Pathway 1 requires no additional education for licensure beyond that needed to sit for the exam (i.e., a bachelor's degree with the required accounting and business units).

Pathway 2 requires 150 total semester college-level units for licensure. The extra units (beyond those required to sit for the exam) can be in any subject.

EXPERIENCE
Pathway 1 requires two years of accounting experience for licensure.

Pathway 2 requires only one year of accounting experience for licensure.

In both pathways, the experience can be general (including non-public accounting experience) and must occur under a CPA licensed to practice in a valid jurisdiction.

RECIROCITY
Pathway 2 provides reciprocity with other states under the UAA, whereas Pathway 1 does not. This is an important consideration for candidates choosing a licensure pathway.

The UAA has been enacted in 46 states as well as the District of Columbia. In an increasingly global environment, a CPA license earned under UAA conditions (Pathway 2) offers a significant career advantage. CPAs whose licenses are UAA-compliant also will be substantially equivalent in all but four states, a factor that will continue to increase in importance for CPA firms and businesses as they consider job candidates.

CHANGING PATHWAYS
A candidate can switch from Pathway 2 to Pathway 1 at any time, however a candidate cannot switch from Pathway 1 to Pathway 2 without retaking the entire CPA exam. The CBA considers the implications of reciprocity and pathway switches so important that it has designated Pathway 2 as the default option.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN AUDITS AND REVIEWS
Although audit experience is not required under either Pathway 1 or Pathway 2 for licensure, at least 500 hours of supervised audit experience is required before a CPA has the authority to sign audit and review reports under either pathway.

Of course, candidates qualifying under the old rules are required to obtain at least 500 hours of audit experience anyway and will therefore have signing authority (although not reciprocity under the UAA unless all the UAA requirements were met).

Transition Rules
CBA-proposed regulations clarify several points in the new law.

First, there is a question of equity for candidates who will have passed the entire CPA exam under the old rules prior to the end of 2001, but have not completed the experience requirement. These candidates may have fulfilled all the requirements for qualifying under Pathway 1 or Pathway 2 except that when they passed the CPA exam, they did not have a bachelor's degree. Or, they may have passed the exam by taking only two sections at a time (without earning at least a 50 percent score on all unpassed sections) and therefore do not meet Pathway 2 requirements (the UAA path).

Without relief, these candidates might have had to retake the CPA exam—after earning a bachelor's degree—to qualify under Pathway 1 or Pathway 2 (and under the new exam conditions to qualify for Pathway 2). Of course, these candidates could qualify for licensure under the old rules (non-UAA with a 500-hour audit experience requirement)—but then they would not have interstate reciprocity provided by UAA-compliant Pathway 2.

The regulations allow any candidate who has completely passed the May 2002 or prior examination to qualify for licensure under Pathway 1 or Pathway 2 as long as all requirements of that pathway have been met by Dec. 31, 2005.

The new law's statutory language seems to indicate that a candidate who applied and qualified for examination by Dec. 31—but did not actually take the exam—could continue seeking licensure under the old rules. The regulations clarify this point by requiring a candidate to actually sit for at least two sections of the May 2002 or an earlier exam to receive licensure under the old rules. Even then, applications for licensure under the old rules will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2005.

Education Requirements
Although 24 semester units of accounting subjects and 24 units of business-related subjects are required for both Pathway 1 and Pathway 2, the statute does not specify exactly what courses are included under these topics. The CBA's proposed regulations include as accounting subjects courses in accounting, auditing, financial statement analysis, financial reporting, external or internal reporting and tax.

Tax courses are considered accounting-related in the initial licensure process, but not accounting-related for CPA continuing education purposes.

The proposed regulations include as business-related courses those in business administration, economics, finance, business management, marketing, computer science/information systems, statistics, business communications, mathematics, business law and business law-related courses offered by an accredited law school.

The CBA considers the implications of reciprocity & pathway switches so important that it has designated Pathway 2 as the default option.
The single biggest event to impact California CPAs and candidates this year is not the AICPA's proposed global credential. It is the pending passage of AB 585 and SB 133. The resulting new laws and regulations will allow small to medium-sized CPA firms, as well as many businesses, to compete for the best and brightest as never before.

Under the proposed new law and CBA regulations, candidates can acquire the experience they need from any licensed CPA in California. This means candidates can train under the CPA who is the information services director at Warner Brothers or the CPA who is a sole practitioner in Lodi just as easily as they can under a partner at one of the Big Five firms.

Under the old licensing requirements, CPA candidates had to log 500 hours of attest experience. This could prove difficult if not impossible for candidates who wanted to work in industry or for smaller CPA firms. Tales of candidates putting in a more than 40-hour work week and then moonlighting to accrue audit hours were fairly common.

Earning the necessary audit hours was all in a day's work for candidates with the Big Five, IRS or larger firms in public practice who offered attest services. As a result, these firms traditionally have had an easier time recruiting the oft-sought best and brightest from California's colleges and universities.

"The tables have turned," says CalCPA Chair David George. "Smaller firms have always been able to offer quality-of-life benefits that meet or exceed those offered by larger firms, but until now they haven't been able to compete for some of the profession's best incoming talent. It's time for smaller CPA firms and for businesses that employ CPAs to brush off their suits and get ready to attend career day at their local college or university."

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school. Although no minimum or maximum number of units are required in any sub-area, CBA staff indicated informally that they will monitor applicants' courses for signs that candidates "load up" in one subject area to the exclusion of others and will report any perceived abuses.

No specific curriculum is recommended in meeting the 150-hour requirement under Pathway 2. This position is consistent with the intent of the statute and the UM enacted by other states.

Experience Requirement
The statute removes attest experience as a licensure requirement—except for CPAs who wish to sign audit and review reports. It defines qualifying experience (both attest and non-attest) the same as under current law and requires that candidate experience be performed under the supervision of a CPA with a valid license to practice.

According to the proposed regulations, licensees providing general-experience supervision need not be authorized to perform attest services. However, to supervise attest experience, licensees must be authorized to provide attest authority in their home state.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE LAW
Although AB 585 and SB 133 have not yet been signed into law, the process is moving quickly and passage is expected soon. If you are reading this after Oct. 15, it likely has been signed.

The CBA is reviewing the proposed regulations and, after approval, will probably schedule a public hearing at its Nov. 16 meeting.

Questions regarding the new law and regulations can be directed to CBA staff at: (916) 263-3972 or (916) 263-3974; pathwayinfo@cba.ca.gov; or www.dca.ca.gov/cba. You also may call CalCPAs government relations division at (916) 441-5351.

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Economy down before attacks

An economic report released yesterday confirmed that the local economy was sharply declining even before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The index of leading economic indicators compiled by the University of San Diego dropped both in July and August, meaning it has been in decline for 15 months in a row. Building permits, stock prices, want ads and employment levels all fell this summer. The only positive factor on the local scene — consumer confidence — has since been rocked by the terrorist attacks. But USD economist Alan Gin stressed that San Diego is still in a better position to cope with a downturn than most parts of the country.
Confidence High Despite Dip In Economic Indicators

Oct. 22, 2001

If San Diego County is headed for a recession, the all-important local consumer base has yet to notice.

The region's leading economic indicators declined 0.6 percent in August; marking the 15th consecutive month the components failed to register a positive outlook. The indicators don't account for the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Still, consumer confidence jumped to positive territory in August and according to the county of San Diego, the fewest number of default notices were filed in more than 20 years in September.

Two of the most important indicators, when they register proportional results, as they did in August, show an unhealthy economy as unemployment claims increased and help wanted advertising decreased, by 1.33 percent and 1.69 percent, respectively.

Plus, there is every indication that the aftermath of the terrorist attacks will force the gross domestic product into negative territory for the second consecutive quarter, said Alan Gin, the economics professor from the University of San Diego who compiles the leading indicators.

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David Magaw dreamed of being a railroad engineer when he was a kid, and now he does the next best thing: he's president of the Yolo Shortline Railroad, based in Woodland. In addition to hauling freight, the Yolo Shortline offers tourist excursions on its 16-mile Woodland-to-West Sacramento line, complete with a barbecue and pretend bandits. The railroad recently expanded its operations to the Port of Sacramento, adding to its lines in McClellan Park and to Clarksburg.

Magaw still occasionally sits in the engineer's seat of the company's excursion train, but mainly he oversees Yolo Shortline's freight-hauling operations, which supply the bulk of the company's $1.5 million annual revenue.

BACKGROUND
• Age: 49
• Education: Electrical engineering, University of Nevada, Reno, in 1974; J.D., University of San Diego, 1977
• Lives: Near Carmichael
• Born in: Montebello
• Family: Spouse Jane, sons Matthew, 18, and Brian, 14

EARLY CAREER
After college: "I went to work in Colorado as an attorney for the Western Area Power Administration. I did that for four years, then I came out to California as an assistant manager for the same agency. I did that for about eight years. Then I worked as a consultant in the electric power industry for four or so more years.

"During that time, we were developing the Yolo Shortline Railroad, and I got to the point where I was doing less and less consulting and more and more railroad, so I just went full-time (with the railroad) in about 1995."

THE YOLO SHORTLINE
How it started: "There was a group that was restoring a steam locomotive, No. 1233, here in Woodland. It's a 1918 Baldwin switcher engine, and it was built for working in the yards and branch lines as opposed to the main lines.

"I got involved with that group — the Sacramento Valley Historical Railways — and am still on the board of directors."

UP employees had an offer: "We were looking for a place to operate the locomotive and ended up talking to a couple of Union Pacific people working in Sacramento. They told us we ought to forget about the steam locomotive for tourists, and if we really were interested, that we ought to look at hauling freight, and that they were interested in selling us some lines they had in Sacramento.

"Based on that we developed a business plan, and incorporated in 1989. One thing led to another, and here we are."

The shortline defined: "Essentially what we are is a small railroad common carrier, which means we will move freight for hire. We do haul passengers as well, for excursion purposes. Our excursions are on weekends, and for people to view the scenery and have some fun, and we return them right where they started.

"We'll do charters as well, and weddings. The last wedding we did was a shotgun wedding, complete with outlaws."

Had a steamboat for a while: "Our parent company is The Midland Railroad Enterprises Corp. based in Woodland. They created a separate corporation which for about a year leased and operated the Elizabeth Louise, a steamboat still operating on the Sacramento River as an excursion boat/restaurant. We got out of that about three years ago. We lost a lot of money on that venture."

Revenue: "The primary sources of rev-
David Magaw
Yolo Shortline Railroad Co. / president

Movies: “I’ve always been a fan of stuff like ‘Star Wars’ and ‘Star Trek.’”

Restaurant: “My wife and I mostly go to a little Chinese restaurant close to our home and I can’t remember the name of it. It’s near El Camino and Eastern.”

Vacation spots: “I love Hawaii, and New England in the summer.”

Hobbies: Flying light planes; model aircraft; riding tourist railroads; metal shops; steam locomotives

Music: Rock ‘n’ roll

Where they go: “It took us a year to negotiate the purchase of the Clarksburg line from Union Pacific, and we started operating on that line serving Delta Sugar, which no longer exists. We hauled sugar and coke (the byproduct of coal). That line is about 10 miles long (from West Sacramento).

“In 1992, we closed the deal on the Woodland branch. We also lease and operate the track that’s all within McClellan, which is McClellan Park, and we are finishing an agreement with the port.”

Miles of track: “Out of 34 miles, seven we lease and the remainder we own, and we’re going to pick up about three miles from the port (that will be leased).”

Flexible: “A lot of the stuff we do is the same as UP does. We have more frequent service and more flexible service, in terms of times of delivery.”

Payroll: “We probably have about a half-dozen volunteers, and we have about 20 employees, 11 or 12 full-time.”

THE TOURIST SIDE

The excursions: “Right now all our excursions are on our Woodland branch. It takes a little over two hours. ‘Great train robberies’ are a little longer.

“These typically are once a month. We load the people in Woodland, go for a ride, and we offer them a barbecue at Elkhorn Park. The outlaws do a bit of a show there, and then they essentially rob the train.”

The cost of being “robbed”: “With food, it’s $38 for adults; without, it’s $19.50.”

7,000-plus tourists a year: “We had a sold-out trip last weekend. That’s 135-140 people on the train, by the time you add the outlaws and the band – the Narrow Gauge String Band out of Davis. We have about 7,000 to 8,000 tourists per year.”

PERSONAL

Likes most about work: “I like seeing projects come to fruition. I like developing them, I like seeing everything come together. I do like running the locomotive, but I wouldn’t want to do it everyday.”

Likes least: “Dealing with employee issues can be troublesome and difficult.”

Still has a train at Christmas: “When I was really young, I wanted to be a railroad engineer. I always liked mechanical things. I have an old American Flyer (train set) that I’ve had since I was a kid and we still put it around the Christmas tree every year.”

—Interview by Danielle Starkey
Catholic Volunteers Bring Education Experiment to San Diego’s Inner City

By Joyce Carr

SAN DIEGO — Twenty fifth-graders at the new Nativity Prep Academy off Market Street gathered, Sept. 17, around a table — adorned with a fountain, cross and American flag — to pray for their safety in the wake of terrorist attacks.

On Sept. 18, Jesuit Father Eduardo Samaniego, pastor of Christ the King Church, blessed the school, pupils and teachers, asking them to pray for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on their country and for American Muslims threatened by hate crimes. The priest also urged the class to pray for those who have organized and funded the academy.

That process involved two years of homework by local educators and community leaders, who learned that poor children are 56 times more likely to be educationally neglected than their middle- and upper-class counterparts, and that education is the key to correcting this inequality, according to founding director David Rivera.

The solution? Form an independent Catholic organization and offer a tuition-free education designed to lift pupils out of poverty with a 12-hour school day, free meals, tutoring, health services, field trips, camping and parent education.

Preparations for the academy’s Sept. 17 opening day included forming a steering committee and governing board, and enlisting local partners and advising agencies.

The tuition-free school at 3275 Market St. is funded by grants and by private and corporate donations. Ten teachers are volunteering two years of service at the site in exchange for a no-cost master’s degree and credential in education from USD.

Public school students were recruited through home visits, parent meetings and announcements at Christ the King Church and St. Jude Shrine.

During the first week of school, the pupils took diagnostic tests to determine their grade and skill levels in subjects, as well as their learning styles.

The class of Hispanics and African-Americans unanimously told The Southern Cross they enjoy their one-room school. “It’s cool because the teachers help you,” says Sylvia Esquibel, adding that she likes to dissect frogs in science classes, her favorite subject.

Robert Porcher says he likes...
using computers and playing a geography game on a floor map of the United States.

His mother, Robin Porcher of Christ the King Parish, expects Robert “to thrive ... in the small class with individual attention and tutoring.”

Rosa Herrera, a single mother in St. Jude Parish, enrolled her son Adrian as an escape from gang activity in her neighborhood.

Opportunities to help disadvantaged children drew the teachers to Nativity Prep.

Math instructor Tracy Pavey, a Notre Dame graduate in business administration, exchanged a future in the corporate world for volunteer work. “I thought I would try teaching poor children who need more love, understanding, and attention,” she says. “They will teach me more than I will teach them, like appreciating the simple things in life – the three meals a day we take for granted.”

Working with poor Hispanic children motivated language arts instructor Margaret Liegel to volunteer. The Boston College graduate, who has lived in Mexico and studied in Ecuador, will also teach English as a Second Language to the parents.

“It’s exciting to see the interaction between the teachers and pupils,” Rivera says. “You can see them building long-term relationships.”

The academy’s 12-hour day includes daily classes in religion, ethics and values. The lengthy school day also includes social studies, sports and recess and concludes with dinner and 90 minutes of tutoring by USD students who receive college credit for their service.

Pupils will receive three daily meals through the federal Free Lunch Program.

The academy is one of 40 schools nationwide modeled after the first Jesuit Nativity Mission School in New York City’s lower East Side, founded in 1971. Today nearly 90 percent of that school’s graduates enroll in college – a goal the local academy hopes to reach.

Nativity Prep will eventually enroll pupils in grades 5-8, adding an additional grade each year.

Although the institution promises a quality education, Rivera notes an ongoing need for funds to cover this year’s $7,000 per pupil cost (including building expenses) and to purchase another house for 10 more teachers next fall. Also needed are 12 new computers and free or discounted labor of contractors and electricians.

Meeting these needs will help founding advisor Brian Bennett’s hopes become reality – that the school “will prove that parents in low-income communities can benefit from choices in education.”

*The Southern Cross*
Red Mass Opens Judicial Year

By Vincent Gragnani

ALCALA PARK — Members of San Diego’s legal community began the judicial year with the traditional Red Mass, on Oct. 1, asking the Holy Spirit for wisdom as they carry out their work. Red vestments are worn at the Mass as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

“In the Red Mass,” said Bishop Robert H. Brom in his homily, “we invoke the Holy Spirit to be your constant inspiration and guide: the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Holiness and the Spirit of Compassion.”

This year’s Red Mass in San Diego fell on the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

“We all have something to learn from St. Therese in this country of ours still stunned and saddened by the attack on America,” Bishop Brom said. “Because of her radical response to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, St. Therese might well enflesh a special challenge at this time for civic and political leaders in America and, indeed, for all members of the bench and bar.”

Bishop Brom spoke about faith and culture, and how, while we claim to be one nation under God, “we live in a country where faith in God does not always permeate our culture; where faith often finds not only closed minds, but closed hearts, as well.”

“In the Red Mass we invoke the Holy Spirit to be your constant inspiration and guide.”

The bishop called on those present to be leaders open to the word of God.

“For faith to permeate our culture, we count on the law to be the means which moves us from how we live to how we ought to live, under God and as children of God. For members of the bench and bar to provide leadership in this regard requires that your professional lives never be divorced from your profession of faith.”

The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Brom, was held at USD’s Founder’s Chapel. It was sponsored by the USD School of Law and the St. Thomas More Society.

For the complete text of Bishop Brom’s homily, visit the diocesan Web site at www.diocese-sdiego.org.

The Southern Cross
Race, ethnicity, airport security and the Constitution

By Gail Herlot

Media commentators like drama. So the current debate over air safety is often cast in dramatic terms — security vs. constitutional rights — as if the two are on a collision course. Some argue that the Constitution forbids any consideration of ethnicity or nationality in determining whether a passenger should be interrogated or searched prior to boarding. We should therefore act as if an Italian-American grandmother from Omaha is as likely a suicide bomber as a young, Libyan man here on a student visa — or so the argument runs.

In fact, the Constitution is not so rigid. When Congress fashioned the Fourteenth Amendment shortly after the Civil War, it considered a proposal that would have banned taking race into account under any circumstance. The proposal was rejected in favor of the more flexible (and, yes, more vague) language of the Equal Protection Clause. Since then, the Supreme Court has ruled repeatedly that racial distinctions may be upheld when a compelling purpose is shown, provided that purpose cannot be achieved through alternate means.

Built-in flexibility is not always a good thing. It has given rise to several shameful episodes in American legal history. In Plessy vs. Ferguson, for example, the Supreme Court upheld the odious Jim Crow laws. In Korematsu vs. United States, the court permitted the federal government to intern American citizens and others of Japanese ancestry during World War II. The problem with flexible rules is that we will not always agree about what constitutes an appropriate exception.

There are situations, however, in which that built-in flexibility is a virtue, and the current controversy over air safety may be one of them. Airport security is now a matter of life or death, not just for passengers but for thousands on the ground. While subjecting persons of Middle Eastern ethnicity who otherwise fit the terrorist profile (young, male, no proof of citizenship) to background checks, interrogation or baggage searches is certainly an inconvenience for the many innocent members of that group, it will be a minor one, provided that everyone involved is treated with dignity and respect. Lives are at stake. If airport security officials can make a case that these precautions will result in safer skies, common sense will support their implementation until equally effective, but more palatable, methods can be developed. The Constitution is not a suicide pact.

Ethnic profiling is, in general, an evil to be avoided. But it’s not irrational. Suppose, for example, that narcotics officers learn that drug couriers coming through airport customs are often young Afghan-American men. If so, concentrating resources on that group would increase law enforcement’s efficiency.

Even if less than one in 1,000 young Afghan-American men is a drug courier, the number of Afghan-American grandmothers in the drug trade is probably closer to one in a million. Since, realistically, only so much time can be spent searching airline passengers for illegal drugs, concentrating effort would likely result in more arrests and hence fewer drugs reaching the country.

That doesn’t mean we should do it. Sometimes discretion really is the better part of valor. Racial and ethnic profiles of this kind operate essentially as a tax on innocent members of the special group. The understandable resentment that anyone would feel for being singled out on the basis of race or ethnicity is often great enough for us to forget their use even when it would increase enforcement efficiency.

But when thousands of lives are at stake, innocent group members may simply have to bear with us — at least in the short run — and remember that their safety is being protected as well.

Of course, if terrorist profiles are to include ethnicity, it should be done with the lightest touch feasible. No one is arguing, however, that anyone should be barred from the nation’s skies.

The proposals are simply that airport security officers be permitted to consider ethnicity as one factor in determining which passengers to interview or search thoroughly or which flights to assign a security officer to.

Curiously, the most insistent opponents of these proposals are those who argue in favor of racial and ethnic favoritism in state university admissions, employment and contracting. A stronger case can be made for the opposite approach to these cases. In deciding who gets admitted to a university, a job or a contract, we’re usually flooded with information about the applicants. State authorities can make very nuanced decisions based on the wealth of information from the applicants’ resumes. Throwing in race or ethnicity is unnecessary and, in the view of most people, inappropriate.

In contrast, airport officials often have only the passenger’s name and appearance to go on. Terrorists do not wear signs. With thousands of lives hanging in the balance, officials must decide whether to look closely at a particular passenger or not, knowing that they cannot subject every passenger to the highest level of scrutiny and that one mistake can be catastrophic.

Under these circumstances, ruling out the consideration of ethnicity categorically is a mistake.

Fortunately, in the midst of all this tragedy, there is good news. Unlike many previous conflicts in American history, there appears to be a genuine desire by most Americans not to lash out at innocent residents who happen to share ethnicity with the terrorists. We should not, however, in a misguided attempt at sensitivity, fail to take appropriate measures to ensure that terrorism is thwarted. Air safety is in everyone’s interest.
In the 1980s, Adnan Khashoggi was known as a rich, shadowy Saudi arms merchant in the middle of the Iran-Contra affair.

Now his tentacles are under official scrutiny for stock dealings in a Van Nuys telemarketing company, Genesis Intermedia, that he and a close friend control.

The story has been bird-dogged throughout this year by David Evans of Bloomberg News, who has focused on a number of things: why the stock of this money-losing company soared and crashed, what has been Khashoggi's role, and why two brokerage houses failed, apparently because they facilitated short-selling in the stock.

On Oct. 8, Genesis Intermedia announced that both the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Securities and Exchange Commission are investigating possible irregularities involving the stock. Trading in the company's stock has been suspended.

Also, Ramy El-Batrawi, chief executive of the company, resigned. For some time, he and Khashoggi have controlled more than three-fourths of the stock.

El-Batrawi and Khashoggi "are old friends. Mr. Khashoggi had been an employer of Ramy. Ramy had worked on some transactions that involved Mr. Khashoggi," says Robert Bleckman, spokesman for Genesis, which is still in operation, although it has laid off 15 percent of its employees.

Earlier, El-Batrawi told Evans that he talked with Khashoggi every day.

Khashoggi's stake in Genesis is through Ultimate Holdings, a firm in the secrecy-shrouded offshore tax haven of Bermuda. Khashoggi is president of Ultimate, according to a filing with the SEC last January.

Genesis stock soared earlier this year, even though it had a negative net worth of $9.3 million and was posting losses almost as large as its sales.

Short sellers — those who bet that a stock will go down — were eyeing the rise. A heavy short position piled up, and a short squeeze (shorts being forced to buy back shares) may have accounted for some of the stock's run-up.

After the Sept. 11 atrocities, the stock crashed by more than 60 percent, before trading was halted.

San Diego's Anthony Elgindy, whose Inside-truth.com attempts to spotlight overpriced stocks, had been watching the rise of Genesis. On Sept. 25, his Web site initiated coverage of Genesis "with an immediate sell and a terrorist warning."

Elgindy says Khashoggi's lawyer has complained about the claims on the Web site. I reached Khashoggi's lawyer and asked him questions, but he did not get back to me with answers. I could not reach Khashoggi.

"Our coverage of Khashoggi has focused on his role with Genesis Intermedia, and that is all we have focused on," says Ted Merz, a managing...
editor of Bloomberg in New York.

Last year, Elgindy pleaded guilty to mail fraud in Texas, and spent 105 days in incarceration. Although Elgindy worked in the past with some dubious characters, including the now-imprisoned former San Diegan Melvin Lloyd Richards, many of his reports are well-researched.

He provides information to government agencies, and has a following among short sellers.

Bleckman says that the Middle East origins of El-Batrawi and Khashoggi might have triggered the selloff, although, Bleckman admits, the company’s pathetic financial results are “out there for the public to see.”

Now, the fallout of the Genesis collapse is spreading. When shorting a stock, a speculator borrows it, sells it and then hopes to replace the borrowed stock at a lower price.

Brokerage firms will lend stock to other brokerages and get money in return, with the borrowed stock serving, essentially, as collateral. When that stock collapses, the collateral plunges in value. That happened in this case.

Native Nations, a Native American-founded brokerage in New Jersey, loaned 7.2 million shares of Genesis stock to MJK Clearing in Minneapolis.

Native Nations went out of business Sept. 21. Shortly, MJK Clearing defaulted on a $60 million payment on the loan of Genesis shares. MJK was seized by the Securities Investors Protection Corp., a government-sponsored agency that steps into brokerage failures.

Late last week, Bloomberg revealed that ETrade Group and three other brokerages had also suffered losses as a result of the Genesis calamity.

Question: Who loaned the Genesis stock to Native Nations? “Only one person on planet Earth” could have loaned those shares, and that’s Khashoggi, opines Elgindy, saying Khashoggi was the only person owning that many shares at the time.

Frank Partnoy, professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, also suspects the shares were loaned by Khashoggi.

“There is a daisy chain problem in these lending markets,” says Partnoy. “People are making unsecured loans and have no idea who the other parties in the train of transactions are.”

One brokerage loans shares to another, which loans them to still another, which loans them to another, and on down the chain. “No one really knows the whole picture. And when no one knows the whole picture, including regulators, it is a very dangerous situation.”

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Conflict Charge Is a Problem for Watchdogs

Ethics: Legal experts say the state Commission on Judicial Performance must protect its own integrity in a probe of its top lawyer.

By STEVE BERRY
TIMES STAFF WRITER

With its longtime top lawyer under fire for an alleged breach of ethics, the integrity of California's judicial watchdog agency could be tarnished if the group's handling of the controversy is not beyond reproach, legal experts said.

The 11-member Commission on Judicial Performance, which disciplines unethical judges, said last week that it plans to seek an independent examiner to investigate the charges against Victoria Henley, the commission's chief counsel and top administrator.

She is accused of engaging in a conflict of interest when she handled disciplinary action proceedings against a former judge who was being sued by Henley's husband.

The lawyer for former Sonoma County Judge Patricia Gray has complained that Henley should have disqualified herself from the proceeding. Henley's husband, Alameda County lawyer Michael Boli, had filed a malpractice suit against Gray over a civil case she had handled in 1994 while still a lawyer.

If Henley knew about her husband's 1999 suit when she launched the disciplinary action against Gray, experts agree, she should have withdrawn from the commission proceeding.

The commission, as the state's guardian against unethical, corrupt and incompetent judges, plays a critical role in maintaining the integrity and credibility of the judiciary.

If the allegations prove true, "then you have a situation where the righteous are being unrighteous," said Robert Fellmeth, director of the Center for Public Interest at the San Diego University School of Law. "Here's a body that is supposed to be imposing ethical standards on judges, and they have their own ethical problems."

Already, the case has caught the attention of the state's top judge.

"In view of the seriousness of the allegations, I hope they will be resolved expeditiously," California Chief Justice Ronald M. George said Friday. "It is particularly important that it be resolved in a manner that does not impugn the critical role played by the commission in ensuring integrity among judicial officers."

The charges have been especially jarring in the legal community because they have been directed at the 48-year-old Henley, whose integrity had never been publicly questioned during her 10 years at the commission's helm.

"She's always been a straight-arrow person and a paragon of integrity," said Peter Keane, dean of the Golden State University Law School and sometimes a critic of the commission.

Henley's job is to direct the entire staff, including the lawyers who investigate misconduct by judges, and to make recommendations to the commission. The commission has the power to privately or publicly reprimand judges or remove them from the bench.

If the commission sustains the disciplinary charges against Gray, it could bar her from serving as a judge again.

At the time the proceedings were launched, Henley's husband had already filed the civil suit against Gray. Boli's suit, which is still pending, was filed on behalf of two children. It accuses Gray of malpractice in her representation of the children in a case before she became a judge.

Now, Gray's lawyer in the commission proceeding, Mark Geragos of Los Angeles, has accused Henley and her husband of using the disciplinary action against Gray as leverage to "enhance their anticipated payday in the civil [malpractice] suit."

As evidence, Geragos submitted a letter that Boli wrote to Gray's civil attorney in which Boli mentioned the commission's disciplinary action and urged the lawyer to reach a settlement. Geragos says the mere mention of the disciplinary action was improper.

Henley refused to comment last week and did not return calls Friday.

If the charges against her are found to be true, the commission will have to move swiftly and forcefully to protect its integrity, said Fellmeth of the Center for Public Interest. "This case raises serious questions to disclose their financial interests is going too far and viola-
Don't blame this one on Mexico

Leave it to those among us who hate immigrants and Mexicans to rise from the ashes of the World Trade Center tragedy with calls for an American police state.

A national identification card has been a popular demand of theirs, as is a stop to almost all immigration.

They demand the Mexican border be closed despite not a shred of evidence that terrorists have crossed into the United States from Mexico. They demand that President Bush abandon his call for legalization of Mexicans already in the United States. They see Mexicans as criminals who must be stopped at the border, by the Army, if necessary.

Some, including me, might say these people are the enemies of freedom and liberty, not the young men who work as busboys, pick lettuce or paint houses to support their families.

Not a single Mexican immigrant, legal or illegal, hijacked a plane on Sept. 11. Not a single Mexican immigrant, legal or illegal, has been associated with any of the identified hijackers, or Osama Ben Laden. No alleged hijacker came through Mexico into the United States, legally or illegally.

According to studies at the University of San Diego, when Mexican immigrants, legal or illegal, do commit crimes, they are usually crimes of property, not crimes of violence or armed robbery, murder, rape or pillage.

The number of such people who are sent to prison or county jails is far less than one would expect, given the estimates of how many undocumented aliens there are in the country. If, for example, there are 4 million undocumented people in California as some declare, then the roughly 25,000 in California prisons amounts to less than 1 percent of them. The San Diego County Sheriff reports about 500 such people are in his jail system, with 5,000 inmates on a daily average basis.

Mexicans who apply for visas to come to the United States may wait months and years for permission to come to the United States to study or work while the alleged hijackers apparently were granted visas with few problems and no wait.

Given these facts, why are American extremists turning their ire south instead of at the U.S. officials in the Middle East who hand out student and visitor visas like pancakes at a club breakfast?

Last year, for example, 40,000 Iranians came to the United States on visitor or student visas. Yet Iran is a country with which we have no diplomatic relations.

Why do some call for Americans to give up liberty for identification cards? Why, other than bigotry, do they call for closing the border with our second-largest trading partner, our next-door neighbor and military ally? Terrorists come in easier, and legally, though JFK airport in New York City.

If U.S. officials abroad simply sit on visa applications for six months while each applicant is checked thoroughly, the number of potential terrorists entering the country will dwindle.

As for terrorists already here, if the Border Patrol spent its time chasing terrorists instead of Mexican farm workers, there might not be a problem.

North County Times Columnist
Raoul Lowery Contreras lives in Del Mar.
Tomorrow

• WORLD MUSIC: Need something soothing? Consider Tingstad and Rumbel, the musical twosome whose repertoire reflects influences from the United States, British Isles and Spain. Guitarist Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel, on wind instruments, perform at 8 p.m. in the Center Theater of the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. $25; (800) 988-4253.

• DISCUSSION: Join the USD Law School chapters of Amnesty International and the Women’s Law Caucus to discuss “The Taliban and How it Affects Afghan Women and Children,” from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a forum of speakers including professors Huma Ghosh and Samy Swayd of San Diego State University and Flouran Wali of the Afghan Women’s Association. Site: USD Law School, Warren Hall, Faculty Reading Room, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. Free admission. For information cglavin@sbcglobal.net
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WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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- **CLASSICAL MUSIC:** Emanuel Ax will open the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's Piano Series. The concert features music by Debussy, Bach and Liszt at 8 p.m. tonight. The performance is at Sherwood Auditorium, 700 Prospect St., La Jolla. $40 to $84; (858) 459-3728 or www.ljcms.org
Gov. Gray Davis elevated Orange Superior Court Judge Richard Aronson to the Court of Appeal and appointed three civil litigators and a court commissioner to the Superior Court Friday.

Aronson, 51, was appointed to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Div. Three.

Davis also named Cormac Carney, James Di Cesare, and Kirk Nakamura as judges to the Orange Superior Court and Alameda Superior Court Commissioner Kenneth Norman to the Alameda Superior Court.

Appointed to the Superior Court by then-Gov. Pete Wilson in 1996, Aronson has been serving on the Court of Appeal as a Justice Pro Tempore since last October. His selection fills the vacancy in one of two new positions in the Fourth Appellate District created by a senate bill which went into effect Jan. 1. There is also a vacancy in the district because of the retirement of Justice Thomas Crosby on June 1.

While on the bench as both a judge and a court commissioner, a post he held for seven years, Aronson has handled criminal, civil, and family law cases.

Before coming to the Superior Court, Aronson worked as a prosecutor for the San Bernardino District Attorney's office and as a deputy public defender in Orange County.

He also served as the lead staff attorney for Court of Appeal Justice Sheila Sonenshine.

Aronson earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of San Diego.

He will receive a salary of $152,260.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

Nakamura, 46, is a partner in the Santa Ana law firm of Beam, Brobeck, West & Sullivan, where he focuses on defense of construction, personal injury and insurance coverage disputes.

For the past 10 years Nakamura has served as a judge pro tempore in small claims and traffic cases.

A former president of both the Orange County Japanese Lawyers Association and the Orange County Asian American Bar Association, Nakamura is a member of the Orange County Bar Association Board of Directors.

He is also a member of the Yorba Linda City Planning Commission and the board of directors of the Southeast Los Angeles/ North Orange County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Nakamura received his undergraduate degree from Duke Law School and his law degree from Pepperdine Law School.

He will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jack Mandel.

A court commissioner for the past eight years, Norman, 48, has been assigned to Juvenile Court where he presides over dependency and delinquency cases.

He has also presided over felony preliminary hearings and misdemeanor arguments and trials.

Before becoming a court commissioner, Norman served in the Marines for four years where he was a platoon commander and a battalion legal officer, rising to the rank of first lieutenant.

He is a member of the California Judges Association and the Charles Houston Bar Association and is on the board of the California Court Commissioners Association.

Norman received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and his law degree from Hastings Law School.

Superior Court judges receive a salary of $133,051.

By KIMBERLY EDDS
Staff Writer
In the military

During a recent six-month deployment mission to the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Layne R. Swartz of Bethesda and her shipmates visited the port of Hobart in Tasmania.

During their stay in the land Down Under, crew members of the Abraham Lincoln toured the island. Some entertained the citizens of Hobart as the ship’s band played a town mall and the Abraham Lincoln Clown Troupe entertained at a local children’s home, hospital and the Cadbury Chocolate Factory.

Based on the West Coast, the Abraham Lincoln and carriers like it are deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and deter potential aggressors. Equipped with versatile and powerful weapons, the aircraft carrier is able to provide rapid response in times of crisis.

Navy Ensign Stephen G. Sandoval of Rockville completed Officer Candidate School earlier this year from the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., and received his commission as a naval officer.

In 13 weeks Sandoval completed a demanding physical fitness program and received training in navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management.

He is a 1990 graduate of the State University of New York, where he received a bachelor’s degree. In 1998, Sandoval earned a law degree in California from the University of San Diego.
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INDEPENDENT & UNDECLARED 3,550
MAYOR Albert Yodakis
PARTY BREAKDOWN All Republicans
VOTER TURNOUT 2000 66%
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE 2001 25.5 per $100 of assessed value
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TOTAL TAX RATE 2001* $2.380 per $100 of assessed value
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TAX PAID ON A HOME ASSESSED AT $400,000 $9,520

*The overall rate - rounded to nearest cent - includes the municipal rate, school tax rate, county tax rate and applicable library and fire district rates.

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TOP 3 ISSUES & SOLUTIONS
1. ZONING — "I think No. 1 is zoning - maintaining the zoning we have in town to keep the character of Colts Neck. I think we need more enforcement and adherence to the zoning regulations."
2. CHILDREN — "The next most important thing to me is the children and community - trying to give our children the best possible education and develop them through sports and other activities." Keep taxes down while trying to provide the best for the children. "One of the things I'd like to look at more is how the state could possibly help with the taxes."
3. FARMLAND — "Preserving the farmland and open space with responsible use of the land. "We've been talking about a Right-to-Farm Act and the problem is what are considered farming activities." Define farming activities and possibly limit farm sizes for certain activities on that land.

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USD Nursing Program Gets Funds

The University of San Diego received $205,931 for its nursing program from Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson. More than $27.4 million in grants and contracts were given to 82 colleges, universities and other organizations to increase the number of nurses with bachelor's and advanced degrees, help diversify the nurse work force and prepare more nurses to work in public health leadership roles. Also, $7.3 million will go to repay educational loans of clinical care nurses who agree to work for two years in public or nonprofit health facilities facing a critical shortage of nurses.

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USD's New Nursing Program

University of San Diego is starting a nursing master's program open to professionals in other career fields. The Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation gave USD's nursing school a $300,000 grant for the program. The master's entry program in nursing is expected to admit 30 students the first year, which will begin in June. To be admitted, entrants must have a non-nursing bachelor's degree from an accredited school. Source Code: 20011030tk
In a bid to ease the nationwide shortage of nurses, the federal Department of Health and Human Services awarded a total of $27.4 million in grants to 82 colleges, universities and other organizations to increase training opportunities. In California, the agency awarded $234,435 to Charles R. Drew University of Medicine in Los Angeles; $254,732 to Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park; $205,931 to the University of San Diego; and two grants totaling $570,283 to the University of San Francisco.
INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
The world talks to Joyce Neu.

Poland spoke up when she visited as a Fulbright lecturer.

The Sudan, Bosnia and Burma chimed in when Neu was the Jimmy Carter Center's associate director.

The conversation continues at USD, where Neu leads the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice.

Recently, she heard from Burundi.

E-mail came from a peace activist who is half Hutu, half Tutsi and entirely endangered. Assassins from both ethnic groups seek her. Her children are far away, in hiding.

Naturally, Neu's correspondent was worried.

"About us."

"This is to express my deepest sympathy to you and yours, at the horrible tragedy that befell America. I personally feel concerned, and I am mourning with you, and praying the Almighty God our Maker to give us enough strength for quick recovery."

"Neu was touched — and reminded of the power of communication."

"Would she talk to anyone? Even terrorists?"

"Oh, yes," she said. "Because what is the alternative? You are going to kill them all."

"Doing the work"

"Lately, of course, a heartsick and angry nation has been talking war. Sitting in Neu's half-decorated office four days after she moved in, I wondered aloud about her timing.

After Sept. 11, 2001, does anyone want to hear about peace?

"I think the institute's agenda is a very timely one," she replied.

"If what we are seeking is justice for what happened to all those innocent people, we need to seek a process that we can be proud of, that shows how great a people we are."
Teachers of peace press on despite terrorists' assaults

By Mary Beth Marklein
USA Today

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — While the atrocities of Sept. 11 forced many educators to set aside their scheduled lessons and focus on more pressing matters, the events had little effect on Colman McCarthy's honors course, "Alternatives to Violence," this semester at the University of Maryland — except to underscore in a most horrific way the reason behind his tireless mission to teach people about peace.

For Mr. McCarthy, violence has always been an urgent matter. Shocked but not surprised by the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, he has been arguing for two decades that violence leads only to more violence. While he knows his ideas are viewed by some as unforgivably unpatriotic, he reserves his strongest criticism for the U.S. government. "I doubt if you can find another nation on the planet that is as violent, he tells his students.

A journalist, pacifist and teacher, Mr. McCarthy estimates that about 5,000 high school and college students have taken his courses in the 19 years since he founded the Center for Teaching Peace, a nonprofit organization he runs out of his home in Washington, D.C. But his is just one voice in a long, unfolding struggle to bring peace education into schools and colleges.

The first such program was established in 1948 at the faith-based Manchester College in Indiana. As an academic discipline, peace-studies courses have been criticized by many social scientists over the years as lacking rigor. But they also have significant support, evidenced most recently by a $25 million gift from philanthropist Joan Kroc to the University of San Diego to create its Institute for Peace and Justice.

Peace studies growing

Today, peace-studies courses and programs — which address everything from domestic violence and animal rights to nuclear disarmament and global security — have sprung up in at least 200 U.S. colleges and universities, and as many as 600 worldwide, according to various college-based peace education sources.

Now, with polls showing 90 percent or more Americans backing the use of military force in Afghanistan, many peace educators are painfully aware that they're still at the bottom of what promises to be a long, uphill climb.

Though discouraged, most peace-studies experts remain persistent and patient.

"Responding militarily is something that historically we've done, so people think it makes sense," says Kathleen Maas Weigert, director of the Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching and Service at Georgetown University. "That's why voices of peace studies that say 'let's evaluate the tradition' have to be stronger."

In his classes, Mr. McCarthy presents pacifist alternatives to violence. Readings and discussion center on the philosophies of Mohandas Gandhi, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and lesser-known peacemakers who have used nonviolence to effect social change.

"Studying nonviolence is not for the faint or weak of heart," Mr. McCarthy warns students in the introduction to a book of readings he compiled for the class. "The effort to develop a philosophy of nonviolent force demands strength from the intellect, patience from the chance to speak — has been spared the wrath felt by faculty elsewhere who have spoken out against President Bush or the U.S. military response to the attacks.

During a recent class session, for example, senior Matthew Cohen and other students argued that some of Mr. McCarthy's ideas — relying on wits to deflect a mugger, for example — are risky, even dangerous. "I try to keep an open mind," Mr. Cohen said shortly after the class. But "sometimes I think the solution is violence."

Peace isn't easy road

He urges students to apply the lessons of peace to their lives now. His students have volunteered in soup kitchens and gone on to join the Peace Corps. One, who makes documentaries about peacemakers, recently sent Mr. McCarthy a complete set of the works of Gandhi.

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GROUPS

ating Resilient Kids Oct. 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Coronado. Mendes will discuss raising children who can bounce back from loss, setbacks and disappointments. For info, call (619) 435-3167.

Thomas Merton Society
The San Diego Thomas Merton Society gathers at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Brigid Parish, Pacific Beach in room 3-B of the parish center. Join us for a light dinner and lively discussion of the works of this 20th century spiritual master. For info, call Pat Hulburt at (858) 490-0507.

Vocations Prayer
• A group gathers every second Saturday to pray for priests and priestly vocations. For info, call Pat Birkeble at (858) 278-5497.
• The Serra Club prays a rosary for vocations every Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick’s Church, Carlsbad.

Institute for Peace and Justice
The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice will host its first open house for the San Diego community in the new building Oct. 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. RSVP at (619) 260-7509.

Card Parties
• The Ladies’ Guild at Mary, Star of the Sea Church, La Jolla, will have a Halloween luncheon card party Oct. 26 at noon in the parish hall. Donation is $10 and includes a light lunch. For info, call Paddy Hendricks at (858) 454-6954.
• Catholic Daughters of America will hold its annual Halloween card party and luncheon Oct. 27 at St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For reservations, call Marge at (619) 465-9575 or Pat at (619) 479-4404.
• Help raise money for local seminarians while enjoying an afternoon playing cards. The Young Ladies Institute is having its annual Seminary Burse Card Party Nov. 10 at noon at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall. $6 per corner includes hot lunch. RSVP to (619) 469-6203 or (858) 292-1859.

Women of Wisdom
Women of Wisdom will hold its prayer breakfast Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Pius X, Jamul. Shirley Philadelphia MPC, MA will speak on “Learning to Listen to God.” $10 donation at door. For info, call Cyndi at (619) 593-4250 or Lorrie at (619) 669-0682.
Downtown El Cajon Gets Award

Downtown El Cajon Inc. has received the Individual Revitalization Achievement/Economic Restructuring award from the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency. The award was part of the Governor’s Main Street Awards for Excellence made during the California Revitalization Conference earlier this month in Sacramento. The awards are given to city leaders and communities for making significant progress in revitalizing their historic downtowns or older neighborhood business districts.

The award was for a $25,000 grant that Downtown El Cajon got from the San Diego Foundation to support immigrant and refugee women of Chaldean, Kurdish and Latin American descent in renovating a small house in the downtown area as a health department-certified International Women’s Kitchen. The women use the facility to prepare specialty foods to sell at a farmer’s market and special events. The house will also have child care, meeting space and an office. The enterprise will also teach business management skills and help achieve economic independence.

Del Mar School Completed

The Del Mar Union School District and its construction manager Douglas E. Barnhart Inc. have completed reconstruction of the Del Mar Hills Elementary School. The $3.5 million fast-track project included technology and structure upgrades and was designed by Roesling Nakamura Architects.

The project consisted of complete interior demolition, removal of lead paint and asbestos, new interior walls, a complete electrical upgrade and new HVAC systems, including ductwork and air delivery. Seven ADA-compliant bathrooms were added.

Fitness At The Campus

Maggetti Elam provided space planning, construction documents, permitting and construction administration for the 24 Hour Fitness at The Campus at 5964 La Place Court in Carlsbad. Cynthia Islryme of Maggetti Elam was project manager on the approximately 48,900-square-foot project.

Roel Construction was the general contractor. Penttiss Properties is the building owner and manager.

Finishing Touches

Wieber Nelson Design Inc. has completed design of a sign program for the Joan Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice on the University of San Diego campus. The sign program incorporates the Spanish Renaissance theme of the building and campus with cast concrete, wrought iron and terra cotta tiles.

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OTHER USD RELATED NEWS
This vacuum at the top is rare indeed, if not unprecedented, in the 26-year history of this popular program, which is organized by an army of volunteers from six or seven professional design organizations.

"Thin" nominations can mean many things, including multiple nominations or ones based on personal grudges. But to get a "thin" response, especially during a building boom, is unusual for the program, which other cities have copied.

In this case, thin spells trouble for Orchids & Onions and, more important, for those of us who live here and want to see it change for the better in these unpredictable economic times. One way to participate in our own destiny is to use Orchid & Onion votes as a tool. Politicians, developers and institutions cherish their Orchids, and cringe when hit with Onions.

Not integrated

One sign of weakness — and a departure from previous years' winners — is that this group is dominated by projects or plans cited for only one design component or dimension, such as landscape architecture, rather than an integrated whole involving, say, landscape architecture, architecture, interior design and lighting. Single-category winners don't add up to Grand Orchids or Grand Onions.

Only two of this year's winners received thumbs up or thumbs down in more than one category, and of those, the San Diego Museum of Art's 75-year-old rotunda was tossed an Orchid for historic preservation and an Onion for lighting. And the jury hurled a well-aimed, two-pronged Onion at Costa Verde Village in UTC for architecture and urban planning.

This isn't to say most of the 15 Orchids and 10 Onions awarded to 23 projects in all and three blossoming "Bulbs in da 'Hood" winners announced Thursday evening don't merit attention and should be cast onto a compost heap.

Nor is it meant to diminish the efforts of the many people who managed to bring these Orchids into fruition. One of the "Bulbs," South Bark Dog Wash in San Diego's South Park neighborhood, deserves a full-fledged Orchid for respectfully rehabbing a distinctive 1951 building and creating a parklike setting for dogs and people.

Among the Orchids, you'll find stunning beauties such as the art museum's revitalized rotunda and a richly textured swath of flowering plants and palms along Leucadia Boulevard in Encinitas.

For the second year in a row, Nokia received an Orchid. Last year Nokia was showered with honors for a new building at its San Diego campus, which overlooks Interstate 15. This time the interior of a second recently completed building caught the Orchid. Sleekly handsome throughout and whimsical in spots, the building's interior design sets a thoughtful new standard for corporate interiors.

Seven wonders

Nob is this year's bunch without its real stinkers, hefty Onions that deserve to be sliced and diced without further ado. A fascinatingly bizarre eyesore in Chula Vista, El Primero Hotel, is so cluttered with symbols, unrelated decorative elements and strange color combos that it qualifies for the Seven Wonders of the Onion World.

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The San Diego Unified Port District carried off two Orchids that reflect an openness to public opinion and involvement that this once ironclad agency developed only recently. Evidence can be seen in the colorful, ocean-themed banners now flying from light poles at the airport parking lots (an Orchid for public art).

The port district also received an Orchid for its elaborate, expensive program to retrofit and insulate houses near the airport to diminish airplane noise. Many stately homes in the historic Loma Portal neighborhood are included. This Orchid applauds the port's decision to alter these houses in ways that won't affect their architectural character, unlike the port's earlier plan to install vinyl or metal window frames where wood was originally used.

Historic preservation advocates who helped the port come around to this fine plan deserve to share this Orchid, and Nyle Marmion, the port's Quieter Home project manager, agrees. Among them are Pat Rickon, a community leader and Loma Portal property owner who first called the port's attention to the problem, and the city of San Diego's Historical Resources Board, which also appealed the case to port officials.

Several awards seem misguided. Joyce Cutler-Shaw's site-specific sculpture at Stonecrest, a new housing development just north of Mission Valley off I-15, doesn't deserve the Onion this jury gave it. Though its all-black, wiry silhouettes scared this jury, it can be read (literally) as a poetic narrative and guide to local birds.

Looking good on the University of San Diego campus is the 1-year-old Jenny Craig Pavilion, a lively sports and fitness center that echoes the historic-revival campus architecture. It received an Orchid for architecture. Tom Coffin/University of San Diego
The wild grasses and bushy landscaping that envelop the tall, cagelike sculptures are integral to the artist's intent. Though the jury criticized this vegetation for clashing with the otherwise manicured green spaces, it provides natural habitat, protective cover and berries that will attract birds and small animals to a mesa they once roamed freely.

And about that Orchid to San Diego State University for a parking structure with track and field facilities on the roof: This Orchid is for planning and urban design because, although this project covers an enormous amount of land, it makes good use of a sloped site by tucking two parking levels (with a total of 1,480 parking spaces) into a hillside and using the roof.

But to say, as this jury did, that this hulking white structure trimmed in Aztec red is "a nice addition to the neighborhood" and provides an attractive campus entrance totally ignores its overwhelming scale and bulky, looming facades. (Note to campus security and architect from a recent visitor: This cavernous garage could use more than the single security phone located at one end of each enormous floor of the parking deck. Please replace burned out overhead lights, too.)

The solution to this year's "thin" pickings for Orchids and Onions is easy, but it depends on you. You no longer need to wait for paper ballots to be distributed in early summer. Now, anyone with Internet access can nominate an Orchid or Onion throughout the year (private residences are off-limits).

Log onto www.gather.com, click on Orchids & Onions, and fire away. Or call (619) 232-0109 for information.

Help make next year's Orchids & Onions program something to talk about and ponder. As a result, you might even see some positive changes take shape where you live, work or go to school.
And the winners are...

Here is the complete list of 2001 Orchids & Onions winners and three promising Bulbs in da 'Hood. All design firms are in San Diego County unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.gather.com or call (619) 232-0109.

**Orchids**

- **Cielo** (Rancho Santa Fe planned community); for landscape architecture. Presented to: Rancho Cielo Estates Ltd. Landscape architecture: Burton Associates.
- **Coastal Rail-Trail Project**, San Diego Northern Railway right-of-way conversion for recreational use; for planning and urban design. Presented to: Public Agency Coastal Rail Trail Committee (11 agencies). Planning and urban design: Chapin Land Management, Wallace Roberts & Todd and 11 other firms.
- **Leucadia Boulevard scenic corridor**; for landscape architecture. Presented to: City of Encinitas. Landscape architecture: Nowell + Associates.
- **Quieter Home Program** for historic homes near San Diego International Airport; for environmental solutions. Presented to: San Diego Unified Port District. Engineering and design: C & S Engineers and Joseph Wong Design Associates.
- **St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral**, 2728 Sixth Ave., San Diego; for historic preservation. Presented to: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Historic preservation and renovation: Voorhees Design, Huntington Beach; and Bissell Architects, Newport Beach.
- **SDSU Aztrack/Parking Facility No. 5**, San Diego State University, 55th Street north of Montezuma Road, San Diego; for planning and urban design. Presented to: San Diego State University. Planning and urban design: Walker Parking Consultants with The Stickler Group.
- **Turpin and Rattan Engineering office**, 4719 Palm Ave., La Mesa; for interior design. Presented to: Turpin and Rattan Engineering. Interior design: Manuel Oncina Architects.

**SPLIT DECISION — One Orchid, One Onion**


**Onions**

- **College Grove Center asphalt medians**, San Diego; for landscape architecture. Presented to: City of San Diego.
- **Columbia and Elm Lofts**, 1805 Columbia St., San Diego; for architecture. Presented to: Siry Investments. Architecture: James Engelke.

- **El Primero Hotel**, 416 Third Ave., Chula Vista; for historic preservation. Presented to: Name unavailable.
- **Video Outlet by F Street**, 1202 University Ave., San Diego; for signage. Presented to: Name unavailable.

**Bulbs in da 'Hood**

- **Clairemont Family Farms** (design changed since jury visited), 3090 Mount Acadia Blvd., San Diego. Presented to: Sal Hanaif. Design: Name unavailable.

— CAROLINE DIPPING AND ANN JARMUSCH
Curriculums shifting to address students’ questions about war

By KATIE MENZER and JOSHUA BENTON
Staff Writers

Adam Cislo asked only one question in his fifth-grade social studies class Monday: "I would say the big question is: 'Is this the start of World War III?'"

Nancy Morrison, a history teacher at Glen Oaks Elementary in McKinney, fielded several other difficult questions. For many, she had no good answer.

"I don't know, Adam," the 28-year veteran teacher said gently. "I really don't think anyone knows yet."

Children struggling to understand the jarring events of the world often turn to their teachers for guidance and understanding. On Monday, teachers tried to explain why bombs were falling.

"Because we are social studies teachers, we are on the front lines of answering questions," said David Winther, world history teacher at Duncanville High School. "They have a lot of concerns. They are worried about being attacked. They are afraid."

Since the attacks, Mr. Winther said, he usually begins his 10th-grade classes with a discussion of new developments. They have talked about religion, foreign governments, and other subjects that rarely came up in class before.

"You just take one day a time and address the situation," he said.

The words "curriculum" and "current events" come from the same Latin root, so it's not surprising that the day's news would figure prominently in what teachers teach. The latest developments, however, posed a new challenge.

While the events of Sept. 11 had teachers working mostly to counsel students, the offensive in Afghanistan offered different challenges.

"It's different in the way the teacher approaches it," said Edward DeRoeche, a professor of education at the University of San Diego who has written extensively about how current events intersect with curricula. "Now there's even more of a need for historical perspective, for talking about what happened in the 1930s with Hitler, for talking about fairness and justice. It's a series of teachable moments."

In McKinney, Ms. Morrison suspended her fifth-graders' study...
Teaching history as it happens

Continued from Page 19A

ies of early colonial life in America to answer questions and allay fears about events after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Although Ms. Morrison has been answering students' queries individually since Sept. 11, Monday was the first day she brought her students together to discuss the recent events in depth.

"I've had several come in today and say 'My mom or dad said we were at war,'" Ms. Morrison said. "Some of them are afraid that out of the night sky are going to come these bombs to blow them and their families away."

During Ms. Morrison's class, students asked myriad questions, from why terrorists chose the World Trade Center as a target to whether the tap water at home is safe to drink. Tori Ricketts, 10, expressed concern over the conditions of people living in Afghanistan.

"Are they allowed to leave?" Tori asked solemnly during a discussion of recent Afghan history.

"No, not really," Ms. Morrison responded.

Ms. Morrison — who spent last week decorating the fifth-grade hallways with pictures of flags and other patriotic symbols — said this is the first time in her career that students have expressed real fear for their safety.

She said she has tried to answer questions with candor while making students feel secure in their school and at home.

"Where is America?" Ms. Morrison asked her students, many of whom then pointed to a world map hanging on the wall.

"It's right here," continued Ms. Morrison, shaking her head and placing her hand over her heart. "It's in our hearts. It's an idea, and you can't kill that."

Dr. DeRoche said that patriotism had fallen out of vogue in recent decades.

"If you asked school leaders what the top values of their schools were, patriotism wouldn't have been on that list. But now it is again."

Ms. Morrison concluded the afternoon class by playing the national anthem for the children. They each stood up from their chairs, faced a flag hanging above one blackboard, and cupped their small hands over their hearts.

"They're living this history," Ms. Morrison said. "If this is what they're worried about, if this is what they want to talk about, then this has to be the curriculum for the day."

Staff writer Donna Wisdom contributed to this report.
Good Morning
WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Today

• ART: Handmade paper and leaves are the stuff of "Detritus," an exhibition of handmade books by Mary Ellen Long. The artist will be at the opening reception of the exhibition from 3 to 5 p.m. today in the Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. In fact, you can watch her construct a new book, which will become part of the collection of the school's Mandeville Special Collections Library. Admission is free. The show continues through Nov. 11 in the Geisel Library. Call (858) 534-0964.

• TEJANO: The McKeon Center at San Luis Rey Mission in Oceanside will be transformed into a "Little Bit of Texas" with the presentation of the Tejano Sounds of Chalito y los Traviesos. This group will be performing to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and to benefit the Tejano Music Association Scholarship fund, which helps students with funds to continue their studies in the arts. Tickets are $20 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m., music from 7 to 11 p.m. For more information, call (760) 721-8962.

• SCIENCE FESTIVAL: Middle-school girls are invited to attend the San Diego Science Festival, sponsored by the Sally Ride Science Club at the University of San Diego. Former astronaut Sally Ride will give the keynote address. Also planned are science, math and technology workshops for girls, parents and educators. Two sessions will be held, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. today at the Shiley Auditorium. Registration is $10. (858) 638-0960.

• BLUES: Like Charlie Parker and Hank Williams, Muddy Waters is a vital American music icon whose legacy still shines sunshine-bright. He helped shape and define the hard-driving, electric-guitar-driven Chicago blues style that laid the foundation for much of rock 'n' roll. Waters, who died in 1983, will be saluted tonight at 7:30 at the East County Performing Arts Center, 210, E. Main St., El Cajon, by the Muddy Waters Tribute Band. Tickets are $18 to $33; (619) 440-2277.
Astronaut Sally Ride Launches National Science Club

Festival Focuses Spotlight On Women in Science

NATASHA LEE
Staff Writer

Middle school girls will have the opportunity to learn about science first hand, from former astronaut Sally Ride at the San Diego Science Festival Oct. 6 on the University of San Diego campus.

Ride, the first American woman in space, will address an expected 600 attendees on the importance of girls pursuing their interests in the field of science.

The community festival is just one of many held throughout the nation that will feature over 20 different discovery workshops and booths sponsored by area organizations including Legoland, San Diego Aerospace Museum, Birch Aquarium at Scripps and the San Diego Museum of Man.

Girls will have the opportunity to interact with female scientists and learn about fields ranging from forensic science to oceanography.

"It's a good family day and very valuable for parents as well," said Toni DiMartino, director of public relations for the festival.

There are even workshops for parents on issues such as gender equality and college education.

The mission of the festival is to spark interest and curiosity about math, science and technology, fields that haven't always been popular career choices among women.

A report released by the Congressional Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering and Technology Development, said that women make up only 19 percent of the science, engineering and technology work force.

According to the commission, this lack of interest, seen beginning in 12-year-old girls, seems to accelerate as they grow older.

An absence of female scientist role models and the media portrayals of scientists as male nerds or socially inept, are reasons for the minimal interest, the commission stated.

The festival is also the kick-off event to promote the Sally Ride Science Club, an organization recently launched by Ride to promote science education among sixth to eighth grade girls.

"Sally's always been dedicated to science education and she wanted to create something that would attract them (young girls) to something...and to help maintain their early interest in science," she said.

The national science club, which started earlier this month, is available via Web site www.imaginarylinesinc.com.

Registered members receive monthly newsletters, can chat with astronauts and participate in design and invention contests.

For further information, please call (858) 638-0960.

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The Sally Ride Science Club

Did you know that in elementary school, roughly the same number of girls and boys are interested in science and math? But beginning in about sixth grade, more girls than boys drift away from these subjects. One consequence of this leaky pipeline is that women remain underrepresented in most technical professions—while our nation's need for scientists and engineers remains unmet. Fueled by her passion for science, former astronaut Sally Ride has created the first national club dedicated to supporting girls in their exploration of the exciting universe of science and technology.

The mission of the Sally Ride Science Club is to keep middle school girls engaged in science adventures by connecting them to people, information, and attitudes that will nurture their relationship with science at a critical time in their lives and encourage them to reach for the stars! The club will host its first community science festival, which provides a way for these connections to be made on the local level, on Saturday, October 6, on the University of San Diego campus.

The San Diego Science Festival for middle school girls (and their parents and teachers as well) is presented in association with the University of San Diego and is sponsored by International Rectifier, the oldest dedicated semiconductor manufacturer in the world, which is headquartered in El Segundo, Calif. The festival will feature two identical half-day sessions.
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- **The Armed Services YMCA** — a non-profit organization that provides recreational, educational and social support for military junior enlisted personnel and their families.

- **The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society** — a private, non-profit volunteer services organization whose mission is to provide financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Navy services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors in need.

- **The USO** — a private non-profit organization that brings together community resources to provide service men and women, and their families, a variety of basic health, travel and entertainment services.

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Good Morning
WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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When Hawaiian schoolteacher Shelly Mecum and her camera-toting students went on a one-day quest for God, they ended up saving their school.

By Lisa Benoit

THREE YEARS AGO, in a remote area on the island of Oahu once covered with sugarcane fields, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Ewa Beach was preparing to close its doors forever. With growing debts and a dwindling enrollment, the future of the small Catholic grade school seemed hopeless. Then came Shelly Mecum.

Sparked by unflappable faith and a deep love for her students, the thin, blonde, 33-year-old fourth-grade teacher envisioned a simple and totally original rescue mission—in one day, she would send all her students out on a “search to find God.” Armed with cameras, notebooks and pencils, they would record their experiences and put them all into a book. They would sell their creation and use the profits to save the school.

Little did Shelly know that her God-inspired dream would explode into a project that would touch the hearts of business leaders, national media personalities, best-selling book agents and authors, and international publishing houses.

“We’ve had extraordinary help from people who wanted the school to succeed and wanted to be a part of it,” Shelly says, looking back. “This was not done by one hand; this was done by a thousand hands.”

An Inspiration to Save the School

Fresh from living nine years in Japan with her Navy husband, Bill, and her...
two sons, John and Joseph, Shelly was on staff only two months when she learned during a faculty meeting that the school would be closing. Heartsick, she was determined to find a way to prevent the school from closing and she knew God held the key.

Shelly says that God answered her one day while she was reading her students' writing. "It was like a thunderbolt from heaven," she remembers. "I saw the entire book."

The next day, she approached her principal, Dennis Sasaki, with the idea. Cautiously, he agreed to let her go forward.

Sasaki recalls the start of the project: "Shelly told the children, 'You can be dreamers and you can write. And to prove that, we are going to write a book and we are going to save this school from closing.'"

An Idea Takes Form
From that small seed, the project grew into a concrete plan. The school's 168 students, plus 130 family, faculty and parish members, would board 14 buses traveling to points all over the island on a quest for God. They would take pictures of God and write about it in their notebooks.

To fund the project, Shelly knew she would have to find a "secular" angle to attract donations and media attention. She decided to leave that detail up to God, and one day she awoke with the idea of "literacy."

Armed with literacy as her selling
point, Shelly convinced a local publishing house to take on the project. The publisher sent professional photographers to train the students and Shelly helped them polish their writing skills through writing assignments.

The school set a project date—April 23, 1998—and hoped for the best. "Without the day, there is no book," Shelly says.

**Counting on the Generosity of Others**

Still, a ton of logistics had to be addressed. She had to figure out how she was going to equip 300 people with cameras and notebooks and transport them to and from a wide variety of God-inspired picturesque destinations in one day. She contacted businesses all over Oahu to ask for help. Their generosity overwhelmed her.

Companies offered helicopters, submarines, glass-bottom boats and trolleys to carry the students all over the island.

Her confidence bolstered, Shelly, with the help of the school staff, started phoning national television shows to promote the book before a single picture was taken. They called Nightline, The Oprah Winfrey Show and The Rosie O'Donnell Show. Nightline contacted the local network affiliate to cover the event and the Oprah and Rosie shows expressed interest in a possible future guest appearance.

The day was fast approaching and Shelly still had no cameras. In desperation, she called Fuji headquarters in Japan. The assistant to the president, Dustin Tomonoh, answered. He immediately had his Hawaii distributors send 300 Fuji Quicksnap disposable cameras to the school. He also guaranteed the photo processing.

"I was very impressed," Tomonoh says of Shelly Mecum. "She was very enthusiastic and had a dream.

Obtaining 14 free luxury motorcoaches was in itself a miracle, but they were finally procured a mere six days before the special day.

**Help From God**

From the beginning and all through the project, Shelly felt that the help she needed most would be from the very person the students would be seeking. She asked her friends and family and anyone she met to pray for the project.

"She knows that this whole project and her life is guided by God," Sasaki says. "Anything that she does, any venture or project, she asks individuals to pray.

Shelly called the Carmelites Sisters on Oahu. She even phoned Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Motherhouse in India and spoke directly to the superior, Sister Nirmala, to ask for prayers. Sister Nirmala assured her that she would have members of the order across the globe praying that her children would find God that day.

Finally the day arrived and the weather was beautiful. At 8 a.m., equipped with their disposable cameras, notebooks, pens and pencils, Shelly's students, their families and parish members boarded 14 motorcoach tour buses destined for spots scattered throughout Oahu. Hazel Ibarra, 11, boarded a bus with her parents, Nestor and Myrna, her sister, Jennifer, and her three-year-old brother, Joshua.

Her father recalled with a chuckle how it had turned into a family affair. "My boss came to me and said, 'There is a voice on my answering machine asking if your daddy could take off.' Hazel had never spoken on an answering machine before so she didn't leave her name or anything, but I knew it was my daughter."

Ibarra's employer let him go.

The project drew island-wide media attention and Honolulu newspaper photographers tagged along. They all searched for God at the shore, up in the mountains and in the forests. They scoured places where people gather and places where people were scarce. They visited historic sites, places of worship, seats of government, a former factory, fancy resorts, a famous cemetery and a popular restaurant.

At Punchbowl National Cemetery they witnessed a 21-gun salute. On the floor of the state legislature, a state representative had the lawmakers pause to pray for the group.

Some entered a submarine off the
coast of Waikiki to seek God among the coral reefs. Others searched for signs of the divine on the surface of the waves on a 48-foot yacht. For two hours on a glass-bottom boat in Kaneohe Bay, young photographers sought out angelfish and other obvious signs of God's presence.

They also found God in such unlikely places as a neighborhood park, tourist shops, a Navy destroyer and the Hard Rock Cafe.

Eight hours after the buses left the schoolyard, the students and their families returned happy, but exhausted, and reconvened in the school's field where they gathered in the shape of a heart for one last picture. A heart was the perfect symbol for the day's end.

All had found God that day, including parishioner Peggy Crowell. "I had never experienced seeing God as I had that day," says Crowell. "Ever since that day, I see him everywhere and in everything, especially in people. It is awesome."

**Taking the Next Step**
The next step was to go to press but, in talking with her local publisher, Shelly came to the heartbreaking realization that her big dreams could not be fulfilled with a locally based company. If indeed she wanted to pursue the national potential that seemed to be present in the renewed interest expressed by Oprah Winfrey and others, she would have to find a bigger publisher. It was a huge risk for an unknown author.

"There was no publisher, there was no agent, only this inner flame that God never let diminish," Shelly recalls. Just like the project itself, Shelly saw God's encouragement in signs all around her—a shooting star during her nightly prayers or a rainbow that lasted three hours.

**Encouragement to Move Forward**
For one year of uncertainty, she existed in what she called "the shadowlands." During this time, she believes, God sharpened her speaking abilities and strengthened her faith.

One of the people who came into her life at this time was Hawaii resident Wally Amos, literacy champion and former chocolate-chip cookie-maker. She decided to call him for advice after being inspired by his autobiography. "When I called him, I was at one of the lowest points and really nervous to call someone quite so famous," she says.

Her call was met with kindness. In fact, he called her five times that day. He encouraged her to follow her dreams and to look for a national publisher.

Amos told her, "Every 'no' is one step closer to a 'yes.' Anyone who can't see lacks vision. Dismiss them, they are not called."

**Bringing the Book to Life**
Renewed in spirit, Shelly began what would turn into two years devoted to the book, acting as its fund-raiser, marketer and indefatigable promoter.

Her persistence paid off at the Honolulu Literary Conference where she listened to a lecture by John Laudon, executive director of HarperSanFrancisco. He recommended that any author who wanted to be published should be able to describe his or her book in 30 seconds. Shelly left and practiced her book "pitch" in the bathroom until she had it down to half a minute. When Laudon made himself available to talk to authors, Shelly waited in line.

The meeting left an impression on Laudon. He encouraged Shelly to get an agent, so she introduced herself to literary agent Roger Jellinek. He was
instantly attracted to the book and charmed by Shelly's passion for the project.

"The idea is so simple, yet so universal," Jellinek says. "I'm not a particularly religious person, but I found myself looking to see where I could find God if I had a camera with me. It's just such a simple idea. I don't think it's just a book, I think it's a movement."

The day after the seminar, Shelly called Jellinek for a meeting. That day, he signed on as her agent.

After a few meetings, Shelly realized that she would have to write the book's narrative—a seemingly insurmountable task in her eyes. Encouraged by her husband, Bill, and aided by her parents, Richard and Jeannette Foco, Shelly decided to take a year off from teaching to concentrate on writing the book.

"I was really under the fantasy that all I had to do was type the notebooks and sort through the photos," Shelly says.

Jellinek wanted Shelly to think beyond the coffee-table picturebook she originally had in mind and include the uplifting story about the project itself. He believed the story leading up to the publication of the book was as interesting as the actual day of searching for God.

Armed with her boxes of photos and notebooks, Shelly began writing. Jellinek guided her through the process, confident in her abilities.

Shelly went through 4,000 pictures, distilling them down to 600 images. A neighbor helped her type the 300 journals.

In Search of a Publisher

After finishing the first few chapters, Shelly and Jellinek took the book to New York to look for a publisher. Shelly first stopped in San Francisco by herself for a meeting with HarperSanFrancisco. Gideon Weil, associate editor, remembers his staff being instantly enamored.

"She first came to our executive
director, John Laudon, and he looked at it and pretty much fell in love with it right away," Weil says. "It's such a sweet, inspiring story. He showed it to me and I agreed with him—I saw what he saw."

It was not only the book that impressed them, but Shelly herself. "She is so dynamic and passionate about the school, about the children and about the project that it didn't take much for us to get committed," Weil says, "and we acted pretty quickly."

After the meeting, Shelly continued on her way to New York to meet Jellinek. That day they received bids from Warner and other major book publishers.

The project seemed to impress everyone Shelly met, Jellinek says. "Shelly can describe this book in 30 seconds, five minutes or five hours—and she absolutely loves to do it."

Shelly eventually secured a deal with HarperSanFrancisco. On Ash Wednesday, she was given six weeks to finish the manuscript. She had the 40 days of Lent to write.

Few people knew the terror that filled her as she faced this task. Bill was off the island on deployment for the entire time.

To help out, Shelly's father flew in to stay with her during her son's Easter break while Shelly wrote. He kept her focused and strong. By Easter Sunday, the text was finished.

A Dream Fulfilled
The final result is an eight-inch square hardcover volume, with all 192 pages in color. The initial printing was 75,000 copies.

"I have published hundreds of books and I've had some best-sellers," Laudon says, adding that he has a "hunch" this will be another one.

Weil agrees. "The book is special—we have high hopes," he says. "It shows that God is everywhere; in the community and in their families. There are some surprising shots."

Shelly collected endorsements for God's Photo Album from more than 35 famous authors such as Jack Canfield, Madeleine L'Engle (A Wrinkle in Time), St. Anthony Messenger

and Richard Paul Evans (The Christmas Box). Wally Amos wrote the Foreword.

Shelly has set up a nonprofit corporation called "Shelly's Workshop" for the book's expected revenue. The book's six-figure contract will not only save the school, but also keep it open and educating children into perpetuity. Approximately 70 percent of the proceeds will go to the school to support new construction and other projects.

For the release of the book, Shelly arranged for her students again to board buses and planes to attend all the book signings in Hawaii.

A Continuing Adventure
For Shelly, the adventure continues. The first-time author has been cast into the world of keynote speaking. She has addressed several major conventions and is now a spokeswoman for the Hawaii Visitors Bureau for their national Aloha Tour to publicize the values of Hawaii.

She has been nominated for an achievement award by her alma mater, the University of San Diego.

Throughout this journey, Shelly discovered that her search for God demanded not only a notepad and camera but also an unwavering faith.

"This is what I learned—when you leap off that cliff in faith, that's the fastest way to learn to fly," Shelly says. "And if for some reason your wings do not materialize—and this is a quote from Wally Amos—'God always gives you a parachute.'

"And one more thing I learned is that there is absolutely nothing you can't do if the engine of it is love and if it is fueled by prayer and you let God drive."

God's Photo Album, by Shelly Mecum, is available for $23 at local bookstores. The inspirational book can also be ordered online from the publisher, Harper Collins, at www.harpercollins.com. St. Anthony Messenger

Lisa Benoit is a reporter and photographer for the Hawaii Catholic Herald. She was previously a reporter for the Denver Catholic Register, and has traveled to Guatemala, El Salvador, Burundi and Uganda to cover stories. ST. ANTHONY MESSENGER
Sue Haynie, Republican

Sue Haynie, of 7 Christopher Lane, is running for the Board of Education as a Republican.

As a mother of children who attend Norwalk's public schools and as an active member of the Wolfpit Elementary School PTO, Haynie believes that she will be able to make a difference on the Board of Education.

"I felt at some point that I needed to do this," she said.

Haynie is alarmed at the number of families in her neighborhood who have chosen not to send their children to Norwalk's public schools.

"I have 40 kids on my block who could have gone to (Wolfpit)," she said. "Only nine have."

Haynie thinks that changing this dynamic is one of the most important issues in this election.

"(We need to) restore the confidence in the educational system in Norwalk and give it a sense of urgency," she said.

Haynie said an important piece of that goal is a different plan for curricular development.

"A five year plan doesn't have a sense of urgency to it," Haynie said.

Throughout the campaign, Haynie has been supportive of the Core Knowledge curriculum that the Republicans wish to implement in schools, saying that the current curricular review is moving too slowly for children who are already in elementary schools. Core Knowledge, Haynie says, could be gradually implemented in schools for the first three years of the program. Professional development, she says, could begin in Spring.

Haynie is concerned that the current five-year plan is still reviewing curriculum and hasn't begun to change anything in the school system.

"Core Knowledge has goals," she said. "(Assistant superintendent John) Ramos doesn't know what his goals are yet."

Haynie thinks that by putting Core Knowledge into effect, the Board of Education would be able to bring back families who have chosen to send their children to private school.

"This is mass exodus," she said.

Haynie grew up in Nevada. She has lived in Norwalk for eight years with her husband, Kevin Daley, a real estate developer. Haynie, who has attended the University of San Diego and the University of Las Vegas and has her bachelor's in English from Charter Oak State College and an associate's degree in interior design from Parsons in New York.

She owns a real estate construction company, Signature Homes.Corp.

"I believe that I'm competent," she said. "I'm very goal oriented and I'm very tenacious."
Claire Forrest, 90; graduated from San Diego State at age 85

By Jack Williams
STAFF WRITER

Claire Forrest never outgrew her desire to learn, even if the student seated next to her could have been her grandchild.

At 85, Mrs. Forrest became one of the oldest graduates in San Diego State University history when she earned a bachelor's degree in recreational administration.

"I forget how old I am and think I'm their age most of the time," she told SDSU's Daily Aztec before receiving her degree in 1996.

Mrs. Forrest, a former beautician, seamstress and recreational therapist, died Oct. 7 at Scripps Memorial Hospital-La Jolla. She was 90.

She had been disabled by a heart attack suffered in October 1999, said daughter Beverley Forrest.

After several years of classes in various disciplines, with an emphasis on women's studies and recreational therapy, she decided she wanted to graduate. So she declared recreational administration her major and fulfilled the requirements for a bachelor's degree.

On graduation day at SDSU, five days after her 85th birthday, she was accorded a seat of honor on the stage of the Open Air Theater and addressed a gathering of nearly 9,000 graduates.

"Never too late to learn was her motto," her daughter said. "It was inscribed on a student recognition award she received from the House of Panama in Balboa Park."

Mrs. Forrest, a native of Panama City, Panama, emigrated to New York in 1946. She became a U.S. citizen in the 1950s.

A former beautician in Panama, she attended a trade school in New York to become a seamstress. Her desire to work with the disabled led to a position as a recreational therapist in Triboro Hospital in Queens, N.Y., where she taught patients to sew.

She left New York in 1975 to visit her daughter, then a University of San Diego law student. Enamored of the San Diego weather, she settled in Hillcrest and decided to return to school.

Although she never found work in San Diego in recreational therapy, she continued her education for the sake of learning. "Some think it's nonsense," she told the Daily Aztec. "But my more intelligent friends admire my energy and nerve to come back."

As a student, Mrs. Forrest found she had more in common with the younger generation than most of her contemporaries might have suspected.

"She developed friendships and attended weddings of younger students," her daughter said.

As a part of SDSU's program for 60-and-older students, Mrs. Forrest paid only $3 per semester for registration.

Her husband, Percy Forrest, died in the 1950s and she never remarried.

Survivors include her daughter, Beverley Forrest of New York City; son, Kirk Forrest of Tulsa, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church, San Diego.
ATHLETICS
Coach Ed Collins has his ticket for Fame ceremony on Friday at USD

By Jerry Magee
STAFF WRITER

Taking tennis lessons from Ed Collins wasn’t Dr. Arthur Hughes’ idea. It was his wife’s idea. Mixed doubles can be important in a marriage.

Then president of USD, at the invitation of The San Diego Union, Hughes had served as a judge of a scholarship competition sponsored by the newspaper. Later, Hughes was asked by the publication’s editors if he would accept a small gift.

“What he needs is some tennis lessons,” his wife responded, according to Hughes. Collins would be Hughes’ instructor. Pretty soon, Collins would be the men’s tennis coach at USD. While taking lessons, Hughes had perceived qualities in Collins that he felt would make him an effective coach at the college level.

“I had played a long time and developed every bad habit you can have,” Hughes said yesterday from his home in Flagstaff, Ariz. “I think Ed once referred to me as ‘the one unteachable person I’ve met.’ But I found him to be patient, nonconfrontative and a person working from the game’s basics.”

How perceptive Hughes was. On Friday evening at USD’s Jenny Craig Pavilion, Collins, the men’s coach at USD from 1978 through 1996, is to be formally admitted into the school’s Chet and Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame.

Basketball player Chris Enger and football player Matt Maslowski also are being honored.

Through Collins’ time at USD, his teams were 549-150 in dual meets, had 17 winning seasons and nine times were ranked in Division I’s top 25 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Championships, however, are not the best measure of Collins’ involvement in tennis. What he is as a person would be a better measure.

At Robb Field, where Collins currently is offering lessons, a little shed adjoins the courts. Inside it, on a “graffiti wall,” visitors have written of their experiences with Collins. Some of them: “This shed is nothing but net.” “Practice makes perfect. But if no one is perfect, why practice?” “If you’re not sweating, nothing’s wrong.” “I can’t bend my knees. Can I have my $40 back?”

Those last words refer to the title of Collins’ tennis primer, “Watch the Ball, Bend Your Knees, That’ll Be $40 Please.” It has a foreword by Billie Jean King, dozens of cartoons and much wisdom, including Collins’ definition of what tennis is: “Tennis is fun. It’s both slow and fast, constraining yet creative. Tennis is unique in that it is interactive: Players hit the same ball back and forth, rely on each other to make calls, keep score and retrieve balls. It’s both cooperative and competitive.”

Collins’ work, copyrighted in 1977, is in its fifth edition. From 1982 until last year, it was out of print. When Collins was encouraged to update it, he found the game had changed so much that he rewrote the entire text.

Tennis, clearly, is not something that Collins, 54, considers casually. He never was a champion player. His ambition growing up in Spring Valley as the son of a milkman was to become a high school Spanish teacher and high school tennis coach. He attended San Diego State, but did not play on the tennis team.

As a youth, he played baseball. His introduction to tennis came when a man who lived across the street from his parents’ home saw him practicing his throwing against a garage door and gave him a tennis racket.

“I started hitting against the garage door,” said Collins. “I would do it endlessly. For some reason, even when I was 12 years old and didn’t even know where a tennis court could be found, I knew that some day I would devote more time to it.”

At San Diego State, he earned a master’s degree. His thesis: “The Auxiliary Strokes of Tennis.” He then joined Dennis Van Der Meer’s teaching staff at Lake Tahoe, his thrust being to become a better teacher; then began teaching in this area.

To Collins, coaching college tennis was an all-encompassing thing. “It’s really a hard job,” he said. “You’re trying to make a team out of a bunch of self-absorbed kids who in many ways don’t know whether they’re coming or going. I felt it was all interrelated, that if they were better students they would be more successful in playing.”

As he approached 50, Collins said he made an accounting. “I was either going to do this (coach USD) for the rest of my career or do something more productive,” he said. “There’s a lot of administration involved in being a college coach; in fact, more time is spent in the office than on the court. I resented that time in the office.”

Recruiting was particularly difficult for Collins to accept. With some misgivings, he chose to leave the college tennis environment for a teaching position at Robb Field, a municipal facility. There, he gives 25 lessons weekly to persons he believes have a sincere interest in improving.
"It hasn't been the easiest transition," Collins said. "There are many things about coaching at USD that I miss. The routine, the people, the family atmosphere, from the gardeners over there to the athletic administration. Every day was filled with friendly faces. And then I miss the great challenge of coaching a team."

His days at Robb Field, though, fulfill him. "Every day is different here," he said. "USD is like some kind of a cocoon. All there is are tennis courts, the same people playing on them, a few gardeners walking around, it's tennis perfect. Here, it's noisy, you have to be careful of the sea gulls and there is not a day when something interesting doesn't happen."

And Hughes’ tennis? He had to give it up after losing muscle capacity in his right hand. "But I can fish," he said. "Today I caught three nice trout."

Jerry Magee can be reached at (619) 293-1830.

Ed Collins’ USD teams compiled a 349-150 record in dual meets, had 17 winning seasons and were ranked in Division I’s top 25 nine times by the ITA. Nadia Borowski Scott / Union-Tribune

USD Hall of Fame Inductions

What: USD's Chet and Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame

When: 6 p.m. reception and 7 p.m. dinner/program, Friday, Oct. 12


Inductees:

* Ed Collins, USD men’s tennis coach 1979-86

Christine Enger, USD women’s basketball player 1989-93: The 6-foot-4 center out of Vista High is the all-time Toreros leader in rebounding (831) and blocked shots (372). Enger is third on the all-time USD scoring list with 1,187 points and holds USD single-season records for rebounds (278 in 1992-93), rebound average (9.9, 1992-93), field-goal percentage (.580, 1989-90) and blocked shots (137, 1992-93). Enger holds the NCAA Division I record for career blocks per game with 3.88 and led the Toreros to their first NCAA Tournament berth in 1993.

Matthew Maslowski, USD football player 1969-70: Maslowski was the leading Toreros receiver in 1969 and 1970. Following college, he played five years in professional football. Maslowski played for the Los Angeles Rams and the Chicago Bears, as well as the Florida Blazers of the World Football League.
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- **USD HALL OF FAME:** USD will induct three into its Chet and Marquart Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 12. The new members are Ed Collins, the school’s men’s tennis coach for 18 years; women’s basketball player Chris Enger (1989-93); and Matt Maslowki, a football wide receiver (1969-70) who went on to play five years in the NFL, including a stint with the Los Angeles Rams. The Hall of Fame dinner will be held at the Jenny Craig Pavilion at 6 p.m. More information: (619) 260-5917.

- **PREP FOOTBALL:** Lincoln High running back Tank Cannon and Serra lineman Victor Varela were selected the most outstanding players of the Game of the Week by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.
Junior hitter Noel Frohman, with a 31-inch vertical leap, has the USD volleyball team setting its sights high.

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**Toreros are rising force in volleyball**

31-inch vertical jump has helped elevate USD junior Noel Frohman to the elite among NCAA Division I women's volleyball players.

"Noel easily touches 10 feet," said Jennifer Petrie, who is in her third year as Toreros head coach. "She is our go-to hitter. We set her balls in the front row and the back row and she finds different ways to terminate the ball."

Just call the 5-foot-11 Frohman the "Torero Terminator." "I like the one-on-one situation," Frohman said. "When I go up to put a ball away, I'm thinking it should not be dug at all. One shot, one point."

Frohman turned in a perfect performance, logging 19 kills in 34 attempts without committing a hitting error as USD upset then 20th-ranked Santa Clara 3-0 last month.

Perfect games in volleyball are comparable to hitting for the cycle in baseball. Doesn't happen very often.

"I really had no idea, because I don't check my stats," said Frohman, who went to high school Round Rock, Texas. "After everybody starting talking about it, I was kind of in shock."

Frohman has recorded more than 10 kills in every match for the Toreros (12-3), who are ranked No. 6 in the Pacific Region and tied with Pepperdine for the West Coast Conference lead. She stands second in the WCC with 235 kills — an average of 4.6 per game or 15.7 per match.

"Our offense is kind of built around Noel," said senior setter Ali Martin. "In tight situations we like to go to her. But everybody on our team is playing at a high level right now, so we don't have to go to her exclusively."

It's Martin's job to know. She is only the fifth player in USD history to dish out more than 2,000 career assists.

"Ali is our quarterback, who knows when and where to put the ball," Petrie said. "She is able to create, put our hitters in position to terminate. Most importantly, she evenly distributes the ball, so we have production from a lot of different players."

Senior Lindsey Lambert, an All-WCC selection last year, and junior Debra Robertson are the Toreros' middle blockers. The 6-foot-1 Lambert ranks third in the conference in blocks.

Another USD strength is a talented freshman cast led by Colorado High School Player of the Year Devon Forster, Canadian Junior National player Jo­celyne Roy and All-State performer Kristen Hurst from Bakersfield-Stockton.

The Toreros, who have won nine of their last 10, figure to qualify for the NCAA Tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

"At the beginning of the season, our goal was to make it to the Sweet 16," Martin said.

Considering USD has never advanced beyond the second round of postseason play, that would seem to be a realistic goal. And then there is this matter of the WCC championship.

"We were picked to finish in a tie for third in our conference's preseason poll," Petrie said. "We'd like to think we're better than that. We'll get a clearer idea of where we stand after next week when we play Loyola Marymount (Oct. 19) and Pepperdine (Oct. 20) at home (in the Jenny Craig Pavilion)."

### Notes

- The UCSD men's water polo team, 0-33 against USC before upsetting the Trojans 9-8 in last year's Final Four, proved it was no fluke when the Tritons (11-1) beat the No. 2-ranked Trojans again last week 7-3.

- Freshman Jonathan Hopkins (Coronado High) and seniors Brett Allan (Poway High) and Jonathan Samuels are the Tritons' top scorers with 71 goals and 282 points among them.

- Surprising Mesa CC (4-1), making its strongest bid for a postseason bowl game in more than a decade, hosts Antelope Valley (4-1) in a key Foothill Conference football game tomorrow at 3 ... Grossmont CC (4-0), ranked No. 6 in the state and 13th in the nation, has forced 23 turnovers in four games. Sophomore safety Brett Hudson (Patrick Henry High) has four interceptions and two fumble recoveries for the Griffins.

- PLNU honored its Crusader Sports Associates Athletes of the Year last weekend. Sophomore softball player Cheryl Bolding was the first PLNU athlete to be chosen the NAIA Player of the Year in any sport. Other CSA winners recognized by the school were Josh Cole (golf), Anne Sieczka (tennis), Rodrigo Suarez (tennis) and Brad Vericker (baseball).

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USD able to ride out foe's late storm

By Richard J. Marcus
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

For the second consecutive home game, USD slipped into a pattern of rolling out to a big lead, then withstanding a furious comeback by its opponent. USD won the game 38-35 against nonleague foe Fairfield yesterday at Torero Stadium, despite the 28 points the Stags posted in the fourth quarter.

The Toreros (4-1) held what looked to be a comfortable 38-21 lead with 4:10 to play. USD coach Kevin McGarry sent in reserves for playing time, and then things got a little out of hand.

"We cleared the bench late in the game and thought that we would give our backups a chance to play," McGarry said. "(For a coach) it is stressful. You think that you are going to put somebody away and you don't. Then you have to put your first-string defense back on the field after they have been sitting around."

A homecoming crowd of 2,162 soaked in the sun and watched the wild ending.

"I'm glad the fans are having fun," McGarry said with a smile.

Leading 31-21, USD scored on a 27-yard run by fullback Kenny Villalobos.

Trailing by 17, Fairfield (3-3) drove 96 yards in 13 plays in three minutes and scored on a 30-yard pass from quarterback Mike Cerchio to receiver Andrew Turf to cut the Toreros' lead to 38-28 with 1:07 to play.

Fairfield then recovered an onside kick at its own 44. Three plays and 37 seconds later, Fairfield scored on a 34-yard pass from Cerchio to receiver Jason Andriotis to make the score 38-35 with 37 seconds to play.

Fairfield could not convert on a second onside kick, however, as Stephen Mirasolo booted the ball 9 yards and out of bounds, giving possession to the Toreros, who ran out the clock.

The teams combined for nearly 900 yards of total offense (448 for Fairfield and 420 for USD).

Cerchio (32-of-59 for 393 yards with three touchdowns and one interception) set a single-game Fairfield record for passing attempts and completions.
USD gives away game to Butler

By Richard J. Marcus
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

USD lost a pivotal Pioneer Football League game last night to Butler in front of 2,059 at Torero Stadium, and the Toreros have no one to blame but themselves.

Penalties, turnovers, missed kicks, shoddy tackling and one critical dropped touchdown pass doomed the Toreros to a 19-16 loss and dropped them to fourth place in league standings.

Even though the Toreros (4-2, 1-2) outgained Butler 428-315 in total offense, the USD miscues were staggering.

The Toreros had 12 penalties for 149 yards, while Butler had one penalty for 10 yards. USD had three turnovers to one by the Bulldogs (4-3, 2-1). USD kicker Dylan Mora missed an extra point and a 32-yard field goal that would have tied the game with 50 seconds to play.

"We should have won this game," USD coach Kevin McGarry said. "We had too many penalties. We dug ourselves too many holes."

Trailing 16-12, Butler took the lead with 9:50 to play on a 25-yard pass from quarterback DeWayne Ewing to flanker Kyle Derickson, who slipped out of three USD tackles for the score.

USD and Butler traded fumbles and eventually the Toreros got the ball back with 3:53 to play at their own 47-yard line with a chance to win or tie the game.

With 1:57 remaining, USD couldn't convert a golden opportunity. Receiver John Saffer beat double coverage down the middle and raced into the end zone only to drop a perfectly thrown ball that hit him squarely in the hands from quarterback Kyle Kasmussen.

"Saffer just dropped it. What are you going to do?" McGarry said. "Would of, could of, should of."

USD still had a chance after converting a fourth-and-1 at the Butler 28 with 1:36 to play. Eventually the drive stalled at the Butler 15. McGarry elected to try a 32-yard field goal on another fourth-and-1 with 50 seconds to play. Mora sliced the ball to the right and USD was tagged with its first home loss.

In a scary moment in the first half, USD linebacker Bryan Baxter was carted from the field in an ambulance to a nearby hospital as a precaution. Baxter, who got hit in the back with a helmet, has a spinal-cord contusion but should be all right, according to the USD training staff.
Toreros take time for a victory

By Paul Jankowski
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

VALPARAISO, Ind. — Air traffic caused USD’s football team to spend an extra 45 minutes above Chicago on Friday night, and automobile traffic added an additional hour to the trip.

The Toreros finally arrived in Valparaiso after 9 p.m. CDT, barely 16 hours before yesterday’s kickoff at Brown Field.

"And we hadn’t eaten yet," USD quarterback Eric Rasmussen said. "The two-hour time change is what kills you. It’s hard, but that’s just part of it."

The Toreros were able to shrug off their travel woes, as well as windy 38-degree weather, on their way to a 20-17 Pioneer Football League win over Valparaiso.

Rasmussen completed 19-of-30 passes for 205 yards, including a 24-yard TD strike to John Saffer for a 17-10 lead at the start of the second half.

"He makes stuff happen," USD coach Kevin McGarry said of Rasmussen. "He’s played very good for a sophomore and was phenomenal from the start to finish here."

The Toreros (5-2, 2-2) opened an early 10-0 lead on Valpo (3-6, 1-4) on a 42-yard field goal by Dylan Mora and a 2-yard touchdown run by fullback Kenny Villalobos, who gained 54 yards on 17 carries.

"Our guys did what they had to do," McGarry said. "It was typical of the way the guys have been playing all season. They don’t let too much rattle them."
USD gets oral commitment from guard

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Travis Smith, a senior point guard from Santa Margarita High in Rancho Santa Margarita, has made a verbal commitment to play his college basketball at USD.

Smith joins Carlsbad High guard Derek Stockalper as prep recruits expected to sign letters of intent with coach Brad Holland's Toreros when the fall early signing period begins Nov. 12.

Smith, 6-foot-3 and 200 pounds, is projected to have potential to play either point or shooting guard.

Stockalper, a 6-5 first-team All-County selection, projects as a shooting guard or small forward.

Stockalper's verbal commitment to USD was announced last month.

A starter at Santa Margarita since his freshman year, Smith averaged 12 points, five assists and five rebounds a game last year.

An All-Sierra League selection for the past two years, Smith has been a key performer on teams that have posted 24-5, 23-5 and 26-4 records the past three seasons while reaching the semifinals of the CIF Southern Section Division II playoffs.

"This wasn't something that just came about over the summer," SMHS basketball coach Jerry DeBusk said. "Coach Holland has been interested in Travis since probably his sophomore year. And I know that Travis has become good friends with Derek Stockalper at camps and things so their friendship and what they have in common had something to do with it, too."

Smith also drew recruiting letters from USD's West Coast Conference rivals Santa Clara, Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine, DeBusk said, as well as Big West Conference affiliates UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara.

NCAA rules prohibit Holland from commenting on recruits before receiving the signed letter of intent.

**Toreros picked fifth**

USD was picked to finish fifth in the WCC in the recently released preseason coaches' poll.

Three-time defending WCC Tournament champion Gonzaga was the unanimous No. 1 pick, receiving first place votes from all seven head coaches at other conference schools.

The Bulldogs were followed in order by San Francisco, Santa Clara, Pepperdine, USD, Loyola Marymount, Portland and Saint Mary's.

Gonzaga's key returnee is guard Dan Dickau, an All America candidate who averaged 18.3 points and 7.2 assists per game last season and spent the summer as a member of the U.S. team at the World University Games.

The Bulldogs will also be featured in two of three regular-season games to be televised on ESPN or ESPN2 next season as part of a four-year contract recently agreed upon by the conference and the network.

The WCC/ESPN package this season includes San Francisco at Fresno State on Dec. 4, Gonzaga at New Mexico on Jan. 7 and Pepperdine at Gonzaga on Feb. 16.

In addition, the conference tournament men's final on March 4 will be televised live with a 9 p.m. Pacific time start.

**USD notes**

- Junior guard/forward Matt Delzell, who underwent surgery on March 16 to repair damage to the patellar tendon of his right knee, was cleared for practice late last month. While still dealing with some soreness during current individual workouts, Delzell is expected to be at or near full strength when full-team practices begin on Oct. 13.

- Junior guard Roy Morris recently underwent follow-up surgery to re-insert a pin that had come loose in his left foot. Morris broke a bone in the foot in a pickup game last spring and the pin was inserted as part of surgery to repair the injury. The Bonita Vista High grad, a valued reserve and sometime starter in the past two seasons, is not expected to be cleared to practice until sometime in November.
Experience: Aztecs finally have it, Toreros want it

By Ed Graney and Hank Wesch

Duke didn't beat Arizona for the college basketball national championship yesterday. It only seems that way.

Practice opens across the nation again tomorrow, including for the two local Division I programs. San Diego State could have its best team in nearly 20 years and USD returns All-West Coast Conference guard Andre Laws.

Here's a closer look at the teams as practice gets under way:

At SDSU

Fans can take part in a select-a-season-seat campaign and watch Steve Fisher's team work out from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Cox Arena.

What they will see: experience. Lots of it.

SDSU's roster includes a sixth-year senior (Jim Roban), two fifth-year seniors (Randy Holcomb and Brandon Smith), three fourth-year seniors (Myron Epps, Al Faux and Karlo Kovacic) and two fourth-year juniors (Tony Bland and Deandre Moore).

"It's great to have that kind of leadership, because it means we don't have to police everything," assistant coach Brian Dutcher said.

"They're on time for the weight room, they're working hard, they're taking care of business. All the experience has paid dividends up until now, and hopefully it will during the season."

The Aztecs earlier this week were picked to finish fourth in the eight-team Mountain West Conference, a huge improvement from recent times.

If the biggest problem SDSU coaches face this season is the expectations of others, well, that's much better than dealing with a 5-23 record of two years ago.

"As coaches, you're always looking for an edge," Dutcher said. "Right now, the players are very motivated. But there will come a time when we have to say 'It all looks good on paper, but we haven't done anything yet.' But I think that is the advantage of having a veteran team. These guys know what it takes and have been through a lot."

But is one ball enough?

Everything ran through Holcomb last season when he led the team in scoring (15.9), rebounding (6.6), minutes (30.8), baskets (163) and free throws (99). But now, the forward is surrounded by much better talent, by Bland and Smith and community college transfer Mike Mackell. How will Holcomb and the new faces blend?

"(Bland and Smith) and I have talked about that," Holcomb said. "We realize we still have to prove ourselves on the floor, and to do that, have to play together. If we want to reach our goals, it has to be as teammates."

"Hey, if we're winning, everyone will be happy."

"And if not?"

"We'll win."

At USD

The Toreros were picked fifth in the preseason poll of league coaches. They're ranked behind perennial power Gonzaga, San Francisco, Santa Clara and Pepperdine and ahead of Loyola Marymount, Portland and Saint Mary's.

But the poll has hardly been accurate in recent seasons, at least as far as USD is concerned.

Projected for second-division finishes before the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 seasons, the Toreros finished tied for second and solo third. Picked second last year, they were a somewhat disappointing fourth (7-7) in the conference and 16-13 overall in their initial season at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The loss of four senior starters — Tyler Field, Dana White, Cameron Rigby and Nick Greene — makes the preseason ranking understandable.

"It's mainly based on solid perceptions of the teams ahead of us," coach Brad Holland said. "And when you lose four starters everyone assumes you're going to take a hit. We have some guys with experience returning, but we're still something of an unknown quantity."

Counting four walk-ons, the Toreros will have eight newcomers when they begin practice with 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. sessions tomorrow and Sunday. For the Toreros to post a seventh straight .500-or-better season, some of the newcomers will have to come through in support of experienced returnees Laws, Sam Adame, Tom Lippold and Matt Delzell.

Three freshmen, point guard Mike McGrain (6-3, 210 pounds), swingman Corey Belser (6-6, 200) and power forward Nick Lewis (6-9, 230), are keys in that regard.

"Our freshmen have a great opportunity to make this team better," Holland said. "We like our freshman class a lot."

A year ago, Jenny Craig Pavilion was not sufficiently completed to be the sole site of Toreros practices, and workouts were frequently held at the old Sports Center gym. That may have contributed to a lukewarm 7-6 home record.

The Toreros are looking forward to being JCP-based the entire season and hope to take some comfort there during a preconference schedule that will include visits from Brigham Young, Washington, San Diego State and USC, among others.

"We have a chance to get more familiar with our own building," Holland said.
Recoveries put USD in the pink

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Redshirt seasons, whether necessitated by rule or by choice, are ideally spent engaging fully in practices and adjusting to the new program and surroundings.

But the redshirt times of USD basketball players Jason Blair and Ryan Hegarty last season were hardly ideal. Due to injuries, both Blair, a 6-foot-7 junior transfer forward from Southwest Texas State taking the NCAA-mandated year off, and Hegarty, a 6-10 center who was the Toreros’ lone freshman recruit, spent a lot of time hobbling and precious little practicing.

They were little more than spectators to the Toreros’ 16-13 season and fourth-place finish in the West Coast Conference.

Healed, their time has now come. And the two from last season’s sidelines could prove to be significant factors on the court in 2001-02.

“The real unfortunate thing for them is they missed practically a whole year of college practice,” said USD coach Brad Holland. “That’s a bit of a setback there. But they’ve worked hard, had good springs, gotten stronger and better over the summer and had good practices this fall.

“Right now they’re definitely in the mix for (playing) minutes for us.”

Blair led Southwest Texas State with 14 points and 8.2 rebounds per game two years ago. He scored 20 or more points six times and had nine double-doubles as the MVP on a 12-17 team and was an All-Southland Conference selection.

He transferred to USD in part seeking a greater challenge in a better conference. “I also loved the coaches and the school in general here and it’s closer to home,” the Phoenix native said.

His full indoctrination to the Toreros program a year ago was hampered when he broke the navicular bone in his right foot. Blair can’t pinpoint the moment of injury. An initial tingling feeling in the foot got steadily worse and an MRI revealed the break.

“The only positive was that I was able to get stronger, lift in the weight room a lot more,” Blair said. “I’m pretty strong now because of that. I’m one of the stronger guys on the team right now.”

Blair came to USD weighing about 220 and is now at 235. He can bench press close to 300 pounds.

When USD opens its season by hosting Brigham Young on Nov. 17, it will be Blair’s first Division I action in a year and eight months.

“Jason is a proven Division I player. His numbers were solid at Southwest Texas State,” Holland said. “With his experience Jason comes in and can take right over where Cameron Rigby and Nick Greene left off at the (power forward) spot. He brings back, right away, an injection of the experience we lost at that position and that’s important.”

Blair has a good idea of what’s required.

“Obviously I’ll look to defend and rebound; those are the big things for our program,” Blair said. “I also think I run the floor well and I think that I can get open pretty easily and hopefully make some shots.”

He much prefers being proactive to inactive.

“It was hard watching last year,” Blair said. “There were some tough games where somebody would make a last-second shot on us and you’d think, ‘If I could have been there I could have done this or that.’ It was great early in the season when we were winning all those games, but later in the season when we lost games at the buzzer, that was when it really hurt.”

Hegarty didn’t come to USD planning on redshirting but knew it was a possibility. The Toreros had senior starter Tyler Field and 6-10 junior Kevin Hanson ahead of him.

An injury to the Achilles tendon in his right heel, which occurred a week or two into pre-season practices, made redshirting a must. Now the Scottsdale, Ariz., native hopes to make up for lost practice time.

“I got to practice for the first month last year, which helped me,” Hegarty said. “But I know I’d have been able to come along a lot if I would have been able to practice for the whole season.”

The close-up view from the bench of Division I basketball, WCC-style, wasn’t intimidating. “I’m confident that I can play with those guys,” Hegarty said. “That’s not a problem.” He’ll battle Hanson for playing time at center but says his concerns are more with the big picture than the battle of big men.

“I just want to win,” Hegarty said. “I don’t care about personal stats at all. As long as we’re winning, I’m happy. It sounds pretty cliched, but it’s true.”
USD decimated by early injuries

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

It hasn't exactly been a stress-free first 11 days of pre-season practice for USD basketball coach Brad Holland.

Injury scares involving Ryan Hegarty and Jason Blair, players who spent last season redshirting, have added anxiety beyond what normally comes with a team laced with newcomers.

Hegarty, a 6-foot-10 freshman center, hurt his left knee in practice late last week. The initial fear was that it might be torn meniscus cartilage, which would have necessitated arthroscopic surgery.

But an MRI done Monday was negative, and although Hegarty hasn't been able to practice this week, he is expected back today or tomorrow.

Blair, a 6-7 junior forward, was injured Monday when he bumped knee-to-knee in midair with senior guard Andre Laws. Blair wound up with a contusion and considerable swelling. Fluid was drained Tuesday, but an MRI showed no major damage. Although his status is still day-to-day, Blair is expected to resume practicing soon.

Junior guard Matt Delzell was also on the sideline for yesterday's practice. He is being given one day off a week to rest a surgically repaired knee. Junior point guard Roy Morris is out until sometime next month recuperating from foot surgery, and 6-11 Oklahoma State transfer Jason Keep — who is redshirting this season — has been unavailable for practice while away tending to personal business.

"That's five guys we would like to have healthy and available," Holland said. "But it has been one thing after another, really, since before we started practices."

The Toreros held their first intrasquad scrimmage, under game-like conditions with locally based college referees, on Saturday. Unofficial totals had Blair with 14 points and 13 rebounds, senior guard Sam Adamo with 21 points and three rebounds, junior swingman Scott Boardman with 14 points and three rebounds, and senior forward Tom Lippold with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Holland was lukewarm in his assessment of the exercise.

"I would have liked to have seen a little more enthusiasm and energy, particularly in a first scrimmage," Holland said. "I just didn't see enough of what I was looking for, particularly out of Laws and (Kevin) Hanson, who are seniors and who we're looking to for some leadership."

The Toreros have Saturday morning scrimmages planned the next two weeks, leading toward free-to-the-public exhibitions against the EA SPORT All-Stars on Nov. 5 and Cal Poly Pomona on Nov. 13.

USD hosts BYU on Nov. 17 to open the regular season.
Local Colleges

Toreros upset No. 20 Waves on Poltl goal

Senior Gina Poltl scored in the 89th minute, lifting USD to a 3-2 upset of No. 20 Pepperdine in a West Coast Conference women’s soccer match yesterday at Torero Stadium.

Pepperdine (8-2-3, 1-1) grabbed a 2-1 lead after freshman Ali Pavoni scored off the left post at the 56:25 mark.

USD (11-4, 4-1) tied it at 2-2 when Brooke Roby found the net from 20 yards out, firing a shot into the bottom left corner past diving Waves goalkeeper Lindsey Broullette. Roby’s goal at the 78th minute set the stage for Poltl’s game winner.

More soccer

Despite two second-half goals and 115 minutes of play, the SDSU men settled for a 2-2 tie with visiting UNLV (7-6-1, 2-2-1). The MPSF match was halted due to darkness with five minutes remaining in the second overtime. Enrique Tovar and Tyler Tinling scored for the Aztecs (6-6-3, 2-2-1) ... Ryan Coiner scored two second-half goals as USD (8-3-1, 1-2-1) blanked Loyola Marymount (7-5-2, 0-2-1) in a WCC match.

Volleyball

SDSU (13-7, 7-3) topped Wyoming (9-9, 3-5) 3-1 in Laramie, Wyo. Five Aztecs finished the game with double-digit kills. Senior Katie Magnuson totaled 13 kills and 10 digs for her eighth double-double of the season ... UCSD defeated host Cal State Dominguez Hills 3-0 in a CCAA match. Kathleen Hentz had 16 kills and Teresa Ohta added had 11 digs and 40 assists for the Tritons (16-5, 11-3). The Toros fell to 2-20, 2-14 ... Devon Forster notched 16 kills as USD swept host USF (8-10, 3-5) 3-0 in a WCC match in San Francisco. Ali Martin produced 42 assists for the for the Toreros (15-6, 6-2).
Barnes hosts ITA regional this weekend

Sara Walker of UCLA is the No. 1 singles seed in the Inter-collegiate Tennis Association's Regional Championships for women beginning at 9 a.m. Friday at the Barnes Tennis Center.

The regional includes players from 16 Division I schools, including San Diego State and the University of San Diego.

Jewel Peterson of USC is the No. 2 singles seed. In doubles, an Aztecs pairing of Silvia Tornier-Lindsey Hedberg is the No. 1 seed. There are two rounds of singles and one round of doubles on Friday and Saturday, and one round of singles and two of doubles on Sunday. The singles final is Monday at 10 a.m., the doubles final Monday at noon.

San Diego State has six singles players and three doubles teams competing, while USD has five singles players and two doubles combinations. Tornier is among the singles seeds from No. 9 to No. 16 who are listed alphabetically. USD's Heather Polumbus also is in this group.

Singles finalists and the winning doubles team qualify for the ITA National Indoor championships, scheduled Nov. 9-11 in Dallas. Admission to the Barnes Center event is free.

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TENNIS: Oklahoma State beat defending champion South Alabama 27-20 in the final of the World Team Tennis National Collegiate Championships at the Barnes Tennis Center. The loss was the first for South Alabama in 10 WTT matches and two tournaments appearances. Texas A&M edged San Diego State 24-23 for ninth place, and USD beat Princeton 24-19 to take 13th place. USD and SDSU co-hosted the event.

BASEBALL: Jared Birrenkott (Granite Hills High) has accepted a scholarship from San Diego State. Birrenkott, a catcher, was chosen by the Phillies in this summer's amateur draft. ... Brooks Conrad (Monte Vista High) was named MVP of the Pittsfield Astros of the New York-Penn League.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Vista Valley Country Club will hold a Rally for a Cure tournament Oct. 9 in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A shotgun start is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. For more information or to make a donation call (760) 758-3153.

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Local Colleges

SDSU men top Denver in soccer

San Diego State's men's soccer team won for the fourth time in five games yesterday, beating 25th-ranked Denver 2-0 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play at SDSU.

SDSU (5-5-1, 1-0) scored both goals in the second half — Anthony Zoric at 66:52 and Chris Giudicelli at 87:51.

Tennis

Four local players moved into the third round of singles play at the 24th San Diego All-College Men's Tennis Tournament at the USD West Courts. USD's Juan Cerda, Jason Pongsrikul and Ricardo Rizo and SDSU's Travis Hasson won their second-round matches ... SDSU's Oliver Malberger beat Georgia's Brandon Wagner 6-2, 6-2 in the third round of the ITA All-American Championship at Stone Mountain, Ga. Malberger will play K.J. Hippensteel of Stanford in today's quarterfinals.

Volleyball

SDSU and USD women look to surprise pundits

Both are picked to finish seventh in their respective conferences. Both are ready to prove their conferences wrong.

The San Diego State and USD women's basketball teams open practice tomorrow, officially marking the start of the 2001-2002 season.

The Aztecs finished sixth in the Mountain West Conference last season with a record of 5-9, 13-15 overall. Coach Barb Smith returns four starters, including All-MWC picks Jamey Cox and Atim Oti.

SDSU's veteran lineup, which includes 10 upperclassmen, features two highly regarded junior college transfers, Ashonda Williams and Valencia Howard, both from Contra Costa College.

The Toreros return six players with experience starting from their 5-9, 10-16 team that finished fifth in the West Coast Conference. Center Amber Jansen, an All-WCC first-team pick, returns for her senior season. So does point guard Melissa Glazebrook, who missed 10 games last season.

Local products Robyn Fortney (Rancho Bernardo High) and Janeene Arendsen (Rancho Buena Vista) will be joined by a recruiting class that includes Santa Fe Christian grad Brandi Collato.

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From noon to 2 p.m. at select Toys “R” Us stores, children and adults can meet these neighborhood heroes. And in keeping with the safety-conscious theme, free “Child Watch Kid Guard Kits,” which allow parents to create a vital statistics log of their children in case of an emergency; and the “First Aid for Feelings” workbook, designed to help youngsters sort through their feelings of loss and fear, will be available.

Visitors to all store locations can contribute to the “Toys ‘R’ Us Children’s Fund — 9/11 Emergency Relief Fund” by buying a paper flag for $1. Toys “R” Us will match $1 per donation per guest. The flags will be displayed at each store and donations will be used for scholarships, counseling and other programs.

Fitness Warehouse helps shape industry

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USD Torero Fun Zone scores big with families

If attending a college sporting event with the kids isn’t your idea of a good time, then you must not be headed for USD. The University of San Diego Athletic Department, the USD Volleyball team and the Toreros Football team have joined forces to make sure going to a game is fun for everyone.

Open prior to football and volleyball games on the Eagen Plaza, between Torero Stadium and the Jenny Craig Pavilion, the Torero Fun Zone features interactive games, a house of bounce, balloon artists, face painters and the Torero mascot. The Zone opens 90 minutes prior to game time. The next event is at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, prior to the 7 p.m. football game against Butler and the 7 p.m. volleyball game against Pepperdine. The Toreros will also host another Fun Zone at noon Nov. 10 before the 1:30 p.m. football game against Wagner. Fun Zone admission is free. Football game tickets start at $6 for children and $8 for adults; admission to volleyball matches is free. For information, call (619) 260-5916.

Kids ages 5-13 can also sign up for the USD Kid’s Club at the games and at the Torero Fun Zone.
Setting the Record Straight

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An article Wednesday in the Sports section on the girls volleyball teams at Mitty and St. Francis high schools incorrectly reported the college that Lindsey Sherburne of Mitty had committed to attend. It is the University of San Diego.

An article Thursday in some local sections about a fatal traffic accident on Highway 101 in South San Jose incorrectly stated the age of the victim and some aspects of the accident. Curtis Lee Sanders, who was 20, died Tuesday when he was struck by a car as he attempted to put gas into the disabled SUV of a friend. Sanders had been summoned to the scene by the friend after the SUV ran out of gas.