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College of Arts and Sciences
USD receives $10 million gift for technology, science center

Astronomy deck, aviary among planned features

By Chris Moran
STAFF WRITER

The University of San Diego has received a $10 million gift to help build a center envisioned as a pipeline for local biotech workers and the training ground for budding educators who will rejuvenate local grade-school science education.

USD will recognize the gift from Donald and Darlene Shiley this morning in a ceremony to name the building the Donald Pearce Shiley Center for Science and Technology.

When it opens in fall 2003, the 150,000-square-foot building will feature aquariums with flowing sea water fed by a 5,000-gallon tank, an astronomy deck, an aviary and a greenhouse: The university's chemistry, biology, physics and marine and environmental science departments, which are now scattered around campus, will be housed in the center with its 73 laboratories.

Construction began last year on the $47 million project, which will follow the 16th century Spanish Renaissance architectural style typical of the campus.

USD President Alice Hayes said the center is a response to students' demand for science majors and her conversations with the heads of local scientific firms in which she learned about the need for trained employees.

"If we're going to be serving our own region, and we do, this is the kind of education we need to provide," Hayes said.

She said about 25 percent of the university's students come from San Diego, but about 75 percent of alumni stay to live and work in the area.

Hayes, a biologist, said she hopes the center will produce not only scientists but also teachers, either science majors who decide to teach or education majors who choose a science specialty.

Darlene Shiley has the same hopes.

"It's not just to prepare the world with more scientists and researchers. It's to prepare it with more teachers, more professors," she said.

And perhaps more philanthropists. Darlene Shiley said that if a USD undergraduate has an interest in science piqued at the new center and then later in life has the opportunity to give money, it may lead to an investment in a science-related project.

Darlene Shiley, 55, entered college as a biology major, and though she changed her major in her first year, she retained an interest in science. Donald Shiley, 82, invented and sold several medical devices, including heart valves and oxygenators.

USD officials believe the Shileys' gift is one of the largest to undergraduate science education in San Diego history.

The couple live north of Encinitas.

Other beneficiaries of the Shileys' philanthropy include KPBS, the UCSD Shiley Eye Center, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, the Globe Theatres and several Alzheimer's disease research programs.

USD's theater is named for the Shileys, who have given money to support the university's master of fine arts in dramatic arts program and numerous scholarships.

They join a USD honor roll that includes Joan Kroc, who donated $25 million for the Institute for Peace and Justice; Sid and Jenny Craig, who gave $10 million for a sports pavilion; and John and Carolyn Ahlers, whose $5 million bequest helped establish an international business center on campus.

The James S. Copley Foundation contributed $1.5 million for the campus library.

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Shileys' $10 million donation to science center one of largest ever made to USD

By MICHELLE CADWELL
BLACKSTON
San Diego Daily Transcript

After years developing life-saving medical devices, Donald Shiley and his wife, Darlene, are giving $10 million to the University of San Diego's new science center in hopes others will discover innovative ways to make life better.

The $46 million building will be named the Donald Pearce Shiley Center for Science and Technology. It's under construction and expected to be finished in the fall of 2003.

As longtime philanthropists, several other centers around San Diego have the Shiley name including the University of California, San Diego Shiley Eye Center and the Shiley Sports & Health Center at Scripps Clinic.

Still, the $10 million is the largest single donation the family has ever given.

"This is a big chunk of change and we don't go dropping these things everywhere," said Darlene Shiley. "It backs up our interest to better life. You try to just make things better."

Donald Shiley, an inventor and entrepreneur, founded Shiley Inc. in 1964 to manufacture the original artificial heart valves and cardiopulmonary products. He is credited with revolutionizing the industry.

The 150,000-square-foot science center will be the largest building on the USD campus. It will include the chemistry, biology, physics, marine and environmental sciences. A greenhouse, astronomy deck and aviary also are planned.

University officials anticipate a demand for skilled employees in the region's growing biotechnology and medical research.

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industries. Similarly, UCSD is noted for its medical research centers.

The $10 million donation is one of the largest ever made to USD, officials said, and is the largest private donation in support of science education in the San Diego area.

"We are very grateful for this wonderfully generous gift that will help make the vision of our science center a reality," USD President Alice Hayes said in a statement.

When deciding to donate, the Shileys find a project in which they both are interested and that isn't supported by someone else, Darlene Shiley said.

Higher education and science are vital issues for the Shileys, she said. Darlene Shiley is on the board of trustees for the university as well as many other local non-profit groups.

"(Students) are undereducated in science in this country. Both math and science are not our strongest" she said. "Some people wouldn't be walking around alive if it wasn't for my husband's medical inventions. I'm very proud of what he's done."

In 1988, the Shileys were asked to help develop a multipurpose, state-of-the-art eye center with UCSD. In less than a day, the Shileys donated $1 million to build the facility and an additional $2 million later to expand the building.

Last year, the couple donated $1 million over five years to Scripps Foundation for Medicine and Science.

"We aligned ourselves across the board. We go where there is work to be done," Darlene Shiley said. "The fact that USD is a values-based education and school and an independent Catholic university is very attractive to my husband."

The Shileys and USD officials will have a ceremony commemorating the donation at 11:30 a.m., Friday at the front entrance of the new building.

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By George J. Bryjak

Throughout history, people have fought bitter wars over political ideology, national sovereignty, and religious expression. How much more intense will these conflicts be when antagonists fight over the Earth's most indispensable resource: water? We may find out in the not-too-distant future if projections about the availability of water in the Middle East and other regions prove correct.

Less than 3 percent of the world's water is freshwater, and almost two-thirds of this amount is trapped in ice caps, glaciers, and underground aquifers too deep or too remote to access. In her book, "Pillars of Sand — Can the Irrigation Miracle Last?" Sandra Postel outlines three converging forces that drive tension and conflict over freshwater.

1. Depletion of the water "resource pie." Seventy percent of the food produced in China comes via irrigation (the corresponding figure in the U.S. is 15 percent) heavily dependent on aquifers that are being depleted at an unprecedented rate. Water tables on the fertile North China Plain dropped more than 12 feet in a recent three-year period, and the number of water-short Chinese cities has reached 300 — almost half of all cities in that country.

   In India, the world's second most populous nation with over a billion inhabitants, the rate of ground water withdrawal is twice the rate of recharge, a deficit higher than in any other country.

2. Political scientist John Swomley outlines the dilemma that world leaders may be forced to ponder: "What are the risks to global stability when [food] suppliers must choose between China, India, Pakistan, Middle Eastern countries and others when all require or demand grain at the same time?"

3. Rapid population growth in the developing world. Although water is a renewable resource, it is not an expanding one. The amount of freshwater available today for 6.14 billion people is no greater than it was 2,000 years ago when global population was approximately 250 million (the current U.S. population is 285 million).

   Water may be considered a nascent form of food, and global agriculture accounts for about 70 percent of all freshwater use. In five of the world's most water-stressed, contentious areas — the Aral Sea region, the Ganges, the Jordan, the Nile, and the Tigris-Euphrates — population increases of up to 75 percent are projected by the year 2025. With the fastest rate of population growth in the world, the number of people in the Palestinian Territory will more than double in a generation.

   Most experts agree that because of geography, population pressures, and politics, water wars are most likely to erupt in the Middle East, a region where the amount of available freshwater per capita will decrease by about 50 percent over the next generation. Canadian writer Marq de Villiers notes that "it is now widely accepted that the 1967 Arab-Israeli War had its roots in water politics as much as it did in national territorialism." Speaking in 1996 of regional and global tensions arising from environmental damage, then-Secretary of State Warren Christopher stated that "nowhere is this more evident than in the parched valleys of the Middle East where the struggle for water has a direct impact on security and stability."

   Sandra Postel estimates that the almost 2.4 billion global population increase projected over the next 35 years will require the water equivalent of 20 Nile Rivers or 97 Colorado Rivers. These staggering numbers begin to make sense upon consideration that the production of one ton of wheat and one ton of rice require approximately 1,000 and 3,000 tons of water respectively. It is hardly surprising that of the 34 countries classified as "water-stressed," 32 are net grain importers.

   The unequal distribution of, and limited access to, freshwater. In his award winning book, "Environment, Scarcity and Violence," Thomas Homer-Dixon states that water is the resource most likely to trigger interstate warfare, a sentiment echoed by Jacques Leslie: "Oil belongs to whoever owns the land above it; water with its sprawling underground aquifers and long sinuous rivers, complicates ownership and intertwines nations' fates."

   Marq de Villiers reminds us that two-thirds of Israel's water comes from the Golan Heights and the West Bank, territories it gained via military conquest. Noting the restrictions imposed on ground water withdrawals from the West Bank by Israel, Homer-Dixon states: "These restrictions have been far more severe for Palestinians than for Israeli settlers. They have contributed to
the rapid decline in Palestinian agriculture in the region, to the dependence of Palestinians on day labor within Israel and, ultimately, to rising frustrations in the Palestinian community.” While numerous political, economic, and ideological factors also must be taken into account, Homer-Dixon concludes that “water scarcity” has been a factor in at least one intifada (uprising) in the West Bank and Gaza territories.

As citizens of an advanced industrial society, we tend to look for a technological fix to problems, and the escalating freshwater shortfall is no exception. Cleansing sea water of its salt and mineral content would provide a never-ending supply of potable water. The basic desalination process, as de Villiers notes, is simple high school chemistry: water is heated, evaporated to remove salt and other dissolved minerals and then cooled back to water. Unfortunately, this distillation method is fraught with difficulties. Also, the logistics and costs of desalination indicate that this process will supply no more than a fraction of humanity’s freshwater needs in the coming years.

The United Nations estimates that there are currently more “water refugees” than war refugees, and all indications are that the destabilizing consequences of the water-driven migration of people will only increase. Poor people forced to leave their homeland are rarely welcomed by equally poverty-stricken individuals who resent the added competition for scarce resources.

Although it is unlikely that water issues alone will lead to a major war, shortages of this most essential resource will elevate tension in parts of the world already plagued with deep animosity and suspicion. This, in turn, can only increase the chances that some other issue or incident will trigger a conflict.

A Canadian legislator stated recently that “Water is the commodity of the next century, and those who control it could be in a position to control the world’s economy.” While arguably an overstatement, will this perspective nonetheless be embraced by individuals and organizations already hostile to water-rich Western nations?

The attacks of Sept. 11 demonstrated that we are not immune from the hatred of people in far-off lands. Water shortage issues may become an increasingly important component of both terrorist motivation and a terrorist agenda in the near future.
The Kindness of Strangers

By DENNIS M. CLAUSEN

After my parents were divorced in the early 1950s, my mother, three sisters, brother and I moved into an old farmhouse that had been placed on top of concrete blocks on the edge of a small Midwestern town. In the winter, there was no way to keep the cold from pouring into the uninsulated walls and the pitted, cracked linoleum floors.

Mom could not work; a childhood disease had destroyed her right hip joint. We lived on what Dad could send in child support. When his check arrived, we paid our rent. Then we concentrated on how we would feed ourselves and pay the utilities. Clothing was hand-me-downs from other families.

My brother and I planted a garden to supplement our food supply and roamed the countryside looking for wild rhubarb, asparagus and raspberries. We tramped through the ditches outside of town, searching for empty pop bottles that could be turned in for refunds. A paper route brought in an extra dollar or two every week.

Finally, someone from the welfare department came to interview us. Within days, we received a letter that said we would receive $30 every month. That money was often the difference between eating and not eating.

One cold winter day, an elderly farmer who worked as a volunteer for the welfare department brought a box of groceries over to our house. As he placed it on our kitchen table, he said: "All of us need a helping hand at one time or another. Someday, it will be your turn to help others." I sensed that he was trying to protect our dignity as we accepted his charity.

As the national rhetoric about the poor grows increasingly cruel and mean-spirited—and the wealthiest Americans have more money than ever before—I remember the humiliation and painful loss of pride I felt when our family had to go on welfare.

Furthermore, the same politicians who vote against welfare assistance for the poor often support billions of dollars in tax breaks and other corporate welfare for the wealthy. So I am bothered by the mean-spiritedness of these attacks on the nation's truly needy and by the callousness of those who have never experienced poverty.

Most of all, I am bothered by the pejorative labels and caricatures that strip the poor and their children of dignity as they struggle to survive. Given a better and more just world, most people would be gainfully employed and self-supporting. Illnesses, accidents, lost jobs, economic downturns and deaths often rob people of their means of support. For these poor, welfare is not "a black hole," as some have labeled it, but rather an investment in our nation's future.

My evidence is personal and anecdotal, but here is what welfare assistance did for our family: Virtually all of my mother's children and grandchildren have graduated from college. They include a college professor, a social worker who was instrumental in helping develop the Minnesota Battered Women and Abused Children Organization, a personnel director for a wholesale distribution company, several successful self-employed businessmen, a North Dakota teacher of the year, a family-practice nurse practitioner, a real estate agent, a registered nurse, a para-legals and a computer programmer.

The welfare assistance we received in the 1950s was an investment in our family's future. We have repaid that investment many times over with our own tax money and commitment to our communities. If he were still alive, that old farmer who survived the Great Depression could teach Congress something about real welfare reform.
AS VEGAS — Lisa Braudé and Anastacia share a remarkable bond. What these two gifted and determined women have achieved together since hooking up in 1998 is a Hollywood fantasy come true.

This is a triumphant tale of two mavericks who refused to compromise and never regretted it for an instant — the funk/rock/dance-pop singing sensation Anastacia, 29, who in the past two years has sold 10 million records around the world and is poised to make a major impact in the United States, and her manager, Braudé, 35, a Point Loma resident and University of San Diego graduate.

It’s an obscurity-to-riches story that begins four years ago with a frustrated, confidence-shattered performer giving up her professional singing career after having been molded and re-molded by a spineless music industry unwilling to accept her on her own terms. She was coaxed back to singing by Braudé, who believed in her even no one else — including the electrifying singer herself — would.

“It’s nice to know that she sacrifices all her personal energy, like I sacrifice mine, to make it happen,” Anastacia said, as the neon lights and lasers of the Las Vegas strip shimmered below.

“The people in the business I met before Lisa were smooth and said the right things at the right time, but they did nothing to back it up. Lisa backed up everything she ever said and everything she ever did — always — and still does.”

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Last month, the two were in Las Vegas for the live VH1 concert special, “Divas Las Vegas,” which found Anastacia holding her own alongside Celine Dion, Mary J. Blige, Shakira and others.

“I’m not a gambler in the literal sense,” said Braudé as she

Anastacia ready to break out in her homeland

and Anastacia discussed their intertwining careers and sister-like friendship in a suite at the Mandalay Bay hotel.

“But I think that, like a gambler, I take risks,” continued Braudé, who previously managed the San Diego band Loam and singer-songwriters Eve Sells and Gregory Page. “Being in the music business is a risk. The difference between gambling and what I do is that when you believe in somebody, you have that faith that carries you through.”

Anastacia shares that faith in Braudé, who believed in her when no one else — including the electrifying singer herself — would.

“People say: ‘It’s so glamorous,’” she said, arching an eyebrow. “Well, come with me for one week, and you’ll see — there’s nothing glamorous about it. We’re in a different country, a different hotel, a different bed, every day, and you’re working at least 15 hours a day, every day.

“A typical day in Europe would be, like, we’d do a TV show in England at 6 a.m., another show at noon in Scotland, press stuff in Paris at 4 p.m., and then back to London for a show that night. And that’s just one day. The inside of a plane is my new home. I haven’t had a vacation, even a weekend off, in 2½ years.”

Braudé, of course, isn’t complaining.
Music-loving workaholic

A workaholic and music fanatic, the Boston-born manager moved to San Diego in 1984 to attend USD. She double-majored in business and computer science, and earned a law degree as well. She was swiftly recruited by General Dynamics, which hired her to work in a special division that negotiated classified defense contracts nationwide.

"During that time, I always had a hand in music and I was always scouting talent," noted Braude, who free-lanced for such top San Diego concert promoters as Bill Silva and Harlan Schiffman.

"Negotiation is negotiation, whether it's for widgets, M-19s or an album contract — at the end of a day, that's what a manager does. The manager is the only person protecting the artist; everyone else has an agenda.

Braude learned quickly, and wasn't afraid to follow her instincts. She has no regrets about her decision to decline an offer to manage a budding young local sensation named Jewel.

"I didn't necessarily see what everyone else saw," Braude said. "I thought she had an amazing voice and amazing potential to write songs, but I didn't think her storytelling appeal was as great as I would've liked. With other San Diego artists, they think they've made it if they play at Java Joe's and are on the cover of Slamm. That won't get you to the next level. You have to hone your art, and go beyond (San Diego)."

In 1996, eager to fully turn her attention to music, Braude quit her General Dynamics job, and — with two friends — opened the Bagel Bar in Bonita. Her expressed goal was to use the eatery-cum-live- acoustic-music-venue to finance her budding company, the Point Loma-based Braude Management.

She approached Loam after hearing the band perform a Christmas show at the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach. Her drive and attention to detail impressed Frank Lee Drennen, the leader of the now-defunct group.

"She was very focused, very encouraging and supportive, and I would never question her standing up for our best interests," said Drennen, now a member of the Hatchet Brothers, from his Los Angeles home.

"My appendix burst while I was with Loam, and I was a broke musician. She was instrumental in getting those bills taken care of at the hospital. She organized two (San Diego) benefit concerts for me, one at 4th & B and one at Java Joe's. She's not purely business, which I also loved about her. She has a passion for music, and I always appreciated that."

Galvanizing voice

Even before they met, Braude became indirectly involved with Anastacia's attempts to make her mark in the music industry. A mutual friend in Los Angeles who was trying to help Anastacia called Braude in 1997 to ask for advice.

Braude, who had not heard Anastacia's work, requested a recorded sample. She was "blown away" by the singer's galvanizing voice, which suggested a turbo-charged cross between Chaka Khan and Mariah Carey.

Against the advice of Braude, Anastacia signed a production deal that — one year later — saw her return to Los Angeles, defeated and depleted.

"I absolutely threw in the towel," Anastacia recalled. "Every single avenue I went down seemed hopeless. I'd done this sign-my-life-away production deal, and they wanted me to be something I totally wasn't. They knew what I sounded like, but they told me: 'Sound really small and simple, and have a white-girl sound.' So I came back to Los Angeles and got a job at a facial salon. They fired me after three months because I wasn't 'Beverly Hills' enough."

Braude was so convinced Anastacia should not abandon music that she offered to pay her bills for six months, no strings attached, so long as the singer followed her muse by doing only the music that pleased her.

"I told her I wasn't willing to sign anything, that I was a handful and that it was a waste of her time," Anastacia said. "Lisa's reaction was: 'Somebody like you does not stop singing. People wait a lifetime to hear a voice like yours.' I was like: 'Yeah, right.' And lo and behold, she was a gift. Because she gave me the power to do what I wanted to do. She believed in me enough to say: 'Sing the way you want to sing.'"

Making 'The Cut'

In theory, the pairing of an unknown young singer with an unknown young manager would seem a recipe for failure. In actuality, the opposite was true. Within three months Braude got Anastacia booked on the MTV talent show "The Cut," where she became one of 10 national finalists.

A month later, following a major bidding war that saw Michael Jackson personally vying to sign her, Anastacia inked a worldwide, multi-album deal with Epic Records. It was the start of a dizzying ride that shows no signs of ending soon.

"The day before the (MTV) finals," said Anastacia, "Lisa asked me: 'Would you mind signing this little piece of paper that says you're not going to walk away from me when these big managers come and try to steal you away?' And I was like: 'Sure!'

"Because at the end of the day, there was faith and trust and friendship in who we were together. And of course, all these (music biz) people stepped up to the plate, trying to kick Lisa to the curb. They'd ask me: 'Who's she? Who's she managed?' And I was like: 'Me.' She friggin' got me on an MTV show, and got all of you to call us, so she's accomplished a lot more than anybody else I've met that had a name.'

"She is so hands-on, and she's very, very personal. And I like that, because this is my life she's dealing with, and my future."
Double double take

When Braudé and Anastacia enter a room, people who haven't met them before usually do a double take. Make that a double double take.

The blond singer, who stands all of 5-feet-2, does not look remotely like the soul-scourching vocal fireball those who have only heard her on record would expect. And the brown-haired manager, who stands 6-feet and looks like a taller, more sophisticated Sheryl Crow, does not resemble any other manager in the male-dominated music industry, period.

"Look like a midget next to her?" said Anastacia, chortling with delight. "Everyone thinks I'm Lisa, or that Lisa's me. With the sound that comes out of me, if my manager walks in the door, they're like: 'Hi, Anastacia.' And I'm like: 'No, the midget, the Mini-Me, is the singer.'"

She chortled again.

"When Lisa walks in the room," Anastacia continued, "anyone who's only talked to her on the phone, is like:

'You're who I've been negotiating a 70-page contract with?' And then they're fantasizing for the rest of their lives: 'I want her to be my wife!' She's brilliant and she's beautiful, and you don't often get such extreme intelligence with the look that she has. She walks down a hallway, and you think she's done runway (modeling) all her life.

"I think it's a great advantage. I tell people: 'This is my manager, and don't let the good looks fool you. Because she will own your first-born — in five seconds.'"

Braudé pays little heed to the reactions her appearance may inspire, although she admits to being "hardcore" in her work ethic.

"If somebody calls me a 'bitch' then I think I'm doing my job right," she said. "Because, unfortunately, women are not taken in same light as men. Until you have a successful artist, it's hard to get respect. That's more annoying, and it's not related to gender.

Dynamic duo

Anastacia's rapid ascent to stardom meant that Braudé had to phase out her few remaining San Diego-based management clients.

She hopes to take on other artists when time allows, and still accepts unsolicited demo tapes from unknowns. But for now, she and Anastacia are a dynamic duo with a singular sense of purpose.

"There's a whole generation of kids who don't understand what music is about, and my objective is to help bring back the art to music" said Braudé, who served as executive producer for both of Anastacia's albums.

"Having an artist like Anastacia gives you hope things will come back around. Someone asked Anastacia if she's disappointed about not breaking (big) in the U.S. yet, and her response is the same as mine: 'When it's meant to happen, it will.'"
For some, bishops couldn’t do enough

By Anne Hendershott

As Dallas became the epicenter for the moral panic surrounding the clergy abuse scandal, it was clear that the advocates were far busier than the bishops.

Advocates from the gay community, the feminist community and the anti-celibacy campaign were there to influence public opinion and gain ground for their own interests. And as the now-humbled (and nearly humiliated) bishops apologized — yet again, and promised zero tolerance in a get-tough policy, the stakeholders’ recalcitrant response was that it wasn’t enough!

At the center of the attacks on the bishops were the pro-choice feminists. Flush with Ford Foundation money to lobby the church to change its stance on birth control and abortion, the dissident Catholics for a Free Choice were there to decry what they see as the church’s abusive stance toward women.

Frances Kissling, president of the pro-choice organization, complained that “there is no evidence that the bishops will hold themselves accountable.” And, despite the fact that nearly all of the victims of clergy abuse are teen-age boys and young seminarians, the feminists at the meetings continue their preposterous claims that the “next wave” of victims will probably be women.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation sent a contingent to Dallas to ensure that no bishop dare mention what The Weekly Standard has called “The Elephant in the Sacristy.” Complaining that the bishops were attempting to scapegoat gays by even mentioning the fact that more than 90 percent of the abuse victims of priests were teen-age boys or young men, the GLAAD contingent kept a watchful eye on the proceedings lest any bishop mention the large numbers of homosexual priests involved in the clergy abuse scandal.

On their Web site, GLAAD labeled the bishops’ apologies to victims as “calculated contrition” and decried the media’s willingness to give voice to “anti-gay spokespeople.” Attacking what the organization labeled as the “homophobic coverage” in the media, GLAAD vilified MSNBC’s Alan Keyes for “demoralizing” gays by allowing “anti-gay zealots” on his program, and even attacked Fox News’ Brit Hume for what GLAAD’s Web site calls his “snide remarks” on gay priests.

Labeling any news outlets that dared to mention the homosexual problem in the priesthood as “homophobic,” the silencing of the media was stunning. An editorial in last week’s USA Today proudly proclaimed that “Gay Priests Aren’t the Problem,” and a front-page story provided a cautionary message about “scapegoating” the gay community in the scandal.

Cathy Renna, spokeswoman for GLAAD, blamed the media for distorting the data on the abuse by homosexual priests by claiming that “misinformation muddies the waters.” Mary Louise Cervone, president of the gay dissident Catholic group Dignity, warned that the scandal might “bring us back to the 1950s when we had to live in the shadows.”

The bishops had little to say about homosexual priests — and even less to say to the feminists and anti-celibacy contingents. Their focus was on the victims — and the real needs of the real victims.

In humble and heartfelt apologies, the bishops did what they had to do. They admitted that they had mishandled many of the cases — and promised never to sin again. This is what the Catholic Church is really all about — sin, redemption and reconciliation. This is all Catholics or anyone else can reasonably ask for — but it will never be enough for those who had hoped to gain so much more from this panic. There will be no talk of ordaining women, nor changing the church’s stance on sexual morality.

The victims must be taken care of — and this will continue to enrage the advocates.

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Firms keeping their heads well above water with undersea technology applications

By JENNIFER CHUNG
San Diego Daily Transcript

With the third longest coastline in the United States, California is home to a number of oceanic research institutions, naval facilities and aquariums. And that makes it a natural location for a burgeoning underwater technology industry.

LITERALLY, the unifying elements in underwater technology are cables and connectors, used to send power and retrieve data from a variety of subsea devices.

"Everybody needs a cable or a connector for whatever kind of device they have," said Brock Rosenthal, president of Ocean Innovations, a manufacturing representative specializing in sales to the oceanographic community. "That tends to be something that we deal with on a daily basis."

Ocean Innovations, based in La Jolla, sells a number of underwater products, from altimeters and echo sounders to remote-operated vehicles, or ROVs. But its biggest sales come from cables and connectors.

The electric and fiber-optic cables have numerous applications, including communication links between sea-floor networks, telephone lines and high-power lines for various types of equipment. Ocean Innovation clients include researchers at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, the Navy lab on Point Loma and other Navy facilities, commercial divers and ROV contractors. The company has even helped Hollywood filmmakers with underwater filming.

With all that equipment underwater, there is often a need to disconnect a cable from the device for servicing purposes.

"You want a connection that can be made or unmade underwater — and that's fairly tricky to do," said Rosenthal.

Ten years ago, if an underwater cable malfunctioned, it was difficult to fix. Cables were hard-wired into a device and couldn't be disconnected. To retrieve an instrument, the whole cable with had to come with it.

But with the invention of wet-mateable connectors, the process has become much more efficient. The technology allows electrical and optical components to be connected and disconnected underwater, without bringing the entire cable or any machinery to the surface. Furthermore, the device's power can be on safely while the cables are disconnected.

Rosenthal founded Ocean Innovations six years ago. "I grew up around Scripps (Institution of Oceanography) and always hung out with people who went to school there," he said, explaining how he got started in the ocean technology business. He was partner in a company called Deep Sea Power and

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Light that made underwater lights and video cameras. He left to become an outside sales representative, and then decided he needed other companies to round out the business. That's when he found out he had two friends working at a company called Ocean Design.

Now Ocean Innovation's main supplier of underwater cables and connectors, Ormond Beach, Fla.-based Ocean Design is providing the next generation of connectors that keep losses at the lowest amount possible. Loss describes the signal strength, in terms of decibels, that is lost when a signal crosses from one cable to another.

"You get some loss when you go across a boundary," explained Rosenthal, "and that becomes important when you have a really long cable — how much that signal degrades or attenuates. So when you get a cable with low losses, that's really beneficial."

Ocean Design was recently named one of the fastest growing companies in California for the second consecutive year. The company employs approximately 240 people at four worldwide facilities. The company also has a San Diego connection; co-founder and Chairman of the Board James Cairns earned his Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and received his MA in Marine Physics from the University of San Diego.

In March, Ocean Design announced a strategic partnership with Bank of America Capital Investors. BACI made a significant equity investment to support the company's expanding future needs.

While specific terms of the partnership were not disclosed, it was called "a very important step in the growth of Ocean Design," by President and CEO Mike Read in a press release, "We will be able to draw upon the significant financial and operational resources of BACI, enabling Ocean Design to expand its technology base and successfully capitalize on its global market opportunities."

Rosenthal contends that ocean technology is a growing industry, "but not like Internet bubble." Business is mainly driven by the oil industry, the military and academic research. Worldwide, offshore oil drilling is the biggest user of this type of technology. But in California, research applications comprise the majority of usage.

Ocean Innovations is working on a number of proposals for environmental monitoring projects and so-called "underwater observatories," where instruments will be permanently mounted and tethered together on the sea floor. Applications call for these kinds of connectors," he said, and expects to see an associated increase in sales eventually.

In the post-9/11 world of heightened security, Rosenthal also expects military use of underwater and particularly wet-mateable technology to increase.

"There are a lot of proposals going on right now for homeland security, port security, harbor security. There's a lot of people in San Diego that have experience from the military in defending coastlines and ports and harbors that have been called upon to make proposals to do things along those lines. So the level of interest on quoting and things has gone way up."

While these programs haven't been implemented yet, Rosenthal knows they're coming down the pipeline. And he'll be ready to connect them.

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MBA Programs Start Embracing The Net

Distance learning so far mostly supplements, not supplants, traditional classes

BY LIZ SWAIN

Students enrolled in the executive degree program at the University of California, Irvine’s Graduate School of Management don’t have to drive to Orange County to attend some teacher-assistant sessions. They turn to the laptop computer each student receives, snag a high-speed Internet connection and attend the 90-minute session online. Students see and hear video of the class. They can e-mail questions to the instructor.

In the teaching assistant sessions that supplement graduate business courses, students may review accounting principles or go over homework. For San Diegans, it may not make sense to “drive three hours for a one and a half-hour session midweek,” says John Clarke, GSM assistant dean and chief information officer.

Online learning, also known as distance learning, is a growing option for students. Some enroll in Internet courses if they move in the middle of a degree program. When travel is part of a job, distance learning is a way to attend class while out of town. For working professionals earning master of business administration degrees, online learning opportunities range from part of some courses to entire degree programs.

In addition, the Internet can provide access to instructional material. Some UC Irvine instructors make short online tutorials that students can watch and replay. The university’s health care executive MBA program Web site contains seven videotaped sessions of a health care conference.

At the University of San Diego, MBA students enrolled in the Graduate Business Study Abroad program spent three weeks online before traveling this month to China and Spain for two weeks.

Students can enroll in one or two three-unit courses. Those who go to Barcelona will study “International Marketing” and “International Comparative Management.” Those going to Beijing and Shanghai study “International Marketing” and “Strategic Alliances and Technology.”

The online portion of those courses started May 2. Several weeks before that, the professor posted assignments and questions online, says Kira Mendez, program coordinator. Students need to “read and type to get interjected into a course,” Mendez says. An instructor with 20 students in a course may divide them into groups. That way, the instructor “only waits for six answers, not 20.”

Online courses can present connection problems. Mendez advises students to test their computer setup several weeks before starting a course. People who use a computer on the job may need to deal with firewalls.

Each class consists of five sessions held every other day. Students participate in chat sessions, upload assignments, watch streaming videos and work on projects. They place follow-up questions on an online bulletin board and submit assignments to an online drop box. Students contact each other by e-mail or phone. When the online sessions end, students go abroad and visit companies with their online classmates. “They meet MBAs from all over the United States,” says Mendez.

At the University of Phoenix, graduate business students can take some or all of their courses online. “Programs are identical. The curriculum is the same; sometimes the instructors are the same,” says Brian Mueller, University of Phoenix Online chief operating officer. School supplies for an online student include Microsoft Windows 95 or 98, CD-ROM and Windows-based word processing and spreadsheet applications. Project management software is required for some degree programs.

Enrollment is limited to eight to 13 students for the courses that run from five to six weeks. Students are expected to go to the online class site five days each week. The instructor is online every day and returns assignments within 24 to 48 hours.
Each class has a group mailbox that serves as an electronic classroom. On the first day of class, the instructors usually provide introductory information on the week’s topics and assignments. Students also receive biographies of their instructors and classmates.

Course work consists of weekly components. The instructor posts a lecture or elaborates on material. Also posted are discussion questions that students work on throughout the week. Students use the computer conferencing system to participate in classroom discussions and contact the instructor.

“They can get involved in discussions any time that is convenient,” says Mueller. “They learn as much or more (than in a traditional classroom). Written communication is a strongly desired business skill.”

University of Phoenix also offers courses that combine the Internet with the classroom, says Bruce Williams, vice president and director of UOP San Diego campuses. Students meet in the classroom for the first and last sessions. In between, they learn online. “It’s how business is done these days,” says Williams.

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At Keller Graduate School of Management, courses offered through the Online Education Center in Chicago are an option when a course isn’t offered at a local campus, says Thomas Horstmann, San Diego center director. Courses on campus are more personal and provide more
Neither California State University, San Marcos nor San Diego State University’s executive MBA program schedule online courses. SDSU’s regular MBA program experimented with distance learning about a year ago, says Ken Marino, associate dean of the College of Business.

Around 10 students took the experimental electronic course. They met one night a week as a group and spent other course time studying on their own. Students and faculty enjoyed the experience, and the College of Business is exploring policy issues such as accreditation. “There is no distance program as of yet, but it will be integrated in the future,” says Marino.

This month, Chapman University expands its online offerings, says associate dean Maria Gier. The summer brings 10 online courses and plans are in place for 40 distance-learning degree courses by the end of the year. Courses will include business and computer science. Gier attributes the increase in Internet courses to the hiring last September of Dennis DeLong as dean of distance education.

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Chapman’s previous online offerings include offshore distance learning. Through a contract with the U.S. Navy, Chapman provided CD-ROM-based courses so military personnel at sea could earn undergraduate credit.

Chapman offers some certificate programs online or in the classroom. These include the human resource management certificate for people preparing for national examinations in professional human resources or senior professionals in human resources. Chapman’s online and classroom versions are available in partnership with the national Society for Human Resources Management. For students starting MBA programs in the fall, some courses to the MBA core program are offered as electives to the MBA core program. For students starting MBA programs in the fall, some courses can be used for core credits.

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Distance learning also is on the rise at Alliant International University (formerly United States International University). Alliant’s online business offerings include economics, finance and marketing. With distance learning, students in China can finish degree programs at the San Diego campus, says Ali Abu-Rahma, assistant dean of the business administration college.

Closer to home, Alliant has provided a management degree program onsite at Samsung since...
spring of 2001. Students took nine courses at work. The 10th course, in economics, began online.

The Internet will connect business students from Santa Monica College with the local Alliant campus. This fall, students with associate arts degrees from the community college will complete their two years of upper division courses online, says Abu-Rahma.

Online learning isn't just reading onscreen information and typing messages. Another facet of education technology is streaming video.

**National University** is working with streaming video that provides real-time instruction as well as videos that students can access on demand, says Ruth Black, the university's online director. NU is working on projects for the School of Education. Instructors can develop online course work using material such as clips from videotapes and PowerPoint presentations. The university uses Innovativ, a digital-based video application to create online, multimedia lessons.

The challenge for Black is when "the instructor comes in with 20 hours' worth of material." She works with the instructor to tailor down the presentation. The finished product could be a five-minute video. Black says the goal is to create a presentation that is meaningful and gets students excited.

The streaming video can present a real-life situation that demonstrates a topic to students. The technology could be incorporated into an assignment; a student could be asked to evaluate information in a video.

As MBA programs incorporate more technology into teaching, there is some concern that the Internet will replace the classroom. Gier of Chapman believes that instructional methods can co-exist. "Movies did not take away live theater. Videos did not take away movies. It's not either/or (for graduate education)," she says. ❖
Reform coming; will it be enough?

By Dean Calbreath
STAFF WRITER

For Martha Dorin, who teaches accounting at San Diego State University, the past week has been an object lesson on the pressures her students will face as they enter the marketplace.

The week began with the news that the Arthur Andersen accounting firm had been convicted of obstruction of justice in Houston and ended with allegations that the Merck pharmaceutical giant had inflated its financial statements.

In between came revelations of other accounting problems at other publicly traded companies — a growing litany that involves each of the remaining Big Four firms.

"I tell my students that they have to view this as an opportunity to get involved in the accounting industry and do what needs to be done to make it better," says Dorin, who worked as a certified public accountant at a couple of regional firms before switching to academia.

"In any profession, there's always pressure to lower standards in order to make money. That's something we need to be on guard against."

Unlike some members of her profession, Dorin believes volunteer efforts are no longer enough to guard against wrongdoing. What is needed in widespread government reform and oversight — as well as a change in the overall corporate culture.

After a few missteps earlier in the year, it appeared last week that significant reform efforts are finally under way in Washington. But critics fear that the reformers may not be able to withstand the lobbying clout
Move for reform is sure to face an uphill battle

of the accounting profession. And they worry that the reform may not get to the root of the issue — alleviating the pressures that highly paid corporate executives place on accountants to bend the rules.

So far, regulatory efforts have focused on the accounting profession rather than corporate chieftains.

Early last week, Sen. Paul Sarbanes, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, pushed a bill through his committee that would sharply curtail the consulting work performed by auditing firms and require them to change the partner in charge of audits of large corporations every five years.

Two days later, the Securities and Exchange Commission proposed establishing a Public Accountability Board — a private-sector panel that would be dominated by members who did not belong to the accounting profession.

"It is incontrovertibly clear that longstanding deficiencies in the system we employ to produce quality audits of financial statements have caused a serious threat to the efficacy of our capital markets," said SEC chairman Harvey Pitt, a former Ernst & Young partner in charge of audits of corporate executives.

"There's an inherent conflict with Cendant Corp., three employees have pleaded guilty to falsifying financial statements," said the SEC that Ernst & Young later produced favorable audits after being "browbeaten" by "Big Four" auditing firms.

"One good thing that the Enron case showed is that even if you give enormous amounts of money to politicians, it might not be enough to overcome their problems," he said. "There's no question that various people on Capitol Hill and in Washington have a debt to the American public.

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"Unquestionably, conflicts of interest are endemic to the entire accounting industry," said Robert Phillips, who teaches business administration at the University of San Diego.

"There's an inherent conflict whenever a client selects and pays an auditor for a multi-million-dollar contract. The question is whether that conflict is deemed serious enough to take the entire accounting industry under the government's aegis."

Phillips cites well-publicized cases in which Arthur Andersen produced favorable audits of companies, such as Sunbeam and Waste Management, after being "browbeaten" by corporate executives. And recent events have shown that problems in the accounting profession were not limited to Arthur Andersen.

In the past several months, the government has launched criminal probes against Computer Associates, audited by KPMG; Adelphia Communications, audited by Deloitte & Touche; and CUC International, audited by Ernst & Young.

At CUC, which has merged with Cendant Corp., three employees have pled guilty to falsifying the financial statements that Ernst & Young later approved.

Growing doubts about accounting standards have contributed to the recent implosion of stock prices on Wall Street.

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Such complaints are common from industries coming under federal scrutiny. But given the amount of money that the accountants have devoted to political contributions and lobbying in the past few years, some observers say that any move for reform will face a daunting uphill battle.

"My suspicions are that most of the real work will be done out of the public spotlight," USD professor Phillips said. "Individual lobbyists and high-ranking officials from the Big Four will continue to lobby for autonomy, while some voices within the government will work toward greater regulatory controls."

Phillips thinks it's a tossup whether the accountants or the regulators will come up on top. Thanks to a steady stream of political contributions, the AICPA and top accounting firms have the ear of many members of Congress.

Between January 2001 and March 2002, the accounting profession contributed $5.8 million, with more than 70 percent going to Republicans. Cynics suggest that that is one reason a reform bill passed several months ago by the Republican-controlled House was much weaker than the bill passed in committee last week in the Democrat-controlled Senate.

"One good thing that the Enron case showed is that even if you give enormous amounts of money to politicians, it might not be enough to overcome their problems," he said. "There's no question that various people on Capitol Hill and in Washington have a debt of some sort to the Big Four. But they also have at least a competing debt to the American people."

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Economic indicators decline for second consecutive month

Anticipated recovery pushed back to 4th quarter

By TIM COFFEY
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San Diego's economy stumbled again in May, as the Index of Economic Indicators declined for the second consecutive month, raising doubts a quick recovery was near.

The 0.3 percent decline in the broad base of indicators shows the region could face some rough months ahead, said the author of the monthly index.

"Basically, what I had thought earlier, at the early part of this year, was that things would start heating up sometime around the summer," said Alan Gin, an economics professor at the University of San Diego. "But what I'm thinking now is that negative news, particularly the unemployment claims, is going to cause the return date to be pushed back a little bit, maybe into the fourth quarter."

The San Diego index is now at 138.2, a sharp contrast to 142.5 from last May. The index has never lost more than 1 percent in the last year, and has not gained more than 0.5 percent.

The six indicators were evenly split with decliners led by a solid increase in jobless claims of 3.12 percent. Smaller decreases, less than 1 percent, were

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recorded in issued building permits and in local stock prices.

The positive indicators were highlighted by a sharp up-tick in consumer confidence, 1.71 percent, and marginal increases, less than 1 percent, in help wanted advertising and indicators from the national economy.

Still, the declines in May and April were enough to cast doubt on thoughts of an imminent recovery. Prior to the two recent months, the index had increased four consecutive months.

"The long-term outlook remains for an eventual return to strong growth in the local economy," Gin said. "However, the negative move in the last two months is an indication that it may take longer than expected for the local economy to hit full stride."

Gin expected a full turnaround by midyear, but a decrease in building permits and an increase in the unemployment rate has stymied that projection. Building permits are off 6 percent from last year; the unemployment rate is near 4 percent.

It was 2.8 percent in May 2001, according to the California Employment Development Department.

Despite that, the San Diego index has muscled out a 0.7 percent increase in 2002, led primarily by consumer confidence, which increased in May for the sixth straight month.

That indicator was supported by rising values of residential property and few mass layoffs.

However, high home prices could pose a threat to the economy.

"Housing prices could be a twofold sword in that, yeah, the people that do own the homes are going to be happy about (increased values), but if you're looking for a house, or you're renting and your rents are going up, that could be a potential problem there," Gin said. "It's so much so that the City Council has talked about trying to address that."

Local public companies will also be tested in the coming months, as market investors weigh the risks of owning stock in the aftermath of another corporate fraud.

Particularly, it could be difficult for expansion-minded businesses to raise capital in the public markets if investors retreat from Wall Street, Gin said.

"There's a worry that all these stories about WorldCom and accounting practices could hurt confidence, that people are going to have less trust in corporations and that could have a number of ramifications," he said.

The stock prices of all San Diego public companies dropped 0.5 percent, or less than $40, in May. So far, in June, the San Diego portfolio of 166 companies has shed more than more than $80.

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County's economy shows hint of slowing

USD index dipped in April and May

By Thomas Kupper  
STAFF WRITER

The outlook for San Diego County's economy weakened in May, as an index of local leading economic indicators fell for the second consecutive month.

An increase in initial claims for unemployment insurance was the biggest factor pulling down the index from the University of San Diego. Building permits and stock prices of locally based companies also fell.

Alan Gin, the USD business professor who compiles the index, said he believes the economy will pick up strength later this year. But he said the declines in the index suggest that it could take several months for a strong recovery to emerge.

"It may take longer than expected for the local economy to hit full stride," Gin said, "with a full recovery probably being pushed back until the end of the year."

Thus far, San Diego County's economy has weathered the recession much better than most other regions of the country. Employers in San Diego have continued to add workers, though at a slower pace than before, while the national economy has shed jobs.

The county's unemployment rate for May was 3.7 percent, compared with the national rate of 5.5 percent.

Four consecutive increases in USD's index from December through March suggested that San Diego might already be headed for recovery. And the May index continued to show positive signs, including a small improvement in help wanted advertising and an increase in consumer confidence.

Overall, the index fell 0.3 percent, after falling 0.2 percent in April.

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Wells Fargo's Business Banking Group has hired Beaverton resident Reggie Gaines as a vice president and business lending officer to serve the Portland metro area. Based in Tigard, Gaines is responsible for providing a full range of financial services to businesses with annual sales of up to $20 million. Gaines previously worked in a similar capacity for 14 years at U.S. Bank in Portland. He also worked as a district manager for General Motors. Gaines earned a degree in business administration from the University of San Diego. He is a former treasurer of Providence Milwaukie Foundation, a former vice president of the Oregon Association of Urban Bankers and a former chair of the Oregon Bankers Association's government relations committee.
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Rodrigo Sales, a former strategic analyst with Credit Suisse First Boston, is co-founder and chief executive of AuctionWatch in San Bruno. Sales received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the Olin School of Business at the University of San Diego. He earned his MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business. While there, he served as chairman of the finance and investment club and conducted an independent study of the growth of the Internet auction economy and online consumer credibility systems. He is originally from San Diego but now calls the Bay Area home.

**Claim to fame:** AuctionWatch is a profitable Web-based company, co-founded by Sales in January 1999. The company provides sales management services to small businesses. Previously, he was in supplier management with Quantum.

**Appetite for risk:** "I tend to be a medium- to long-term investor, aggressive, but not in a traditional sense," he said. "I invest exclusively in technology companies, typically at times when they are out of favor and valuations are relatively low. I have an opportunistic strategy. For example, I bought Microsoft in the 40s at the end of 2000. The company had a great market position, great financial strength, strong management, but was out of favor at the time. The result: I made money while the Nasdaq continued to decline."

**Game plan:** "I have a 12-month to five-year time horizon," he said. "I try to get in during slow times and sell off during good times. I probably sell too soon because when valuations get too rich I get nervous and get out, leaving money on the table. I don't have enough time to follow each company as closely as needed to understand when a stumble might occur and valuations can come crashing down, so I tend to sell when valuations get high. As I get closer to retirement my approach will become more conservative, but I see that as a ways off."

**Wild bets:** Starting AuctionWatch was a business move that Sales jumped into, knowing that the odds were against him, "Nearly all start-ups fail and many did when the bubble burst," he said. "AuctionWatch is still around and growing. The experience has been unbelievable. Looking back, it was a great call."

**Smartest move:** Professionally, attending B-School at Stanford. There was an amazing group of people and I gained a great network, which expanded my opportunities. Personally, marrying my wife, Celeste. She has been incredibly supportive and is always there for me."

**Biggest blunder:** "I missed out on the Internet bubble. I didn't make investments in dot-coms because I thought the valuations were out of whack. I should have bought eBay immediately after the IPO. I knew auctions would be huge but thought competitors such as Yahoo and Amazon would limit their success. Could have made 10 times the investment."

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Piña family masters the meaning of life

By Nina Garin
STAFF WRITER

It's all fine by Jose Piña that his daughters know a thing or two about hard work. He's just comforted it's a different kind of labor than he knows.

Jose, 55, experienced the life of a dishwasher and a machinist. His daughters, Decy Piña, 26, and Margarita Piña-Harlow, 30, are more familiar with desks and term papers.

Recently, the family's combined sweat and tears paid off when, on the same day, Decy and Margarita both received their master's degrees from the University of San Diego. Decy's degree is in learning and teaching. Margarita's is in counseling.

It was a long road of financial aid papers and endless hours of studying. But despite their efforts, the Piñas are a bit uncomfortable receiving attention. To them, working for what you need has just been a part of life.

"There was never any question about whether we were going to college," says Margarita. "Our parents have always been there to support us."

Although Jose and his wife, Leonor, didn't attend a university, they always stressed to their daughters the importance of a good education.

"I want them to have that security," says Jose in Spanish, as his 17-month-old granddaughter, Emily Harlow, plays with a picture book.

When Jose and Leonor moved to San Diego in the 1970s, their lives weren't as stable. Jose supported his family by washing dishes at Sambo's Restaurant. He worked his way up to cook.

The Piñas' former next-door neighbor and Margarita's godfather, Joel Kragen, remembers how on Saturday mornings he and Jose would sweep the sidewalks free of hypodermic needles and trash that collected in front of their homes.

"The barrio is getting better, but back then, it was a pretty rough place," Kragen remembers. "It says something about what kind of parents Jose and Leonor are to raise two daughters in that environment. The girls have always been so centered and have had direction: They're an incredible watchful family.

Back when he lived in Tijuana, Jose worked as a machinist. Through his gentle personality and perseverance, Jose managed to land a job as a machinist at a company across the street from his house. He's been there for 23 years. Leonor stayed home and took care of the family.

"My mom's always been involved with our school," says Decy. "She always knew what was going on and was always on our case about grades."

Leonor's constant drilling has paid off. Decy, who completed her undergraduate degree at USD, already works as a fifth-grade teacher at Chavez Elementary School in San Diego. Margarita, who got her degree at UC Irvine and has been raising her daughter, works at SDSU's pre-college program, counseling high school students.

"We may not have money to leave them," says Leonor in Spanish. "But we can at least leave them with an education. People are always saying negative things about this community. I think we're here to say that there's not only bad things in this barrio, there are also families who want their children to come out ahead in life."

While the girls are happy all the studying is over, Margarita and Decy aren't ready to stop just yet. Margarita wants to pursue a Ph.D. Decy is looking into a credential program. Even Leonor hasn't stopped her

The family looks over at Emily, who runs around the living room, unaware of the work that's expected of her — the kind of work that makes Jose rich with pride.
Decy Piña (left) and her sister Margarita Piña-Harlow prepared for their graduation from USD May 26.
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THE SUPREME COURT: Searching for Drugs

STUDENT RIGHTS

Court's Stance on Searches Evolves

By NEIL A. LEWIS

WASHINGTON, June 27 — It was not until 1985 that students had any rights to be free of random searches in public schools. Principals and teachers were thought of as surrogate parents, and thus could legally order a student to open a locker or turn out a backpack, even if there was no reason to suspect a problem.

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San Diego within its rights to demand use of union workers

Council pushes for labor, neutrality provisions in negotiations over SeaWorld lease, expansion project

By DAVID HICKS
San Diego Daily Transcript

The city of San Diego is completely within its rights to demand that SeaWorld use union laborers when it builds a hotel on city land, attorneys on all sides of the issue said Tuesday.

As part of a lease renegotiation with the Mission Bay theme park, the San Diego City Council apparently has attempted to get the company to agree to two provisions that are preferred by labor unions — a project labor agreement and a neutrality agreement.

SeaWorld management raised the alarm in the business community last week after the council apparently voted in closed session to make the two provisions part of the final approval for a major expansion of the park.

At Monday's council hearing, hundreds of businesspeople, workers and association leaders on both sides of the issue showed up to testify.

The council was scheduled to reconsider the matter in closed session Tuesday, June 25. The council met behind closed doors before its lengthy public session Tuesday morning and was expected to return to private deliberations late Tuesday after the main hearing.

Assistant City Attorney Les Girard said Tuesday that the city and SeaWorld are entering into a contract. They are, therefore, free to negotiate whatever conditions they both can agree on, he said. That includes the type of labor used to build the 300-room hotel — which will not be constructed for at least 10 years, according to the current form of the lease amendment.

"What we're negotiating with them is a lease agreement, and it would just be a condition of a contract," Girard said.

In 1998, SeaWorld and the city signed a 50-year lease for 172 acres at the south end of Mission Bay. The two sides are now negotiating an amendment to that lease in light of SeaWorld's planned expansion, which includes additional marine attractions and a "Splashdown" roller coaster ride.

After four years of working its way through the process, the expansion master plan and lease amendment are before the council for final approval. According to letters from SeaWorld officials, the union-related provisions were added at the last minute and without public discussion.

In a June 20 letter to the council, an attorney for SeaWorld,
Union workers

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David Watson of Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, did not mince words.

"SeaWorld cannot accept the city council's direction regarding a project labor agreement and neutrality agreement for a future hotel," Watson wrote. "SeaWorld will not sign a lease amendment that contains those provisions."

Without the lease amendment, SeaWorld cannot pursue its expansion. The city could lose jobs, increased rent and more than $15 million in public improvements that are part of the master plan, according to Dennis Burks, the park's general manager. SeaWorld already pays close to $7 million a year in rent to the city.

In a general sense, a project labor agreement describes the conditions under which laborers will work on a particular development. They often require that all or a large portion of the work be conducted by union organized labor, earning union pay scale and benefits. On the other hand, an agreement could simply mandate that workers on the job receive benefits and a relatively high pay scale.

Opponents of the agreements say they drive up the price of labor by cutting down the number of contractors that can bid on jobs.

Girard, the assistant city attorney, would not discuss the specifics of this project labor agreement. However, he would say that it does not mandate 100 percent union personnel on the job.

"The condition was not that specific," Girard said. "In other words, the condition could have been satisfied in a lot of ways."

Presumably, that means it left the door open for non-union contractors to enter bids. However, several contractors who spoke at Monday's council meeting said that, in a practical sense, a project labor agreement would prevent them from even attempting to win the work.

A neutrality agreement applies to the workers at the hotel once it opens. If such an agreement were included in the lease extension, SeaWorld would be required to "remain silent" on the issue of unionization if workers at the hotel decided to organize, Girard said. Under current law, management is allowed to actively attempt to convince workers not to vote in favor of creating a union.

"The city is certainly within its rights to propose this as a lease term," said Richard Paul, a management-side labor law attorney and an adjunct professor of labor law at the University of San Diego Law School. "They are becoming more common as organized labor has flexed its political muscle in Southern California."

Historically, the purpose of project labor agreements have been to ensure that municipalities get the highest quality workers on public projects, he said.

Attorney Richard Prochazka, a sole practitioner who often represents labor unions, said this type of provision protects the labor force from abuse by management.

"I suspect that this is the first of many for the (city) council," Prochazka said Tuesday. "(SeaWorld is) building on public land. And they want a lease that involves committing public land. And the city says, 'Fine, here are the conditions.'"

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Critics fear high court’s ruling will free schools to test all students for drug use

By Neil A. Lewis
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Critics fear the Supreme Court’s ruling until 1983 that students had to be free of random searches in public schools. Principals and teachers were thought of as surrogate parents, and thus could legally order a student to open a locker or turn out a backpack, even if there was no reason to suspect a problem.

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Medical Board Overhaul Legislation Advances

by Stephen Robitaille

June 17, 2002

Proposed legislation to open up physician malpractice and criminal records to public view sailed through the California Senate earlier this month, but the bill faces stiff resistance in the Assembly from physician and insurance industry advocates.

The bill, SB 1950, authored by Senator Liz Figueroa (D-Fremont), would place a host of new information on the Web site of the state Medical Board, the agency that oversees licensure and discipline for the state's physicians.

It would require release of all malpractice lawsuit judgments and settlements above $30,000, all misdemeanor criminal convictions that would have an impact on medical care, results of all board investigations that were referred to the state Attorney General for prosecution, and a number of incremental board disciplinary actions.

In addition, it would appoint a monitor to the board's enforcement program, who would evaluate the program and report to the Legislature, and add two public members to the board. Currently, the board consists of twelve physicians and seven members of the public.

The bill, and the larger companion issue of public release of information on physician performance, has gained momentum in recent months, sparked by a series of embarrassing revelations that showed that the board investigates only a small fraction of complaints on doctor performance and fails to publicly disclose most of its findings.

Bill Faces Tough Fight in State Assembly

But after the bill passed the Senate on a 35-2 vote, the California Medical Association and the California Association of Professional Liability Insurers, a trade association representing malpractice insurers, mounted ferocious opposition to the bill, which will next be taken up by the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. If the bill clears its first hurdle, it must then clear the Assembly Health Committee.

The CMA and insurers' lobbyists contend that releasing information on malpractice cases does not provide the public with effective information on doctors' qualifications. Malpractice settlements are often made as business decisions, not medical ones, because it is often cheaper to settle a case—regardless of its merits—than to take it to trial. In addition, they contend that physicians in high-risk specialties, such as obstetrics-gynecology and neurosurgery, get sued more often because they take on the most complex cases.

And opponents say that the bill will drive up health care costs and constrict access to high-risk specialty care. Physicians who will now be faced with public releases of malpractice lawsuit settlements will take cases to trial that they once would have settled. And the more cases that go to trial, the higher the costs to insurers, which they will pass along to physicians, who may then decide to leave high-risk specialties.

"People with most experience have the most suits, because they handle the hardest cases," said CMA spokesman Peter Warren. "Settlements are purely an economic judgment. Physicians who are sued don't..."
want to spend the three to four years out of their lives on the case, dealing with depositions, the weeks of

Warren said the CMA is not trying to shield bad doctors from public exposure, citing the association’s

"I agree the medical board has been subjected to serious criticism over the years," said Shannon. "They

Bill Enjoys Broad Support

Figueroa’s office did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Big Increase in Doctor Information If Bill Passes

Currently, California’s Medical Board releases a physician’s licensing information; medical school and date

Under SB 1950 publicly available information would be greatly expanded. In addition to the malpractice

Series Uncovers Serious Problems

The Medical Board was rocked this spring by an Orange County Register series that found that the board

Revelations included instances of physicians with multiple lawsuit judgments and apparently serious performance problems who continued practicing medicine, with few board-prompted legal impediments, and whose records have not been made available to patients as part of their physician selection process.

The Medical Board in mid-May voted to place all settlement information on its Web site, pending approval by the Legislature. Gary Gitnick, M.D., a UCLA gastroenterologist and the board’s new president, told the Los Angeles Times, “It clearly is a board that realizes that its prime reason for existence is public protection. And one element of public protection is making it possible for any member of the public to learn as much as they can about their physicians, both good and bad.”

National Demand for Information

Demand for information on physician performance is nationwide, according to the Federation of State Medical Boards, a national organization that represents 70 medical professional licensing boards in the 50 states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. Some 50 of the nation’s 70 medical boards have Web sites that contain at least rudimentary physician information, which is double the number of Web sites from 1999, according to federation figures.

Massachusetts was the first state in the country to release physician records, putting its system into place in 1996, and is considered a national leader in public reporting on physician performance.

It releases malpractice judgments and settlements by a doctor, but also includes the number of physicians in that doctor’s specialty, the number of doctors who have made malpractice payments in the last ten years, and whether the payment amount was average, above average, or below average for its type. Massachusetts also includes a disclaimer on the weak link between malpractice judgments and provider competence, long a sore point among physicians.

Proponents of SB 1950 point to states such as Massachusetts and Florida, which posts all malpractice claims paid out on physicians for the past 20 years, as proof that such programs do not cause the kinds of problems that opponents say they will. However, the CMA and the malpractice insurers’ association point out that physicians in California can refuse to settle a malpractice case, while doctors in Massachusetts cannot.

More on the Web

- California Medical Association
- State Sen. Liz Figueroa
- Senate Bill 1950
- Orange County Register
- Center for Public Interest Law
Port Opt To Can Gas Storage Tanks

BY RENE'E BEASLEY JONES

Not everyone was pleased with the Port Commission's recent resolution reaffirming an earlier decision to tear down three large National City tanks that could store gasoline.

David Diaz, project manager for Newport Petroleum of Signal Hill, was one of two people who opposed destroying the tanks. The other was Michael Shames, executive director of Utility Consumers' Action Network.

About 15 residents and activists with environmental groups stepped up to support the tanks' demolition.

For nearly three years, Diaz and his petroleum shipping company have expressed interest in redeveloping the tanks for gas storage. The project would be done in two phases, costing about $5 million.

"We've experienced nothing but (the port's) effort to kill the project," Diaz said.

The National City tanks offer a 348,000-barrel capacity. Earlier this year, Robert Fellmeth, a professor at the University of San Diego and director of Center for Public Interest Law, said those tanks could save San Diegans at least $105 million in cheaper gasoline prices.

Fellmeth said restricted storage space limits competition among gas station owners in San Diego, resulting in higher prices at the pump.
A TWIN Who Could Use A Double

Corporate attorney Randa Trapp has one busy schedule

Randa Trapp’s busy schedule could fill several calendars. A TWIN honoree in 1998, Trapp is legal counsel for Sempra Energy. She’s an adjunct law professor at the University of San Diego and is involved in numerous community activities.

A past president of the NAACP San Diego chapter, Trapp is vice chair of the Community Leaders Forum. The group focuses on the African-American community and getting people energized about elections.

Trapp chairs the San Diego Law Library Justice Foundation board and recently was appointed to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation African-American Advisory Committee. She has served on the city’s Human Relations Commission and chaired the Southeastern Economic Development Corp. board. Trapp was a member of Sen. Barbara Boxer’s Judicial Advisory Committee and a director on the County Retirement and the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau boards.

“I think it’s important to work in the African-American community and represent the community throughout the county,” she says. “I have a very supportive employer. It helps the company to have employees out in the community.”

Trapp’s family is supportive, too. She and her husband, Larry, have two sons, Lawrence, 9, and Langston, 8, go to many events with Mom. “They’re very proud to go. Hopefully they’ll get it — it’s important to give back to the community,” she says.


A native San Diegan, Trapp graduated from Lincoln High School and earned her law degree from Georgetown University. “I credit a lot of people here — community activists beating down the doors so I could go to college, to law school. I’m happy to come back and give back. I wanted to help people. As a lawyer, I thought I would be more effective,” she says.

“I hear stories from people of color who had trouble being hired at SDG&E. It’s changed; I’m proof of that,” she adds. “It’s exciting being able to represent a Fortune 500 company.”

— Liz Swain

Chairing TWIN And Barkless Dogs

Industrial hygienist Denise Daggett keeps busy off the job

After serving on the TWIN events committee for the past four years, Denise Daggett accepted the job as chair this year. “I’ve met some wonderful
Volunteers from Baker & McKenzie help out Habitat for Humanity

Law Briefs
By David Hicks

Attorneys and staff members from the law firm of Baker & McKenzie will put down their brief cases and pick up hammers, saws, drills and paint brushes June 8 to help build homes at nine sites across the United States in the firm's first nationwide Habitat for Humanity Day in Service.

On June 8, volunteers from Baker & McKenzie's offices in San Diego, San Francisco, Palo Alto, New York, Chicago, Miami, Washington, D.C., Dallas and Houston will pitch in at Habitat for Humanity work sites near their respective offices. Attorneys and staff members from the San Diego office will be working at a Habitat site in Escondido.

"Baker & McKenzie is proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity, an organization that stands for an unyielding commitment to families and communities across the country and around the world," said Betsy Morgan, Baker & McKenzie's North American Pro Bono Initiative Co-Chairman. "On June 8, we will roll up our sleeves and do our part to help families in our communities realize a decent place to live."

Baker & McKenzie also provides pro bono legal services to Habitat for Humanity. Attorneys advise on a sophisticated financing program that permits the organization to raise millions of dollars a year for reinvestment into the construction of additional homes using its affiliates' portfolio of zero-interest mortgage loans as collateral for below-market loans.

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to building quality, affordable housing for the poor. Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliates in more than 2,000 communities in 83 nations have built and sold more than 100,000 homes to partner families through no-profit, zero-interest mortgages.

Baker & McKenzie employs 3,131 lawyers at 63 offices in 34 jurisdictions around the world.

As part of an exchange program with the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, attorney David Casey Jr. spent several weeks in May hosting Dick Liu, an attorney from China. In order to learn more about U.S. governmental and legal systems, Liu spent several weeks in San Diego with Casey, visiting federal and state courts, the San Diego City Council and meeting more than 20 judges.

"Our whole purpose in this is to teach China about how we operate, so they can ultimately function as a democracy," Casey said in a press release. "This is the first time the academy has done anything like this in San Diego, and I feel it's been a huge success."

Casey said Liu was fascinated by his experiences, particularly when members of the City Council were allowed to criticize the mayor.

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Andrew Greene have joined the firm of Majors & Fox LLP, as of counsel.

Greene, formerly with Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, is a business litigator with experience in complex tort, intellectual property, class action and real estate cases. He graduated from Hastings Law School in 1993. He will handle a variety of business litigation matters in state and federal courts.

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Morrison & Foerster receives ABA Pro Bono Publico Award

Law Briefs
By David Hicks

The American Bar Association will honor Morrison & Foerster LLP with a 2002 ABA Pro Bono Publico Award during the ABA Annual Meeting in August in Washington, D.C. The ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards recognize individual lawyers and legal institutions that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged.

Morrison & Foerster was nominated for the award by five bar associations — the San Diego County Bar Association, the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Orange County Bar Association.

The firm’s pro bono practice focuses on children in poverty, issues of education, civil rights and civil liberties, international human rights and political asylum, and housing and homelessness. During 2001, Morrison & Foerster’s attorneys contributed more than 73,000 hours representing pro bono clients, equating to more than $23 million in free legal services and approximately five percent of the firm’s total billable time.

"Morrison & Foerster prides itself on its commitment to pro bono work and helping people in need," Mark Danis, managing partner of Morrison & Foerster’s San Diego office, said in a press release. “We are very proud that the Firm received the ABA Pro Bono Publico Award.”

The law firm of Butz Dunn DeSantis & Bingham recently announced the addition of three associate attorneys to its San Diego office. They are Steven Vosseller, Kathleen Silhasek and Christopher Barry.

Barry, a 1995 graduate of the University of Southern California School of Law, was formerly with Ross, Dixon & Bell LLP in San Diego. Silhasek is a 2001 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law. She previously worked for Duckor Spradling & Metzger in San Diego. Vosseller earned his law degree from Washburn School of Law in 1997. He previously served as assistant legislative counsel to the state Legislature of Yap, one of the four states that make up the Federated States of Micronesia.

More than 50 lawyers, summer associates and staff members from the San Diego and Orange County offices of Morrison & Foerster LLP, partnered with Corazón Inc., a nondenominational family and community support organization, to build a home for a needy family in Tecate, Mexico, on June 1. In addition to volunteering time, the firm contributed the funds needed to cover the building’s construction expenses as well as scholarships for seven village public school children.

Corazón Inc., is a volunteer organization formed in 1978 to serve the poorest families in Baja California. Building a house in one day with an all-volunteer work force is a part of the “familia Corazón” program, dedicated to assisting families and communities to become more self-sufficient in meeting the challenges of everyday life.

This is the second year MoFo sponsored a build with Corazón. Although the MoFo volunteers had little experience building a house, they successfully constructed a tiny (15’ x 20’’) house. Professional builders, who also volunteered their time, managed and trained the volunteers.

Attorney Kathryn Stuever has opened her own law office in El Cajon. She intends to provide legal services to San Diego’s immigrant community, with emphasis on business and immigration law. Stuever, a graduate of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, previously served as a judicial law clerk for the Executive Office for Immigration Review in San Diego. She also worked as an intern for the U.S. Attorney’s office. Before embarking on a legal career, Stuever worked as a realtor.

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Palisadian FRANK DAMON has been re-elected to a third year as chairman of the board of directors for Shelter Partnership, a nonprofit organization that develops resources and housing for the growing number of homeless families and individuals in Los Angeles County.

Founded in 1985, Shelter Partnership provides a variety of support to hundreds of agencies—free of charge—and serves as a resource to public agencies, the business community, local and national media, and community members involved in the issues of homelessness and the creation of permanent, affordable housing.

Born in Los Angeles, Damon graduated from UCLA in 1965 and from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1968. Currently practicing insurance regulatory law in West Los Angeles, he started his career as counsel to the California State Senate and Assembly Insurance Committees and was appointed Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the State of California by Gov. Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown in 1981, a position he held until 1983.

Damon is counsel to the Los Angeles County Bar Association for insurance matters and serves on the scholarship council for UCLA’s Academic Advancement Program. He was president of Kehillat Israel synagogue in 1985-1986.

Damon and his wife, Linda, have been married for 30 years and have lived in the Palisades since 1975.
School of Nursing
Here's to a year of healthy living

These 52 ideas will have kids, parents exercising more, eating better

BY LISA GARCIA
Dallas Morning News

Childhood has become a collage of free soda refills at restaurants. Of snacks for every occasion from riding in the car to making good grades. Of watching TV, of playing on the computer, of driving to a friend's house a mere mile away.

As a result, 10 American million kids are overweight — facing health consequences their parents and grandparents didn't face until adulthood.

Experts say parental involvement is a key element in kids learning to eat right and exercise more.

Getting fit is just a matter of small steps (quick ones, to rev up that heart rate) families can take together. The more you do, the better you feel.

Here are 52 ideas to help get you started. Start simply; decide you're going to incorporate one every week for the next year. And who knows? — you may get into it and do a few at once.

Granted, some may sound a bit corny, but isn't being in shape worth a little silliness?

1. Buy ONE BAG of chips only once a month. When it's gone, it's gone until next month.
2. It's easier to develop good habits than to break bad ones. Start your kids out with green beans instead of french fries, a family outing at the park instead of one in front of the tube.
3. Don't let kids eat when they're distracted — watching TV, doing homework or riding in the car.
4. Skip the super-size portions. If the extra food's not in front of them (or you), nobody will miss those hundreds of unnecessary calories and dozens of fat grams.
5. Remember that kid-friendly foods — pizza, cheeseburgers, spaghetti and
Healthy

Eat better, exercise more with new habits once a week

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meatballs — are nutritious, says registered dietitian Jessica Setnick of Dallas. Just not gigantic and multiple servings of each.

6. On car trips, take a cooler stocked with healthy foods. They can be a meal in themselves or supplement fast-food meals.

7. Put away your “food police” badge. “It only makes them want to eat more,” says Dr. Kathy James of the University of San Diego. “You have to back off.”

8. Kids menus are usually just fried-somethings. Order an appetizer or soup, instead. Better yet, split your own meal. Restaurant dinners are notoriously huge.

9. Tear up family membership cards for the Clean Plate Club.

10. If you’re assigned to after-game or pre-practice or after-practice snack detail, bring plastic bags filled with ice-cold grapes or strawberries. To drink, try 100 percent juice. Or really be a maverick and bring water.

11. Read labels together. A bag of chips may have a respectable 160 calories per serving. But then check out the serving size — one of those little bags is supposed to be enough for 2.5 people. Calorie count adjustment: 400.

12. If your kids are always starving when you pick them up from school, bring a piece of fruit or a container of yogurt to eat in the car. It’ll tide them over better than a drive-through order of fries.

13. Learn to eat slowly and to stop eating when you’re no longer hungry. Teach your kids to do the same.

14. Remember: Drink calories count as much as those in food. One giant soda can set you back hundreds of calories.

15. Offer fruit instead of fruit juice. An orange is more satisfying, more filling, takes longer to consume and has more fiber than orange juice.

16. Toss half the fries from your kids’ (and your own) fast-food meals. Nobody will miss them. Healthy foods more hinder fare. Keep carrots and fresh fruit in the refrigerator, dried apricots and raisins in the pantry.

17. Don’t bad-mouth foods the kids have already eaten. Instead, make the next meal or snack a healthy one.

18. Let your child cook one night a week. It will involve him or her in mealtime and encourage the trial of new things. Some suggestions:
   - Tomato soup mixed with cooked pasta; cut-up, low-fat hot dogs; fresh, frozen or canned vegetables.
   - Peanut-butter-and-whatever (olives, honey, jelly, bananas, pickles) sandwiches.
   - Scrambled eggs wrapped in tortillas.

19. Visit a farmer’s market. Stroll among the colorful fruits and vegetables, sampling as you go. The kids are bound to find something that, much to their and your surprise, they love.

20. Eat breakfast — all of you. Not-too-sweet cereal is fast, tasty and healthy. So is a two-minute smoothie: Blend a banana, milk, grape juice, frozen blueberries.

21. Take a walk around the block after dinner. It’ll take everyone’s mind off just one more nibble and get you moving to boot. A big plus: You’ll learn more about their lives than you would if you all watch TV together.

22. Substitute 1 percent milk for 2 percent or whole milk.

23. When your child claims hunger, first offer a glass of water or two saltines. Sometimes thirst is mistaken for hunger; other times, your body just craves salt.

24. Sneak grated zucchini and carrot into meatloaf, chopped fruit into yogurt.

25. Limit food rewards. Offer instead a trip to the library, a pick-up basketball game or a jaunt to the park.

26. Have only one type of each snack in the house: One kind of cookie, for instance, and one kind of frozen dessert.

27. Plant a garden. Even an apartment patio has room for a container plant or two. Bet your kids will try cherry tomatoes from their very own plant.

28. In-ray on the weigh-ins.

29. Jump rope together. See who can complete the most jumps in one minute, then try to beat that record. Learn new jumps — crossovers, fancy footwork.

30. Organize a weekly neighborhood basketball game or softball tournament.

31. Talk to your kids’ school about opening the gym on weekends or in the evenings so the family can play together.

32. Walk your dog and your kids. Who wants to ride around the park in a stroller? “I took my 2- and 4-year-old grandchildren around Bachman Lake,” says Dr. Joel Steinberg of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. “We looked at ducks and talked. They went the whole way, about 3 miles they didn’t ask me to pick them up.”

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38. Park far from your favorite store at the mall, then walk the rest of the way.

39. If your kids’ friends live more blocks away, for Pete’s sake, walk with them there instead of driving.

40. Show your kids the basics exercises you learned in gym class: Jumping jacks, squat thrusts, running in place. Then do ‘em!

41. Sign up the whole family for a fun run.

42. Enlist the kids’ help in housework. Set the timer for 30 minutes, then have everybody march or skip as they do their chores.

43. OK, let ‘em play on the computer for 30 minutes — after they (and you) exercise for 30 minutes.

44. If your kids come home to an empty house, check to see whether their school offers after-school programs that include physical activity.

45. Let the kids research how many miles it is to another state or city they’d like to visit. Then, every time they walk a mile, record it. When they’ve “walked” as far as the destination, do something special.

Etc.

46. OK, you 40 percent of Americans who watch TV during dinner, turn off the tube. You’ll pay more attention to what you’re eating and get to know each other better.

47. Remind one another that we’re blessed with only one body, so we’d best treat it well.

48. Periodically institute “No-TV Day” or “Stay Out of the Car Day.”

49. Talk about how healthy actions today lead to a healthy future.

50. Watch TV commercials together. Is a skinny person that people concerned about — much to their and your surprise, they love.

51. Tell your kids that people concerned about their bodies don’t eat or drink like that all the time. Also real-life people rarely look like those in commercials.

52. Talk to your child’s school staff about limiting availability of unhealthy foods.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Here are some excellent Web sites to help you and your children get on track:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov
- Centers for Science in the Public Interest: www.csipinet.org
- U.S. Surgeon General: www.surgeongeneral.gov
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: www.usda.gov
- National Institutes of Health: www.nih.gov
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: www.hhs.gov

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Hughes Career Achievement Awards
Chief of volunteers gets a kick out of giving

It's very difficult to talk with Judy Rauner about the woman from a small, struggling Midwestern clan who roared into the University of San Diego and made a huge, lasting impact on the world.

Rauner — an energetic grandmother at 64 — is too selfless to remain centered on that subject.

She'd much rather talk about "process and collaborative spirit."

These, she says, are keys to what, on her watch in 16 years as director of the college's Office of Community Service Learning, helped turn thousands of students into dedicated and effective volunteers.

And it's not just youngsters put unselfish efforts to work for countless area service organizations and agencies, the likes of Juvenile Hall, the Linda Vista Teen Center, Head Start and the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center.

"There has always been cooperation from the top (of the administration) here, encouraging collaborative efforts to get the (students) prepared for what they're going to get into on the outside — in the real world," says Rauner. "And I've always felt that I've been in the right place here."

Clearly, in Rauner's world view, doing for others and working, gratis, for the common good are natural parts of what living is all about.

She is yet another of a distinct breed whose hearts tell them: "Yes, we are all our brothers' keepers. And we're never too young to start practicing the role."

The record shows that for Rauner, the concept comes instinctively.

When she was 12, back in her native...
Rauner is moving into another phase

Council Bluffs, Iowa, something down deep urged her to put aside her own personal concerns and take part in a local Red Cross flood preparedness effort — even though she was technically under age.

The oldest of three kids in a family constantly harried by financial woes, Rauner couldn’t have told you the origin of what was driving her then; even now, in retrospect, she can’t tell you. But she followed where the urge led. And in the course, she proved an innovative hard worker who discovered that unselfish work held great rewards, immeasurable in monetary terms.

Similarly moved two years later, at 14, she went to work serving younger kids in a YMCA youth program. The smiles and joy clear on tender faces inspired her thought: “This is right to do.”

And following her announcement, she was presented the school’s highest award for career achievement. You can’t find anyone who could say it isn’t well deserved.

When Rauner came to USD in 1985, a decade before she would earn her doctorate at the school in educational leadership, she and her husband of 39 years, Tom, a physician, were raising four children.

He was also treating patients at what is now Scripps Mercy Hospital. And she was doing volunteer organizing for a number of social service groups, including Catholic churches, in and around her Kensington neighborhood.

But USD needed someone who had a feel both for helping young people see what needs to be done and for teaching them how to do it. Rauner, who also serves as a member on the partners in education advisory committee for the San Diego Unified School District, was, from the start, clearly the college’s answer.

Her many innovative programs integrating efforts between her department and others are still used today and remain nationally recognized. Her students learn well and are known throughout San Diego.

“They come ready to work, with (original) ideas and well-trained,” all thanks to Rauner and the professors she recruits to keep her department flourishing, says Amalyn Leppard, program director for Linda Vista Leaders, a leadership development program at Montgomery Middle School.

So Rauner’s farewell message to her students still resonates: “Take the caring and the experience that you’ve gained out into the community.”

The yet-spunky lady from the plains of Iowa definitely has.
Anne and Mark Wallace, Colette and Ivor Royston and Ken and Dixie Unruh. The Unruhs have a chefly sort of connection: Their daughter Stephanie is the very successful baker behind Mrs. Pastures’ Cookies for Horses. Check Mary’s Tack & Feed for those.

HITHER AND YON: Plenty of singable songs by the inimitable Bobby Short as the Mingei Museum paid a richly deserved tribute to arts dynamo Judith Harris at the Westgate Hotel... They called it the Oh-Zone! Intriguing new interactive exhibits—plus casino games and a karaoke room—made the gala for the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park a treat Dr. Science would love... The University of San Diego’s Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Awards honored outstanding alumni and alumnae with entertainment (and a medallion!) at the eighth annual dinner at the Manchester Grand Hyatt... The Heart Association played fiesta with a Cinco de Mayo theme for its annual Heart Ball... The Fern Street Circus pitched its tents in Balboa Park for Under the Big Sky, a special celebration of its 12 years of high-flying, death-defying feats of three-ring legerdemain. Kristi Pieper Rossbacher was honorary ringmaster. It’s not all just fun and games for the circus: Fern Street Community Arts provides education, outreach and performance programs for kids and families all over San Diego County. All while juggling a cake and bocce balls and riding a unicycle.

E-mail party info to jbeigner@hotmail.com.
Institute for Peace and Justice
San Diego, CA

**WIC Completes Millwork for Peace and Justice**

Interior Wood of San Diego, Inc., a member firm of the Woodwork Institute of California, has completed cabinetry and millwork for the new 90,000 sq. ft. Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice located at 5998 Alcala Park on the campus of the University of San Diego in San Diego, CA.

Interior Wood of San Diego, with Dan O’Brien and Phil Rockhold serving as project managers, was retained by USD for the approximately $500,000 millwork project. Mary Whelan, director of institutional design provided project oversight on behalf of USD.

Construction of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, which celebrated its grand opening fall 2001, was funded with a $25 million donation from San Diego philanthropist Joan B. Kroc. Rudolph & Stetten was the general contractor, with Mike Conroy serving as project manager. Carrier Johnson was the project architect, with Debra Elliot serving as project designer. The institute's first graduate students will be admitted in fall 2002.

The Kroc Institute was designed according to Kroc's request that it be a place that "not only talks about peace, but makes peace." The Kroc Institute's mission is to foster harmony, safety, and hope in a context of mutual respect and fairness. The institute will function as a unique venue where scholars, students, activists, and political leaders congregate to work collaboratively to promote peace and justice within the international, national and local communities. It also will serve to prepare graduate students for careers in conflict resolution and human rights.

Located on the west end of the USD campus, the Kroc Institute overlooks San Diego, Mission Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. Its surrounding campus is accented by courtyards, gardens, reflection pools and areas for prayer and meditation. The main building encompasses a premier conference center, a 300-seat auditorium, classrooms, break rooms, a production studio, and departments for international relations, political science, and history. Located next to the main building is the "Casa," a small residence center that will house visiting scholars and dignitaries.

The scope of work for Interior Wood of San Diego entailed the installation of custom cabinetry and millwork throughout the Kroc Institute. In addition, the firm was responsible for crafting the 42-foot-long, 27-foot-wide, oval conference table located in the building's conference center. Crafted entirely of burgundy-stained oak, the 12-section table seats 36 people and features a central, state-of-the-art audio/visual system. The table was designed to complement the "stately" feel of the conference center, which is accentuated by subtle yet rich wood tones, polished coffered ceiling and sophisticated lighting.

The project team for Interior Wood of San Diego faced several challenges in crafting the conference table. First, fulfilling the table's unique geometric shape posed an interesting challenge. Its oval shape is comprised of six matched pairs, with each pair having a different radius. Second, maintaining the oak's color and grain consistency from one section to the next required meticulous precision and attention to detail.

Finally, completing the table - a last-minute addition to the project, within a tight, four-week schedule was challenging. By using a computerized numeric control-cutting machine, the project team was able to build each section quickly and efficiently, with full confidence that the table would form its intended elliptical shape when completed.

As a member firm of the WIC, Interior Wood of San Diego performed all project work in compliance with the organization's Manual of Millwork and Certified Compliance Program. The Manual of Millwork is the leading standards and regulations publication for the millwork of industry in the Western U.S. It provides an established set of material, fabrication, workmanship, and installation standards for more than 7,000 architects and design professionals.
Area projects garner Best in West awards

By Roger M. Showley
STAFF WRITER

San Diego builders, architects and planners of grand mansions, tiny downtown flats and civic landmarks went for the gold and got it last week at the 39th annual Best in the West awards program, held during the Pacific Coast Builders Conference in San Francisco.

Eight grand and 21 merit Gold Nugget awards went to area projects at the Thursday ceremony. Judges based their decisions on entries from developers, architects and planners from 14 Western states, some of whom won for projects located overseas.

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, which opened last December at the University of San Diego, won a special Judges' commendation for the design by Carrier Johnson of San Diego.

Kroc, who gave $25 million to establish the institute, celebrated the opening earlier this month of another of her civic gifts, the $87 million Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Rolando. She is the widow of McDonald's Restaurants founder Ray Kroc.

"The lofty ideals that underpin this design aim at fostering intercultural harmony," the Gold Nuggets jury said.

Th ey said the design "combined striking aesthetics with practical consideration" and called it "ambitious and admirable."

Gordon Carrier, principal architect in charge of the project, said the institute is "a tribute to what the building is meant to represent, especially in current times."

The design architects were Ed Hokakiewicz and Ray Varela, and the project manager was Cindy Blair. Rudolph & Sletten was the contractor.

Another civic building winning a grand award was Congregation Beth Israel's new temple in University City, designed by the San Diego firm of Austin Veum Robbins Parshalle and built by Lusardi Construction Co.

The judges said the design "avoids cliché while integrating the topography of the 3.6-acre site with the architecture of the building into a fascinating community fabric."

San Elijo Hills, a 1,920-acre, 3,400-home, master-planned community in San Marcos, was rated as having the best community or town plan. Cal thorpe Associates was the planning firm; San Elijo Hills Development Co., the developer; and CGA/Roger Basinger, the architect.

Baywood Development won two grand awards for model homes at its Sentinels project in the Santaluz master-planned community east of Fairbanks Ranch. The judges liked the "Southern California courtyard living" element in one and the "supersize grand room" in the other. Scheurer Architects designed the homes.

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"The specific uses and detailed site planning allowed a mix of architecture and planning that far surpasses average planning efforts," the judges said.

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Commending San Diego's downtown for "producing a fabulous mix of unique and eclectic architectural styles and shapes," the judges gave top honors to architect-builder Jonathan Segal for The State, a row-home project in Little Italy with floor plans of 600 to 3,750 square feet.
The Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on the USD campus received a special judges' award for "striking aesthetics" in the California Building Industry Association competition.

John Gibbins / Union-Tribune

The best of the best

Local grand- and merit-award-winning projects honored last week at the 39th annual Best in the West awards program in San Francisco were:

• Bougainvillea, Carmel Valley: merit award for single-family home of 3,601-4,000 square feet (Plan 1); builder-developer, Davidson Communities; architect, R. Douglas Mansfield.

• Das Mar, Encinitas: merit awards for single-family home of 3,001-3,300 square feet (Plan 4) and a home of 3,300-3,600 square feet (Plan 5); builder-developer, D.R. Horton; architect, Stark Architecture + Planning.

• Congregation Beth Israel temple in University City: grand award for public or private special-use facility; builder, Lusardi Construction; architect, Austin Yeam Robbins Parshall.

• Costa del Sol, Carmel Valley: merit award for single-family home of 1,700 or more square feet on a compact lot; builder-developer, Baratt American; architect, Bassenian/Lagani.

• Crown Bay, downtown San Diego: merit award for attached homes at more than 30 units per acre; builder-developer, Crown Bay LLC; architect-planner, Withee Malcolm Partnership.

• Davidson at Cleo, Rancho Santa Fe: merit award for single-family home of 3,601-4,000 square feet (Plan 6); builder-developer, Davidson Communities; architect, R. Douglas Mansfield.

• Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego; judges special award; builder, Rudolph & Sletten; architect, Carrier Johnson.

• Maravu, Encinitas: merit awards for single-family home of 3,300-3,600 square feet (Plan 2) and a home of 4,500-5,000 square feet (Plan 4); builder-developer, Standard Pacific Homes; architect, Kaufman Meeks + Partners.

• San Elijo Hills, San Marcos; grand award for community or town plan; builder-developer, San Elijo Development Co.; architect, CGA/Roger Basinger; planner, Caliber Associates.

• Santa Barbara, Carmel Valley; merit awards for a sustainable residential community and a single-family home of 3,601-4,000 square feet (Plan 3); builder-developer, Pardue Homes; architect, Bassenian/Lagani.

• Santana, east of Fairbanks Ranch: merit awards for public or private special-use facility, single-family home under 1,800 square feet on a small lot (Lumina model), a home of 2,001-2,600 square feet (Solana model), sustainable development for a single building or complex and detached community of the year; builder, Taylor Woodrow Homes; architect, Robert Hid- ey Architects Inc.; planner, SWA Planning and Landscape Architect.

• Sentinels, within Santana master-planned community project: grand awards for single-family home of 2,200-2,600 square feet (Plan 1) and a home of 2,601-3,000 square feet (Plan 2); merit awards for a second model of 2,601-3,000 square feet (Plan 3) and a sustain- able building or complex; builder, Baywood Development; architect, Scheurer Architects; planner, Swan Group and Scheurer Architects.

• The State, downtown San Diego; grand award for attached homes at less than 12 units per acre; builder-architect, Jonathan Segal.

• Villas at the Bridges, Rancho Santa Fe; grand award for single-family home of 3,001-3,500 square feet (Plan 1); merit awards for a home of 3,300-3,600 square feet (Plan 2) and a home of 3,601-4,000 square feet (Plan 3); builder-developer, HCC Investors and Lennar Communities; architect, Bassenian/Lagani.

• Waterfront Lofts, downtown San Diego; merit awards for renovated, restored or re-modeled project and mixed use; builder-archi- tect, Jonathan Segal.

June 15 — Second Semi-Annual Bridging the Gap. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, San Diego; Paralegal Association in partnership with the consortium of Paralegal Studies programs in San Diego County, offer its Bridging the Gap educational event. This event open to all members of the legal community, including legal secretaries, paralegal students, paralegals, and attorneys. Contact SDPA Vice President, Dawn Yandel, (619) 702-8800 ext. 110, or Mary Sessom (Cuyamaca College) at (619) 660-4362, to register. Deadline for registration is June 10. Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

June 18 — SDPA Silver Anniversary. San Diego County Bar Association, 1333 Seventh Ave. Keynote speaker: Dee Aker, Ph.D., assistant director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. Contact Dawn Yandel at (619) 702-8800, ext. 110 for reservations. SDPA's annual peer recognition award will be presented to the 2002 recipient. Hours: 11:45 a.m.

June 20 — Resources For An Effective In-House Law Department. Radisson Hotel-La Jolla, 3299 Holiday Village Drive; Featured speakers: Robert Kubacki of Robert K. Kubacki & Associates and Jim Merklinger of ACCA National. Cost: $35 ACCA members, $45 non-members. For information, call (619) 260-2022. Hours: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.


June 27 — Brownbag Seminar. El Cajon Courthouse, Dept. 6, 250 E. Main St. Topic: Courtroom Persuasion Techniques. How to present yourself powerfully and increase courtroom charisma. Marcus Ambrose, esq. will present useful and insightful courtroom persuasion tips. Written materials will be provided. Contact Sheryl Graf, (619) 440-5716. Hours: Noon - 1 p.m.
County bar association chooses new board members

Law Briefs
By David Hicks

The San Diego County Bar Association has chosen board member Gina Dronet as treasurer, and board member Wells Lyman as secretary for 2003. Both will be installed, along with the new SDCBA board members and the 2003 president, Christopher Todd, on Dec. 6 during the association’s “Stepping Up to the Bar” event.

Dronet, a former member with Lewis, D’Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard, has served as the chair of the SDCBA Legal Ethics Committee, chair of the District 9 Nominating Committee for the State Bar of California Conference of Delegates, judge pro tem, adjunct professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law and attorney for the California Innocence Project.

Lyman, a sole practitioner in the areas of bankruptcy and family law, has served on numerous boards throughout the legal community. Lyman is also a past president of the Foothills Bar Association, judge pro tem for the El Cajon Small Claims Court and a family law mediator for the El Cajon Superior Court. Source Code: 20020625ja

In celebration of Paralegal Day in the state of California, the San Diego Paralegal Association recently hosted the annual Paralegal Day luncheon at the San Diego County Bar Association. The M. Lyn Hall-Fore, CLA Award for Paralegal Excellence was presented to Deborah Hartsough. The keynote address was given by Dr. Dee Aker, director of WorldLink and assistant director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. Source Code: 20020625jb

The San Diego County Bar Association and the Superior Court’s bench and bar committees hosted “Real Life TV in the Trial Courts,” a behind-the-scenes look at the making of “Law & Order: Crime & Punishment” on June 25 at the SDCBA Bar Center. The program featured participants and producers from the new NBC “drama-mentary,” which takes viewers inside the San Diego County District Attorney’s office to track cases including murder, Internet terrorism and molestation. Source Code: 20020625jc

StreamCast Networks has engaged the services of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP to prosecute and defend its intellectual property rights. StreamCast Networks is a defendant in a copyright lawsuit filed by 29 major entertainment businesses. The company has created software which allows users to share digital files over the Internet. Source Code: 20020625jd

In an effort to clean up the books on unfinished divorce and paternity actions, the Family Law Facilitator’s office has dedicated every Wednesday in July specifically to assist self-represented individuals who need to complete their paperwork — approximately 85 percent of divorce actions include at least one unrepresented party. The recent hiring of additional staff members has enabled the Family Law Facilitator to launch the outreach program. Clients will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis at the Family Law courthouse in downtown San Diego, as well as at the Chula Vista, El Cajon and Vista courthouses. Source Code: 20020625je

The law firms of Long Aldridge & Norman LLP and McKenna & Cuneo LLP, announced they have merged, creating the new firm of McKenna Long & Aldridge. The new firm has approximately 400 lawyers and public policy advisers with a total staff of approximately 750. They work in eight offices, including locations in San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. Source Code: 20020625jf

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They’re giving the gifts that go with giving

Two years ago, it was a good idea. Now it’s a reality.

The San Diego Women’s Foundation held its second annual meeting last week at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. At the meeting, $130,000 in grants was awarded to a handful of community projects throughout the county.

In the grand scope of philanthropy, that may not sound like much when organizations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have awarded $2 billion in grants to improve global health. Actually, the Gates Foundation has a hand in this story, but that comes a little later.

In two years, the San Diego Women’s Foundation has gone from a handful of women with an interesting idea to a functioning organization that not only distributes funds but also teaches the basics of philanthropy to its members.

The key was in the original group — as strong and savvy a band of broads as you’ll meet anywhere. I use the term “broad” in the best possible sense, as a designation that blends intelligence, a sense of humor and survival skills. Perhaps this is the first time that some of the founders, such as University of San Diego President Alice B. Hayes, have ever been described in print as a broad — but, let me tell you, no one gets to her position without a boatload of smarts, charm and toughness.

Others in the original group were Jinx Ecke of Ecke poinsettia fame, Scripps Ranch resident and civic activist Linda Katz, the Golden Door’s Deborah Szekely and Del Mar therapist Gayle Slate. About 30 per cent of the organization’s 130 members come from North County.

It works like this: Nonprofit organizations submit grant requests to the foundation. Foundation members make site visits to learn firsthand about the program requesting the funding.

To join the foundation, members agree to an initial donation of $2,000, with a commitment to contribute that amount each year for five years. Some of the founding members contributed far more, but every member gets one vote when it comes to deciding where money will go.

“I think it’s unique and progressive,” said San Diego Mesa College President Dr. Constance Carroll about the process. “It’s elegantly simple.”

Carroll, who serves on a number of boards and attends dozens of meetings as a college president, wasn’t interested in just another get-together. She didn’t have the time for that.

“This has a direct impact on people’s lives,” she explained. “It’s a way to make a very real difference.”

In the first year, grants were awarded for a program to help low-income women in North County get prenatal care, and for a teen pregnancy prevention program at seven county schools. In the latest funding cycle, support included funds for a mentor program at a school for homeless children and a program to get individual communities involved in crime prevention.

The foundation is accepting new broads — uh, I mean members — every day. Contact the San Diego Foundation, which is providing staff support, at (619) 235-2300 for more details.
Other USD-Related News
NACUFS to honor Loyal E. Horton Dining Award winners

LANSING, MICH. — The National Association of College and University Food Services announced the winners of the 29th annual Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards Contest.

First-place winners included: Residence Hall Dining, Standard Menu: Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio, and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; Residence Hall Dining, Special Event: Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.; Catering, Standard Menu: California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif., and Michigan State University, Lansing, Mich.; Catering, Special Event: University of San Diego, San Diego, and Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; Retail Sales, Single Concept: Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.; and Retail Sales, Multiple Concept: Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

First-place winners will be judged for the grand prize in each category, which will be announced July 19 at NACUFS' annual conference in Orlando, Fla.
San Diego Honors Recyclers

City of San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy and County Supervisor Pam Slater honored 42 local businesses and organizations for their innovative waste reduction and recycling programs during the Annual San Diego Earth Works VIP (Very Important Planet) Reception Wednesday, April 24.

In addition, Judy McCarty received the first Environmental Champion award from the Environmental Services Department for her efforts to further waste reduction and recycling in San Diego during her 15 years on City Council. Her environmental achievements include leading a regional taskforce on recycling, involvement in community cleanups and an instrumental role in expanding curbside recycling to all city residents.

Recyclers of the Year are:
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- Kyocera Wireless Corporation
- Narven Enterprises Inc.
- Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-op
- Science Applications International Corporation
- Unisys
- United States Postal Service

Nashville Launches Curbside Program

Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell has offered details about the citywide household recycling program. His remarks were made during a speech on waste management issues in April. He also presented the rolling 95-gallon carts to be used within the Urban Services District (USD).

The household program started Monday, April 22, as residents began receiving carts. Carts will be distributed to more than 100,000 single-family homes within the USD during the next six months.

"Forty-eight percent of our residential waste stream is paper, cardboard and cans of various types. This program is designed to recycle that huge share of our garbage and divert it away from landfills," says Mayor Purcell.

Chace Anderson, assistant director of public works, oversees the recycling program. He says the new program is larger and more inclusive than the program ended in 2000, in which 6,000 homes participated on a regular basis.

Bins will be collected monthly to reduce program costs. Items such as glass and plastic excluded from curbside collection can be taken to any of 10 recycling drop-off centers located throughout Davidson county.

The city's goal is to increase recycling from eight percent to 25 percent by 2004.

Tucson Moves to Weekly Collection

Tucson City Council has tentatively approved a budget funding the change from every-other-week to weekly collection of recyclables and garbage beginning in July. Eliseo Garza, solid waste director, says the change will save the city $2 million a year.

Most of the savings will come from eliminating Waste Management's current $1.7 million contract to collect recyclable materials every other week, Garza says. Additionally, the weekly collection will save the department money by configuring routes more efficiently, allowing 17 of the oldest trucks to be eliminated, he says.

Garza has encouraged the city to convert to weekly collections since 1995. A changeover plan was withdrawn last year because it was to be funded by a garbage collection fee that council rejected. City Manager James Keen says he has no immediate plan to reintroduce the fee proposal, especially during the economic downturn.

Garza says the garbage collection changeover will start July 1 with 7,800 homes in the area of East Speedway and North Houghton Road and will expand by 7,800 homes weekly until the entire city is included by late November or early December.

University of San Diego

The City of San Diego General Services Department, Purchasing Division, and the City's Transportation Department, Street Division, were recognized as Environmental Partners.

San Diego State University received the Climate Wise-Energy Star Partner of the Year award.

The Director's Recycling Award winners are: Albertson's Inc.; Biosite Incorporated; Goodwill Industries of San Diego County Inc.; InfoGation Corporation; La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club Inc.; Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego; Target Corporation – Target Stores; Sony Electronics Inc.; Teradata, a division of NCR Corp.; TRW Radio Systems; Vons a Safeway Company; and Westfield Shoppingtown Mission Valley.

Honorable mentions went to: Bazaar del Mundo; Cox Communications; ENCAD Inc.; Hewlett-Packard Company; Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP; Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego; NCS HealthCare; Qualcomm Stadium; Quality Resort Mission Valley; REMEC Inc.; San Diego Convention Center Corporation; San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina; Sonosky Chambers, Sachse, Enderson & Perry; The Orchard; and the Salvation Army San Diego Silvercrest Residence.
OnSite industry meets, greets at annual ‘After Hours’ event

Now in its fourth year, the OnSite Restaurants After Hours event again provided a welcome respite from the hustle and hustle of the National Restaurant Association’s Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show. Held at the University of Chicago’s Gleacher Center and sponsored by Sweet Street Desserts, J. R. Simplot Co. and ACH Foods, the After Hours Party, presented by Nation’s Restaurant News and OnSite Restaurants, brought together operators from the on-site restaurants industry segment for a fun-filled networking experience.

Above, from left, are Jerry White, OnSite Restaurants; Mary Lou Whitcomb, Whitsons; and Robert Whitcomb, Whitsons.

Above, from left, are Janice Klippel, University of San Diego; Brian Klippel, University of San Diego; and Mary Niven, Disney Parks and Resorts.
Where are they now?

CATCHING UP WITH THOSE WHO MADE NEWS. THIS WEEK: AUTHOR HUGHES

Author Hughes marks another milestone this month, the closure of the office he maintained after resigning as president of the University of San Diego in 1995. Fred Greaves
Author Hughes enjoys travel, fly-fishing — and misses USD

By Samuel Autman
STAFF WRITER

Author Hughes has decided he'd rather be fly-fishing or traveling.

But a very big part of his heart will always remain on the University of San Diego campus.

Hughes retired as president of the University of San Diego in 1995 after 24 years. June marks another milestone for Hughes, the closure of his part-time office on the scenic hillside campus.

This has not been easy.

"You don't think about it when you are working and going about your life," Hughes said. "That, along with your family, is pretty much your existence. And all of a sudden you stop working and leave your place to go nowhere."

During his tenure at USD, he helped lay a foundation for one of San Diego's most beautiful and successful campuses. He merged two schools into one, erased budget deficits, launched a building boom that continues today and lobbyed against cuts to student financial aid.

Hughes, whose first name is pronounced "Arthur," has continued to be a driving force at the university. He holds the title of president emeritus. An administration building in the heart of campus and a scholarship bear his name.

The stately 72-year-old Hughes has a distinguished, soft voice and a head of white hair. He still feels linked to the destiny of the Catholic university. It has nearly 7,000 students enrolled in some 50 graduate and undergraduate programs.

"It has grown in both size and quality," Hughes said about USD. "It continues to attract high-quality faculty members and bright students."

He became head of the institution in 1971, coming from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where he was an administrator and instructor.

In 1972, Hughes oversaw the merger of the all-male University of San Diego school of law and the San Diego College for Women. The School of Business Administration and School of Education were also founded that year.

Not long after the merger, Hughes established a $500,000 endowment. Today that endowment is worth more than $100 million. In another fund-raising coup, he helped add local business and community leaders to a trustee board formerly dominated by Roman Catholic affiliations.

After he retired, he became an officer with the James Irvine Foundation, which is a nonprofit working to enhance the social, economic and physical quality of life throughout California and to enrich the state's intellectual and cultural environment.

In semi-retirement, Hughes has worked to help California's private universities become more racially and ethnically diverse, out of an office at USD.

In 1998, when the Irvine Foundation made San Francisco its headquarters, Hughes kept office hours on the USD campus.

In recent years, he has been on the boards of several organizations including the Ackerman Foundation, Mingei International Museum, San Diego Wellness Community and USD's Board of Trustees athletic committee.

Over the years, he and his wife, Marge, have traveled to Kenya, Canada, Holland and Alaska, and he has become fond of bait fishing. His favorite places to fish are Arizona and Colorado, and he's become a student of sorts of fly-fishing. The 1992 Robert Redford movie "A River Runs Through It" featured fly-fishing, and Hughes chuckles and says, "Well it looked a lot easier in the movie."

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USD graduates are ready to make a difference in all they do. We wish each of them a bright, successful and fulfilling future.

USD is an independent Roman Catholic university, which welcomes a faculty, staff and student body of cultural and religious diversity.
Role as National Guard doctor, soldier earn promotion to colonel

By Stephanie Gehring, staff writer

Her sons used to call her Private Benjamin after the fictitious Army private in the movie of the same name. Private Benjamin didn't know much about being a soldier. Dr. Felicitas Ramos said she didn't either.

“I said, ‘I'm here to be a doctor, not to be a soldier,’ ” said Ramos, 63, of Oak Lawn.

Eventually, the longtime member of the Illinois National Guard got the hang of how to be a soldier and a doctor at the same time. And her efforts were recently rewarded with a promotion to colonel.

Ramos, who is assigned to the Detachment 6 in State Area Command in Crestwood, is one of only two female doctors in Illinois to be given the high rank earlier this year.

The other, Dr. Lenore Gonzales, is assigned to the C Company of the 205th Medical Battalion in North Riverside, a spokesman for the National Guard said.

But Ramos doesn't like to think about how she's made history.

In fact, she said she never expected to be promoted.

“It took the guard nine years to send me to officers training,” she said with a laugh.

She finally went to officers basic training and then took the advanced officers training course.

She joined the guard in 1985 at the urging of a girlfriend, another doctor.

The friend quit a short time later: But Ramos didn’t want to set a bad precedent and quit, too, so she stayed.

“I thought, ‘I'll stay. I'll probably quit next year,”’ Ramos said.

The appropriate training combined with her 17 years in the guard eventually resulted in her promotion in March.

Her husband of 37 years, Virgil Ramos, and their two sons, Joseph Ramos, 35, and Victor Ramos, 22, were able to attend the ceremony.

Ramos thinks her involvement in the guard has had some influence on Joseph, who is a flight nurse for the military.

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She suspects that Victor, a student at the University of San Diego, will eventually join the military, as well.

Ramos said she tries to encourage others to join the National Guard because it helps pay for education.

Lt. Colonel Eugene Blackwell, commander of Ramos’ unit, described her as a hard worker.

“She’s very giving, honorable and always volunteers to render assistance when needed,” Blackwell said.

He recalled that during one of their training sessions in South America, Ramos went above and beyond the call. “What we normally do when we go, we go to different villages and render medical assistance,” Blackwell said. “We do exams, preventive medication and classes on basic hygiene.”

But during this trip several years ago, Ramos wound up delivering a baby, Blackwell said.

Ramos, a former obstetrician, practices industrial medicine and family medicine.

She laughs that her parents never wanted her to go into medicine. “The fad then was C.P.A.,” Ramos said.

But she told her parents it was medicine or nothing.

A graduate of one of Manila’s oldest universities, Ramos worked as a gynecologist before she came to the United States in 1971 to further her studies.

She eventually took a position at Howe Development Center in Tinley Park, where she worked from 4:30 to midnight treating the state-run facility’s residents.

With her mornings free, she went to work for an industrial clinic for 15 years.

For the past two and a half years she has worked for Chicago Health Works in Chicago.

She retired from Howe last year after 18 years.

She said her schedule has always been flexible enough so she can be deployed when necessary, but many doctors have to drop out.

But she said she has been lucky to be available when necessary.

These days she is giving physicals to soldiers who are being deployed or returning from a tour of duty.

Ramos said she is glad to feel needed, and she has fulfilled her dream of serving her adopted country.

“At least I have completed my dream to help humanity, not only sick people, but my country, too.”

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Toreros’ year ends in gloom and June
USD wins to extend postseason, then falls

By Kevin Acee
STAFF

MESA, Ariz.—It ended with hugs and handshakes and smiles that belied a pain in their stomachs and an emptiness in their chests.

It ended with one last postgame talk from their coach and then a long ovation from a few hundred family and friends who came to witness these historic few days in the blazing desert.

The players on the University of San Diego baseball team were in uniform into June, the latest any Torero ever had been. With a victory yesterday morning, they extended their season a few more hours, giving them an afternoon to believe that their fantastic voyage could go on even another day.

It did not go on.

The Toreros’ season ended last night with an 11-1 loss to Arizona State in the NCAA Regionals at HoHoKam Park, a defeat that eventually brought tears but could not wash away a season of accomplishment.

Only later, as they looked back and saw the highs and lows of the entire season typified in under 12 hours.

The Toreros (39-23) pieced together a victory with unlikely heroes in the first game. They just couldn’t get anything going in the second game.

After getting just 10 hits in its first two games here, USD started last night with singles by Mike McCoy and Tom Caple. But they did not get another hit until Assael led off the fifth inning with a single.

Carlos Arguello, who pitched two scoreless innings of relief against the Toreros on Friday night, threw a complete game seven-hitter for ASU last night.

The Toreros ended up getting three hits in the fifth, and Assael scored USD’s only run on a single by McCoy.

That made it 8-1.

After going down in order in the first inning, ASU scored two runs in the second and one in the third off USD starter Aaron Wilson. David Dunn relieved Wilson with the bases loaded and one out in the fourth and got out of the inning unscathed.

But the Sun Devils (37-20) scored six runs on five hits off Dunn and Mike Oseguera in the fifth. They added three runs in the ninth. ASU plays top-seeded Houston (46-15) today and will have to beat the Cougars twice to advance to the College World Series.

The Toreros made it to the evening game by playing exceptional defense and getting Caple’s best performance of the season against New Mexico State.

Caple (9-5) pitched seven shutout innings, stopping a losing streak at three starts.

He gave way to Tony Perez, who got into trouble in the eighth and then out of it — with help from Gavin Ng.

Ng replaced Joey Prast in left field in the seventh inning, and in the eighth — after Perez had issued a two-out walk, allowed the runner to advance to third on an errant pickoff throw, given up an RBI single and hit a batter — Ng found himself running after a slicing fly ball to the corner off the bat of New Mexico State’s David Licini. Diving just in time to spear the ball inches from the ground and no more than foot inside the foul line, Ng chased down a would-be hit that certainly would have brought in the tying run and might have scored the go-ahead run.

“Unbelievable,” said Perez, who pitched a perfect-ninth for his seventh save.

Said Caple, watching from center field, where he moved after his seven innings on the mound: “I was just in awe. I couldn’t believe it.”

Nine hours later, Caple stood in the dugout and looked back.

“It was a long day,” he said. “It was emotionally draining. But we’re just happy we got to play another game. We came here to win, but, you know, it’s a privilege just to come here. We had a great season.”
USD beaten by ASU in NCAA opener

By Kevin Acee
STAFF WRITER

MESAS, Ariz. — Arizona State left the ballpark last night impressed with the visiting team it called “scrappy” and its ace ASU called “fantastic.”

The Sun Devils also left with a victory, beating USD 6-3 in the opening round of the NCAA Regionals.

That left the Toreros with a steep climb.

They will need to win four times in four games over the next two days. The first step is this morning at 10 against New Mexico State, also a loser yesterday.

That is where the focus was late last night as USD walked away from HoHoKam Park after its first-ever NCAA

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Toreros in a big hole after loss to ASU

Regional game.

Coach Rich Hill told his team after the game, “Don’t play to win for the future. Play to win so you can play another game with each other.”

The Toreros were not intimidated at the start, playing a team making its fifth regionals appearance in six years and 26th overall. They were just dilapidated at the end.

USD led 3-1 in the fifth inning before three ASU relievers combined to retire 11 of 12 batters between the fifth and eighth innings.

The Toreros (38-22) loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Mike McCoy struck out to end the game.

That left USD just 1-for-9 with runners in scoring position on the night.

Afterward, though, Toreros starter Ricky Barrett took the blame, one final attempt at valor by a pitcher who battled all night without his best stuff.

“It was straight guts,” he acknowledged. “I had nothing out there . . . I didn’t come up big in a big game.”

Barrett came within an out of going the distance for the third straight outing, throwing 149 pitches in 71% innings in a game in which the Sun Devils did not have to bat in the ninth. Having allowed opponents just a .255 batting average this season, he allowed a season-high 13 hits, and he was in trouble in every inning but the second.

The junior left-hander, who earlier in the day was named a second-team All-American by Collegiate Baseball magazine, even got an ovation from the crowd of 2,745 as he departed. He got more respect after the game.

“That’s2 big in the Pac-10, that’s for sure,” ASU coach Pat Murphy said. “. . . Beating Barrett is huge. It’s pretty neat to be able to get past him. It looked bleak early.”

The Toreros took a 2-0 lead in the third inning after McCoy’s leadoff walk was followed by Tony Perez being hit by a pitch. Joe Lima singled home McCoy. Perez went to third on a double-play grounder and scored when ASU second baseman Sergio Garcia mishandled Freddy Sandoval’s grounder.

After the Sun Devils scored in the bottom of the third, USD’s Jason Marlin led off the fourth with a double to the wall in center field and went to third on S.C. Assael’s grounder. On the first pitch to Ben Quinto, Marlin dashed home while Quinto laid down a bunt that gave USD a 3-1 lead.

“Great execution,” Murphy said. “They’re a scrappy club.”

But after McCoy doubled with two outs, he was picked off to end the inning.

Arizona State didn’t score in the fourth but put up five runs in the next four innings.

“I’m happy with the way we came out,” Lima said. “We were ready to play. We played hard. I had some good execution. Then their bullpen came in and pretty much shut us down.

“It’s going to be real tough, but I’m sure it’s been done before.”

Houston routs NMSU

The Cougars (45-15) scored three runs in the first, third and seventh innings and won the afternoon game 9-0 over New Mexico State.

The Aggies (37-24) got just six hits off Houston ace Brad Sullivan (12-1), three of them by catcher Erik Windergarden. Houston’s Brett Cooley hit his 18th home run.
Aztecs lead nation in draft; 3 taken in first 3 rounds

By Kevin Acee, STAFF WRITER

The San Diego State baseball team deserves both congratulations and condolences today.

Three current Aztecs were taken in the first three rounds of the amateur draft yesterday, and four of their top recruits were selected by the seventh round.

"That's part of the job," said Tony Gwynn, who will be SDSU's coach next season. "If you're going out and trying to get the best players, you've got to expect the best players to get drafted.

"I'm happy for our guys... This is a fun time, seeing guys like Royce. He was on top of the world."

The Chicago White Sox made left-handed reliever Royce Ring the 18th pick overall. Shortstop Taber Lee was the first pick of the third round, selected 74th overall by the Pittsburgh Pirates. And right-hander Rory Shortell was taken 101st overall by the Houston Astros.

Also going high were prep signees Josh Womack of Crawford High (second round, Seattle); Wardell Starling of Missouri City, Texas (fourth round, Pirates); Hayden Penn of Santana (fifth round, Baltimore); and Scott Robinson of Rancho Bernardo (seventh round, Astros).

It is believed that all four will sign pro contracts. But there was word yesterday that Starling was disappointed he did not go higher and might reconsider and go with the Aztecs.

"We've got something to offer, but if the money is there they're probably going to sign," Gwynn said. "I hope they get the money they want to get and go. For those who don't, we give them an opportunity to come in and get bigger and stronger."

The Aztecs' three top draftees certainly made the most of their time in the program.

Ring was selected in the 41st round out of Monte Vista High. Lee was undrafted out of high school and Shortell made an impressive move up after the Boston Red Sox picked him in the fourth round out of high school.

No other school had three players drafted in yesterday's first three rounds.

"That shows what kind of team we had," Ring said. "I can't believe we didn't make a regional."
Hamels made Phils believers

By Mick McGrane
STAFF WRITER

That old adage about time healing all wounds?
In the case of Cole Hamels, bank on it.

Hamels, who only two years ago was wondering if he would ever throw a baseball again, became the fourth Rancho Bernardo High player in seven years to be taken in the first round of the major league amateur draft yesterday when he was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies with the 17th pick overall.

Considered the third-best left-handed high school pitcher in the nation by Baseball America magazine, the 6-foot-3, 180-pounder fractured the humerus bone in his pitching arm two years ago while facing Grossmont in a summer league game.

Though he missed his entire junior year after undergoing surgery, Hamels returned this season to post a 10-0 record with a 0.39 ERA and 130 strikeouts in 71⅓ innings.

"During those times when I wondered if I'd ever pitch again, it was hard not to feel down," Hamels said. "But once I got back on the mound, everything started looking up."

"I know there were people who doubted me, but I also knew I needed to prove what I could do after missing my junior year. I decided just to go out and have fun."

The same could hardly be said of opponents, who struck out an average of 11.8 times per game against Hamels while managing just 2.2 hits. He did not give up a home run all season and walked just 23 while allowing four earned runs.

The Phillies have drafted high school pitchers in the first round in two of the last three years, Brett Myers in 1999 and Gavin Floyd in 2001. Myers, who is pitching for Class AAA Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, has been likened to Curt Schilling and could reach the majors later this season.

Yet Myers and Floyd are both right-handers in an organization with a dearth of left-handed pitching. At present, Philadelphia's most efficient left-handed starter at the major league level is Pepperdine alum Randy Wolf, who is 3-3 with a 5.03 ERA.

Hamels has been projected by some scouts as having the potential to reach the majors in 2-3 years.

"I think his injury pushed him down a little bit, but we cleared him through all the doctors and feel real good about him," said Phillies scouting director Marty Wolever.

"When you think of the good young right-handers we have in the organization, and when you toss a Hamels in there, I think it's a great complement to an already pretty good group."

"Makeup-wise, (Hamels) is right there with (Myers and Floyd). He has tremendous poise on the mound and great mechanics. Nothing rattles this kid. He's got great makeup."

Hamels, who is represented by agent John Boggs, is expected to meet with the Phillies next week. Last year's 17th overall pick received a $1.8 million signing bonus. Hamels earlier signed a letter of intent with USD.

Hamels' teammate, shortstop Jake Blalock, was also drafted by the Phillies yesterday, taken in the fifth round with the 149th pick overall.

Embree dealt for two prospects

Red Sox get reliever after his showcasing

By Bill Center
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday afternoon, the Padres showcased left-handed reliever Alan Embree for the Boston Red Sox against the New York Yankees. Embree responded by pitching three hitless innings. He struck out seven, including the last six Yankees he faced.

That was good enough for the Red Sox, who yesterday morning traded two right-handed pitching prospects to the Padres for Embree and Class AA right-handed reliever Andy Shibilo.

The Padres got 21-year-old Brad Baker and 25-year-old Dan Giese, who is a University of San Diego product.

Baker, the 40th player taken in the 1999 draft, was 7-1 with a 2.79 earned-run average at Class A Sarasota. Giese was 1-2 with a 3.83 ERA in 49⅓ innings out of the bullpen at Class AA Trenton.

"Baker's plus pitch is his change-up," said Padres general manager Kevin Towers of the 6-foot-3, 195-pounder. "His fastball is 90-91, but he can command the change in the high 70s. Baker was one of Boston's top pitching prospects. Giese is like Jeremy Fikac and could be in our bullpen in a year or two."

Embree's value was never going to be higher than it was yesterday. His ERA dropped to 0.94 Saturday. In 28⅓ innings over 36 appearances, he had 38 strikeouts against nine walks. And at home in Qualcomm Stadium he hadn't allowed an earned run in 21⅔ innings. Embree's won-loss record was 3-4, with three of the losses coming on unearned runs.

"Alan was a great guy doing a great job," said Padres manager Bruce Bochy. "You have to credit him and (pitching coach Greg) Booker for the way he revived his career."

The Padres signed Embree as a free agent last winter after he was a combined 1-4 with a 7.33 ERA with San Francisco and the Chicago White Sox. "Booker was the big reason I came here," said Embree, who earlier worked with Booker in Cleveland. "I came into this year with nothing. But I knew it was a good fit. Book knew that I care every time I go out there."

Booker worked on Embree's delivery during spring training to get the ball down in the zone. He also counseled the pitcher to go less to his high-90s fastball and more to his breaking ball and change.

"I knew there was no way Alan should have been having the results he was having," said Booker.

Embree said he would love to return to San Diego . . . and the door is open. He could be a free agent at the end of the season.

"I've never felt so at home in an organization," said Embree. "The guys from Kevin Towers on down have been great to me. This clubhouse has been nothing but positive for me and my family."

"He could be a Padre again," said Towers who picked the Red Sox bid over offers from Cincinnati and Seattle.

Miscellany

■ Kevin Jarvis allowed no runs on two hits in a five-inning rehab assignment at Class A Lake Elsinore on Saturday night and will start Thursday against the Giants in San Francisco.

■ Third baseman Sean Burroughs will start his rehab assignment at Class AAA Portland on Friday and will be with the Beavers for at least 25 at-bats.

■ David Lundquist was called up from Portland to replace the traded Alan Embree. Lundquist had seen the Padres skip their Class AAA pitchers so many times in favor of calling up pitchers from Class AA Mobile that he taped over the Portland on his Pacific Coast League uniform and wrote in Mobile.
Local prospects
San Diego County annually produces some of the top talent in the draft. There have been 36 first-round picks — including five in 2000 alone — from San Diego since the draft began in 1965. Two first-rounders are expected to come from here this year and several other players are expected to be taken in the first 10 of 50 rounds:

**FIRST ROUND**

- Cole Hamels (above), LHP
  Rancho Bernardo HS
- Royce Ring, LHP
  San Diego State

**TOP FIVE ROUNDS**

- Brian Barden, 3B
  Oregon State (St. Augustine)
- Ricky Barrett, LHP
  USD
- Jake Blalock, 3B
  Rancho Bernardo HS
- Troy Cates, LHP
  BYU-Idaho (Fallbrook HS)
- Jesse English, LHP
  Rancho Buena Vista HS
- Jon Felfoldi, LHP
  Glendale CC (La Jolla HS)
- Trevor Hutchison, RHP
  Cal (Torrey Pines HS)
- Fernando Pacheco, 1B
  Montgomery HS
- Hayden Penn, RHP
  Santana HS
- Rory Shortell, RHP
  San Diego State
- Joel Zumaya, RHP
  Bonita Vista HS

**TOP 10 ROUNDS**

- Gera Alvarez, SS
  Texas Tech (Vista)
- Robert Andrews, OF
  Rancho Buena Vista HS
- David Bagley, 3B
  USD (Rancho Bernardo HS)
- Mark Kiger, SS
  Florida (La Jolla HS)
- Taber Lee, SS
  San Diego State
- Chris O’Riordan, 2B
  Stanford (Bishop’s HS)
- Chris Waldon, OF
  El Capitan

**OTHERS TO WATCH**

- Jarod Allen, C
  Mesa CC (Poway HS)
- Tom Caple, RHP
  USD (Rancho Bernardo HS)
- Ben Coon, LHP
  Grossmont HS
- Kevin Correia, RHP
  Cal Poly SLO (Grossmont HS)
- Chris Dunwell, RHP
  SDSU (Granite Hills HS)
- Steve Guthrie, 3B
  UC Irvine (Poway)
- Rob Harrand, RHP
  San Diego State
- Adam Jones, RHP/INF
  Morse HS
- Jeff Karstens
  Grossmont CC (Mount Miguel)
- David Krisch, LHP
  Cal Poly Pomona (Grossmont HS)
- Ron Lindsey, RHP
  Point Loma HS
- Scott Lonergan, RHP
  Poway HS
- Kyle Phillips, C
  El Capitan HS
- Brian Manfred, C
  San Diego State
- Juan Razo, RHP
  San Diego CC (Montgomery HS)
- Scott Robinson, 1B
  Rancho Bernardo HS
- Scott Shoemaker, RHP
  Grossmont CC (Granite Hills HS)
- Josh Womack, OF
  Crawford HS

- KIRK KENNEY
and BILL DICKENS
WCC changes basketball tourney format

A new eight-team play-in format for the men's and women's basketball tournaments has been adopted by the West Coast Conference for next season, when the tournaments are to be played at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The plan, announced yesterday by the WCC Presidents Council, will pit the bottom four seeds against one another in the opening round, with the winners advancing to play the Nos. 3 and 4 seeds, who get first-round byes. The winners of the quarterfinals will play the top two seeds, who will have byes through the first two rounds.

The format was changed to put more emphasis on regular-season success.

Aztecs TV game

San Diego State's second game of the football season, Sept. 7 at Colorado, will be televised nationally on Fox Sports Net (4 p.m. PDT). The Aztecs' season opener, vs. Fresno State on Aug. 29, also will be nationally televised on ESPN2 at 7 p.m.
Corwin caps her remarkable high school career at Star Track this weekend. She starred in soccer and basketball for four years each with the Patriots, played on the junior varsity baseball team as a freshman, spent a year catching on the softball team and two years competing in track and field. Twice she was the All-Eastside goalkeeper and also earned All-Eastside honors in basketball this year, among her laundry list of awards.

Lurking beneath her soft-spoken, 6-foot-1 exterior is a competitor that has run circles around foes for the past four years. The Corwin garage is littered with dozens of discarded shoes of every variety: track spikes, baseball and soccer cleats, running shoes, high-tops. Her parents, Ted and Dana, have had to beg her not to dribble basketballs or kick soccer balls inside the house.

"On the court, I change. I think I'm a totally different person," Corwin says. "Off the court I'm laid back and shy. When I get on it, I'm intense and ready to win."

Corwin takes this success in stride. After all, it's nothing new. When she was 10 years old, Corwin won a five-state punt, pass and kick competition against boys. And always, her goal was to keep up with Shelley, who now plays soccer at Murray State in Kentucky. Jamie says Shelley, who competed in soccer, basketball and track all four years at Liberty, is her idol. Keeping up with her helped shape Jamie's competitiveness.

"Something happened," Shelley says. "I was always taller than her and now I'm the midget. She can just beat me up pretty much any time."
Corwins started soccer when she was 4 years old, softball in third and fourth grade and baseball in fifth grade. Playing in the 5-Star Little League program, Corwin pitched and played shortstop and outfield. She was taller than every other boy on the team—and threw hard enough to dominate. That’s not surprising. Corwin tells the story about the day Dana handed her a baseball for the first time when she was young. She promptly threw it right back at her mother, with enough zip to have the ball confiscated.

Four years ago, Corwin raised eyebrows by making Liberty’s junior varsity baseball team. Along with basketball, baseball is her passion. Just because it was unusual for girl to play on a boys team, Corwin wasn’t ready to give the sport up. In her first game against Mount Si, she used a fastball and forkball to strike out the first two batters she faced and then got the third to ground out.

If not for year-round basketball commitments, Corwin says she would have stuck with the sport.

“I think girls get put down,” says Corwin, who talks about becoming a firefighter someday.

“A lot of people think we can’t do the things that guys can do.”

During basketball last winter, she was everywhere—rebounding, hitting 3-pointers, posting up, diving on the court for loose balls. Corwin played all five positions and endured a season’s worth of double- and triple-teams and gimmick defenses designed to stop her. After the season ended in February—when Corwin was named the 3A Kingco Conference Most Valuable Player and led the league in scoring—she decided to take a break. No softball. No track. No sports during the spring.

That sabbatical lasted barely a month, before Corwin turned out for track and field, unable to stand not competing. Corwin’s last track season came as a sophomore, when she finished fifth at state in the javelin. Never mind the awkward, rusty mechanics: Corwin won the event in her first meet, the Snohomish Invitational. Corwin has the best toss of any Class 3A thrower this season, going 139 feet, 1 inch.

Her technique in the event isn’t pretty. Even her coach, Stark Porter, readily admits that. But Corwin follows the simple mantra of “Just huck it”—jogs a few steps and uses her uncanny arm strength to stop and heave the javelin farther than any girl she has faced this year. Before meets, she’ll warm up by throwing a football with Ted, who played football and basketball in high school.

“This spring it was really hard to decide what to do,” says Corwin, recalling how coaches at the school would try and convince her to play their sport. “I was surprised how quickly everything came back.”

The sports don’t stop at school.

Jamie and Shelley hit buckets of golf balls at a driving range occasionally. That’s something Jamie insists she’s not overly talented at, saying the ball is too small and she is usually laughing too hard to concentrate. They play basketball against each other, too, but Jamie’s long arms block most every shot the 5-foot-7 Shelley puts up.

Whatever the competition is, it usually brings out the fire—and talent—in Corwin.

“I like the intensity of sports,” Corwin says. “Just competing is fun. That’s why I’m into sports. I like the challenge.”
Out on the Field

Homophobia in Sport Project works to end fear and prejudice in the world of sports

By MIKE MCKEE
RECORDE STAFF WRITER

While attending college, Julie Baird, who later joined the professional tennis tour, put up a false front, playing straight and dating men to conceal the fact that she was lesbian.

She saw other women doing the same thing on the tennis circuit and at the University of San Diego, where she later coached the sport. Baird says they would all “over-heterosexualize.”

“You wear makeup to the matches or the gym, or you don’t go to the cafe after work because you’re in your sweats,” says Baird, who’s now an associate in the San Francisco office of San Diego’s Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps.

“I dated some nice guys,” she says, “but it just felt like something was wrong.”

Baird and a whole host of lawyers and sports specialists at San Francisco’s National Center for Lesbian Rights would love to see the day when gay and lesbian athletes don’t have to pretend — when they don’t worry about losing friends, teammates, positions or jobs if they come out of the closet.

So they’ve started the Homophobia in Sport Project.

Leading the program is Helen Carroll,
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HELEN CARROLL: The NCLR’s athletic diversity specialist is a former basketball coach whose team won the 1984 championship of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.
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NCLR’s athletic diversity specialist and a former basketball coach whose team won the 1984 championship of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The goal is no less than to end homophobia in the realm of sports — from badminton to football and basketball to soccer.

"We have been so closeted in athletics that we don’t even know how to seek help," Carroll says. "[Athletes] need to know they have a place to go if they are being treated unfairly."

Carroll’s legal team is focusing its primary efforts on the high school and college levels, where there are some legal protections already in place. Educating coaches, players and athletic directors is the first tack, but suits could ensue if the team encounters hard-liners.

"We’re not going to stay out of the courts," Carroll says adamantly.

And she says evidence that suits could be necessary is highlighted by the history of Title IX, the landmark 1972 legislation that banned sexual discrimination in athletics and academics.

"It didn’t really start becoming effective," Carroll says, "until the student athletes started suing the schools. No movement happened on it until it got in the courts."

There’s also Title VII, which the U.S. Supreme Court used in 1989 in Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins, 490 U.S. 228, to find actionable discrimination based on gender stereotyping. Nine years later, the high court interpreted Title VII to cover same-sex harassment in Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services, 523 U.S. 75.

In a recent article on sports homophobia in the Berkeley Women’s Law Journal, Baird explained how Title VII could be used to help gay athletes.

"An expanded interpretation of the ‘because of sex’ language in Title VII," she wrote, "would open the door for an expansion of the ‘on the basis of sex’ language in Title IX, which could then be used to protect both coaches and student athletes. Under this argument, protection would be available under current law."
The University of New Haven has hired Mimi Walters as its women's basketball coach.
Walters comes to New Haven from the University of Hartford, where she was the associate head coach for three seasons. Walters helped the Hawks to their first NCAA tournament appearance in March.
Walters also spent four seasons as an assistant coach at Yale and five years as head coach at Beloit (Wis.) College, where her teams had a 76-41 record.
Walters is the fourth coach in four years at New Haven, joining MaryAnn Palazzl, Christina Madan-
ocy and Nicole Anderson.
"We're very happy," UNH Director of Athletics Debbie Chin said.
"She brings a lot of excitement and a lot of energy. She wants to build a program, develop a program on her own. She is just what we need. She'll offer some stability."
Anderson, a UCLA graduate, left New Haven for the University of San Diego, where she will be a top assistant.
"She was a very good coach and I understand her need to get home," Chin said.
New Haven was 11-15 as an independent last season. The Chargers will play in the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference beginning this year.
GULLS SIGN WOOLF AND PURDIE: Mark Woolf, who was named the most valuable player in the West Coast Hockey League last season, re-signed with the Gulls for his fourth season with the club yesterday. Woolf will be rejoined on the Gulls' first line by Dennis Purdie, who also re-signed with the team. In addition, the Gulls re-signed defenseman Clint Calabria and placed goalkeeper Trevor Koenig on the 12-player protected list to retain his WCHL rights through the off-season.

BASKETBALL: Former New Haven coach and UCLA standout Nicole Anderson has been hired as a second assistant to San Diego State women's basketball coach Jim Tomey, the school announced yesterday. Anderson, a former player at La Jolla High, was previously the head coach at Francis Parker and an assistant at USD. La Costa Canyon High is looking for a new girls basketball coach. Pay is $2,823 per season. Apply to the San Dieguito Unified School District, 710 Encinitas Blvd., or call 760-753-6491, ext. 5519.
Spirit's focus is on ending a losing streak

By Giae Thien
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

As it looks to snap a club-worst four-game losing streak, the Spirit must face the WUSA's leading team today. The Philadelphia Charge, however, is also the last opponent to lose to the Spirit.

It was more than a month ago, on May 19, when Julie Foudy scored her only goal in two seasons to lift the Spirit to a 1-0 victory over the Charge. Now the teams meet again, just like before at USD's Torero Stadium in a 5 p.m. outing on a Sunday.

"That's an added mental benefit," said Kevin Crow, referring to the impact of the earlier win over Philadelphia. "But we honestly feel if we take care of our own game, we have a great shot of winning every game."

The Spirit (2-6-2) is looking to break out of a slump in which it has been outscored 11-2, including a 4-0 decision at Washington eight days ago.

"We just need to maintain our focus for 90 minutes. That's where our problem is," Spirit defender Joy Fawcett said. "We have lulls and give up stupid goals. We played well against Washington, passing well and creating a lot of good chances. Now we all have to keep each other focused and finish our chances."

This rematch with the Charge (7-1-2) marks the first home game and third overall for the Spirit since Crow, also the club's general manager, replaced the fired Carlos Juarez as coach.

In addition to the latest loss to Washington, the Spirit also had three players leave the game with injuries.

Stellar forward Shannon MacMillan, who suffered a right foot injury, is given a 50-50 chance of playing today. If she can't perform, Mercy Akide will probably take her place.

Fawcett is expected to play after recovering from a slight calf strain, but defender Rhiannon Tanaka has been placed on the injured list with a left hamstring injury. Also, midfielder Jen Mascaro will return after being sidelined since April 20 with a broken foot, and midfielder Sherill Kester can play despite suffering a broken right hand in a scrimmage Wednesday.

With Tanaka out, a starting spot on defense will likely go to rookie Anna Klaus, who was acquired Monday in a trade with the Atlanta Beat.

"I'll just work my hardest," Klaus said. "No one likes to lose. I'm sure we're going to give our all to turn this team around. We still have a chance to go to the playoffs, and we should definitely think that way."
Spirit can't get untracked, just misses Beat in loss to Atlanta

By Glae Thien
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

Ever so slowly, the ball bounced toward the nets, and at that point there was nothing that Spirit goalkeeper Jaime Pagliaru­lo could do about it.

With Pagliaru­lo drawn away from the nets, the Spirit gave up the opening goal to the Atlanta Beat 21 minutes into yesterday's game. After that, it was the clock that ticked slowly but steadily without the Spirit ever recovering.

Instead of catching up, the Spirit gave up another goal with 16 minutes left and suffered a 2-0 setback to the Atlanta Beat at USD's Torero Stadium.

On the first score, Pagliaru­lo came out to greet Charmaine Hooper, who had slipped through the defense. But Pagliaru­lo couldn't prevent Hooper from getting off the weak but effective shot for her fourth goal of the season.

“IT'S HORRIBLE AS A GOALKEEPER TO TURN AROUND AND BE STUCK ON THE GROUND, SEEING THE BALL SLOWLY ROLLING IN,” said Pagliaru­lo, who finished with six saves. “BUT WHEN YOU GET DOWN A GOAL EARLY, YOU HAVE TO COME BACK. IN THE FIRST HALF, WE STAYED IN IT, BUT IN THE SECOND HALF WE WEREN’T IN OUR GAME PLAN. THAT’S A MATURITY THING. WE NEED TO SORT IT OUT.”

It’s not a good idea to fall behind the Beat, which extended its streak to 14 games without losing after scoring first (11-0-3). Goalkeeper Brianna Scurry made three saves in recording her second shutout in a row and third of the season.

Homare Sawa, who assisted on Hooper’s goal, later added her first goal of the season to help the Beat (4-3-1) secure its third consecutive victory.

The Spirit (2-4-2) lost for the second straight outing, and despite hopes to start stronger than it did last year, it has an identical record at the corresponding point in the schedule.

“We don’t want to be in this situation, but we got ourselves into it,” coach Carlos Juarez said. “We’re not going to fold or do anything like that. We’re going to try to get our rhythm and get some wins under our belt.”

The Spirit closed last season with a flourish (3-0-3) but just missed the playoffs at 7-7-7.

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“We really, really need to look at the intangibles in terms of how we are playing,” Juarez said. “Are we creating enough chances? Are we defending well enough? When you lose, everything’s magnified.”

The Spirit was on the attack when San Pasqual High alum Nikki Serlinga got the ball at midfield to start a counterattack leading to Hooper’s goal. With that, she recorded her fourth assist in four games and fifth on the season, breaking a tie for the WUSA lead.

Sawa’s goal followed. And so did defeat for the Spirit. Slowly.

“IT WAS A VERY SLOW GOAL, AND I WAS VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT,” Hooper said. “IF WE SCORE FIRST, IT GIVES OUR TEAM A LITTLE BIT OF A BOOST. IT HELPS US SETTLE DOWN IN OUR GAME. WE AREN’T SATISFIED WITH JUST ONE GOAL, BUT THE FIRST ONE IS VERY IMPORTANT.”

The Spirit missed out on a scoring opportunity eight minutes after Hooper’s goal. Off a sharp crossing pass from Sherrill Kester, Lori Lindsey had a straight kick on goal, but the ball sailed high.

Hooper nearly scored again seven minutes into the second half, but her shot bounced off the near right goal post.

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Spirit renews rivalry with Beat

By Glae Thien
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

The Spirit has an eagle in its insignia and a panda as a mascot, but its record has qualities of a groundhog in hibernation.

In its two seasons, the Spirit has yet to get above ground, or the .500 mark in the WUSA standings, even through the team's had eight chances to do so. The latest came last Saturday, when the Spirit lost 2-1 to New York.

With one step back like that, it takes two steps to move forward. The Spirit (2-3-2) will look to get back to .500 today, when it renews what's been a heated rivalry with the Atlanta Beat at USD's Torero Stadium.

"That (getting above .500) is going to be a monkey on our back, for sure," said Shannon MacMillan, who shares the Spirit lead with eight points.

"But it's important for us not to focus on the stats and just take care of business. Then not only will we get on top of teams, but we'll start getting the wins."

The Spirit, which finished 7-7-7 and out of the playoffs a year ago, has failed in three opportunities to climb over .500 this season.

"We're aware of it. Everyone's aware of it," said coach Carlos Juarez. "It's going to be talked about until we get over it. Obviously, what I don't like is that we always seem to be crawling back. We play a good game, and then we have to do it all over again. We have no one to blame but ourselves."

Juarez expects to announce his eighth different lineup in eight games today. While the team has had nine core starters, Juarez continues to adjust for improved play at center forward and attacking midfielder.

"I don't like doing that," Juarez said. "I want to find a consistent, steady lineup. We're getting close to that point."

The Spirit went 1-1-1 last season against the Beat, which reached the inaugural WUSA championship game. The meetings between the teams have become noted for their physical play, even in preseason.

"It's definitely something that you remember, because a big part of their game is that they are a physical team," MacMillan said. "They're going to come out, look to hit us and throw us off our rhythm."

The Spirit topped the Beat 3-1 on July 29 in San Diego in their most recent encounter.
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