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Office of the President
A new study released by University of San Diego indicates the university contributes nearly $300 million to the region's economy each year.

USD's payroll after taxes for its 2,500 full-time, part-time and student employees is $52.5 million for a total impact of more than $100 million. Purchases from San Diego County businesses are $43.6 million for a total impact of $93.6 million. Spending by USD students, parents and visitors to the campus are $42.9 million, for a total impact of $103 million.

With 2,500 employees, USD is one of the top 20 employers in the county. The university's presence creates an additional 682 jobs in San Diego County as well. USD's economic activity is estimated to generate $44 million of tax revenue — $27.5 million to the federal government and $16.6 million to state and local governments.

KPMG completed the study using IMPLAN, a model used by economists to generate economic impacts. The study was based on economic activity in the 2001-2002 school year.
College of Arts and Sciences
Scientists Propose Device for Making Electricity

University of San Diego researchers have proposed a device that absorbs heat from an office environment and converts it into electrical or mechanical energy, according to a USD press release.

The micron-sized device operates on the same principles and hardware that drive computers — semiconductors.

A USD press release describes the complicated process:

"This energy is harnessed to drive dust-sized silicon pistons through the diode at high frequency, creating a microscopic, heat-driven electrostatic motor. In principle, this motor can perform mechanical work or generate electrical power, deriving its energy from the thermal energy of the semiconductor lattice."

In theory, a panel of connected blood-cell-sized devices — with the same surface area of a desk — would act like an on-site generator, of sorts, to power an entire office.

For 10 years, Daniel Sheehan, a professor of physics at USD, led research centered around this device, which challenges the second law of thermodynamics.

“Our continuing analysis of this device suggests that the fabrication of a prototype should be feasible in the near term," Sheehan said.

USD researchers recently formed a company, Thira-llc, in hopes of developing a prototype, "as well as to build academic, government and commercial alliances.”

For information on this USD research, go to (www.sandiego.edu/~jhwright/MaxwellDemonOct2002.pdf).

This month, extensions to this USD research will be presented at the 10th Foresight Conference on Molecular Nanotechnology in Bethesda, Md.

ENERGY

Rene’e Beasley Jones
Staff Writer
While most Americans could name half a dozen serial killers, or are familiar with their media tags ("Son of Sam," the "Hillside Strangler," the "Night Stalker," and now the "Serial Sniper"), few individuals have more than superficial knowledge about the fundamental issues surrounding these criminals.

How many serial killers are there in the United States? How many people do they kill? How do these predators choose their victims? And, perhaps the most important question, why do they kill?

The FBI estimates that there are approximately 35 but as many as 100 serial killers active in the United States at any one time. (This does not mean that every year there are 35 to 100 new killers.) Collectively, these individuals are thought to murder about 200 to 300 people a year and account for between one and two percent of known criminal homicides annually.

Arguably the most prominent authorities on this crime, criminologists James Fox and Jack Levin, have created a typology of serial killers based on motivation.

Thrill-oriented killers murder for the fun of it, relishing the complete control they exercise over their victims. These individuals rarely use a gun since a firearm results in a relatively rapid, painless death, a demise that would deprive them of their greatest pleasure — watching the victim die slowly and with as much suffering as they can inflict. Some thrill killers record their torture sessions on videotape so they can be viewed and enjoyed indefinitely. The "overwhelming majority" of serial killers fall in this category.

"Mission-oriented" killers are fanatics engaged in a campaign to rid the world of evil and filth. As opposed to experiencing some measure of psychological or physical ecstasy via their crimes, these offenders are attempting to further some social, political, and/or religious agenda. Mission killers target a particular group or category of individuals they deem reprehensible — usually prostitutes, homosexuals, homeless people, or drug users thought to be destroying the moral fiber of society. One mission killer specifically targeted young black males — all of whom had white girlfriends. Rather than perpetrators of heinous crimes, these individuals see themselves as killing in the defense of some noble idea or eternal truth. In their minds, they are heroes, not monsters.

The "profit-driven" serial killer takes the lives of his victims in connection with another crime, typically a robbery. In a 1992 Midwest crime spree, thieves held up a number of small convenience stores, killing the proprietors/witnesses along the way. Unlike thrill-oriented killers, profit-motivated murderers favor a gun and dispatch their victims quickly. These individuals kill because they believe it is necessary lest they be identified, apprehended and successfully prosecuted.

We may be witnessing a new form of serial murder as the Washington, D.C., area sniper adds a gruesome twist to profit-driven killings demanding $10 million to halt the attacks. In this case, the killer is more akin to terrorists who embark upon a deadly plan to psychologically and socially paralyze a population.

The number of shootings in a short period of time along with the killer's pronouncement that "Your children are not safe anywhere at any time" places law enforcement in a no-win situation. To acquiesce to the shooter's monetary demand (part or full) is both morally reprehensible and counterproductive as rewarding assassination-style killings that would inevitably produce copycat offenders. On the other hand, resistance to this form of extortion is likely to result in an untold number of deaths until the sniper is caught or killed.

While serial killers have come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds and may be young or old, the most common offender is a white male in his late 20s and 30s. No more than 10 percent to 15 percent of known serial killers in this country have been female.

Fox and Levin argue that, with the exception of offenders who murder because they hear voices and/or actually see their victims as devils, most of these individuals are "more cruel than crazy," with a "disorder of character rather than of the mind." They know right from wrong and can control their murderous desires. This latter point is of particular importance. If serial killers were unable to control their urges, they would make foolish mistakes and be apprehended quickly.

Often possessing above average intelligence, serial killers have posed as stranded motorists, utility company employees (to gain entrance to a residence) and even police officers. They can be charming, persuasive and manipulative.

In a prison interview, Ted Bundy, who took the lives of between 30 and 50 young women, stated there was a rational, methodical element to his killings. He noted that the serial killer learns to stalk, wait and kill, and with each episode grows more proficient at his chosen crime. Because so many of these individuals (especially thrill-motivated offenders) are rational and cunning, when they are caught it is often a matter of luck rather than some mistake on their part.

To date, attempts at constructing profiles of serial killers have not proven to be very useful. For example, a number of psychiatrists are of the opinion that, as a consequence of repeated head trauma (from child abuse, for example), severe injury to the brain's limbic system predisposes an individual to violent behavior. However, as Fox and Levin note, "if head trauma were as strong a contributor to serial murder as some would suggest, we would have many times more serial killers than we actually do."

Understanding why some people choose to murder in a systematic and often horrific manner, and riuding society of the factors that bring about this deadly motivation, are not the same thing. Even if social and medical science knowledge advances to a level wherein an accurate profile of (for example) mission-oriented serial killers can be constructed, short of arresting everyone who confirms to that psychological portrait and incapacitating them in some kind of "preventive detention," serial killers will continue to walk among us.

Unfortunately, the chances of significantly reducing, much less eliminating serial killing are almost zero. In a society of almost 250 million people it is inevitable that a very small number of individuals will be aberrant to the extent that they find killing pleasurable, profitable or justified in the pursuit of some cause or twisted notion of religious purity. We can only be thankful that whatever ultimately causes this murderous behavior is present in so few people.

By George J. Bryjak

Bryjak is a professor of sociology at the University of San Diego.
Deviance, by definition, presupposes a society's way of life bounded by norms and values that justify institutions and induce people to enact institutional and private roles. This makes any study of deviance controversial, both politically and morally. When that study is sociological, the controversy is compounded, for sociology is a quintessentially modern, relativizing mode of thought, and as such is great for diagnosis but unavailing for prescription.

This has not deterred Anne Hendershott, a professor of sociology at the University of San Diego, who believes political advocacy groups have morally corrupted American society. In The Politics of Deviance she argues for the need to reinstate what she terms a traditional definition of deviance so that Americans can "reaffirm the moral ties that bind us together." At first blush this goal may seem laudatory, within limits. She correctly argues that "in many cases the real power to define and control deviance has moved into the medical realm." Her critique of a culture that promotes irresponsibility and determinism by classifying many forms of behavior as diseases or disorders is good. She champions individual freedom and intelligence attacks the increasing medical model of the human being. Yet she refuses to analyze the institutional forces behind this trend. Her bogeymen are "influential interest or advocacy groups," by which she does not mean wealthy and powerful elites. While wanting to defend individual freedom over against the medical, genetic, biological determinists, she vaguely suggests that a coterie of deviant advocacy groups, rather than large institutional forces, are behind this movement.

So too with the issue of mental illness. "As the deviance of mental illness was downgraded, it was inevitable that the definition of mental illness would be expanded, and the condition would even be celebrated." This is true, yet who is behind this development? Not you or I. Not some fringe advocacy group, as Hendershott suggests. Who is behind the 700 percent increase in the use of Ritalin for the phony diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder? Who is behind the $96 million prescriptions for serotonin reuptake inhibitors, a class of anti-depressants including Paxil? Who is behind the drug-ging of the American populace? Yes, Hendershott says that mental health practitioners and the pharmaceutical companies are, yet she refuses to see the large and powerful drug companies as part of a powerful elite, which they surely are.

When it comes to the clerical sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church, not only does Hendershott play down the numbers—"isolated cases," "some abuse," "few serial molesters"—but she refuses to consider the church's social structure as implicated in the problem. Rather, she points the finger at reformist "left-leaning Catholics." "And indeed," she writes, "it is hard not to conclude that ripping up the entire institutional garment of Catholicism is what such critics desire." This is ideological nonsense, not sociological analysis. And while she is highly insightful on the "moral panic" of the 1980's involving the "recovered memories" of children in day care centers, her conflation of that issue with the current priest sex scandal is illogical and misleading. "The Church," she writes, "has been profoundly damaged by this crisis, just as the day care centers and workers were stigmatized by 'recovering memories.'" While true in one sense, this is intellectual legerdemain—i.e., a misleading half-truth suggesting that the sex abuse charges are just as false as "recovered memories." Even Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, considered by many to be at the heart of the problem, is deceptively portrayed as having moved so decisively against accused sex offending priests that he "fanned the flames of what some regarded a fading panic." I am reminded of Lewis Carroll's Tweedledee: "Contrariwise if it was so, it might bee; and if it were so, it would bee; but as it isn't, it ain't. That's logic."

The problem with the entire book is Hendershott's exclusionary logic. While astutely analyzing many important issues—the medicalization of drug abuse, mental illness, pedophilia, cultural sexualization, suicide, date rape—she will not situate such issues within the larger frame of institutional and social structures. Like a number of academics and intellectuals, she lets her intellectual and moral biases blind her to seeing and telling the whole story of our cultural predicament.

Like many half-books, this could arouse a number of passionate arguments. For that reason it is worth reading. Sadly, however, if one allowed Hendershott's parameters to restrict the argument, one would be befuddled in a Cyclopean world. Our society's moral predicament deserves full vision, not narrow focus. To ponder deviance without linking it to the power of economic and political institutions and their symbols of moral justification is to fetishize the normative order and rig one's conclusions in advance. Ironically, Hendershott has written a book that is an example of what she criticizes: the politics of deviance.

Edward Curtin
Board brings viewpoints, vigilance

There are five men and four women. At least one was born in another country. Between them, they speak several languages and come from a variety of backgrounds.

Here is a closer look at the nine members of the new clergy abuse review board for the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego.

M. Gayle Askren

A portrait of St. Thomas More, patron saint of lawyers and politicians, looks down on the desk of M. Gayle Askren.

"I admired the way he handled his conscience," said the Coronado attorney of the 16th-century Catholic who gave up his life rather than compromise his beliefs.

Askren may soon face some matters of conscience himself. The retired deputy state attorney general, now in private practice, is the chairman of the Catholic review board.

Askren, who was raised Protestant but converted to Catholicism in 1997, volunteered to be on the board. "I wanted it."

San Diego Bishop Robert Brom likes the idea of having a recent convert on the panel. "He sees things without bias, without conditioning," he said.

Askren spent much of his career in the state attorney general’s office handling cases involving doctors and others licensed by California who were accused of misconduct. "I’ve had experience in weighing the credibility of witnesses and in making a decision of whether or not to prosecute," he said.

He also worked as an administrative law judge, weighing both sides from another point of view.

Askren said he prays he will be objective and fair. He knows there are no quick fixes. "I see this as a constant monitoring situation," said the 64-year-old father of one grown daughter.

"I think the church will be improved, but I don’t see closure on this. We have to take the first step. We have to realize there’s a problem."

Askren, who attends Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coronado, does not want this new zero-tolerance policy to turn into a priest-bashing witch hunt.

On the other hand, he’s heartened by the response he’s seen so far. "I don’t see a great groundswell of people who hate priests or hate the Catholic Church. I see a lot of people who are trying to address this."

Adlin deCardi

When she saw the announcement for an upcoming forum at her church about the sex abuse scandal, Adlin deCardi was intrigued.

As a licensed marriage and family therapist, she has spent several years working with victims of sexual abuse. At the end of the forum, she told her pastor at St. Gregory the Great in Scripps Ranch that she wanted to help.

Now she is serving two volunteer assignments — as a member of the review board and as the diocese’s assistance coordinator who reaches out to victims of clergy abuse.

As assistance coordinator, the diocese puts her in contact with people reporting abuse so that she can refer them to possible counseling and periodically call them to see how they are doing. So far, she’s talked to three people.

Bishop Brom said he felt he "struck it rich" when he learned of deCardi’s interest. "Her expertise in the whole area of dealing with children molested by adults was really very attractive," he said.

DeCardi, who works at WellPoint Behavioral Health in San Diego, sees this as a chance to use both her personal spirituality and her professional expertise. "I want to be part of a group that is trying to promote healing and reconciliation in the church," she said.

She supports zero tolerance. "I think we have to have a stand that child abuse is never OK. You need to protect the children and other potential victims."

DeCardi compares the church situation to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. "I don’t think we could ever prevent another 9/11, but we could take measures to make us safer," she said.

The 48-year-old Poway woman, who is single and bilingual, was born and raised Catholic. She loves going to Mass. Can she be an independent voice?

"I’m true to the faith as best I can be, but I don’t think that’s going to keep me from being objective to what’s around me."
Anne Hendershott

Sociologist Anne Hendershott believes that if there is a culprit in this scandal, it's psychology.

"We've trusted psychology too much, telling us these men can come back and minister to us, and they shouldn't have," she says.

Now she is on a review board where the bishop will trust her to recommend what he should do. Brom said he was looking for someone in the social science area from the Catholic-affiliated University of San Diego and her name came up again and again.

The USD professor has written on the topic of clergy abuse and its ramifications, devoting some of her newest book, "The Politics of Deviance," to the subject.

She takes a tough stand against avoiding a moral panic, caused in part by what she sees as exaggeration, bad research and infighting by critics.

On the other hand, the 52-year-old Catholic, a mother of two who is active in the Immaculata Church on the USD campus, said she is saddened by the abuse that has occurred. "I want for the future for this to never happen again," she said.

Hendershott is impressed by her colleagues on the new review board and thinks their affection for their faith is a plus.

"We have such a strong stake in the church. I love this church, and I want the church to survive, so I think I'm better than someone who is hostile to the church," Hendershott said.

She said she would be troubled if there were members who were hostile to the church. "They would have no stake in making the church better."

Rodrigo Valdivia

He was going to be a priest, but after five years of seminary he decided that his calling was in administration — not the sacraments.

So now Rodrigo Valdivia is vice chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego, a top administrative post. He also is a canon lawyer, which makes him an expert in Catholic law. And he's the father of two young daughters.

Valdivia was just 10 years old when he and his family left the strife-ridden politics of Chile. Four years later, they arrived in North County, via Venezuela and Ohio.

A soft-spoken man, the 41-year-old Valdivia is not sure he would call the revelations of sexual misconduct cases a crisis. "It's definitely an important moment," he said. "We need to address this very seriously and carefully."

Brom picked Valdivia because he wanted someone with a canon law background on the panel. "The board cannot violate existing (church) law," Brom said. "If they do, everybody is in trouble."

Before he was vice chancellor, Valdivia was Brom's assistant. Can he be objective on this review board?

"I think I can be as objective as anyone," said Valdivia, who attends Ascension Parish in Tierrasanta and speaks four languages. "My role will be more to bring in information that will be useful to other members."

Five years from now, when the review board's terms are up, Valdivia said he would like "to see us having taken some effective steps in regaining the trust of the faithful, in having established more clear ways of dealing with this."

Sue Hauwiller and Deacon James Scull

Hauwiller is a retired military periodontist who attends Blessed Sacrament in the College Area, according to the diocese. Brom said he met Hauwiller after she sent him a "critical but very honest" letter expressing her concern about the allegations of abuse and cover-up that began in Boston in January.

"She wasn't too complimen­tary of some things that have gone on in terms of the church, but she wasn't angry. She was precise and insightful."

She also used to be an advocate for people abused by military personnel. "She's tough, but good," said Brom.

James Scull is director of laboratory sciences at Alvarado Hospital Medical Center and an ordained deacon in this diocese since 1984, according to the diocese.

Brom said he was picked to represent the permanent diaconate ministry, which is a level of ministry held by men who are not planning to be ordained as priests. Deacons also may be married. Scull has four children and serves at Ascension Parish in Tierrasanta.

"He's a very professional person," Brom said.

-Sandi Dolbee
John Shean

Ask John Shean why he wanted to be on the review board and he'll answer with four words: "I love the church."

Shean, 60-year-old father of six, knows the misconduct problem is not going away by itself. It has to be addressed.

"I don't think it's been blown out of proportion," said Shean, who volunteered through his parish priest for the board. "I think you sometimes have overzealous reporting. But I think it's made people aware that the truths and beliefs and traditions that have been passed down, those haven't been impaired. It's just some of the messengers who have been delivering that message simply haven't adhered to the message."

He teaches religious education at Mission San Diego de Alcala and goes to Mass daily. But he doesn't hesitate when he's asked if he can be tough enough to stand up to the church, if needed.

"I think you have to separate yourself. You can be devout, but you have to be just and fair."

Brom said Shean told him he wanted to serve "out of a totally family perspective and as a family man." He would be the "ordinary guy on the board."

Shean said Brom has encouraged them to be open, to listen, recommend, discuss, counsel and pray. "He doesn't want a rubber stamp."

Shean's background is in marketing. He's sold advertising for radio and television stations in San Diego and then worked for the Padres before becoming vice president of sales for the Arizona Cardinals football team. He returned here two years ago and worked briefly for the Chargers.

Like other committee members, Shean thinks the church will come out better. "You're going to get more lay involvement," he said. "I think this is a precursor for stuff in the future."

Sister JoCeal Young

Bishop Brom knew Sister JoCeal Young for years because of her work at Scripps Mercy Hospital. But when he began to look into her background, he became more convinced he wanted her on the board.

"Elementary school teacher, principal and coordinator of education for her own community and associate superintendent of schools (in the San Jose diocese). I said, 'Whoa, we've got somebody who is into it with kids.'"

Young, who became a member of the Sisters of Mercy religious order in 1955, switched from education to health care when she moved to San Diego a dozen years ago. The 64-year-old nun currently is director of mission services at Scripps Mercy in Hillcrest.

"I'm saddened and troubled that this has occurred in the church, but I also have a sense of optimism that we can rectify this," she said.

She wants to be fair and compassionate. She also wants to protect the rights of both the accused and the accuser.

Young is worried about the "good, solid, hard-working priests who have been tainted by this." She's also worried about the victims. "This doesn't go away for the victims. Over and over again, the pain is still there."

After spending so many years in the Bay Area, Young likes to stay in touch by reading the San Jose newspaper online. She printed out a story about a healing and reconciliation service that the San Jose bishop held last month for victims. "I think that's a good idea," she said.

Monsignor John Dickie

When the bishop called Monsignor John Dickie and asked him to be on the review board, the priest suggested that his boss look at other candidates. But before the phone call was over, he agreed to do it.

"That's part of obedience," Dickie said.

The rules for these local review boards call for at least one priest to be a member. Brom said he proposed Dickie and the feedback he got was quite positive. "His integrity is impeccable," the bishop added.

Dickie is 72 and was ordained in San Diego in 1956. In addition to serving in parishes and teaching, he was principal of University of San Diego High School and local superintendent of Catholic schools. He also was executive director of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops for five years.

Now he's pastor of St. Mary Magdalene, a 1,700-family parish overlooking Mission Bay.

Dickie admits that he's not certain if the zero tolerance policy adopted by the U.S. bishops complies with church law.

He also admits to feeling betrayed by the abusive priests. And while he feels much loved in his own parish, the fallout is subtle, yet pervasive.

"We never went to football games without a carload of kids," he said. "I would think twice about that now."

The priest said he would like to see "justice and fairness to all the parties concerned." While he said the victims need help, he believes the allegations have been blown out of proportion by the media. "I know this is not a problem unique to the Catholic Church."

Still, as with the others, he sees good coming from this. "It's good in the sense that I think changes will happen that probably need to happen."
Local singers of note

- OPERA: Four San Diego singers will compete next Friday in the western region preliminaries of the prestigious Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, which will be at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The local competitors are mezzo-soprano Ilsa Agazzi, a 30-year-old member of the San Diego Opera Ensemble; tenor Chad D. Frisque, 30, who also performs with the ensemble; soprano Victoria Mature, the 26-year-old, Rancho Santa Fe-based daughter of the late actor Victor Mature; and mezzo-soprano Janelle Rollinson, 31, a voice instructor at the University of San Diego.

All four were named San Diego District finalists Oct. 12, receiving $600 each. Those who excel at the western regionals will appear at an open-to-the-public winners concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2 in the auditorium (330 East Green St.) in Pasadena. For tickets ($28), call (626) 449-7360.

—— Valerie Scher ——
Two things about war — one spiritual; one practical.

First, I find it impossible to believe that a loving God wants children, created in the Divine image, to fight with one another and kill one another. War is no way to bring peace. Only love will bring peace.

On the practical level, what does war — any war — accomplish? War proves that one entity is momentarily stronger — militarily or politically — than another. For a brief moment in time, one entity overpowers and dominates the other. But, times change; strength ebbs and flows. The entity that was strong gives way to another entity that has become stronger. Issues are not settled, only relative strength is measured. War is no way to bring peace.

Even when there is a so-called “just war” — the opposition to the Nazi genocide of World War II being a prime example — what happens in the aftermath?

The Allies rid the world of the Nazi threat. Yet, in these 60 years, there was the slaughter of Hindus and Muslims when Pakistan was created in 1947. There has been intense hatred between Arabs and Jews since Israel was created in 1948. There has been ongoing hatred between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. There was the systemic slaying of more than two million Cambodians in the 1970s, the murder of the Afghans in the 1980s; the “ethnic cleansing” in Bosnia in the 1990s; and, now, the hate-filled terror of Muslim extremists against the western world in the early 2000s.

Oh, sometimes, greater strength — military or political — overtake tyranny and oppression. Blacks and whites now ride the buses together in America’s South and in South Africa. The Berlin Wall came tumbling down, and communism fell in the Soviet Union and the satellite countries.

But, there were no fundamental changes, no systemic changes, in ideology or in practice.

And, so, now, we must ask: what will a war against Iraq accomplish?

First, we ask: why has the idea of war with Iraq come to the fore at this time? Weren’t we fighting Al Qaeda? Weren’t we fighting terrorism that came to our shores? Did we accomplish that mission? How did that mission get clouded with issues about Iraq?

It could be argued, of course, that Al Qaeda terrorism has roots and sources in Iraq. Yet, 16 of the September 11 terrorists came from Saudi Arabia. If we want to root out the support of Al Qaeda terrorism, why aren’t we talking about going to war with Saudi Arabia?

I would suggest that we need look further and deeper to determine why our president is proposing war with Iraq at this time. (Please don’t bother sending letters to the editor with your vehement opposition to these ideas. I know that they are controversial, and, to some, unpatriotic and, even, insulting. I also am well aware that the Congress has voted to support a war effort. I am equally aware that the vote would have been far different had it been held after the election, when, senators up for re-election in particular, would have voted their conscience instead of the politics of many of their “gung-ho for war” constituents.)
So, why war with Iraq now?

A war against Iraq will divert attention from the fact that the war against Al Qaeda is not going well; the leader lives and the threats remain.

A war against Iraq will permit this president — virtually inexperienced in foreign policy — to avenge his father’s failure to wipe out Saddam Hussein in the “Gulf” War, or to prove to himself that he is a better man than his father.

A war against Iraq will divert attention from this president’s failing economy and economic policies, and, even boost the economy, because that’s what wars do.

Note: the entire Hubbell Telescope project, which has changed completely what we know about the universe and how we think about the universe, has cost $7 billion. A war against Iraq will cost $9 billion a month!

A war against Iraq will give the United States greater access to the oil resources of the area. How interesting that this president and vice president and so many of their political friends and supporters were in the oil business.

Just to prove that I am not against this war or this president on partisan political grounds, I will note that the last time we got into a quagmire of a war — where, there was no clearly defined goal; no exit strategy; and no clear plan or budget for nation building at the end of the war — was when another macho Texan (different political party) was in the White House. When are we going to learn that we don’t have to prove our “political manhood” by going to war?

And what of this potential war, if it becomes real war?

Here is a very possible — and incredibly frightening — scenario.

The United States — with, or probably without the backing of the United Nations and a political coalition of our allies — bombs Iraq.

Iraq, as it did in the Gulf War — bombs Israel.

Israel — refusing this time to be restrained by the pleas of the United States bombs Iraq.

The united Arab world retaliates against Israel.

The democratic world — led not only by those who cherish freedom and democracy, and by the Jews of the world, but by 70 million American evangelical Protestants, and their counterparts throughout the world, who, for theological reasons, are tremendous supporters of Israel — comes to Israel’s defense.

And then, we have a world at war.

Is this a pathway to ending hatred and bigotry and violence? Is this a pathway toward greater understanding and tolerance and compassion? Is this a pathway toward peace?

I grant that it is very hard to be open and accepting when it seems as if the enemy is at the gate.

Yet, when “The Other” is already labeled “The Enemy,” and not a “Worthy Adversary” with whom there can be reconciliation and healing, then the only alternative seems to be war, which, we already know, is only a temporary solution of the momentarily powerful dominating the momentarily weak.

The only solution to establishing a real, lasting, permanent peace is finding one another’s heart in love.

We know that the journey to peace through love, is much more difficult than the pathway through war.

What will we choose?

The very fate of the world we know depends on how we decide.

After the flood, God promises, “Never again will I doom the earth because of man, since the devisings of man are evil from his youth; nor will I ever destroy living being as I have done.” (Gen. 8:21)

God will not destroy us. But, God knows: our human instincts for evil are part of our nature. In our arrogance and our foolishness, we might destroy ourselves!

Will we be that arrogant and foolish?

Or — hard as it will be — can we find the way to peace through love?

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It has been about three and a half years since we moved into the house we built after our old home was destroyed by the Harmony Grove fire. Despite the pain and anguish of the fire, despite the heartache of deciding whether to rebuild or buy somewhere else, despite the hassles with the insurance company, and despite the horrors with the contractor and builders (anyone who has ever built or remodeled knows those), it is a nice house.

So, here it is, three and a half years later, and the appliances are beginning to break — one by one. First it was the oven, and then it was the stove, and then it was the dryer, and then it was the washing machine, and then it was the dishwasher, and then it was the air conditioning.

Needless to say, as soon as the dryer — and then the washing machine — stopped working, we called the Maytag repairman. I expected him to be here within hours if not minutes for, after all, I watch all the television commercials where the Maytag repairman has absolutely nothing to do, because, the advertising implies, the machines are so wonderful that they never break.

We built to match our lifestyle. So, instead of a living room, a dining room, and a family room, we didn't put up any walls, and we have one great room, where we can invite many, many people for our classes, services, and gatherings. We built in our offices, so we don't have to go out to rent offices, and we can work at home. It may not be a layout or floor plan that would suit every family, but it works for us and the way we live.

The Maytag repairman, we were informed, could not come for three days because we're so busy right now." So much for "truth in advertising."

We, of course, had the inconvenience of waiting for him — "Our repairman will be at your home anytime between noon and 6 p.m.," we were told. And we were expected to be grateful. When he finally did appear, he fiddled and fiddled, pronounced the diagnosis, told us how much — it was a lot — we would have to pay, and proceeded to fix.

That all would have been all right — except for the waiting and the high bill — except that a few weeks later, the washing machine stopped working.

Same scene all over again. Even that might have been all right, except a few weeks later, the dryer, which, supposedly the top-notch repairman had already fixed, broke again.

Same scene again — except this time, I was not so happy, not so calm, not so accommodating.

"I bought this washing machine and dryer," I said, "because your company advertises the fine quality of its products. Obviously that is not true. You, the repairman, who according to your television commercials, have nothing to do because your products are so good, have now been here three times in two months. And, we're not talking about 10- or 15-year-old machines here. We're talking about a washer and a dryer that are only three years old. I expected that your product would work for 10, 15, 20 years, without any problems, without any need for repair, without any high repair bills."

The repairman looked at me as if I were naive at best and foolish at worst. "Mister," he said. "You just don't get it, do you? The company makes these machines to last only three or four years. Then, you have to pay us to repair them or buy new ones. We couldn't possibly stay in business if we built machines to last 10 or 20 years."

OK. I'm naive and foolish. I expect machines — especially when they are touted as the best in the business — to last longer than three years. I expect advertising to be honest. I expect a company to build quality products. I expect a company to have the integrity not to build obsolesce right into its products. I expect my money's worth.

OK. I'm foolish and naive — especially when I heard the same story —
not quite as directly, but, the same story; nevertheless — from the oven, and stove, and air conditioning, and dishwasher repairmen. One by one, they quietly admitted that their companies purposely build and sell inferior products — surely, products that do not live up to their advertised claims — so that the companies can make more money selling expensive repairs or replacement appliances.

More and more, it seems, we are living in a disposable society. That which used to last for decades, now lasts for only a few years. That which used to last for a year or two, now lasts for only a few months. Many products are purposefully built to be disposable: use it once, throw it away. Buy another one tomorrow.

With this attitude of poor quality and easily disposable products becoming more and more prevalent, with this attitude bombarding our consciousnesses, I fear that the same attitude is beginning to seep into our human interactions.

Just the other day, I met a woman who proudly told me that she lives in the same neighborhood where she was born and grew up, and that her children are attending the same public school she attended when she was a little girl. All of us hearing her "oohed" and "aahed," because, while that used to be the norm, it is now a surprising exception.

We move from job to job, from place to place, from house to house, from synagogue to synagogue.

How many rabbis have heard "I love you, I love your synagogue, but I'm quitting, because it was easier to get a carpool to Hebrew school at the neighboring synagogue."

No loyalty. No commitment. Just convenience. And an easily disposable relationship.

How many employees have heard, "You've done a great job for us. We really appreciate your talents and skills. But, we're eliminating your position. We just don't have room for you here anymore."

No loyalty. No commitment. Just convenience. And an easily disposable relationship.

So often, today's friends are tomorrow's memories. Perhaps we are reluctant to form close friendships, because we fear that we, or our friend, will soon move away, get another job, go to another city, find another friend. So we shy away from the psychic and emotional investments in friendships.

And, sadly, too often, today's friends are tomorrow's enemies — friendships that are broken over petty and insignificant perceived slights, or over disagreements that could easily be resolved.

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What about families that are broken apart by issues of jealousy and envy and money and memory?

No loyalty. No commitment. Just convenience. And an easily disposable relationship.

In truth, it is sometimes good to move away from unhealthy relationships that harm and hinder rather than fulfill.

But, often, we end relationships because they hurt too much, or sometimes we are afraid to expose and risk our vulnerabilities, or sometimes it seems too hard to do the work that it takes to make the relationship work.

And, sometimes — too often — we end relationships because we live in a disposable society, and if we can so easily dispose of our washing machines and dishwashers, why can't we dispose of our relationships with as much ease, as little investment, as little guilt, as little care?

When it comes to our friendships, our associations, our family ties, we learn from the sad fate of our washing machines and our dryers; we learn to treat our people far differently than we treat our machines. We learn: if it's broken, don't throw it away. Fix it.

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The roughest of roads couldn’t defeat her

Christine Galan’s heart is ticking on borrowed time.
Along with a liver, it was donated in 1998 in a double-organ transplant that came none too soon.

“If the donor’s family had said ‘no’ that night, I wouldn’t be here today,” she says.

At 40, Galan is a born-again poster girl for transplant technology: fit, fearless and familiar with adversity.

“I’ve never felt this great,” she said the other day at her parents’ Rancho Bernardo home. “My life began at 36. I walked out of the hospital and never looked back.”

Within 19 days of her twin transplant at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, she walked on a treadmill. For 20 minutes. “My body had atrophied,” she said. “I just wanted to get in shape — and get my life back.”

These days, she taxes her transplanted heart — donated by a 24-year-old male — with 45-minute sessions on a StairMaster.

And three evenings a week you’re liable to find her practicing vigorous Ashtanga yoga (“It’s great for getting new blood in the organs”) or lifting weights.

“I can’t sit and not exercise,” she said. “For me, that’s too hard.”

Every heartbeat is a gift, she figures. Too valuable to waste. Too stimulating to take for granted.

In the Starlight Children’s Foundation, she’s found a cause she can put her heart into. As a volunteer, she’s helped grant the wishes of 250 seriously ill children on the East Coast near her New York home.


Last November, Galan became the first heart- and-liver transplant recipient to complete the New York City Marathon. It took her 8 hours, 22 minutes and 42 seconds. Pedestrian, to be sure, but she stopped along the way to tape segments of a tissue-donation documentary.

That she can cover 26.2 miles at all is a wonder. Two surgeries a decade apart, each prompted by deteriorating bone in her left ankle, shortened her Achilles tendon. “I have 75 percent use of it,” she said. “I don’t pay much attention, but I really notice it when I try to put my heel down.”

Just another bump in the road that’s been paved with problems since she was 17.

As a senior at The Bishop’s School in La Jolla, where she recently was named aluna of the year, Galan had her spleen and gallbladder removed due to autoimmune hemolytic anemia. At 25, lupus attacked her heart.

Diagnosed with congestive heart failure, she defied her doctors by beginning a six-days-a-week regimen on the StairMaster.

But by 1996, after her liver failed, a double transplant was considered the only option.

During 11 weeks in intensive care, as her weight dropped to 80 pounds, she tried to get up and walk each day. “At one point, I said I can’t take it anymore. Just let me die,” she said.

“Then my dad said, ‘Don’t give up on me now after 19 years. Somehow, we knew I would be OK.’”

Galan, who grew up in Jamaica, loved horseback riding, tennis, lacrosse and swimming as a teen. Later, while earning a liberal arts degree at the University of San Diego, her self-destructive immune system and ample doses of Prednisone medication reshaped her lifestyle and her 125-pound body. “At one point, I weighed 210,” she said.

With all that anguish behind her, the periodic angiograms she requires to monitor the blood flow in her heart are a meager price to pay.

If the best is yet to come, she hopes it’s in the form of romance. “I’d like to find a husband,” she says. Meanwhile, the heart keeps ticking.

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Affordable housing dialogue: The University of San Diego Spirituality Center is holding a dialogue on "Sign of Our Times: The Growing Gap Between Rich and Poor as Reflected in the Affordable Housing Crisis," from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the University of San Diego, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, 5998 Alcala Park. Cost: $10 in advance or $15 at the door. Information and registration: (619) 260-4784.
THEATER AND DANCE

• "Seussical" opens at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Civic Theatre, Third Avenue and B Street, downtown. $24 to $65; (619) 220-TIXS.

• "Dracula," presented by the University City High School's Performing Arts Department, 2:20 p.m. Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday and Nov. 1 at University City High School auditorium, 6949 Genesee Ave. $6 and $8; (858) 457-3040, Ext. 255.

• "The Dining Room," presented by the University of San Diego's undergraduate theater program, 8 p.m. Wednesday through Nov. 3 at the Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall, University of San Diego. $5 and $8; (619) 260-4783.
CLASSICAL MUSIC

USD Faculty Chamber Music Concert, 12:15 p.m. today at the French Parlor, Founders Hall, USD, 2998 Alcala Park. Free; (619) 260-4600, Ext. 4901.
College of Business Administration
Retailers feeling the pinch in West Coast port lockout

By Dean Calbreath, STAFF WRITER

With shiploads of cars, produce and electronics lying idle off the West Coast yesterday, the impact of the five-day lockout at the ports began filtering down to auto showrooms and store shelves.

Such well-known companies as Nissan, Gap and Wal-Mart were scrambling to change their supply lines and sales plans because of the lockout. Trucking operators were wondering how long they could stay in business without crucial shipments from the 29 West Coast ports.

In the meantime, representatives of the dockworkers union stormed out of a federal mediation session in Oakland, complaining that shipping executives were accompanied by a pair of "gun-toting security agents."

The Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping lines along the coast, defended the use of armed guards, saying they were hired to protect the association's president and chief negotiator, Joseph Miniace.

But Peter Hurtgen, the federal mediator who had planned to oversee the talks, said the presence of pistol-carrying guards was "inappropriate" and "a breach of bargaining protocol" — especially because no one had told him they would be there.

Union's 3-year pact expired on July 1

Union leaders said the guards were an intimidating presence.

"People here are pretty outraged," said Steve Stallone, spokesman for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, which represents 10,500 workers along the West Coast.

"That behavior was way, way out of hand."

The maritime association said it would not bring the guards to future talks. But the union was unsure of when it might come back to the bargaining table.

The dispute over the bodyguards dented hopes for an early resolution to the dispute, which is estimated to be costing the nation's economy as much as $1 billion a day.

"We have no idea how long the lockout is going to last," Stallone said. He added that the dockworkers would rather stay off the job than go back to work under contracts that expired three months ago — which is what the shipping lines would require to end the lockout.

"It's true that our workers are missing a couple days of their paychecks," he said. "But the real question is, how long can the other side last? They're the ones who are losing money — millions of dollars every day."

The association and the union have been arguing over labor issues since May, with dockworkers pushing for improved pensions and benefits. Most importantly, perhaps, the union wants to control any new jobs that might be created during the introduction of high-tech cargo-handling methods. Union leaders worry that new technologies could threaten the job security of their members.

On July 1, the union's three-year contract expired. It had been renewed on a daily basis since Sept. 1. But last week, the shipping lines said, the union began a labor slowdown to protest the sluggishness of the talks. In response, the association started locking out dockworkers Friday evening, eventually halting all shipping along the West Coast, from San Diego to Seattle.

The shutdown is already beginning to have an effect on manufacturers and retailers.

Japan's Nissan Motors, for instance, is weighing whether to delay the introduction of its much-ballyhooed Infiniti M45 sedan, which was to be introduced Friday. Thousands of the sedans, as well as shipments of Nissan's 350Z sports cars and Infiniti G35 sedans and coupes, are en route to the West Coast or anchored off the region's ports.

Nissan officials say supplies of the cars were tight before the shutdown, so dealers and customers may not receive vehicles on schedule without an opening soon.

A salesman at Discover Infiniti on Convoy Street in San Diego said the dealership has enough other models in stock to last until the middle of the month, even without any more deliveries.

But he added that "we may hear a little grumbling from customers" if the M45 is delayed too long.

Other retailers, including the...
Gap and Wal-Mart Stores, said they're working on ways to cope with a shutdown. Both chains rely heavily on Asia for their wares.

Some economists say the effect of the shutdown could start showing up on store shelves in the West Coast by the end of the week — particularly for consumer electronics.

"Even when things start moving again, you're going to have tremendous traffic jams leading away from the ports," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. "The longer this goes on, the more its impact will roll into the heartland of America."

"We're in the middle of the period of when goods are in transit and arriving at the ports for the end of the year," said Erik Autor, international trade counsel for the National Retail Federation. "Retailers are operating in a just-in-time environment these days. They don't carry large inventories. And if they're not able to get the goods they need, they can miss the window for sales."

In early July, the retail federation asked President Bush to do something to avert the crisis. It reiterated the call early this week, as the White House began focusing on the ports.

The strongest action the White House could take would be to invoke the Taft-Hartley act, which would require the shipping lines and the union to go back to work for an 80-day cooling-off period. That would not sit well with the union, which hopes to resolve the key points of contention in the contract.

"I don't think Taft-Hartley is a great option," Autor said. "It's a very blunt instrument. It doesn't ensure that the eventual negotiations will be concluded in a way that is productive. But on the other hand, it may be needed to help avert problems to the economy."

In the meantime, Stephen Sterling, a professor of supply-chain management at the University of San Diego, says the lockout will have a "cascading effect" for manufacturers.

Most U.S. manufacturers rely heavily on Asia for components for their products, he said.

"Even if your product takes just one part from Asia and 15 parts from the United States, what this means is that you're continuing to buy and receive those 15 parts while you're waiting for the single part being held up in the ports," he said.

"Those parts won't stop. You're still spending money on them. And you have to find a way to warehouse them, since you can't use them until you've got the other part."

Sterling said that during previous supply-chain interruptions, he has seen some companies buy huge circus tents to warehouse their spare parts. A prolonged interruption could lead companies to shut down production lines and lay off workers.

"I understand that at John Deere & Co., the shutdown of a single production line could cost as much as $26,000 per minute," he said.

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West Coast dock closure effects reach ports of Asia

Fears of another recession hit Hong Kong stocks hard

By Dean Calbreath, STAFF WRITER

As the West Coast's docks end their first week of lockout, the effect of the labor dispute is spreading overseas to Hong Kong, Shanghai, Taipei and other major ports — raising the specter of a renewed recession among Asia's shaky economies.

In Hong Kong, the world's largest port, truck-sized containers of toys, textiles, electronics and auto parts are piling up on the docks. Many of the shipping fleets are in limbo, with their freighters steaming aimlessly across the Pacific or anchored idly off Long Beach or Seattle.

Fears of a continued shutdown helped push Hong Kong's Hang Seng stock index below the 9,000-point level yesterday for the first time in more than a year. Other markets throughout Asia also dipped sharply.

If the lockout continues for a couple of weeks, it would push East Asia into recession, said Andy Xie, an economist for the Morgan Stanley investment bank. In a research note yesterday, Xie said a prolonged shutdown would be "horrendous" for the world economy.

If the shutdown lasts one more week, he wrote, the damage to Hong Kong alone could total $100 million a day. Charles de Trenck, a shipping analyst at Salomon Smith Barney in Hong Kong, estimated that — even if the lockout ends today — West Coast ports could require nearly one month to clear off their backlogs.

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Hong Kong port may soon feel a ripple effect

which would disrupt shipping lines and manufacturing operations throughout Asia.

“Our government is monitoring the situation closely,” said Jean Ip, deputy director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in San Francisco. She added that, even though Hong Kong’s port is operating on schedule now, if its U.S.-bound container ships are not able to unload their goods soon and quickly return to Hong Kong, “there would be a rippling effect on shipping schedules throughout the Pacific.”

Tung Chee-hwa, who heads the Hong Kong government, has a personal stake in seeing the port dispute resolved. His family owns Orient Overseas Container Line, which has half a dozen container vessels idled docked at Long Beach, Los Angeles and Oakland and another half dozen anchored offshore.

“Shipping lines have begun to reject bookings from exporters,” said Sunny Ho, executive director of the Hong Kong Shipping Council. “The exporters are facing a difficult situation. This is a peak season for them, and they can’t find ships to carry their goods.”

Talk of lawsuits

Ho said the lockout could throw the Hong Kong shipping industry into chaos, predicting there will be a number of lawsuits over breach of contract. Even if the dispute between U.S. shippers and dockworkers ends today, he said, the problem will not go away soon.

“Even before the lockdown, U.S. ports were overcrowded,” he said. “Now it will take a long time to handle the backlog. That means that for a very long period, we could be without the empty containers we need to ship our goods.”

The shipping snafu comes at a sensitive time for Asia, which has not fully recovered from the economic crisis of 1997-98. Except for mainland China, most of the region — including Hong Kong — is experiencing sluggish growth at best, Japan, which remains the region’s economic engine after a dozen years of sluggishness, was on the verge of a new recession even before the port lockout.

Exports have been the key to Asia’s economic growth. But exports have been declining for months, thanks to the slowdowns in the United States and Europe. And now exports to the United States have come to a standstill because of the lockout.

Tens of thousands of Toyotas, Hondas and Nissans are locked in the holds of ships off the West Coast. Their failure to enter the market at the beginning of the 2003 auto sales season could damage companies that were among Japan’s brightest stars.

Japanese auto parts are also having a difficult time crossing the Pacific.

New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. in Fremont — a joint venture of General Motors and Toyota — became the first major casualty of the lockout because of its reliance on just-in-time delivery of Asian auto parts. NUMMI — which temporarily halted its production lines yesterday — employs about 5,500 workers, with an annual payroll of $300 million.

“If this continues, it’s going to hurt Asia more than us,” said Sung Woo Sohn, economist for Wells Fargo Bank. “We still have some inventories we can rely on. And we can search for other sources for our goods. If Chinese goods can’t make it to the United States, they get stuck in a warehouse somewhere.”

One outlook

Stephen Starling, professor of supply chain management at the University of San Diego, said that, should the dispute be resolved in the next couple of days, the effects on Asia might be minimized if shipping lines speed up their delivery schedules.

If the lockout lasts another week or more, though, he said Sony Electronics, which operates factories in San Diego and Tijuana, is beginning to feel the pinch.

It could prompt Asian factories to slow their production and lay off workers. That could result in a lag in exports when the production lines were ramped back up again.

The lockout has had varying effects on Asian-owned manufacturers in San Diego and Tijuana, which rely on Asia for the bulk of their supplies. Jay Scovic, spokesman at Kyocera International, said his company’s cell-phone operations in San Diego use microchips from Asia, “but those are all smaller than a thumbnail, so we can ship them on an airplane,” he said.

Kyocera Mita, a sister company in New Jersey, imports larger parts for copiers, printers and fax machines. However, Scovic says the company has so much inventory that it can withstand a temporary disruption to the supply lines.

“We’d like to have zero inventory but, in this case, we’re benefiting from it,” he said.

On the other hand, Sony Electronics, which operates factories in San Diego and Tijuana, is beginning to feel the pinch. “We’re in constant contact with Sony in Japan,” said Greg Dvorken, spokesman for Sony’s U.S. operations. “Everyone’s looking for a quick solution.”

There is an irony to the lockout. Over the past few years, most businesses have tried to reduce their inventory to the barest minimum, to achieve “just-in-time” operations. Yet, during the lockout, the businesses that operate just-in-time have been the hardest hit.

USD professor Starling said that even if the lockout ends today, it will take a while for businesses to replenish their inventories.

“And there will be a lingering effect, since companies throughout the U.S. will probably want to increase their inventories to prevent this from happening again,” he said. “One of the great things that has helped our economy over the past decade has been the reduction of inventories. But now we’ll be taking a few steps back.”

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Long Port Lockout
Likely to Raise Prices

Cost Estimates Called Too Low

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At least one San Diego expert disputes media reports that the recent port lockout costs the nation's economy as much as $1 billion a day.

That oversimplifies a very complicated equation, said Stephen Starling, a University of San Diego associate professor of supply chain management.

It seems the exponential growth factor has escaped news reports, Starling said. Daily losses gather momentum as the standoff drags on.

During the first two days of the dispute between the Pacific Maritime Association and the International Longshore Workers Union, the stalemate cost far less than $1 billion a day as far as cost to supply chains, he said.

That's because retailers and manufacturers had enough inventory on hand. Since July 1, when the union's contract expired, some manufacturers stockpiled extra inventory in case contract negotiations failed.

Beginning Sept. 30, union employees at 29 West Coast ports from Seattle to San Diego were blocked from unloading cargo from ships arriving at the docks.

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Local Impact

Earl Hansen, vice president of Corte Madera-based Pasha Services' automotive division in National City, said 350,000 automobiles are processed annually at the port in National City.

From Tuesday to Thursday last week, Pasha had five ships loaded with cars scheduled to berth at its facility.

Because ILWU workers could not unload the vessels, the ships dropped anchor in the middle of San Diego Bay to avoid paying port fees. One ship turned around and unloaded in British Columbia.

Last week, Pasha employees were still unloading rail cars and processing vehicles that were already unloaded. Pasha employs 150 Teamsters and 50 salaried staff members.

“It will affect us if we run out of work to do. If we don’t have cars to process, we don’t have anyone to bill,” Hansen said.

San Diego-based Gateway Inc. has been watching the union's negotiations for some time.

“We had a really solid contingency plan in place,” said company spokeswoman Ashley Wood, declining to disclose details of the contingency plan.

Gateway hadn’t experienced any disruptions due to the lockout as of Oct. 3, she said. However, a long-term situation would have an impact as with other companies nationwide.

Stephanie Williams, vice president of legislative and regulatory affairs for the California Trucking Association, said most of the truck companies that haul cargo to and from the ports are small businesses.

If the lockout lasts more than a week, some trucking companies will have to file for bankruptcy and some may go out of business, Williams said.

“The hard part is we’re not part of the discussions, but it’s going to hit us the hardest first,” Williams said.

When the ports reopen, there will be long lines of trucks trying to haul out cargo that has been sitting on ships for a week or more, she said.

Ten percent of Glen Wetherington’s trucking business depends on the local ports. He owns GW Trucking in Mira Mesa.

Wetherington runs 15 trucks and employs about 11 people at the mid-sized operation.

He has operated the trucking company for 20 years and has seen the docks close before.

“It didn’t last long,” he said. “We just keep plugging along with what we do. ... It can’t last forever.”

Richard Ledford, chairman of the San Diego World Trade Center and president of Ledford Enterprises, a local international business consulting firm, said the port lockout could hurt the San Diego Unified Port District’s future business.

Ledford said the Port District sells its ports to shipping companies worldwide because unloading cargo here is faster than at the ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach. Additional shipping companies operating here would create new jobs and more ways to ship products.

San Diego could lose business to eastern and southern ports, which are not as dependent on union labor as the western ports, according to Ledford.

“Companies in San Diego and California can just as easily ship it out of the Gulf states or Miami,” he said.

Contract Negotiations

Members of the ILWU were locked out from doing their jobs because the union stopped signing labor contract extensions in September and instituted work slowdowns.

The ILWU represents 10,500 longshore workers at the 29 West Coast ports, including 81 workers in San Diego and National City.

The PMA, headquartered in San Francisco, represents shipping companies and terminal operators in the negotiations. The association said it will unlock the ports when the union signs a contract extension.

Union workers have continued to work cruise ships and military vessels during the lockout.

On Oct. 2, both sides agreed to work with a federal mediator on the issue of technology.

Jeremy Prillwitz, an ILWU spokesman in San Francisco, said there is a tentative agreement on benefits. The issue of pensions is still up for negotiation.

Implementation of new cargo handling technology has been the biggest issue of debate, because the union is concerned about losing jobs.

Prillwitz said the ILWU has always supported the use of new technology at the ports, but the union wants ensure jobs are retained. Also, it wants jobs created by technology to be covered by the union.
U.S. port shutdown opens doors for Mexico

By JULIE WATSON
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MONTERREY, Mexico — In offering its ports to international carriers languishing off the U.S. Pacific coast, Mexico is being more than a good neighbor; it’s practicing shrewd business.

After western U.S. ports closed because of a labor dispute, Mexico’s National Port Director Francisco Avila said Mexico “has a moral commitment” to help the United States. But it also hopes to steal a slice of the $300 billion-a-year West Coast industry.

“If we provide good service, we realize we cannot have 100 percent because it’s such a big market, but we could get a small percentage of it, which would generate a lot of benefits for us,” Avila said.

In the past week, Mexico has received tens of thousands of tons of diverted goods for U.S. markets, from cars to electronics to bananas. The timing couldn’t be better: Mexican officials plan to tout their ports to world leaders when they meet Oct. 21-27 in the Pacific coast resort of Cabo San Lucas for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit.

Even before the dispute, the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service warned that Mexico’s largest Pacific port, Manzanillo, was not only developing into an important NAFTA port but also could present serious competition for U.S. ports facing higher labor and fixed costs.

Since opening its ports to private investment in 1993, millions of dollars have been pumped into modernizing Mexico’s dilapidated docking facilities. Private companies have taken over terminals and scores of service companies have set up shop, dramatically cutting turnaround times.

Los Angeles and Long Beach port officials have warily watched business jump fivefold at Manzanillo over the past decade.

This week, Manzanillo sent its first shipment of goods via rail to the country’s largest commercial border crossing, Nuevo Laredo. The 61 containers for Nissan parts are headed to Smyrna, Tenn.

Mexican federal officials scrambled to ensure police, customs, railroad and port officials allow speedy delivery.

If all goes well, the hope is that businesses from Asia and other world destinations will consider Manzanillo for merchandise for the U.S. heartland. Before the U.S. strike, such merchandise was distributed from Los Angeles and

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Long Beach, while Manzanillo handled goods destined for Mexican cities and Central and South America.

“This could open people’s eyes and give us a future market,” said Manzanillo port’s marketing director, Alfonso Perez. “We don’t consider ourselves competition, but rather a complement to the U.S. ports.”

It will still be years before many of Mexico’s ports are up to speed. Ensenada, the closest Pacific port to the U.S. border, has no rail service. Many of the ports are too shallow for the massive vessels from Asia.

Los Angeles handles 7 million containers a year compared to 500,000 containers that arrive annually to Mexico’s largest Pacific port.

Manzanillo, however, could become a center for world cargo destined for cities such as Houston, Chicago and Kansas City, Perez said. The port has invested $200 million in improvements. It has bought massive cranes and outfitted facilities to handle 971-foot-long vessels and is working toward serving ships up to 1,135 feet.

But much depends on Mexico’s newly privatized railroad system and highways rather than its ports. Mexican truckers are still barred from U.S. highways and must transfer their goods to U.S. rigs at the border.

Carriers, instead, could keep Mexico as a backup, analysts say.

U.S. employers reportedly have used the threat of Mexican ports — with their lower labor costs — to quell labor unrest and demands for higher wages at California’s ports.

“We’ve got a problem in the United States in that the costs associated with running union ports are so excessive,” said Stephen L. Starling, associate professor of supply chain management at the University of San Diego, Calif.

Added Rex Sherman, director of research for the American Association of Port Authorities: “I think they’re in a good position to capture some trade permanently down the road.”
The Alert Consumer

Poor economy pushing prices way down

While consumers reap short-term benefits, future business scenario could be devastating

By JENNIFER DAVIES

Interested in buying a car? Now's the right time. Carmakers have cut prices and are offering zero-percent financing.

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Mixed Reviews

While low prices are good for consumers in the short term, the long-term effect on corporations could be devastating for the economy.

Nowhere is that more evident than on Wall Street. As earnings season kicks into high gear, investors are looking for companies to produce more impressive profits.

For many businesses, that may be difficult. A key way to pump up profits is to increase prices, but companies across all sectors are finding it difficult to do so. They lack what is known as "pricing power," the ability to raise prices while retaining customers. Without any pricing power, company stocks suffer, said Peter Doyle, chief investment strategist at Kinetics New Paradigm Fund, during a recent interview on CNN.

"We're in a low-inflation environment and while that may be wonderful from certain aspects, the problem is that in a low-inflation environment, companies do not have pricing power," he said. "That means that they can't grow their earnings in the way people had anticipated, which means that the valuations will come down to reflect that."

Many companies already are experiencing price deflation, including McDonald's, Philip Morris and Electronic Data Systems, and more may soon join them, Doyle said.

That could spell the beginning of deflation in the overall economy, said Alan Gin, a business professor at University of San Diego. Deflation simply means prices continue to fall, leading to stagnation in economic activity. In deflationary times, such as Japan has experienced recently, consumers often stop spending because they assume they can save money when prices fall even more.

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Deflation is particularly dangerous to the economy because it can spawn a vicious cycle of consumer cutbacks in spending and corporate cutbacks in staffing.
Local economic indicators sag again

By Thomas Kupper

An index of leading economic indicators for San Diego County fell in August for the fifth consecutive month, the University of San Diego reported yesterday.

The decline was largely driven by deterioration in initial claims for unemployment insurance and in consumer confidence. But five of the six indicators in the index declined, with only help-wanted advertising improving.

The drop suggests that the local economy will remain subdued through the first quarter of 2003, said Alan Gin, the USD business professor who compiles the index.

While Gin said an actual decline in local economic activity is unlikely, he said job growth will probably remain relatively slow. He projected that local unemployment, 4.1 percent in September, probably won't change significantly in coming months.

Overall, the index declined by 0.7 percent, the same as USD's revised reading for July. Those were the biggest declines in the index since a 0.9 percent drop in September 2001.

The USD index, which aims to forecast economic activity six to 12 months in the future, fell steadily from mid-2000 through late 2001 and started falling again in April 2002.

But while the local economy has softened, employers have continued to add jobs, unlike many other regions of the United States.

Current indicators send mixed signals on the job market, Gin said. The surge in unemployment claims suggests that more people are losing jobs, but improvement in help-wanted advertising means some employers may be hiring more.

Among other indicators, building permits fell for the sixth straight month while local stock prices also fell, suggesting that investors aren't optimistic about the outlook for many San Diego companies.

The Conference Board's national index of leading economic indicators, which is also factored into the USD index, declined in August for the third straight month.

One factor that is difficult to predict is the possibility of a war with Iraq, Gin said. That could lead to a jump in oil prices, a drop in consumer confidence and turmoil in the financial markets.

Gin said a military conflict could have particular impact in San Diego through the deployment of ships and military personnel from the region, with a resulting dip in local income and spending.

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Money-saving deals to lure customers could cost consumers more in long run

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Deflation is particularly dangerous to the economy because it can spawn a vicious cycle of consumer cutbacks in spending and corporate cutbacks in staffing. Out-of-work employees limit their spending even further and businesses in turn reduce production to keep inventory in check, which results in more layoffs. Deflation also makes it more difficult for companies and individuals to repay debt, potentially causing serious problems for banks.

While deflation is a bleak prospect, few economic analysts believe the situation in the United States is that dire.

Of course not all industries are experiencing price declines. In San Diego, housing and energy rates continue to rise faster than the national average, said Kelly Cunningham, an economist with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. Medical care and insurance also are becoming more costly, he said.

Aside from the increases in housing, San Diego's prices mirror those in the rest of the country, Cunningham said.

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ped 2.3 percent in the last year, while total transportation costs have dipped 1.2 percent in San Diego County.

The reasons for the prolonged era of falling prices are varied. The rise of the Internet has made it easier for consumers to comparison shop, making them more cost-conscious.

Industries such as telecommunications and technology, which grossly overbuilt in the late 1990s, are now saddled with bloated inventories and networks. Because of the out-of-whack supply-and-demand equation, it is impossible for these companies to hike prices.

Looking to gain market share in tough economic times, many companies also are trapped in price wars, in which competitors seem unwilling or unable to call a truce. The cell-phone industry is an example. The crowded market, which typically has at least five wireless carriers from which consumers can choose, has seen its prices drop by more than 30 percent in the last five years.

The real reason might be the fact that inflation is all but nonexistent, said Eric Mitchell, president of the Professional Pricing Society, an industry trade association. In the past, companies could increase prices and blame it on inflation. But that argument no longer applies.

"Once there was a decline in inflation, we became more value-oriented consumers," he said.

No matter the causes, the lack of pricing power is the catch-phrase to explain many companies' woes.

Even Alan Greenspan, godfather of the economy's low inflation rate, is worried about companies' puny pricing power. In remarks to Congress this summer, Greenspan said increased global competition was hampering companies' ability to raise prices, which in turn was affecting business spending and resulting in layoffs.

A Business Council survey found that less than a quarter of executives believe they will be able to raise prices in the next year. While 51 percent said their pricing power would be stable, 26 percent predicted they would be less likely to raise prices.

Leo Mullin, chairman and chief executive of Delta Air Lines, explained the industry's problems to a Senate panel this month.

"Airlines have no current pricing power, simply because our supply of seats so far exceeds passenger demand," Mullin said.

But the battered airline industry is not the only one struggling. Fast-food restaurants, retailers and automakers are all offering price breaks to get consumers to spend.

No industry has been hit harder than the personal computer industry. Prices for PCs keep falling, as technology gets less expensive and the market reaches saturation, said Mike Stinson, vice president of mobile products for Gateway, the Poway computer company.

The key for Gateway, which has seen its profits hammered as it has lowered prices, is to offer computers with more bells and whistles for the same price, Stinson said.

"We want our customers to spend the same amount of money but just spend it on something better," he said. That means upgrading to a laptop or getting more speakers included on their PC.

In the current economic climate, companies are having to be creative and are finding new ways to bump up sales, Mitchell said. While Wal-Mart is known as a low-cost retailer, it continues to thrive for two reasons. It uses sophisticated inventory management technology, which tells it when to cut prices to move product, and the company's size gives it negotiating power with its suppliers.

Even car companies that are offering zero-percent financing to boost sales are figuring out ways to quietly charge more for their vehicles. Whereas anti-lock brakes used to be standard, many automakers now charge as much as $600 for the feature.

While many fast-food restaurants are slashing prices and concentrating solely on cheaper meals, Jack in the Box is taking a different approach, said Karen Bachmann, the company's spokeswoman.

Jack in the Box recently beefed up its menu of low-priced items, similar to those recently unveiled by Burger King and McDonald's to keep customers coming in. But Bachmann said the company is working on a two-tiered strategy in which it would offer higher-priced specialty items as well. In addition, the company was concentrating on improved customer service.

"Price-cutting is not a good long-term strategy," Bachmann said. "Price is very important in our industry, but value is even more important."

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ago when we were so highly reliant on defense and tourism. Now, it's much more diversified," he said. "For that reason ... we are much more resilient and can withstand these types of things a lot better than other areas," he said.

Gin, meanwhile, predicted that the local economy won't enter a true downturn. However, the region's rate of growth will be greatly slowed, he said.

By mid-2003, the local economy will pick up again, he said.

However, there are still some unknowns, such as the ongoing war against terrorism. Additional spending on anti-terrorism efforts could benefit many high-tech small business subcontractors locally, but there are no guarantees, Gin said.

Also, if the war continues, more military personnel could deploy overseas, and small firms will lose customers — similar to what happened during the Gulf War. They could lose still more business if the Marines and sailors move their dependents out of the area to live with other family members, he said.

Gin added that there have been some bright spots in the economy, preventing the situation from being much worse. For example, low interest rates have allowed consumers to refinance their home mortgages, freeing up more disposable income to spend on goods and services, Gin said.

However, good news in some markets can have unintended results, hurting other sectors. For example, interest-free financing persuaded many consumers to buy new cars, helping push an otherwise sluggish economy, he said.

However, these purchases are a "zero-sum game" — stimulating the economy in one area, but saddling consumers with long-term financial commitments that stop them from spending on other goods and services. Small businesses could disproportionately take that hit, Gin warned.
Increased unemployment claims and a drop in consumer confidence in August contributed to a fifth consecutive decrease to San Diego's Index of Leading Economic Indicators.

The index, a compilation of six measures related to the economy, has been in decline since April following a four-month surge. Before that, the index was declining for the past two years.

The latest index decrease was 0.7 percent, which matched the decline in July.

"This is not a good sign for the local economy," said Alan Gin, the USD economics professor who compiles the index.

Gin predicted earlier this year the indicators pointed to a probable rebound in the second half of 2002, but he said that won't happen until the first quarter of 2003 at the earliest.

Unemployment claims in August hit 19,662, or more than 5,000 above the number of claims filed in August 2001. The area's unemployment rate hit 4.1 percent in September, down from 4.2 percent in August. Gin said he doesn't expect unemployment to go beyond 4.5 percent.

Other key elements contributing to the index's decline were a drop in the number of housing permits; lower local stock prices; and consumer confidence, which decreased for the second consecutive month.

"With consumer spending representing two-thirds of economic activity, this downturn can have a significant impact on the local economy, particularly during the important holiday buying season," Gin said.

Looming as a big unknown, but certainly a negative impact on the economy is a possible war with Iraq, which could result in a sharp spike in oil prices, turmoil in financial markets and a pullout of many military personnel stationed here, Gin said.
If San Diego Gas & Electric's proposed transmission line in Riverside County is built, it would help generate $7 billion in consumer spending and 500,000 jobs between 2006 and 2020, according to an economic study released yesterday.

Construction of the line would also contribute short-term economic benefits, the study says, including 1,766 jobs, $80 million in increased employee earnings and $185 million in total business output.

SDG&E requested and paid for the study on the economic potential of the 500,000-volt line, known as the Valley Rainbow Interconnect. If built, it would stretch about 31 miles through south Riverside County to a proposed substation in Rainbow, just across the county line near Fallbrook.

The project would ensure reliable and competitively priced electricity for decades, SDG&E contends, and would be capable of delivering enough power to serve 700,000 homes.

The California Public Utilities Commission is reviewing the project.

The economic study was written by Gary London, president of The London Group Realty Advisors. Research assistance was provided by the economics department at the University of San Diego. Economists at the Milken Institute reviewed the information.

Results of the study were discussed at a news conference sponsored by Southern Californians for Valley Rainbow, a coalition of supporters including business leaders, labor unions and elected officials. The coalition says it represents 1 million Californians.

Politicians and area business leaders touted the benefits of Valley Rainbow during the news conference. The included supervisors Ron Roberts and Pam Slater; Councilman Brian Mainschein of San Diego; Julie Meier Wright, president of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation; Jerry Buttkiewicz, secretary-treasurer of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council; and Ted Roth, chairman of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"Without a concerted effort to substantially plan for the future, San Diego will face another energy crisis," Mainschein told the small group outside the County Administration Building on Pacific Highway. "... Without question, San Diego will continue to grow and expand. We need to address our growing pains today."

The study concluded that the county's population will increase by 1 million, reaching 4 million, by 2020.

It also concluded that:
- The power line would support approximately one-third, or $42 billion, of the region's economy by 2020. This year, San Diego's gross regional product is $125 billion.
- At least $114 million will be spent in the region on construction of the line.

The proposed power line has been criticized by the Pechanga Indian tribe, the Sierra Club and many residents of Riverside County, including a group called Save Southwest Riverside County.

At one time, SDG&E had seven proposed routes, six that would pass through land owned by the Pechangas. The tribe doesn't want the line anywhere near its land.

Legislation introduced Sept. 19 by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Vista, would bypass the reservation and the cities of Temecula and Murietta by building the line west of Interstate 15 and through the Cleveland National Forest.

Tim Allyn of the Sierra Club said SDG&E has not fully explored alternative energy sources, such as solar and wind energy.

"The conservation community believes that more effort needs to be put into clean energy," he said.

"Until we start thinking about locating power generation closer to where we live, i.e., solar panels, moving power from Baja to Idaho is not the most efficient way we can do these things."

As for the projected economic benefits, Allyn said: "Money only works for you if it adds to your quality of life. You can have all the money in the world and have a declining quality of life."
Minimum wage earner needs 125 hours weekly for apartment

Housing prices and rental costs across San Diego County continue to rise, making life increasingly difficult for lower-wage earning residents, and there is little to be optimistic about, according to a report recently released by the California Budget Project.

According to the report, in San Diego County a worker earning the minimum wage of $6.75 per hour must work 125 hours per week to afford the 2003 fair market rent (FMR) of $1,095 for a two-bedroom apartment, making it difficult for single-earner families to afford adequate shelter.

Meanwhile, landlords in San Diego County have converted more than 2,300 affordable housing units from Section 8 to market value over the past seven years, leaving residents little opportunity of affordable living, according to the report.

Given the high price of land and development costs, the conversion of affordable housing to luxury apartments is a solid economic decision, George Carlson, apartment specialist and vice president of Burnham Real Estate Services Inc., the county’s fourth largest property management firm.

“I don’t know that it’s economically viable to develop anything but high end,” he said.

A key factor is the inability to match economic growth with supplied housing for workers. Within the county, 4.2 jobs have been added for each new unit of housing from 1994 to 2001, close to three times the 1.5-to-one ratio recommended by housing policy experts, according to the report.

Another problem is that cities throughout the county have applied restrictive growth measures to their communities, barring the construction of new dwelling units to maintain their high standards of living, said Frederick Schnaubelt, principle of Frederick Schnaubelt & Sons Realty.

“When you have the growing demand and you have the supply of land restricted, you have the higher prices for land, houses, apartments and condominiums,” he said. “Controlling growth simply means not building to meet the demand.”

As a result, 51 percent of California renters pay more than the recommended 30 percent of their income for shelter, the report said. Low-income renter households, those with annual household incomes under $18,000, fare even worse with 88 percent spending more than 30 percent on their income on rent.

In turn, this has driven more than 469,000 California renters into overcrowded conditions, defined as more than one person per room.

Another alternative for renters is to move farther away from their workplace. The number of people commuting 90 or more minutes to work in San Diego County has increased by 78 percent between 1990 and 2000, the report stated.

The San Diego City Council has recently declared a housing state of emergency throughout the city and instituted an inclusionary housing policy, making it mandatory for new developments to include 10 percent of the units as affordable housing or the developer can pay $250 per square foot for that 10 percent of space.

Real estate professionals see this as a deterrent for developers to build more apartments because “developers are not going to want to pay that in-lieu fee — it’s kind of a nonstarter,” Schnaubelt said.

Elizabeth Morris, CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission, said this will not act as a deterrent and inclusionary housing policies “have not had a deterring effect on development elsewhere.”

However, affordable housing built as a result of the bill will not appear throughout the city for approximately three years, Morris said.

The possible passage of state Proposition 46, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002 to provide $2.1 billion for housing programs throughout the state, will also have little effect on the local problem, the report said.

“This will never be an affordable town,” said Mark Reedy, director of the Real Estate Institute at the University of San Diego.

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Alexandre Odin Szekely, 44; operated renowned health spas

By Jack Williams
STAFF WRITER

Alexandre Odin Szekely, who built upon the health-nurturing legacy of his pioneering parents in operating the renowned Rancho La Puerta and Golden Door health spas, died yesterday at his mother’s home in San Diego. He was 44.

The cause of death was melanoma cancer, which was diagnosed five years ago and resurfaced a year ago.

The illness forced him to step down last fall from the presidency of the board of directors that oversees Del Mar Fairgrounds, a post to which he was elected in January 2001.

Mr. Szekely also was a founder and had been president of the International Spa Association, which presented him with its annual humanitarian award Oct. 23 and renamed it in his honor.

Recognized as a visionary leader in the spa industry, he championed a mind/body/spirit connection to health that transcended the traditional concept of pampering, nutrition and exercise.

"Alex helped make the Golden Door and Rancho La Puerta synonymous with the word 'spa' and made the industry what it is today," said Mary Tabacchi, a professor at Cornell University’s school of hotel administration.

Added Tabacchi: "He went beyond fitness, beauty and good diet by looking at body, mind and spirit and really pushing that in the International Spa Association," she said. "He was truly a noble and spiritual man."

In 1998, Mr. Szekely and his mother sold the Golden Door for $28 million to Dallas-based Patriot American Hospitality, today known as Wyndham International. He continued as a consultant at the Golden Door and remained president of Rancho La Puerta.

Both resorts have been rated among the top spas in the industry by the media and trade publications. Their A-list of celebrity clients has included Oprah Winfrey and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

"From childhood on, Alex has had more friends than anyone I know," said his mother, who in September became the fourth woman to be honored as Mrs. San Diego by the San Diego Rotary Club. "He was so giving in so many levels. He worried about people. He took people's problems as his own."

To Craig Noel, a lifelong friend and founder of Old Globe Theatre, Mr. Szekely was "a golden boy, the most positive, happy, friendly person."

Noel said Mr. Szekely "didn't recognize anything except positive thinking. He was terribly popular with anyone he ever met."

Mr. Szekely's first bout with cancer was in 1980, when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. After overcoming it, he seemed to have a renewed determination to get the most out of life, friends said.

"Alex had the most wonderful spirit, as all the hundreds of friends in his life would tell you," said Pat Flynn, a friend since the two met in nursery school. "He was gentle and..."
generous, quietly helping any number of friends, acquaintances and strangers whenever they needed it.

"Besides building his business and his work with nonprofits, he found time to relish what the world had to offer — riding motorcycles around Australia, off-roading at the Colorado River or singing along at Jimmy Buffet concerts.

"He had a rich, full life and appreciated every minute of it," said Flynn, a San Diego Union-Tribune senior editor. "Toward the end, he would have been ready to let go except for his family — his wife, Diane, and his two beautiful boys. The hardest thing for him was thinking that he wouldn’t be around to teach the boys his values and how to savor life the way he did."

Mr. Szekely, a La Jolla resident in recent years, was born in San Diego and spent much of his youth at Rancho La Puerta. He became fluent in Spanish.

He graduated from Francis Parker High School and earned a business degree in 1980 from the University of San Diego. He pursued graduate work in the school of hotel and restaurant management at Cornell.

In addition to his leadership and influence in the spa industry, he served on many community boards and was president of La Jolla Youth Inc., spearheading the redevelopment of athletic fields.

"As a result of his incredible generosity over the years, the clubhouse at Allen Field has been named Szekely Family Fieldhouse," said Mary Coakley, executive director of La Jolla Youth Inc.

In 1993, Mr. Szekely was appointed by then-Gov. Pete Wilson to the Commission of the Californias to promote economic and cultural ties between Baja California and California. In October 1998, Wilson appointed him to the board of the 22nd District Agricultural Association, which oversees the fairgrounds.

"Alex was a great mediator — always the guy who was able to get two sides together and make something positive out of a confrontational meeting," said Bob Vice, a former colleague on the fairgrounds board. "He got the most out of people."

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Diane; sons, Jacob, 6, and Joshua, 1; and a sister, Sarah Livia Szekely Brightwood of Julian.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at All Hallows Catholic Church, 6602 La Jolla Scenic Drive South, San Diego. A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday at Congregation Beth Israel, 9001 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego.

Donations are suggested to La Jolla Youth Inc., 3908 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037.

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Christina Henderson, 25, who grew up in the Imperial Beach area and attended San Diego State University, landed a job in December as an information officer with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Los Angeles, earning $26,400 a year.

But with rent, other expenses and the costs of socializing with friends, her credit card debt soon grew to $2,000. And payments on her student loans of $32,000 were due to start in a year.

"Every day I think about money," Henderson says. "How can I do this without being homeless?"

It was that attitude that prompted her to take advantage of an offer from The San Diego Union-Tribune and the San Diego chapter of the Financial Planning Association to receive a Money Makeover. In exchange for sharing her story, she received a free financial plan from Dianne Smyth, a certified financial planner with AXA Advisors in San Diego who served as Henderson's money mentor.

See Makeover, H4
HELP FOR CHRISTINA HENDERSON

Annual income: $26,400

Debts:
- Credit cards — $2,000
- Students loans — $32,000

Financial goals:
- To buy a home
- To save for retirement
- To save for her children's education
- To take nice vacations

Financial concerns:
- Getting her spending under control
- Paying off her credit card debt and student loans
- Providing for her twin sons
- Increasing her income

Recommendations:
- Complete half credit needed for undergraduate degree. Seek to upgrade job and salary.
- Create a budget with a $100-a-week limit for miscellaneous "stuff."
- Eliminate credit card debt by sending in payments of $500 a month.
- Change her life insurance beneficiary and create a will and a living trust.
- Close all credit accounts except for two.

Makeover cost
What the financial planner would have charged for this makeover: $500 to $750

Planner biography
Dianne Smyth is a certified financial planner with AXA Advisors in downtown San Diego. A graduate of the University of San Diego, Smyth is also a chartered life underwriter and a chartered financial consultant. As a board member of the San Diego chapter of the Financial Planning Association, she serves as the group's publicity coordinator and also as the coordinator for the Money Makeover project with the Union-Tribune. Smyth serves on the board of the San Diego Humane Society.

Find a planner
For a referral to a certified financial planner in your area, visit the Financial Planning Association of San Diego's Web site at www.fpasandiego.org, click on Visitors, then on Planner Search. If you don't have Internet access, call (800) 322-4237, press '0' and ask for Membership Services. A customer service representative can mail or fax a list of planners near you.
"This is the first time she's had her own money," Smyth says. "She's motivated to put this all together and be responsible for herself.

Henderson, however, would like to do more than just balance her budget. She wants to buy a house and save for her retirement.

If she seems in an unusual hurry to achieve financial security for someone her age, she has a good reason. Two of them actually. She's the single mother of 8-year-old twin boys. And she's been determined from the beginning to provide for them.

Rather than drop out of school when she became pregnant at 16, Henderson graduated from high school on time and went directly to SDSU. For five of her six years in college, she lived on her own with the boys.

By the time her son became 8 years old, Henderson had her own money. "She kind of reiterated what my Mom says all the time: 'Stop spending your money on stupid stuff. Don't use credit cards.'"

**CHRISTINA HENDERSON**

**About her financial planner**

"I certainly opens doors not only within the INS, but anywhere else she may want to go," Smyth says. "She can't accomplish her financial goals unless she makes more money.

Besides increasing her earning power, Henderson must learn to live within a budget and pay off her credit card debt, Smyth says. She receives $1,900 in take-home pay each month, and by the end of the month it's all gone. She spends $850 on rent, $250 on groceries and $200 on gas and her car, which is paid for. The remaining $900 goes for miscellaneous spending.

"She doesn't know what she's spending it on," Smyth says. "I said that $900 is too much. She agreed with me."

Henderson doesn't try to dodge the issue. "It's just going to dumb stuff — eating out, movies," she says.

Smyth recommends that Henderson allot herself $100 a week for discretionary spending by taking the cash out of the bank each Monday: "A hundred bucks. Once it's gone, you don't get to spend any more until the next week."

"Can she stick to $100 a week? It's gonna be hard," Henderson says. "I will do it, but I can do it. It's gonna be a test. I really want to pay off my credit cards so I can bring my kids up."

Smyth also suggests she save her receipts for groceries and gas for the next six months to see whether her spending estimates are correct, as well as retain all receipts to monitor spending weekly. To keep better track of expenditures, she should use a check card, not credit cards.

With the money saved from cutting back on discretionary spending, Henderson should pay $500 for four months to pay off the $2,000 in credit card debt.

It's critical that Henderson pay off her credit card debt now because payments on her $32,000 student loan begin in August. The payments will be approximately $400 a month and continue for 10 years.

"We're trying to work her toward financial independence," Smyth says. "If she has no credit card debt, she can do this."

**DIANNE SMYTH**

**Certified financial planner**

"She kind of reiterated what my Mom says all the time: 'Stop spending your money on stupid stuff. Don't use credit cards.'"
School of Education
Managing of nonprofits a new USD graduate degree

21 students are enrolled

By Jeff McDonald
STAFF WRITER

For more than a year, Pat Libby made the rounds of San Diego County charities, asking executives and board members about management strategies, budgets, compliance reports and other practices in the world of nonprofit businesses.

Out of hundreds of interviews and discussions came the basis for a new graduate degree at the University of San Diego, where 21 students have been accepted into a master's program emphasizing nonprofit management.

The timing of the curriculum has nothing to do with the well-publicized scandals and missteps uncovered at several San Diego-area charities over the past year and a half. But the lessons are timely, nonetheless.

"When a nonprofit organization experiences problems, and those problems become public, it's damaging to the sector as a whole," said Libby, who developed the program and teaches several of its courses.

"It makes the public lose trust in the ability of nonprofits to fulfill their mission."

Although they are not tailored to turn a profit, charities in America are a huge industry. One in 15 employees works in the nonprofit sector, which is the third-largest contributor to the nation's gross domestic product, Libby said.

There are more than 700,000 public charities doing business in the United States, and some 3,000 such agencies in San Diego County.

Nonprofit organizations range from neighborhood groups with minimal staffs and minuscule budgets to major institutions that employ thousands of people and spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Their missions vary as widely as the interests of people everywhere.

Most are launched to address a specific community need — providing toys to abused children, raising awareness of certain diseases, supporting the arts. Rather than distribute profits to stockholders or owners, nonprofit corporations are required to reinvest what they make in their agencies.

The two-year program at USD teaches leadership practices that focus on ethics, finance, research and evaluation, among other subjects.

It also requires students to work directly with nonprofit agencies within the community to put to work the theories and practices that are outlined in the classroom.

Most of the class members are working professionals who want to sharpen their skills within their current organization or earn executive-level jobs at other nonprofits.

Managing a nonprofit agency can be far more complicated than running most for-profit enterprises because executives must answer to so many people and groups, Libby said.

In addition to serving clients, there is constant fund-raising, compliance requirements, managing volunteers and boosting the morale and productivity of staff members who often earn less than they might in the private sector, she said.

"It's a lot of spinning plates on sticks, and you have to learn to juggle," said Libby, who previously taught courses in the fundamentals of nonprofit management at San Diego State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Up to now, there have been very few places where a nonprofit practitioner can go to get, real knowledge from people who have been working in the field for a long period of time," she said.

Classes began last month for the 21 students signed up for the graduate degree. Courses are scheduled after regular business hours so students can work full time.

Annette Eros, the executive director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego, is among the first crop of students admitted, even though she had piloted her organization for years.

"A lot of executive directors or CEOs for nonprofits fell into their positions," she said. "I know I did. There's so many things expected of an executive director, and it's hard to be an expert in all of them.

"To have the background and the knowledge is really valuable."

Paula Cordeiro, the dean of the USD School of Education, which offers the leadership degree in nonprofit management, said she began thinking about a specialized diploma after local charities sought help juggling all of their requirements.

Problems at the Red Cross, Episcopal Community Services, AIDS Walk San Diego and other area charities also helped prompt the university to
Chad Sakamoto (center) discussed the management of nonprofit organizations with fellow students at the University of San Diego last week. Sean M. Haffey / Union-Tribune

expand its nonprofit-management curriculum from a few courses to the specialized degree, she said. “We’ve seen the concerns of the lack of leadership, the transient nature of many of those nonprofits,” Cordeiro said. “I’ve seen too many (agencies) fail because of those kinds of issues. “Over and over again, they were saying, ‘Help us.’ ”

The USD program consists of 15 units in leadership studies, another 15 units in nonprofit administration, and four units of electives ranging from planning and board management to public speaking and legal issues.

The core classes are taught by Libby and other professors from the USD schools of law, business and education. Instructors also come from outside the university — experts from government, business and the nonprofit community.

Assemblywoman Christine Kehoe, D-San Diego, will teach a class on lobbying and advocacy campaigns; USD law school professor Hugh Friedman will lead a course about legal issues confronting nonprofits; the Rev. John Hughes, who co-founded the Faith-Based Leadership Training Institute, will teach a course on social change; and management consultant Johanna Hunsaker has signed on to instruct a class in organizational theory.

There are about 100 public and private universities across the country that provide course work in nonprofit management. But most of those are within schools of business, social work or education and do not offer specific degrees in nonprofit administration.

Peter Manzo, who runs the Center for Nonprofit Management in Los Angeles, said any new effort to teach charity executives to better manage their staff, paperwork and other responsibilities will help. “I wish there were more of them,” he said of the USD program. “It’s a dry topic; nonprofit management, but it’s critical.”

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ON THE MOVE
Personnel moves in San Diego County

Scott Grugel has joined Interior Specialists as vice president and division manager for Southern California.

Bob Johnson has been appointed executive vice president of worldwide field operations for Barcelona Design. Formerly he worked at Tality where he was the vice president of worldwide sales.

Marie Lasater has joined UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest as clinical nurse III in the critical care unit.

Pat Libby has joined the University of San Diego as coordinator for the master’s degree and certificate program in nonprofit leadership and management.

Kevin J. Liebi has been appointed vice president of business development for StoneFly Networks. Previously, he was president and chief executive officer of Nextier Solutions Corp.

Kelly Oletta has been hired as business development director for Red Door Interactive.

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**PEOPLE**

### Construction and Design

**John Pohling** has been named an associate at Jossey Carrier Design Group. Bill Miller has been appointed managing director of Nolte's San Diego and El Centro offices, and R. Dale Harvey has been named managing director of Nolte's Inland Empire office. Interior Specialists has added Scott Grugel as vice president/division manager for Southern California.

### High-Tech and Manufacturing

StratEdge has appointed **Ralph Nilsson** as president of StratEdge's Taunton Massachusetts Division. Kyocera Wireless Corp. has named **Fredrik Torstensson** as vice president of international sales and business development. **Steve Clover** has accepted the position of senior programmer with Sigil Games Online, Inc.

### Government and Nonprofit

The San Diego Regional Energy Office has named **Irene Stillings** as executive director. Three San Diego business executives have been elected to leadership positions in Kiwanis International: **Mark McDonald, Charles Coleman and Arthur Stillwell**. National City Council member **Mitch Beauchamp** has been sworn in to join the seven-member Sweetwater Authority Governing Board. Mayor Dick Murphy has appointed **Sam Duran, Paulina Gilbert and Joseph Horiye**, and reappointed **Flora Calem, Laura Impastato and Pamela Smith** to the Senior Affairs Advisory Board.

### Health Care and Biotech

Nereus Pharmaceuticals Inc. has added **Deborah Mosca** as vice president, research. **Gennadi Ginsky** has joined the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center as a principal investigator. ProSanos Corp. has added **Alice Chu** as vice president of biostatistics and **Mike Morgan** as senior technologist.

### Law

**Frederick Schenk**, a senior partner with Casey Gerry Reed & Schenk, has been honored with the David K. Kroll Leadership Award.

### Media and Marketing

AM Advertising has promoted **Leah Hansen** to director of strategic marketing. Parker White has hired **Henrik Lowemark** to graphic designer. Bailey Gardiner Inc. has named **Kimberly Julin** as account supervisor and **Cara Shardellatti** to account executive. Matthews Evans Albertazzi has promoted **Damir Seferovic** and **Josie Helmstetter** to advertising account executives. The Monger Co. has appointed **Catherine Guyot** to director of public relations.

### Miscellaneous

**Pat Libby** has joined the University of San Diego as coordinator of its Master's Degree and Certificate Program in Nonprofit Leadership and Management. **Ulisses S. Seal** has been honored as a recipient of the Zoological Society of San Diego's Conservation Medal. **Malin Burnham**, Herbert G. Klein and **Suzy Spafford Lidstrom** have been named as 2002 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame laureates. **Karen Ritz** has joined Concepts Worldwide as director of sales.

### Real Estate

Steve **Doyle**, president of the San Diego/Riverside division of Brookfield Homes, has been named Industry Professional of the Year by the Sales and Marketing Council of the Building Industry Association. Evanco Realty Advisors, Inc. has promoted **Michelle Cantor** to account manager. **Wendy Christiansen** has been named as a sales associate at The Willis Allen Co.'s La Jolla office.

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Student achievement in district increasing

Based on the district's progress on California's state-mandated series of assessments, the Stanford-9 and the California Standards Test, achievement in the district is clearly on the rise. Between 1998 and 2002, the district saw a 7 percent increase in students testing at or above the national average on the Stanford-9 achievement test in reading and a 10 percent increase in mathematics.

The district also is making progress based on a newer assessment — the California Standards Test for English Language Arts — that began in 2001. Between 2001 and 2002, the district saw a 2 percent increase in the number of students meeting the state's adopted standards for English literacy based on their performance on this assessment.

The progress being realized by the district is also evident in the multiyear movement of its students from lower to higher quartiles of student performance on the Stanford-9. For example, many students have moved out of the lowest quartile of performance over the past four years in the subject area of reading.

Between 1998 and 2002, the district has reduced the percentage of students scoring in the bottom quartile in this subject area by 9 percentile points. Similar rates of progress have been achieved in mathematics. Over the past four years, the percentage of students scoring in the lowest quartile in mathematics has declined by 11 percentile points, while the percentage of those in the top quartile has risen from 24 percent to 31 percent.

The achievement gap is closing

Based on the district's performance on the state assessments, the achievement gap between white students and traditionally underserved ethnic groups is narrowing. Between 1998 and 2002, the progress of African-American, Latino, Asian, Filipino and Indochinese students on the Stanford-9 has outpaced the progress of white students.

Today, more students, and a greater percentage of students, from all of these ethnic groups score at or above the national average in both reading and mathematics than in 1998. In math, African-American, Latino, Indochinese and Filipino students have all posted double-digit percentage gains during this period.

The progress of students from different ethnic backgrounds is also revealed by looking at the movement of student groups over time across the quartiles of performance on the Stanford-9. When testing began in 1998, 56 percent of Hispanic students in the district, and nearly half of African-American and Indochinese students, were scoring in the bottom quartile of student performance on the Stanford-9 in reading. Over the past four years the district has reduced these numbers from 46 percent to 33 percent for African-Americans, from 56 percent to 42 percent for Latinos and from 44 percent to 24 percent for Indochinese students. (White students experienced a 5 percentile point reduction in the same period.)
The district also is making progress in educating students for whom English is not their primary language to higher levels of English literacy. Measuring the performance of English Language Learner (ELL) students in English literacy over time is complicated by these students constantly being reclassified based on their acquisition of English skills, and due to new ELL students entering the district every year, replenishing the pool of students who are in the early stages of mastering English.

One can overcome this difficulty by tracking the multiyear progress of all the students who were designated ELL in 1998, the first year in which the Stanford-9 was administered, regardless of whether they have since been reclassified. In 1998, more than two-thirds of these students scored in the bottom fifth of the national distribution on the Stanford-9 in English-language reading. By 2001, this number had been reduced to 46 percent.

High school achievement remains low

Our survey of student achievement data often found troubling levels of performance in the district's high schools. About 14 of every 100 students entering the district's high schools drop out prior to graduation. For Latino students this number is 17 out of every 100, and, for African-Americans, it's 21 for every 100 students.

About four of every 10 graduates complete the sequence of courses necessary to apply to the UC/CSU systems, but only 2.5 of every 10 African-American and Latino students complete this challenging sequence of course work. Moreover, the gains observed on the Stanford-9 in the district, particularly in reading, are largely concentrated in the elementary and middle schools.

Students entering the district's high schools are often unprepared for the course work expected of them, requiring interventions to bring them up to standards in core subject areas. For example, more than half of the entering ninth-grade students in 2002 were not proficient in algebra, a requirement that should be mastered during the eighth grade. Perhaps most disturbing, a large number of the district's current high school students has not yet passed California's new High School Exit Exam, a relatively undemanding assessment of basic skills that is required for graduation from high school starting in 2004. For example, about 50 percent of this year's 11th-grade students (the class of 2004) have not yet passed one or both sections — English language arts and mathematics.

Achievement rising at Focus Schools

While this report does not claim to assess the overall impact of the district's Blueprint for Student Success, we were able to look at the performance of those elementary school campuses (the Focus Schools) that were targeted for extra investments, interventions and supports in the early stages of the reforms.

Since 1998, the eight originally designated Focus Schools have kept pace with the other elementary schools in the district in moving students to the point of being at or above the national average in both reading and mathematics. But they have also exceeded the progress of all other elementary schools (taken together) in moving students out of the bottom quartile of performance on the Stanford-9.

Between 1998 and 2002, the Focus Schools have reduced the number of their students scoring in the bottom quartile in reading on the Stanford-9 by 25 percentile points. During the same time period, the number of students at the Focus Schools scoring in the lowest quartile in mathematics has dropped by 24 percentile points.

Urban school districts make gains

Because different districts around the country use different assessment tools, we can really only compare San Diego's gains to other large urban districts in California, which all participate in the STAR testing program. Most major urban school districts across the state have made measurable gains on the Stanford-9 since 1998.

To this extent, San Diego's gains, while notable, are not unique in California. However, as of 2002, San Diego city schools' absolute levels of performance were the highest among the five largest districts in the state. San Diego is also among the top performers among major urban districts with similar socio-economic and demographic characteristics.

Assessing multiyear performance on the Stanford-9 from a comparative perspective is complicated by the fact that different school districts have increased the percentage of students who are tested at different rates between 1998 and 2002. Some districts, for example, have increased the percentage of students tested from 95.06 percent in 1998 to 97.33 percent in 2002. Some districts have increased their testing pool by greater percentages, while others have actually reduced the percentage of students tested during this period. This makes it difficult to gauge the comparative rates of progress being achieved by different school districts across the state.
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Institute for Peace and Justice
Colombia’s seemingly endless quest for peace compels swift action on the part of newly inaugurated President Alvaro Uribe. While forceful action is more precisely what President Uribe promised in his campaign, his misguided decision to further engage the civilian population in armed conflict is likely to intensify and prolong Colombia’s suffering.

By recruiting and arming 20,000 Colombian peasants and enlisting at least another 5,000 as covert government agents, two initiatives launched recently, the Colombian government has effectively turned each citizen into a direct target for the rebel and paramilitary factions. Furthermore, by providing arms and rudimentary military training to more Colombians, the Uribe government risks perpetuating and diversifying internal armed conflict.

There is no doubt that the situation in Colombia grows increasingly desperate. Efforts by former president Andres Pastrana toward nonviolent conflict resolution were by all indications a failure. His concession of a demilitarized zone the size of Switzerland to the largest of Colombia’s outlaw organizations, the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo, or FARC, rebels, seemed only to facilitate an increase in the intensity of their operations. Negotiations with the Eje de Liberación Nacional, or ELN, crucial due to this group’s frequent extortion of Colombia’s oil and mining conglomerates, faltered. Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia, or AUC, a third outlaw organization created by private individuals to combat the insurgent groups, never entered into negotiations and is widely considered to be in collusion with government forces.

The result of this malaise is a societal environment characterized by indiscriminate massacres, forced displacements and brutal assassinations, kidnappings and torture. Wearily, many in the international community support an increase in military capability and action to combat the outlaw organizations, if only with the motivation of pressing them toward sincere negotiations.

Desperate for resources and to harness the civilian population’s desire for peace, President Uribe has elected his two first moves: He announced recently his intention to create a vaguely deputized, work-from-home militia comprised of 20,000 armed peasants; and to establish a network of paid government informants to report suspicious activities. While President Uribe’s goal of reducing violence and tension in his country is commendable, by distributing more weaponry in the countryside and legitimatizing the targeting of civilians, he risks exacerbating an already disastrous situation.

Not only will more civilians become prey for the insurgents and paramilitaries — civilians are already the primary victims of the violence — but there is a strong argument that they will become legal targets under international law. When coupled with President Uribe’s regrettable decision to delay the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court for seven years, the forecast is one of increased civilian casualties followed by a tragically unjust impunity.

The establishment of this de facto government militia presents other problems. Are fellow Colombians prepared to go to combat with the estimated 6,000 Colombian children who have taken up arms with either the insurgents or the paramilitaries? How will local police handle neighborhood disputes that evolve into assault-rifle showdowns? Assuming a cease-fire or resolution is reached, what happens when Colombia’s cocaine and heroin barons enlist the services of these trained and armed peasants?

President Uribe’s civilian informant corps seems a humanitarian time bomb. The brave souls that enlist and are assigned to press into research private bank accounts and subsequently creating roadblocks to kidnap specific individuals for ransom. The Washington Post, in fact, might as well have revealed the name of the civilian informant they recently interviewed after providing his hometown, profession and revealing the fact that he was recently kidnapped and
held for ransom for exactly 30 days. Additionally, the personal cell phone issued to each citizen-turned-informant is highly susceptible to either FARC, ELN, or AUC tracing.

President Uribe should include the civilian population in the struggle for peace. Indeed, the most effective advances toward peace in the past year have been the nonviolent blockades and stand-ins initiated against the FARC and AUC by violence-exhausted communities.

Alternative development programs and economic and social reforms aimed at peasant populations would solidify and extend support for democracy, thereby promoting faith in Uribe’s administration, and further isolate its antagonists. International support in the form of financial and technical aid for development programs followed by guarantees of security for disarmed rebels would enhance prospects for sustainable peace and prosperity.

Unfortunately, the desperation of Colombia’s present condition dictates dramatic measures. In the search for peace, however, President Uribe must consider the long-term implications of distributing more weaponry and legitimatizing the targeting of civilians.

Will these measures provide an atmosphere of negotiation and resolution? I doubt it. There is a much greater likelihood of their expanding Colombia’s scope of violence.
Gold Nugget Merit Award

The University of San Diego (USD) Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice received a 2002 Gold Nugget Award of Merit. Designed by Carrier Johnson, one of San Diego’s largest architectural firms with offices in San Diego and Irvine, the project was given a Judges Special Award of Excellence, which honors extraordinary projects. This award category was instituted by Gold Nugget to properly recognize projects that may not fit standard categories, but deserve notice by the industry and public. Projects are selected for this award category at the discretion of the judges.

The Award of Merit also confirms the project’s eligibility for the coveted Gold Nugget trophy, which is presented to winners of the Grand Award.

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice was designed and built to enrich the academic life of the school and to foster intercultural harmony. USD offers conferences, lectures and classes on such topics as conflict resolution, intercultural communication, social justice and human rights at the new facility. The building also provides a place for scholars, students, activists and politicians to reflect on issues of international peace and justice.

The new 95,000 sq. ft. structure, which was completed in November 2001, houses a premier conference center with a 320-seat auditorium, classrooms, meeting rooms, faculty offices and an adjoining three-unit apartment which will serve as temporary residences for visiting dignitaries and fellows. The $30 million project also features a 50-person interactive Board Room, a Conflict Resolution Center and a Distance Learning Center with an interactive television studio. Additionally, outdoor gathering spaces, gardens and water features as well as spaces for prayer and quiet reflection were incorporated into the overall design.

Gordon Carrier, principal in charge of Carrier Johnson, explains the design further, “The building is approached through the Garden of the Sky, that reflects the lofty ideals of the project. The visitor is drawn into this transitional space and has the sense of looking up and being seen by a higher force. Entering into the rotunda, the visitor approaches the auditorium, the heart of the building. With decorative features and finishes consistent with the building’s 16th century Spanish renaissance architectural style, the auditorium provides state-of-the-art multi-media. A meditation room on the east side of the building has a commanding view of the reflecting pool, gardens, downtown skyline, ocean and sunset views. The mosaic tile floor pattern reflects the same icons of the sun, olive leaf and water that began in the rotunda.”

“Carrier Johnson is honored to have the USD Kroc Institute project selected for this prestigious industry award,” said Carrier, “The design of this facility, which expresses a respect for the past and optimism for the future, is as unique and progressive as the purpose it serves.”
extending the olive branch

Conflict is contained and minds are expanded at the University of San Diego’s Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice designed by Carrier Johnson

by Julie Raimondi

While it’s been proven that environments can soothe souls or invigorate thought, few buildings have been designed to assist in the intellectually complicated and emotionally exhausting experience of resolving conflict. There are several others of its kind, but before Carrier Johnson created the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ), no building had to serve a dual role as both a space for visiting ambassadors from dueling nations to resolve problems and an educational facility for ambitious college students.

San Diego-based Carrier Johnson, which has designed other buildings on the school’s hilltop campus, took the opportunity to create an edge at the west end of the site. (A new Science and Technology building the firm is currently producing will complete the U-shape.) “We looked at it as creating a new pedestrian precinct or a new area so that the building created outdoor as well as indoor space,” says principal in charge Gordon Carrier, whose building is visible from passing freeways and serves as an icon for the school.

The impetus for the USD addition was a $25-million gift from San Diego philanthropist Joan B. Kroc, who wanted a building that not only “talked about peace, but made peace.” To that end, designers created 95,000 sq. ft. on two floors to house conference, meeting, and meditation spaces on the first floor with classrooms and faculty office above. The 16th century Spanish Renaissance style of the 50-year-old Catholic campus specifically informed the design. “If you’re going to emulate a style, you do it right,” says Carrier. “We went to historical archives for a literal nod to the style.” This traditional look is balanced with other design goals: collaboration, equality, and tranquility.

To enter the IPJ, visitors and students pass through the Garden of the Sky, which represents the lofty goals of the program and gives a sense of divine wisdom. The Rotunda, a very public and formal space awash in natural light from clerestory windows, introduces a repeating theme of sun, water, and olive leaves with its marble tile mosaic floor. It is often accessed for functions and is used to organize entry into the core of the IPJ, a 300-seat auditorium. “No matter where you sit, you feel like you can speak and be heard,” says Deborah Elliott, a principal at Carrier Johnson. “You don’t even need a microphone so conversations can be held back and forth”—a very important component in a space designed to provide a level playing ground for collaboration between people of every nationality and position. After heated debates where there is a “misalignment of thought,” as Carrier puts it, participants have the chance to move into breakout meeting rooms for further discussions, or step away to reflect on the conversation in the Meditation Room.
There is plenty of space for visitors to disengage from discussions of conflict in the Meditation Room (left), where just outside a reflecting pool provides tranquility. The formal Rotunda (above) directs students to classes up a grand staircase and visitors into the auditorium.
“People of any religion or religious direction could use this space to pray or meditate,” explains Elliott. The Meditation Room is also formal in nature with similar finishes and mosaic designs as the Rotunda. “There are glass walls and a light sensor set-up to change colors so that it melts on the panels,” Elliott continues. Two open spaces on either side are art galleries that host the University’s collections. Just outside, the Garden of the Sea with its striking views of the Pacific through a low canopy of trees expresses the international nature of the Institute through the universality of the sea. West of the building is a two-story Casa that houses visiting scholars and dignitaries in equally adorned rooms.

And while it’s clear that these dramatic and relevant spaces enable great thinkers to do great work, the secondary challenge of providing a functioning educational facility was just as important to the school and the design team. “Students and ambassadors use the same entrance,” says Roger Manion, director of facilities management for USD, referencing the opportunity for interaction. “When students come in, they go up to the second floor,” he says. And though they may not interact with dignitaries on their way to school, since as Manion points out, “nine out of ten times, they’re late for class,” they could certainly rub elbows at the outdoor café. The second floor houses eight classrooms, faculty offices, a very large and perfectly egalitarian trustee’s Board Room, and a dispute resolution room where students can learn by watching visitors collaborate through one-sided mirrored glass. Currently classes in international law, political science, philosophy, and history take up the spaces, but soon students will be able to obtain undergraduate and master’s degrees in Peace and Justice Studies.

The designers, who recently won a 2002 Gold Nugget Award of Merit, recognize the new relevance of this project. “Given the current timing, there could be no more significant building type right now,” Carrier explains, “and working on it is the greatest honor we could have as architects.”

Even though the auditorium accommodates 300 people (top), seating is so close to the stage that microphones aren’t always necessary. The trustee’s Board Room seats 30 (above), and was specifically designed to make each person at the table an equal. A marble mosaic floor with sun, water, and olive motifs (opposite) leads visitors into the auditorium.
Project Summary

Who

What

Where
Area World Trade Center Announces Awards Gala

The San Diego World Trade Center is hosting its 25th annual awards gala Nov. 14 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on the University of San Diego campus.

Award categories are exporter of the year, importer of the year, service organization of the year, the William H. Curran Distinguished Services Award for an individual that has served the SDWTC, International Business Leader Award, and Essence of World Trade Award for a businessperson who promotes world peace through global understanding and international commerce.

Nominations are due to the World Trade Center by Oct. 18.

The cost for the gala is $95 for members of the SDWTC and $125 for nonmembers. For more information call (619) 615-0868 or email (achat@sdwtc.org).
School of Law
A new term

U.S. Supreme Court could make history

Even before this week's federal appeals court ruling approving secret deportation hearings, the new session of the U.S. Supreme Court appeared destined to make history if it decided to insert itself into constitutional issues raised by the war on terrorism. And of 51 cases already accepted for oral argument, several others will be of particular interest to Californians.

Since the war on terrorism began after the tragic events of Sept. 11, and with the passing of the USA Patriot Act, several constitutional issues have been working their way through the federal courts. In addition to the secret deportation hearings, courts are wrestling with the administration's efforts to gain broader search authorization using the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and the designation of American citizens as "enemy combatants," depriving them of normal constitutional protections.

This week the 3rd U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia upheld the administration's use of secret deportation hearings, which have resulted in 446 deportations since Sept. 11. However, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled just the opposite in August, so eventually the Supreme Court must resolve the issue.

Constitutional scholars say the Supreme Court historically has deferred to the executive branch in times of national crisis. But with lower courts already wrestling with these questions, the justices may choose to intercede. "What it comes down to is, how much are they willing to get the court involved in an oversight role in how the president wages a war on terrorism," said University of San Diego constitutional law professor Michael Ramsey in an interview.

Other cases potentially could have far-reaching effects, too, among them a challenge to California's three-strikes law and a challenge to the so-called Megan's laws, which require the registration of sex offenders, as is done by the San Diego Police Department and Sheriff's Department.

At issue in the three-strikes case is whether the third strike must be a violent felony. In the case before the court, the third strike was the theft of $153 worth of videos from two Kmart stores, raising questions of disproportionate punishment under the Eighth Amendment. In the Megan's law case, one question before the court is whether listing all offenders without distinguishing the severity of their crimes violates due process guarantees under the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments.

The court also will deal with such issues as copyright law, cross burning, voting rights and the perennial death penalty issues. But it remains the war on terrorism that could define this court's role in history.
Edison Schools' Audit Panel Quits

Edison Schools Inc., the largest private manager of U.S. public schools, said in a regulatory filing that all three members of its audit committee resigned more than two months ago.

"As a result, we currently do not have an audit committee," the company explained in its annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission yesterday. "We are actively seeking qualified candidates to serve on our audit committee." The Nasdaq Stock Market requires that listed companies have an audit committee with at least three independent members.

"It's unbelievable," said Frank Partnoy, law professor at the University of San Diego. "The audit committee is crucial to the reporting function. Without one, a company cannot remain in compliance with those obligations."

— Bloomberg News
Unsecured creditors and the U.S. Trustee’s office have raised questions about Peregrine Systems’ bankruptcy reorganization plans, arguing that executives are using the company’s limited cash to protect current and former officials from liability.

In a court filing this week, creditors’ attorneys argued that Peregrine spent $2.9 million to generate a report for the mission designed to exonerate current and former officials rather than improve the company’s cash position. That report was at the behest of current management and calls into question the executive team’s judgment, the filing said.

In their filing, the creditors, who collectively are owed millions of dollars, also questioned the salaries being paid to top Peregrine executives.

In its Chapter 11 reorganization plan, Peregrine asked the bankruptcy court to approve some $2.6 million for key executives, including chief executive Gary Greenfield, chief financial officer Ken Sexton and general counsel Kathy Vizas. Peregrine wants to spend about $8 million to retain approximately 119 employees. Bankruptcy judges typically give companies going through Chapter 11 a great deal of latitude in compensating executives.

Creditors’ attorneys say the salaries should be denied because executives are more concerned with protecting themselves than with conserving Peregrine’s assets.

“Current management, has over the past several months, improperly directed the Debtors’ limited resources to shield current and former directors from liability arising from misconduct that occurred under their watch,” said the creditors’ complaint, prepared by lawyer Bruce Bennett.

Central to the complaint is that John Moores, owner of the San Diego Padres who returned as chairman of Peregrine in May, has assembled a loyal team that is looking to limit his culpability. Among those recently hired are Charles La Bella, Moores’ personal attorney, and Vizas, wife of Bob Vizas, president of the Padres.

Richard Pachulski, Peregrine’s bankruptcy attorney, called the filing “vitriolic” and said the allegations were without merit.

“What irritates the hell out of me is that Bruce Bennett would put out this pleading without any facts to back it up,” he said.

The alleged misconduct refers to the company’s announcement that it has inflated revenue by at least $250 million over a period of nearly three years. The SEC and the Department of Justice are investigating allegations of impropriety at Peregrine. In addition, Peregrine has been hit with more than 40 shareholder lawsuits, alleging securities fraud, mismanagement and other violations.

To explain to the SEC what led to the inflated revenue, Peregrine commissioned an internal investigation and report. Creditors’ attorneys say the $2.9 million spent on the report was a waste. Moreover, they say, the time spent compiling it delayed a financial audit of the company, which has hindered the company from selling its assets.

Pachulski, Peregrine’s bankruptcy attorney, said that allegations questioning the integrity of the company’s investigation into accounting irregularities were without merit.

“To set the record straight, the independent internal investigation was initiated to determine what happened and to identify who was responsible, and that is precisely what it accomplished,” he said.

The U.S. Trustee’s office, which represents the government’s interests in bankruptcy filings, also questioned Peregrine’s hiring of two law firms to represent the company in its dealings with SEC, because Peregrine as a company does not currently have any liability since it is insolvent. Current and former directors have individual liability in the various lawsuits.

Asking creditors to essentially pay the legal bills for individual executives is highly unusual, said Bennett, who represents Peregrine’s unsecured creditors.

“It is quite remarkable,” he said. “The focus should be on improving operations and maximizing the return to creditors, not protecting individual executives.”

Pachulski said that the U.S. Trustee’s office was merely asking for more information before it makes a determination about whether the law firms should be paid, and Peregrine is compiling that information. He added that the company was only seeking to limit liability on key employees and that the liability covers only the cost of representing the employees, not any potential judgments against those individuals.

Requests to limit executive salaries are fairly routine in bankruptcy cases because creditors try to recoup as much money as possible, said Thomas A. Smith, a bankruptcy law professor at the University of San Diego.

“It certainly isn’t surprising,” he said. “The more that is left in the pot, the more that can be divided among creditors, so they almost have to object to the salaries.”

What is unusual are the claims of misdirected resources, said Smith, who has not followed the Peregrine case closely and was speaking in general terms. Bankruptcy law in Delaware, where Peregrine is incorporated, is set up to provide companies with wide discretion in determining business costs and executive salaries. To override a debtor company’s decision, creditors have to prove that no reasonable business person would make the same decisions, he said.

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Two square off in race for judgeship

Candidates cite qualifications, ethical issues

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The lone judicial race on the Nov. 5 election ballot pits a nine-year incumbent against a veteran fraud attorney who says he has wanted to be a jurist since his early law school days.

Each of the candidates — Superior Court Judge Geary Cortes and attorney Richard Whitney — said they are more qualified. They also point to what they call ethical issues with their opponent.

Unlike other elected officials who make policy, judges oversee civil and criminal cases, making decisions such as whether a person receives bail, what witnesses and other evidence will be presented at trial and, sometimes, determine the outcome of cases based on the law.

The six-year term pays an annual salary of $135,000.

Cortes cited his 27 years in law and nearly a decade of experience on the bench, where he started juvenile-court programs addressing truancy and mental health issues. He also emphasized he was the first judge to uphold Proposition 21, the juvenile crime law passed in 2000.

Cortes' decision was affirmed by the California Supreme Court.

"I've had every single assignment there is," Cortes said of his years as a judge. "In terms of experience, I'm head and shoulders above my opponent."

Whitney pointed to his 17 years in private practice, his time volunteering for the court as a judge pro tem and his leadership skills as the former managing partner of a large law firm. He now has his own firm and teaches classes at the University of San Diego.

"I've always wanted to be a judge ever since I was a new attorney," Whitney said.

Another issue in Whitney's campaign is Cortes' guilty plea last year to one misdemeanor count of battery against a spouse. Cortes received three years probation. Three other charges were dismissed as part of the agreement.

"It's one of the most important positions on the ballot because judges carry out an extremely important role in society," Whitney said. "You want someone who is fair, impartial and hopefully not serving criminal probation."

"For me, it's simply an issue of who is more qualified for the job," he said.

Cortes said the incident was a personal problem that took place more than a year ago and shouldn't reflect on his qualifications as a judge. He said he has taken responsibility and apologized. Cortes said he and his wife, who serves as his campaign treasurer, have put the experience behind them.

"My opponent rides one horse and one horse only," Cortes said.

In turn, he voiced problems with the way Whitney has conducted his campaign, saying his opponent's signs are misleading and pointing out that a judge struck wording from Whitney's ballot statement which stated he was the only candidate "not serving criminal probation."

"That's not ethical, it's completely unethical and I think voters will see through that," Cortes said.

Cortes was appointed to the municipal court in 1993 by Gov. Pete Wilson and elevated to the Superior Court a year later. He ran unopposed in 1997. Whitney said he assumed Cortes would not run again. This is Whitney's second race.

Cortes is endorsed by several judges and attorneys, including Judge William Mudd, who presided over David Westerfield's trial for the murder of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam. Whitney has the backing of county Sheriff Bill Kolender and other law enforcement groups, as well as the Deputy District Attorneys Association.

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The challenger, fraud attorney Richard Whitney, is endorsed by virtually every law enforcement group. The incumbent, Judge Geary Cortes, has a lengthy list of individual supporters, including one with a familiar name. Cortes is making the most of his support from Judge William Mudd, who presided over the murder trial of David Westerfield, making him far and away the best-known member of the San Diego bench.

The only contested Superior Court judge’s race in the county this election pits Whitney against Cortes, who was convicted last year of battering his wife and is serving three years on probation for the misdemeanor.

The San Diego County Bar Association has rated Cortes to be lacking in qualifications to be a judge while rating Whitney as qualified.

Yet many of Cortes’ judicial colleagues support his reelection, saying that despite his legal problems, he has been a good judge.

Mudd has even consented to his image and words being used in Cortes’ campaign advertisements and literature. A large newspaper ad and Cortes’ Web site — www.theraljudge.com — features a picture of Mudd and Cortes standing side-by-side, smiling broadly, adorned in their black judicial attire.

“It’s a picture of two bald guys in robes,” Mudd said during a recent interview. “It doesn’t surprise me that Geary would like to publicize the fact that I support him. For lack of a better word, that’s probably good politics. I am supporting him and I’m willing to do it.”

Mudd concedes he is better known than any of his colleagues. “That’s true,” Mudd said, “until I can find a way to fade back into oblivion.” He hopes Cortes will be able to do the same. He is confident Cortes has put his troubles with his wife behind him.

Whitney has volunteered as a small claims judge for a decade and also teaches law to undergraduates at the University of San Diego.

His judge-pro tem status has caused a bit of a furor in the campaign because of the campaign signs of each candidate. Some of Whitney’s signs include the title “Judge Whitney” in bold letters. To the left of the word judge, in much smaller lettering, is the word “for” and to the right, again in small lettering, is the word “vote.”

Read carefully, the signs read “For Judge Vote Whitney,” but from a car traveling 40 mph, Mudd and Cortes said.
they relate the message that Whitney is already a judge.

“He’s showing that he’s going to play it as close to that ethical line as he can,” Mudd said. “I don’t know if it’s ethical or not, but I’m troubled by it.”

Cortes’ signs proclaim him to be “The Real Judge,” and urge voters to “Re-Elect Judge Cortes Again.” Cortes was appointed to the bench in 1993 and was elected without opposition to a six year term in 1996.

Whitney said there is nothing unethical about his signs. He said he copied the design from two other judicial campaigns conducted in past years. He maintained that controversy has been created by the Cortes camp simply to divert attention from Cortes’ legal problems.

In the March primary, Cortes took 42 percent of the vote and Whitney took 41 percent. Lawyer David Tiffany took the remainder. Although Tiffany campaigned against Cortes and often talked about the judge’s battery conviction, he now supports Cortes over Whitney.

“I think Mr. Whitney has the ethics of an Enron accountant,” Tiffany said, referring to the signs and to a proposed phrase in a ballot statement that Whitney was forced to remove just hours before the statements were sent off to the printers.

The phrase said Whitney was the only candidate “not serving criminal probation.” Election law forbids candidates from attacking their opponents in the ballot statement. Cortes, Mudd and Tiffany said Whitney stepped over an ethical line by trying to sneak the phrase by authorities.

Whitney said he had numerous attorneys and even an ethics expert look at the proposed ballot statement and they all said they felt it was fine. Cortes went to court to have the phrase removed.

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CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Geary D. Cortes
Age: 51
Residence: San Diego
Community involvement: I spearheaded the opening of special schools, now operating in all parts of San Diego County, that help chronically truant kids get on the right track.
Education: Law degree, California Western School of Law.
Previous political offices: Re-elected without opposition in 1997.
Status: Wife, Deborah Brickner
Children: Two children
Top three issues:
1. Impartiality. I am not a politician. As a sitting judge sworn to fairness and impartiality, I have not sought the support of police unions or special interest groups and owe them no favors.
2. Experience. With nearly 10 years experience as a judge, I have ruled in hundreds of civil and criminal cases.
3. Integrity. The challenger in this race stretches the truth, posturing as a "judge," a "law professor" and a "fraud fighter."
The real truth is, he is an ambitious lawyer, a perennial candidate who has run before and lost.
Special qualifications: Strict adherence to the law.

Richard Whitney
Age: 44
Residence: San Diego
Community involvement: Youth soccer coach.
Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Puget Sound; law degree, Thomas Jefferson School of Law.
Work experience: Attorney, 17 years. Runs own law firm. Adjunct professor, University of San Diego.
Previous political offices or campaigns: Ran unsuccessful judicial campaign two years ago.
Status: Wife, Michelle
Children: Three children
Top three issues:
1. I am the only candidate rated by the San Diego County Bar Association as "qualified" to be a judge. My opponent was rated as lacking the qualifications to be a judge.
2. I am fair and impartial and capable of hearing both criminal and civil cases.
3. I am qualified by my experience, over 17 years fighting insurance fraud as an attorney. I am also qualified by my teaching law at the University of San Diego and my over 10 years of experience as a volunteer judge for the San Diego Superior Court.
Special qualifications: I have worked as a managing partner of a local office of a statewide law firm. I have superior administrative skills. I also have extensive trial and arbitration/mediation experience, having handled hundreds of litigated cases in my experience as an attorney.
EVENTS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002

TIME: All Day


AGENDA: Highlights:
9 a.m. - Opening Remarks
David M. Nemtzow, President, Alliance to Save Energy
9:10 a.m. - Welcome Address
Dean T. Langford, former CEO of OSRAM SYLVANIA, Co-Chair, Alliance to Save Energy
9:30 a.m. - Getting to Yes on Energy Efficiency in Congress
Sen. Byron L. Dorgan, Chair, Alliance to Save Energy
Rep. W.J. "Billy" Tauzin (invited)
10:45 a.m. - The 2002 Energy Bill: What Does it Mean for the Nation?
Karen Knutson, Deputy Assistant for Domestic Policy, Vice President Cheney
Laura Cohn, Correspondent, Business Week
Eric Washburn, Senior Energy Policy Advisor, Senate Majority Leader

from Daschle
Mark Mellman, CEO, The Mellman Group
12:15 p.m. - Doing Well By Doing Good: Why Supporting Energy Efficiency Makes Sound Business Sense
Tina Settecase, Vice President and General Manager, Sears Appliances
12:40 p.m. - Energy, Environment, and Good Business
Dr. Kathleen Hogan, Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1 p.m. - Lunch and Keynote Speaker
Gregg Easterbrook, Senior Editor, The New Republic
2 p.m. - Beyond the Beltway: How States are Driving the Energy Agenda
David M. Nemtzow, President, Alliance to Save Energy
William M. Flynn, President, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
Ralph Cavanagh, Co-Director, Energy Program, Natural Resources Defense Council
Edward A. Garvey, Commissioner, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
3 p.m. - The World Outlook for Energy
Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration
4 p.m. - Closing Remarks
Mark Hopkins, Vice President, Alliance to Save Energy

DATE: October 10, 2002
LOCATION: Almas Ballroom, 1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC
CONTACT: 202-530-2203
WEB ADDRESS: ase.org

EVENT: MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE holds a program on 56th Annual Conference entitled Turbulence and Transition in US-Middle East Relations.

AGENDA: Highlights:
9 a.m. - Opening Remarks
WHO: The speakers are:

Si~yl Jacobson, President, MetLife Foundation
Gerald Tirozzi, Executive Director, National Association of Secondary School Principals
Humphrey Taylor, Chairman, Harris Interactive
Carol Tureski, Humanities Teacher, International High School, New York, NY
Olivia Ifill-Lynch, Director, The Bronx New Century's High Schools
Otis Ware, student, Benjamin Banneker Senior High School, Washington, DC
Dr. Alwyn Cohall, Assoc. Professor, Clinical Public Health and Pediatrics, Columbia University
Mike Cohen, Senior Fellow, The Aspen Program on Education

DATE: October 10, 2002
LOCATION: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Washington, DC
CONTACT: 202-667-0901
TIME: 12 noon

EVENT: CATO INSTITUTE holds a book forum on Free Trade Today...and Tomorrow.

WHO: The speakers are:

Author, Jagdish Bhagwati, Columbia University
Robert Litan, Brookings Institution

DATE: October 10, 2002
LOCATION: Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC
CONTACT: 202-789-5229
WEB ADDRESS: cato.org
TIME: 12 noon

EVENT: JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PAUL H. NITZE SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES will screen, "The Dark Side of the World," a documentary about Russia's war in Chechnya produced by Czech TV.

DATE: October 10, 2002
LOCATION: 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC
CONTACT: 202-663-5626
WEB ADDRESS: sais-jhu.org
TIME: 12:30 p.m.

EVENT: AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE Foreign Policy Briefing Series presents Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Christina Rocca.

DATE: October 10, 2002
LOCATION: 1150 17th Street NW, Washington, DC
CONTACT: 202-862-5933
WEB ADDRESS: aei.org
TIME: 3:30 p.m.

EVENT: INDEPENDENT WOMENS FORUM (IWF) AND THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY convene a panel to discuss whether the current Supreme Courts federalist jurisprudence is beneficial, harmful or inconsequential to women.

WHO: The speakers are:

Jennifer C. Braceras, Esq., IWF Senior Fellow for Legal Policy
Professor Marci Hamilton, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Professor Gail Heriot, University of San Diego School of Law
Professor Vicki Jackson, Georgetown University Law Center
Isabelle Katz Pinzler, Esq., NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund

DATE: October 10, 2002
LOCATION: Georgetown University Law Center, 600 New Jersey Ave., NW, Room 201
CONTACT: Margaret Carroll, 703-558-4991, or Donna Sneyd, 301-990-2281.
WEB ADDRESS: iwf.org
TIME: 5 p.m.

EVENT: AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE presents a book forum for Letters to a Young Conservative featuring Dinesh D’Souza discussing the differences between modern-day liberalism and conservatism through topics that include multiculturalism, affirmative action, and feminism.

DATE: October 10, 2002
Death of the fairy tale

If there were justice, so-called heroes wouldn’t live happily ever after

By Nathan Thomas, 2L, San Diego School of Law

Once upon a time, Prince Charming was a hero. Stepmothers were evil. Everyone either died or lived happily ever after. These are concepts on which we were taught to rely.

To a child, fairy tales are the embodiment of innocence. They teach youngsters the ever-so-clear distinction between good and evil. The Big Bad Wolf was bad. Little Red Riding Hood was good — or was she?

In the middle of my first year of law school, it became evident that these assumptions were no longer quite so easy. No longer do labels such as “Big Bad” or “Evil” suffice to justify what happens in these stories.

Yeah, the Big Bad Wolf gobbled up people willy-nilly, but is that sufficient to justify having him gutted by the local lumberjack? Maybe, especially when coupled with his actions against the three little pigs. I mean, what kind of wolf goes about gobbling up grandmothers and little girls, then heads off to torment swine?

Maybe the wolf was abused as a child. Maybe he was an alcoholic. Maybe insanity ran in his family. Maybe the pigs were adverse possessors. Maybe Little Red Riding Hood was a trespasser.

There are just too many factors to assume that the Big Bad Wolf was really evil. For all we know, his actions against Little Red Riding Hood were provoked. What kind of girl has the confidence to head off into the woods without fear that she will be attacked? One who’s packing, that’s who.

We are told these stories selectively. No parent ever wants to bring up the possibility that Little Red Riding Hood was the evil one and might have gotten what she deserved. These were the days before litigation, and it is not like the wolf could have gotten a restraining order. These were the days when martial law ruled and the victor lived to tell the tales.

Hansel and Gretel were not only trespassing on the witch’s property, but they were eating it, for God’s sake. What kind of children were these who were allowed to roam freely, eating people’s houses? What other recourse did the witch have? If she had not cooked children up in order to deter others from snacking on her walls, she would have been homeless, just another witch living on welfare in a shelter. Instead she was pushed into the oven herself.

What happened to Hansel and Gretel? Like all other fairy tale quasi-heroes, they probably lived happily ever after.

It is impossible to say that all those who lived happily ever after were innocent. Hansel and Gretel killed the witch, the lumberjack slew the wolf with malice aforethought, and Prince Charming kissed Sleeping Beauty without consent.

Goldilocks entered the Three Bears’ house without permission, ate their food, and destroyed their property.

All these characters lived happily ever after because they were allowed to continue in their reckless ways, taking advantage of the weak and the disenfranchised. Hansel and Gretel would not have been allowed to live freely had they eaten Prince Charming’s house. The only reason they got away with all their crimes was that the victim was a witch.

This is probably why we no longer create fairy tales. I can’t imagine that Prince Charming would be allowed to get away with molesting multiple women in their sleep. Goldilocks would probably be sent to reform school or at least required to perform community service.

Maybe this is better. I can look back at these fairy tales and long for simpler days, while at the same time rest comfortable in the fact that a little girl won’t sneak into my house and eat my porridge. I can now sleep without worry that hungry children roaming the streets are going to eat my door regardless of what it is made of.

If you ask me, that is living happily ever after.
By Robert Simmons

In 1996, a private company in Seattle proposed to sell us water by towing icebergs here from the Arctic. In 1998, another company wanted to sell us Alaska water that would be shipped here in tankers. Both schemes were quickly scuttled when the prohibitive costs to local ratepayers were calculated.

Now, another enterprising corporation wants to build and operate a seawater desalination plant on our coast to produce potable water. This scheme should also be rejected, for three reasons.

1. Desalination is too costly. Water does not run uphill — it has to be pumped there. Sewage treatment plants are placed at higher elevations. Both sites are chosen for the same reason — to minimize costly pumping to the ultimate destination.

One does not have to be an accountant to know that the cost of desalted sea water to local ratepayers would be exorbitant. First, there is the price paid to the corporation for treating it to potable standards (expensive membrane dialysis plus high electric power usage plus salt brine disposal plus profit). Next, add the cost of building a new pump station, the cost of pumping the water to end-users. Finally, add the cost of building a new delivery pipeline system to get the water to those users.

2. Desalination is too toxic. In concentration, salt is one of the most toxic compounds on this planet — deadly to both humans and marine species. According to a recent Farm Bureau report, one of every five irrigated acres in California has been poisoned for farming by salt buildup.

The proposed desalination process produces a witches' brew of salt brine that cannot legally be stored in any landfill, only in the very few toxic-approved sites distant from San Diego. According to this desalination plan proponent, disposing of the brine will be no problem for them — they will simply pump it back into the ocean.

The plan is preposterous. As recent news stories attest, the city of San Diego has had to fight for years to get federal and state permits to discharge non-toxic and highly treated wastewater effluent into deep ocean waters. Salt brine will not get a permit — nor should it.

3. Desalination is not needed. Instead of pursuing such costly schemes as this to add to the supply side of the water equation, our local water agencies can reduce the demand side an equivalent volume merely by adopting a simple strategy. It is a program advocated by the California Department of Water Resources, the Southern California Metropolitan Water District and the Sierra Club. It can be implemented at no cost to ratepayers and no damage to the environment.

This simple and effective strategy is known as conservation. All that it requires is for us to reduce our consumption of residential, commercial and industrial water by 10 percent over the next five years. By doing so, we would reduce our water consumption by about 40,000 acre-feet per year offsetting the proposed saltwater supply.

Water agencies and news media throughout the county should embark on programs of public education about the need for — and the benefits from — voluntary indoor and outdoor conservation. These programs should identify and explain the best methods — adapted to residential, commercial and industrial uses — for achieving the five-year, reduced-consumption goal.

Since the end of our last drought, in 1993, voluntary conservation measures have been, like corporate ethics, more ignored than acted on. Now, we are in another drought, and it may well be worse than the previous one. By committing to conservation, we will begin the important journey toward water independence.

Further, we will dispel the perceived need for desalination, icebergs, water tankers and similar corporate moneymaking schemes.

Simmons is a member of the San Diego Sierra Club's executive committee and a retired professor of law at the University of San Diego.
"As a commissioner, I was always assigned to Municipal Court, and unification hasn't changed the job," Long Beach Commissioner Ralph R. "Randy" Olson said. "It's a job that needs to be done, and I'm delighted to do it."

Witty King of Courtroom Shtick
Long Beach Commissioner Does Thankless Job With Style

By Jeffrey Anderson
Daily Journal Staff Writer

Los Angeles County Superior Court Commissioner Ralph R. Olson knocks 'em dead with a regular shtick he does in court about what does and does not constitute good cause for failure to appear.

"He cracks the courtroom up all the time," said Los Angeles County Deputy Public Defender Jerold Berger, who regularly appears before the commissioner.

Though Olson is modest in discussing his commissioner's duties, he acknowledges the effect of his failure-to-appear routine on his captive audience.

"I go through this spiel on the list of excuses that just won't cut it for failure to appear," Olson said, "and then I give them the list of good excuses, which is considerably shorter, and it usually gets the courtroom chuckling."

In Olson's court, anything short of being in a coma, with a physician's note and photographs to verify the condition, is an unacceptable excuse for failure to answer a traffic summons, Berger said.

"That's pretty much his punch line," the deputy public defender said.

Olson — who goes by Randy, short for his middle name, Randall — has been a court commissioner for 18 years. Long Beach prosecutors and defenders have grown to appreciate the way he

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plows through a voluminous caseload of traffic cases and arraignments with efficiency and a healthy dose of humor.
It's often a thankless job, they say, and Olson does it with style.
"They have to cramp out a high volume of cases without stepping on people's toes. Randy never talks down to anybody," Berger said.

"The thing I love about Randy, the thing that really stands out about him, is his application of common sense to the huge amount of material put before him," said John M. Fentis, a veteran Long Beach city prosecutor. "He dispatches his calendar with efficiency, and, when you add to that his sense of humor, it's a joy to come before him."
The levity keeps his courtroom loose and lively, Olson said, as he described his rotation with two other commissioners that might make more status-driven judges cringe.

"For one month we do misdemeanor arraignments; you know, your basic custody matters that don't involve DUI or domestic violence charges. And then we do one month of pretrial calendar calls for small claims and traffic arraignment," he said. "Then in the third month we transfer to Department 12 — on bad days I call it the dungeon — to hear traffic cases.

"Then we start the cycle all over again."

Dept. 12 also is known as "the bungalow," he said, but it's actually just a trailer set apart from the main building of the Long Beach courthouse.

Whatever the name of the place, to Olson, 54, it is home. Statewide court unification and any resulting prospects for being elevated to the Superior Court bench to take on a meatier trial calendar do not motivate him, he said.

"As a commissioner, I was always assigned to Municipal Court, and unification hasn't changed the job," Olson said. "It's a job that needs to be done, and I'm delighted to do it."

He conceded that he would be interested in a judgeship but added, "The facts are these: I could retire as a county employee sooner with a reasonable pension if I don't become a judge, so I haven't applied for the position."

Olson was born in Grand Forks, N.D., but his family moved to La Canada when he was a child and later to San Pedro, where he graduated from San Pedro High School.

He graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 1970, as a political science major and from University of San Diego Law School in 1973.

He went to work in the Los Angeles public defender's office in 1974, where he served as a deputy public defender for 10 years.

In 1983, he was assigned by judges of the Municipal Court of Long Beach to be a commissioner, and he has never really left, except for a two-year trial court rotation from 1993 to 1995.

Fentis, who has known Olson since the
"Right underneath the part of the building where I'm sitting is where the [1994] earthquake damaged the siding and the floors, which are braced with cables and two-by-fours," he said. "Then, about a week later, a rain- and windstorm blew some two-by-sixes loose, and they darn near went through the roof.

"Several months later, we found termites and had to tent the place. So, you see, this building has an illustrious history." He particularly revels in discussing the everyday events in traffic court.

"I don't do sociology on my cases," he said, "but I see an awful lot of people from all walks of life. Not all of them appreciate his failure-to-appear routine.

"This one woman, who I call the Lady in White, got up in the middle of my routine and said, 'I am not amused by this,' and everyone in the court shushed her," Olson said with a chuckle. "I had seen her outside court that day talking on her cell phone and she was already grumpy as all get-out.

"Then she buttonholed my bailiff and requested a private meeting with me, and my bailiff just laughed ... and that really set her off.

"So, when it came her turn to plead, I gave her my best innocent look, 'I'm really not trying to be funny,' with my tongue firmly planted in my cheek, and I asked her how she wanted to plead.

"'Guilty,' she said, kind of abruptly, and I asked her how she wanted to reconcile her violation. 'Traffic school,' she said, just as short. And after that she was fine."

Olson paused for a moment to reflect on the Lady in White — just one of hundreds of people who pass before him every year.

"I'm not gonna change the world with my little routine, but I try to resolve these cases as smoothly as possible and give people the consideration they deserve," he said.

"Most of them plead guilty in traffic court," Olson said, "but I like to let them have their say."

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Here are some of Commissioner Olson's recent cases and the lawyers involved:

- **People v. Servin, 2LL07141**
  - For the prosecution: Sandra Stolpe, city prosecutor's office, Long Beach
  - For the defense: William B. Clark, public defender's office, Los Angeles County

- **People v. Gonzalez, 2LL07112**
  - For the prosecution: Sandra Stolpe, city prosecutor's office, Long Beach
  - For the defense: Carl G. Russ, public defender's office, Los Angeles County

- **People v. Mayfield, 1LM04471**
  - For the prosecution: Sandra Stolpe, city prosecutor's office, Long Beach
  - For the defense: Paris G. Horton, public defender's office, Los Angeles County

- **People v. Hocansen, 2LM04472**
  - For the prosecution: Sandra Stolpe, city prosecutor's office, Long Beach
  - For the defense: Paris G. Horton, public defender's office, Los Angeles County

- **People v. Brayboy, 0LM05587**
  - For the prosecution: Sandra Stolpe, city prosecutor's office, Long Beach
  - For the defense: Gloria Brayboy, pro se
District attorney making changes

REORGANIZATION: Grover Trask expands and reassigns his office’s management team.

BY MIKE KATAOKA
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

RIVERSIDE—Three Riverside County prosecutors were promoted Wednesday as part of management expansion and reorganization within the district attorney’s office.

The new supervising deputy district attorneys are Judith Clark, Kelly Keenan and Michael Rushton, all career prosecutors with at least 10 years of experience.

Clark, 38, will be in charge of training and appeals and the asset-forfeiture unit. Keenan, 42, will oversee Riverside and Corona misdemeanor cases and domestic-violence prosecutions. Rushton, 37, will supervise the drug-enforcement unit.

“All are leaders in their own right, and they are well-respected,” said District Attorney Grover Trask.

The new assignments will coincide with the opening early next year of the Southwest Justice Center near Temecula, he said.

Clark joined the district attorney’s office in 1989 after earning her bachelor’s degree from Denver and her law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. She currently is a trial team leader.

Keenan, also a homicide prosecutor, joined the office in 1992 and was named Prosecutor of the Year in 2000. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University and his law degree from the University of California’s Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.

Trask has yet to decide who will be promoted to replace Keenan and Rushton in the homicide unit, considered a plum assignment.

“We have a number of seasoned prosecutors who will be able to step up to the plate and take on major responsibilities,” Trask said.

As part of his reorganization, Trask expanded the number of chief deputies from three to five, adding one position for Southwest courts and another to oversee juvenile prosecutions for the entire county.

Chief Deputy Kevin Ruddy will continue to head the division that includes the homicide, sex-crimes and drug-enforcement units.

One chief deputy slot remains open amid rumors that it will be filled by Assemblyman Rod Pacheco, R-Riverside, who cannot seek re-election.

Trask declined comment on the prospects of Pacheco returning to the office in a management role. Pacheco was a trial deputy for 12 years before he was elected to the Legislature in 1996.
**GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS' GUIDE: Senate District 13**

**DEMOCRAT**

Ken Crowley
Age: 40
Residence: Wilsonville
Occupation: Attorney, 14 years; advocate for workers, consumers and people with disabilities; self-employed, eight years

Education: Washington State University B.A., political science, 1985; University of San Diego school of law, J.D., 1988

Public service: Chairman, 2000-present, Oregon Disabilities Commission, commissioner since 1994; two-year federal judicial clerkship; Wilsonville Parks and Recreation advisory board

Family: Wife, Terri L. Crowley; two children, ages 8 and 6

Favorite vacation spot: San Juan Islands, Wash.

Person you look to for inspiration: Arizona U.S. District Judge Carl Muecke

In this economic climate, what's the best way to balance the budget? Oregonians understand that services for children, seniors, the disabled and displaced workers cost money. After a year of cuts, Oregonians recognize the need to pay for critical services. I would support efforts to find a fair method of generating tax revenue to balance the budget and save critical services.

**REPUBLICAN (I)**

Charles Starr
Age: 70
Residence: Hillsboro
Occupation: Farmer, state senator
Education: University of Idaho, B.S., general agriculture; University of California-Davis, M.S., agricultural business management

Public service: Groner Elementary School board; Hillsboro High School school board; state representative; state senator

Family: Wife, Kathy; four children, ages 44, 41, 39 and 33

Favorite vacation spot: Leslie Gulch, Ore.

Person you look to for inspiration: Jesus Christ

In this economic climate, what's the best way to balance the budget? Cut spending by state government.

What's the best way to ensure stable financing for schools? Grow the economy; put Oregonians to work at good-paying jobs.

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In this economic climate, what's the best way to ensure stable financing for schools? Oregon needs tax reform. Measure 5 took stability out of our tax system. In good times, income tax provided adequate revenue, but with the downturn, tax revenue dropped. This will happen again unless we change course. We need a bipartisan effort to create a balanced, fair and stable tax system.

What changes, if any, would you make in PERS? In my opinion, it is appropriate to adjust the actuarial tables so that they accurately reflect life expectancy. Future benefits should be based on the corrected actuarial tables.

What changes, if any, would you make in the Oregon Health Plan? All Oregonians should be able to receive critical health care. The Oregon Health Plan provides an important service to low-income Oregonians who otherwise might not be able to receive such critical care. The Legislature should look for ways of supporting and improving this program.

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Judge carves out a name for himself

COURT: "Scott Free" may still amuse the ex-defense lawyer, but he has gone far as J. Michael Welch.

BY TIM GRENDAL
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

SAN BERNARDINO—J. Michael Welch's family has a funny thing about names.

His father was James Edward Welch, but everyone called him Ed.

His younger brother is Raymond Patrick Welch, who owns several moving and storage companies in the Twentynine Palms area. You guessed it, he goes by Pat.

James Michael Welch, 60, a longtime Redlands resident and San Bernardino County's presiding judge, is just plain Mike to his friends.

"I figure if F. Lee Bailey can do it, why can't I?" the judge quipped, referring to the well-known defense lawyer's use of his first initial and middle name.

When Welch worked in private practice, he handled mostly criminal-defense and family law cases. In those days, he said, he even jokingly considered changing his name to Scott Free.

"I thought, wouldn't that be a great name for a defense attorney?" Welch said.

Sports buff

Welch was born in Milwaukee to a father who was a military accountant and a mother who was a registered nurse. The Welch family moved to Redlands in 1949, when his father took a job at Norton Air Force Base. His mother worked at Redlands Community Hospital before retiring in 1968, he said.

Welch and his wife now live in the three-bedroom home in which he was raised.

He attended Sacred Heart grammar school and Aquinas High School in San Bernardino, graduating in 1958.

"That's when, as a sophomore, we won the CIF southern section basketball title," the judge, a sports buff, said proudly. "Back then, it went from Bakersfield to the Mexican border."

Welch is an avid golfer and fan of USC sports, especially football, and also enjoys taking in sporting events at local high schools and universities.

After high school, Welch studied history at Loyola University in Los Angeles and earned his law degree from the University of San Diego in 1967.

He took a job with the San Bernardino County district attorney's office a year later and, at times, drove to far-flung justice courts in Trona, Amboy and Yermo to prosecute cases.

Welch opened a law practice in 1971, working with other local lawyers in Ontario.

"He has almost a photographic memory," said retired Superior Court Judge Joseph Johnston, a longtime friend and former law partner. "He can tell you who led the American League in batting in 1948. He can remember things no one can remember."

Johnston, who served as the county's presiding judge from 1985 to 1997, said Welch is doing an admirable job handling the position.

"He's been a great presiding judge," Johnston said.

Welch worked in the county public defender's office from 1987 to 1990, when then-Gov. Pete Wilson appointed him as a court commissioner. He became the first court commissioner to preside over felony criminal cases, which typically are done by judges.

Welch was also the first court commissioner to serve as supervising judge, another post generally reserved for judges.

He was appointed as a judge in 1995 and presided over courtrooms in Rancho Cucamonga and Victorville before taking over as the county's presiding judge in January.

He is one of 58 California presiding judges, who meet regularly to discuss statewide court issues, brainstorm for solutions and plan.
Legal crusaders keep Bible close at hand

JUSTICE: A Southern California foundation challenges liberal causes; critics call it extremist.

BY MICHAEL FISHER
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

ESCONDIDO—When Gary Kreep found God a decade ago, he stumbled upon a guiding principle for his conservative law foundation.

Tucked in the Biblical book of Ezekiel, the born-again Christian attorney recalls, is a passage roughly stating if you see evil coming and you don’t warn people, their blood is on your head.

“I believe a lot of things in our country are wrong, and I believe God wants me to protect the weak and to warn the people,” said Kreep, whose Escondido-based United States Justice Foundation is pressing several politically charged lawsuits in the Inland area and across the nation. “I look at my practice of law as a ministry.”

Kreep fights the American Civil Liberties Union, gay and lesbian activists and pro-abortion groups. He worries about same-sex marriages, government accountability, religious freedom, sex education and freedom of speech.

Kreep’s nonprofit foundation has been increasingly active since attorney Richard Ackerman of Murrieta joined it nearly two years ago. It is suing Corona-Norco schools over student fees and Planned Parenthood in Riverside and San Diego counties over accusations of unsafe medical practices during abortions.

Buoyed by annual donations nearing $2 million, the foundation is fighting the ACLU over the ouster of gay protesters from a Palm Springs speech by Dr. Laura Schlessinger. It sued the Temecula City Council over its decision to pay Councilman Jeff Stone’s legal bills to fight an election challenge.

“My motivation when I got into the law was I wanted to make a lot of money. Ever since God grabbed me in ’92, my motivation has changed,” said Kreep, 52. “The Lord tells us we aren’t supposed to just sit and wait for the Second Coming. We are supposed to be out fighting evil.”

James McElroy, a Planned Parenthood attorney who has faced the foundation, sees it otherwise.

“They definitely have an agenda, and sometimes their agenda gets in the way of objectivity,” McElroy said. “They are fringe lawyers representing fringe clients.”

Praise from some

While largely unknown to the public, the foundation is praised by state conservative leaders and action committees.

“For every 900 ACLU attorneys, there is Gary Kreep and Richard Ackerman,” said state Assemblyman Dennis Hollingsworth, R-Murrieta. “They have definitely had an impact disproportionate to their numbers.”

Ed Honowitz, a member of the Pasadena Unified School District board, is less enamored.

His district agreed to pay up to $227,000 to settle a foundation lawsuit that accused Pasadena

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schools of violating students’ rights to a free education by charging for physical education uniforms, identification cards and other items.

The district received just $14,000 in reimbursement requests, but paid the foundation’s $80,000 legal bill, Honowitz said.

“They have an extremist agenda that does not represent the mainstream of our community,” Honowitz said, noting the foundation has several similar pending lawsuits. “They are using these to drain funds from public education in order to further their ideology.”

Erwin Chemerinsky, a constitutional law professor at USC, said legal foundations on either end of the ideological spectrum can have an enormous impact on the law.

He cited lawsuits that challenged affirmative action, saying such groups “are the conservative counterpart to organizations like the ACLU and NAACP.”

Formed in 1979

Kreep, one of three attorneys who formed the foundation in 1979, said they were spurred by the ACLU, NAACP and other liberal groups.

“We said someone has to stand up to these guys,” said the veteran family law attorney, who pads around his office in socks, jeans and a polo shirt.

A graduate of the University of San Diego’s School of Law, Kreep is active in San Diego politics.

“There is such arrogance in so many government entities and a lot of common people obey them,” Kreep said. “I’m trying to make sure they (government officials) understand they are accountable.”

He successfully sued school districts across the state in the mid-1990s to block the ill-fated California Learning Assessment (CLAS) Test.

Ackerman, who joined the foundation in January 2001, said he was drawn to its conservatism and ethics.

“They’re committed to a general cause and everyone in the office is Christian, and that was important to me,” said Ackerman, 33. “You have losses, but at least you feel like you are fighting for a cause.”

They handle the lawsuits for free, Kreep said, adding: “You don’t get attorney fees for defending a pro-life protestor who is getting sued.”

The foundation survives through donations from “common people,” Kreep said. This year, it has raised $1.2 million from 63,000 contributions.

The foundation collected nearly $8.4 million in donations between 1998 and 2001, its federal tax returns show, and earned $707,000 in legal fees.

During those years, it spent $3.4 million on lawsuits and mass mailings, such as position papers sent to each member of Congress. It mailed every California school district a booklet asserting educators who teach tolerance and acceptance of gay lifestyles face legal liabilities.

The foundation spends about half its income soliciting contributions via a direct-mail fundraiser.

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Matsunaka downplays partisanship in race within heavily GOP district

By Coleman Cornelius
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Stan Matsunaka and other volunteers on his Loveland schools advisory group saw no choice but to recommend cutting teachers to cope with a meager budget in 1993.

His state senator was unresponsive to the crisis hitting local classrooms, he said.

"Listen, there comes a point in your life when you put up or shut up," Matsunaka said he told his wife, Kathy, as election season neared.

The Democrat, who had not been politically active, ran for state Senate on an education platform in his Larimer County district in 1994 and beat a Republican incumbent on conservative turf. Four years later, the Loveland lawyer won a second term as Democrats took control of the chamber. Peers named him Senate president, one of the most powerful posts in the legislature.

Colorado law bars Matsunaka from running again for the Senate, so his sights are on Congress and the seat being vacated by Rep. Bob Schaffer. Matsunaka is campaigning against Republican state Sen. Marilyn Musgrave in conservative country. Republicans have represented the Fort Collins-centered 4th Congressional District for 30 years.

Once again, Matsunaka, 48, is working to persuade voters in a largely Republican district that he is conservative with taxpayer money and moderate on divisive social issues. He is campaigning as a man who has mastered compromise and is committed to what he calls a "mainstream agenda" of issues such as education, health care and transportation.

"I come from the most Republican district in the state. A Democrat is not going to win in the most Republican district in the state if you're partisan. You've got to put people over politics," Matsunaka said recently at his Loveland law office. "People demand leadership that isn't going to be entrenched in one side of the spectrum."

But some Republicans and political observers aren't buying the image of Matsunaka as a consensus builder who works across party lines for solutions.

"As president of the Senate, he was very, very partisan," said Katy Atkinson, a GOP consultant in Denver. "He is trying to reinvent himself, and that's what he has to do in that district. The question is, can he get away with it? He was very good at what he did in the Senate, but it was a very partisan role."

Matsunaka presided over a legislative season marked by partisan sniping fueled by a state revenue shortfall, upcoming elections and a one-vote margin between parties in the Senate. The legislature couldn't agree on issues such as the remapping of congressional districts and uniform rules for concealed-weapons permits.

Senate Minority Leader John Andrews blamed much of the bitterness and stalemate on Matsunaka. Andrews said the Senate president stood firm on Democratic positions and was more apt to draw lines in the sand than to seek common ground. The session's compromises, Andrews said, "occurred in spite of rather than because of the Matsunaka leadership style."

Responding to the criticism, Matsunaka said: "People only call me partisan when they don't get their way. If everybody didn't get everything they wanted, that is the art of compromise."

As Senate president, Matsunaka presided over the chamber, helped assign lawmakers to committees and chose what committees heard what bills — inner workings that can greatly influence legislative outcome. He became adept at defining and protecting Democratic positions in the face of a Republican governor, GOP-controlled House and barely Democratic Senate, Atkinson said.

"He had a critical job," said John Straayer, a Colorado State University political science professor and author of a book on the Colorado General Assembly. "The Senate
functioned this time around as the check against the Republican House and governor. His task was to hold his party together and maintain its position as a check.

Yet Matsunaka’s claim to fame at the end of the recent legislative session also was a score for Gov. Bill Owens: a transportation compromise. Owens and Matsunaka hammered out a bill as the clock ticked down on the session in May, and both claimed victory as lawmakers approved the transportation plan.

The 11th-hour compromise eventually will funnel an estimated $15 billion to transportation projects as the state economy recovers, with the largest chunk of money going to highway upgrades and some earmarked for light rail in the Denver area. The deal paved the way for toll roads to help generate highway funding. And it authorized a public vote on the Regional Transportation District’s plan for more mass transit in the metro area.

A concealed-weapons bill, another contentious effort, failed to pass the legislature last spring. Matsunaka co-sponsored the bill that would have set statewide requirements for issuing permits, allowing more state residents to carry hidden guns.

His fellow lawmakers worried it was too lenient and defeated the measure. That prompted critics to accuse Matsunaka of a two-faced move. They say he crossed the political divide to support a pro-gun bill that is popular in the 4th Congressional District without mustering the votes to make it a reality.

Matsunaka said he was disappointed that the bill died. “I really do believe we need statewide standards for issuing concealed-weapons permits,” he said at the time.

In 2001, Matsunaka, then chairman of the Senate Education Committee, carried a school-finance bill that, like the transportation package, sparked a partisan debate that ended with Republicans and Democrats crowing about compromise.

The bill provided a funding plan for Amendment 23, a voter-approved measure that requires the state to annually increase school spending by the rate of inflation plus 1 percent. The finance plan allows school districts to determine how to use state funding, but requires a report of the spending. It also sets aside money for building charter schools, construction in poor school districts and grants to low-performing schools.

Such work prompted the Colorado Education Association, the state’s largest teacher’s union, to endorse Matsunaka. Also backing him are Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar, the International Association of Firefighters and the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of a self-described moderate and conservative Democrats in Congress.

Matsunaka was born in Akron on the Eastern Plains and raised in Fort Morgan. He graduated from Fort Morgan High School, got a bachelor’s degree in biological science from Colorado State University and went on to earn a law degree from the University of San Diego.

Matsunaka and his wife, a retired nurse, have lived in Loveland for 23 years and have three children in college and high school.

“ar kids are fifth-generation Coloradans, and I’d like them to stay here,” Matsunaka said. “I’m interested in the Colorado agenda.”
Susan Sutton, 52, battled injustices, led Legal Aid Society

By Howard Mintz

Susan Sutton, a gregarious leader in the Santa Clara County legal community who brought a Southern flavor and a quick wit to representing the poor and the bankrupt, died Monday of cancer at her home near Santa Barbara. She was 52.

Long active in the bar association and well-known in local bankruptcy court circles, Ms. Sutton was president of the Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County for seven years, guiding it through a tumultuous period in which she transformed the way it funded legal services for the poor.

She left the post last year when she moved with her family to Los Olivos near Santa Barbara, where they were making a new home as she battled cancer. Friends and family say Ms. Sutton was still doing legal work for clients and Legal Aid in recent months, even while hospitalized with her illness.

"Her life's work was helping people who couldn't help themselves," said Marilyn Morgan, a San Jose bankruptcy judge and longtime friend.

Ms. Sutton was the wife of former Mercury News business editor and columnist Jim Mitchell, who met her in her native North Carolina during the 1970s. Mitchell and others most remember Ms. Sutton for her outgoing personality and passion for singing, which she enjoyed at parties and San Jose's old Gridiron dinners, an annual roast of local politicians and public officials.

"She had a beautiful voice," said Mitchell, who said she preferred songs from Broadway plays. "She liked to travel, shop, and just loved to have fun."

Ms. Sutton, the mother of two boys, Jack, 14, and Robby, 12, grew up in Charlotte, N.C., graduating with a degree in French from the University of North Carolina. Her love of France would later spark many trips there with her husband, who said she "walked on air" whenever she was in Paris.

After college, Ms. Sutton spent time as a newspaper reporter in North Carolina and South Carolina, once winning an award for investigating shady contracting programs in county government. When she became a lawyer later, she was often willing to discuss matters with reporters, particularly when she felt there was an injustice in the legal system.

Ms. Sutton shifted from journalism to law when she moved to California in 1975 and began attending night law school at the University of San Diego.

When Mitchell got a job with the Mercury News in 1977, Ms. Sutton finished her law school work at Santa Clara University. The couple settled in the South Bay, living in Willow Glen, Mountain View and Los Altos Hills before moving to Southern California.

Over the years, Ms. Sutton became a visible member of the local bar, establishing a strong bankruptcy practice and joining a number of organizations, including the Rotary Club. She was sometimes controversial, twice running unsuccessfully for president of the county bar association.

Ms. Sutton also took a big risk in the mid-1990s when she made major changes to Legal Aid, when Congress informed the group's leadership to refuse all federal money, the biggest chunk of Legal Aid's budget.

The move, unprecedented in Bay Area legal aid groups, eventually worked, as Santa Clara County's Legal Aid organization kept doing the programs it wanted and filled the funding gap through other organizations, local government and private donations. Ms. Sutton was particularly active in setting up special education programs for children.

"She was the soul of Legal Aid," said Tony Estremera, the group's executive director.

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CAROLYN MO, daughter of Dr. Charles and Mrs. Garbo Mo, recently entered the J.D. program at the University of San Diego School of Law. She attended Palisades Elementary, Paul Revere Junior High, PaliHi and U.C. Berkeley. After college, she moved to Manhattan, where she worked as an investment banker for Credit Suisse First Boston and Berenson Minella, and also as a financial analyst for iVillage.com. Carolyn recently completed a three-month worldwide trek, traveling to Spain, France, Italy, Greece, China, Thailand, Hong Kong and Taiwan.
Challengers face uphill battle

Barrie Barber
THE SAGINAW NEWS

Reapportionment will mean representation by a different congressman for some Saginaw County residents. The U.S. House 4th District has expanded to cover most of Saginaw County, including Saginaw Township, in areas that the 5th District once covered.

U.S. Rep. Dave Camp, a Midland Republican who has held the 4th District seat since 1990, opposes Ithaca Democrat Lawrence D. Hollenbeck, Mount Pleasant: Green Party member Sterling Johnson and Saginaw Township Libertarian Al Chia Jr. in the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election.

The reshaped 14-county district stretches from Saginaw County to Leelanau County along Lake Michigan.

Though the chances of an upset over Camp are slim, the congressman indicated he isn’t taking his campaign lightly.

“I’m going to continue to work very hard,” he said.

Hollenbeck, who garnered double-digit support in the last election, isn’t dissuaded.

“Money is not significant, people are, but you have to get your message across,” he said.

As a minor-party candidate, Johnson acknowledges he does not expect to win. He’s aiming to win 2 to 3 percent of the vote.

“I have no illusion or delusion of going to Congress,” he said. “I just want to expand the debate.”

Chia did not respond to numerous phone calls or attempts to contact him in writing.

Dealing with doldrums

Getting the economy back on track ranks as a top priority for both Camp and Hollenbeck.

Camp said he supports more tax cuts to do the job. Hollenbeck said the country can’t afford that and should use tax revenue to pare down the national debt, which would strengthen the economy.

“It’s ridiculous to keep cutting taxes and have the debt that we have,” he said.

Johnson said he’s campaigning as a voice for millions of Americans in poverty, people without health insurance and children who go to bed hungry every night. He said he’d fight to prevent the destruction of unions.

“The American people are being asked to pay for the arrogance and the greed of 1 percent,” he said.

Corporate malfeasance

With corporate accounting methods under scrutiny, Camp said Congress has tightened laws on private-sector malfeasance.

He said he wants to protect employee pensions and stop businesses from requiring workers to invest in company stock.

Hollenbeck called for formation of federal review teams, similar to bank examiners, to scrutinize corporate accounting. The Securities and Exchange Commission hasn’t lived up to the job, he said.

Hollenbeck said he wants to find ways to cut the cost of insurance, which is inflated by corporate executives’ pay that often exceeds the wages of workers by hundreds of times.

Both Hollenbeck and Camp said they favor federal programs to make prescription drugs more affordable.

War with Iraq

A recent national survey indicated Americans believe that bolstering the sluggish economy ranks higher than removing Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein from power.

Camp said that doesn’t mean national leaders’ priorities are displaced.

“Keeping our economy strong is our No. 1 priority, but we do face this potential threat that we can’t ignore,” said Camp, who voted to give President George W. Bush authority to strike Iraq. “This is not an easy solution, and I didn’t do it without a lot of reason and reflection.”

Hollenbeck said he sees no reason to attack Iraq “unless they do something to us.”

“I have not been convinced at this point that we need to invade other countries to get rid of bad leaders,” he said.

While the U.S. has a “legitimate fight” against al-Qaida terrorists who attacked America, Johnson said he does not support invading Iraq.

The Central Michigan University political science professor said Bush has unfinished personal business with Hussein. The president wants “to create a global bogey man to go after when the real criminals are on Wall Street and in Washington, D.C.,” Johnson said.

Protecting the environment

Johnson said he shares the Green Party “concerns with the rape of the environment” and “the extortion of the Third World by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.”

Camp said he wants to safeguard Great Lakes water by earmarking money for sewer sanitation projects in mid-Michigan and battling invasive species.

Both Camp and Hollenbeck called for a health study to investigate dioxin contamination along the Tittabawassee River flood plain.

Camp said he wouldn’t oppose Dow Chemical Co. paying for the review “as long as we get assurances that it is going to be completed in a scientifically unbiased manner.
"It's not an issue of who pays for it, but that we get a complete health study as soon as possible," he said. Hollenbeck said polluters, not taxpayers, should pay for environmental cleanup in areas such as the Tittabawassee and Pine rivers.

"We need to leave as a legacy for future generations cleaner water, cleaner air and cleaner soil than we inherited," he said.

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Residence: 5901 Woodview Pass, Midland  
Occupation: Congressman  
Education: Law degree, University of San Diego, 1978; bachelor’s degree, Albion College, 1975.  

What is your position on attacking Iraq?  
For the safety of the American people and the security of our country, I support the bipartisan resolution, that authorizes the president to decide whether to use military force against Iraq. The resolution calls for diplomatic efforts through the U.N. Security Council and regular reporting to Congress on the efforts to protect the United States. It also recognizes the importance of securing the cooperation of the international community while protecting American sovereignty.

Given the rising budget deficit and the cost of fighting the war on terrorism, should Congress curtail or eliminate tax cuts?  
No. Tax relief stimulates the economy and creates jobs. The tax cuts prevented the recession from being worse than it would have been without tax reduction.

How would you like to see campaigns financed?  
Contributions to campaigns should be voluntary. Campaign finance reform should include these features: campaign reports posted on the Internet; campaign reports filed every 24 hours within three months of an election; ban unions and corporations from requiring their members and employees to contribute to their political action committee; require political parties to distinguish between their non-federal funds and federal funds; treat national, state and local political parties the same.

PERSONAL FILE:  
• Favorite movie: “Old Yeller”  
• Favorite book: “The Source” by James A. Michener  
• Vehicle: Buick  
• How do you relax? Reading and exercising  
• Pet peeve: Bureaucracy  
• Dream job: Ski instructor  
• Nightmare job: No response  
• Biggest villain: Saddam Hussein  
• If I could be like anyone: Ronald Reagan
Compass Bank adds Pignatelli to board

James Pignatelli has been named to the Compass Bank Tucson Board of Directors. Pignatelli is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Tucson Electric Power.

Pignatelli serves on the Habitat for Humanity advisory board, University of Arizona Foundation, Tucson Airport Authority, Southern Arizona Leadership Council and Tucson 30. He also serves as the national vice president for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

He is a graduate of Claremont Men's College in Claremont, Calif., and the University of San Diego School of Law.
The University of San Diego School of Law will begin its law alumni weekend Friday with a ceremony to add a rare 1541 printing of the Magna Carta to the campus legal research center collection. The book is one of only three English printings of the Magna Carta published before 1600, according to university officials. The ceremony is from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hahn University Center.
School of Nursing
USD creates new program to treat county's nursing shortage

By MICHELLE CADWELL BLACKSTON
Wednesday, October 23, 2002

To help meet the county's critical need for nurses, University of San Diego created a program for those who have a bachelor's degree already but want to pursue a career in health care.

USD's master's entry program in nursing enables people with a bachelor's degree in any subject to become licensed as a registered nurse in one year.

And with the average starting salary for entry-level nursing jobs between $40,000 and $50,000, it's enticing for those interested in a career change.

It is estimated there are 1,000 job openings for nurses in the county, said K. Sue Hoyt, coordinator of the USD program. Statewide, there are 30,000 vacant RN positions, which ranks California second to last in the nation in the nursing shortage.

While San Diego County's unemployment rate remains relatively low at 4.1 percent, Hoyt said they received 900 inquiries from folks interested in making a career change.

"We have some people with health care backgrounds," she said. "Others studied art, history, we have a former social worker, a business major and English. For somebody who wants to retool, it's a faster way of doing it."

The first class of 28 students started in June and the program will accept 30 next June. Students take 50 units for the year and will be ready to take the National Council Licensure Examination to become a board certified registered nurse after the first year.

Students then are eligible to find a job as a registered nurse at area health care facilities. The following two years, they take master's level classes in specialty areas including clinical nurse specialist, nurse administrator or nurse practitioner.

And local hospitals are helping students defray the $800 per unit cost, Hoyt said. Some hospitals are offering forgivable loans and scholarships, she said. The Dickinson Foundation allocated $300,000 in seed money for scholarships and to hire faculty.

The students spend two days a week in a clinical setting and the remainder in the classroom. It's a labor-intensive program, Hoyt said.

"We tell people you can't work. You'll be poor for a year and then start working," she said. "You can't deviate, you're locked in the program that first year. The people interested in the program are putting their life on hold for a year to concentrate on studies. They have to be the kind of learner that adapts."

Similarly, San Diego State University created a partnership with area hospitals to boost the number of nurses in the county.

SDSU's nursing program has 496 students and it's one of the largest collegiate nursing programs in the country.

Through a program with local hospitals called Nurses Now, SDSU increased enrollment from 50 nursing students per semester to 90. But after three years the money runs out, said Patricia Wahl, dean of the San Diego State University nursing school.

The school doesn't have the money to support the additional faculty and classrooms without a budget increase. But at SDSU, there are more applicants to the nursing school than there are open seats, she said.

"For every three nurses that retire there is only one graduate to replace them," Wahl said. "There is no way
The Nurses Now program aims to increase the number of nurses available for employment by doubling the enrollment of nursing students. Paradise Valley and Tri-City, along with six other area hospitals, will give an estimated $1.6 million over three years for the program.

Dr. Dottie Crummy, chairwoman of the nursing program at Point Loma Nazarene University, said they accept 45 students in the bachelor's degree nursing program every year. Their students are heavily recruited from area hospitals.

Community colleges supply 70 percent of the nursing work force, Wahl said. In San Diego, Grossmont, Palomar, Southwestern and San Diego City colleges have two-year nursing degrees. Marie College of Medical Careers also offers an associate degree in nursing.
Other USD-Related News
San Diegans invited to a star-spangled salute to U.S. armed services

Navy, Coast Guard, Marines — there are hundreds of thousands of service personnel and their families stationed here in San Diego. Not only do these men and women defend our nation and freedoms, but they also are a vital part of our local community, often the coach of your child's Little League team or a volunteer at the local soup kitchen.

What can we do to thank these dedicated Americans for all they do, both on the battlefield and in the community? Support and attend the more than 20 events that are Fleet Week San Diego.

Fleet Week continues the weekend of Oct. 4 with a number of activities to honor the men and women of our military.

Friday, Oct. 4
MCRD Morning Colors Ceremony
MCRD Graduation Parade
Operation Gaslamp

Saturday, Oct. 5 - Fleet Week Day on San Diego Bay
The Port of San Diego Sea-n-Air Parade, presented by The San Diego Union-Tribune
Bands and Booms
Ship tours
Sunday, Oct. 6
Ship tours
Star of India sailing

Weekend two of Fleet Week San Diego is as action-packed as the first, offering more events that pay tribute to our military and more opportunities to get up close and personal with our sailors and Marines.

Friday, Oct. 11
MCRD Morning Colors Ceremony
MCRD Graduation Parade
Saturday, Oct. 12
The Union-Tribune Columbus Day Parade of Patriotism, presented by the Port of San Diego
Chrysler Classic Speed Festival, presented by North Island Financial Credit Union
Sunday, Oct. 13
Chrysler Classic Speed Festival
KSON CountryFest II
San Diegans will be treated to fabulous displays of military and civilian aircraft and cutting edge technology at San Diego's largest and most popular event, the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show.
Air Show
Friday, Oct. 18 - Sunday, Oct. 20
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

Annually, more than 60,000 people gather to watch the Fleet Week Sea-n-Air Parade on San Diego Bay. This year, viewers will enjoy fly-overs, helicopter fast-roping exercises, amphibious insertion vessels and a close-up look at a variety of Naval and Coast Guard vessels.

As a credit union, we understand and appreciate a common pursuit for the common good.

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Fleet Week Day on San Diego Bay

Port of San Diego Fleet Week Sea-n-Air Parade, presented by The San Diego Union-Tribune
Saturday, October 5
Noon - 2:30 p.m.
San Diego Bay

One of the largest events during San Diego's salute to the military, the Sea-n-Air Parade will showcase a number of naval vessels and military aircraft. Come see this spectacular display of military power and technology including:
- USS Carl Vinson - Aircraft Carrier
- USS Benfold - Guided Missile Destroyer
- USS Salt Lake City - Fast Attack Submarine
- Star of India
- Coast Guard Search and Rescue demonstration
- Harrier II

After the Sea-n-Air Parade don't miss Bands and Booms Sponsored by the Port of San Diego
Saturday, October 5
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
North Embarcadero Park
Enjoy a mix of musical talent, featuring swing music from Big Time Operator, and a fireworks display over San Diego's big bay.

Fleet Week 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
Saturday, October 5
Finals begin at 7 p.m.
MCRD San Diego Field House

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Chrysler Classic Sorel Festival
Presented by the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl
Saturday and Sunday, October 12 & 13
Gates open at 8 a.m. • Races 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Naval Air Station North Island Coronado
For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (619) 220-TIXS.

Navy Birthday Ball
Saturday, October 12
Town & Country Hotel, Mission Valley

KCSN Country Fest
Sunday, October 13
3 p.m. at Coors Amphitheatre
Legendary country singer Willie Nelson will headline this concert featuring today’s hottest country music stars, including Lonestar, Phil Vassar, SHeDaisy, Chris Cagle, Emerson Drive and Cyndi Thomson. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (619) 220-TIXS.

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"A Salute to the Flying Leathernecks"
Friday, Saturday & Sunday - October 18-20, 2002
Gates open at 7 a.m. daily; Saturday Twilight Show begins at 5:30 p.m.
MCAS Miramar
Air Show information line (619) 577-1000 or visit the Web site at www.miramairshow.com

The world's best military and civilian pilots will soar through San Diego's skies at the world-famous MCAS Miramar Air Show the weekend of October 18-20. The event will feature the Navy Blue Angels, F-14 Tomcat, Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier and over 200 hands-on static display exhibits. Saturday evening, a special twilight show will feature the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing's Band Concert performance, the great wall of fire and a fireworks grand finale. The USD Symphony band will play immediately following the Twilight Show.

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The Inaugural Fleet Week "Star Spangled Salute"
Saturday, October 26, 2002
6:00 p.m. - Reception
7:00 p.m. - Program, Dinner Show, and Dancing
San Diego Convention Center
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Yet more money for San Diego schools contest

L.A. businessman contributes to two who support Bersin

By Maureen Magee

In the final stretch before Election Day, billionaire Los Angeles businessman Eli Broad has spent more than $65,000 to help elect two San Diego school board candidates who support classroom reforms.

The donation comes days after the California Teachers Association campaign contributions for the race reached $300,000, an unprecedented donation made to help two union-backed candidates who are critical of the district's policies.

The late, big-money investments underscore the high stakes in the school board election, which could decide the fate of Superintendent Alan Bersin and his "Blueprint for Student Success." Depending on the outcome, the balance on the board could shift away from Bersin.

"I made an independent expenditure because I want to see the dramatic improvements in student achievement continue in San Diego," Broad said in a statement. "I did not want to see these elections fall prey to organizations that do not have student achievement at the forefront of their agenda."

A proponent of charter schools and education reform, Broad's foundation has invested nearly $5 million to aid Bersin's Blueprint during the past two years. With his campaign contributions, Broad bought political mailers to help elect Clyde Fuller and Katherine Nakamura and defeat their opponents, John de Beck and Jeff Lee. Broad filed late campaign expenditure reports with the San Diego elections office yesterday, documenting his expenses: $36,164 to defeat Lee; $12,054 to elect Nakamura; $8,881 to defeat de Beck; and $8,881 to elect Fuller.

A three-term trustee representing Point Loma, Hillcrest and Old Town, de Beck has criticized Bersin and his reform plan. His political opponent, Fuller, is largely supportive of the superintendent's blueprint.

Competing to replace outgoing trustee Sue Braun, who has represented Del Cerro, San Carlos and Mira Mesa for 12 years, are Lee and Nakamura. A retired navy officer, Lee is critical of Bersin and disagrees with much of his reform initiative. Nakamura, an administrator at the University of San Diego, has embraced the reforms.

Earlier this week, Fuller and Nakamura lashed out at the CTA for its large...
Candidates lash out at CTA for its spending

campaign investment, calling it an attempt to buy the school board election by outside interests.

"Who's got mud on their faces now," said de Beck, who is benefiting from the San Diego Education Association's campaign efforts, which so far have cost more than a half-million dollars. "I'm sure this is only the beginning. There are a lot of deep pockets who support the superintendent."

On Monday, former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan gave $25,000 to the "Republican Party of San Diego County," according to documents filed with the Secretary of State yesterday. The San Diego County Republican Central Committee has spent nearly $60,000 to help elect Fuller, records show.

It's unclear how Riordan's money will be spent. But Kevin Faulconer's District 2 City Council bid is the only other race the Republican central committee is investing in, campaign documents show.

A year ago, Riordan met with 20 San Diego civic leaders — including Bersin — to discuss how he orchestrated sweeping reform of his city's sharply divided school board. Following that meeting, Mayor Dick Murphy began getting pressure to intervene similarly in San Diego school politics.

Two years ago, city school board campaign costs reached an all-time high when local businessmen spent nearly $1 million in a failed effort to unseat Bersin critic Frances O'Neill Zimmerman.

At a Monday press conference called to criticize the CTA contributions, Nakamura said, "It's the people of San Diego who should be driving this race." Fuller said outside groups that invest in school board elections "have an agenda and want something in return."

Broad's investment in Nakamura's election bid came as a surprise to the candidate, she said.

"Look, I'm still vastly outgunned on this," Nakamura said. "I don't know Mr. Broad. I know that he has a vested interest in moving education forward and he has an interest in the reform movement."

Fuller said he was grateful for Broad's help, but upset over the culture of high-priced school board politics in San Diego.

"I would like to see all sides back off," Fuller said. "It leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouth and leaves the impression that the school district is for sale."

The Broad foundation has given $4.7 million to support the Educational Leadership Development Academy, a training program at USD for San Diego Unified School District principals. The foundation also spent $20,000 on public relations consulting for the district following the resignation of its communications chief, John Spelich.

Under the heading "Our Heroes," the foundation Web site features an article about Bersin and Chancellor of Instruction Anthony Alvarado, stating: "We're betting on San Diego's leadership team to transform San Diego's schools."

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USD PRIDE Welcomes Eagle Scout James Dale

SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego's PRIDE along with the Associated Students will host former Eagle Scout James Dale as the keynote speaker for Coming Out Awareness Week on Friday, October 11, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the school's Shiley Theatre, as part of their Coming Out Awareness Week.

James Dale will speak about his experience being kicked out of the Boy Scouts of America for being gay and the resulting Supreme Court case which he eventually lost. He spent 12 years working with the BSA, ultimately achieving Eagle Scout rank. As a Rutgers University sophomore, Dale was elected co-President of the gay student union and spoke to high school teachers about reducing the risk of teen suicide.

Days after being quoted in a local newspaper, he received a letter stating that he no longer met the Boy Scouts' standards of morality. In addition to speaking about his scouting experience and the court case, Dale will stress the importance of continuing the struggle for equality, despite opposition.

Coming Out Awareness is a week of activities dedicated to highlight the importance of coming out as GLBT or as an ally of the community. October 11 is National Coming Out Day and was “founded by activists who believed that GLBT people needed to be visible and that equality could not be achieved from the closet” as stated by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

USD President Alice B. Hayes stated, “We recognize the presence of gay and lesbian members in our community, and respect the dignity of every individual. Student organizations are allowed to exist on campus, as required by law, as long as the organization agrees that it will respect Catholic teaching. We do not require that all members of the university community profess and practice the Catholic faith.”

The October 11 event is free and open to the public. USD PRIDE is a campus alliance between GLBT students and their supporters. The purpose of the organization is to foster an environment of acceptance and inclusion through education, support, and social activities. For more information about the event or USD PRIDE, email PRIDE President Melissa Espinal online at usdpride02@hotmail.com.
Successful Women and the Power of Education

By Kimberley Walker-Ybarra

For centuries, education has proven to be an important stepping-stone for many successful businesswomen. Women of today are no exception. Notable women such as Martha Stewart, Condoleezza Rice and Oprah Winfrey are known for their commitment to education. Winfrey, who holds the distinction of being the first woman in history to own and produce her own talk show, attended Tennessee State University, majoring in speech communications and performing arts.

Other successful women, famous and not-so famous, have attributed their ability to succeed to persistence, focus, and their continuing thirst for knowledge and self-improvement, gained many say, by attending college and some form of specialized training, focused certificate courses, seminars, workshops and the like. And because most executives and business owners in San Diego, and elsewhere, have enough to worry about just trying to retain quality staff, keep an eye on their accountant, and increase profits in a "down economy," many have turned to and benefited from continuing education in their quest to stay ahead of these issues and carve out a competitive edge for their organization.

"One is never too old or too smart to start pursuing more knowledge," said Nancy Jensen, conference coordinator for San Diego Supercomputer. "I re-entered the classroom, decades after my college years, enrolling in an intensive certificate program in the very field in which I had been working for several years. At the onset, my goals were to gain knowledge and techniques that would increase my efficiency and effectiveness. That was just the beginning," said Jensen. "There was the satisfaction of completing the program, and doing it well. With that came confidence, followed by recognition of my accomplishment by my peers, and praise and more recognition from high-level management — including respect and more responsibility. Now I have a challenge in my life to continue with more education. And now that I know I can do it, I want to do more!"

Another prominent San Diego businesswoman, Mary Curran, senior vice president, Union Bank said, "I am a big believer in education and not just because it gives you a leg up in your career, which it does. It has also given me valuable resources and contacts — professors and instructors, new friends, and other professionals that I met while getting a BS in journalism and an MBA," said Curran. "It's also helped me further develop social skills and broaden my interests, which are so important in the business world — as well as taught me the value of teamwork and competition."

"I was not a person who loved going to school," said Lisa Richards, owner of Hospitality Inc. "Out of necessity I only attended college for three years — but I knew I would need some focused training to pursue a living in the field I really wanted to work in," said Richards. "Continuing education allowed me to choose..."
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Nancy Jensen, conference coordinator for San Diego Supercomputer

the courses that I was really interested in and enjoyed, and in a more focused and relaxed atmosphere. Continuing education has played an important role in my success. Of course I learned a valuable lesson a long time ago, and that is to conduct business and compete as a woman — don't try and compete or run your business as you think a man would, it just doesn't work! In addition to what I've learned through continuing education and professional experience, I have used qualities more often associated with women, such as strength, instinct, the ability to read people, and a good sense of timing to bring my company to its current level of success," said Richards.

Jensen, Curran and Richards are not alone. Lifelong Learning Trends, UCEA Conference states that 65 percent of individuals with a bachelor's degree participated in some kind of continuing education in the year 2000. And in a statement from a recent survey conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics, participation in learning activities increased from 38 percent of those in the population age 18 and above in 1991, to 48 percent in 1999. Learning activities included participation in credential programs, provided either by a postsecondary institution or some other kind of organization, including employer; work-related learning; basic skills training; and learning for purposes of personal development, the survey concluded.

Jodi Waterhouse can attest to these survey's results and their findings of consistent gains in interest and attendance by professionals looking to give themselves a competitive edge. "We have experienced a consistent increase in annual participation, across all of our professional education courses," said Waterhouse, manager of corporate and professional education at the University of San Diego, Division of Continuing Education. "Through the numerous educational programs we offer, we're able to provide professionals the opportunity to learn the important skill sets and techniques relevant to their current position, and in some cases prepare them to compete with others vying for the same position — in a variety of professional fields. Participants goals have ranged from preparing for potential promotion within their current organization, a move to a new opportunity in the same field, or changing their profession altogether — to taking a colossal leap toward becoming an entrepreneur," said Waterhouse.

"We, and the programs, workshops and seminars that we choose to offer evolve as the needs of professionals evolve — changing to meet the challenges of today's and tomorrow's economy and business climate," said Waterhouse.

Other famous and highly successful women who have used their education as a springboard include Condoleezza Rice, national security advisor to the White House, who holds multiple degrees and represents the third-generation of her family that is college educated. Even Martha Stewart, who albeit has had recent professional and legal challenges, started with a bachelor's degree in history and architectural history at Barnard College. Of course it's ironic that she also became a successful stockbroker on Wall Street before beginning yet another successful business venture as a caterer turned "McGyver" of homemaking. Perhaps her obvious thirst for knowledge should have guided her to enroll in one more continuing professional education course at her local university — "Business Ethics."

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McMillin Companies receives award

The Corky McMillin Companies was recently honored by the San Diego Business Journal and The University of San Diego's Family Business Forum, who teamed up to present the second annual Family-Owned Business Awards.

Corky McMillin, founder and CEO of the home-building firm based in National City, received the Large Family-Owned Business Award during a luncheon at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in late August. More than 50 entries were reviewed by a panel of judges from USD's Institute of Family Owned Business.

Corky McMillin was recognized for his family-first attitude that has been his philosophy since starting the company in 1960, a basis of the company's success for more than 40 years. With the mission to provide large homes for a good value, McMillin did most of the work himself when he first began the company and his wife Vonnie was his bookkeeper and office manager. He gradually expanded the McMillin organization into small tract development, and then into multi-neighborhood communities, to its current scope throughout California and an annual ranking by Professional Builder magazine as one of the nation's "Housing Giants."
Taste of USD Boosts Campus Catering

In August, the University of San Diego's dining services showcased retail-catering options from its banquets and catering and campus restaurant divisions during its first ever Taste of USD promotion. For the event, which was designed to increase retail-catering sales, more than 140 faculty members, staff and administrators mingled and sampled new party platters such as wraps, vegetarian platters, mini sandwiches and croissants, pizza, bagels, fruit platters, salads and desserts. Each department on campus was also given a 21-page Taste of USD binder complete with digital photos of all offerings, a price list and ordering instructions.
Four churches to be included on tour

The Ecumenical Council of San Diego County is sponsoring a tour of a few good churches.

The "Sacred Spaces Benefit Church Tour" will take participants by bus to four facilities Oct. 27, beginning at 1 p.m. The tour will include Founders Chapel at the University of San Diego, First Lutheran Church in downtown San Diego, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Point Loma and St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Bay Park.

The churches were chosen for their architecture and ministry, according to Jane Barry, ecumenical council vice president. At the conclusion, there will be a reception at USD with a performance by the USD Choral Scholars.

The tour costs $50; $75 for couples. For reservations, call: (619) 238-0649.
Hey, Cherie!

I am having a big disagreement with my dad. He is a scientist and an old hippie and a vegetarian and he wears glasses and dumb clothes. People think he is a dork. But what they don't know is that he is a black belt in karate. He goes to a dojo three nights every week to practice and fights in karate tournaments.

His research lab is in a neighborhood where there is a lot of crime. One night recently he worked late. While walking to his car, two guys tried to mug him. Because of his karate, not only did he get away, but he injured the bad guys and they were caught by the police.

I was so thankful that my dad could defend himself. But what happened to him made me feel very fearful. I'm a girl, age 14, on the small side. If I got mugged, I wouldn't be able to defend myself. This got me thinking that I want to learn karate.

The problem is that I'm already involved in many activities after school. Also I've been studying piano for seven years and I spend about two hours a day practicing, so I never have any free time. What I want to do is, I want to study karate intensely and drop all my other activities. This would only be temporary. After I become proficient, I would resume piano and my other activities.

My father doesn't approve of my plan. He knows I dream of getting a piano scholarship to college and he says dropping piano would hurt my progress. Even though there are quite a few girls at his dojo, he isn't very supportive of my taking karate at all. He says I shouldn't put myself in situations where I could get mugged. I don't feel that is reasonable. Isn't my personal safety the most important thing?

— Don't Want to Feel Scared

Hey, Don't!

Unfortunately, we do have more to fear than fear itself.

Karate is a great way for you to learn self-defense because it's not based on size or sex. You're correct, one lesson per week isn't going to get you where you want to go anytime soon. However, you don't have to drop all your activities, either.

I know that what happened to your dad made you feel vulnerable, and taking action against that fear is a great idea. But getting a black belt isn't like speed-reading, you can't get there really fast and then say "mission accomplished." The path requires not just physical changes, but mental and spiritual ones, too. I know this because my brother is a nerdy scientist who also has a black belt, and he, too, stopped a muggler.

Your sense of personal safety...
Hey, Cherie!

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is very important. Talk to dad again. If he says no to the dojo, e-mail me and I'll put him in touch with my brother. One nerdy scientist can talk another nerdy scientist into doing the right thing.

Amy Kalna of Greenwich, 19, junior, University of San Diego:

"The world can be a scary place sometimes so it's normal to be fearful. Studying karate intensely can be a good way to learn defense, however, it's not necessary. Dropping all your activities, especially piano, is going to put you way behind. You don't have the time for karate. Instead, you can take some time, search on the Internet and read up on good advice on how to react to a mugger or any other offender. Another way to get helpful information is watching a self-defense tape. I recommend going to www.iwalkinpeace.com; you can order a free self-defense video. Practice the moves with your dad, and you will be all set. Good luck."

Heather Zajdel, 16, senior, Stamford High School:

"I agree with Cherie. You should not give up all of your activities in order to take karate. You should be able to learn karate while maintaining a normal schedule. However, don't think you can learn karate overnight. It takes a lot of time and effort. If you figure out a way to make time for both self-defense and regular activities, I'm sure your father would be more willing to let you learn karate."

Elizabeth Pritting, 17, senior, Stamford Catholic High School:

"I think it is totally understandable that you don't feel as safe right now. When something that seems unreal suddenly becomes real, it is OK to feel the way you do, but think you might be overreacting a little. While it may be a good idea to take up a karate class, it shouldn't consume your life and you shouldn't drop all your other activities. Just learning the karate basics could even restore your confidence."

Alex Romans, 17, junior, Trinity Catholic High School:

"I think if you want to really do this you could make time. Take an hour out of your piano lesson twice a week and compromise with your father. Don't give up everything for one little thing."

Ricky Bentley, 17, senior, Trinity Catholic High School:

"Concentrate on what you can control. Anything beyond our boundaries is unpredictable, but you can control your perceptions of the world. Not knowing what is out there can be a terrifying experience, but it helps to be prepared, like your father. Drop the activities that aren't as important and you can focus on karate and piano."

Hey Cherie!

I'm sick of the word "random." My friends are all, "We went to the mall and met all these random boys." "I partied with this random chick." I'm so sick of it. It doesn't sound cool, it sounds stupid. They read your column so tell them for me because I'm too chicken.

—Not Random Girl

Hey, Not Random!

There's something in the water that spreads language quirks from teen to teen across the country. The good news is, today's hip phrase is tomorrow's "that is so five minutes ago." Which, come to think of it, is so five minutes ago.

Amy Kalna: "Like Cherie says, language quirks spread 'hella' fast. There I go using a Northern California quirk word. Using the word 'random' too often can leave a negative impression on the listener. It can make them think you don't have a broad use of vocabulary if you are using 'random' in sentences where it doesn't belong. However, I wouldn't worry too much. I'm sure the use of the word 'random' will die down as soon as it started up."

Heather Zajdel: "Don't get hung up on the word random. It shouldn't bother you so much! Try to tune out the word if it annoys you."

Alex Romans: "Wow! You have real issues. Let your friends talk whatever way they want, but if it really bothers you, you tell them, I'm not going to."

Elizabeth Pritting: "Don't worry. It's just a phase, and like many phases, it can be annoying. Remember the 'like' phase, or how about the 'whatever' phase? They were equally annoying, but they're long gone. The 'random' phase will pass, too."

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Athletics
Records fall as USD dominates USD's offense was so dominant that one had to wonder if the Valparaiso defenders had ever taken lessons on how to tackle, pass defend and plug running lanes.

By Richard J. Marcus Special to the Union-Tribune USD's offense was so dominant that one had to wonder if the Valparaiso defenders had ever taken lessons on how to tackle, pass defend and plug running lanes. Even so, credit the Toreros attack for mercilessly exploiting the young and inexperienced Crusaders defense en route to a wild and wooly 59-27 USD victory last night in a Pioneer Football League game in front of 3,561 at Torero Stadium.

Perhaps most significantly, the victory positions second-place USD (4-3, 2-2) to play for at least a share of the PFL North Division title in its season finale hosting first place Dayton Nov. 16 — even if the Crusaders lead 28 seconds into the contest.

The game began with Valparaiso (0-8, 0-7) lighting the fireworks' fuse scoring on the game's second offensive play, a 61-yard strike from quarterback David Macchi to Bryan Hollermeier for a 7-0 Crusaders lead 28 seconds into the contest.

The Toreros evened the score 7-7 two minutes later on a 34-yard pass from Rasmussen to Gasperson, who beat man coverage.

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Leading 28-17, USD wasn't satisfied and drove for another touchdown with 11 seconds left in the second quarter as Rasmussen threw 15 yards to Gasperson for their fourth scoring connection of the half.

Along the way in the USD win, several Toreros set individual single-game school records. Quarterback Eric Rasmussen set a record for number of passing touchdowns (seven) and passing yardage (395 yards on 18-of-30 passing) and Michael Gasperon (eight receptions, 187 yards) set a mark for receiving touchdowns (five) and points in a game (30).

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Off slowly, USD gains control in road win

By Jeff Rabjohn
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

INDIANAPOLIS — For three plays, Kevin McGarry saw his biggest fears coming to pass.

The USD football coach fumed on the sideline as his team started yesterday's game at Butler with consecutive false starts followed by a personal foul. The Toreros then gave up a 75-yard touchdown drive on the Bulldogs' resulting possession.

After that USD took control.

The Toreros (3-3, 1-1) held Butler to minus-7 yards on its next eight possessions and built a 35-16 lead on the way to a 35-26 Pioneer Football League victory.

"Our offense did what it needed to do, and our defense got straightened out after that first series when they came right down and we didn't do anything to even slow them down," McGarry said. "After that, I was very proud of the way the defense played."

McGarry, whose team won 38-37 here in 2000, said the key is learning to handle the cross-country trip.

"Every year, you have so many new kids, and you're going 2,500 miles with 18-year-old kids who have never done this before. You lose some of your focus," McGarry said. "I thought that was a problem early. I was talking to them about that at breakfast, 'Hey, we've got to get a little more focused on what were here for.'"

Outside of penalties — USD had 13 for 106 yards — the Toreros took control, holding Butler (2-5, 0-2) to 88 yards of total offense through three quarters.

USD made a number of big plays, including two key fourth-down conversions. Junior quarterback Eric Rasmussen threw a 19-yard pass to Michael Gasparsen on fourth-and-18, leading to a touchdown pass to Adam Hannula.

Two possessions later, Rasmussen threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Kenneth Villalobos on fourth-and-3. Rasmussen finished 21-for-31 passing for 225 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. USD harassed Butler sophomore Ian Nelson into 14-for-30 passing for 126 yards, no touchdowns and three interceptions.

After Butler scored on its first possession, Matt Taber's kick hit the upright, a miscue that affected late-game strategy.

The Bulldogs reached the USD 4, but they were stopped on downs with 3:07 to play and the Toreros ahead 35-24.

Four plays later, USD faced fourth-and-12 from the 2, and the Toreros intentionally took a safety rather than risk a blocked punt.

The Bulldogs threatened to score late, but junior free safety Bryan Newbrough picked off Nelson at the USD 1 with 5 seconds to play.

Senior tailback Phillip Thrash rushed for 94 yards on 30 carries as USD outgained Butler 144-90 on the ground and 381 to 216 overall.
Secondary of Toreros is torched

By Richard J. Marcus
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

It's no secret that the weakest aspect of this year's USD team is the inexperienced secondary.

Last night in front of 3,134 at Torero Stadium, USD's porous pass coverage hung out there like drying garments on a clothes line. Visiting Western Oregon, a Division II-scholarship program, used its size and speed to run away with a 34-3 non-league win.

"It's the same old story," USD coach Kevin McGarry said of the pass defense. "Just fill in a different opponent."

The biggest damage to USD (2-3) came from the Western Oregon (2-3) combination of quarterback Denny Bies to fleet receiver Brad Satran, who combined for three touchdowns and 225 yards on eight passes.

After a 1-yard scoring run by Wolves running back Ivan McCrae at the end of the first quarter, Bies hit a streaking Satran for a 76-yard scoring bomb against man coverage.

Trailing 14-0, USD put together an impressive 68-yard, 11-play drive that ended with a fat goose egg when Toreros' Kenny Villalobos fumbled the ball away at the Western Oregon 1-yard line with 8:52 to play in the second quarter.

Five minutes later Bies hit Satran on a simple slant for an 81-yard score and a 21-0 Wolves lead. On the play there appeared to be a massive breakdown in the Toreros secondary as Satran was wide open and ran untouched for the score.

To make matters worse, the Toreros played without senior Wes Morgan (hamstring) — the most experienced USD cornerback and spiritual leader of the defense.

"Right now that is one of our biggest problems, not having Wes," McGarry said. "When we get Wes back (likely this week), we are going to improve our defense immeasurably."

Offensively, USD had some success moving the ball in the first half, but bungled its few scoring opportunities.

In the third quarter, Bies (17-of-31, 291 yards, 3 TDs) and Satran hooked up again, this time for a 2-yard touchdown at the 10:15 mark of the third quarter to give Western Oregon a 28-0 lead.
Toreros like home field,
get win over Dolphins

By Richard Marcus
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

It's not Kansas, but for USD, Torero Stadium is starting to feel like a pretty nice safe haven that is like no place else.

It's early in the season, but USD has been a tale of two teams thus far. There is the "away" version that has played poorly and been blown out in two road losses. Then, there is the "home" squad that has played confidently in two dominating wins at Torero Stadium.

Witness last night's 44-20 victory by the Toreros over interdivisional PFL rival Jacksonville in front of 3,597 at Torero Stadium.

USD (2-2) dominated the defending PFL South Division Champion Dolphins (1-4) in every facet of the game. The Toreros played with passion and purpose. It probably didn't hurt that USD had a bye last weekend after suffering a 49-14 drubbing at Yale two weeks ago.

Against Jacksonville, the Toreros got things rolling midway through the first quarter as USD's Michael Gasperson sliced through traffic to block a punt by Jacksonville's Brett Keener. Torero James Hajek recovered the ball at the Dolphins 4-yard line to eventually set up a 2-yard field goal by USD kicker Adam Williams.

Leading 3-0 with one minute to play in the first quarter, USD struck again on a 13-yard off-tackle touchdown run by Kenny Villalobos, who was untouched. Four minutes later, Williams added a 42-yard field goal to extend USD's lead to 13-0.

On Jacksonville's ensuing drive, the Dolphins scored on a 43-yard scoring pass from quarterback Mike Sturgill to receiver Jon Turner to cut USD's lead to 13-7.

Midway through the second quarter, the Toreros scored again, this time on a 5-yard Touchdown pass from quarterback Eric Rasmussen to Gasperson.

The previous play — a 43-yard connection between Eric Rasmussen and Gasperson — was the catalyst in the drive.

With USD leading 20-7, its special teams were special once again. USD's Gavin Ng blocked a 43-yard field goal attempt by Keener that was recovered by Kyle Fitzgerald at the USD 40.

56 seconds and five plays to get back into the end zone. Phillip Thrash scored on a 5-yard touchdown run with 3:20 left in the first half to give USD a 27-7 advantage.

After a Rasmussen fumble that the Dolphins recovered at their own 39, Jacksonville put together a 61-yard, five-play drive in 1:21 and scored as Sturgill hit Turner for a 13-yard strike to cut USD's lead to 27-13 at halftime.

At the 7:53 mark of the third quarter, USD's Bryan Newbrough intercepted Sturgill at the Toreros 23. In barely three minutes, the Toreros drove 77 yards and scored on a 12-yard Villalobos run up the gut to widen the Toreros' lead to 34-13.

USD added some insurance as backup quarterback Brian Kirkpatrick connected with Adam Hannula for a 61-yard touchdown.
Western New Mexico at Western Oregon

SILVER CITY, N.M. — The Wolves are coming off their best outing of the season, a 34-3 win at the University of San Diego.

“We improved in all three phases last week,” said WOU coach Duke Iverson. “The offense moved the ball, the defense didn’t give up big plays and special teams did well. There is nothing like winning. They feel good about themselves and have shown more confidence this week.”

Quarterback Denny Bies was very efficient, completing 13 of 17 passes for 291 yards and three touchdowns. Wide receiver Brad Satran caught eight passes for a school-record 225 yards and three scores.

Ivan McCrae, former North Salem High School standout, became the Wolves’ first 100-yard rusher this season with 106 yards.

“The offense and defense were clicking in the same game,” Satran said. “We gained huge confidence when we established the run and got the passing game going.”

Western New Mexico has lost four straight games, all without injured quarterback Damien Ocampo. He is questionable today with a shoulder injury.

The Mustangs are a Division II school that is independent in football.
Aztecs sweep BYU in MWC volleyball

Zlatina Anguelova had 20 kills and 11 digs as San Diego State's women's volleyball team swept host BYU 30-26, 31-29, 31-29 in a Mountain West Conference volleyball match last night.

Melissa Wright had 45 kills for the Aztecs (16-10, 7-2). The Cougars fall to 9-14, 4-5.

More volleyball
No. 12 PLNU (17-5, 11-3) swept Golden State Athletic Conference foe Concordia (13-16, 2-12) 30-20, 30-14, 30-23 at Irvine behind Rochelle Short's 15 kills... Pepperdine swept West Coast Conference rival USD 30-28, 30-22, 30-25 at Malibu. Noel Frohman had 17 kills and 10 digs for the Toreros (20-5, 5-2). Christian High alumna Katie Wilkins had 22 kills for the Waves (14-6, 7-0).

Soccer
Christine Kwon scored twice as the No. 6-ranked UCSD's women's soccer team shut out visiting Cal State San Bernardino 3-0 in California Collegiate Athletic Association action. The Tritons are 12-2, 10-2; CSSB is 7-8-3, 4-6-2... UCSD beat Cal State San Bernardino 3-2 in a men's CCAA game at UCSD. Kris Chiles (Poway) scored once and assisted on what proved to be the game-winner for the Tritons (9-5, 7-5). CSSB is 8-5-1, 4-7-1... PLNU and Westmont played to a 2-2 tie after two overtimes in men's GSAC action at PLNU. Luke Lineman and Justin Metras scored for the Crusaders (7-5-5, 2-2-4) before Westmont tied the game in the second half. Josh Loesche made 14 saves against Westmont (11-3-2, 6-0-2)...

Westmont's Karin Sullivan scored in the 96th minute in a 2-1 GSAC win over host PLNU (11-4-2, 4-3-1) Maddie Tantillo scored the Crusaders' lone goal. Westmont is 12-1-3, 6-1-1... Cal Baptist scored the go-ahead goal in the 75th minute in a 2-1 women's GSAC win over host CHC... Cal Baptist beat host CHC 2-1 in a GSAC men's game.

Swimming
Utah beat SDSU 173-113 in a dual meet held in San Diego. Aztecs swimmer Emily Schmied won the 100 butterfly in a time of 59.27 seconds... USD women's team placed second and UCSD was third of five teams at the Triton Invitational, won by UC Irvine.

Cross country
UCSD's Audrey Sung finished second at the CCAA Championships at Cal State Bakersfield. Sung finished the 6K race in 21 minutes, 21.27 seconds, behind Cal State Los Angeles' Annmarie Houseen (20:52.10). UCSD's women's team finished fourth... UCSD's men's team was fourth at the CCAA championships as Neil Kalra ran the 8K in 25:58.50. Cal Poly Pomona's Mark Batres won (24:52.31)... PLNU men's coach Jerry Arvin was chosen co-coach of the year in the GSAC at the GSAC Championships at Fresno Pacific. Crusaders runner Ryan Burnett finished third at 25:55 in the 8K as the PLNU men were second.
LOCAL COLLEGES

USD tops Gonzaga in volleyball

USD's women's volleyball team won for the 11th time in its last 12 matches after sweeping West Coast Conference foe Gonzaga 30-19, 30-18, 30-17 last night at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Devon Forster had 18 kills and 13 digs, while setter Lindsey Sherburne had 47 assists in the Toreros' fifth straight sweep over an opponent. Noel Frohman added 13 kills against Gonzaga (4-15, 2-4). USD improved to 19-4 overall and 4-1 in league.

More volleyball

After losing the first game, No. 8-ranked UCSD went on to beat Cal State Stanislaus 24-30, 30-24, 30-23, 30-25 in a California Colle­giate Athletic Association match at RIMAC Arena. Francesca Centofanti had 14 kills and three service aces, while Jennie Wilson had 13 kills, 12 digs and five blocks. Katie Hogan added 11 kills for the Tritons (17-3, 11-2). Jessica Bartter had 41 assists and Lauren Mills 19 digs against Stanislaus (13-10, 7-6).

SDSU beat Mountain West Conference rival New Mexico 32-30, 26-30, 30-24, 30-22 at Peterson Gym. Zlatina Anguelova had 23 kills and 10 digs, while Rochelle Currier had 16 kills and 13 digs for the Aztecs (15-9, 6-1). Melissa Wright had 59 assists and Aspen McPartland 11 kills and 17 digs against the Lobos (6-14, 1-6).

Women's soccer

UCSD's sixth-ranked team shut out Humboldt State at UCSD as Shannon Harrelson and Kristen Conahan (La Costa Canyon) scored goals. Kami Poma and Jamie Lautenschleger combined for the shutout. UCSD is 11-2, Humboldt State 7-7-1.

Azusa Pacific (8-2, 5-1 GSAC) scored three first-half goals en route to a 3-0 shutout of PLNU (11-2-2, 4-1-1) at Azusa.

Men's soccer

Portland shut out No. 12 USD 2-0 in a WCC match at Torero Stadium. Alejandro Salazar scored both goals for the Pilots (9-4-1, 2-0). The Toreros dropped to 11-4, 0-2.

Azusa Pacific (6-5-3, 3-2-1) beat Point Loma Nazarene (7-4-4, 2-1-3) 2-0 in a GSAC match at Azusa.

Cross country

San Diego State's women's team placed third of 10 teams at the Long Beach Invitational with 85 points. The Aztecs were led by Jennifer Stakiw's personal-best fifth-place time of 18 minutes, 13 seconds and Alicia Stewart's personal-best 18:37. Track West won the meet with 35 points, while Southern Utah placed second with 77 points.
USD rolls in women's volleyball

USD swept Portland 30-20, 30-15, 30-19 last night in West Coast Conference women's volleyball play at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Middle blocker Debra Robertson had 15 kills and seven blocks to lead the Toreros (18-4, 3-1). Lindsey Sherburne had 44 assists and Brynne Young had 11 digs. Portland is 12-8, 1-4.

More women's volleyball

Melissa Wright had 40 assists and Robyn Gregg nine service aces as San Diego State swept visiting Air Force 30-16, 30-15, 3-16 in a Mountain West Conference match. Rochelle Currier had 17 kills and nine digs for SDSU (14-9, 5-1). Air Force is 8-12, 2-4. UCSD swept Cal State Bakersfield 30-19, 30-28, 30-19 in California Collegiate Athletic Association play. Bonnie Wilson had 14 kills and 12 digs for the Tritons (16-3, 1-2).

Soccer

Brooke Roby scored twice in the first half as host USD beat San Francisco 2-0 in WCC play. Natalie Bobbit made five saves for the Toreros (8-4-2, 1-1). USF is 7-5-1, 0-2. Ryan Curtis scored his first goal of the season in SDSU's men's match against visiting UNLV, but it wasn't enough as the Rebels (5-3) won 2-1 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play. The Aztecs are 4-8-1. Shawni Flint and Michelle Wagner scored in the first half for the SDSU women's team (9-4, 1-1) en route to a 2-1 MWC win over visiting Wyoming (4-9-1, 0-3). Alliant International University and Cal State San Bernardino played to a 1-1 tie in a women's match at San Bernardino. Vanessa Long scored for AIU (6-6-3). CSSB is 5-7-3.

Water polo

UCSD beat visiting Claremont 13-4 as Jesse Casellini had three goals for the Tritons (15-8). Claremont is 2-12.
Tenth-ranked Point Loma Nazarene University swept Christian Heritage College 30-25, 30-26, 30-15 in Golden State Athletic Conference women’s volleyball action yesterday at Ryan Athletic Center. Rochelle Short of the Crusaders (15-2, 9-2) had 15 kills and four aces.

More volleyball
USD swept SDSU 30-28, 30-17, 30-26 at Jenny Craig Pavilion. Noel Frohman had 20 kills and Devon Forster 17 for the Toreros (17-4) .

Despite Michelle Carroll’s 18 kills, Alliant International (5-15) was swept by host Chapman (6-15) 30-27, 30-25, 30-15.
Noel Frohman is an artist who doesn’t have time to dabble with paint or canvas. The USD art history major can’t stand still long enough to create anything suitable for framing. Her masterpieces are created on the volleyball court. 

“Frohman is our offensive leader,” Toreros coach Jennifer Petrie says of the 5-foot-10 outside hitter. “She knows how to put the ball away.” Many of her opponents stand taller, but Frohman makes up for her so-called shortcoming with a 31-inch vertical leap. The senior leads the West Coast Conference in kills with 4.99 per game.

While Frohman hopes someday to play professionally — either indoor or beach volleyball — her focus now is on pushing USD up the national rankings. At No. 27, the Toreros (14-3) are on the verge of cracking the AVCA/ESPN Top 25 Coaches Poll as they take a six-match winning streak into Friday’s West Coast Conference opener at No. 15 Santa Clara (11-2).

Frohman, from Round Rock, Texas, believes the Toreros have the desire and drive to unseat Pepperdine as WCC champion. The Waves, who have been ranked as high as No. 10 this season, are favored to repeat. Santa Clara is the top challenger.

“We are tired of losing to those teams,” Frohman says. “This is our year. Our conference is very competitive. If we were to win it, we might get ranked among the top 16 teams in the nation. That would mean home matches in the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament.”

The Toreros are coming off a sweep of the USD Invitational, including a 3-1 nod over Colorado State last weekend. Yet, most impressive of USD’s outings this season was a four-game loss at then-No. 6-ranked Long Beach State, runner-up at the 2001 NCAA championships.

“When we lost to Long Beach everybody was upset,” Frohman says. “It wasn’t about just coming close. We weren’t satisfied, because we knew we lost by our own doing, our own mistakes. That’s why this team is special. We are more intense, have a better mind-set.”

Earlier in the year, USD beat Texas and then-No. 23 South Carolina and came close to knocking off No. 11 North Carolina.

“We are performing at a much higher level now than we were at the end of last year,” says Petrie, whose team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and secured a No. 25 national ranking in 2001. “Our preseason schedule has really challenged us, and I think in the long run will make us a stronger team.”

Sophomore outside hitter Devon Forster hasn’t skipped a beat after earning WCC Freshman of the Year honors. The Boulder, Colo., native is averaging 4.26 kills per game this season and has a WCC-high 22 service aces.

“I know it’s flashing around in my mind, but I try not to think about it (her acclaim),” says the 6-foot-1 Forster, who was named the WCC Player of the Week. “We’re not a very big team, but we definitely have some girls who can pound.”

USD received a major boost when freshman setter Lindsey Sherburne, a Volleyball Magazine Fab-50 recruit, came on board this season. The Cal-Hi Sports Player of the Year out of Archbishop Mitty High School in Saratoga totaled 47 assists during a three-game sweep over Virginia in her first collegiate match. Sherburne is averaging 13.31 assists per game, ranking her second in the WCC.

“Lindsey stepped into a very specialized role and has done a tremendous job,” Petrie says. “Not many freshmen could do what she’s doing for us.”

It’s that kind of touch that makes this USD team believe it can soar above the rest.
WCC has proven it can play with the big boys (and girls) in soccer

By Glae Thien
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

When roll was called in the NCAA men's soccer tournament last year, the Big Ten conference had the most representatives with six schools in the 48-team field.

Tied in the next spot with five each were the Atlantic Coast Conference — and the West Coast Conference.

On the women's side, the ACC led the way with seven teams in a 64-team field. Following with five each were the Pac-10, the Southeastern Conference — and the WCC.

What's the WCC doing up there with all those big-name conferences? Simply put, when it comes to soccer, the WCC has become a big-name conference.

Over last weekend, USD opened WCC play with tough tests on two fronts. The women faced defending NCAA champion Santa Clara, while the No. 12 men took on No. 7 Loyola Marymount.

Neither Toreros team won its opener. Still, each loss figures to just be a bump in the road for the men (11-3) heading toward the NCAA tournament for the fifth straight season and the women's 7-4-2) seeking to qualify for the fourth straight time.

The WCC has long had individual schools at the national forefront, with one of the most noteworthy accomplishments coming in 1995, when Portland reached the Final Four in both the NCAA men's and women's tournaments.

What has changed is the depth of quality in this Division I conference, which consists of eight small private institutions and offers competition in eight sports, excluding football.

USD forward Ryan Coiner celebrates after a goal with teammate Noah Manning. Jim Baird / Union-Tribune
"I've really seen it grow over the years," said Seamus McFadden, who has coached the USD men's team since its inception in 1980. "It used to be a two- or three-horse race (in the WCC). Now anything can happen."

After starting as an independent team, the Toreros men began WCC play in 1988. Over the last 12 seasons, they have qualified for the NCAA tournament nine times.

The USD men reached a milestone in 1992, when they reached the NCAA championship game, just missing out on the title with a 2-0 loss to Virginia. It was a feat the Toreros accomplished even though they only had four scholarships for the entire team.

In subsequent years, the Toreros men have gradually increased their number of scholarships to the point where McFadden says they are close to the full allotment of 9.9 scholarships.

The USO women, who first fielded a team in 1991, reached a complete allotment of 12 scholarships last season.

WCC alumni

These players have gone from West Coast Conference schools to the pro soccer ranks in MLS, the WUSA or Europe:

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Make no mistake, scholarships help level the playing field in recruiting.

"You have to have all your guns lined up," McFadden said. "If you're competing against all of these other teams, you have to have all the resources."

In the quest for players, USD and other WCC schools coincide closely with the Pac-10 in terms of geography, but otherwise, they use different selling points.

"Part of it is identifying the type of USD potential athlete," said John Cossaboon, who's in his sixth season as coach of the Toreros women. "If you look at all the soccer players out there and just throw the fish hook out there, you are going to waste a lot of time."

The USD coaches each target students looking for a small-college atmosphere by citing the "values-based" approach of their school and the attractiveness of San Diego and the Alcala Park campus.

It obviously helps, too, to offer top-flight competition in the WCC.

"It's always been a fairly strong conference," said Ridge Mahoney, a senior editor for Soccer America magazine. "So it's good that maybe it's getting more national attention. But I think it's always deserved it."

Even before the WCC offered men's soccer, current member San Francisco won four NCAA championships from 1966-80. Santa Clara added another title in 1989, and WCC schools have reached the championship game three other times since then.

Santa Clara became the first WCC school to win the women's NCAA title last year. But the conference has had 14 schools all-time play in the Final Four, or an average of at least one team per year.

Also, helped by the advent of the MLS and WUSA in recent years, more than 30 WCC grads have entered pro soccer. Among those ranks are Shannon MacMillan (Portland) with the San Diego Spirit in the WUSA and Joe Cannon (Santa Clara) with the San Jose Earthquakes in MLS.

"We're getting a lot of exposure," Cossaboon said. "The more success we have, the more people hear. They know we're in a group capable of getting to the top."

They're hearing about schools in the WCC, a big name in college soccer.
USD women top Loyola on a wet soccer field

Rain and damp conditions yesterday didn’t hamper the USD women’s soccer team as the Toreros beat Loyola Marymount 2-1 in a West Coast Conference game in Los Angeles.

USD’s Michelle Rowe scored at 53:01 and Brenna Mullen broke a 1-1 tie with a goal on a penalty kick in the 78th minute. Valhalla High alumna Laura Trask scored the Lions’ goal on a free kick. Both teams are 9-5-2 overall and 2-2 in the WCC.

More soccer

USD’s Eric Wunderle and Scott Burcar scored in the first half and the Toreros (12-4, 1-2) hung on for a 2-1 win over visiting Santa Clara in a WCC game. Parker Jarvis made six saves in goal against Santa Clara (6-6-1, 0-3) . . . San Jose State shut out host San Diego State 2-0 in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation game. The Spartans are 9-7, 3-0; SDSU is 4-10-1, 0-3.

Volleyball

Despite 31 assists from SDSU setter Melissa Wright and 12 kills from Zlatina Anguelova, Mountain West Conference foe Utah (15-6, 5-3) swept the visiting Aztecs 30-23, 30-16, 30-28 . . . Brianna Koons had 13 kills and Francesca Centofanti had 11 in their first collegiate starts as No. 8 UCSD swept Cal State Dominguez Hills 30-15, 30-21, 30-19 in a California Collegiate Athletic Association match at RIMAC Arena.

Tennis

SDSU’s Oliver Maiberger and Daniel Jung will meet in today’s semifinals of the Omni Hotel Western Regional Championship in Las Vegas. No. 1 seed Maiberger beat teammate Ryan Redondo 6-4, 6-3 in the quarterfinals to advance. No. 12 seed Jung came back to defeat Urban Ilih of Denver 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 . . . Silvia Tornier of SDSU beat Terez Zimonyan of Cal State Northridge 6-3, 7-5 and SDSU’s Lindsay Hedberg beat USC’s Melissa Esmoro 6-3, 6-2 in the second round of singles at the Western Regional Women’s Championship, held at SDSU and USD.
PLNU women score three goals in second half to win

PLNU's women's soccer team scored three second-half goals to fight back from a 1-0 halftime deficit and beat host Fresno Pacific 3-1 in a Golden State Athletic Conference game yesterday at Fresno.

Jackie Jewell scored at the 48th minute and added another score at 83:57, sandwiching Kristen Moore's goal at 57:36 as the Crusaders rolled to a 2-0 conference and 9-1-1 overall record. Shelly Wilheim made five saves in goal against FPU (3-6, 1-1).

More soccer

PLNU and host Fresno Pacific played to a 1-1 tie in a GSAC men's contest, with neither team scoring in two overtimes. Luke Linamen scored unassisted in the second half for the Crusaders (5-3-3, 0-0-2). Mike Gebhart made 19 saves in goal against FPU (5-4-1, 1-0-1).

Cross country

USD's men's cross country team beat Pepperdine 21-35 in a West Coast Conference dual meet in Malibu. USD senior Antonio Lopez won the 4-mile run in a time of 21 minutes, 18 seconds. USD's Steve Trudelle (21:58) finished third, Brent Warnken (22:05) fourth and Dennis Sheehan (22:12) fifth. ... In a women's WCC dual meet at Malibu, USD's Jennifer Dowhit's first-place time of 18:34 led the Toreros to a 17-43 win over Pepperdine. USD's Kim Crosswell (18:57) was second and Tiffany Marley (19:03) was third. ... UCSD's "B" men's cross country team placed 19th and the Tritons "B" women's team was 18th at the 28th annual Willamette University Invitational in Salem, Ore.

Eric Nilsen finished the 8K race in 80th place with a time of 26:05.24 to lead UCSD, and Michelle DiMeo finished 50th in a time of 18:52.45 over the 5K course.

Tennis

SDSU senior Silvia Tornier advanced to the top-flight finals in singles at the SDSU Fall Classic. Tornier beat Eldina Fazic of Illinois 6-3, 6-4 and will play Tiffany Ekov of Illinois in today's finals. Tornier and Indra Erichsen teamed up at Flight A doubles to beat SDSU teammates Patricia Graf and Lindsey Hedberg in semifinal play. Tornier and Erichsen will play a doubles team from Pepperdine for the championship today. ... USD's Jason Pongsrikul (Point Loma) and Robbie Blair won their first-round, pre-qualifying singles matches at the Icy Hot/ITA All-American Championships at the Champions Club in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Volleyball

The nation's No. 10-ranked UCSD women's volleyball team swept California Collegiate Athletic Association foe UC Davis 30-20, 30-25, 30-25 at RIMAC Arena. Jennie Wilson had 16 kills, seven digs and three blocks and Stacy Dunsmore (Vista) had 11 kills and nine digs for the Tritons (13-3, 7-2). Theresa Ohta had 52 assists, 10 digs and three aces. AUC's Jason Pongsrikul (Point Loma) and Robbie Blair won their first-round, pre-qualifying singles matches at the Icy Hot/ITA All-American Championships at the Champions Club in Chattanooga, Tenn.

... USD sophomore hitter Devin Forster had 16 kills and 17 digs as the Toreros (1-4, 1-1) swept host University of San Francisco 30-26, 30-20, 30-24 in West Coast Conference.
Davis has strong water polo roots

The ripples of success from Davis High School have been reaching college programs for several years now. Tracy Stapleton has won five consecutive Sac-Joaquin Section water polo championships as coach, presiding over as good a prep dynasty as the area has seen in some time. His Aqua offspring are making waves in pools from coast to coast, as men who can tread serious water and sail right along in academic boot camps.

In the East, there are senior two-meter man Kevin Foster, a co-captain for 14th ranked Princeton, senior goalkeeper Cody Acuña at No. 9 Navy, and senior two-meter man Daniel Lonnerdal, a tri-captain at Bucknell.

In the West, junior driver Scott Smith competes for No. 8 Loyola Marymount, redshirt freshman two-meter man Tom Kurth is at No. 4 Cal, and sophomore goalie Scott Vaughn and sophomore driver Chris Newman both are at UC Santa Cruz. Freshman driver Aaron Schelegle plays for No. 19 UC Davis, which also includes Matt Jones, a redshirt sophomore driver.

Also redshirting this fall is freshman driver Kevin Koblik of Cal. Foster, Kurth and Koblik were Bee Players of the Year. All athletes were members of The Bee’s All-City team and no doubt as monstrous an alumni group as you’ll ever find.

Jesuit grads on the run

Speaking of alumni, you can’t get a better run than the Jesuit graduates. Brandon Collins placed 17th at the Stanford Invitational, helping Cal Poly San Luis Obispo hold off national No. 1 Stanford. Also competing in this cross country meet, in front of Jesuit mentor Walt Lange, were Mike Santarosa of Sacramento State, Nate DeFelice of Pomona Pitzer, Brent Warnken of the University of San Diego and Pat Green of Santa Clara.

Sullivan’s travels

It was a long time coming, but Jerry Sullivan earned some accolades. The man who turned Sacramento City College’s football program from a laughing-stock during the 1970s into a national superpower in the 1980s was honored at an SCC ceremony.

Sully’s legacy: going 83-13-2 from 1980-88, winning 45 of 47 home games, claiming two national championships and keeping those snug burgundy Bike coaching shorts in style.

Man with a mike

Looking as if he has a future behind the microphone: Scott Moak. He’s already the public address announcer for all things athletic at Sacramento State, and now he appears to be a natural to take over the same role for Kings games, starting with Sunday’s Fandemonium, where even Jean-Paul Afifi wasn’t too hard to pronounce.

Moak used to play football, a center for Jared Brown at Kennedy High in 1991, when the Cougars last posted a winning record. In baseball, he clubbed extra-base hits for his father/coach, Don, before playing at Cosumnes River College, a career that might have continued at UC Davis if not for back surgery. Then again, Moak gets his toughness from his mother, Sue, who was on hand at Arco Arena on Sunday, minus any signs that she was nearly crushed last spring, when an 18-wheeler sliced through her camper.

Sue was ejected and bounced along the highway, but somehow, after some tense weeks of rehab, came away just fine. “She’s an amazing woman,” Scott said. “I mean, they had to scoop her car away with a shovel.”

Et cetera

Grayling Love graded highest of all the Arizona State offensive linemen after Saturday’s game with North Carolina. The redshirt freshman from Valley started at center, and he made the line calls. He’s also seen time at guard this fall. Also knocking heads in Tempe is Shane Jones of Center and Sacramento City College. He had four tackles from his nose-guard spot against North Carolina.

Fresno State coach Pat Hill is sold on redshirt freshman Paul Pinegar of Woodland as quarterback, for now and the long haul. “I think he’s going to be very, very good,” Hill said. “He’s going to get better and better.”

Stacey Pincus of Bella Vista is a defender for the University of Massachusetts field hockey team. The sophomore has helped her team to wins in four shutouts in the last five outings, including scoring her first career goal against St. Joseph’s in drizzly conditions.

Great line from Ephraim Salaam, the former Florin star now starting at tackle for the Denver Broncos on the news that quarterback Brian Griese fell over his golden retriever and hurt his ankle: “I protect his blind side, so I guess it’s my fault he tripped over the dog. I wasn’t there to keep the dog off him.”

And no longer throwing out T-shirts to delirious teenagers on prep football Friday nights or trying to convince her pals in Michigan is still all that: Dana Jacobson. The KXTV-10 sportscaster will be the property of ESPN next month with hopes of someday working as an NBA reporter.

The Bee’s Joe Davidson can be reached at (916) 321-1280 or jdavidson@sacbee.com.
Lepak paces SDSU golf win

Completing a return from injury, SDSU senior John Lepak fired a 4-under-par 68 yesterday to tie Cal's Peter Tomasulo for first place, and the host Aztecs won the Barona Collegiate Cup at Barona Creek Golf Club.

The Aztecs won the 17-team competition with a three-round score of 18-under 846. By shooting 7-under 288 yesterday, they made up 12 shots over second-round leader University of Denver, which finished alone in second at 852.

SDSU coach Dale Walker said the win virtually assures the Aztecs of an NCAA Regional bid in May.

Tomasulo shot 71 in the final round to tie Lepak. SDSU's Andrew Scott (69) was eighth. Fresno State's Nick Watney, the No. 1 college player, tied for ninth with four others, including Aztec Aaron Choi.

— TOD LEONARD

Tennis

German Silvia Tornier of SDSU has drawn the No. 5 singles seed for the Omni Hotels/ITA Regional women's tennis championships tomorrow through Monday at SDSU and USD.

Other SDSU seeds in the main draw of 64 are Lindsey Hedberg of Austin, Texas; Patricia Graf of Munich, Germany; Katja Karrento of Finland; and Katalina Romero of Tijuana.

USD has placed two players in the main singles draw, Lauren Perl of San Diego and Lauren Kazarian of Fresno.

Jewel Peterson of USC is the No. 1 seed. The final is 10 a.m. Monday at USD.

— JERRY MAGEE
Tritons dunk LMU in men’s water polo

The No. 11-ranked UCSD men’s water polo team upset Western Water Polo Association rival and seventh-ranked Loyola Marymount 6-3 yesterday at Canyonview Pool.

Coronado High alumus Jonathan Hopkins, a sophomore 2-meter man and the Tritons’ leading scorer, had three second-half goals — giving him 50 on the season — to help UCSD (14-8) add to its 2-1 halftime lead.

Senior goalkeeper Lance Onken made 11 saves against the Lions (8-9).

Women’s soccer

New Mexico midfielder Rachael Addison scored at 23:56 as the Lobos shut out host San Diego State 1-0 in the Mountain West Conference opener for both teams. SDSU is 7-4, 0-1; New Mexico is 8-5, 1-0… UCSD (9-2, 8-2) scored twice in the second half in a 2-1 win over visiting Cal State Stanislaus (7-6, 2-5) in a California Collegiate Athletic Association game. Shannon Harrelson scored unassisted and La Costa Canyon alumna Kristen Conahan was assisted by Harrelson and Amy Goker (Torrey Pines) in the 62nd minute.

Men’s soccer

Three second-half goals helped UCSD beat Cal State Stanislaus 3-0 in a CCAA game at UCSD. Ale Managh-ebi, Jon Krupansky and Burke Fathy scored for the Tritons (8-4, 6-4). Jeremy Cookson and Scott Mazurier shared the shutout against the Warriors (4-9, 2-6). Both goalies made two saves.

Tennis

Three USD men’s players advanced to today’s round of 16 at the 10th annual Wathen/Hancock Bulldog Classic at Fresno State. Robbie Blair, the tournament’s No. 3 seed, beat Fresno State’s Andy Sinn 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5). No. 6 seed Nicolas Beque beat Mike Bruggemann of Santa Clara 6-2, 6-3. Michael Meschede was a 6-3, 7-6 (7-1) winner over Stephen Conching of Pacific.

Volleyball

Bonnie Wilson had 12 kills and seven digs as No. 9 UCSD swept San Francisco State 30-26, 30-22, 30-21 in a CCAA match at San Francisco. Theresa Ohta had 23 assists and Stacy Dunsmore (Vista) had 11 kills and 15 digs for the Tritons (14-3, 8-2). The Golden Gators are 6-13, 0-10… Host SDSU (13-8, 4-1 MWC) swept UNLV (4-15, 0-5) 30-22, 30-23, 30-21 as Melissa Wright had 39 assists, Megan Schauermann had 12 kills and Aspen McFartland (Grosemont High) had 10 kills, 10 digs and six blocks.

Western Oregon at USD

Site/Time: Torero Stadium/7 tonight
Webcast: www.usdtoreros.com
Records: Western Oregon 1-3, USD 2-2
Outlook: After a 44-20 home victory last week against Jacksonville, the Toreros are back on the winning track. Against the Dolphins, USD established a solid running game. Kenny Villalobos (17 carries for 123 yards, 2 TDs) and Phillip Thrash (14 rushes, 114 yards, 1 TD) did most of the damage. The Toreros’ special teams also made a big contribution with blocks of a field goal attempt and a punt. USD quarterback Eric Rasmussen (55-for-89, 846 yards, 9 TDs) is second in passing efficiency in Division I-AA national rankings. Western Oregon, a Division II program, is coming off a 64-20 home loss to UC Davis two weeks ago. The Wolves were off last week. Western Oregon is led by quarterback Denny Bies (69-for-132, 852 yards, 6 TDs). This is the first meeting between the teams.

– RICHARD J. MARCUS
Tournaments

■ The Salvation Army and the golf courses of East County will hold their annual "Joy of a Toy" drive tournaments in the coming weeks. At each site, golfers are required to bring a new toy worth at least $15. The shotgun tournament fees include golf, with carts, range balls and a meal.

The schedule: Oct. 25, Cottonwood, 1 p.m., $55; Nov. 4: Singing Hills, 8:30 a.m., $35; Dec. 2: Carlton Oaks, 10 a.m., $60; Dec. 19: Steele Canyon, 8 a.m., $55. Information: (619) 461-5549 or call the course.

■ Thursday, Oct. 24:
Home of Guiding Hands Celebrity Classic at Barona Creek. Cost is $350 per person, including breakfast, lunch and dinner. Proceeds go to HGH programs that assist people with developmental disabilities. Information: (619) 443-3700, ext. 370.

■ Saturday, Oct. 26:
Fifth annual Carl Geffner's Glowball Tournament at Willowbrook Golf Course in Lakeside. Cost is $70, including barbecue, and the event will benefit the East County Center for Community Solutions. Information: (619) 443-5994.

■ Tuesday, Nov. 19:
USD Golf Classic at Meadows Del Mar. The four-man scramble benefits the USD men's golf program. Cost is $300 per person, including dinner. Information: (619) 260-5917.
Senior-laden Seabury Hall girls volleyball team has chance to make history

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OLINDA — It is rare when a Maui Interscholastic League girls volleyball team has even one legitimate NCAA Division I prospect. Never has an MIL team had three D-I possibilities.

Until now.

The defending MIL champions from Seabury Hall have rewritten that standard and in the process have stamped themselves as overwhelming favorites to not only defend their league crown, but possibly contend for the league's first state volleyball title — girls or boys.

Veteran coach Steve Colflesh is working hard to have his team, which features three 6-footers and three more players who stand 5-10, keep its collective feet on the ground.

"We're a good team, we have a lot of good athletes," Colflesh says of his squad. "We've got a lot of good competitors, but the MIL is going to be tough. Lanai (last season's MIL runner-up) has almost everybody back, Molokai is always hard to beat and King Kekaulike could have beat us the other night."

There's no doubt that three matches into the MIL slate, Seabury Hall is not thinking about anything but defending its league championship at this point.

"We have got to get that done first," Colflesh says. In the same breath, he admits, "We have high goals. We should. We were there (at state) last year with a fairly young group. We feel good about our chances."

Those chances start with the formidable presence of outside hitter Kaimana Lee, last season's co-MIL Player of the Year. But Lee has plenty of help on this team.

"We have seniors like Kaimana, Lauren (Powley) and Jodi (Pouoahi), who is playing really well," Colflesh says. "Junior) Lecca Roberts has really matured in a year and Kawehi Wallace is a wonderful athlete. ... Olivia Horcajo, last year she just kind of filled a spot, but this year she is really impressive on the off-side of Kaimana. This team is really just fun to be around. They have great senses of humor. They really are just great kids."

While last year's team went to state to get some experience, this season seven seniors know this is their last chance to make school and MIL history.

The starting lineup is made up of all seniors, with the exception of Roberts. Paisley Bender, a junior, plays back row for Horcajo. Mikelle Spencer, a junior, also sees plenty of time on the floor.
Two preseason tournament titles and a solid showing at the national-class Iolani Classic has this team knowing it can play.

"There are three players — Kaimana, Lauren and Leeca — who are legitimate Division I players," Colflesh says. "I have had college coaches tell me that. Yeah, we have never had this kind of talent. I don’t think the MIL has ever had this kind of talent, but you have still got to go out and play."

And the players are ready for the challenge.

"We definitely have higher goals this year than we had last year," Lee says. "And we have higher expectations for ourselves. If that encompasses winning the MIL title and being a contender at state, we work every day with the goal in mind that we are going to be playing the last day of the volleyball season at state. We work hard every day toward that goal. Whether that means a state title, we believe that we have that potential and we

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work as hard as we can every day to try to fulfill that.”

Lee points to a Mainland trip this summer and individual camps and workouts as evidence that this team means what it says.

"We went to state last year and didn’t do as well as we wanted to and we didn’t like that feeling," Lee says.

Horcajo echoes the same sentiments, with a little different take.

"My goal is to just have fun and have a really fun season," she says. "To me having a fun season means that we’re playing on the last day. So if we’re running, we might have a chant like ‘state championship’ and we’ll run a little bit harder, we’ll practice harder. We’ll come together as a team to become a better team."

Horcajo said that things start and finish with themselves.

"Coach always says not to look at the other side of the net." Horcajo said. "It doesn’t matter who we’re playing, we always need to play our best and do what we are able to do."

Pouaihi, who is also a standout basketball player for the Spartans, is one of three members of this team playing a fourth varsity season.

Lee and Pouaihi were those other wide-eyed freshmen in 1999. That threesome has made up the Spartans’ front row for four seasons now. Horcajo joined them as a sophomore.

"When we were freshmen we felt like we really contributed to the team, but I don’t know if we felt like we had seniority," Pouaihi said. "This year we know how it feels to be seniors and how to take leadership of the team and how to push our teammates, so we’re kind of seeing ourselves four years later. We know how the seniors when we were freshmen felt and we are trying to be as good as we can be. ... Now, we have grown up to be seniors and we can’t believe it. We are just like, ‘Wow.’"

Pouaihi is happy to have finally arrived on the senior stage with this team.

Lee, Pouaihi and Pouaihi have played together since the 4th grade. It seems no coincidence that those three, as well as Horcajo, all have the University of San Diego among their college choices.

First, however, is the year they have been looking forward to for seemingly all of their lives.

"I’m just so happy that I made it to senior year," Lauren said. "It has been hard, but it is all worth it. This is our best team because we are a lot closer and I personally make it my initiative to make sure that people are comfortable with each other and that there are no tensions. Tensions are the things that could bring us down. There is so much out there that we can do."

This team can’t wait to find out what those things are.
It is the job nobody will take. 
Yet another prime candidate turned down the 
San Diego Spirit yesterday when USD alum 
Tony da Luz decided to stay as women's coach at 
Wake Forest University. That brings the statisti­
cal line of the Spirit search to: five months, four 
finalists, four rejections.

"He was one of the top candidates," Spirit 
director of communications Aaron Heifetz said of 
da Luz, "but there are still some top candidates 
remaining. We will have a quality coach soon."

Former Santa Clara men's coach Mitch Murray is known to be on that short list, along with 
two mystery candidates. Heifetz said a decision 
is expected "within two weeks."

Of course, we've heard that before. Former 
Spirit GM Kevin Crow said that he would hire a 
replacement for the deposed Carlos Juarez with­
in "seven to 10 days." That was on Aug. 11.
But Crow's first choice, Santa Clara women's 
coach Jerry Smith, finally said no in late August 
after months of deliberations. And Philadelphia 
Charge assistant Pia Sundhage, his second 
choice, wanted to stay on the East Coast and 
took the Boston Breakers job instead.

Next up was Tracey Leone, who so impres­
sively coached the United States to victory at the 
inagural under-19 Women's World Champions­
ships in Canada. She was contacted about the 
Spirit vacancy in September and passed as well.
A new general manager was hired, Dave 
Presher, and he expanded the search to include 
more than two dozen candidates. The list was 
narrowed, and da Luz appeared a perfect fit.

He grew up in San Diego, captained the USD 
men's team, was an assistant men's coach there 
and in 1992 started the women's program. He left 
in 1996 for Wake Forest and turned it into a 
national contender; the Demon Deacons are 
11-2-1 and ranked No. 11 by Soccer America.

The Spirit insists it never offered the job to da 
Luz, but two sources close to da Luz say it did.
"Basically it boiled down to my family being 
the priority," said da Luz, who has three sons. 
"I've got two boys right in the middle of high 
school, and I didn't feel it would be fair to pull 
them out. From a coaching perspective, I would 
have loved the challenge and I felt I could have 
done a great job, but we're happy here."

Murray retired last spring after 16 years at 
Santa Clara and moved to the Phoenix area, 
where he is the director of soccer operations at 
the Sereno Soccer Club. He is considered an 
excellent tactician and motivator, but has mini­
mal experience coaching women and his teams 
traditionally play a high-pressure style that might 
not fit the current Spirit roster of finesse players.