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Documentaries that Focus on San Diego's Homeless Youth to be Screened

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will screen two films that deal with San Diego's homeless youth. The first film San Diego Public Library is pleased to present *Telling the Streets: True Urban Legends*. The second film is *Shadow Children: Five Stories from the Street*. The films will be shown on Sunday, April 20, at 2:00 PM in the Central Library 3rd floor auditorium located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. A public discussion with the youth and the Humanities scholar who worked on and produced the first film and the filmmaker of the second film will follow the screening. This event is FREE to the public.

Telling the Streets: True Urban Legends is the culminating event for a FREE 15-week after-school program video production, education and training program designed to document powerful stories about the legends that surround homeless youth in San Diego. Stories of individual personal experiences become legends when they are of value to the community. These narratives often communicate essential information on how to survive, and even thrive, on the streets: what dangers to avoid, what services are available; what works and what does not. The project was funded by the California Council For the Humanities. The Media Arts Center San Diego lent support for this project.

Joel Garcia, the education advisor on the project, is the vice principal at TAAS and the Monarch School, Students/families do not have to have proof of residency (or live within a certain boundary to attend TAAS or Monarch. Ellen Delacruz, Language Arts teacher at TAAS worked with Antone Minard Ph.D., folklorist and the Humanities scholar, on writing the narratives, which the youth created.

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After the screening, Dr. Antone Minard will provide a short commentary relating these legends to the larger body of American legendry and analyzing their significance within the homeless community and to the larger community of urban Southern California.

Shadow Children was produced in The Production Center for Documentary and Drama at SDSU. Alex Farnsley, the writer-director will be at the screening. Alex is a writer, photographer, and documentary filmmaker. Much of his work focuses on the problems children and young people encounter on their journey to becoming adults. He has won two Emmy Awards for editing and one nomination for Cinematography. *Shadow Children* received a 2003 Southwestern Student Emmy Award, Honorable Mention in the International Broadcast Educators Film Festival, and a finalist berth at the prestigious international Angelus Awards.

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