

SPORTS



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Tragic End for Indy Driver

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It was a hot Sunday afternoon at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Thirty-four IndyCar racers, including two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon, got together for the final race of the season. Earlier that day, racers expressed concerns about practice runs that were producing speeds of 225 MPH at the infamously dangerous Vegas track, but none had any idea of what lay ahead of them.

Enter lap twelve. A fiery fifteen-car crash left not much but burning vehicles and shards of twisted metal scattered around the track. The crowd roared at the impressive spectacle. The announcers, perhaps more appropriately, immediately directed their attention to the racers' safety. The black smoke from what was left of the melted debris quickly morphed into what will linger as a dark cloud over the sport of IndyCar racing for the unforeseeable future.

The race that day didn't make it beyond the twelfth lap. Dan Wheldon, 33, a husband and father to two infants, was See ANGER on page 3...

Do We Just Feel Bad for Amanda Knox?

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Earlier this month an Italian jury acquitted Amanda Knox for the murder of Meredith Kercher, leaving Americans, Italians, and a few Brits in various states of emotion.

Some were relieved – even ecstatic – that this “normal” American teenager returned home after being abused by the Italian judiciary. Others were irate that this American, sex-crazed devil “got away with murder” thanks to well-paid lawyers. Then, there are those who had no clue what was going on, apart from thinking, “Why the hell are all these murderers being let free? First O.J., then Casey Anthony, now this!?” (Because the three murders were basically the same, right?)

My own mother falls somewhere in between on the spectrum, insisting there was “something up” with Amanda and her sleazy boyfriend, but also admitting that she was oblivious to what happened. Then it occurred to me that her entire opinion was based on a Lifetime movie, and I must agree, Hayden Panettiere did rub me the wrong way. Then again, I feel that way about all of her movies.

I personally have been struggling with my opinion; the more I learn, the more unsure I become. So, as I do with all tough decisions, I made a list.

I'm sure you're looking for philo-

sophical legal insight about Italy's “flawed” system, the precarious effect of public interest and media intervention on trial outcomes, or the credibility of DNA evidence, but, I read “those” articles and they didn't actually answer my questions. *Why Knox May Be Guilty*

1. Hayden Panettiere seemed very suspicious in the Lifetime movie.

2. Amanda and her then-boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, provided conflicting alibis for the night of the murder. First, Amanda said she was on the scene and heard Meredith screaming. Later, she changed her story and stated she was at Sollecito's apartment. Sollecito claimed he was on his home computer, but police allege that “tests” do not support this alibi.

3. The circumstances scream “someone is going to get hurt.” We have Amanda, the student who was extremely into her hot, Italian beau. Actually, no one seems to know much about him, except that he and Amanda met just weeks before the

Court Tackles Fourth Amendment Exception

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So you think you have your fourth amendment law down? Think again. This November the United States Supreme Court will be hearing a case involving the use of a GPS tracking device on the outside of someone's car.

I'm sure many of you who took Yeager with me are thinking back to their crim pro outlines and vaguely recalling the rules on tracking devices. Just when we thought it was safe to think a person has no reasonable expectation of privacy on public streets, the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit throws a wrench in it.

The facts are not as important as the implication of a ruling, as in almost all Supreme Court opinions. But here they are anyways: Jones was a suspected drug dealer, and police had gained enough probable cause to obtain a warrant to attach a GPS device to Jones' car for 90 days. The catch was the police only had 10 days to attach the device to his car. In this case they failed, and attached the device one day late, violating the terms of the warrant.

So the question left is whether tracking Jones' car for a month, with a GPS device, and without a legitimate warrant, constituted an illegal search under the Fourth Amendment.

The discussion by the appeals court was less concerned with how public the place was where they tracked the defendant and more concerned about the type of information gathered with the tracking.

As it stands now, tracking devices are allowed to be used to track on public streets since police themselves could do the same

thing in a car. Knowledge of where you are on a public road is not private. However, the appeals court argued that since the police used 24 hour tracking over the period of a month, the totality of the knowledge gained via the GPS amounted to a search.

The court comes to this conclusion by stating that a stranger would see the defendant on a street, so that is public knowledge, that he is on the street right then and there but it is highly unlikely that a stranger would track the whereabouts of another stranger for an entire month, and obtain the knowledge of the defendant's behavior. The police obtained routines, found out what the defendant does, and what he does not do.

Reasonableness. The word has become a common law school joke. It's right up there with “it depends.” But really when we are talking about the Fourth Amendment, reasonableness is the standard.

And what I think really irks law students about the word, and the standard, is that it is used concretely by the Supreme Court Justices, but never really defined.

So what we will be looking at in this case is whether a person's 24 hour movements over the course of a month falls under a reasonable expectation of privacy. The court will either say that public streets are public streets, and there is no reasonable expectation of privacy on them, or they will say that it is a reasonable expectation of privacy to not have your public movements tracked for a full month.

It's the fine line upon which criminal law is created in this country - our freedom from a big brother type society versus public safety.

CA Western Named Possible Defendant in Lawsuit

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According to a recent press release, the Law Offices of David Anziska and Strauss Law are looking to file class action complaints challenging the post-graduate employment rates reported by California Western in addition to 14 other schools.

This potential class action suit stems from other recent cases like the one against Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

David Anziska stated in the press release, “The numbers reported by the schools just don't comport with the reality of the legal job market.” The legal team is advising graduates of the above schools that they may have certain legal rights and should contact them by visiting www.anziskalaw.com. The law firms will not file suit unless they can find at least three plaintiffs. The press release can be found in a Law School Transparency blog on October 5, 2011. The claim in this case is that the law students were not aware the post-graduation employment rate included jobs unrelated to the legal field. This raises issues on state consumer protection and tortious misrepresentation.

The ABA Section of Education and Admissions is adding several new questions to law school questionnaires regarding jobs held by 2011 graduates nine months after graduation, according to an ABA Journal article by Debra Weiss on October 5, 2011.



Photo from Entertainment Weekly

murder. We, of course, cannot forget Meredith Kercher, the British student and unfortunate victim. Then there's the “drug dealer” who bolted to Germany as soon as news of the murder broke. We know a few things about this crowd: they were young and alcohol was available. Young people and alcohol have a strong tendency to lead to chaos. (If you disagree I urge you to visit a fine establishment known as “The Local” immediately after finals.) Further, in this situation, drugs were available. And, sorry Rick Perry, but abstinence among this crowd is highly unlikely.

4. The physical evidence. Albeit inconclusive, a knife with Knox's DNA was recovered. Luckily for Amanda, experts deemed the evidence unreliable because it fell below international standards. While it may be true that protocol was not followed, Meredith's DNA was found on the blade, Amanda's on the handle. If this were CSI: Miami, Horatio would totally put that girl behind bars.

*Why Knox May Not be Guilty**

1. Lifetime is infamous for making movies that force viewers to doubt every See EVIDENCE on page 3...

Letter from the Editor

It’s not what you know, it’s who you know. How many times have we heard that? How many times have we been frustrated by the sentiment? For me, the answer is too many to count. Despite that fact, the statement remains true for the most part and truer still for law students. That is why we have devoted the lion’s share of this issue to networking.

This month, you will get tips on a wide variety of issues, including how to put your best foot forward (p. 7) and where to go when you figure out what direction that foot should be heading (p. 6). There are a ton of ways to meet people and network professionally at the same time. The only thing that is really required is to get in the game. Whether you’re joining a Moot Court Honors Board travel team (p. 5), taking the traditional internship route, or, dare I say, writing for The Commentary, there is literally no end to the opportunities that await you.

If I could convey one piece of advice it would be this: don’t let being busy stop you from putting yourself out there. Don’t make the same mistake I did by not applying for your dream jobs. Use career services, but don’t stop there. Go to a CLE at the county bar association. Most of them are free; you’ll learn something and get a chance to meet attorneys in a low pressure environment. Nine times out of ten, when you say you’re too busy for something, you’re not. Make a commitment to go to one event, talk, mixer or meeting per week. You never know who you’re going to meet and you never know where a single conversation can lead.

Moving on... I’d like to personally apologize to Dean Seibel for the unfortunate misspelling of her name in the last issue. Rest assured, the guilty party has been found and punished appropriately. It will not happen again.

I’d also like to extend a personal apology to Donna (of Donna’s coffee cart fame) for inadvertently leaving her off the September survival map. Our resident in-house

artist does not drink coffee, so he had no idea about the magic you do. Apologies.

Next, I’d like to let you all know about something cool that we are doing at The Commentary. This month, we will be sponsoring our first ever write-on contest. If you’re interested in becoming a part of our staff, this is the best (and possibly only) way to do it. If you win, your article will be guaranteed a spot in next month’s issue, and because we are always looking for a way to poach talent from Law Review, we highly encourage 1Ls to participate. Plus, we are way cooler, and, like Enterprise Rent-a-Car, we give YOU the tools to be your own boss. See contest details to the right.

As always, we enjoy getting feedback on our humble little paper. (For example, Dean Seibel pointed out that we misspelled her name last month). Accordingly, we now have a standing meeting Thursday’s at 6pm in the 2nd floor lobby of the 350 building. Feel free to come sit in and tell us your thoughts on The Commentary. After all, it’s your paper and your SBA funds that pay for it. Additionally, if you can’t come to the meetings, you can always email me directly at bjhoran@law.cwsl.edu. I am always happy to address the concerns of our readers.

One last thing... After this semester The Commentary will have a new editor-in-chief. Her name is Elena Shaygan and she has been our amazing Managing Editor to this point. I wanted to single her out for her amazing work in doing the layout for our paper. Without her tireless efforts, we would probably not be able to put out a monthly issue. Because of this, I wholly endorse her for Editor-in-Chief and would encourage all of you to vote for her in this spring’s SBA elections so that she will be able to continue to do the excellent work I have come to expect from her. Elena, I offer you my thanks and appreciation.

Enjoy the issue.
Brian Horan,
Editor-in-Chief

Commentary Write-on Contest

Have you ever thought about working for a newspaper? Would you like to be published and add valuable experience to your resume? Are you too awesome for Law Review?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, the editorial staff at the commentary would like to invite you to participate in our inaugural write-on contest.

Who: All 1L and 2L Students
When: November 7th-18th, 2011

Article submissions will be accepted in the following categories:

- News and Current Events (600-800 words)
- Campus Life (600-800 words)
- Artichoke Comedy/Satire (350-500 words)

Submissions are due before midnight on Friday, November 18th. One winner per category will be selected and each writer may submit one article per category. Please email all article submissions to our managing editor, Elena Shaygan at aeshaygan@gmail.com.

The winning articles (as selected by our editorial staff) will be published in the December issue of The Commentary. Additionally, the winning writers will be given the option to join our editorial staff as assistant editors.

Assistant editors will be encouraged to attend and contribute to staff meetings, and will be given priority when associate editor positions become available.

Good luck to all! We look forward to reading your work.

CORRECTIONS

In the October 2011 issue, there was a misspelling in “Avoiding Stress Through Balance, Early Planning and Asking for Help.” We had incorrectly written “Siebel” where it should have been “Seibel.” We regret the error.

Please direct all letters to the editor, corrections, articles or club messages to Managing Editor Elena Shaygan at aeshaygan@gmail.com by the third Friday of the month.

HEY COMMENTARY FANS!

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Evidence For and Against Knox Case

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character. Unfortunately, the source is unreliable.

2. If I had to choose one person from the “crowd” that demonstrates the most propensity to commit murder, I would go with the drug dealer. (Admissible because it establishes how Amanda and the drug dealer know one another.)

3. Italian prosecutor, Giuliano Mignini, may have been trying a bit too hard. It’s difficult to ignore his pending appeal of a 16-month sentence for abuse of office. Mignini undoubtedly had ulterior motives for prevailing in the trial. Sometimes I think that had the prosecution never made such a mess, Amanda’s conviction would be affirmed.

4. The evidence, again. On appeal, the court-appointed experts determined that the implicating evidence fell below international standards. Although I am too lazy to research what international protocol actually requires, I am pretty confident that the standard is lower than that of the United States.

5. Far too many sources claim that Amanda was interrogated in a state of food and sleep deprivation. When people are placed in stressful situations and asked serious questions, the responses are often drawn from impulse and emotion (see also: finals). Any admission of guilt (or even whereabouts) could be inaccurate. I still get nervous and feel inclined to yell, “I surrender!” when carded at a bar.

*By “not guilty,” I mean that she could not be implicated with the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. There are too many doubts surrounding the murder and for that reason, I believe justice was served when she was acquitted.

However, for that little part of me that just knows she is still hiding something, I remember that she will never live a normal life; she’ll always carry the label.

TALENT SHOW!

California Western’s annual talent show is here! Come to the Moot Court Room on November 15th at 7pm to see all manner of law school talent come out of the woodwork. This year will boast a DJ act, martial arts, theremins, the Friday Dancers, singers, violins, cellos and much more! Brought to you by SBA.



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Anger, Blame After Crash

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pronounced dead after his blazing car smashed into the wall at over 150 MPH. The race, which Wheldon would have pocketed \$5 million had he won (half of which he planned to split with a fan), ended in an emotional five-lap tribute with Danny Boy and Amazing Grace echoing across the deafeningly silent racetrack.

After the shock began to wear off, most progressed into anger. Anger at the sport. Anger at the racetrack. Anger at the crash. Anger at everything. Following tragedies such as this, blame is placed wherever possible. But who or what really is to blame in a sport so inherently dangerous?

There are several culprits to which blame can possibly be attributed. Since the last IndyCar race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway over six years ago, the track has undergone renovations that have steepened the bank degree around turns to increase speed. The track itself is only a

1.5-mile long oval, which is shorter than most other tracks, and generally only hosts stock car races. Additionally, the race hosted 34 drivers that day, 6 more than usual. Driving light, aerodynamic cars, the drivers reached immensely dangerous speeds of nearly 225 MPH while being protected by nothing more than a flame-retardant suit and helmet made of a thin layer of Kevlar, foam, and plastic.

Because this was the final race of the season, most drivers were giving their all to end on a high note. Several racers and crewmembers have noted that the drivers were taking full advantage of the track’s fast conditions, performing moves that made some wary and uncomfortable as little as five laps into the race. No individual can be blamed for the wreck itself. These drivers were all competing and saw aggression as part of a competitive edge. Accidents in this sport are an inherent risk that these drivers are willing to assume. Unfortunately, the mix of high speeds on

a densely populated track with scantily protected drivers spelled disaster that day.

The sport, now in its offseason, has the opportunity to reflect on where to go from here. Some have suggested that IndyCar should stop using oval tracks altogether, despite the sport’s inception on the oval in America. Others, more realistically, have taken a more moderate approach, suggesting that cars be equipped with roll cages, impact-absorbing frames, and more protective racing seats that are all present in stock cars. Additionally, speed restrictors would minimize the danger without a complete overhaul of the cars.

The sport, however, arguably needs to take some course of action to ensure the safety of its competitors. Chances are, IndyCar fans will at least see a decrease in high-speed, low space tracks, as well as a possible drop in top speeds through restrictor plates. Should those in charge fail to take action, they will not only incite fan resentment toward the sport, but will also unnecessarily and irresponsibly risk lives of competitors like Dan Wheldon.

Hours: Monday – Thursday 7-5
Friday 7-3

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to win free coffee for a week!*

*One winner per week will be selected starting the first week of November,
continuing through the end of the trimester. Good for one small coffee per day for 5 days.

GETTING TO KNOW CWSL ALUMNI LEADERS

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As a 3L I have come to realize law school is coming to an end and it is time to start thinking about how I can give back to the school that has taught me so much (whether I liked it or not). 2Ls and even 1Ls, you'll come to this realization soon enough. So while this article may not seem pertinent now, it will be in time. One of the first things I did when I got to our school was look into our Alumni Association and find out what they do for alumni and the school as a whole. Let me first say this is not, and I repeat not, your average run of the mill Alumni Association for undergraduate schools. If yours was anything like mine, the Association made you pay to be a part of it and get all of the "great benefits" they offered. So what's different you ask? Let's start with a Development and Alumni Relations Director who truly cares about you before you are even an alumnus. Her name is Lori Boyle. She is amazing and will guide you through the process of getting involved with the Alumni Association. Working relentlessly from her office, she is diligent in getting alumni involved at our school in a variety of ways, including helping organize committees that fundraise for a variety of events and deserving organizations, which in years past have encompassed Alumni Weekends, CIP, Street Law, and PILE.

Another great benefit? Once you graduate, you are in! The secret password for this great organization is "graduating." After that, it is up to you as to how involved you want to become as an alumnus. Positions range from being on the Board of Directors here in San Diego to being a regional representative somewhere across the country.

With the raves of this Association out of the way, let's get down to the nitty gritty of what the Alumni Association is and its Board of Directors does. When you graduate the Alumni Association keeps you up to date and informed by sending alumni publications highlighting alumni and law school activities, programs and events, news about your fellow classmates, as well as topics of interest to the legal profession.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors was established at California Western with the purpose of actively supporting the Law School in its mission of training ethical, competent, and compassionate lawyers who will use their training to creatively solve individual and societal problems. There are no more than 35 elected alumni on the Board who meet at least four times a year. In addition, many of the members serve on a number of standing and ad-hoc committees that help plan events, raise money, and get students interacting with alumni. As you can imagine, those 35 lawyers are a diverse group of individuals from different backgrounds, ethnicities, geographic locations, professional interests, and graduation years. Board members are elected for a three year term and have an opportunity to be elected for a second three year term based on their willingness to serve again and their contributions to the Board and School during their first term. Having attended several meetings now as the Student Representative, I have come to understand that everyone on the Board wants to stay on as long as possible because they love serving our school and student body.

Who are the members of the Board? This month I will feature the President and Vice-President...

PATRICIA HALSEY-MUNROE '75, PRESIDENT

1. Tell me about yourself: Where you grew up, your undergrad, anything before law school, your interests during law school, and graduation year? I grew up in Norwalk, California, and I am a native Californian. I was the first college graduate on either side of my family, and my parents never planned for me to attend college – it was foreign to them. My 8th grade teacher was my mentor for planning for college, and I wrote my 8th grade career paper on becoming a lawyer –my life-time dream! At age 17 and during my senior year of high school, Laura Scudder's (yeah potato chips!) gave me a scholarship to travel around the world for three months on board the then-named "University of the Seven Seas" run by Chapman College. I finished my last semester of high school, at the same time completing 12 units of college credits, all while visiting 27 countries. When off the ship, I hitch hiked in Kenya and through Lebanon, things that today might not be possible due to political tensions. My family had no money for college, so I attended a community college for two years, where I was the Vice President of the Student Body. I later transferred to UCLA, where I graduated with a B.A. in Latin American and African history. I taught baton twirling and worked as a recreation leader to put myself through college and law school. I was a majorette for both the UCLA and the Los Angeles Rams football teams, starting with the Rams while in the 8th grade. The City of Coronado was also very supportive of my baton twirling instruction/classes, and my work with the recreation department helped to pay for law school. Things just all came together at critical times for college and law school.

2. What do you do on the Board of Directors? The Board of Directors does much of the work through the various committees, and six years ago, I started on the Board as the Co-Chairperson for the Supporting the Law School Committee. I was later selected for Chairperson of that committee, where I designed and implemented the dinner program, named Conversations with Students and Lawyers (CWSL). Most recently, I served for 18 months as President of the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association. In January, I will start an 18-month term as Past President.

3. What do you see are the benefits of being on the Board? Of being involved as an Alumnus? Meeting fellow alumni and continuing my professional growth. I am always fascinated by career developments and what alumni are doing in their professional and personal lives. Serving on the Board has allowed me to meet many amazing people and develop strong friendships.

4. What can students do to get involved with the Board and Alumni in general? Always have your business card ready, and whenever you meet an alumni (or anyone who might be a good friend or contact) give them your card, and ask them about their practice, life, interests, and anything that you might have in common with that person. Network. Attend meetings of the San Diego County Bar Association in your areas of interest and network there. The alumni association has just started free networking meetings in specialized fields of practice. Consider attending those meetings. Sign up at the Career Services Office to connect with an alumni mentor – help doesn't get much better than that!

5. What area of law did/do you practice? For 20 years, I simultaneously worked in two legal careers—one as a civilian attorney for the Army and later for the U.S. Coast Guard, and another career as a JAG for the U.S. Marine Corps (later the USMC Reserve.) In 2001, I retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, after serving 27 years. While on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, I was rated the number one prosecutor (trial counsel) in the 1st Marine Division, served as defense counsel, and as a legal assistance attorney, leading up to being in charge of that program for the entire Marine Corps. In 2004, I retired from my second career, as a civilian attorney for the federal government, where I focused on military legal programs much like the civilian, legal aid services.

I now do pro bono estate planning and probate, primarily for military families and those in need of free, legal services. My son, Lionel Halsey (CWSL '03) and my daughter-in-law, Aimee Halsey (CWSL '00) practice in Oceanside, and I help them as needed. I also trained my dog, a golden doodle, Chappy, as a therapy-dog, and we visit severely disabled students at their high school.

6. Are there any practical tips you want to give that you wish you had received as a student? I had very good mentors as a student, who helped me to network with attorneys, who, like me, were long distance runners. My mentors arranged for me to run with Olympian Frank Shorter and with Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Shanahan when he was in the U.S. Attorney's Office. I also ran with the Navy Seals in Coronado – they got a weekend pass if they beat me. (No one got a pass!) My best advice: Have fun and embrace networking! Also, looking for a job is one of the hardest things you may ever do. Prepare yourself professionally for whatever job you think you would enjoy, and hopefully you will have passion for your work. I once found a job I wanted and trained for that position by doing some volunteer work. I was hired over the woman for whom I worked for as a volunteer!

7. Can students contact you if they wish to ask you more questions about the alumni association or the practice life in general? Of course. I volunteer for mock job interviews and am eager to help students and alumni. Email is best: PatriciaHalsey-Munroe@UCLAlumni.net

CHRISTOPHER M. LAWSON '05, VICE PRESIDENT

1. Tell me about yourself: Where you grew up, your undergrad, anything before law school, your interests during law school, and graduation year? I was born in Orange, CA but grew up in Palm Desert, CA. I first moved to San Diego in 1998 when I started at USD undergrad. While at USD, I double majored in History and Political Science and graduated in 2002. Went straight to CWSL for law school and focused my studies on criminal law. I completed two full time internships with the SD District Attorney's office during each summer break – first one in the Gang Prosecution Unit and the second in the Superior Court Division. Those internships were invaluable preparation for competing on trial teams, which was one of my passions during law school. I actually got involved with coaching trial teams right after graduating from law school in 2005. Also, was one of the CIP full time students during 2004-2005 school year. Loved having a perspective from both sides of criminal justice and enjoyed learning from Professor Brooks and Professor Stiglitz – both of whom are amazing professors and attorneys.

2. What do you do on the Board of Directors? Currently, I sit as VP of the board, and am slated to take over the President's position in January. During the first three years of service on the Board, I chaired or co-chaired the golf committee and I currently sit as a member of that committee.

3. What do you see are the benefits of being on the Board? Of being involved as an Alumnus? Being a part of the board for the past four years has enabled me to get involved with CWSL again and give back to a school that gave me such a great education and law school experience. It's a great opportunity to connect with an amazing group of alums who sit on the board, and to fund raise for worthy CWSL programs that are in need of support. Having known Josie Dixon personally and having had the opportunity to see how she could light up a room when we were going through law school, this past year's opportunity to raise money for an endowment in her name was a great way to give back to a fallen, but not forgotten, member of our alumni. (The Alumni Board this year worked hard alongside Lori Boyle to raise enough money to create the endowment which will benefit students from Public Interest Law Foundation by helping them to receive monetary help while working for an approved public interest firm or group.)

4. What can students do to get involved with the Board and Alumni in general? Talk to Lori Boyle! She is our fearless leader and available to answer questions.

5. What area of law did you practice/do you practice? I am a Deputy District Attorney and currently prosecute in the Gang Prosecution Unit downtown.

6. Are there any practical tips you want to give that you wish you had received as a student? Enjoy school! And take advantage of all the opportunities that CWSL has to offer including the ability to get involved with amazing programs like the MCHB, Trial Team, CIP, Street Law, etc. The law school experience is far more than books, classes, and preparing to take the bar (though that is important). Try to take on as much as you can and you'll be better for it in the long run. Time management and multi-tasking are definitely a part of being a lawyer and the more you are able to squeeze in during law school, the better you'll be prepared to practice when you graduate.

7. Can students contact you if they wish to ask you more questions about the alumni association, or the practice life in general? Absolutely. My email is: christopher.lawson@sdcca.org. That is the best way to get in touch.

Moot Court Honors Board and Traveling Teams Share Success

BRENDAN DALY
GUEST WRITER

*ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
SWEEPS REGIONAL MEDIATION FINALS
IN SPRING, TRIAL SWEEPS SDDL IN FALL
AND APPELLATE ADVANCES TO INT'L JES-
SUP FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR.*

It's been anything but a dull year for the California Western Moot Court Honors Board. In addition to hosting seven competitions so far this year, including the Gill, Lynch, Negotiation, 1L, and Legal Skills II Competitions, MCHB sent 11 teams to seven competitions in the Spring semester as well as another 16 teams to eight competitions this Fall. After the Sept. 8 power outage blacked out finals for the Fall Negotiation Competition, the organization is set to continue its Fall program, hosting the Lynch (Oct. 27) and Gafford (Nov. 10) Competitions as well as Mediation team tryouts.

Meanwhile, the travelling teams have a lot of good news and acquired accolades to report from their road trips to everywhere from San Francisco and Portland to East Lansing, Michigan and Washington D.C.

Appellate

The Appellate teams continued their dominance at Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, qualifying for the international competition for the second straight year by taking home 2nd place at the Pacific Super Regional title in Portland, Oregon. The team, coached by Professor Roberta Thyfault and Dean William Aceves and led by Josh Salinas ('11), Scott Farquhar (3L), Scott Robinson (3L), Kristen Watson (3L) and Francisco Balerio (3L), advanced by beating out teams from Berkeley, Oregon, Loyola, Chapman, Hawaii and Washington before losing to Hastings in a round that the judges characterized as being very close. In addition, all four oral advocates (Salinas, Farquhar, Robinson, and Watson) placed in the Top Ten Oralists at the regional.

From there, the team travelled to the international competition in Washington D.C. where Robinson placed 26th in the Top 100 Oralists and Farquhar placed 35th in the Top 100.

MCHB looks forward to the continued outstanding performance of the team as Prof. Thyfault returns with Farquhar and Watson set to lead the way for the team in the upcoming Pacific Superregional. Despite the loss of Robinson, who returned north to his native country after a successful, if all too short lived, stop in San Diego, we can't help but expect great things from this year's squad.

"It was a great team and a great semester," Robinson said. "CWSL has an incredible Jessup program, one of the most competitive in the country, but no one at CWSL really knows about it," said Robinson. Robinson credits the regimen imposed by the coaches and competing on the team for giving him the knowledge and structure to coach the Jessup team at his new school. Also in the Spring, California Western sent the team of Jessica McHarrie-Sanchez ('11) and Amber Curto ('11) (coached by Micah Bailey) to the Roger J. Traynor Appellate Moot Court Competition.

This semester, the appellate advocates will compete locally at The University of San Diego Criminal Procedure Tournament (Nov. 3-5) with Jacqueline Paterno (2L) and Patrick Kingsley (2L) comprising one team with Ben Machida (2L) and Regina Bagdasarian (2L) rounding out the other. McHarrie-Sanchez returns in her new role as coach for the teams.

ADR

It was a successful Spring semester for the members under the umbrella of the newly formed Alternative Dispute Resolution teams as the dynamic duos of Dwayne Crenshaw (3L) and Amy Hsaio ('11) and Adam Stone (3L) and Anastasia Martin (3L) swept the finals at the 2011 Regional Representation in Mediation, taking 1st and 2nd place.

This semester, ADR strives to continue their success as Crenshaw and Chanel Call (3L) placed 5th at Thomas Jefferson's Sports Law Competition. "In my opinion, they [Crenshaw and Call] got robbed," said fellow competitor Brian Horan (3L), adding that Crenshaw and Call "received the highest individual judge score in the competition during round two and Jaclyn and I won both of our rounds." Jaclyn Simi (3L) and Horan also placed 9th at the competition. Anna Burnett (3L) and Horan placed 4th overall at Southwestern Entertainment Law Competition, compiling the highest team scores after day one of the competition. Michelle Maisto (3L) and Terra Davenport (2L) also competed. Last semester, Burnett and Horan also took 3rd place out of 28 teams in the California State Bar Negotiation Competition.

The Negotiation team will compete in the ABA in Santa Clara in early November represented by Burnett, Lauren Sheppard (3L), Annette Radonski (2L) and Greg Gianoni (2L). All negotiation teams are coached by Dan Rawlins and Tracy Nation.

Trial

Desiree Omli (3L), Eden Brown (2L), Nereida Melgarejo (2L) and Robyn Riedel (2L) recently travelled to East Lansing, Michigan to enter the National Trial Advocacy Competition (NTAC), where they narrowly missed advancing out of their pool, receiving good marks from a majority of judges. "It was a great experience. We learned a lot," said Reidel. Coaches David Sildorf, Deborah Dixon and David Skilling prepared the team for the competition.

Most recently, California Western entered two teams in the San Diego Defense Lawyers (SDDL) Competition starting on October 13th. The two SDDL Trial teams swept the finals taking 1st and 2nd in last weekend's event. The First Place Team was Andrea Pella, Rachel Weisz, Lindsey Willard and Alexandrai Veridan (coached by Jason Conge and Billie Gibson). The Second Place Team was Scott Fishman, Chris Montoya, Marianne Laleuf and Michelle Ryle (coached by Tom Bahr and Andrew Kleiner).

The last competition for trial this semester will be the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ) in San Francisco in early November. Coaches Paul Parisi and Solomon Chang are confident in their veteran competitors Vanessa Gerard (3L) and Angela Shimizu (3L) as well as up and coming distinguished advocates Adam Hepburn (2L) and Joseph Clayton Carr (2L).

Last semester, California Western's trial team took 4th place in the American Association of Justice (AAJ) Competition. Participants on the AAJ teams included Colin Vincent, Elliot Montgomery, Parisima Roshanzamir, Scott Fishman (coached by Melissa Tralla and Paul Parisi) as well as Adam Doyle, Carla Wollach, Paul Dombrowski and Desiree Omli (coached by Lorenda Stern and Tom Bahr). MCHB also sent Diana John ('11) and Sandra Gotlaufa (3L) (coached by Matt Binninger and Jason Conge) as well as Gerard and Shimizu (coached by Jim Mangione and Shannon Kitten) to the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) last Spring.

SPORTING CWSL

JACOB HARDING
GUEST WRITER

Many people participate in physical activity to relieve their stress, or simply just for fun. California Western provides a number of opportunities for students to participate in team sports. Currently, California Western is sponsoring basketball, soccer, and is discussing the possibility of organizing a flag football league with Thomas Jefferson.

During both trimesters the school sponsors a basketball league that plays its games on Thursday nights at San Diego City College's gym on Park Blvd. The league is co-ed and runs for eight weeks. There are currently nine teams in the league. For the first time, the winners of the league will receive a trophy this trimester. The cost for each team is only \$255. The total of all the membership fees falls short of the costs of renting the facility and hiring officials, so the school provides a significant amount of funding that comes from student tuition.

Currently, the school is also sponsoring one team in a Saturday night soccer league that plays its games at the San Diego Indoor Soccer Center. Information about leagues at this facility can be found at www.letsplaysoccer.com. Additionally, the school is currently discussing a flag football league with Thomas Jefferson that may begin during the Spring Trimester.

For information on any of the sporting events, you can contact Alessandra Lopez-Hutchinson at aalopez@law.cwsl.edu



From left: Jack Green (coach), Dwayne Crenshaw, Anastasia Martin, Adam Stone, Amy Hsiao, Gen Suzuki (coach) at the Regional Representation in Mediation, where Cal Western swept the finals, taking first and second place.



From left: Weston Penfield (3L), Chanel Call (3L), Brian Horan (3L), and Anna Burnett (3L) following a strong team showing at the California State Bar Environmental Law Competition. Burnett and Horan took third place out of 28 teams.

Getting the Job: It’s Not All About Your Grades

MARISA MANDOS
STAFF WRITER

Prior to the wonderful life-experience referred to by my parents as “gaining a legal education,” I was fortunate enough to work as an internal fraud investigator for the nation’s leading cable provider. While employed, I learned valuable lessons about networking, professional growth and development, and the importance of having a personal brand. While we at Cal Western are certainly supported by career services, and dare I say, “spammed” with helpful emails from various legal associations, it’s important to remember the little things that matter when it comes to networking.

- Develop your personal brand. Constantly assess your strengths, goals, and accomplishments. Be proud of your unique personality traits. Ask yourself what makes you happy, what type of people you like to be around, and what you want most out of a career. Now, use who you are to get the job you want. Don’t throw yourself at a big firm if you know it won’t be a good fit. Don’t think that just because you like 48 Hours, you want to be a prosecutor. Think about what you love about yourself and sell it. You will be genuine and believable. The inverse is true, and this is why tons of people bomb interviews; when you’re trying to be someone you’re not, it’s awkward and your interviewer won’t even want to look at your credentials. People succeed when they are happy and have a sense of comfort and autonomy; if you’re being your best “you,” you’ll be a happier, more productive lawyer – one who firms want to hire and keep around.

Further, attend events that you want to, not those that you (think you) have to. You’ll be on your game when you’re having fun.

- Understand that every professional opportunity you are afforded is an interview. You never know who you’ll meet in an elevator, so always be mindful of representing your brand. The same goes for plane trips, grocery store lines, and even highways (I’m an East Coast driver, thus constantly repressing the need to “let my Jersey show” when someone cuts me off on the 5). Take every opportunity to be positive and friendly without being obnoxious. When someone asks you what you do or what brings you to a certain place, use the question to your advantage and reply with, “I’m a law student looking to pursue _____.” It may not lead to a job with that specific individual, but you’ve just added one more person to your professional network. (Think: “Six Degrees of Separation,” but to your advantage and without Kevin Bacon.) If you’ve properly developed and represented your brand, your new “friend” is likely to keep you in mind. To that point...
- Always carry a business card. If you have not received one through school or an internship, many websites make them for free!
- Be bold, but not annoying. Offer your time and your talent, not your first-born son. Even if someone may not be officially hiring, mention that you have an interest in a field or practice; discuss and showcase your skills. You never know what may happen. And remember...
- Don’t over-commit and under-deliver. Assess how many hours a week you really can dedicate, and how knowledgeable you truly are on a subject. If you set a goal and achieve it, you are a realistic, dependable worker. If you’ve surpassed it, even better. But if you’ve idealistically promised too much, you’ll likely fall short of expectations and that, my friends, is not a good look.
- Stay in touch. Chances are, you want to network with successful attorneys. Successful attorneys are busy people. They probably won’t remember to check in with you on a regular basis, so this one’s on you. If you remember that the defense attorney you met at an event is a Broncos fan, email him about how Tebow might just prove the experts wrong. If you realize that your interests have changed, call your former boss and ask if he knows anyone in the field. Put a quarterly reminder on your calendar to stay in touch with a helpful mentor. In short, take your career into your own hands; your success is not on someone else’s to-do list.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE HELPS KIDS

SCOTT WINTERMUTE
GUEST WRITER

Of the number of public service volunteer positions a law student may pursue, a position as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in the San Diego County juvenile court dependency system provides a unique legal training experience. In San Diego County, CASAs are adult volunteers that do not require prior legal accreditations, who receive all of their training, direction, and support by San Diego Voices for Children, non-profit organization.

While a CASA’s responsibilities vary, all CASAs accept a case file of a child (or sometimes multiple children when a case involves siblings), continue to visit the casechild regularly (on one-to-one outings, as well as where the child is currently placed), meet with the professionals involved, make six-month review recommendations to the court and attend hearings. Additional responsibilities of a CASA may include involvement in the child’s educational progress, “investigating legal issues, determining and making recommendations about the living placement of the child, following the children’s progress through various placements or services, and facilitating communication with all of the parties involved with a case.” (<http://www.voices4children.com/index.php?/court-appointed-special-advocate-casa.html>)

Fellow CWSL student Hannah Engholm and I currently volunteer as CASAs for Voices for Children. I recently conversed with Hannah to write this article to identify some perspectives this volunteer position provides for law students. At the outset of law school, Hannah desired to enter into the juvenile dependency legal profession. Conversely, I did not develop an interest in dependency law until the summer of 2010, when I participated in Judge Espana’s course on juvenile dependency law. However, our conversation revealed that we chose to volunteer with this program for the same reason - to expose ourselves to the juvenile dependency system - in order to make an actual impact on a child’s case and life. Most professionals involved in a casechild’s case do not have the luxury of spending more than a few moments with a casechild in the juvenile dependency system, even the child’s own attorney. This, however, is not so for CASAs, who do spend a significant amount of time with their casechild. It is because of this affordability of time that a CASA can make a considerable impact on the judge’s decisions over the child’s case.

Other law students that Hannah and I have come in contact with who shared an interest in dependency law sometimes hold off from considering Voices for Children because of conflict of interest regulations within the organization that prevent a simultaneous legal internship in child dependency law. Such reservations, however, can deny law students a unique and beneficial legal responsibility that is part of being a CASA - the assertion of objective recommendations for the court to issue as court orders. Both Hannah and I discovered that the time a CASA spends with the casechild alone makes a significant impact - not just as a potential friend to the child, but as a reliable source of information to the court.

In both of our cases, Hannah and I believe that decisions made by those judges may not have otherwise occurred, but for the fact that a CASA was appointed to the case to make observations which require the time necessary to acquire. These recommendations base themselves not upon a client’s goal orientated position as required in an attorney-client relationship (that is, we do not simply ask the court to order what the child wants simply because it is what the child asks for). Instead, a CASA’s recommendations are routed in objective standards and goals outlined by the California Welfare and Institutions code. While these recommendations are an awesome responsibility, the outstanding support that the Voices for Children program offers each of its CASAs does not make it intimidating. As a result, Hannah and I both believe the program benefited upon us a degree of confidence in the juvenile court room setting.

If any law student is interested in juvenile dependency law, or is otherwise looking for an opportunity in public service that does not deny applicants due to a limited amount of positions open, then I highly endorse looking into this program. CASAs are extremely effective because they do not take on more than one case file. Consequently, the demand for CASAs is always much higher than the number of volunteers available. For more information about San Diego County Voices for Children and the CASA program visit <http://www.voices4children.com>.

How to Score an Internship Early On (and keep it!)

ELENA SHAYGAN
MANAGING EDITOR

It was the third month into my first trimester of law school. I was nervous, insecure, confused, and overwhelmed. I had just seen a handful of my peers practically get trampled in an attempt to sign up for mock interviews and had an epiphany involving an analogy regarding lemmings which I won’t go into.

I was suddenly afraid I wouldn’t find work. Ever. Afraid everyone was going to apply for summer internships at the same time and I would get lost in the wave of desperate 1Ls. I was afraid that I was going to be just like everybody else. So I decided to take action to make myself stand out.

I made up my mind to start searching for internship possibilities while the rest of the gang was just trying to pass. I began attending every possible panel and meeting that I could JUST DURING LUNCH HOUR. That way, I could get some grub, get an ear full of practical education, get in some networking opportunities, and not have to use a second of my study or leisure time after class.

After each panel I would go and talk with the attorneys who spoke. I didn’t have much to say but I would think of a question or two during their panel to get an excuse to talk to them after. You sometimes get stuck talking to the same person so be smart in who you approach first. If the conversation is getting awkward or you find you’re in too far over your head, do not be afraid to excuse yourself, ask for a card, thank them for their time, and dip out.

It was at the public interest panel that I finally got my big break. A panelist mentioned the non-profit he was working for started a water project just a few months earlier. Water law is my passion. After the panel, I approached him and asked about the new water project. I asked if I could help. He said I was restricted by ABA requirements that first year students not work more than five hours a week. I asked if he would like five hours of help per week. He laughed and gave me the contact info for the director of the project.

After a few phone calls and a brief interview process I was coming in every week for five hours just to do blogging. Yes, blogging. Nothing law related at first. I was just managing their blog, which was fine with me because it was manageable work. But once I had figured out how to balance my schedule and was feeling comfortable with the subject I was working in, I wanted more. The non-profit was comprised of many attorneys so I would chat with them about what they had going on and ask them to explain certain concepts I was blogging on. The best I could do was show interest, be humble, and work hard. After a few months I got up the courage to offer to help with some legal research.

I have been with that same non-profit for over a year now. I did my five hours per week during first year, did my summer internship there, and have continued with them into this trimester. It was only about six months in before I was done with all the blogging and I was on to full blown legal work. Today I have more practical experience as a 2L than I could ever have hoped for.

The hardest part is getting your foot in the door. The interviewing, the scheduling, and the legal work can be taught. The ambition to find every opportunity, the confidence to talk to every person, and the persistence to get your big break are what got you to law school, so don’t forget to continue utilizing those traits to get a career within sight.

The Best Classes at CWSL

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After your first year, you have taken the basics. You know your section and hopefully made a few friends in the others. Now it's time to get beyond civ pro and expand your horizons. Here are three small classes that gave me both the opportunity to get to know my fellow classmates better and to learn a few valuable lessons in the process.

Current Issues in Con Law – Prof. Smith

Why you should take this class: because it's the closest (probably) that you'll ever get to being on the Supreme Court. This class should actually be called "The Supreme Court." It's the only class at Cal Western that allows you to really take an in-depth look at how the highest court in the land functions. The small group of 12 students vote on which actual Supreme Court cases (from the upcoming term) to analyze, and then Professor Smith assigns each student the role of an actual Justice. The class then conducts oral arguments and a case conference before rendering its decision.

Workload: There is quite a bit of research and writing for this class, so I'd recommend that you not take the scholarly writing option that is offered. Still, the research is fun and interesting and it is fun to try to predict what questions your Justice would ask at oral argument and what side they would rule in favor of.

Bonus: Last year the Current Issues in Con Law class accurately predicted the outcome of Brown v. EMA. Moot Court at the University of Virginia School of Law and a panel of constitutional experts got it WRONG!

Business Planning – Prof. Ehrlich

Why you should take the class: because the professor literally wrote the book on it. Business planning isn't just for the business minded student. Prof. Ehrlich does a great job of taking you through the process of starting a small business in California. This class is for entrepreneurs and anyone interested in hanging their own shingle someday. Topics include client introductions and retention, types of entities, tax issues, securities regulations and exemptions, and all the documents required to start a business in the state of California. It's everything you need to know, wrapped up in a nice little package.

Workload: This class has a lot of group assignments. I know that might scare some of you off, but it's not that bad. It actually has the effect of lessening the burden. One bit of advice though: for the larger assignments like the final project, never choose to work alone. You'll need at least one pair of extra eyes to look at your work.

Bonus: Take it concurrently with Biz Orgs. I guarantee you will better understand the material in that class (and probably get a better grade too).

Trial Practice – Prof. Conte

Why you should take the class: because you don't know evidence as well as you think you do. Trial Practice is a great experience overall. Prof. Conte's Friday lectures are entertaining and insightful. You never really know what it takes to be a trial lawyer until you hear from someone who has literally won when lives were at risk. Also, the small group professors are amazing. I had Judge Trentacosta who is currently the Assistant Presiding Judge at the criminal division downtown. He is a master at getting the best from his students, even if they are not the most confident in their public speaking skills.

Workload: This class is not difficult, but it does require preparation. The class readings are helpful, but not always mandatory. It really depends on your small group professor. Each week you prepare 2-3 small fact patterns for your small group exercise and during the semester you complete a bench trial (midterm) and jury trial (final).

Bonus: It gives you a chance to do your best Perry Mason impression.

So there they are: the three classes you can't miss at Cal Western. Because you get the small group dynamic and really connect with your professors, they also have the added benefit of being fun. You know, that thing you didn't get to have during 1L...

GRACE GARNER
STAFF WRITER

Who has time to cook anymore? Between class, interviews, negotiation competitions and studying we barely call our mothers. But, we still need to eat and after a while take out and cold sandwiches are not enough. What do you do instead? Take some time to do something different. Give yourself a treat and make these enchiladas. Far from traditional Mexican food, they are still delicious and will give you a hearty meal for a week. I know the next question. How long does this take? Two hours. Yikes. It hurt me too. I complained the entire time I made them. Then I took a bite and I realized it was the best two hours I have spent in the kitchen in a long time. Do yourself a favor and make this recipe. Double it and put half in the freezer. You won't regret it.

Note: Recipe has been slightly adapted from skinnytaste.com

Green Chile Enchilada Sauce:

Chicken and White Bean Filling:

- ### Green Chile Enchilada Sauce:

- 2 tbs butter
- 1/2 cup chopped white onion
- 2 tbs flour
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 7 oz can chopped green chile
- 2 jalapeños, chopped
- salt
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup Monterey jack cheese
- 8-10 corn tortillas
- chopped fresh cilantro

Preheat oven to 375°.

For the chicken and stock:

Fill a medium pot with water, add the chicken breast, onion, celery, garlic clove, cumin and salt and pepper to taste. Boil on medium heat for about 30 minutes or until chicken is fully cooked (160 degrees in the center).

Remove the chicken breast and let cool slightly then shred and set aside. Strain broth and reserve for enchilada sauce.

For the Filling:

In a medium pan, heat olive oil on low. Add onions, garlic and saute until soft, about 2-3 minutes. Add green chiles, beans, water, bullion, and cumin. Mix well and cover. Simmer on low 15 minutes. Remove cover, add chicken and cook an additional 5-10 minutes, or until it thickens and liquid boils down. Set aside.

Green Chile Enchilada Sauce:

In a large nonstick pan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion softens and starts to turn translucent, about 3-4 minutes. Add flour and stir well. Cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Slowly whisk in the chicken broth. Whisk until the sauce becomes smooth. Cook over medium heat until the sauce boils and thickens, about 4-5 minutes. Add green chiles, jalapeños, and salt to taste. Cook another minute then remove from the heat. Stir in the sour cream.

Spread about 1/4 cup of the enchilada sauce on the bottom of a 9x13" baking dish. Fill each tortilla with 1/3 cup of the chicken/white bean filling. Roll the tortillas and place seam side down in the prepared baking dish. Continue filling remainder of the tortillas.

Pour the enchilada sauce over the top of the enchiladas. Top with cheese. Cover with aluminum and bake 20-30 minutes, until the enchiladas are hot and the cheese is melted. Remove from oven and top with fresh cilantro.

Why San Diego County Bar Association Matters to You

ANNA BURNETT
SDCBA REPRESENTATIVE

Hello everyone, and welcome to another year of school! Whether you are just beginning your law school journey, or months away from graduating, or somewhere in between, there is one thing we all have in common - we all want to get a job after we graduate. As career services tells us (over and over and over), the economy is tough right now, and an increasing number of law students are securing interviews and jobs through the people they know. And exactly how do these law students develop their contacts? Why, networking of course!

For those of us who are a little further on in our studies, and have sat through many hours of career services presentations, I know what you're thinking. "Yeah yeah yeah, always with the networking talk. We get it!" But my question for each of you 'yeah yeah yeahs' is, do you really? How many of you have gone to a networking event (and let's be honest, tri-org mixers between three CWSL student clubs isn't really a "networking event") in the past month? What about the past three months? Or even the past year?

Luckily for us, there is an organization in town dedicated to bringing attorneys, judges, and law students together, and its headquarters is not too far away from CWSL! What is this great organization? It's the San Diego County Bar Association!

The San Diego County Bar Association is the region's oldest and largest law-related organization. The voice for San Diego's diverse legal community, the SDCBA aims to support and inform the county's lawyers, the public, and the community. Programs help clients find qualified lawyers, resolve disputes, and educate San Diegans on their legal rights and responsibilities. The SDCBA, which encompasses 50 unique sections, committees, and divisions, strives to provide members with knowledge and tools to expand and enrich their practices. From over 300 hours of quality Continuing Legal Education events each year, award winning publications, mentor programs and networking opportunities, to discounted pricing on insurance, office supplies and more, the SDCBA is dedicated to serving San Diego's lawyers.

The SDCBA is comprised of over 50 unique sections, committees, divisions and member groups, which each serve as member communities. Each member community provides the opportunity for SDCBA members to work together to educate one another and others in the community on substantive areas of law, and also serves as a forum for legal professionals to discuss common problems and issues that affect a particular area of law. The SDCBA's member communities are the backbone of all SDCBA services, providing community service and leadership opportunities for SDCBA members and supporting larger association-wide initiatives.

As you can see, the SDCBA is much more than networking, and the benefits to being a law student member are huge! Law Students are the future of the profession and the SDCBA supports their membership and professional development through a variety of programming and interactions. The SDCBA encourages law students to get involved with sections, committees, and the New Lawyer Division. If you already know what type of law you want to practice - for example animal law - you can attend Animal Law Section meetings to learn firsthand what it's like to practice animal law and meet attorneys who practice in that field. Alternatively, if you don't know what area of the law you want to practice, you can attend section meetings and/or Continued Legal Education events to learn what interests you.

Membership for first year students is free. That's right, free. All you have to do to take advantage of this opportunity is fill out the Law Student Membership Application located on the SDCBA website. Second year students can become members or renew their membership for \$10 also by filling out the Law Student Membership Application. Third year students pay \$20 in dues. Law Student Membership allows each law student to sign up for three SDCBA sections for free. Each additional section costs \$15.

Regardless of what you pay to join the SDCBA, I am sure you will find that the benefits outweigh the nominal costs. So get out there, attend a CLE on a subject you know nothing about, and create some contacts of your own. See you at the Bar (Center)!



Think Bigger: The American Bar Association

JACKIE RUNNER
ABA REPRESENTATIVE

It is no secret the economy is tough for law students right now. Given the current job market, law students are often wondering about alternative ways of finding internships during law school and employment after graduation. Further, school expenses, books, study tools, insurance, and other costs add up, along with student loans. One way to get a window into the legal profession outside of law school, gain exposure to a variety of legal areas and professionals, and help reduce some of the costs along the way is to join the American Bar Association (ABA).

The American Bar Association is the largest professional association in the world. The ABA's activities span across Northern America and include law school accreditation, continuing legal education for practicing lawyers, creation of professional conduct guidelines, national and regional conferences for law students and professionals, and pro bono work. Law students are not only able to join more than 30 "sections" - that is, membership into specialized focus groups of the ABA for various types of specialized law - but also receive discounts on travel (Hertz, Starwood Hotels), school supplies (Office Depot, HP, Mozy), study aids (Bar/Bri, Kaplan PMBR bar review, West study aids), professional clothing (Brooks Brothers), and health insurance with the option to extend coverage after graduation, just to name a few.

In addition, students will receive two magazines for free: Student Lawyer and ABA Journal. Not only do these publications keep students informed about current issues in law (including novel topics for a scholarly writing papers), but students can submit articles to Student Lawyer and perhaps be published, which is a great resume builder. Students can also enter 29 writing competitions with cash prizes - another resume builder. And speaking of resumes, the ABA has a resume review program and online job boards where students can create a profile, upload resumes and cover letters, and apply for jobs.

Perhaps the most significant benefit of ABA membership is networking opportunities. Twice a year, the ABA holds an association-wide conference. The most recent conference was held in Toronto, Canada. The conference spanned five days and included hundreds of continuing legal education events, mixers with Canadian firms and ABA sections, breakfast caucuses with professionals in specified fields, and a gala put on by the Young Lawyers' Division. (New lawyers who are ABA members are automatically enrolled in the Young Lawyers' Division.)

What was most striking about the conference was not the sheer volume of events or professionals who attended, although there were massive amounts of both. Rather, it was the fact that many lawyers attended not only went to satisfy their continuing legal education requirements for the year, but also because they started out as Young Lawyers' Division members and have been meeting up with friends across Northern America at these conferences ever since.

As some of the only law students at Young Lawyer Division events, it became clear to us that members of the Young Lawyers Division were eager to help each other find opportunities in new areas and also maintain professional relationships nationwide. In fact, some members pay to stay in the Young Lawyers Division because they have friends they made 30 years ago and want to keep in touch through these events. They do not just attend the twice-yearly national event - several lawyers told us they start email chains with the friends they have made through the ABA to attend some of the more than 300 regional and national specialty practice meetings across the nation. Clearly the ABA is not just for law students to join, put on their resume as student members, and then never hear from again - it is an opportunity for financial as well as networking benefits that last throughout a legal career.

To join, contact California Western's ABA Representative Jackie Runner at JARunner@law.cwsl.edu, or visit www.abaforlawstudents.com. Membership is \$25 for one year, or \$60 for three years - and for a 2L or 3L, the three year plan would roll over into post-graduation, with automatic enrollment into the Young Lawyers Division.

UPCOMING SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EVENTS

All events are held at the SDCBA Bar Center on 7th Ave

November 9, 2011 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The Financial Meltdown: The Role of Government in Regulating Wall Street
Presented by American Constitution Society

November 14, 2011 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

A Case Against Animal Cruelty: Unique Procedural Issues for the Prosecutor
Presented by Animal Law Section

November 16, 2011 12 PM - 1:15 PM

Advance Course in Avoiding Pitfalls in Social Media

November 17, 2011 12 PM - 1:15 PM

Probate Examiners' Update
Presented by Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Section

The Cost of Doing Business in Major League Baseball

MIKE HARDY
GUEST WRITER

As October rolls around, there are certain things you come to rely on: A quality pumpkin ale, basketball starting up (eh, topic for another article), and as a Red Sox fan, hearing “Baseball needs a salary cap because the same teams with all the money are the only ones who get into the playoffs and win the World Series.” Well not so much this year, but I’ve already moved past the stages of grief from that fiasco. I recently saw the movie Moneyball (great flick), which is about the shift in philosophy in baseball that has occurred in small-to-medium-sized market cities. By using algorithms and simulation, it was possible for smaller markets like Oakland to win by spending much less than the Red Sox and Yankees. They did this through drafting and unorthodox free agent signings, targeting specific attributes of players that were not valued at the time (i.e. looking at defensive fielding percentages instead of number of home runs). This shift happened around 2001, so I decided to review total team salaries from 2001 through the current MLB playoffs.

I didn’t take statistics in college. In fact, I loopholed my way out of taking the class because I wanted to buy the MLB package instead of a graphing calculator. I realize the irony here, but let’s be honest, the TI-83 calculators were vastly overpriced, so this will be simple for anyone to follow. There are 30 teams in MLB. If the system were perfect, the average team that gets into the playoffs should be around 15th in the league in payroll (think: bell curve). From 2001 through this season, the average playoff team ranked 11th highest in payroll. Pretty close to 15, but that’s still just an average.

So, let’s look at the range of payroll salaries between playoff teams. This shows the discrepancy between playoff teams who spend a lot of money and playoff teams who do not. The average range in ranking over the 11-year span was 23.7. Hence, not only are teams with top payrolls getting into the playoffs; teams who spend next to nothing are also getting in. The research for both the Championship Series and the World Series produced similar results in both average and range. Each advancing round, the average decreased slightly. The World Series winner averaged 9.8th in payroll (out of 30 teams); the range in ranking was 10.9.

Now to break this down practically. The Yankees have had the highest payroll in baseball for the past 11 years. So, they are 1st in payroll (side note: they won the World Series once, made it there three times, and both losses were against the 8th and 25th highest payroll teams respectively). Suppose the Yankees make it to the World Series. The range in ranking in the World Series over the past 10 years is 10.2; i.e., they would be facing the team with the 11th highest payroll. The average World Series winner was ranked 9.8th in payroll. Now, which team is closer to 9.8, the 1st ranked team or the 11th?

Take the example of the Phillies Championship team. They were ranked 12th in the league that year (2008) for payroll. The following three years, they moved (1) to the 7th highest payroll in which they lost in the World Series, (2) to the 2nd highest payroll in which they lost in the Championship Series, and (3) this year again to the 2nd highest payroll and lost in the first round of the playoffs.

So, what does this really mean? Baseball has come down to drafting well and looking for specific traits beyond offensive numbers, especially after the steroid era. Teams with good scouting do well. With the way rookie and minor league arbitrations work, teams can get affordable players for several years before they can leave for free agency.

What about the argument that smaller market teams are just a farm system for the top spending ones? Ask the Texas Rangers, who are one game away from winning the World Series as we go to print, who have four players acquired in a single trade. The reason for the trade: the Rangers couldn’t afford to resign Mark Teixeira, who is sitting on his couch. Ask the Yankees about Kei Igawa and the 46 million dollars they paid him for 16 games in the majors. Or, ask the Red Sox how they feel about Carl Crawford or how they gave John Lackey the highest contract for a pitcher in team history, only to have him return the favor with the highest starting pitcher ERA in the team’s history. I suppose their money is now somewhat invested in KFC and Budweiser, but I’m sure they’re still not thrilled.

The point is that baseball has now moved into homegrown talent and the system in the league supports that. Sure, the big market teams can spend big on free agents or gamble on “can’t miss foreign defect players,” but they can lose big on them too.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: TOO BROKEN TO FIX?

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College football is no stranger to cheating. Pass interference, chop blocks, and even taunting the opposing team can give a team an unfair advantage if they can deceive the referee or catch them unaware. But what happens when entire programs cheat? Similar to the players on the field seeking to deceive the referee, entire football programs work diligently to deceive the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for an extra advantage. Sometimes the ploys work, some programs are caught and sanctioned, and in some rare cases the NCAA employs its own special brand of capital punishment, “the death penalty.”

The Death Penalty

The NCAA’s death penalty kills a school’s offending athletic program, barring it from competition for one year. The standard today employs a “repeat offender” rule, where a program that commits a recruiting violation commits another violation within a five year probationary period and thus may suffer a loss of a season. Typically these recruiting violations consist of “pay for play” schemes where someone acting on behalf of the school pays student athletes to play for the school’s program.

The Southern Methodist University (SMU) Mustangs set the modern standard as an example of the death penalty in the 1980s. The NCAA found SMU paid recruits in 1985 and the NCAA put the program on probation. The very next year, the NCAA found several egregious instances of pay for play still occurring at SMU, including 21 players receiving \$61,000 from a slush fund administered by one of the assistant coaches for the football program. The program blatantly disregarded the NCAA, and its nationally competitive football program suffered the worst the NCAA could give. The NCAA banned it from playing its 1987 season, banned it from playing in lucrative post season bowl games until 1989, and took away scholarships for student athletes, among other sanctions. The NCAA brought down the proverbial axe. The Mustangs, an otherwise historically successful program, failed to have a winning season for 20 years.

Programs around the country quickly got the NCAA’s point - don’t flagrantly disregard the NCAA.

Sanctions

Outright Stupidity:

The University of Alabama Crimson Tide, already on probation from an incident in 1995, suffered NCAA sanctions, including a two year post season bowl game, scholarship reductions, and a probationary period from 2002 to 2006. Alabama paid \$50,000 to a high school assistant coach in Memphis, Tennessee to encourage a student athlete to play for the Crimson Tide. The Tide were caught red (crimson?!) handed when the other witness to this impropriety turned out to be Philip Fulmer, the head coach for the University of Tennessee Volunteers. This left Alabama fans without a post season and completely perplexed as to how anyone could be so stupid as to commit this kind of violation in front of the head coach of a rival conference school commonly referred to throughout the state of Alabama by his derogatory nickname, “Fat Phil” (also referred to as “The Great Pumpkin” for adorning his rotund physique with Tennessee’s orange during football games).

There’s no sophisticated lesson here. If a program is going to cheat, it shouldn’t do so in front of its enemy.

Pay for Play:

While SMU cheated overtly and with blatant disregard for NCAA rules, some institutions adopted other mechanisms for cheating. The University of Southern California (USC) Trojans experimented with feigning stupidity. The NCAA brought numerous sanctions when star USC running back Reggie Bush was found receiving over \$290,000 in gifts while playing for the Trojans. Bush’s agent, Lloyd Lakes, sued Bush and his family and reported Bush to the NCAA infractions committee for not repaying the \$290,000 that Bush promised to Lakes. The NCAA determined the school failed to keep a watchful eye on its leading rusher who became a top NFL draft pick. The NCAA vacated USC’s wins for fielding Bush as an ineligible player, including stripping USC of its 2004 national championship. The NCAA also banned USC from post season bowl games in 2010 and 2011, and removed 30 scholarships from the program.

The Ohio State University (OSU) Buckeyes recently narrowly escaped the incredible sanctions heaped on USC, but still faces serious consequences. Terrelle Pryor, star quarterback for the Buckeyes in 2010 along with other OSU players, received cash and/or free tattoos in exchange for sports memorabilia, including signed footballs and jerseys. The NCAA infractions committee found OSU properly monitored its student athletes, which will probably spare the program the same fate as USC. The offending players were suspended, and OSU’s coach, Jim Tressel, resigned.

So what lesson can be drawn from USC and OSU? If you put forth even a modicum of effort to monitor student athletes, you can avoid the harshest NCAA penalties.

Getting Away With It

Cam Newton won the Heisman trophy, the award named after Georgia Tech’s former head coach for college football’s most outstanding player, and carried the Auburn University Tigers to a national championship. Newton became embroiled in a pay for play scandal last year when Mississippi State University (MSU) reported Newton’s father to the NCAA for attempting to procure \$180,000 in exchange for Cam Newton to play for MSU. Ignorance is bliss for Cam Newton. The NCAA found Newton “unaware” of his father’s pay for play attempts, and allowed Newton his eligibility.

What can cheating athletic programs learn from this? Even a tiny effort to launder the money through the player’s family may produce an eligible player. However, contrast this with USC’s woes, and the schools have to balance risk with reward. Cheaters must weigh the probability of someone “spilling the beans” against the potential for millions of dollars from a victory at a major bowl game or a national title.

So what?

Pay for play is a common infraction. The NCAA bans it because college sports are supposed to qualify as amateur. The “pay” the student athlete receives comes in the form of a free or subsidized education through a scholarship. While college coaches and schools bring in millions of dollars from their football programs, players receive a college degree. But this leaves a problem: the monetary value of an undergraduate degree pales in comparison to the exorbitant amount of revenue from college football. Why not pay players for the services they provide to the academic institutions they support?

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ONE *STEPP* FURTHER FROM CWSL-UC SAN DIEGO MERGER

By: Ben Pezzner

New details have emerged regarding the stalled merger talks with UCSD. Last month, an anonymous 2L found a discarded manila folder next to the faculty building containing a letter from outgoing UCSD Chancellor Fox to the CWSL faculty summarizing the main points of UCSD's decision to turn down the opportunity to acquire a law school at this time.

Most of UCSD's reasons were minor. UCSD wanted to be able to collect parking fines, but the San Diego police wouldn't allow that (Cal Western student parking fines make up 15% of San Diego's annual budget). Additionally, UCSD wanted to clear Cal Western's faculty building and use the space to house some of the overflow from its Stewart Art Collection. Those unfamiliar with UCSD's Stewart Art Collection need only walk the campus for ten minutes before bumping into a giraffe fence or a Sun God statue.

Interestingly enough, all of those minor issues could have been worked out, if not for one overriding issue on which both sides were unwilling to compromise. UCSD wanted to cancel the STEPPS program, something Cal Western would never do. "Not in a million years," said a Dean who asked to remain anonymous, due to the sensitive nature of the discussion. "STEPPS is one of our last fruitful ways to waste our students' time," said AnonyDean. "Plus, ever notice how no one ever complains about the parking situation anymore? Or how the basement and 4th floors are so crummy? Or how there's nowhere on campus to get food after 3pm? Or how they stop making the breakfast burritos after 10am, even though the sign says 10:30? Without the STEPPS program taking up the majority of student complaints, all we would hear about are those other silly things."

When asked why UCSD would not acquire a law school with a program like STEPPS, Chancellor Fox responded, "Law students have a big enough workload as it is, and most of them learn how to interface with clients in their internships, externships, and pre-law school jobs. Our research found that the STEPPS writing assignments are pretty much repeats of the Legal Skills

assignments. Plus, 100% of the students we polled thought the program was a significant waste of time."

This author is not in STEPP, having taken PR over the summer. Accordingly, it will be hard to comment on UCSD's STEPPS allegations. Be that as it may, one can only hope that Cal Western and UCSD figure this out soon. We can all use an extra zero on our first paycheck. Oh, and it would be nice to be able to get a breakfast burrito after 10am.

Apple's Siri Service Responsible for Finding Gaddafi

By: Ben Pezzner

Apple's iPhone 4s was released last month, and the reviews were overwhelmingly positive. The iPhone's biggest technological innovation was Siri, the voice activated "digital assistant." One can use Siri to schedule meetings, find Mexican food, tie bowties, and find the quickest way home. Since all of Siri's requests go through Apple's servers before being answered, Siri has been able to capitalize on Apple's artificial intelligence algorithms to make it smarter by the second.

Jaffar Al Abdula of Libya's National Transition Council found this out firsthand when he tried to ask Siri to move his 3:00 teleconference to 4:30. Instead, Siri answered by displaying a map with Gaddafi's location. Jaffar then used

Response to Fridge Cleanout Emails

By: Ben Pezzner

Student Services is responding to discontent among the student body over all the fridge cleanout reminder emails by adding a new email notification program. "We figured the main reason students do not like the emails is because the emails arrive so unexpectedly," said Jen Kennings, head of CWSL's fridge cleanout task force. "The solution," said Jen, "is to start sending fridge cleanout reminder email reminders." You read that correctly. These new email reminders reminding students that they are about to be sent an email reminder reminding them to clean out the fridges is Student Services' newest idea in their continuing fight against un-

By: Brian Horan

San Diego's City Council recently pushed through emergency legislation to increase police and city sanitation budgets in response to the local Occupy San Diego movement. In order to fund the additional expenses, the council was forced to further slash the budgets of San Diego Unified School District, among other city programs.

Sanitation Director Art Giles explains, "With all the unwashed miscreants

living in the Civic Center plaza, it was necessary for us to allocate overtime to our cleanup teams to avoid a public sanitation problem. There isn't much we can do about the odor, but at least we can pick up the trash and prevent against the spread of disease."

Garbage collector Tony Montana agrees with the decision wholeheartedly. "I'm happy to do my part and I hope these people stay for a long time. At this rate, by the end of the year, I'll be part of the 1%."

Movement leaders denounced the cuts to an already cash-strapped educational system. Instead, they believed that expenses incurred as a result of the protest should be funded directly from "city fatcats who refuse to address the real problems of their constituents."

In another turn of events, a group of the city's homeless population has filed suit in Federal District Court alleging a violation under the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. The complaint alleges that the homeless are "similarly situated [to the protesters] because they have no jobs, no money and no hope either, yet are being treated as second-class citizens." Steve Windblower, one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs argues, "It's just not right. If my clients can't pitch a tent in the plaza and stay indefinitely, why should these protesters have that right?"

City attorneys had no public comment on the ongoing litigation, but promised an answer in the timeframe residents of San Diego are accustomed to (read: when the next guy takes office).

CWSL MASCOT

By: Ben Pezzner

Cal Western's new mascot is joining the likes of USD's Diego Torero and TJSL's Wooly Mammoth of Justice. That's right, we have a mascot! And it's a... wait, really? We don't really have a mascot? Now that's just mean. All that buildup for nothing.

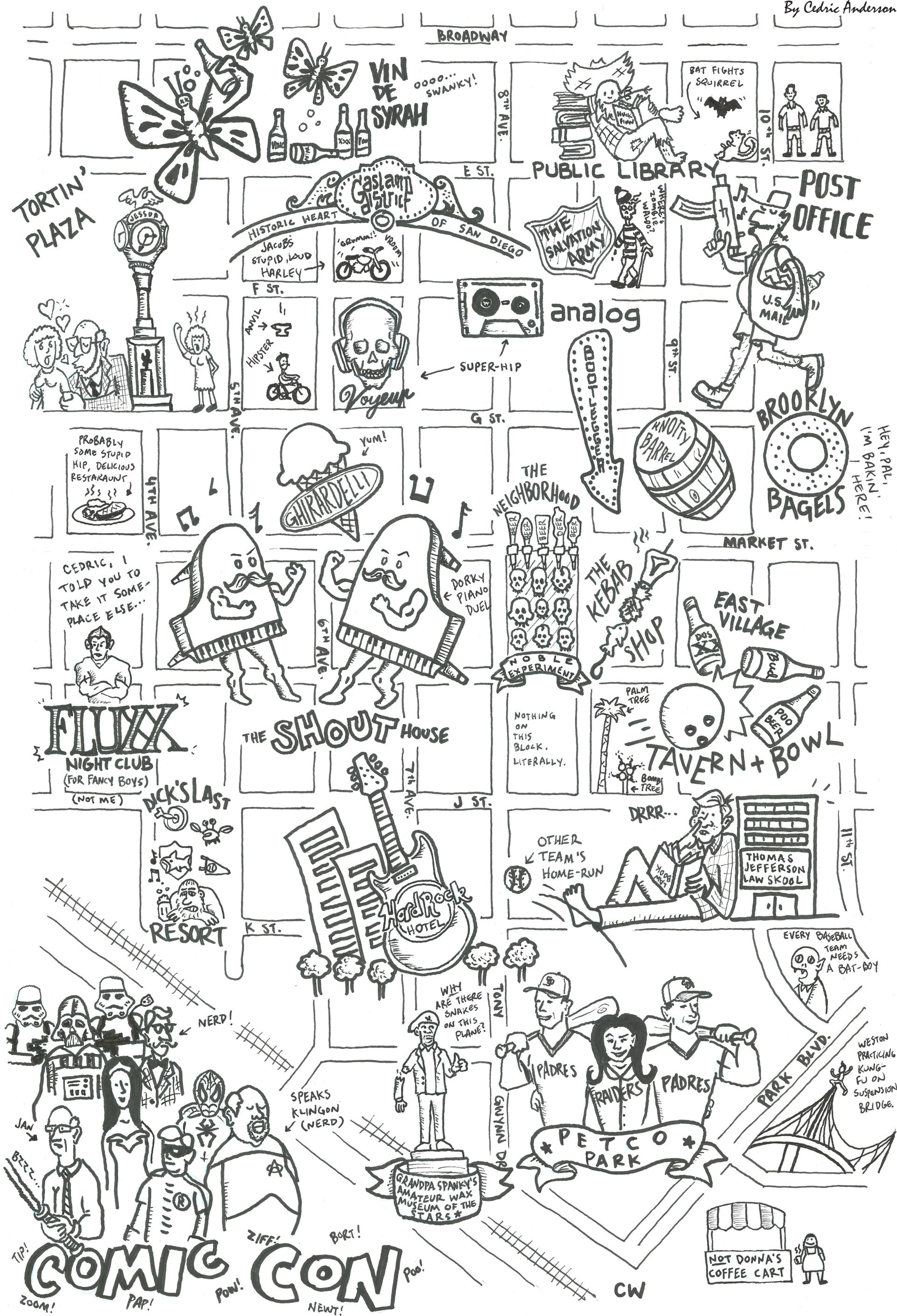


Be sure to read next month's follow up article on the fridge emails to get an update as to how the pilot email reminder email email program via email is shaping out. If you'd like, we can even email you about it.

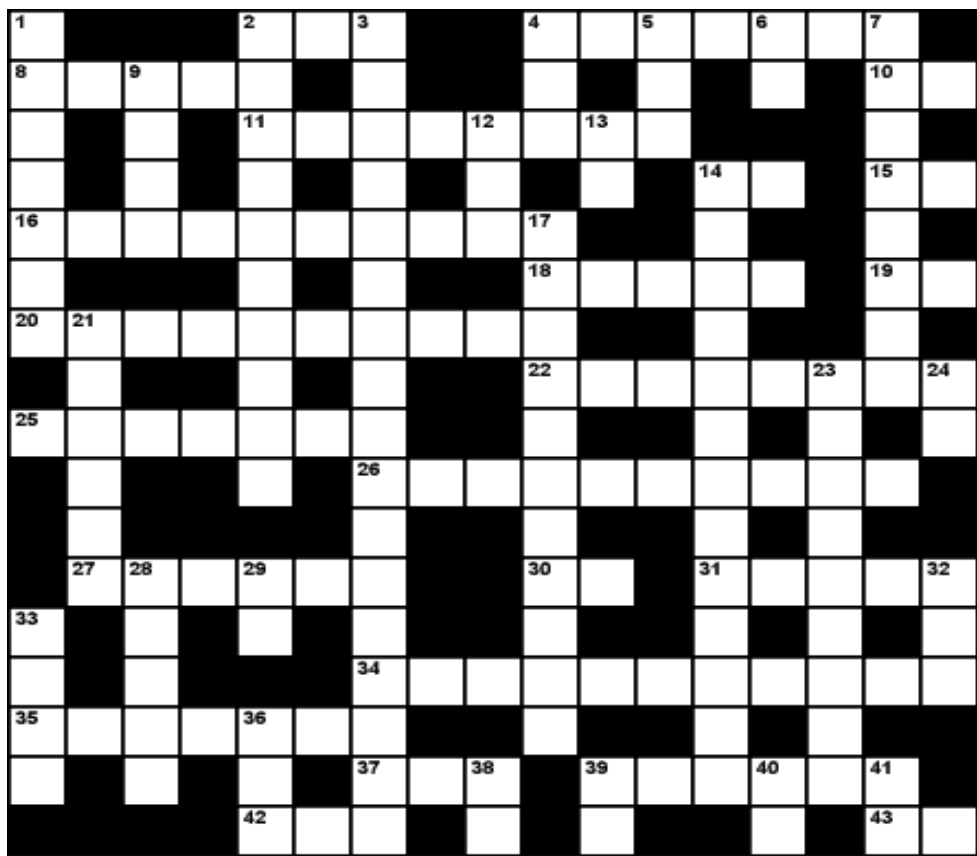
Survival Map

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By Cedric Andersson



MONTHLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

2. welfare rancher’s nemesis
4. Spanish _____
8. I ain’t steppin’ _____’ my house
10. Conservation Groups Blast Lubbock, _____ Prairie Dog Poisoning Plan
11. _____ onion
14. Belsky, _____. and D.M. Blumenthal. 1997. Effects of livestock grazing on stand dynamics and soils of upland forests of the Interior West. Conservation Biology 11:315- 327.
15. Drought Not Budging, Thanks to _____ Nino
16. Monoptilon bellioides
18. Eriodictyon californicum (symbol)
19. (____. note: These meetings are about mitigation tradeoffs. Another ranchers’ subsidy in the making?)
20. larkspur genus (sci.)
22. Bidding wars _____ over ranch land
25. _____ riders have law on their side
26. Western Least Bittern genus (sci.)
27. Special Report: A long, dry _____
30. Commercial Livestock Production on Federal Public Lands: Environmental Destruction _____ Taxpayer Expense. June 29, 2000
31. how enviros want public lands grazing
34. An _____ tool about cattle grazing
35. Ninth _____ Court of Appeals Confirms Grazing Cutbacks in Owyhee County Idaho
37. I’m an old ____hand
39. Limits on _____ grazing upheld on appeal
42. _____ penstemon
43. Parks service rejects grazing plan (____)

DOWN

1. The land is _____
2. Western _____ Project Receives

- Lazar Foundation Grant
3. Astragulus magdelenae peirsonii
4. Formerly known as
5. outlaw enviro group
6. Brumley Ridge Allotment, Mantia- _____ Sal National Forest, UT
7. most acute
9. That graze on the mountain _____ green
12. Landscape Characterization Area
13. The Internalization of Degraded Streams _____ Normal
14. white _____
17. In _____ of Joy Belsky
21. The _____ Carrying Capacity - Some Literature Reviews
23. A Report to the Nation on the Distribution, _____, and Health of U.S. Plants, Animals, and Ecosystems
24. _____-BLM chief, rancher on same side of West’s energy dispute
28. ‘_____ isn’t much room for more wolves’
29. Head _____ Up Move ‘Em Out
32. Earth Day at Bosque _____ Apache National Wildlife Refuge
33. Whorled _____ wheat
36. Mad Cow _____: Could the Nightmare Happen Here?
38. _____ Had An Election. RangeNet 2000 Conference, 11/28/00 (Audio)
39. Video Overview _____ “The Candidates”
40. And _____ spreads the burning sand
41. Forest Service didn’t do one _____

October Crossword Solution



CHEAP EATS: WHERE TO EAT AROUND CAMPUS WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK

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When it comes to food it’s hard not to have Dom Perignon taste, but unfortunately our Natural Ice budget can frequently get in the way considering the student loan payments, smart phone bills, and newly acquired business casual wardrobe. Despite the financial downside of being a student, we have one amazing perk: Odd Hours.

Sometimes we start at 8am, and sometimes we start at 2pm. Sometimes we’re out at 6pm, and sometimes we’re out at 3pm. As long as you shift your regular eating schedule out of the line of fire that is “normal dining hours,” you can get that glass of Dom for the price of Natty-Ice.

Here is a little list of foods that would usually cost you an arm, a leg, and a left kidney but which are easily affordable when eaten at off hours...

LUNCH SPECIALS-

Sushi Deli 2 (1st and Broadway) 5-6:30pm: Teriyaki chicken, four pieces of shrimp and veggie tempura and California roll for \$5.75 or for a few cents more, change out the tempura for gyoza. For only a dollar more (we’re still under 7 bucks here), get all the above (chicken, tempura, gyoza, roll) and chicken tempura.

Lotus Thai (6th and Evans) 11am-3pm: Yellow curry, massanman curry, pad thai and drunken noodle are all options. It comes with soup, salad, and an egg roll. You get to add your own protein so if you get tofu its only \$4.95. To get chicken, beef, pork or mock meat it’s still only \$6.95.

Pizzicato (5th and Kalmia): Two slice and a drink or a slice, a salad, and a drink for about \$7. The pizza slice changes daily but this is not your average pizza. We’re talking apple, sausage, artichoke hearts, olives, wild mushrooms, gruyere, etc. although they do offer the classic favorites.



HAPPY HOURS-

La Puerta (4th and I) 3-7pm: Half off all appetizers and drinks. The appetizers all end up being \$5 at most (many options even cheaper than that). Options include carne asada fries, cochinita quesadillas, flautitas, and tostaditas. The carne asada fries and quesadillas are massive and easily enough for two to share.

Flemings (3rd and K) 5pm-7pm: Vodka martinis, pomtinis, clear cosmos, hefewizen, and an array of red and white wines for \$6 each. Food options include roasted mushroom ravioli, seared ahi tuna, and one of the best bacon swiss cheeseburgers you’ll find, all for \$6 each.

Las Hadas (4th and I) 4-7pm: Drink specials include \$2 Tecate, and \$3 Coronas. Happy hour dinner options include chipotle bbq ribs, chile verde cheeseburger, or pulled pork sandwich for \$7 each.

