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Will Booze Billboards Buy City Hall?



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It was a last-minute law, passed by a lame-duck San Diego City Council in the waning days of Mayor Susan Golding's term, a troubled era in the city's history when the Chargers ticket guarantee and the Valerie Stallings-John Moores influence-buying scandal had rocked confidence in local government. So many pet projects sought

by the council members had piled up by November 2000 that the mayor scheduled three additional council meetings to handle the demand. The November 14 agenda alone burgeoned to 142 pages.

For her part, Golding was pushing development projects for many of her past campaign contributors. She also



George Stevens

used the last-minute opportunity to pack city boards and commissions with her friends and financial supporters.

But the rush was not limited to the mayor. The Fourth



Charles Lewis

District's George Stevens, with two years left on his term, also took advantage of the legislative pandemonium to push through one of his favorite proposals: a ban on all

Clear Channel billboard, 965 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach

liquor advertising on billboards within 1000 feet of schools, libraries, video arcades, playgrounds, and other places where he said minors congregated. Although there were serious questions about its constitutionality and the risk of expensive litigation the proposed law might spawn, the measure was put on the fast track.

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LETTERS

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Steiner Racist?

I write to thank you for your article "Follow Me" in the February 21 issue. After I finished the article I was amazed that I had not heard of this philosophy or this school before. It even prompted me to get on the Net and do my own research on the Waldorf School and anthroposophy. My only criticism of the article is that the way you show pretty pictures of children at play, seemingly having fun, and bright colors on the cover photograph of Miss Lea, the teacher, hides the sinister message almost too well. I felt that the way the article progressed was too slow in exposing the disturbing information about the Waldorf School. The Aryan nationalist theories mentioned, and Steiner's haunting racist words, and the chilling fact that his style of painting — filled with images and racist symbols, were very popular with the Nazi Third Reich — all this is not mentioned until further than halfway through the excellent article.

For those folks who did not actually bother to finish the article, I worry that they may have got the impression that you were touting these schools. Anthroposophy is a very scary idea, which I am glad you have exposed San Diego to. I just hope most readers got to the message at the end.

Sylvia C.

Steiner did not paint. The paragraph beginning "Perhaps Steiner can be compared to a painter" was metaphorical. — Editor

Harvard Alum On Waldorf Schools

Re "Follow Me" (February 21) by Laura McNeal.

Laura McNeal's article on the Waldorf School of San Diego was both beautifully written and at the same time, in parts, grotesquely inaccurate and misleading, making it difficult for readers to tell fact from fiction.

I am writing as a graduate of a Waldorf school — from which I went on to Harvard — as a Waldorf school parent, and as a trustee who served on a Waldorf school board for 15 years. I am also a longtime member of the Anthroposophical Society in America.

I'll address only two of the grotesque charges made or implied, which go hand-in-hand — that of racism and links to

Nazism.

The facts — which anyone can substantiate — are that Hitler closed Germany's Waldorf schools and banned the Anthroposophical Society. Then, immediately following the end of World War II, the Waldorf schools were among the first prewar institutions which the Allied High Command allowed to reopen.

Again, regarding racist charges, let the facts speak. One of America's leading African-American executives, Kenneth Chenault, president of American Express and a Waldorf school graduate (Garden City Waldorf School, New York), says, "My parents were looking for a school that would nourish the whole person. They also felt that the Waldorf school would be a far more open environment for African-Americans."

In South Africa, where apartheid is no longer the law of the land but nevertheless de facto, black and white children learn side by side in Waldorf schools. In other lands, where other skin colors predominate, for example, Nepal, India, and Japan, native children attend Waldorf schools.

Finally, in our own country, many Jewish parents, with big names in theater and TV, have long sent their children to America's first Waldorf school, the Rudolf Steiner School in Manhattan — even allowing the children to take major roles in the school's annual Nativity play at Christmastime.

There is even a Waldorf school on a kibbutz in Israel.

May your readers be as broad-minded!

Richard G. Rettig

Great Colors

I was looking at the cover of your February 21 version. I was looking at the color saturation, the nice color balance off your logo, and the whole trip. Nobody wrote in about your tugboat story, which was terrific, and how about the one about dining out? And the blacksmithing one was dynamite. I guess it blows by your normal readership.

Letterman
Downtown

Geek Extravaganza

I could not resist writing this letter. This is in response to the letter that you published from John Kohl (February 21 issue) criticizing a *Star Trek*-related clue to a crossword puzzle. While the criticism was correct (i.e., the *Enterprise* never landed in San Francisco), the letter contains several errors regarding *Star Trek* trivia. If one is going to act like a *Star Trek* geek, at least he could have gotten the information right.

First of all, there have been more than four starships to carry the name *Enterprise*. In the new series, the first *Enterprise* is an NX-class starship. From the original series, we know that the "original" *Enterprise* NCC 1701 was a Con-

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Lost Amelia A plan to hunt for **Amelia Earhart's** long-lost airplane by using a deep-sea robotic submarine outfitted in San Diego has produced a lawsuit. Earhart was on one of the final legs of her attempt to fly around the world on July 2, 1937, when her plane disappeared over the South Pacific. Ever since, her fate has been speculated about and spawned numerous search missions, the latest of which was bankrolled by wealthy Santa Fe, New Mexico, resident **R. Michael Kammerer**. The *Albuquerque Journal* reports that Kammerer founded a company called In Search of Amelia Earhart LLC and hired San Diego-based Oceanworkers, LP to refurbish, outfit, and pilot an underwater, sonar-equipped robot. The mission was supposed to have targeted a 2000-square-nautical-mile area near Howland Island, where Earhart was last heard from. The water there is more than three miles deep. A suit filed in federal court in Albuquerque, the paper says, provides details of the aborted search mission. It was to have started in March, would have covered 83 square nautical miles a day, and cost between \$400,000 to \$500,000 to refurbish and test the robotic sub. If Oceanworkers succeeded, the paper reports, it stood to gain a \$750,000 bonus. But the deal went sour, according to the lawsuit, when the submarine's performance came up short. "In sum, relative to Oceanworkers original representations, In Search of Amelia Earhart would have to pay twice as much for a vehicle that will perform, at best, half as well and twice as expensively," the lawsuit said. The paper says that the submarine, formerly known as AUSS, is a used Navy ARGUS model that was obtained through an agreement with the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center here. Though the San Diegans are out of the search, the quest for the airplane continues. Phoenix International, an outfit out of Landover, Maryland, has been hired to replace Oceanworkers, whose spokesman declined comment.



Amelia Earhart

Ballpark, East Del Mar resident **Arthur E. Nicholas**, the San Diego State grad who got rich as founder of Nicholas-Applegate Capital Management, LP, the investment outfit purchased last year by Germany's Allianz AG for \$980 million, has surfaced in Boston as one of the new owners of the Red Sox. The *Boston Globe* reported last week that, according to bid documents it obtained, Nicholas was expected to invest \$12 million in the \$700 million Red Sox deal, masterminded by ex-Padre honcho **Larry Lucchino**, and **John Henry**, who made his bundle in commodities. Nicholas, a legendary stock picker, also owns the biggest spread on the beach in Del Mar and two years ago sold a 38th-floor penthouse condo in downtown's posh Harbor Club for more than \$4.6 million, at the time a record price. His spokesman declined comment ... The *Sacramento Bee's* **Dan Walters** reports that North County Republican congressman **Darrell Issa** is interested in taking on Democratic senator **Barbara Boxer** when she comes up for reelection in two years. Issa, who ran briefly against then-San Diego mayor **Susan Golding** when both unsuccessfully sought the Boxer seat four years ago, was the alleged target of Jewish extremists who, federal prosecutors say, sought to bomb his office in December. He is of Lebanese descent ... The City of San Diego is on the verge of getting another five-year extension from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on its waiver to dump its less-than-pristine sewage into the Pacific, reports the *Orange County Register*.

More investments Second District city council candidate **Wayne Rafflesberger** reports owning between \$10,000 and \$100,000 worth of stock in Peregrine, the big software outfit founded by Padres owner **John Moores**. Rafflesberger's official financial statement also reports he owns between \$2000 and \$10,000 in Leap Wireless, the Qualcomm spin-off, where Moores once served as a member of the board before resigning last year ... High-powered East Coast political consultant **Kimball W. Brace**, the son of the late Channel 10 station manager **Clayton Brace**, is making headlines in Rhode Island as head of that state's legislative redistricting plan. A Democrat, the junior Brace was a KGTV weekend assignment editor at 18 but "soon fled San Diego's conservatism for American University in Washington, D.C., where he earned a degree in political science," according to the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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I Swallowed a Big Bag of Dope

By Justin Wolff

The Imperial Beach intersection where Marty Dale Anness died seems an unlikely place for a high-profile tragedy.

Home to working families, the corner of Thorn and Carolina Streets is clean and quiet — strictly residential. The intersection sees the most action on weekday mornings and afternoons, when chortling schoolkids walk to and from Mar Vista

while surrounded by San Diego sheriff's deputies, firemen, paramedics, and several citizen witnesses.

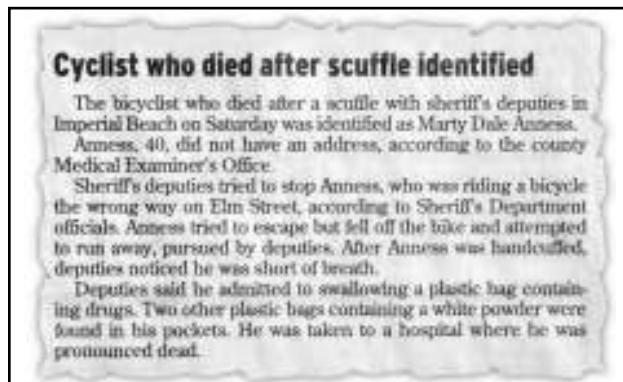
The unofficial sheriff's report claims Anness, 40, died after swallowing several bags of drugs, but some witnesses, and now Anness's family, al-



Marty Dale Anness

High School, located a block away on Elm Street. A typical Saturday afternoon here is lazy and unremarkable. Saturday, January 26, was no exception, until a little after 3:30 p.m., when Anness died — in front of an inconspicuous house on Thorn Street —

lege that police brutality is to blame. Either way, the death will remain a mystery for at least another month, when the San Diego County Medical Examiner says it might release its official findings. But because the report is taking so long, there is a good



From the San Diego Union-Tribune

chance that its findings only will lead to more doubt and speculation.

"I'm not saying that what he did was or wasn't right," Anness's younger brother, Charles, who lives in Hustonville, Kentucky, said, "but I feel like the officials up there are hoping that this will die down."

According to a sheriff's report written late on the night of Anness's death, the incident began at 3:15 p.m., when a patrolling deputy spotted Anness riding his bike against traffic on the 600 block of Elm Street, just a few hundred yards away from the high school.

"After the suspect was handcuffed," the report continues, "one of the deputies observed that the subject was laboring while trying to breathe. The deputy asked the subject, 'Are you okay?'"

Anness allegedly responded, "I swallowed a bag."

A deputy then asked him, "Did you swallow a bag of dope?"

"Yes, a big bag," Anness supposedly replied.

When members of the fire department arrived, they started CPR on Anness. A short time later paramedics arrived and took over efforts to revive him.



Site where Marty Anness was apprehended



Lt. Jerry Lewis

"When the Deputy attempted to stop him," the report states, "the suspect fled on his bicycle down Carolina Street toward Thorn Street." The report goes on to say that Anness fell off his bike as he was heading down Carolina. When the deputy caught up with him, Anness reportedly started running away. According to the report, "The deputy pursued the suspect on foot and tackled him twice while still on Carolina. The subject got away and then was caught a third time when he was in front of 667 Thorn Street. The pursuing deputy was attempting to handcuff the suspect when two additional deputies arrived to assist with the arrest.

"While the suspect was being administered CPR," the report states, "one of the paramedics was trying to clear the suspect's airway when he observed a large plastic bag in the suspect's throat. The paramedic reached in the suspect's mouth and throat and pulled out a half folded Ziploc plastic sandwich bag. The bag contained approximately three to four grams of a white powdery substance."

Finally the paramedics transported Anness to Scripps Chula Vista Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 4:02 p.m. The report also says that deputies found "two addi-

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This Cart Belongs to Squeegeeman

By Robert Kumpel

It's one of those February mornings in San Diego when the sun doesn't break through the clouds until nine o'clock. The visible moisture on cars and plants will disappear soon, but downtown air retains a damp griminess. Driving east on Market Street, a few homeless people are starting their day. Most are carrying at least one bag, while a few push shopping carts. The carts are the small ones older people buy for trips to and from the store, not the supermarket-owned carts normally associated with the homeless. In fact, I count five abandoned supermarket shopping carts within one mile. A conversation with a homeless man makes it clear that supermarket carts are falling out of vogue.

"Silverfox," 52, pushes a new-looking, black grocery-shopping cart that he purchased at a swap meet. "These are the type that you see little old ladies pushing down the street." For a homeless man, Silverfox is dressed neatly, wearing a leather jacket, plaid shirt, brown trousers, and

clean-looking shoes. His hair is neatly tied back in a ponytail. Besides the cart, the only thing that betrays his situation is a just-visible, yellowed undershirt. "I might be homeless, but I don't like to look homeless."

The cart has a twofold advantage. "It's a way to carry your stuff with you and not have to lug it on your back. And it's better to have this kind of cart than a supermarket cart, because those carts will get you a ticket or a fine or time in jail. It goes in spurts. For a few months they might not bother you, but if they see enough people with carts, they clean them up and take them away."

He describes his cart. "These would retail downtown for about 20 bucks. I got mine for \$12. It's pretty new." His cart is neatly stacked with bags, blankets, a backpack, a loaf of bread, and an open grocery bag with a liter bottle of strawberry soda



"Silverfox"

inside. A wooden cane is the only thing that sticks out. "I need support to walk — that's why I have the cart as well as the cane. These are mostly personal items. I got some of my motorcycle magazines in there. I've got some clothes, a jacket, some beverage. Here's a towel, and I keep a change of clothes. The bread is for the ducks. I like

to feed the ducks at Mission Bay Park. My daypack has some hygienic items and medications, pencils, pens."

Carts like Silverfox's are coveted items for homeless people, and he never lets his out of his sight. "Theft on the street is quite prevalent amongst the homeless. I've never had a cart stolen, but I've had property that I've



Dale Fairfield

tried to stash away stolen from me. I learned quickly that you don't leave it laying around."

Silverfox claims he has been homeless off and on for years, but his latest stint on the street has been since August 2000. "I came here from L.A. about a year ago last November. I'm trying to get my butt up off these streets. I'm what you'd consider chronically unemployable. I've held many jobs in my life, but none of them for very long. I'd either get fired or quit. According to the department of mental health, I'm eligible for SSI, but the SSI folks are saying, 'No, I don't think so.' I'm like a Ping-Pong ball right now."

Accompanying Silverfox is Louise MacLennan, 42. Homeless for the last year, MacLennan is as polite as Silverfox but exudes vulnerability. "We stay together and watch out for each other. My folks had a place out towards Lemon Grove, but I was not living with them when I became homeless. It was something in my family." An epileptic, MacLennan is hoping that she will qualify for disability. Silverfox says that even if he doesn't qualify, he wants to make sure that she is taken care of.

MacLennan's cart is iden-

tical to Silverfox's, except it looks much more worn and is patched together in places with silver duct tape. "I got mine at the swap meet too. Twelve bucks. But mine is older — about five months old." A sleeping bag covers the top of her cart, held down by bungee cords. "I have two blankets, Styrofoam cups, another jacket, and a change of clothes." The grocery bags are more intriguing. "I have packages of sugar from Burger King this morning. The rest are aluminum cans for recycling."

She explains the duct tape and scratches. "A bus driver severely damaged it. It needs to be replaced. I've used a supermarket shopping cart, and I like this much better. It keeps the cops off your rear end. One cop said, 'You shouldn't have that.' Finally, I said, 'I'm going to get my own cart.' This is mine and they can't mess with it."

"Butch Cassidy," a homeless man with a supermarket shopping cart on Commercial Street, is afraid to share his real name. Graying, long-haired, and energetic, Butch, 58, deals with his circumstances by refusing to take anything seriously — so much so that it is hard to discern what, if anything, he says



Louise MacLennan



"Butch Cassidy"



Thomas Aloysius Reid III

A big bag of dope

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tional plastic bags containing a white powdery substance" in Anness's pockets, along with \$305 in cash.

Almost immediately, Lt. Jerry Lewis — the sheriff's homicide detective in charge of the "in-custody" death investigation — had his hands full. The day after the incident the *Union-Tribune* reported that a woman identi-

fying herself as Cynthia Kilough, 48, of Imperial Beach, called the paper at about 5:30 p.m. and said she had seen several deputies beat and choke the man. According to the *U-T*, "Kilough said she had been riding her bicycle

to her daughter's house when she noticed the scuffle and stopped. She said deputies appeared to be punching, choking, and stepping on the man, whom they had just handcuffed.

"He was greenish-colored

and crying," Kilough told the paper. "He told them it hurt."

I could not locate Kilough, but I did receive a telephone call from a man who wished to remain anonymous saying that he could

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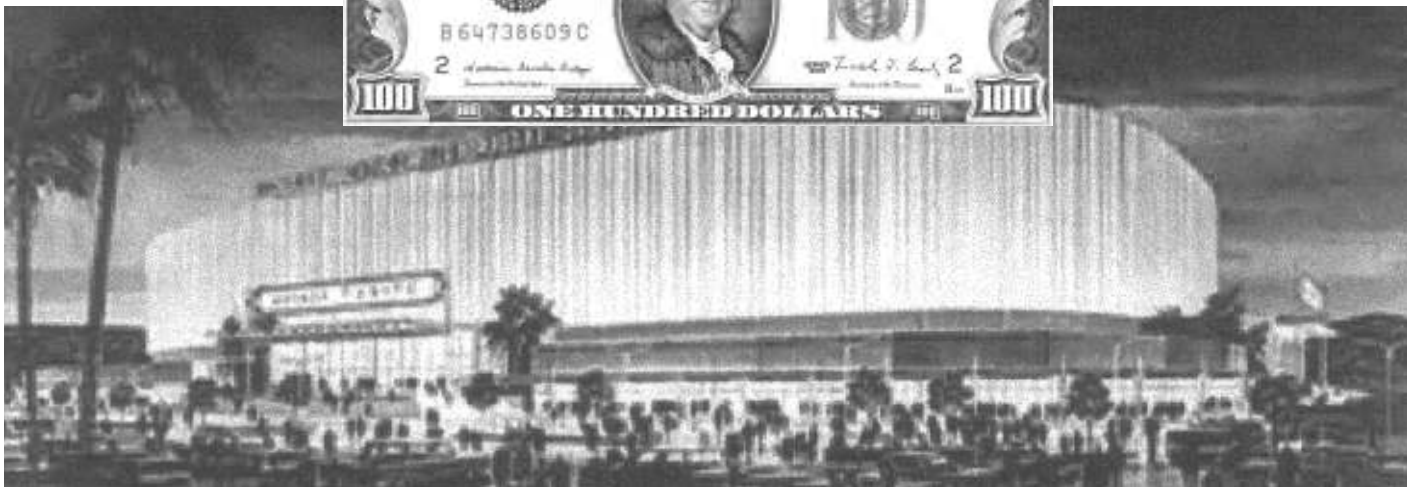
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corroborate her report. The man told me that he was a close friend of a witness, who also wished to remain anony-

mous. According to the caller, the witness saw the whole incident and was reliable.

"This is real," the caller said. "I mean, this ruined many people's Saturday afternoon. True, he [Anness] looked like a dirtbag, but he

also looked like a victim."

The caller explained that when the police began chasing Anness, a nearby citizen stepped into the street and "knocked him down off his bike." Then, the caller added, "The cops got him, and for

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"He was very belligerent," the caller said. "Yelling, screaming, squirming, and stuff. But why not throw him in the back of the car and let him play himself out? While they had him in cuffs, they were punching him, and two

cops in particular seemed to be doing this. It was a Saturday at three in the afternoon; maybe they had nothing better to do. I heard they were hitting him in the throat, karate-chop style, and punching him in the stomach. And here's the kicker, they took out this blue mask from what looked like a tennis-ball can. They pulled out this blue mask and put it on his face. It looked like they were trying to subdue him, and apparently it worked. Then everyone freaked out and the paramedics came and started doing CPR on him. My source said that it was obvious at that point that the guy was dead."

I spoke with Lt. Jerry Lewis about these hearsay reports of brutality, and he did corroborate one detail of the anonymous caller's report. "We also interviewed someone who saw all of this from across the street," he said. "In fact, this individual saw that the deputy was having a hard time apprehending the suspect so he went over and helped the deputy hold the guy until others arrived." Lewis also said that a female (Kilough?) called his office and said that she saw the whole incident. "She came forward on her own," Lewis said. "She's the one who says that, in her estimation, the deputies were using what we would call 'excessive force.' "

I asked Lewis about the blue masks the caller described, and he provided a reasonable explanation. "Oh yeah," he said, "that was a SAM mask, which is something you put on someone's mouth when you're giving them CPR in order to avoid mouth-to-mouth contact. That comes in a little blue covering. It's my understanding that the deputies saw the individual having problems breathing — that he was 'laboring while breathing.' One of the deputies then went to his car and got a SAM mask. Before he got back, the paramedics arrived."

Lewis also informed me that Anness was a parolee with a prior drug conviction. He added, "We have talked to all of the witnesses, we think. There were a couple of individuals who lived right there on the corner where this took place, and we interviewed

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them. At this point, with all the witness reports, it appears that it was a routine arrest. The deputies saw the guy was having problems breathing after they handcuffed him. They called the paramedics, and then he died. He did have a plastic Ziploc sandwich bag down his throat, but, like I said, the official cause of death will be coming from the medical examiner."

Anness's family members, however, say they are growing frustrated because they have been unable to get answers from the sheriff's department or the medical examiner's office.

Franklin D. Anness, Marty's father, buried his son at home in Danville, Kentucky. He told me that his son used to work for him as a tree trimmer. Speaking in a slow Southern drawl, he explained that he and Marty were close, though his ex-wife, Patricia Brown, of Imperial Beach, "didn't seem to think so."

I asked him if she was looking into the death as well. "I don't know where she is," he said. "Me and her don't talk much." I tried reaching Brown, but she didn't return my phone calls.

Anness's father is suspicious about how his son died. "I've heard that some people have said that he was beat to death," he told me. "Have you heard from the sheriff's department? They won't tell me anything 'cause I'm down here. The law down here told me that they would send me the coroner's report if I asked for it, but they wouldn't send me that, they wouldn't send me a hospital report, and so far I haven't been able to do anything. They say I need a court order for that stuff. I've told the law and the attorneys down here what I've heard, and they said it sounds like straight-up murder, you know. But Kentucky law is one way, and California law another way."

Franklin added, "Now, his older brother told me that if he had anything on him, it wouldn't have been but a very little thing, and there ain't no way that he had two or three bags on him. He was buried here, and when his

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older brother was here he told me that Marty did fool with it, you know. But he said that there's no way he would have swallowed it. He would have thrown it. I gotta say this, I would like to get to the bottom of it."

Paula Anness, the wife of Marty's younger brother Charles, also spoke with me. "There was some brutality of some sort going on before he passed," she said. "His body and his face was bruised, and the flesh was torn off his wrists where the handcuffs were. There was a bruise on top of his head as well."

Charles told me that he hadn't seen his brother in years and admitted that "Marty didn't like a confrontation." But, he added, "From the looks of the body, I would have to say he was abused. There was one place on the right side of his head — a big bruise that ran from his hairline down to his jaw, and it was about three inches wide. His forehead was really beat up, too."

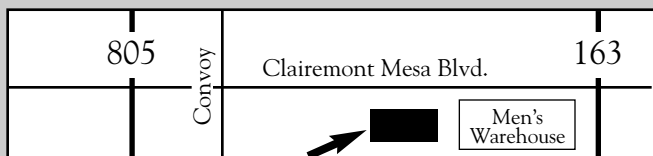
"I'm not saying that Marty didn't run, and whenever someone runs that makes whoever's pursuing more angry. I understand that. But I feel like if he hadn't been handcuffed...well, all I can say is that a caged animal is going to try to come out. I don't believe that he tried to fight them; I believe that he done just exactly what one would expect. When they finally caught him, they must've been mad."

"If it had been a car accident or something like that, well, people pretty much expect accidents," Charles continued. "It's somewhat easier to deal with an accident. But this is harder. It appears to me like murder. We're country down here, but his wrists looked like raw meat. The skin was completely gone where he was cuffed. To be honest with you, I was furious. It's sad to be so far away at this time. It's been pretty upsetting to our dad. To be honest with you, I don't expect to hear from any officials about this."

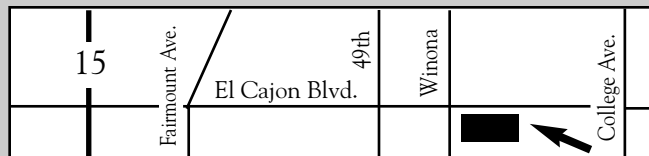
When I asked Lewis about these charges, he emphasized that while he was in charge of the investigation, the medical examiner would determine the official cause of death. In this case, he said, the medical examiner hasn't

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released a determination yet “because they’re waiting for toxicology reports.”

A spokesman for the medical examiner’s office told me that it was taking this “high-profile” case very seriously but wouldn’t have a final report for eight to ten weeks.

“When we get through with our investigation,” Lewis said, “which involves talking to witnesses and reading the medical examiner’s report, then we will take the case to the DA for review. Then they make a determination based on that.” ■

Squeegee-man

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is true. “I’ve been homeless about three weeks. I was evicted from a hotel — two of them. They were owned by a conglomerate.” He is afraid of the police seeing his cart. “People walk them away from the stores and refuse to return them where they belong. I walk them away from Ralphs downtown, but I take them back. If you’re caught with one, there’s a fine — I think it’s \$271.”

Today Butch has a cart that is obviously not from Ralphs or any other supermarket. The cart’s body is blue plastic, and it is a bit smaller than the grocery-store model. “This cart belongs to squeegeeman — the original squeegeeman who stands out by the freeway. I have no idea where he got it, but there’s an ID tag at the bottom.” No one would mistake Butch’s cart as a home on wheels. It is overstacked with nothing but blankets and coverings. Some are wool (he points to a Mexican blan-

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ket and says it was “made by bin Laden in Afghanistan,” then laughs). Other coverings include furniture pads for shipping and floor mats for vans. “These lay on the street for about five seconds, and the city comes around and throws them away. They don’t pick them up. The trucks rolled in at the truck stop, and that’s why I’m stuck with this stuff. I couldn’t put it back because they’re building this marvelous ballpark down here!”

Gregarious and generous, Butch says that the blankets are for other homeless people. “Some of it belongs to me. Some of it I saved from the city throwing it away. I didn’t get up in time to put it where it belongs” (a reference to his hiding place). “I look at the tags, and some of them are ‘DDT FREE’ for non-pregnant women. The thing is, nobody wants blankets in the middle of the day. They only want blankets in the middle of the night. They’ll throw them off in the morning. I give them to people curled up on the street who look like they need a blanket. Y’know, the homeless don’t sleep at night. You could get set on fire! I love the *Reader*. People wrap themselves in the *Reader* just to stay warm on the street! Put more *Readers* on the street, we need blankets.”

The longer I talk with Butch, the more absurd his comments get. “You’ve caught me on my last day of being homeless. I’m about to hit the high seas. I’ll have to turn this over to someone else who will follow in my footsteps. I’m going south — to Mexico, where Americans have rights!” He starts laughing.

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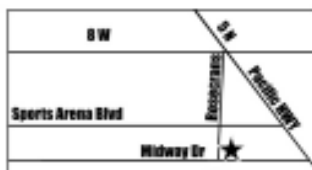
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ket shopping cart with bottles and cans. Fairfield, 55, is scrounging through a vacant lot so littered that it resembles a landfill. He describes his situation with resignation. "I used to work for St. Vincent's, driving a truck. I worked for a place over on University and drove a truck there. I became homeless about 30 days ago. I'm an alcoholic."

Fairfield's cart is rusty and has no supermarket's name on it. "I found it one day out by a recycle place. I've got plastic here. Plastic goes for about 42 cents a pound. I've

got bottles. They go for 5 cents a pound. Cans go for 90 cents a pound. I just dump it in now and sort it all out later."

Except for the recyclables, the only personal-looking thing in Fairfield's cart is a lumpy trash bag held to the lower part of the cart by a bungee cord and two small matching pieces of brown canvas luggage in the folding section near the handles. The luggage is bound together by an old silk necktie. "This is my bedroll. Up here are my clothes, my shaving gear, my deodorant, my soap. I guard the cart all the time. I sleep with it. It's at my feet. If it moves, I move. Those people you see with the little grocery

carts, they're getting a check. I don't get any check. I wish I could buy one of those carts, so the cops wouldn't hassle me."

The shopping cart has been Fairfield's for about a week. "I had another cart, but the police confiscated it from me. I found this one and have been using it since. The police harass us a lot. I got a ticket not too long ago just for sittin' here. I got several tickets now for open container, illegal lodging. It's not fair. I'm homeless. Where am I gonna go? I sleep here, across the street, at a furniture store. I sleep wherever I think it's safe." At the very moment he is condemning the police, two police on bi-

cycles go past and wave to him, smiling. He waves back and says, "Hi, guys!" He then says that those particular police are "real nice people. They care and you can feel it. The bicycle cops are pretty decent. I like them."

Although Fairfield says that he plans to get off the street, he doesn't offer any serious plan. "I've been an alcoholic all my life. I'm dry right now. That's why I asked you for money! Y'-know, there's a lot of pain out here, and the alcohol depresses it. If a person don't have anything else for themselves, the only resort we have to go to is alcohol, so we're able to go ahead and cope with the situation."

Thomas Aloysius Reid III is only too happy to explain why he prefers a baby stroller. Reid, 44, has been homeless since he was 18. "When they built the Gaslamp back up, there was a lot of people going through the Gaslamp with shopping carts. And the police can tell you to drop your shopping cart and empty it out or go to jail. So, if I got a shopping cart full of bottles, which I have done, I would have to empty it out or go to jail. I just saw two cops today take someone with a shopping cart and dump their shit all over the ground. Period. End of conversation, no ifs, ands, or buts. But with this, I can go anywhere I want to. Anywhere.

They can't tell me nothin' about this."

Reid says that he found his stroller in a dumpster in City Heights. "Forty-Third and El Cajon. I walk all over town. I walk to the beach from down here [Imperial Avenue]. I got my whole house in here. This is my bedroll —" he has a furniture blanket tied with bungee cords — "my shoes, clean clothes, toothpaste and toothbrush. I got my radio. I ain't got no liquor." He points to a canvas bag labeled Eddie Bauer. "That's my clean clothes. I change my clothes every day. I'm goin' to be movin' up, but I gotta take it one day at a time." ■

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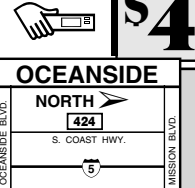


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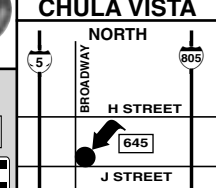


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Hey, Matt:

Even though I know it is not safe to ingest bleach, I was wondering if pure bleach would harm your teeth. Trust me, I know how absurd it sounds, but it is so expensive to have your teeth whitened, and my curiosity got the best of me.

— Tiffany K. Arthur, netland

You must be new here. Absurd? This question? Hah! It sounds like Stephen Hawking (or at least Alex Trebek) compared to some of the stuff that slithers in. That said, your question is a little like saying you know an M-80 can blow your hand off, but could you still use it to unclog a drain?

We went straight to the American Dental Association with this one and apparently struck a nerve — like a collective root canal, I guess. They freaked. The party line: DO NOT PUT BLEACH IN YOUR MOUTH! Their science guys refused to tell us if bleach will whiten your teeth or if it will damage tooth enamel, melt your molars, or anything else. They won't even consider the question because YOU SHOULDN'T PUT BLEACH IN YOUR MOUTH! The ADA line of reasoning: They say, "Don't put bleach in your mouth," therefore you won't put bleach in your mouth, therefore they don't have to answer your question because it's hypothetical and meaningless. I'm not kidding. This is what they said.

If you nose around the Internet, you will find a couple of questionable people who've used bleach to whiten their teeth. One claims he put a tiny dab on a Q-Tip and applied it to his teeth, and it worked. But for all we know, he might be gumming his food these days. The site hasn't been updated in six months, which I take as a bad sign.

There are plenty of risks to bathing your teeth in Clorox. Bleach is very caustic and will burn the soft tissue in your mouth. Bleach is corrosive and could harm fillings, even metal amalgam. Do you really want bleach leaking into cracks or fissures in your teeth? Inhaling bleach fumes is bad. Mixing bleach with mouth acid might turn you into a big toxic gas bag. And because teeth need ongoing treatment to keep them white, you'd have to reapply the bleach periodically. Worth the risk just to have teeth as blindingly white as your underwear and sheets? Probably not. The main component of professional tooth-whitening compounds is hydrogen peroxide, something that's quite safe to use as a mouthwash or antibacterial agent, though it won't whiten your teeth by itself.

Hey, Matt:

I was recently driving by the Dolly Parton memorial (San Onofre), and I noticed that the seagulls and all other types of flying things are clustered on the north dome, and it's nearly covered with guano, while the south dome has none, nothing, not one bird, not one drop of the white stuff. Why?

— R. Hendrickson, the net

Hey, Matt:

There are two spherical containment domes at the San Onofre nuclear plant. Why is only the north containment dome (#2) covered with birdshit? The domes are otherwise identical, yet the south dome has no birdshit.

— Jim Kear, Mira Mesa

Southern California Edison's staff biologist is definitely on top of this guano situation. Once upon a time, all the birds (seagulls and cormorants, mostly) congregated on reactor 1, a smaller, flat-topped building, north of reactor 2. When workmen began dismantling number 1 a while ago, the noise and activity forced the birds to move. But they only moved next door, to reactor 2. No one knows why. Perhaps they're nostalgic for their old home and want to stay as close as possible. Perhaps reactor 3 is in a bad neighborhood.

Hey, Matthew!

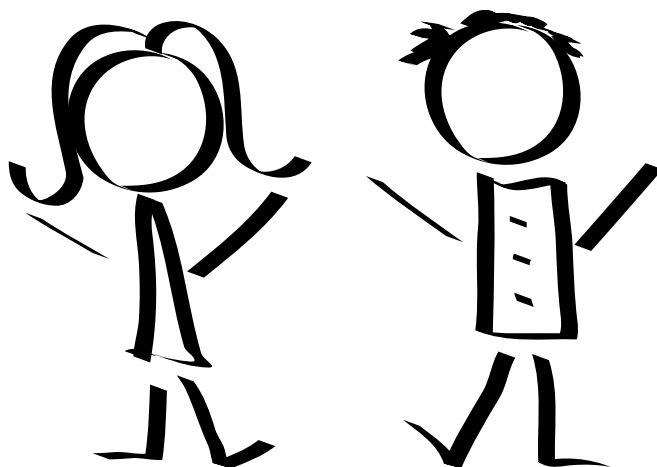
I have a lot of memories about favorite snack foods from when I was growing up, none of which are on the market today. My strongest memory was Scooter Pies, a lot like Moon Pies but much tastier. Are they still manufactured, and if so who sells them? I've done an extensive search through the Internet and couldn't find much.

— Larry Sprissler, Las Vegas

An Internet search mainly reveals how many people name their dogs Scooter Pie and how many of those dogs have their own websites. But the lamented, 50-year-old Scooter Pie cookie is pretty much a lost puppy. Yes, they're still made, and they once were widely distributed, but gradually they lost ground in the supermarket cookie shelf-space wars. They weren't nationally advertised, so large chains wouldn't (and still won't) stock them. The Scooter Pie manufacturers have been owned by eight different companies in the last dozen years. Their latest parent is based in Italy. If you call their U.S. offices and say "Scooter Pies," you get the telephonic equivalent of a blank stare. But we persisted, tracking the elusive chocolate-and-marshmallow treat from St. Louis to Des Plaines (IL) to Oakland (OH) to Anaheim and finally discovered where your pies are hiding. In military commissaries. That's their only distribution in the SoCal-Nevada area. Assuming you don't want to enlist just to get your fix, you can order Scooter Pies via the Internet at netgrocer.com, original or banana, \$1.49 for a box of eight, plus FedEx shipping. (They also sell the legendary and equally elusive Mallomar.) Internet groceries have a shaky history, so you'd better order fast, before they go away too. Happy snacking.

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Carter L. Turner Call Home

Sunday, the Women's American Football League (WAFL), put on its World Bowl I at Balboa Stadium. The California (Long Beach) Quake beat the Jacksonville Dixie Blues, 30 to 14, in a pretty good game.

Twenty minutes after the World Bowl I trophy presentation, I'm sitting down with San Diego SunFire owner Donna Fox, Sacramento Sirens owner Gayle Totton, Arizona Caliente owner Jennifer Cata, San Francisco Tsunami owner Wendy Brown, Oakland Ban-shees owner Kisha Frady, and California Quake owner Sandra Kaneko.

I am told that every franchise in the Pacific Conference, more than half the league's teams, has voted to leave the WAFL, and, most emphatically, leave its owner, Carter L. Turner, as of right this second — sooner, if at all possible.

Kisha Frady: "It was a lying problem. He was turning team owners against each other and turning coaches against team owners. He would threaten players and coaches, tell them they wouldn't play another down of football if they let that owner be the owner. He got teams to overthrow their owners. It was crazy."

"Don't the owners own their teams?"

"Some team owners didn't legally own their teams. Some teams were set up like a neighborhood rec thing. You know, 'I am, verbally, the owner.' Some owners may have signed contracts with Carter giving him rights to that team. And, some owners, straight-up, outright, owned the name of their team, owned the logo, owned everything."

I hear the sound of money being gathered. "His contract said..."

"He never gave out the same contract. He'd tell one owner, 'If you scratch my back, I'll give you a team for free for a year.'"

Gayle Totton: "He put out a press release that said my team was under new ownership and my head coach was negotiating with new owners. My head coach told me, 'I re-signed with you. I'm not going anywhere.'"

Kisha Fray: "We suspended him before the first game of the season. No one knew, because we didn't want to get negative press, because we were trying to make women's football work and in doing that we had to stomach a lot of the crap and keep it to ourselves."

Gayle Totton: "The week before the Pacific Conference championship game, Carter contacted the league insurance provider and told them that Sandy [California Quake owner Sandra Kaneko] was not a member of his league anymore. Now she's hosting the conference championship that week and she can't renew her liability insurance."

"I had an independent agent, got Sandy in touch with him, and he had a policy to her the next day. But, it was a threat, 'Sign a contract with me for next season and I'll insure you.'"

Sandra quotes, "With just one phone call."

Gayle Totton: "Once he knew Sandy needed help, he called her and said, 'There is a lot of turmoil going on in the league. Don't take any phone calls except from me.'"

Trust me, baby. "How did it start? Did Carter turn up in a medicine show and say, 'Step right up, I'm creating a new football league.'?"

Jennifer Cata: "He finds somebody in the area..."

Kisha Fray: "...like myself..."

Gayle Totton: "...goes to a college, recruits a student who was an athlete, who's enthused about doing this, gets her to start recruiting players for a team, and then once he had some interest going he'd go around to other people and say, 'Hey, I've got this team. Would you like to be the owner?'"

"When was he suspended?" How long has this been going on?

Gayle Totton: "Let's see, our season started November 4th, it was just prior to that. Our commissioner had found financial irregularities. At first, all we wanted was an investigation."

"He made that such an intolerable thing to do. We were trying to get our teams on the field, so, we decided to deal with him as best we could during the season; get this season taken care of and make women's football hap-

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pen. Which we did."

Kisha Fray: "We never let the press know until this moment."

Hard to do. "You've been living with this thing the whole season?"

In unison: "Yesssss!"

Kisha Fray: "In the meantime, he's been hurting us. He was trying to sell Gayle's team while she's trying to operate. Her players are coming to her saying, 'But, it says on the Internet message boards that your team got sold. What's going on here?'"

"Why not start your own league?"

Jennifer Cata: "There are already five leagues."

Kisha Fray: "Sponsors have told us they don't want to see a new league. Our team names aren't going to change. Even if we don't join another league next season, we'll still be the women's Pacific Conference and we'll still be playing."

Go Pacific Conference. "What do you figure Carter is going to do in retaliation?"

Gayle Totton: "I would imagine he's going to try and sell new team licenses in all our cities."

A phone call to Carter Turner at WAFL headquarters in Daytona Beach, Florida, was answered by a recorded announcement saying that the number "has been temporarily disconnected."

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Dress: casual to dressy
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*Self in heaven; Your name we honor.
 You rule all over; Your will we obey,
 Here earth, just like heaven; the same, must.
 Life, important things need; give us now.
 We follow, fall back, lose our way, sin: forgive us.
 Dependent upon, just like: people sin against us,
 We forgive them, must.
 Temptations, weakness; help us defend; Save!"*

The above is a translation of the Lord's Prayer as it appears in an American Sign Language (ASL) sacramentary published in 1987. Father Brian Hayes, the Diocese of San Diego's chaplain to the deaf, showed me this ASL liturgy last week when I visited him at the office where he also serves as a canon lawyer for the diocesan tribunal. Father Hayes explained that the ASL sacramentary helps priests who, like himself, aren't yet fluent in sign language.

"We may know many of the signs, but the ASL sacramentary helps us use them with correct ASL grammar, which is very different from English grammar. By now I'm familiar enough with the ASL liturgy that I don't often have to refer to the sacramentary. I'm getting better."

Father Hayes told me that when he was a baby he had spinal meningitis. "I lost all hearing in one ear. And when I was four years old, I found this little dog toy that had a squeaker in it. I must have really wanted to hear it squeak. I held it against my good ear and squeezed it very hard and damaged the eardrum. I sometimes wear a hearing aid, but I can hear and understand most voices without using it. I guess it was because of my hearing impairment that the bishop decided I'd be a good candidate to work with the deaf community. I was sent to Mesa College to study sign language. For the past seven years, except when I was in Canada learning canon law, I've worked with deaf Roman Catholics in San Diego."

Father Hayes celebrates Mass in American Sign Language at several parishes. He gives workshops on signed hymns for the deaf. He maintains a website (signingthecross.com) for deaf Catholics in San Diego. And he publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Signing the Cross*, which he estimates has a readership of around 300. When I asked him which parish in San Diego had the most deaf members, he directed me to Saint Rose of Lima in Chula Vista.

"Twenty-five years ago, when I started interpreting here, we had maybe only two deaf people," Jessie Martinez said last Sunday before St. Rose of Lima's 10:00 a.m. Mass. "Now on most Sundays we have 30 to 40. On Easter Sunday, we'll probably have around 60. They come from all over the county. Most don't even live in Chula Vista."

Martinez, a short, exuberant woman, told me she learned sign language while growing up with five deaf cousins in New Mexico. She later studied ASL here in San Diego and worked with deaf children in city schools. On Wednesday nights at St. Rose of Lima, she teaches a Bible class for the deaf. On Sundays at 10:00 a.m., she stands at the front of the sanctuary atop a small platform facing the five rows of pews reserved for the deaf. Martinez interprets what is spoken by the celebrant and lectors. An assistant, Debbie Bygland, interprets the worshipers' liturgical responses.

Father Michael Sinor is St. Rose of Lima's senior pastor. Native San Diegans will recall that his late father, John Sinor, was for decades a columnist at the *Evening Tribune*. Father Michael is a tall man with a head of thick white hair. St. Rose of Lima

is an enormous church. Father Michael celebrates a conservative liturgy. (The Tabernacle sits directly behind the altar. About 40 percent of the communicants at last Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Mass received the Host on their tongues.) Before Father Michael gave his homily, there was chitchat in the deaf pews. When he started to speak, all hands were still.

"Embrace your share of hardship for the sake of God," he told his parishioners. He said that hardship, pain, and difficulty were at the heart of the "great transformation" promised by the Passion. "Jesus was literally transformed because of his Father's love. God said of him, 'This is my beloved Son.' Listen to Him. Jesus said to the Disciples, 'Rise. Don't be afraid.' Don't be afraid in your lives. Let God love you. God *wants* to transform your life."

"Lent is about this journey of transformation. Lent is about letting

go of all those things, those sins we hold onto that keep us from experiencing God's love. This Sunday is a preview of the end of that journey, of that transformation. It gives us the hope we need to walk through the disciplines of Lent."

After Mass, as everyone scattered, I asked Jessie Martinez to interpret for me. I wanted to know what deaf people did for confession. I asked Jose Gascon who, along with his wife and son, sat in front of me during the service.

"We go to Father Brian Hayes," Gascon said through Martinez. "We can sign with him. For deaf people who don't have a priest who can sign, they write out their confessions on paper and give it to the priest. After the confession, the priest tears up the paper and throws it away."

I thanked Martinez for her patience with me.

"Don't thank me," she said. "Thank God. Any skill I have, any talent I have as an interpreter, comes from God."

— Abe Opincar



JESSIE MARTINEZ AND JOSE GASCON

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 Extraordinary.....★★★★



Dear Aunt Trudy,

I guess I'd like your opinion on this. I am seeing a woman whom I have become the best of friends with. The only problem is that I am not wildly attracted to her. I think it is mostly her weight. But we talk about everything, and she treats me better than both of the wives I had in the past. I just got through with a ten-year marriage and can't even conceive of going back into that kind of relationship for quite a while. This woman I'm seeing has never been married, and I catch myself being short or noncaring with her only because I am not really ready for a girlfriend and have told her that, but she keeps talking about stuff that I am just not ready for. How do I approach this? She is understanding and thinks I am just copping out when I tell her I am not ready for the kinds of things she is interested in. I want to keep our friendship but don't really want a girlfriend right now. But if I tell her I want to break up, it will break her heart, which I really don't want to do. I don't want to "break up" and never see her again. She is a great woman. I am just not ready for all that anniversary stuff, if you know what I mean.

MIXED UP IN ESCONDIDO

Dear Mixed Up,

Many of us have found ourselves in this situation. There are times when one wonders why attraction can't be a matter of will. Why you can't just tell yourself: *love her!* or *be attracted to him!* and have it magically so? But we are complicated creatures. Sometimes our heart and our head and the rest of our body are all going in different directions, with conflicted ambitions, and we end up feeling like we're on the rack. If your second marriage just ended, then you are on the rebound. It's wise to recognize that you need some time before becoming involved again. You may have some serious soul searching to do about what you want from relationships and why both your marriages ended. This woman you've been seeing deserves your respect and absolute honesty. Anything less would be unworthy of you both. She may believe a future serious love relationship is in the cards with you if she's just patient and understanding. You owe it to her and to yourself to come clean. It's only fair. Otherwise she'll keep waiting and hoping, and you'll be doing her the disservice of tacitly leading her on. You need to tell her kindly but firmly exactly how you feel. If that means explaining you're not attracted to her, painful as that is, you have to tell her. It's the decent thing to do, and you sound like a decent guy. If you feel she's your best friend and a fabulous female and

want to keep seeing her on a platonic basis, tell her that too. Then it will be up to her, whether now or in a little while, if she wants to see you on that basis, knowing the truth about how you feel, or if she doesn't want to see you anymore. By continually telling her you're "not ready," you may be sending her the message that all she has to do is wait and keep the flame burning till you are ready, and then you'll take her in your arms. I know you don't mean it that way, but it's possible that's what she's thinking. Getting this straight between you may take several tries. And at some point while you're mulling all this over, you might want to think about how much "weight" you're giving a beautiful soul and a pleasing body when you contemplate love.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I noticed this topic in your recent column, and here's my two cents on the topic of mothers requiring their kids to write thank-you notes (and adults writing them, for that matter). I never used to write thank-you notes unless it was a big-deal gift or event; then I went overboard with all manner of stationery and calligraphic pens. More recently I've begun sending postcards. Thank-you notes are an acquired skill, and I happen to enjoy giving and receiving them, but until teenagers grasp their own sense of epistolary exchange's benefits, why not suggest they e-mail thank-you notes? Less formal and traditional, true, but a compromise between the Old World and the new age.

JUST A THOUGHT IN TIERRASANTA

Dear Just A Thought,

Excellent suggestion. E-mail thank-you notes sound like just what the doctor ordered. As the Reverend Sydney Smith once said, "All great alterations in human affairs are produced by compromise."

Write to Aunt Trudy c/o the San Diego Reader, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803; call her at 619-235-3000 ext. 413; fax her at 619-881-2401; or e-mail to trudy@sdreader.com

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Now, the law is under heavy attack from the billboard industry, which is pouring fuel on the fire in the form of a First Amendment lawsuit currently subject to secret settlement negotiations in a downtown federal courtroom. And the billboard owners have not stopped there. As the March 5 election approaches, their employees are contributing heavily to the campaign of Charles Lewis, the 34-year-old chief of staff to Stevens, who hopes to succeed his boss.

As of last Friday's official campaign filing date, Lewis had collected at least \$2500 from a variety of

employees, spouses, and others associated with Clear Channel Outdoor, the billboard-owning subsidiary of the giant radio chain Clear Channel Communications, which operates 11 stations in San Diego and 1200 more nationwide.

In addition, a giant pro-Lewis billboard has appeared by the side of state highway 94 and Euclid Avenue, visible to west-bound freeway traffic into downtown. The political advertisement, valued at thousands of dollars, based on the going rate for billboard space, has, as of earlier this week, not been reported by any campaign committee. Officials say the

failure to report may be a violation of city law requiring all so-called independent expenditures be disclosed if they are incurred during campaign-filing periods.

At least seven Clear

attorney based in the law offices of Richard F. Hamlin of Marina del Rey in Los Angeles.

During a telephone interview last week, Cody said she was handling legal

that particular issue."

Regarding her contribution to Lewis, Cody said: "That was a personal contribution. I do not know him personally, but I am aware of his efforts, and I

Former Culver City mayor Paul A. Jacobs, an attorney who works in the same office as Cody, also gave Lewis \$250, as did his wife, Joy. They live in Culver City. Jacobs did not



Disclaimer on Lewis billboard, Highway 94

Channel employees or consultants and attorneys, from various cities in California, along with some of their spouses, have contributed the maximum amount to Lewis's campaign. One of them is Marnie Cody, an

work for Clear Channel, although not the First Amendment matter. "I'm not representing them on that. I'm representing them on the eminent domain cases, but I think there's another attorney handling

decided to make a personal contribution." Asked specifically what efforts she was referring to, Cody responded: "Well, excuse me, but that's my personal information, which I do not choose to disclose to you."

respond to a request for comment left at his office. Other Clear Channel employees listed as \$250 donors to the Lewis campaign include Mark Stanley Herrera of Carlsbad, Edward Dato of La Mirada,

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Frederico Garcia of Pico Rivera, Clear Channel radio executive Michael Glickenhof of San Diego, George Manyak II of Long Beach, and Steve Wagner of La Jolla. All contributions were listed as having been made on the same day, January 11. Clear Channel's Dato, to whom Cody referred all requests for comment regarding Clear Channel's role in the Fourth District campaign, did not return repeated phone calls.

In addition to Jacobs, a number of other Los Angeles-based attorneys who are listed as contributing to Lewis did not return telephone calls regarding their interest in the Fourth District race.

The city's campaign-finance law prohibits corporations from contributing to candidates' campaign committees. Employers also are barred from reimbursing their employees for contributions they make. Cor-

porations can make so-called "independent expenditures" as long as they do not consult with the candidate.

Clear Channel's campaign largesse has caused a stir in the Fourth District, where nine other candidates are also vying to succeed Stevens, who has endorsed his longtime chief of staff. Is Lewis using the anti-booze law as a bargaining chip to pad his already sizable campaign war chest and win favorable treatment on the news and talk shows of radio giant Clear Channel? Has Stevens himself abandoned or soft-pedaled his longstanding anti-billboard advertising crusade to help his protégé raise campaign cash? And what is the nature of the secret courthouse negotiations, which have dragged on in the months since the billboard industry's case against the city was filed last fall?

So far, few are talk-



Billboard on Highway 94

ing, and the questions are mounting.

Stevens didn't return phone calls, but his aide Lewis says he's just as mystified as everyone else about who put up the billboard on his behalf. "I don't know anything about it, other

than we are getting a great response."

As for the contributions from the Clear Channel employees, Lewis argues he didn't solicit them and would freely vote against the company's interests if it came to that. In addition to

the billboard-related contributions, Lewis has also accepted contributions from the owners of an adult nightclub on Kearny Mesa, outside of the Fourth District, who are seeking to expand. He says he asked neither of the groups for the money.

"Throughout this campaign some of the other candidates have attacked me for raising money," says Lewis. "And I can honestly tell you that I have probably called or solicited contributions on the phone maybe 15 or 20 times. Other than that, people have contacted my office, people have said, 'Listen, I know Charles. We want to help Charles out.' I haven't even sent out fundraising letters. Ninety-five percent of my contributions have been nonsolicited."

"I didn't solicit campaign contributions from billboards, I didn't solicit campaign contributions from developers. I didn't solicit contributions from the adult-entertainment industry."

Lewis says that, if elected, he would support the city's current restrictions against alcohol advertising on billboards, including the 1000-

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foot limitation. He also would like to restrict billboards that advertise gun shows. One billboard at an intersection in the Fourth District was particularly upsetting to him, Lewis says.

“This is at the same intersection, Euclid and Imperial, where it used to be referred to as ‘the four corners of death.’ This is the same intersection around the corner from Lincoln High School, where we renamed the street Ozark Willie James Jones, after Willie James Jones was murdered on that street, and I just felt it inappropriate to be advertising the Del Mar gun show at that location. So I’d like to see [the city’s billboard restrictions] taken further — not just alcohol, but also gun shows.”

So why would the billboard industry be giving him all that money?

“I don’t know. You would have to ask them,”

Lewis says. “Why would you give a guy a contribution after he just had a press conference saying he’s against alcohol advertising within a thousand feet, and he wants to take it further and restrict gun-show advertising? It’s a good question. Like I told the adult-entertainment industry, don’t think you’re going to open up a club in my district. I will fight you along with my constituents.”

But the candidate says he has no intention of giving any of the money back to the contributors. “No. I’m going to use the money so we can get the message out about Charles Lewis, so we can win this election, and we can continue to do the positive work. I’m not promising anybody anything. To those billboard people, those developers, nothing. Like I keep telling people, maybe some people you can buy for \$250 or hosting a fundraiser. I’m not



From Lewis campaign brochure

one of those people. Just because you give me a contribution, that doesn’t mean you get what you want.”

Dan Tomskey, the director of the National City-based Institute for Public Strategies, a nonprofit organization that deals in programs against alcohol abuse, is a member of the San Diego Coalition for Respon-

sible Outdoor Advertising, the group that spearheaded the effort to see the advertising ban made law. He says that the secret talks now being held between the city and the billboard companies make him nervous. Will the city give away the store? Tomskey notes that the city did not begin actually handing out cita-

tions to the billboard companies until this past fall, after members of his organization had repeatedly testified to the council about lack of enforcement.

“All we know is they keep going into closed session over at the courthouse. We recognize that it’s a sensitive issue and they’re trying to do negotiations, but it’s closed-door stuff, and this has been dragging on for months now. Two things that are unnerving or frustrating is, one, that we clearly don’t have the resources to have our own attorneys pursuing this. The city is defending itself because it has an ordinance, but the greater passion for this ordinance is our coalition. And that’s what’s frustrating is the powerlessness of not being able to have our own legal representation in this process. I would assume that if we had our own attorneys, we would be part of these closed-door

sessions.

“It took three or more years to get this ordinance, which was seemingly a pretty conservative and legally defensible one, and here we are 14 months or so later, still seeing violations that tower over our youth. But we have the higher ground, and however long it takes, we assume justice will prevail.”

Tomskey says members of his group have been picking up word out of city hall that the billboard companies may be willing to settle for a 500-foot perimeter separating liquor advertisements from schools and parks, a proposal he says is unacceptable. “That’s an insult. The industry has used that as their voluntary standard all along and have not abided by it. If that’s what it’s going to end up being, it’s like, why did we go through this entire process?

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law all over the place. There's a Bacardi one right now within a block of Franklin Elementary school in Kensington. There's one a couple of blocks from Hoover High on Fairmount. There's one at Tenth and Broadway, an Absolut vodka billboard, with a zebra up there — kind of an artistic zebra — with a vodka bottle as part of its head. It's playing on the whole presence of the San Diego Zoo. That's actually within 1000 feet of the main public library. It's just another example of blatant non-compliance with the law.

"And I don't think it's much of a surprise that the bulk of the violations are in the beach community, where a whole culture has been built around the mixing of booze and sand — the beach, booze, and babes sort of thing. This past summer, they had one of the most popular surfer guys, Machado, on billboards with a surfboard promoting alcohol."

Liquor ads also tend to surface more frequently in lower-income urban neighborhoods, Tomskey says. "City Heights and

North Park, for example. That's where they tend to do a lot of advertising, in communities of lower income and of color. A very purposeful marketing strategy."

Also worrying Tomskey is the huge influx of cash brought into the battle by the billboard companies. Lawyers and lobbyists paid for by the industry have been swarming all over city hall, he says, attempting to get the law modified or rolled back. "The bottom line is business and profits for themselves and their clients," says Tomskey. "Obviously that's their mission. They must be spending thousands and thousands to get their way. They've hired top guys to work this for them. It's really the people versus the corporations, in this case. Obviously the billboard companies are fronting this, but I have kind of a sixth sense that suggests that it's very much a concern of the alcohol industry itself to be able to advertise its products where it wants to."

Tomskey also notes that his group has received little or no coverage on the area's



Dan Tomskey

radio stations, the bulk of which are controlled by Clear Channel. "At our November news conference in Mission Beach, marking the first anniversary of the law's passage, we had lots of TV sta-

tions but no radio other than KPBS." Others complain that Clear Channel carefully uses its airtime to promote sports teams that it has contracts with and to punish or shun those whom

it does not favor politically.

So far, though, Tomskey says his group has no complaint with George Stevens. "We came to work most closely with Councilman Stevens to get this through the city attorneys' office, and with his support we got it onto the council docket and passed unanimously." As far as Stevens's aide Charles Lewis goes, Tomskey says, he had no role in the legislative process. "I don't know how he feels. He wasn't in the loop. We worked with Jenny Bates, another of his aides. Our latest appearance before council regarding enforcement of the law was January 28, and Mr. Stevens continues to be very supportive."

Stevens, an ordained minister who often lashes out at homosexuality, alcoholism, and needle-exchange programs, among a long list of what he characterizes as moral transgressions, has long been crusading against liquor ads on billboards in the city. Currently running in the Democratic primary for the 78th District state assembly seat being vacated

by Howard Wayne, Stevens also frequently attacks the presence of liquor stores in his largely low-income, high-minority district. "Alcohol is really an equal-opportunity destroyer," he proclaimed when he brought the sign ordinance up for consideration before the council's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee in September 2000.

The measure, opposed by a vigorous lobbying campaign by billboard owners and alcohol vendors, swept through the committee on a 4-0 vote. "I don't see that the alcohol industry has any concern," declared then-councilwoman Valerie Stallings, soon to be brought down in the John Moores influence-buying scandal. "They have plenty of signs."

Before he voted for the ban, then-city councilman Harry Mathis brushed aside threats by the billboard owners to take the city to court. "I'm not daunted by the prospect of a lawsuit."

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The two companies, which between them control the vast majority of the city's remaining 991 billboards, alleged that the city is infringing on their First Amendment rights. "Plaintiffs' Billboards reach a broad range of adult consumers at a relatively low cost and allow an advertiser to communicate with adult consumers in settings where other advertising media might not be available. As such Billboards provide an effective and economically efficient means for retailers, manufacturers, and others to inform adult consumers of the availability, prices and other characteristics of alcoholic beverages," the suit said.

The billboard owners also accused the city council of failing to do its homework.

"Neither the City Council's record of its deliberations concerning the Ordinance, nor the Ordinance itself, refers to any reliable, relevant scientific proof that advertising for alcoholic beverages on Billboards causes minors to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages, that such advertising is directed to minors, or what the actual effect of the regulatory scheme implemented by the Ordinance would be on the consumption and/or purchase of alcoholic beverages by minors.



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According to the billboard owners' complaint, the city is doing them "irreparable harm, in that

they are required, during the pendency of this litigation, to engage in self-censorship and to cease the dissemination of accurate and truthful commercial and noncommercial speech concerning alcoholic beverages on Billboards, including messages designed to discourage underage consumption by minors, in order to avert further prosecution, thereby depriving Plaintiffs of their constitutional right to engage in speech protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States..."

San Diego senior deputy city attorney Jim Chapin says that he will soon be bringing the demands of the billboard owners, as presented to the city during preliminary settlement talks, back to the city council for

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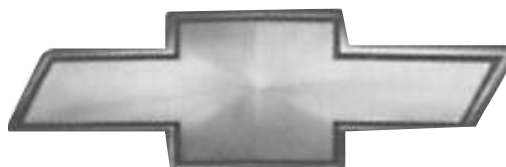


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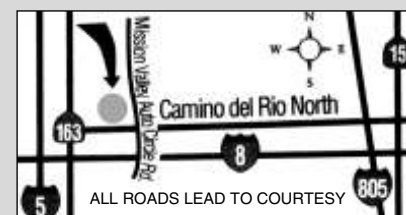
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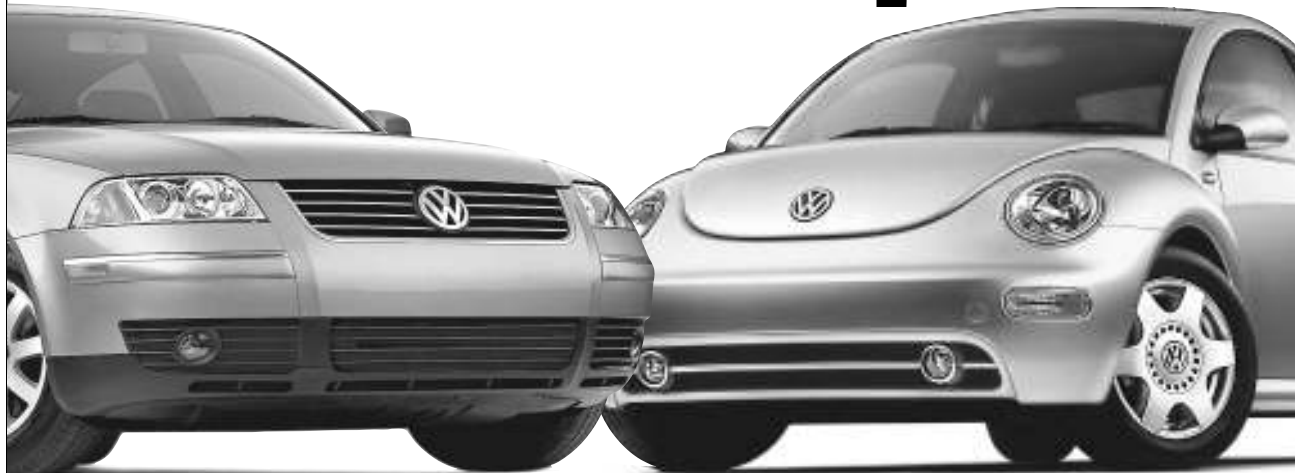
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consideration. One of the key demands, he confirms, is reduction of the 1000-foot limit to 500 feet. "We have had a couple of what they call early neutral evaluations in federal court with the magistrate, Judge [James] Stiven, and they've made settlement demands. At this point I'm just going to go into city council — I'm not exactly sure when, sometime in the next two weeks — to advise the council about the status of the litigation and tell them what their demands are. There should be something, I would guess, more newsworthy in the next two or three weeks depending upon what the council decides to do."

Among the considerations the council must mull, says Chapin, is that, due to a U.S. Supreme Court decision handed down last July, constitutional law has shifted dramatically in favor of the free speech rights of the billboard industry. "The United States Supreme Court struck down a Massachusetts ban on tobacco advertising, which I think surprised a lot of people, because after the huge [tobacco industry] settlement with all the states, people thought you could restrict tobacco advertising and that wouldn't be subject to challenge, but the First Amendment is broadly construed by the Supreme Court, and they held that commercial speech is protected by the first amendment."

Since the July ruling, Chapin adds, major cities such as Los Angeles, Oakland, Chicago, and Cleveland have either repealed or are making major modifications to their billboard laws. "The decision is very troublesome for municipalities who want to limit this type of advertising."

"Our law was enacted in November of 2000, so we didn't have the benefit of that decision. We relied on model ordinances with a 1000-foot rule, and at this point we need to evaluate whether we can justify the 1000-foot billboard restriction in San Diego. So that's where I'm at. It's a policy call by the council as to what they want to do, and I'll probably know in the next couple weeks. At least I'll know what council's direction is going to be as far as proceeding with litigation or amending the ordinance."

A hearing before the federal magistrate overseeing the settlement talks between the city and the billboard companies was set for today, but last week Chapin said that session might have to be continued. "We have a hearing scheduled on Thursday, but that was only if I was able to get in front of the council, and they had a legislative recess last week, and they have a lot of matters on this week, and I believe I am on the calendar for closed session, but I'm not sure I'm going to get heard yet, so that hearing with the judge may be pushed back, depending upon the docket and how much they have going on."

"I don't know that we're going to give the city council a recommendation. I'm going to advise them of the demands, and I will discuss the Supreme Court decision with them. Most of these councilmembers were not involved in the enactment of the ordinance, and this is something they are not really familiar with. It was only councilmembers Wear and Stevens who were on the council when this was enacted, so it's going to be informative to the new councilmembers and let them know how this all came about and the status of the litigation."

"Since this council is coming in cold, they'll probably tell me that they need more legal analysis and to think about it and to come back later with a manager's report. That's typically what happens when it's this kind of a gray area." Neither Stevens nor his aide Lewis has been involved in the negotiations, says Chapin. "I have had Lamont Ewell, who is assistant city manager, with me. He's the only one who is aware of it."

San Diego has a famously mixed history of regulating billboards. In 1972, the city council, led by then-mayor Pete Wilson, voted 4-3 to ban all billboards in the city. Under that ordinance, the only outside commercial advertisements allowed in the city were so-called "on premise" signs, those advertising the business on which the signs were placed. The two largest billboard companies then operating in the city, Metro-media and Pacific Outdoor,

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which along with smaller operators owned at least 2000 billboards, soon filed suit in state court, and both a trial court and appellate court struck down the law. But the California Supreme Court reversed them and held that the law was valid.

“To hold that a city cannot prohibit offsite commercial billboards for the purpose of protecting and preserving the beauty of the environment is to succumb to a bleak materialism,” the court ruled. The justices even quoted Ogden Nash: “I think that I shall never see/ A billboard lovely as a tree./ Indeed, unless the billboards fall/ I’ll never see a tree at all.”

The billboard owners immediately petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court, which agreed in October 1980 to consider the matter. On July 3, 1981, a divided court, explaining its ruling in five separate opinions, voted 6 to 3 to strike down the city’s absolute ban against billboards as a clear violation of the First Amendment’s guarantee of free speech. But four liberal justices made a distinction between so-called “political” and “commercial” speech, and the court sent the case back to the state supreme court for reconsideration, which ultimately concluded that the law was unconstitutional. (The attorney for the billboard companies was Ted Olson, currently the Bush administration’s solicitor general, who lost his wife Barbara in the September 11 terrorist-caused crash of a jetliner into the Pentagon.)

In 1984, having reached a quiet compromise with the billboard companies to end the ongoing litigation, the San Diego City Council tried again, adopting an ordinance banning new billboards but allowing the firms to keep the signs they already owned and giving them the right to move them around the city. Unlike the first law, the city could not order existing billboards torn down. In 1987, the council tightened the law even further, striking the replacement and removal clause. By then, the number of billboards in the city had slipped to around 1200. Their value, in turn, went up, providing the billboard owners an incentive to make the deal. ■

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Richard Martin, 45, has never had medical insurance. Since September 1999, he has come to the free clinic at St. Vincent de Paul Village for treatment of his heart disease and depression. "I had a heart attack back in '85, and since then it's been hard to hold down a job and hard to get money."

Martin's one attempt to obtain medical coverage was discouraging. "They said I was a high risk and they wouldn't insure me, so I've just never tried to pursue it again. They had me take a physical, everything — the whole workup. They said I was uninsurable. I don't remember which company it was because that was back in '86. I've had a stroke since then, so I can't remember everything."

Although Martin currently lives at St. Vincent de Paul Village, his dilemma did not start because of employment problems or indigence. A native San Diegan, he grew up in Normal Heights and managed convenience stores until his heart attack. "I had three stores that I was taking care of, and it was a lot of stress. I guess it just got to be too much for me and my heart couldn't take it. I went back into management a couple of years after my heart attack and had a stroke. Ever since then, it's been work a week, off six months. It's been hard to hold down a job, and medical insurance is just impossible to get because I am such a high risk. And I can't



Richard Martin

"I have two toes amputated off my left foot, plus my eyesight has deteriorated quite a bit in the last few years."

give you any help.

"There was a hospital in San Jose — I was up visiting my sister and had some heart trouble — that just flat-out refused to even see me. They said, 'If you have no insurance, we can't see you or treat you here. You need to go to a county hospital.' That was in 1986. Of

hold down a job, so I can't afford it."

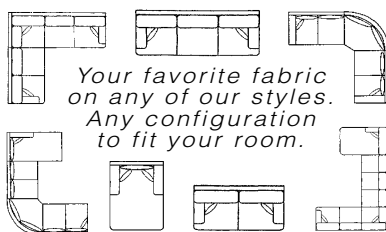
Without insurance, obtaining treatment is difficult. "Just trying to get in anywhere for treatment is virtually impossible. You

need some kind of medical insurance, and if you don't have it, you're not going to get seen. They'll just bypass you and send you somewhere else, which is obviously not going to

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course, when I came back down here, there are no county hospitals in San Diego. But UCSD Medical Center was my primary care place. I can get in to see them, but it's not easy, not without the insurance. I don't have a regular doctor there, they just pull them out of the hat. If it wasn't for St. Vincent de Paul's — this clinic here — I would have no medical treatment at all. This place is a godsend; I'm very appreciative of this place. I'm in contact every week with someone in this clinic. Every week I see someone, either the medical doctor or the psychiatrist or the dentist. It's just great. I don't know what I'd do without it."

Martin's advice for the uninsured is succinct: "If you can hold down a job, go for your physical and get the insurance."

Rogelio Macias, 36, is waiting at the St. Vincent de Paul clinic for dental treatment. A native of Santa Ana, Macias has been in San Diego for 16 years. Like Martin, he is living at the St. Vincent de Paul Village, trying to find a permanent



Rogelio Macias

job. Low-key and despondent, Macias is another patient who has never had health insurance. "Not since I was a kid. I guess my mom had health insurance. She worked for the post office. I didn't job-hunt right. I should have picked a job with benefits, and I never did that."

"I'm not working right now — too much stress. I've got dental problems — chipped teeth — and I've been here for stress too.

They want me to take medication, but I denied them. I got stressed out in '98. My wife got deported, and I have an eight-year-old boy that I gave up for adoption so I could get treatment on myself. I went into a stress mode, and it hit me about a year after that. I started drinking heavily, and I went into jail for sale of marijuana. I wanted to get off the street — I was homeless. I had too many arrests, too many felonies, so I can't

apply for Medi-Cal or anything because I have a fourth waiver — that's where you have too many felonies against you. They cut off your benefits." With a sigh, he describes his record of arrests indifferently. "It was spousal abuse. I got into a couple of fights under the influence. Prostitution when I was a kid, male prostitution out in Hollywood."

"I've been clean for about six months now. I went through sobriety after

I got in a fight with my wife in '91. I got out in '92 and I stayed clean for, like, three years off alcohol, but I still smoked marijuana. I didn't want to do the drugs that the doctors wanted to give me, like Prozac. They give you one drug to counteract the other one — one to sleep, one to wake up — that really gave me problems. I just don't like the side effects. I didn't want to be a guinea pig for doctors, because all they are — they make up a drug and they try it out on people who are already depressed, and they don't know if it's going to help them or not. Everybody reacts to drugs in different ways. I had urinary problems and sleeping disorders, so I went back to using marijuana; then I started using alcohol again after three years."

"They helped me out with dental. I got two caps on my bottom layer. They're not permanent, but without benefits, I can't find another doctor to get permanent caps. I'm going through some pain right now, with air pockets in the caps they put in. The caps are start-

ing to bug me. Food gets trapped underneath them, and I'm starting to get bad breath. But they did a good cleaning on them, and I felt good when they were doing it 'cause I haven't seen a dentist in a long time — not since I was 14 or 15. I guess they have a volunteer dentist here — I don't know if they pay him or not. They did a good job. Right now, I'm lucky, because most of these people on the street don't even have teeth."

Although he feels St. Vincent de Paul has treated him well, Macias says there are problems with relying on a free clinic. "It's a long wait. I came in once without an appointment in case somebody didn't show up and I got lucky. Most of these centers like this are free, but they ask you how much you make in a year. I quit trying to go to other clinics back in '89, because I got into a relationship."

Macias sits with a female companion who is receiving psychiatric care. She also lives at the village but doesn't want to be identified. "I'll never get a job then!" After losing her job in 1997 when

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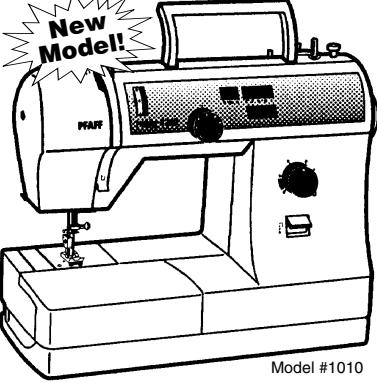
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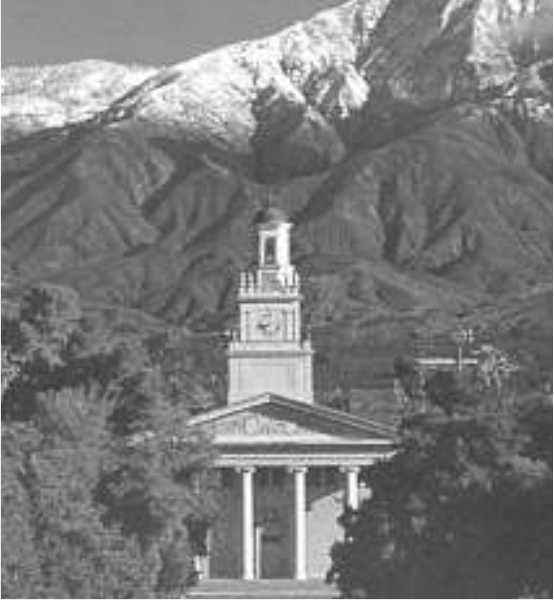
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Lack of medical insurance is not just a problem of the homeless. David Butz, 53, lived without health insurance for eight years. "My Medi-Cal coverage just kicked in. I had to make an application, and you have to be disabled for a certain

period of time, six months, I think, until Medi-Cal will start covering you." A single man and Chula Vista resident since 1951, Butz has been disabled by complications resulting from diabetes. "I have two toes amputated off my left foot, plus my eyesight has deteriorated quite a bit in the last few years. I have to take medication for high blood pressure and hypertension, and I have to take insulin daily."

For most of his life, Butz has been a working man, insured through his job. "I had a group policy at work. We had a small business — an automotive garage — and I worked in the office, doing everything but turning the wrenches. The business just started going downhill after we moved into our new location in 1992. Within a year's time, the owner just couldn't afford the health insurance any longer and had to drop it." Almost stoical, Butz seems to feel more empathy for his former employer than regret for himself. "I worked at that job for 27 years. She just couldn't afford to make



David Butz

the payments. It was a difficult position. Before the garage shut down, I spent the last 2 years looking elsewhere for a job and I got the same story practically everywhere I went: nobody offered health coverage to their employees, and the one or two that did offered lousy coverage that none of my doctors were associated with and didn't cover half the needs that I have. After I became disabled, my garage closed down and I never

returned to work since.

"I've still had to make a lot of doctor's visits, take a lot of medications, and I've had a couple of surgeries related to my diabetic problems. I had the large toe partially removed and, several years later, the entire toe. Two years ago, I had to have the small toe removed. I've had to have numerous surgeries on my eye, with laser treatment, and I had a retinal detachment which required surgery—it wasn't

successful, but they did the best they could. I had heart bypass surgery — four-way — about ten years ago, because of diabetic-related problems, where the arteries gradually clogged up. Fortunately, I was covered when that happened."

The biggest challenge Butz has faced is his deteriorating eyesight. "My eyesight problem has been that of most diabetics. The blood vessels in back of the eyes have a tendency to rupture

and leak blood into the fluid in the eye, which causes a loss of eyesight. Over the years, I've been treated by having laser surgeries done — they cauterize the blood vessels at the back of the eye. They can see this through an exam — using a fluorescent light to see if any vessels are leaking — if they're not quite certain. If they determine there is leakage, they will use a fine pinpoint of laser light to seal the dangerous area. But sometimes in doing so, they create scar tissue, which is what happened in my right eye because of the number of treatments I've had. The scar tissue pulled at my retina and tore it loose, so I had a detached retina. Now I just have a little peripheral vision in my right eye. My left eye has had the same treatments. In fact, it was the first eye treated, and I had a treatment back in 1967. At that time, one of the few places doing that sort of surgery was in San Francisco, and they used what they called a 'broad-panned photocoagulation,' which is very crude compared to today's methods. One spot

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of that type of treatment would probably hold 5000 pinpoints of treatment with today's lasers. That shows how much they've progressed in 30-some years."

With the loss of his eyesight, Butz has also lost supplementary income from a beloved hobby: photography. "I earned a little money by selling my slides through an agency in New York, and I was able to teach photography in adult education classes for about eight years. I've had to give up practically all photography work. In fact, to get by, I've had to sell off quite a bit of my equipment while I was fighting to get Medi-Cal coverage and trying to pay the doctors.

"Since my insurance has dropped off, it's mostly been with my feet and my eyes. I avoided having any surgeries of any sort during that period, until February of 1999," when surgery could no longer be delayed.

"My biggest problem has been paying for my prescriptions, which come to anywhere between \$75 and \$125 per month. I had problems paying for my doctor's



Dr. Margaret McCahill

visits, which generally run \$50 or \$60 a visit, and I could probably figure on going to any one of three different doctors at least four to eight times a year. I have to see my regular internist-endocrinologist, I have to see my podiatrist, and I have to see the ophthalmologist. I've tried to follow my medication regimen as best I can, exercise, diet, and so forth. I've never smoked or drank liquor."

When he needed a sec-

ond toe amputation, Butz's problems began to compound. "I went into the hospital — Scripps Mercy — and the doctors and the hospital both knew that I didn't have any insurance. They told me not to worry about it, because they had county workers who could help me get the money and it could be paid for because it was life-threatening — it could have gone into gangrene if not amputated immediately. I asked when

I checked in to talk to a social worker, and they said they would send somebody up. I was there about a week, and the social worker never came. I was contacted by her by mail later and given an appointment to meet with her. I went in and County Medical Services eventually did cover the majority of the bills, but I had to come up with about \$3200 of my own to pay for the medical expenses of February and March. I was

seeing the doctor, and off of my feet, for roughly four months after the surgery because it was slow healing because of the nature of the bone and the pressure point."

Able to stay with the same doctors he had when insured, Butz is grateful for their assistance and understanding. "I couldn't see any sense in changing to other doctors who would probably insist on doing another series of tests and possibly change things. As long as I was with established doctors, they knew the situation and tried to help me by giving me a little bit of a break on the office visits when they could, and sometimes they could furnish me with prescriptions, since they get samples to give out to their patients, but I couldn't count on those on a regular basis.

"I looked into getting insurance on my own, but unfortunately, nobody wants to insure a diabetic. The few that do...well, the cost is just horrendous. It's not even feasible. They ask medical questions, and one of the first things that comes up is that I'm diabetic, and they just stop at that point."

Although Butz is covered by Medi-Cal and gets SSI, medical expenses are still a problem. "Most of my prescriptions are now covered, but I have a couple they don't pay for. It was just recently, in the last month, that I got my 'share of costs' reduced. The share of costs with Medi-Cal is based on the amount you receive on disability income [SSI]. They allot you \$600 of that income to pay your bills, and any amount above that is your deductible, or co-pay, for the month. They call it the share of costs. So if you have \$1000 of disability coming in for the month, your share of costs for your medical coverage will be \$400. After you meet that \$400 each month, then they will pay for other approved doctor's visits and prescriptions.

"When I had my toe amputated, the podiatrist prescribed a very good healing ointment, Rejenix, for the open sore on my foot, but unfortunately, it was so expensive that it was also not approved. It comes in a half-ounce tube and, as I remember, it came to \$550

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or \$600. The other medication that Medi-Cal does not approve is the potassium supplements I have to take with my blood pressure medication. They do approve the liquid potassium, if you can take it, but I can't. I have to take the tablet form, and that's not approved. I asked the doctor, and he insisted I had to take the pills."

Despite his disabilities, Butz would like to go back to work, but it doesn't look likely in the immediate future. "I don't think I'm going to be able to work again until my eyesight improves and the other physical problems have mended and healed up. The eyesight is just not good enough to do the paperwork or even work at a computer or cash register.

"The most discouraging thing has been wiping out almost all of my savings and having to scrape the bottom of the barrel to get by. I'm still not out of the woods. I'm getting a monthly check from SSI and I've got Medi-Cal, where my share of costs has been reduced to an affordable amount. The social worker was able to do this by finding a law on the books that allows people under the federal poverty level of income to receive Medi-Cal benefits at no share of costs. My disability benefits come to just over \$900 a month, and rent takes about two-thirds of that. I have to worry about my rent going up and utilities and cut back as much as I can. I didn't turn the heat on this winter until the last minute, when I couldn't stand the cold any longer. I was trying to get by wearing warmer clothes and using a little floor heater while sitting in front of the television. Utilities and rent are always going up."

Don West, 47, was a mechanic at the same garage that employed Butz. Like Butz, he is single, and like Butz, he lost his health coverage in 1992 and his job two years later. "Right now I'm working for South Coast RV, but that's going to last for just another three days. Luckily, I've already got a job lined up at a different place."

While not plagued with health problems as acute as Butz's, West is gambling by remaining uninsured. "I

haven't been seriously ill, but I suffer from high cholesterol and high blood pressure. I should be taking medication for it, but I haven't for about six months. I haven't taken the cholesterol pills for about a year because the first time I had to buy those things, they

were, like, \$130 for 30 pills and I couldn't afford it! Then the blood pressure pills were \$30 to \$40 too. That's a lot of money for just a month's worth of pills, so I decided to take my chances with the cholesterol and continue with the blood pressure pills — until the doctor

wouldn't renew the prescription anymore. He wanted me to go back and see him, but, you know, the office visits are kind of expensive too. The last time I went, it was \$50, but you get into a doctor's office and they want to run all kinds of tests — especially since I

haven't been taking my cholesterol pills — and I knew I wouldn't be able to afford that.

"The garage I work for now offered health insurance, but they don't help you pay for it. It's Kaiser, and you've got to pay for the entire thing yourself. It's

\$130 to \$140 a month — that was a year ago — and when you're only bringing home \$300 a week, it's kind of tough. I didn't join. A couple of guys did sign on for it, but I think they kind of regret it."

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ance, and the memory of an earlier experience haunts him. "About ten years ago, before I had medical insurance at the garage, I had to go into the hospital for surgery, but it was a life-threatening situation, so the County Medical Services took care of it. I had an abscess on my large intestine and it burst. They said it was ten times worse than a burst appendix. The poison went all through me, and I was in the hospital for two weeks. They had to do a colostomy, and I had to live with that for six months; then they reversed it. That was a hard year.

"When I had the attack, I was at home alone, and I actually waited a long time

before I called anyone to help me. I was afraid to call an ambulance. I couldn't even walk! I hurt so bad that I was crawling around on the floor. It was very intense pain in my lower abdomen. I'd had little attacks for a couple of weeks prior to that, but I thought it was just indigestion. But this was so bad that I just couldn't stand it. I called a friend of mine to take me down to the hospital, and at that point, I didn't care what it cost me — I was delirious. They just admitted me to the hospital without insurance or anything. A woman came around from County Medical Services and talked to me. The fact that I didn't make a lot

of money was the reason I was able to get that help. I didn't have a savings account, I didn't own a home, I drove an old car."

Even with the help of County Medical Services (CMS), West nearly faced having the colostomy for the rest of his life. "One doctor was my regular physician at the time, and he treated me really well. I guess he had a lot of pull around town because he got a specialist in to help me out. The doctors were really nice. When it was time to reverse the colostomy, CMS wasn't going to do it. It would have been \$30,000, \$40,000 for the surgery! The doctors actually said that they would not charge me for their part,

if that's what it came down to. Both doctors told me that. I would only have to pay for the hospitalization. Just to put me back together!" It did come down to that, and the doctors performed the surgery at no charge.

Living without health coverage is more than just a gamble for West. It creates stress and tension, the natural enemies of someone with high blood pressure. "My biggest fear is that I'll have a serious ailment or have to go to the hospital. It adds to the stress. Just going to the doctor's office so they can take your blood pressure — you worry about how much it's going to cost and whether you're going

to have to go on pills. Not having it is stressful. I felt more comfortable when I was covered. Not having it, you're taking a risk, and the older you get, the more risk you take. I could have a heart attack and — what do you do?

"The new place where I'll be going to work offers medical insurance, and they pay for half of it. So in 90 days, hopefully, if everything works out, I'll probably have it again. But I've been going on a long time without it."

Dr. Margaret McCahill understands the problems of the uninsured more than most San Diego physicians. Medical director of the free clinic at St. Vincent

de Paul Village since 1999, McCahill, 52, has served the homeless, the unemployed, and every other type of uninsured patient in San Diego County since 1992, when she began working at the clinic as a volunteer physician. The clinic has been operating since 1987. Except for those with health insurance, no one is turned away.

According to Dr. McCahill, the biggest problem faced by people without health insurance is just getting in to see a doctor. "It's a huge problem — even access to the most basic needs. It's the case even for people who might be entitled to public-service programs such as Medi-Cal,

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McCahill believes that St. Vincent de Paul is the largest free clinic in San Diego. "There are many community clinics around the county, and I want to be careful to give them credit for the large and important job that they do. They provide care for people who have some of the publicly funded programs, and those patients might not be welcome at a private practice. They will provide some care gratis, but this is the only clinic I know of that just doesn't charge."

As a free clinic at a well-known venue for the poor and homeless, St. Vincent de Paul draws a lot of patients who would otherwise have nowhere to go. "We have between 25,000 and 28,000 patient encounters a year. Most of those are visits with either a physician, a nurse-practitioner, or a nurse-midwife. A few of those visits are just brief nurse visits for a dressing change or something like that or a visit with a case manager. Like any primary care office, we see the usual respiratory infections, cellulitis, chronic back pain, colds, ear infections, diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease, a lot of heart disease — things like that. But what's special about this clinic is that our mental health services are integrated with our primary care services, so we have psychiatrists and psychiatry resident-physicians on-site every day. We also see the full spectrum of mental illnesses as well."

McCahill is uniquely qualified to lead in serving those needs. Besides her work at St. Vincent de Paul, McCahill is also the director of UCSD's Combined Residency program, which certifies doctors as both

family physicians and psychiatrists. When McCahill graduated from medical school, no such program existed. "It's a fairly new concept. The first program started in 1997. I did my family medicine residency first in Cleveland, then was in private practice for a bit. I then did a psychiatry residency and went into the Indian Health Service. I found, as a family doctor, that a lot of the folks who came to my office either had a mental health problem that was fairly straightforward — and they realized that too — or they had another primary medical condition, but their mental health needs became an important part of the success or failure of the treatment of the medical problem. I thought it was important enough to take another residency."

Her understanding of psychiatric as well as physical needs is especially suited to the clientele of St. Vincent de Paul. "This clinic has essentially three different patient populations who come here. One is the population that lives at St. Vincent de Paul Village. The second group is the people who are still homeless and on the street or living at some other agency, like the Rescue Mission or Salvation Army. The third group is what we call our 'community living' patients — folks who are housed but don't have any other access to health care. We have a very large number of those folks who come here. Most of them come from the nearby region that surrounds the village, but we've had people come from as far away as Escondido and Alpine. Lately, we've been getting a lot of people from Spring Valley."

Why has the lack of medical coverage become so widespread? McCahill is reluctant to blame any particular person or group. "I think it's much too complicated to figure out who to blame. If one could figure that out, one could begin to figure out a solution more easily. I am told by county statistics that about a quarter of those who live in San Diego County are not covered by any health insurance. That's a lot of people and, to me, unacceptable."

"In many places where I have lived, there is a county

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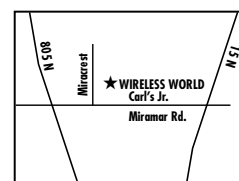
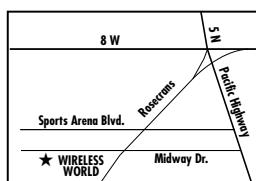
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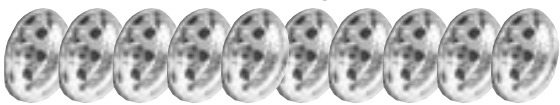
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health department that provides direct services, primary care services, to people. In fact, when I interview prospective residents who come from other parts of the country, to a person they are all shocked that we don't have a county hospital or a county health department that provides a lot of direct patient care for medically indigent patients. When you look at Los Angeles, for example, people have feelings about the county health department, but there is one providing direct patient care. In San Diego County, we tend not to do that. We do have a health department, of course, but their focus tends to be on very limited mental health services, epidemiological services, disease tracking — very important work, but they're grossly, grossly underfunded."

The solution? "I think we have to decide as a society that everybody is deserving of health care, and not just crisis health care. We already have laws that say, no matter who you are, if you walk into an emergency department and you're in dire need, the emergency department cannot turn you away. They have to treat you. We've decided that. What I hope someday we will decide as a society is that people won't have to get that desperate to be deserving of basic needs being met. In the meantime, between then and now, you have places like St. Vincent de Paul's clinic that I sometimes think of as a safety net below the safety net. In health parlance, they talk about 'safety-net providers'; for example, CMS is supposed to be one. If you are a healthy adult and don't have any health care and develop an acute problem, you go to CMS and they are obligated to take care of you — assuming you meet their poverty restrictions. But the safety net has got too many holes in it and a lot of people fall through, so we're the ultimate safety net that's below all the others, along with all the community clinics."

Part of the problem is that patients with chronic illnesses don't receive regular care. "If you're a healthy young guy and you're working a job and you develop bronchitis and need an

antibiotic, you can go to a community clinic, be seen on a sliding-scale fee, and it would cost something, but you could probably manage it. That's a wonderful service that they provide. But if you have diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, schizophrenia, and substance-use disorder — that might be the profile of a patient here, for example — you have a lot of problems that are long-term things. Even on a sliding-scale fee, that's probably not going to work out. Even if it turns out that you're eligible, CMS provides no psychiatric drugs whatsoever, so patients get none of their mental health care there. They also don't provide for certain non-life-threatening conditions to be treated. There are a lot of holes in that 'safety-net' system, so people come here."

McCahill is aware that people have to be near death before the safety net will catch them. "It's really tragic that a person has to prove

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that they have a potentially life- or limb-threatening problem — and it must be acutely life or limb threatening — or the CMS system doesn't cover it. The other thing is, even if people really are entitled to use it, people have a really hard time navigating the system to get into it — filling out all the forms, dealing with all the denials, dealing with the review process, and so on. One of the things about our clinic is that it's quite barrier-free. We ask people to fill out one side of one piece of paper to come in here, and that's it. If they are too ill to do it, our staff will help them. Basically, all they have to do is sign consent for treatment. It's a system that encourages people to get treatment before they're in desperate or dire need. The downside of that is that we depend critically on donations. We do have a few government programs that we can look to for help, such as the Health Care for the Homeless program, but mostly this place runs about 75 to 80 percent on dona-

tions. Our auditors tell us that 94 cents out of every dollar donated goes to direct client services."

Although St. Vincent de Paul's clinic is the place of last resort for medical care, the level of customer satisfaction is high. In fact, some patients would rather be treated at this free clinic than in a regular doctor's office. "We have spent a fair amount of time doing patient-satisfaction surveys, and our patients love the doctors and nurses here. It's a one-stop-shopping kind of place. Granted, you may wait when you come in, but once you're in here, you'll see a primary care doctor, a psychiatrist, if needed, a social worker, if needed. Labs are drawn and medication is dispensed right here. Once they're in, they've done all their waiting right up front. I think they do feel like they get excellent care. We've had people come here when they've had no health insurance, then things went along and they got coverage and

pressure to regard this as a place where people live."

As with all poverty-related issues, the lack of health care seems hardest on those most helpless. "You really see a contrast with the suffering of the children and the suffering of the elderly. Both of those groups are growing among folks who are in need. One of our combined residents was seeing a woman with psychosis, and something didn't seem quite right. It turns out that she had an advanced case of syphilis affecting the brain. Being a family physician as well as a psychiatrist, he was also paying attention to the fact that there was a six-month-old sitting in a baby stroller next to her. He thought, 'What if the baby is also afflicted with this?' There is a condition called congenital syphilis. The baby — a beautiful little girl — had actually been seen by a pediatrician two weeks earlier and she had been given a clean bill of health. She looked perfectly normal. And, in fact, she too had syphilis — congenital syphilis. In the United States, we don't think about that as a possibility or see it much. In our minds, we think everybody gets prenatal care, babies are delivered in hospitals, are tested for this sort of thing, and so on. But what if you don't get prenatal care or are not delivered in a hospital? These things can still happen. We see tuberculosis affecting the spine — it's called Pott's disease. In the past five years, we've seen four or five cases of that. We screen for it [tuberculosis] rigorously, and when people have a positive screening test but no active disease, we give them prophylactic medication.

"Seniors — people who have been healthy all of their lives, had a family and a job — often have something happen, often with their health; then they become homeless. I can think of a gentleman who was 63 years old, raised nine children and was married for 37 years. He worked as a language teacher's assistant in a high school. He did not have a college education but was a very bright man and was fluent in several languages. A very sharp guy. He had such a personality change that his wife left him; his kids all grew up, got mar-

ried, and went away. One day he decided to visit a friend in Florida and ended up on a bus to San Diego. He had been roaming the streets in San Diego and some folks figured out that he was confused, so they took him here to St. Vinny's to get him off the street. He seemed confused about following instructions at the village, so they sent him to see me. I asked him how he ended up in San Diego if he was going to Florida, and he said, 'Well, I got on the wrong bus,' and he didn't figure it out for several days until he ended up in San Diego. I did some testing on him and found that he had no measurable vitamin B₁₂ in his blood. Now there's a problem, and it's not that he didn't eat right. If you have a certain absorption problem, you can't absorb vitamin B₁₂. Even if you took a pill the size of a brick, it won't do you any good. He had developed that condition and had no vitamin B₁₂. That went on for years, through the personality changes, the job losses—he couldn't hold a job at the high school because he was getting too confused. It affects the brain and causes a dementia-like picture. So here was a guy who had been very accomplished and had done a lot with his life and at 63 years old was homeless, on the street, in San Diego. He couldn't remember his Social Security number or the phone number of any family members to call. This was a treatable condition. If someone had just figured this out about ten years prior and given him vitamin B₁₂ via injection, he'd be fine. Look at all the loss that happened to that man, all because of a monthly shot that costs 50 cents that nobody thought to look for when he first started to get forgetful and have some personality changes!"

While McCahill believes everyone deserves quality health care, she doesn't necessarily believe that politicians or insurance companies will solve the problem. When the Clinton administration was pushing for universal health coverage, McCahill had reservations. "I never felt that the Clinton plans were headed in the right direction. What I observed was, when they

called together their experts, they called together the health-care insurance industry, not the health-care providers, and that's a bad sign. I'm actually not interested personally whether or not people have health insurance. I'm interested in whether or not people have health care. And those are not necessarily equivalent. I would be very pleased to see us move in the direction of universal health care, and the Clinton folks weren't going in that direction. They were trying to figure out how to beef up the health-insurance part, not necessarily the health-care part. As far as I'm concerned, we could save the one-third that we pay to insurance companies for their administrative fees and profits by getting rid of them altogether. Using the terms 'health insurance' and 'health care' interchangeably is a terrible fallacy. That's the businessman's approach—not that there's anything wrong with looking at health care as big business, but the insurance industry is interested in the survival of the insurance industry. If you think about it, what is insurance all about? It's about 'take as much money as you can from as many people as you can and deny as much care as you can,' because if you take care of people, you lose money. People need to understand, as a society, that health-insurance companies have a conflict of interest when it comes to the provision of health care. If they provide health care, they don't get to keep that as profit. I'm very, very convinced that health care needs to be a nonprofit business. Someone needs to pay for it, and there may be insurance companies involved and that's okay, but it needs to become a nonprofit business. Even the insurance companies need to become a nonprofit business. If this clinic operates with 94 cents of every dollar going to client services and 6 cents for administration, I would challenge the health-care industry to put even 90 cents out of every dollar into the direct provision of care for people who need it. If that happened, we wouldn't have any problem in our country providing for everybody." ■

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Connie Robinson wasn't about to stay stuck in San Diego during the war. That's why she couldn't marry Joe, who was working at ConsAir, coming out of the hangar at 5:00 p.m. in dirty Levi's with a lunch pail in his hand. Con deserved better.

i In February, when she had the long-distance phone call from Thomas Farrell's secretary, she knew it was what she had been waiting for. She went immediately to see Marya.

Marya had been ill and had not been to the shop for several days. Her apartment was a huge studio; a bookcase overflowed with brightly jacketed love stories and women's magazines, and a desk was stacked higher than her head with fashion magazines and red manila envelopes stuffed with clippings.

Marya, who looked puffy and pale, led her out onto the terrace and sank into a striped beach chair with a sigh. Beside the chair was a shaker of martinis and the evening paper with the headline "Singapore Surrenders." "Sit down, honey," Marya said. "What's on your mind?"

Con could hardly keep the excitement out of her voice. "Do you know somebody named Thomas Farrell in Los Angeles?"

"Should I?"

"He's opening a store in Beverly Hills. It sounds like a pretty big thing."

"He thinks he wants you, does he? What kind of money?"

"I'm supposed to name a figure."

"I'd say you were worth \$4000. I wouldn't take less." She grunted as she leaned over to refill her glass. "What's your guy think about this? Or is that fight still on?"

"There's no fight. It's just over. I haven't seen him for two months."

"Too bad," Marya said. "Your mother seemed pretty sure this one would go to Wassermann tests and 'Hearts and Flowers.' What happened?"

"I didn't think I'd like being the wife of an aircraft worker."

"Uh-huh. Still go for him though, don't you?"

"Maybe a little. I'll get over it."

"Uh-huh. So now it's the bundle of nerves and ambition again, is it? And now *I'm* on the spot. Did you come out here to tell me you were going to take this job or ask my advice?"

"I wanted you to tell me what you think," Con said. She lowered her eyes and stared down at her lap. She knew what Marya would say. Angrily she wished she hadn't had to consult Marya about this, that she could have made up her own mind. Because Marya was going to tell her to wait.

"I'd ask for \$4000 and I wouldn't budge from it," Marya said. "But if he's heard of you, probably others have too, and other offers'll start coming in — if you could stand to stick it out a while longer. I don't suppose you can, though."

"I've stuck it out for four damn years!"

"Honey, honey," Marya said. "I know how you feel. I'm not saying you shouldn't take this. I'm just saying you shouldn't snap at the first thing that comes along. You've got to play it smart. Sweat along as is a little longer while I write some letters and find out about this — what's his name? — Farrell. Do you want me to do that?"

"If you feel like it."

"Oh, you've got it bad again, haven't you?"

She nodded. Marya had said to take the job at Wayner's because it was the lead to something better, and she had been right. And probably she was right that there would be other offers. But she had been so excited about this, and it was now. It was so important that it was now. She said,



La Jolla shops, c. 1960s

"Oh, all right. I wish you would find out about him, though."

"I'll write tonight. You just sit on it a few days. Let him wait. That won't do any harm either." She leaned back in her chair, sipping her martini, and Con saw her looking at the bracelet. "What's that horror?" Marya said.

Con raised her arm. "Isn't it awful? Phil sent it to me. He's gone in the Navy — did you know?" The bracelet was silver and very heavy, with a design of a horned steer's skulls on it. She thought it so ugly it was almost fascinating. He had sent it with a note saying it was an advance birthday present, which he was sorry he couldn't give her in person or at the proper time, but he had just received his orders.

"You been seeing a lot of Phil?" Marya asked angrily. "Goddam it, honey, you come out here asking me to do you a favor, but you won't do me one, will you?"

"I haven't seen him," Con said. "He just sent it to me. I wish you'd tell me about him, Marya."

Marya was staring at the bracelet. "It probably means some filthy, perverted thing."

"Someone told me about him and a crippled girl out here in La Jolla."

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"Alicia," Marya said. "That's just one story. Did you know a gal named Elnora Reeve or something like that — married a guy named Inman? Well, never mind, I'll not pique your curiosity. That son-of-a-bitch is psychopathic. I think he hates women's guts and he's got to get them flat on their backs with their legs in the air to prove he's Phil Gardener and a hell of a guy. Except I've got a hunch he gets his special kicks bedding down with some really queer setup. Like Alicia. He's off limits for a *jeune fille* like you. Now I'm serious as hell, honey, damn it. I want you to stay away from him. Do you hear me?"

"You make him sound fascinating," Con laughed. "I'm sure he'd like to seduce me but —"

"Sure," Marya said stiffly. Her eyes looked hard and angry, sunk down into the puffy flesh. "You're pretty sophisticated, I know. You've had your affair, and you've got all the males in San Diego so hot they're waiting around in dark alleys for a chance to assault that pretty little tail of yours. But you really stay away from this one!"

"I don't like to be talked to that way," Con said.

"Sorry. Go on home now, will you? I've got to get busy writing my spies."

ii The next day Joe called her at College Town. It was the first time she had heard from him since Yuma. He

said, "Pete's in town. We're all going to get together for a party tonight. I thought you'd — like to come along. With Pete."

"Of course. I'd love to. How is he, Joe?"

"He's pretty big-time now. He's a captain and he talks pretty British. But it's Pete, all right. I only saw him for a little while."

"How are Betty and Hickey getting along, Joe?" she asked, but she was thinking of Peter, who was a flier, who had been decorated. "Why don't you all come by my apartment for a drink before we start anywhere?" she said. "Why don't you? Would that be all right, Joe?"

That night when Peter arrived with the others she was astonished how small he was. She had not remembered that he was scarcely taller than she, and in his brown Air Corps jacket and pinkish trousers he looked as though he weighed no more than she did. His hand, shaking hers, was a bundle of tight tendons, and when he smiled muscles twitched at the corners of his mouth. His cheeks were sunken against the bone, and his face made a triangle, falling inward to a pointed chin from his broad forehead. He looked aristocratic, fragile; beside him Joe seemed very wide and square, and Hickey gross.

"Old Pete," Hickey said. He had already said it many times in a rapt, respectful voice. He was leaning back



Camp Callan, c. 1942

so that the front legs of his chair were tilted off the floor. "Where're your medals, man? Don't you wear your medals around, for Christ's sake!"

"I don't have so many, you know."

"Don't you have a VC? What's that? Victoria Cross? Where the hell's your VC?"

"Hickey," Betty said.

Peter laughed and shook his head. "Mostly you only get the VC when you're heroically dead. All I have is a DFC. They give that to anybody who can take an aircraft off the ground."

"Aircraft," Hickey said, mimicking the way Peter said it. "Oh, chaps!" Betty was watching him anxiously, and beside Betty, Dede Munger, Joe's girl, was sitting with her legs

crossed and her glass held a little too demurely in her lap. She was wearing the wrong color lipstick. Con remembered when they had rushed her at State; she was from Mission Hills but had talked too much in a fast, excited way. They had not pledged her.

"Joe," Con said, "make us another round of drinks, would you? You know where everything is."

Peter was nervously rubbing his hands together. His cap, with its brown bill and gold wings at the peak, rested on the arm of the chair beside him.

"I don't understand, Peter," she said. "Are you in our Air Force now?"

"A lot of us transferred over after Pearl Harbor. Probably they'll make everyone do it soon." His elbow knocked the cap from the

arm of his chair. He bent quickly to retrieve it.

"But where have you been since then?" Con asked.

"I did liaison work and some training work in England. I came back to the States about two weeks ago."

"Are you on leave now, Captain?" Dede asked.

Joe, who had come back with the drinks, and Hickey both laughed. "You can call him by his first name," Joe said. "He won't mind."

"I have to speak at a War Bond rally in Los Angeles next week," Peter said. "And one in San Francisco. Then I have a week of leave."

"Oh, how can this guy be so damn large-time!" Hickey cried.

Dede said, "Can you tell us what you'll be doing when your leave is over?"

"I'm not sure, you know," Peter said, and the "you know" was different from the way Joe or Hickey or anyone else Con knew said it. It was British. "Probably some kind of training command. It's in Ohio. Dayton, Ohio."

"That damn English accent!" Hickey said. "Hey,

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Rev. Peter Previtera
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Dear Fr. Peter,
Early in August I took the opportunity to visit St. Mary Church, since I had not yet seen the completed renovation, and I called the parish office the day before to let them know I was coming. Fr. Callahan happened to be in the church, so he gave me a ride. Many aspects of the renovation are very positive and beautifully done.
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are you really sure this guy is Pete Gorman, Joe?"

Con glared at him, and she felt no sympathy for Betty, who was obviously distressed at the loud way he was talking. She wondered that she could ever have liked either of them. Angrily she included Joe in her condemnation. San Diego louts — how close she had come to being trapped with them; like Betty, the wife of a San Diego aircraft worker. She was the only one here who had anything in common with Peter, and she wished the rest of them would see it and go.

As the evening progressed and they went to dinner and to a cabaret downtown to dance, she knew she was right. None of them seemed to find anything to say to Peter,

except to ask about the war and the German planes he had shot down, and finally she snapped at Hickey, "Can't you see he doesn't want to talk about it?"

Hickey flushed. "Okay, you take over. Is that what you want?" He glanced at Joe, who was staring at her, as were Betty and Dede.

She sat beside Peter, biting her lip, thankful when the others got up to dance, and alone with him, she started talking about herself. She felt not only that she had to defend herself, but that Peter at last was someone who would understand.

Peter did not say much. He still seemed embarrassed and almost shy, his fingers toying nervously with an unlit cigarette, but finally he commented, "Quiet to quick bosoms is

a hell.' "

She was startled, but he explained that it was a quotation from Byron. She told him it expressed perfectly what she had been trying to say, and before the others returned she had made him promise to come to her mother's for dinner on Saturday night.

iii But Saturday was an unhappy night at her mother's. Charley had received orders from his draft board to report for a physical examination. Con's mother hardly spoke throughout dinner, but Charley himself did not seem much concerned, and he was obviously very interested in Peter. He asked Peter not about the planes he had flown and the Germans he had shot down, but how it was in England,

how much damage the big bombings had done, if there was enough food and if the people were suffering. Con had expected he would show himself up as a boor tonight, but he didn't, and she was upset at the realization of how Charley had changed. He had lost his way of talking loudly and too much when he felt ill at ease; or perhaps he didn't feel ill at ease anymore. He seemed restrained tonight, but she knew it was not because he felt inferior to Peter. He was only worried about her mother.

Her mother was crying now, and when the maid had brought in the coffee she suddenly excused herself from the table. Charley glanced at Con, tilting his head commandingly, and Con followed her. Her mother lay on the bed in the big bedroom with her hands over her face. Her black dress was pulled up over the top of one stocking, showing an inch of plump white leg dimpled by the snap of her garter belt. Con sat down beside her.

"Oh, I don't want them to take him away," her mother whispered.

"Maybe they won't." "Oh, they will! I know I'm selfish, but why do they

have to take him?"

"Mother, they haven't taken him yet."

"If he was as old as I am, they couldn't. If he was even only one year older they couldn't. Oh, darling, I'm so selfish, but I don't want him to go!"

Con bent down to press her cheek against her mother's.

"I hope you'll marry someone just half as good," her mother whispered. "I remember at your party I had a little too much to drink, and I was trying to tell Joe — what I thought I'd found out. When you're married and your husband does everything he can to make you happy, then you find yourself doing everything you can to make him happy. Then you're both happy, not just because of the other person, but because you're trying to do something for someone else. That's why I've been so happy; that's why I can't bear — What if —"

"He hasn't even had his physical yet. Maybe there's something wrong with him."

"No, there's nothing wrong with him." She began to cry again, but at last she said, "You go on back, darling. I'll be all right in a lit-

tle while."

When Con returned, Peter and Charley were drinking cognac in the living room. She stood in the hall, watching them; next to Charley, Peter looked boyish, like a cadet in his uniform, while Charley seemed very large, very masculine. "Yes," Peter was saying. "We'll win. I don't know how I know, but I knew it even before this country came in. Even when we had those Hawks, and the Jerry 109s would go by so fast you could hardly see them, it was something you knew. Even when things really looked tight there, when we were expecting the invasion, one knew."

Con had never heard him speak so many consecutive sentences before. He saw her and rose, but she motioned him down and went to sit across the room from them, feeling left out and jealous of Charley as they continued to talk, Peter leaning forward intently, Charley lounging back with his big hands working at each other as though he were washing them.

"It won't be easy, though," Charley said, frowning. "That's the shock we've got coming."

"Oh, I agree," Peter said. "But we'll win in the end. Because they're rotten by any possible human definition. And we're not

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"Sure. I know we'll win too. I'm not sure about your reasons though."

"A little mystical?" Peter smiled. "Well, I've thought about it a lot — how I could be so sure we'd win — and that's what I always ended up with. Just faith, I guess."

Charley nodded. Then he turned toward Con, and on his face, for her, was the awkwardly worried and gentle, fatherly expression she could never get used to or understand, because it was so violently opposite to what she must have him feel toward her.

"Is she crying?" Charley asked.

"Maybe you'd better go in."

When he had excused himself, Peter and Con left for a bar in Mission Hills where she and Joe used to go. There was a big red-and-yellow-lighted juke-box near the door and a picture of a racehorse over the bar. Peter ordered scotch, without ice. Con watched him as he drank, thinking how he had changed, and how he had not changed, from the shy blond boy who had tagged after Joe, who had had no individuality except as Joe's friend, but who had slipped quietly off in 1939 to join the RAF and become so much more than Joe had ever been that now there was no comparison at all. At the same time he seemed just a boy in a new uniform, reassuringly young and slight.

He drank two of his iceless scotch and waters for every one of hers. He grew more and more quiet and indrawn, toying with the ashtray incessantly, and when she spoke gazed at a point in the center of her forehead until she began to think he was disgusted with her for talking too much about herself.

Finally she said, "You must be awfully tired of hearing my troubles. I'm afraid I talk too much."

"Not at all!" he protested. "Of course not, Con." But now he looked as though he were going to pass out, and she suggested they leave. She held his arm tightly as they left the bar. In her car he

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slumped down with his face turned away, but as she drove through Mission Hills toward his grandmother's house he struggled to sit erect and straightened his cap. The streetlights glinted off his shoulder bars, an odd in-between color that looked neither silver nor gold.

"I suppose it must be quite late," he said in a thick voice. "My grandmother will be waiting up."

"When did you say you were going to Los Angeles?" Con asked.

"On Friday."

She nodded. It was almost a week. "I wish you'd come down to Wayner's one of these days. I'd like to show you College Town."

"I'd like very much to see College Town," Peter said.

She pulled up in front of his house. He got out of the car, saluted, and walked very stiffly up to the porch.

On Tuesday afternoon he came to see her at College Town. They went out for a cocktail, and before he left she had arranged with him to come to her apartment for dinner on Thursday. And Thursday night he asked her about Joe. They had finished dinner and were sitting in the living room. He sat staring into his half-empty glass of scotch, waiting for her to answer.

"Oh, that's all over," she said lightly. "Don't tell me you haven't talked to Joe about it!"

"No," he said. "No, I haven't. Joe's been to see me a few times but —" He stopped.

"When Hickey and Betty eloped to Yuma we went with them," Con said. "We were a little carried away and thought we'd get married too. But just before we got there I realized — well, that there really wasn't anything there anymore. It was just something that had gone on too long."

Peter went into the kitchen to make himself another drink. Smiling, Con looked down at her crossed knees. She straightened her skirt, and the bracelet Phil had given her slid down on her wrist. She pushed it back, feeling pleased with herself and excited. When Peter returned she made a comic face at him. "He's not car-

rying the torch very high. Dede seems nice, doesn't she?"

"Yes," Peter said. "She lives in Mission Hills, you know. Around the corner from my grandmother's. Joe seems to be over there quite a lot." Con had bought a volume of Byron and placed it on the end table, and he started to set his glass on it, but picked it up instead and looked at the title. "Quite a lot," he repeated, quickly replacing the book and taking a drink.

"What train are you taking tomorrow?" Con asked.

"The one fifty-five."

"I'll drive you up. I've got to go to Los Angeles to do some shopping, and I have a couple of days off coming. How would that be?"

He didn't answer immediately, and she wondered what to say if he refused. But she was sure he wouldn't refuse, and she almost laughed aloud as it occurred to her that she was chasing Peter. She had nearly forgotten about the job with Thomas Farrell; the job that had seemed so important as the immediate escape seemed important no longer. And she thought of what Marya had said: "You shouldn't snap at the first thing that comes along. You've got to play it smart."

Peter said, "It's very nice of you to offer."

"It would certainly be better than taking that filthy train."

"Oh, I agree."

"Fine," she said triumphantly. "It's settled then."

Peter got drunk again that night, and she thought she would have to call a cab to get him home. She almost carried him downstairs, and in the car he leaned heavily against her shoulder.

He was able to walk a little better when she helped him up the steps to his grandmother's house. His grandmother opened the door before they reached it, and Peter lurched quickly in, trying to fill the opening while he said a quick good night that was also a dismissal, holding on to the doorframe with one hand, the edge of the door with the other, his cap tipped obliquely over one eye. But

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Con had a glimpse of Mrs. Gorman's face.

Driving back to her apartment, she was unnerved and frightened. She forgot that she had meant to drive past Dede Munger's house, and, if Joe's car was there, to honk her horn as Phil had done that night. She could only see that tableau on the porch — Peter with his arms held up to cover the doorway, as though crucified there, and behind him his grandmother staring at her, Con, with an expression of unforgiving hatred.

She told herself it didn't matter, that Mrs. Gorman was only a jealous, senile old witch they would never have to see because they would never return to San Diego. She would not let Mrs. Gorman matter, now that it was so close — available immediately instead of only after the arduous, independent struggle she had dreaded; what had ached in her so long, gleaming like chrome, cellophane wrapped and pneumatic cushioned, protected and safe and forever-after, was here, so easily within reach, now that she was going to marry Peter Gorman.

iv While she drove, Peter read over what he was going to say at the War Bond rally. He seemed ashamed of his talk, which was about the Americans in the Eagle Squadron. It was what he had been told to say, he repeated several times. He did not want her to come to the rally. At first she thought he was only being modest and insisted she wanted to go very much, but finally she realized he really meant it.

A room had been reserved for him at the Ambassador Hotel, and he managed to secure another for Con. A man named Seymour, who was floridly tan in a cashmere suit, came to take him to the rally; he kept slapping Peter on the back and calling him "Ace," and kneading Con's shoulder. "Well, aren't you a couple of nice kids," he said. He was surprised to learn that Con was not to accompany them.

Peter was gone almost two hours, and when he returned they took a taxi out to La Cienaga Boulevard and had a late dinner at

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one of the expensive restaurants. Then they toured the Sunset Strip, drinking in bars packed with servicemen and unattached girls, and dancing on crowded floors where there was almost always a movie celebrity. Back at the Ambassador, Peter had a bottle of champagne sent up to his room; he looked exhausted, but Con was only pleasantly tired. She felt as she had that night at Del Monte with Joe. Like that one, it was a night to be remembered, with everything happening right, everything shiny and hazed with liquor and excitement. She was sure she was in love with

Peter as she watched him tip the waiter who brought the champagne in its beaded silver bucket. He poured the champagne as he had tipped the waiter, with a kind of ritual that made his movements look important and experienced and easy. She smiled down into her glass, watching the bubbles rising in the hollow stem and listening to the tired drone of traffic along Wilshire Boulevard.

"Where are you going to stay in San Francisco, Peter?"

"At the St. Francis."

It was on her lips to say she would go to San Francisco too, but she

decided it would be better just to arrive and surprise him. And then she had the best idea of all, and she almost laughed aloud at the simplicity and effectiveness of it.

Peter was rubbing his forehead with a slow, kneading motion. "Headache?" she asked, and when he nodded, "Maybe you drink too much, Peter. Sometimes you look like you're trying to drink yourself to death."

"I try all ways," Peter said. "My own quietus make, with a bare scotch bodkin"—half in love with old easeful, you know." He shook his head. "I detest

Los Angeles," he went on. "Those people tonight. Why do I have to tell Americans they're better fliers than anybody else? So much braver. Not say it, because that would stick in my throat, but imply it. So brave, so strong, so capable, so pure! We're fighting against the superman ideal, but they want to be told the American is a superman." He grimaced and rubbed his hand hard over the side of his head. "Oh, I suppose I was the same way when I was a kid. And it's not just Los Angeles, certainly."

"Were you happier in England?"

"No. This is my country. I just hate the part that's false. The false front. You see it more in this city than anywhere else." His voice had become blurred and a little too loud, and he was waving his hand meaninglessly. "I hate that false —" He stopped, his mouth open for the next word. His cheeks turned red in long fingerlike blotches. Abruptly he drained his glass.

"What's the matter, Peter?"

"Does something have to be the matter?" His voice was brusque. "I thought it might be all right, back here," he said, moving to the window. "Back in San

Diego. All changed now. Hope springs eternal, doesn't it? To be eternally raped by reality. Joe couldn't save me from that rape as he saved you, Con."

She started. Joe had told him. She tried to think what it meant that Peter knew. It seemed important. It seemed to make him a part of it.

He swung toward her accusingly. "What am I going to do when the war is over? Am I going to wish it would go on forever so that I can stay alive?" He stood there, swaying a little, clinging to the curtain with a small, bony hand. "I can't go back to San

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Diego,” he said in a flat voice. “Do you know what? Hickey and Joe were the best friends I’ll ever have in this world, but we’re not friends anymore. I saw Joe alone only twice. He knows. He tried hard not to let me know he knows. So hard not to let it matter. But it matters. He wanted to go to the beach Sunday when it was so warm. Like we used to do. Trying so bloody hard. But do you know what?”

She shook her head.

“I was afraid to go! Do you know why?”

She shook her head

again.

But he only said, “I was afraid.”

She drew a quick breath as he started back for his chair. He fell into it and with an effort leaned forward toward her. He talked on, sometimes sounding very British, sometimes sounding like a very young boy, talking about Joe, about how they had played touch football when they were kids, and he had been able to run faster than any of the others; talking about the war and how he had felt once when he had thought he was going to

be killed, of his wing commander, and then about his grandmother, almost whining as he said how cruel, how unjust she had been, but saying, too, what a fine woman she was and how he had deserved everything, and how he had always failed her. And finally he was telling her of something he and Joe had done.

“I would go in and it would be all right,” he said. “As it would be all right when I came back to San Diego this time. Even to the States. Joe told me which one to go to, and I was very brave, braver than I’ve ever

been since, I think, because I went in and there they all were. Of course they were awful. They shouted at me; it was as though they were taunting me. But I was brave then, and I went in.

“Joe said she looked like Jean Harlow. Joe said that. And maybe she did in a way, do you know?”

Con stared at him uneasily.

He slammed his fist down on the arm of his chair. “I said, did you know that bloody whore looked like Jean Harlow!”

“Did she?”

“You’re bloody well

right she did! And do you know what?”

“What?” she said. She didn’t know whether Peter was really talking about a whore or not. She wondered if she should leave.

“What?” she said again, but with a sudden movement he turned his head and pressed his face into the crook of his elbow. The tendons stood out on his thin neck as though they would tear through the skin.

She sat there appalled. It seemed to her that a quarter of an hour must have passed before he moved.

He didn’t look at her even then, wiping his hands across his forehead and trying to drink from his empty glass. “Oh, Con,” he said hoarsely, “it’s such a rotten business.”

She moved across to him and put her hands on his shoulders. Looking down into his reddened eyes, she felt confident again. “Do you love me, Peter?”

His lips shaped a painful smile. “ ’Course,” he said, raising a shaking hand until it was on a level with her waist. She thought he meant to embrace her. But he said, “Since I was

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this high.”

She smiled and bent to kiss his forehead. When she straightened again her heart jumped at the expression that had come over his face; the red eyes were wide open now, the muscles twitched at the corners of his mouth. Slowly his face inclined away. The blond head moved forward until it pressed against her waist. “Con,” he whispered.

She moved back. She took up her coat and purse

and went to the door. Peter had covered his face with his hands. She smiled at him. “I’ll see you in the morning,” she said. “Call me when you wake up.”

She went out. She had taken a few steps down the hall when she heard the crash of glass breaking against the door. The champagne glass, she thought; he had wanted her to stay with him. But she knew she had done the right thing in leaving him there alone.

Peter didn’t call her until almost noon. She met him in the grill for breakfast. This morning his face was very drawn and the circles under his eyes almost frightening; he looked like a caricature of a drunkard the morning after. He was tense and uncommunicative, and Con was disappointed that he said nothing about their conversation the night before. At two they took a taxi to a cocktail party at Seymour’s

apartment in Beverly Hills.

The apartment was jammed, and they could proceed no farther than the outer edges of the living room, where they were wedged into a laughing tangle of heavily made-up girls and drunken Army officers. Someone brought them martinis, and she and Peter were drawn into a conversation with a major who kept asking her what studio she worked for and shaking Peter’s hand and saying, “So you’re the boy shot down all those Messies! I guess you showed ’em, Captain.”

Peter seemed painfully embarrassed, and at four he said he had to leave. He refused almost rudely to let Con take him to the train, but when he started away she caught his arm and kissed him.

He jerked back, the smear of lipstick looking like blood on his cheek. He did not look at Con, raising his hand to cover the mark and moving away from her. His back was stiff and straight, but he seemed very small as he said, “I beg your pardon, I beg your

pardon,” and thrust his way between two of the starlets and past a cluster of officers and a fat man with marceled hair. Con watched him disappear in an eddy of disturbance toward the door.

“There goes a real guy, what I mean,” the major said.

The major was becoming obnoxious about wanting to take her out to dinner when a hand caught her shoulder, kneading it. It was Mr. Seymour. He asked where Ace was and, when Con said he had gone, took her hand and pulled her behind him into a back room that was fitted out as a bar. Mr. Seymour introduced Con to his wife, a bored older woman with blued hair, who was seated at a table with four men. They made room for her at their table and told her how fine they had all thought Peter’s talk. She made conversation with the man on her right, who was the editor of a Hollywood fashion magazine. They talked about fashions, and she was surprised to find she was almost sure of herself. She

asked about Thomas Farrell and found that the editor, whose name was Jack, had heard of Marya.

When the party began to break up she accompanied Jack and two other couples to a restaurant across the street. At dinner Jack told her that Tom Farrell, although a wonderful guy, was not really who she ought to be with; he said a friend of his named Danny, who was somebody important at Bullock’s Wilshire, might be able to do Con a lot of good. They ought to get together with Danny; maybe something could be arranged tonight. He went on to tell her about his place in Palm Springs, saying that it might be a good idea if he and Con and Danny got together at his place in Palm Springs sometime. It sounded like a proposition; he was very drunk, and his black-furred hand kept touching hers and moving away. But she thought she handled it very well when she said she would call him, thanked him for his advice, and said she was sorry she had to go. She was expecting a long-distance call

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from Captain Gorman in San Francisco, she said.

Back at the Ambassador she made a reservation on the plane to Reno and had the hotel reserve her a double room at a hotel there. Then she worked on the telegram to Peter. It took her a long time, but finally she got it right:

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Early the next afternoon, when she was ready to take the limousine to the airport, she sent the telegram to Peter care of the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

As soon as she had checked in at her hotel in Reno she carefully examined the train and plane schedules. Peter could not possibly arrive till the next morning, and she spent the rest of the day shopping. She bought herself a complete outfit and a nightgown and looked at rings in two jewelry stores. After dinner she had planned to visit the big gambling clubs, but she was afraid to go alone, so she went to bed early. She couldn't sleep. She sat up in bed with her knees clasped against her chest, shivering and staring out the window at the red and blue neon signs over the bars and gambling houses and stores, at the car headlights glowing cold and white through the leaves of the tree.

She felt intoxicated with these last days, Los Angeles with Peter, Reno waiting for Peter; she chafed at the inactivity of tonight. But she was glad that the three-day-marriage-delay law in California had forced her to formulate this plan. Because this was the best way. And finally she had done something, independently and surely and without fear. She knew it was right. She would make Peter promise never to take her back to San Diego.

And she had broken away from Joe.

She let herself fall back on the bed, closing her eyes tightly. *Oh, Joe, what am I doing?* Suddenly she thought of telephoning him, to tell

him she was going to do this. She shook her head. She could not look back, now that she had broken loose. When she finally went to sleep she was telling herself over and over again that soon, when she and Peter were married, she would be free of all of it.

She did not get up till late in the morning, and even after her shower she felt drugged and heavy. She had just finished dressing when there was a knock on the door; she turned to face it. "Come in," she whispered and cleared her throat. "Come in," she said.

The door swung open. Peter stood there with his suitcase on the floor beside him, his uniform rumpled, his cap under his arm, "Hello, darling," she said. She took a step toward him and stopped. Slowly he bent to pick up his bag and put it inside the door. She ran her hand up and down her arm, watching him, as, without looking at her, he closed the door behind him. "Hello, darling," she whispered.

"No," Peter said. "You're crazy, Con."

"It's time to be crazy."

"You don't know what I mean."

"Ever since you were this high," she said breathlessly, putting her hand out waist high. "Me too." It was true! She knew it hadn't been true, but it was true now. "Now so much more," she said. "Every time I've seen you, so much more."


But she couldn't look him in the eyes, and she threw herself at him. He didn't raise his arms, falling back. "I can't marry you, Con."

"You have to!" she cried. "You said you loved me. Don't you love me?"

Finally one of his arms came around her awkwardly. "Yes. But, Con —"

"Peter, you love me and I love you. When it's like that people get married. They have to get married." She knew she must sound like a very young girl, saying that, which she did not believe on the surface of her mind but did believe deep inside herself. She pressed against Peter. "They're crazy if they don't," she whispered.

She took a backward step, staring at him, her teeth clenched tightly





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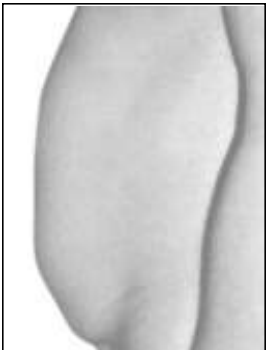
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together. She felt panic, and then, all at once, completely cold and calculating. She turned and let herself fall onto the bed. She had torn off all the covers during the night, and the sheet felt very cold to her face. It was not hard to sob, and once she had started the sobs became real, tearing at her. "Why can't we get married?" she sobbed. "We have to!" She couldn't go back; she'd die. She clenched her fist and hit it against the bed. Peter sat down beside her and laid his hand on her back — Peter touching her, when Joe should have been here, and Joe should have made her, forced her, that time in Yuma. Why hadn't he? Didn't he want her? Did no one really want her? What did they see that was wrong? Oh, Joe, she breathed into the sheet, *how could you let it happen?* She hated him for failing her when she needed him most. She hated Peter. "You're afraid of your grandmother," she flung at him. "I know she hates me. You're afraid of her." Then she sobbed again, knowing what Charley would think of her now, knowing what her father would say of her now, judging and unforgiving. Peter said, "All right," but at first the words meant nothing.

"What?" she whispered. "All right," Peter said. "We'll get married, Con." She turned her head. He was blurred in her eyes, unreal, not really there. His face was a white triangle. "You don't want to." "Yes. Really, Con."

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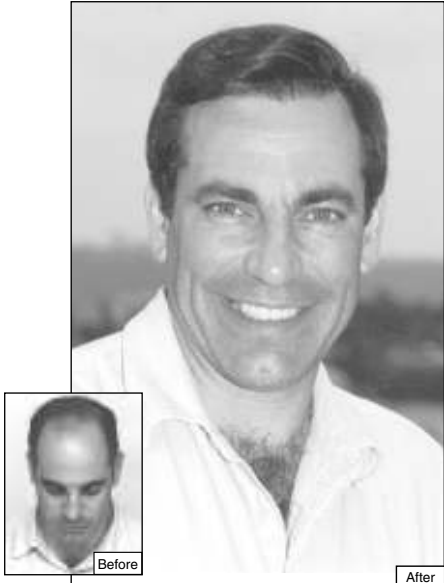
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"You don't love me. You don't want to." He denied it, but she hated the dullness of his voice, the terrible politeness. But they were going to be married. "All right," she said bitterly. "Let's get married."

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brightly over the white caps of the Sierras, but the lower slopes were dark with shadow and it was beginning to turn cool. Every bar, every store, every hotel, had its neon sign. As Peter took her arm Con looked down at her \$900 wedding

ring. In the late sun, seen through the tears that would not stop welling, it gleamed without color, dazzlingly.

"I suppose we should have a drink to celebrate," Peter said.

He had many drinks, and after dinner he passed

out. She had to get the cab driver and the bell-hop to carry him from the cab into the elevator and from the elevator to her room. He slept all night as they had put him down, with his arms pinned under his body and his face hidden in the

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pillow. Con lay crying beside him, watching the lights out the window and listening to the cars passing. Even her tears were not real now; she had to force them. But it seemed the only thing she could do.

In the morning they boarded the plane for San Francisco and checked in at the St. Francis Hotel. Peter was sick. He couldn't eat anything, and she made him promise not to drink. In the evening he felt a little better, and he sat watching her while she wrote telegrams, to her mother, to her father, to the store to say she had resigned. At her insistence Peter sent one to Joe, saying how much they wished he could have been best man.

"What about your grandmother?" Con asked. "I can't think of what to say," Peter said. "I'll do

it tomorrow. Maybe I should phone." He sat at the desk, staring at the telephone. "I'll send her a telegram tomorrow."

Con took the nightgown she had bought in Reno into the bathroom with her. It was white silk, with a high neck and puffed sleeves. She ran her hands down her sides; they felt cold through the silk. "You'd better get in the mood," she whispered to the plaster mask of a face that stared back at her from the mirror. She made herself think of that night on the Poway grade with Joe, but the warmth she tried to create would not come. She had never felt so cold.

But it had to be tonight. She clutched the chrome knob of the door. It took a conscious effort to turn it, to pull it toward her. Peter was still sitting before the

phone, his face in his hands. She hoped he wasn't going to be sick again. She moved toward him and touched his shoulder. His head turned. His eyes were blank, his mouth deeply indented at the corners.

"Did you send her a telegram?"

He shook his head, and she went over to the bed. She threw back the blue counterpane and got under the covers, working her way down until they came up to her chin. Peter hadn't moved. "Turn off the light," she said, and obediently he rose and snapped the switch. The room became a block of heavy darkness, and she could hear nothing but the rumble of traffic, the impatient clanging of a cable car.

She strained to see Peter, surprised that he was so shy. She supposed it was her

duty to put him at ease. She laughed lightly. "I'm sorry I don't look more like Jean Harlow," she whispered, remembering what he had said the other night. "I guess I could dye my —"

He made an agonized, strangled sound, and she stopped. She heard the pad of feet.

The door to the hall was opened, and she saw him in the bright shaft of light that spread across the room. His jacket skewed over his back as he thrust an arm into it, hurrying out the door.

"Peter!" she cried, but the door slammed and the room was black again. She jumped out of bed and ran to the door. He was at the end of the hall. At the stairs he looked back, his face contorted and white. Then he disappeared.

She returned to the

bed. Too shocked to cry, she lay with her face pressed into the dark softness of the pillow until she fell asleep.

All the next day she waited in the room for him. He came in late in the afternoon. He was drunk, and he waved a telegram at her. "Orders!" he said loudly. "Have to go to Dayton right away."

He collected his things and stuffed them into his brown canvas bag, staggering once as he bent over. When he had strapped it closed and straightened up, his face was red. "Orders," he repeated in the loud, coarse voice, waving the folded telegram at her. "Write you from Dayton." He took up the bag, leaning away from it as though it were almost too heavy for him. He stepped toward her, stopped.

"I'm so sorry," he said. "I'm so damn sorry. But there's no way. I thought there was, but there's no way." He was panting unevenly, and she could smell the liquor on his breath. He turned away from her and almost ran to the door, the bag jerking him off balance. She stood listening to his burdened steps going down the hall, feeling nothing but a queer, ashamed relief.

She sat down on the bed and began to laugh hysterically. When that was over she phoned for a reservation on the train to Los Angeles, where she would get her car and drive back to San Diego. ■

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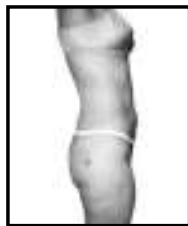


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Carl H. Starrett II
El Cajon

Aunt Trudy's Gay Teen

In the February 21 edition of the *Reader*, a person wrote in regarding Aunt Trudy's advice to a Point Loma teenager who thought he or she was gay.

The letter says, "Aunt Trudy had given *strange* advice to a Point Loma teenager" and that he "would have advised the teenager to write to Exodus, which is a Christian group that helps people to *change* their sexual identity."

I find it hard to believe in this day and age that there are still people wanting to (for lack of better words) brainwash a person, especially a teenager, rather than enforce how he is feeling and his belief system. The teenager is obviously confused. Rather than try to help this kid with what he feels in a difficult time in his life, this individual would rather subject him to a bunch of strangers that will tell him what he is going through and what he is feeling is wrong and that it is against God and the Christian belief system.

Why is it that so many people out there are willing to try and "convert" someone rather than just accept the person for who he is?

Gene Liebel
Normal Heights

Ex-Gay Husband Beat Me

This letter is in response to the letter entitled "Aunt Trudy's

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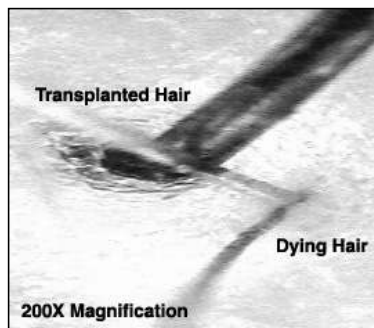


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Gay Advice” that appeared in the February 21 edition of the *Reader*. The writer states that he or she has clinical experience with people who changed their sexual identities. I have personal experience and I work in a clinical addiction-counseling field. I married and divorced one of these strugglers. At the time, I did love him, and the thought of establishing a Christian home with a husband that cherished me and made me a part of this particular “ministry” appealed to me very greatly. In a mere ten months, I suffered emotional, verbal, and finally physical abuse from this man. The last time he hit me was before he left on a plane to go speak at an Exodus convention about his radical change. My friends and coworkers who saw my rapid deterioration came and moved me out of our tumultuous home. It is my hope that he eventually finds the acceptance and healing that he so fervently seeks.

There are not the scores of cured homosexuals that the writer would have you believe. There are those who have publicly claimed such cures, and we have witnessed their failed at-

tempts to live by such claims. I have attended these conventions and had a few occasions to speak to other wives of these “strugglers.” They were miserable also but too filled with religious conviction and guilt to leave. Today, I understand my ex-husband’s dilemma. He was torn between who he really is and who others preached what he should be. Today, I have gay friends and coworkers who have more character and righteous — not self-righteousness — than any members of the Exodus organization I have met.

To liken a homosexual to an alcoholic is ridiculous. A recovering alcoholic, although, is still an alcoholic. An abstinent gay man is still a gay man. A gay man who marries a woman is still gay. Perhaps these strugglers should take a clue from the alcoholics’ Serenity Prayer that asks God to grant the serenity to accept the things we cannot change. Homosexuality is one of them. Come on, folks, God is far more concerned with our hearts than our genitals.

Robin Yeagley, CATS, CADC
La Mesa

Gay Teen, Meet Higher Power

I just finished reading the letter from Name Withheld (February 21) concerning Aunt Trudy’s gay advice. If Name Withheld were so confident about her opinions and beliefs, s/he would have no problem signing his/her name. As usual, though, homophobic people lacking the confidence in their own religions, beliefs, and statements are afraid to come out, if you will, because they cannot support their religions, beliefs, and statements with rational or scientific facts. Religion is neither rational nor scientific, but if it makes people feel good about themselves and their lives, I have no problem with that. It’s when such people interfere with my feeling good about myself and my life that I then have a problem.

I had homosexual feelings around the age of eight, that I can remember. I was playing doctors and doctors when others were playing doctors and nurses. I played husband and husband when others were playing husband and wife. I’ve never had any interest in women,

other than as friends or trying to convince myself that I should marry one because that’s what my Mormon/Catholic upbringing and society told me I should do. Fortunately, I never married. That would have been wrong not only for me but for the women whom I might have married and any children that we might have had.

I spent 28 years praying to God and the Lord Jesus Christ to make me “normal.” I spent 16 years in counseling and therapy trying to understand myself. Well, God and Jesus finally answered my prayers. They told me that I was normal in their eyes because God had created me, and God does not create evil. Society and most, if not all, man-made religions through their teachings of hate and intolerance create evil.

God helped me come out at the age of 38 after 28 years of agony due to society’s teachings of hate and intolerance. While I don’t believe now in God, per se, I do believe in a Higher Power, a Higher Power who created me as I am and loves me as I am. So Name

Withheld is correct when s/he says, “With correct counseling, with the right environment, with the spiritual power available to any believer, and with the help of family and friends, a person can gradually [accept] homosexuality if that person is willing to exert himself or herself in the struggle [against society’s intolerance and religion’s hate].”

Russel R. Kirk
Gay and proud in San Diego

Gay Teen Ire Continued

I have just opened your February 21 edition and read the letter submitted by Name Withheld regarding the advice of Aunt Trudy to a gay teen in Point Loma. I must say that I found it quite interesting as well as very contradictory.

First, something must be said for a person who would like to show to us all the appearance that he is so firm in his belief on this issue and yet does not even have the conviction to sign his name to it. How appropriate that his cowardice belies this individual’s lack of true belief and knowl-

edge in what he espouses. Hiding behind anonymity allows this individual to “throw out” untrue and irresponsible opinions and judgments without personal impunity. The true sign of a coward. After reading this liturgy of propaganda, I would like to point out some glaring inconsistencies and falsehoods this writer would like your readers to believe.

Name Withheld’s first mistake was a misquote from the letter printed in Aunt Trudy’s section from the teen. The writer says that the teen was writing to Aunt Trudy for advice whereby the teen “thought he or she was gay.” I too read the letter of the teen and Aunt Trudy’s response in the *Reader*. The teen was not questioning his sexual orientation, and neither did he say that he didn’t want to be gay, as the writer insinuates at the end of the first paragraph. Additionally, Aunt Trudy’s reply was not to go to a gay organization to “reinforce” his or her sexual identity. The facts are well documented and quite clear! The teen was asking advice on if, how, and when he or she could

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tell his or her mother about being gay. Aunt Trudy rightfully advised the teen of organizations that have experience in dealing with these matters. Had the teen had questions about his sexuality, or religious beliefs, I'm sure Aunt Trudy's response would have been to the appropriate individual or agency that specializes in such matters. Obviously this misquote by Name Withheld was a deliberate attempt to color the truth in his favor and deceive those who may have not read the article. Using issues out of context is a common deception for those who attempt to justify their prejudice and incite others to join their cause.

Next, Name Withheld attempts to further deceive us into believing that he is or has some type of psychological authority when it comes to matters of changing homosexuals into heterosexuals, by enlightening us as "one who has had long clinical experience in dealing with matters of this kind." I have one problem with this individual's alleged credentials. Further down in the same paragraph, Name Withheld goes on to say that the process of changing gays to straight "is somewhat similar to the process of changing an alcoholic." Now with all this individual's "long clinical experience," you would think that he would know that psychological and psychosexual experts, such as the renowned Dr. Judith Becker of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital and University in New York, have long removed homosexuality from the *DSM*, a clinical reference book that identifies and classifies all known psychological disorders. However, the illness of alcoholism is still listed. Once again, Name Withheld is attempting to insinuate and wrongfully convince your readers into believing that homosexuality is an illness much like alcoholism and can be treated similarly. I think I'll believe Dr. Becker and her associates. How ironic is it that with all his "clinical experience" and the bantering of ages and statistics, Name Withheld provides no factual data to support his conclusions.

So as you can see, by turning the light on the true facts in this or any other matter, any reasonable person can see how self-righteous zealots such as Name Withheld use issues, out of context, in order to deceive, convince, and confuse individuals.

In closing, Name Withheld obviously hides behind his shield of Christianity and Right in casting judgments of others but yet violates one of God's most sacred instructions, "Judge not, that you might not be judged." Good words to live by.

Joe Covino
North Park

Gay Teen Redux

I was truly incensed when I read Name Withheld's response (February 21) to a letter he had seen in Aunt Trudy's column on Valentine's Day. Congratu-

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lations to Aunt Trudy, Dear Abby, Ann Landers, and others, who, although they may not approve of the homosexual lifestyle themselves, acknowledge that individuals can lead productive, healthy lives even though they may not follow society's beliefs.

Is this teen gay? Maybe, maybe not. However, it is very wrong to say that this person needs to have therapy through a "Christian environment." Everyone is given choices. Give this kid a chance to make his. God provided choice in our genetic makeup. Who then, are we to make that decision for another?

What is wrong with allowing this teen to get information to see if he may be attracted to the same sex? I am not advocating this teen to involve himself in a full-blown sexual relationship, just the ability any other teen has into learning about loving attraction and relationships. I know too many individuals, who, after following the moral majority and finding a "straight lifestyle" totally wrong for them, end up hurting themselves and other loved ones. The programs/organizations that Aunt Trudy recommended are informational resources, not "recruiting programs."

In the letter, Name Withheld states that he has "had long clinical experience in dealing with matters of this kind." Name Withheld does not state if he is a doctor, clergy, or "recovering" homosexual. So I find it interesting that this person goes on to state, "I am convinced that a teenager's sexual orientation is not finally fixed at age 14 or even 18." Yes, any person can change whatever he wants within himself; however, the teen in question has not even been allowed to make up his own mind. I find Christianity's insistence to shove a square peg into a round hole ludicrous.

What right does Name Withheld have to state emphatically that Aunt Trudy's advice was wrong? Name Withheld certainly does not identify himself in any respect whatsoever other than to strongly suggest that he is probably Christian. Please don't think that I am knocking Christianity. I'm not. I am a Christian myself, and yes, I am gay. However, I don't remember anywhere in the Bible where it states that Christians have the right to judge others.

I hold on to one of the founding reasons for this country: the right to be and live the way one wants to as long as you

harm no one. I hope that the individual to whom Aunt Trudy wrote her advice also has the chance to read this. If you wish to know more about the homosexual lifestyle, go contact the organizations that Aunt Trudy provided to you. You are not sick and are in no need to be "fixed," unless you feel in your heart that it is wrong. Then, by all means, go seek the organizations which Name Withheld lists in his letter. This decision is yours, not Name Withheld's or mine.

K.D. Hansen
Talmadge

More Gay Teen Ire

In response to the Name Withheld response (February 21) to Aunt Trudy's gay advice, I would like to deeply apologize, on the part of all caring Christians everywhere, for the insensitive and irresponsible comments made in that letter. Fundamentalist Christians have been giving all of us a very bad name for a long time now and do more harm than good. Those of us who love Jesus Christ (*especially* those of us who are *not* homosexuals!) are duty bound to publicly stand up to foolish rhetoric such as this. The plain and simple truth

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is that He never spoke out for or against homosexuality anywhere in the Gospels. One must assume that He was well aware of such practices and found them to be a natural occurrence, unworthy of comment in the context of salvation. Conversely, adultery, divorce, and promiscuity are dealt with often in Scripture, with great clarity, but our fundamentalist friends conveniently focus on their own homophobia rather than the blatant sin in their midst.

Well-meaning Christians such as the person who wrote the letter are simply misguided. They believe that the Holy Bible, every word of it, is the unerring and infallible word of God, which it most certainly is not. They also frequently misinterpret Scripture (in this case, as it pertains to homosexuality) to reflect their own phobias and political views. Without getting into a lengthy theological defense of that statement, one need look no further than the ridiculous debate between the proponents of a literal interpretation of the creation stories (note the plural) in the book of Genesis and our modern knowledge of the truth of geological science and the miracle of evolution and the DNA molecule. Jesus never asked or commanded for a "Bible" to be written, which books should be included, or that it be considered in any way to be His infallible teachings...oh, but if it were only that easy! He did say, "I am the way, and the Truth, and the Light." All those who seek real truth, whether they be scientists, archaeologists, psychologists, holy men, or whatever, seek God and move toward the Light.

I would beg all homosexuals who are justifiably outraged by the anonymous letter writer's comments to really take my appeal to heart and, the next time you drive by a church or see a crucifix hanging around someone's neck, remember that we are not all so ignorant. When we read the Bible, our eyes should be opened to the forest, not to the tree. It's a tragedy that anyone would miss the awesome beauty and the real truths to be found in the Holy Bible by being turned away from it by one fundamentalist. In the next life, He says the last will be first, and I hope that all who have suffered from such attacks from so-called followers of Christ are near the head of the line. Be assured that Jesus loves you just as much as any TV evangelist and truly feels your pain at such irresponsible rhetoric uttered in His name.

Kenney Pierce
Pacific Beach

Another Gay Teen Letter

I'd like to respond to the letter (February 21) from Name Withheld concerning the teenager who thought he or she might be gay. The letter writer suggested that the teen sign up with a church or group which will then attempt to change the

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person's sexual orientation. Such an attempt would not only be impossible but it would be completely unnatural. You are either gay or straight, and no amount of self-denial can change that. The writer talks of the attempt to "conquer homosexuality." How ridiculous! Could a person also "conquer" heterosexuality? Of course not. There is nothing to conquer. There is nothing to change, except the attitude of ignorance displayed by a great many. These people may have good intentions, but because they've been born straight and you were born gay, they look on it as a mistake, to be corrected. Well, if you were born gay, it is no mistake. God does not make mistakes. Would the writer suggest that the person live the rest of his life as a lie, pretending to be something he is not?

Being born gay is a great gift. It should be recognized, nurtured, and valued. I would suggest that the person contact the Gay Youth Alliance (619-233-9309) to learn more of the normality of being born gay, to communicate with other gay people and help remove any

sense of "guilt" or mental anguish connected with it. Gay people should love themselves for what they are, as should all people.

Another Name Withheld

Cop Power Must Be Checked
"Cops Question Database" ("City Lights," February 14). As a former drunkard and current law enforcement supporter, a few words of comment. Some cops *are* inclined to violence and will use it without the threat of same. Usually a failure to comply *instantly* or a smart remark is what sets them off. They seem to need to completely dominate a situation and be sure all involved acknowledge their power.

On the other hand, good officers accomplish their work with a low-key smoothness which could be termed "professionalism." They quickly size up a situation, including any potential threat. They control without seeming to, gracefully. They don't need to lord it over their "clients."

Of course, street drunks are easy to dislike. So pathetic and

repulsive, they are easy targets for cops who might abuse their authority. But police should not be given license to do anything they please. It is important they be held accountable and to abide with their training. If the departments don't reign in cowboy officers, trust of and respect for police is diminished. If the public defender's office can curb erring officers, this is a good thing.

Checks and balances over various branches of government is the American way. This prevents excessive power in one limb. Power is a known corrupter — it must be checked. The old thinking of "my cops — right or wrong" has to be changed. As institutions, police departments are slow to change entrenched attitudes. But when cops do wrong, it hurts society by eroding confidence in authority. Cops have a difficult and dangerous job. This harsh fact must not be used as an excuse for behavior "unbecoming of an officer." I know cops need each other's support and trust, but if this means overlooking the beating of a nonviolent suspect, it's just not right.

This happened to me once, being beat while pinned belly to deck. Arms spread, not struggling, calling, "I surrender," "I give," "uncle," etc., between blows — what a drag! Two other times within the old county jail I saw prisoners led to rubber rooms, followed by four or five large deputies. Then loud thumps and screams were heard. Pretty rough. Since these are events from many years ago, one hopes such practices are history, but if not, I applaud the public defender's office database. Let's have our police as accountable as we all should be.

Name Withheld

Juke Joint To Jail?

I was in Judge Sheridan Reed's courtroom at 1:30 p.m. last Friday, February 15, and listened for three hours as the plaintiff, a resident of the Pioneer Lofts, attempted to prove that the owner of the Juke Joint Café, Trey Brady, should be held in contempt of court for violating Judge Reed's court order of a month before ("Blurt," January 31). At that time, Judge Reed had ordered Trey Brady to turn down his amplified bass speakers to "zero" and also to police the front of the Juke Joint so that no more than two people would stop in front of his place at any given time — two very difficult tasks in the "entertainment" district called the Gaslamp. (I live across the street from the Juke Joint, and I am a longtime supporter of live music in the Gaslamp and a frequent customer of the Juke Joint Café.) Pioneer Lofts is adjacent to the Juke Joint Café.

The hearing was recessed at 4:15 p.m., but not before Judge Reed had warned Trey Brady that if he was found in contempt of court, he could go to jail. So, apparently, what to me started out as a stupid lawsuit started by someone who had trouble sleeping might now result in the owner of the Juke Joint Café going to jail! (Ironically, the Juke Joint Café celebrates its fourth anniversary this coming weekend.)

The next hearing on the contempt of court issue is on March 8. At that hearing, Trey's attorney will make a defense.

The *Reader* is the only newspaper that has reported this story. I hope you follow up before it is too late for the Juke Joint and for Trey Brady.

Jim Dietz

Where's The Gulf Coast?

At Gulf Coast Grill we feature a "Louisiana Roots...California Style" menu. In our four years, we have enjoyed success, local accolades (six Best of awards, etc.), and even national attention (*New York Times*, *Zagat*, etc.).

So imagine our bewilderment when Gulf Coast Grill was excluded from your article (Restaurant Review, "Hurricane Season," February 7) on where to enjoy Mardi Gras—inspiring cuisine. Introspectively, we analyzed what we deduced were the foremost criteria for inclusion:

Menu? Cajun/Creole inspirations abound — sweet corn hushpuppies with rémoulade, crab cakes with tasso ham, *maque choux*, house-smoked pork chops with peach pecan chutney, Mississippi mustard catfish (with red beans, andouille sausage, and rice), Cajun Strip with sweet pepper brandy demi-glaze, bread pudding with brandy-soaked sun-dried cherries and bourbon sauce, and chocolate peanut butter pecan

torte. At lunch we offer muffalettas and po'boys. At brunch we offer Café du Monde beignets, crab cakes benedict, and fried oyster/spinach omelettes. Our house specialty drink is the Voodoo punch, invented to make people forget, among other things, Pat O'Brien's Hurricane. No, the menu can't be the reason.

Authenticity/Quality? Co-owner, menu consultant Gail Jones, hails from Mobile, Alabama, home of the original Mardi Gras. We also take our chefs to New Orleans once a year to visit not just the famous French Quarter restaurants (Emeril's, Bayona, Mr. B's, Galatoire's, etc.), but the local favorites (Uglesich's, Absinthe, Brigsten's, etc.) as well. We have entertained many Gulf Coast natives from Corpus Christi to Tampa, who tell us they love our version of the cuisine. This includes many members of the local LSU Alumni/ae Club and the Bon Temps Cajun/Zydeco dance group. The aforementioned accolades and national attention notwithstanding, we've got to be doing something right.

Decor/Music? Defined as refined rustic, and certainly not kitschy Bourbon St., our restaurant conjures up Gulf Coast warmth to all who enter. Local artist Andrea Rushing created three large oil paintings of Louisiana blues performers that gained us inclusion in the Con-Vis Art & Sol Guide as a place to view African-American art. The lazy ceiling fans keep rhythm to blues, zydeco, and Dixie jazz. No, we don't think it's the decor.

Location? Last we checked, our 92103 Hillcrest zip code places us in San Diego. No, location is not the issue.

So, by power of deduction, our concept, quality, and location fit the presumed criteria. Why would Gulf Coast Grill be excluded? Could it possibly be? No, the *Reader* would not, could not, be so bereft of ethical objectivity as to exclude from their intelligent readership a quality restaurant experience merely because it was a nonadvertiser!?

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P.S. Note to Naomi Wise: You were absolutely right, Andre Bellard's oysters Bienville at his new restaurant, Sassafras, make it worth the trip.

K.C. Jones
Owner, Gulf Coast Grill

Naomi Wise responds: We don't care whether you advertise. ("Tin Fork" reviewed Gulf Coast just a few months ago.) We do care that you eat at Uglesich's. Now that we know that, we know what restaurant we'll be covering for next year's Mardi Gras.

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Avian Art Installations

Until artist Daniel Wheeler started work on his three-part installation, Bird Hub, he says, “I really had no interest in birds, other than in the mechanical aspects of their flight. It just hadn’t occurred to me.” This was despite having grown up back East in a bird-loving family. “My grandmother in Newport, Rhode Island, had these binoculars set up in her living room. We could look down on these marsh flats beyond the beach, and everybody would always exclaim when some rare bird was in town. I could never understand why they were interested.”

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Then, in 1999, he went to the San Elijo Lagoon for the first time with Reese Shaw, director of the Lux Art Institute. This was shortly after Wheeler, who lives in L.A., had been chosen by Lux to make a piece of art about nature. At San Elijo he began to think that birds could be the focus of his piece.

He says he was struck by the

resemblance the view had to “a large avian airport,” with birds taking off and landing endlessly, including the heavy-winged ducks that needed “slightly longer runways” to accommodate their slow rise out of the water. He also noticed the noisy freeway, train tracks, and other signs of human travel. He decided to play with all of these impressions.

“So I did a lot of research on birds, and it blew my mind,” says Wheeler. “I could not believe the variety of their behaviors. And anything we do? They do in spades, in the most incredible ways. For example, the red-winged blackbird? It wears the red patch on its wing like a badge. It essentially flies gang colors! Like, the male, when it enters new territory, will obscure the badge until it sees what’s going on. If it doesn’t see another male, it will slowly reveal the badge. If there’s already a male in the area, it will be attacked.”

Wheeler also researched the Golden Age of Travel for humans, with its luxury ocean liners, Art Deco train stations, and primitive airports. Born in 1961, the artist can dimly recall when kids got wings from the airline pilot. He remembers, too, when “Everybody got dressed up to go on an airplane, with the ladies in pillbox hats.” But the Golden Age of Travel was 1880 to 1939. It’s an earlier time than his own that Wheeler wanted the piece to reflect, “When airports were slapped up in these airfields, and there was not much in the way of design going on.” That “age of early technology,” he says, complements the birds’ “use of organic technology for navigating.”

Terminal, the first part of *Bird Hub*, consists of two arrival-and-departure boards with vintage chalkboard-style lettering. They are under the rafters at the Nature Center, on the

northwest side of the lagoon. Since the piece was installed exactly a year ago, Wheeler has changed the boards four times, depending on which bird species are arriving and departing in the various seasons.

Tower, the piece’s second part, is a 12-foot stainless steel pole topped by a wind sock. It can be found on a one-mile loop that starts at the Nature Center. *Tower* is equipped with two pairs of stainless steel binoculars, one of them at human level, the other higher up, out of reach. Neither pair is real; they have no lenses. What’s the deal?

“It’s not meant to be a literal thing,” says Wheeler. “A lot of times with my artworks I try to get people to lift themselves up out of their bodies and into other places, with their minds.”

Perch, the third and final piece of *Bird Hub*, is on the campus of MiraCosta College, near the Fine Arts Building. (Originally designed to be installed at the new Lux facility, *Perch* is at the college while the four-acre site on the Encinitas/Rancho Santa Fe border is completed.) It consists of a stainless steel platform 15 feet high, at the top of which are two perforated footprints. It’s like a crow’s nest, but there are no rungs: you can’t climb up to it.

“The idea is to get people to make the leap mentally. I want them to imagine what it would be like to be standing there and looking out. If you can say, ‘Okay, I can imagine myself up there,’ it’s not much more of a leap to imagine yourself flying.”

Perch looks southwest to the Nature Center and the ocean, although the view is blocked by a ridge. Wheeler likes it that way; he *wanted* the view to be obscured.

Humans travel blind all the time, don’t they? “Yeah, you have a sense of

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— Jeanne Schinto

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Daniel Wheeler



Detail of Tower



Tower, San Elijo Lagoon, Encinitas

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BAJA

“The City and Its Historical Center: The Case of Tijuana” will be explored by architect María de los Angeles Marín de la Garza for IMPlan on Thursday, February 28. De la Garza will focus on the importance of historical centers in cities from social, economic, and architectural points of view.

The lecture — presented in Spanish — begins at 4 p.m. in the IMPlan meeting room (found on Boulevard Agua Caliente at Boulevard Cuauhtémoc Sur Oriente #2340). For information, call 011-52-664-686-6248 x119. Admission is free. (TIJUANA)

GETAWAYS

Hailing from Kosovo, poet Xhevdet Bajraj plans a poetry reading today, Thursday, February 28, at 7 p.m., in the reading room at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

“Springtime Prelude,” enjoy classical music when the Orchestra of Baja California performs at the Tijuana Cultural Center today, Thursday, February 28, 8 p.m. The orchestra is joined by guest conductor Armando Pesqueira and soloist Alberto Ubach. Tickets are \$17 U.S. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for reservations. (TIJUANA)

See “Mujeres Frente al Espejo (Women at the Mirror) when this play for adults is presented March 1-3 at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). The curtain rises at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday. For further information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Mexican Coral Trees or “naked corals,” are showing their stuff this season by bearing and baring scarlet, flamelike flowers on the tips of their twisting, leafless branches. Commonly planted as park and freeway landscaping, this and other species of coral are blooming along Highway 94, Interstate 5 through Oceanside, along Harbor Drive near the airport, at the San Diego Zoo, on the lawns in front of San Diego City College downtown, and on the San Diego

State University campus. The bloom may continue into late spring, when the naked corals will cover themselves with eight-inch-long leaves, just in time to provide shade for the warm months.

Hummingbirds, attracted to sources of nectar by red-colored flowers, are swarming over San Diego County’s backyard gardens, scrub-covered coastal hillsides, and areas of the Anza-Borrego Desert now in flower. Red monkey flower (yet to bloom) is a favorite source of nectar along the coastal strip, while blooming chuparosa and ocotillo play the same role in the desert.

Ceanothus, or wild lilac, begins its annual blooming cycle this month. A blue-flowered variety already paints the north and east slopes of Cowles Mountain. By month’s end, virtually every chaparral-covered canyon and hillside on the coastal strip may exhibit blue- or white-flowering specimens. The peak of the ceanothus bloom will work its way eastward, reaching Ramona and Alpine by March, and the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains by April or May.

Will the Overwintering American Redstarts, black-throated green warbler, and black and white warbler still be at Guajome Regional Park when the Audubon Society birders visit the 500-acre park from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 2? The park boasts a 25-acre lake, marshland, and some interesting trails, along with water in the creek.

Meet the group in the first parking area after entering the park on Guajome Lake Road, about seven miles east of I-5 via Highway 76. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature; water, restrooms, and picnic tables are

available (bring a lunch if you wish). There’s a \$1 parking fee. 619-692-3246. (OCEANSIDE)

“Between Dirt and Clouds” there’s Blue Sky Ecological Reserve — join naturalist Dianne Kurtrock in between for a hike through the preserve on Saturday, March 2. The theme is “Spring Has Almost Sprung” when naturalist Liz Kennedy leads a hike on Sunday, March 3. Both hikes are free and begin at 9 a.m.

Check out the skies and heavenly bodies when the San Diego Astronomers Association sets up telescopes to observe the night sky at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Hot cocoa will be served. The requested donation is \$1, and advance reservations are required.

Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. For reservations and information, call 858-694-3049. (POWAY)

Follow a Shady Trail to a waterfall and pond that have changed little in the last century when the Canyoneers lead an easy hike in William Heise County Park on Saturday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mule deer are frequently seen in the park, which is found at 4945 Heise Park Road. The hike is free, parking is \$2. For directions and information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (JULIAN)

Get Outside, the Anza-Borrego Foundation is hosting hikes on each weekend in March. The destinations are Mason Valley on Saturday, March 2, and Mason Valley’s Ori-flamme Canyon on Sunday, March 3. Future weekends promise treks to Whale Peak, La Puera Real de San Carlos (a former Cahuilla Indian village), the Lucky 5 Ranch, Sentenac Canyon and Cienega, Rockhouse Canyon, and the slot canyons and caves of the Carrizo

Badlands.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$35, depending upon the adventure. For space availability and more information, call 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Tour the Pristine Grasslands of Wright’s Field when the Back Country Land Trust hosts a guided walk on Saturday, March 2. Participants will see the rolling hills and native habitats of this hilltop mesa, and learn about the history behind the Spanish colonial rock wall and stage-coach trails.

To reach the trailhead, take I-8 to Tavern Road; exit and head south approximately one mile to the new Joan MacQueen Middle School. Meet in the parking lot at 10 a.m. Free. For information, call 619-590-2258. (ALPINE)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist, conducting an orientation at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at the Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Birding the Marsh, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, March 2, at 8 a.m. and on Sunday, March 3, at 11 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Nature Hike, local naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including March 3, at 1 p.m. With over 30 years of study in the area, he’ll explain the lake’s history and the mountain ecosystem, including birds, plants, and animals. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5

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The hike is free, but there is a \$6-per-car day-use fee. The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center is at 15027 Highway 79. Call 788-581-9904 or 619-447-8123 for details. (JULIAN)

Wear Muted Colors and bring your binoculars when naturalist Gerry leads “Strolling on the Ranch” on Sunday, March 3. The three-mile discovery walk will follow chaparral and oak lined trails; the jaunt begins at 8 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. Bring water. (ESCONDIDO)

Last Chance for Hawk Watching, the Wildlife Research Institute invites the public to the join raptor-spotting hikes planned on Sunday, March 3. The walks are led by a raptor biologist, who might be joined by local falconers demonstrating the skills of Harris hawks, peregrine falcons, and Saker falcons. The Ramona grasslands are prime raptor territory; you might see any of 15 species, including golden eagles, ferruginous hawks, merlins, red-tailed hawks, prairie falcons, northern harriers, white-tailed

kites, Cooper’s hawks, kestrels, and turkey vultures.

Bring binoculars or spotting scopes, if you have them. The jaunt includes hiking and driving portions, making frequent stops to point out the birds. At each stop the biologist will help beginners learn how to identify the various species. Only heavy, constant rain cancels the trips.

Meet a block north of the junction of Highway 67 and Highland Valley Road on Highland Valley Court. This is one mile southwest of the Ramona town center. Free. Call 760-789-3992 or 760-789-8136 for information. (RAMONA)

DANCE

It’s a Real Fais Do Do! Randy Shimbukuro from the Bon Temps Social Club offers an hour of beginning and intermediate Zydeco instruction followed by his own “boogie down” dance mix for your terpsichorean pleasure Thursday, February 28, at the Balboa Park Club (next to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater).

Beginning steps and positions

taught from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.; intermediate steps and turns from 7:45 to 8:15 p.m. There’s open dancing to CDs from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. The requested donation is \$3, and children are welcome. For information, call 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

There’s a New Band Performing — Cobblestone — when Martha Wild calls for the contradance on Friday, March 1, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners’ instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. For more information, dial 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

A Final Farewell Swing Party is planned on Friday, March 1, at Clayton’s Cafe (found at the corner of Seventh Avenue and F Street). SwingOrama.com has been holding swing parties at the establishment for the past two years but is now in search of a new home as Clayton’s is going out of business. Admission is \$5. The party runs from 8:30 p.m. to

12:30 a.m. For information, dial 858-483-3487. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Zesty Humor, Daring Physicality, and ingenious choreography are hallmarks of shows by the Pilobolus Dance Theater, taking the stage at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Saturday, March 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets to see the modern dance collective range from \$20 to \$40, available by calling 800-988-4253 or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). The center is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). (ESCONDIDO)

Learn “Sevillanas,” a Spanish Feria dance, during classes offered on Saturdays at 1 p.m. at the Ballet Basics Studio (2323 Broadway). The fee is \$13 per class. Call 619-846-5030 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Experience the Original, see “River-dance — The Show,” the acclaimed celebration of Irish dance, music, and song when the company returns for performances through Sunday, March 3 at the San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets range from \$26 to \$77, available at 619-570-1100 or through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Bring Your Zills! Music and dance for the solo dancer is the topic when Morwenna and Walid Assaf lead this workshop on Sunday, March 3, at 1 p.m., at the Art/Dance Academy (1837-A South Coast Highway). You’ll learn to “understand the music and rhythms of the Arab world.” The fee is \$20. Call 760-757-4470 to reserve a spot. (OCEANSIDE)

Swing Dance to live swing bands every Monday night at Neiman’s (300 Carlsbad Village Drive). Swing dance lessons led by Shesha and Terra begin at 8:30 p.m.; the band kicks in at 9 p.m. The cover is \$10. Call 760-966-1296 for information. (CARLSBAD)

A Zydeco Dance is planned on Tuesday, March 5, at Tio Lio’s (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons start at 6:30 p.m., with open dancing to recorded tunes from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Dial 619-857-8409 for details. (LINDA VISTA)

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March 5, at 6:15 p.m., at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church (4011 Ohio Street). Singles, couples, and youths (13+) are welcome. The fee is \$3 per person per week. For information, call 619-465-9205. Open enrollment continues through March 19. (NORTH PARK)

A Variety of Folk Dances from all over the world will be taught when the San Diego International Folk Dance Club hosts beginning folk dancing lessons. Classes start on Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m., in the Balboa Park Club building. The fee is \$2. Partners are unnecessary. Questions? Call 619-426-3481 or 619-422-5540 for answers. (BALBOA PARK)

The Greatest of All Folk Dance Groups? The Moiseyev Dance Company was created by Igor Moiseyev for the first Festival of National Dance in Russia some 64 years ago. The dancers boast rigorous classical ballet training used to explore dances of all the Russian territories along with the Crimea, Moldavia, and Central Asia, along with dances from Venezuela, Argentina, Spain, and Uzbekistan.

The Moiseyev hits the stage at the San Diego Civic Theatre for performances Tuesday through Sunday, March 12-17. Find the theater at 202 C Street. Tickets range from \$24 to \$65, available by calling 619-570-1100 or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

The Origins of Flamenco are uncertain, and they have been lost through the centuries in a web of influences

and contributions from various civilizations. Enjoy a fine example of the form when Campaña de Espanola de Antonio Márquez performs on Thursday, March 21, 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets range from \$20 to \$50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

Billed as “The First Film on Slavery to be made by an African-American,” *Sankofa* deals with the struggles of the victims of the transatlantic slave trade. Howard University professor of cinematography Haile Gerima’s film will be screened in commemoration of Black History Month today, Thursday, February 28, at 7 p.m., at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Admission is free, donations welcome. For information, call 619-295-8584. (ENCANTO)

Gender Crisis, as part of SpeakOut 2002, focusing on “Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity,” see *Boys Don’t Cry* (1999). Hilary Swank received an Academy Award for her portrayal of Brandon Teena in this film by Kimberly Peirce based on a true story, also starring Chlöe Sevigny. The screening begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 28, in room P-32 on the Palomar College campus (1140 West Mission Road). Free. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

European Ambitions to Conquer Ethiopia were shattered in 1896 by the forces of African Emperor Menelik II and Empress Taitu. The West

Coast premiere of *Adwa: An African Victory* by independent filmmaker and Howard University professor of cinema Haile Gerima is planned on March 2 and 3 at the Museum of Photographic Arts. The screenings are sponsored by the Malcolm X Library and the St. Gabriel Independent Ethiopian Church.

Find out how a diverse African society with far less advanced weapons prevailed over the aggressors; the film screens at noon, 2, and 4 p.m. both days, with additional screenings at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 6 and 8 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 619-295-8584. (BALBOA PARK)

In World War II, a handful of young Americans refused to be drafted from the concentration camp at Heart Mountain, Wyoming; they were ready to fight for their country, but not before the government restored their rights as U.S. citizens and released their families from camp. But the government prosecuted them as criminals and Japanese-American leaders and veterans ostracized them as traitors.

Conscience and the Constitution reveals the story of the largest organized resistance to the wartime incarceration of Japanese-Americans and the suppression of that resistance by Japanese-American leaders. See the film when it screens for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library on March 3, at 2 p.m. Frank Abe — producer, director, and writer of the film — will lead the ensuing discussion. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Modern Pursuit of the American Dream and a glimpse into social terrain seldom observed by outsiders is offered in *Los Patriotas*, a film written, directed, and produced by local filmmaker Glenn Robert Smith, who spent three years on the project. The

film screens for the Independent Film Society on March 3 and 4. Smith and some of the cast and crew will answer questions after the screenings.

Events take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the UltraStar La Costa 6 (6941 El Caminor Real, at Alga) and on Monday at the UltraStar Flower Hill Cinema (2630 Via de la Valle) at 7 p.m. General admission is \$12. Call 760-942-5988 for information. (LA COSTA, DEL MAR)

How About a “Loopy Bit of Frenzied Fun”? See *Better Off Dead*, starring John Cusack, Curtis Armstrong, David Ogden Stiers, and Amanda Wyss, when Savage Steve Holland’s film screens for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Fight in the Field” screens for “Cesar Chávez: A Film Festival Celebrating the Legacy” planned on Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). For more information, call 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

“Customs, Traditions, and Celebration: The Human Drive for Community” provides the theme for a film series at MiraCosta College. See *Remembering the Titans* when it screens on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus (at One Barnard Drive). (OCEANSIDE)

The film *Gandhi* screens for the series in room 601 of MiraCosta College’s San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue) on Saturday, March 2, at 12:30 p.m. For more information on either free event, call 760-795-6612. (CARDIFF)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, *Bears* is a close-up look at the black bear, brown “grizzly” bear, and polar bear. You’ll follow the complexity of their social lives, their importance in the ecosystem, and their ancient mythological and spiritual significance. Environmental factors are threatening the survival of North

America’s bears. The IMAX film was shot in Montana, Idaho, and in Alaska’s Katmai Preserve. It screens through Friday, May 31.

Experience the challenges and countless mysteries of great animal migrations in *Amazing Journeys*. The film follows monarch butterflies, birds, migrating whales, the red crabs of Christmas Island, the great migration of zebras in Africa, and Maasai warriors on their travels. Take the journey through Tuesday, April 30.

Did you know there are 50,000 known caves in the U.S., and every state has at least one? *Journey into Amazing Caves* squeezes into some of the earth’s alien, hidden realms, guided by two cavers seeking these often unexplored frontiers. The latest MacGillivray Freeman Films offering follows “extreme scientists” Hazel Barton and Nancy Aulenbach as they seek organisms that might hold new medical applications. *Caves* continues through Thursday, March 7.

For ticket prices and showtimes, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

The Ninth Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival runs March 14-24, promising 80 films and videos from around the U.S. and Latin America screening at the Mann Hazard Center 7 (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Featured films include *Y Tu Mama Tambien*, *Manito*, *Sin Dejar Huella*, *The Blue Diner*, *Vagon Fumador*, *Brava Gente*, *Tres Pajaros*, *No Turning Back*, and *Panchito Rex*, among many others.

Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for students and seniors. For showtimes and other information, call 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

LECTURES

The Ancient Oriental Spiritual Practice of Falun Gong consists of simple exercises and meditation; now banned in China, the techniques have been practiced for good health

by millions of people. A “team of experts” leads exercises for the Retirement Living Class on Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m., at ElderHelp (4069 30th Street). Free. 619-284-9281. (NORTH PARK)

“From the Pacific to Palomar: A History of Northern San Diego County” will be offered during the conference planned by the North County Historical Committee of the Congress of History of San Diego and Imperial Counties on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2. Some of topics to be covered: “The History of the Asian Community,” “Leo Carrillo and Los Kiotes,” “A Historic Survey of Escondido Buildings,” “The History of Surfing in Southern California,” “Water Comes to Vista,” “Mines and Mining in North County,” “The California Conservation Corps at Palomar Mountain,” and more.


Events run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The \$20 fee covers both days. To reserve a spot, call 760-630-0444. (CARLSBAD)

“Golden Age Painting in Spain and Its New World Colonies” is examined when Emily Umberger speaks for the docent guest lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, March 1, at 10 a.m. Umberger is an associate professor of art at Arizona State University, Tempe. Admission is \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)


What Is Harp Therapy? Answers will be abundant when the International Harp Therapy Program hosts its convention at the Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Organizers plan lecture/demonstrations, concerts, and meals.

Among the speakers: aromatherapist Rodney Schwan and harp therapy practitioner Christina Tourin present a lecture on the “Integration of Complementary Therapies as Implemented at San Diego Hospice” on Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m. (\$30).

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Landscape, presents a lecture from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. The fee is \$60. Richard Groves explores the art of music and the transitioning process during medieval times and how it relates today on Sunday, March 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$60). For registration and information, call 619-473-0008. (MISSION VALLEY)

Get to Know Your German Immigrant ancestor when professional genealogist Joan Neumann Lowrey presents all manner of the “Basics of German Research” on Saturday, March 2, at 9 a.m., for the German Research Association. Find the group at the Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Vermont Street. Free. 619-420-4557. (MISSION VALLEY)

Renowned Classical and Jazz Flutist Norman Brentley offers a music workshop sponsored by the Coastal Communities Concert Band on Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m., at Oak Crest Junior High School (675 Balour Drive). Admission is free, but call 858-292-9951 to reserve a spot. (ENCINITAS)

What Does an “Aviculturist” Do? Gain insight into the work done by aquarists, aviculturists, and animal care specialists when SeaWorld marine science instructor Andy Drilling presents “Marine Animal Husbandry” on Saturdays, March 2 and 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., for SDSU Extended Studies. The class takes place at SeaWorld. The fee is \$89. To reserve a spot, call 619-594-5152. (MISSION BAY)

Dyed Eggs Par Excellence! Easter egg season fast approaches, and the House of the Ukraine is hosting its annual *pysanky* workshops from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 (and March 9). *Pysanky* are created using the dye-resist method with tools called *kystka* and beeswax and a wealth of ancient and lovely pagan symbols. The fee is \$25. Call 619-291-0661 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

“Women’s Work: Creating Peace in a World of Terrorism and Poverty” is the subject when Ava Torre-Bueno and Marjorie Cohn speak for the Women’s Equity Council of the United Nations Association on Saturday, March 2, in the Recital Hall. Expect the talk to be followed by “public dialogue and actions to implement.” The event begins with muffins and coffee at 9:30 a.m., presentations at 9:45 a.m., and adjournment at 11:30 a.m. For information, call 619-223-8074. (BALBOA PARK)

“Vegetarianism Made Easy” is the subject when Last Chance for Animals hosts a class on Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). You’ll hear “how to shop and dine out as a vegetarian, easy menu planning,” and how to adapt your favorite recipes, along with samples and recipes. Free. For information, call 619-583-9522. (ALLIED GARDENS)

“The Wolf: Real or Imagined?” It’s the topic for lectures planned on Saturday, March 2, at the San Diego

Natural History Museum. Participants will meet Koani, a live, 100-pound gray wolf from Montana and her dog companion Indy; wildlife biologist Pat Tucker will examine the natural history and behavior of wolves; and documentary filmmaker and author Bruce Weide will examine wolf myth and folklore.

Programs begin at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

SpeakOut 2002, the theme for this Palomar College forum is “Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity,” with a look at “Our Community’s Attitudes towards Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity.” During the event — set for Sunday, March 3, at 4 p.m. in the Howard Brubeck Theatre — students of all ages and backgrounds will share their experiences and opinions about homosexuality and gender diversity. Organizers hope to “investigate a tension that divides our community.”

The event is free and open to the public. Find the theater on the Palomar College campus, 1140 West Mission Road. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Down and Out in San Diego, San Diego Superior Court judge and author Robert C. Coates focuses on “Life Among the Homeless People” when he speaks for the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. The group gathers on Sunday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room (next to the AMC 21 box of-

fice), at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). The requested donation is \$5. For information, call 619-421-5844. (LA JOLLA)

“Using Psychic Tools to Heal Yourself” is the topic when psychic Vessa Rinehart speaks for the Edgar Cayce Association for Research and Enlightenment on Sunday, March 3. The lecture begins at 1 p.m. in the community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). The requested donation is \$5. For more information, call 619-669-0331. (LA JOLLA)

Make an Intensive Study of the Geomorphology and rock types of San Diego County’s landforms when the San Diego Natural History Museum offers “The Geology of San Diego.” The program includes four days of class, beginning on Monday, March 4, and two field trips. The nonmember fee is \$67. To reserve a spot, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Sophisticated Molecular Methods that allow a better understanding of living organisms can be applied to extinct organisms. Learn the results of applying such technology to fossil specimens to obtain information about the fossilization process when Mary Schweitz examines “Molecular Paleontology” on Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Tickets: \$8. For registration, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Art of Ancient Greece and Rome” is the broad topic when Tim

Adams presents a four-part series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The lectures convene with a look at “Greek Stylistic Development in Pottery and Sculpture” on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. Works by the Greek sculptors Polykleitos, Praxiteles, and Myron will be among the examples offered.

The fee is \$44 for the series, or \$12 per talk. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street. To reserve a spot, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

You Could Talk About It, Borders Books and Music is hosting a series of communication workshops this week. Six-time Emmy Award-winning TV host, reporter, producer, and writer Thomas Baldrick (*Kids Rule!*) moderates the events with authors Adria Manary (*Mommy Magic*), John R. Ritter (*Choosing Up-sides*), and psychiatrist Victor Kops.

Catch the group on Tuesday, March 5, at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive (858-618-1814); on Wednesday, March 6, at 1072 Camino del Rio North (619-295-2201); and on Thursday, March 7, at 159 Fletcher Parkway (619-593-5119). All of the workshops begin at 7 p.m. Free. (Ritter will only appear on March 5.) (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, MISSION VALLEY, EL CAJON)

Safety Is No Accident! Join the Carlsbad Newcomers when Jodee Sasway from the Crime Prevention Unit of the Carlsbad Police Department ex-

amines safety issues “that concern all of us” for the group on Wednesday, March 6. The meeting begins with socializing at 9:45 a.m. and the meeting at 10:15 a.m., in the Town Hall Room at the Carlsbad-by-the-Sea Retirement Community (found two blocks south of Beech Street). Free. 760-754-2806. (CARLSBAD)

Tour the Night Sky when Fleet Center resident astronomer Dennis Mammanna presents “The Sky Tonight” planetarium show at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. After the show, view the real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and the San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Admission is \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

What’s the Score? The San Diego Public Library is hosting a workshop on “SCORE Services for Small Business” on Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m. A SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) counselor will focus on business counseling and offer an overview of the group’s workshops covering a variety of topics. Free. Find the library at 820 E Street. To register, call 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

“El Bosco y su Influencia,” this talk, exploring the influence of the master Renaissance painter Hieronymus Bosch on other painters of his time and into modern days, is set for

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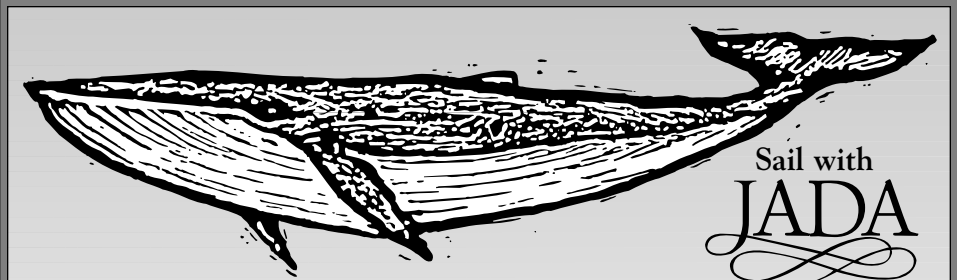
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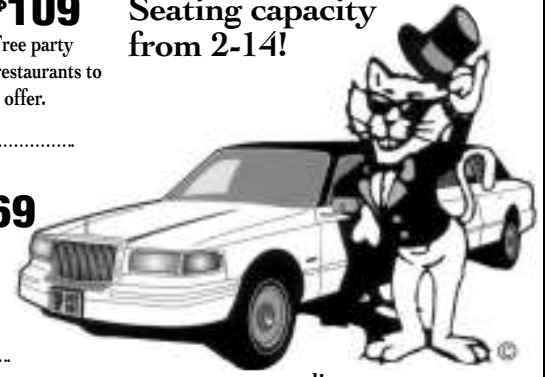


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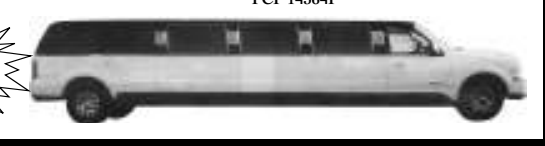


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LOCAL EVENTS

Thursday, March 7, at the Timken Museum. Montserrat Sanchez, professor of art at the Centro de Humanidades of Baja California, Tijuana, will present the lecture in Spanish at 1 p.m. Free. For details, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

There's No Place Like Home, learn about volunteer opportunities for Earth Day celebrations planned by San Diego EarthWorks during the program starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, in room 302 at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). Free. 858-496-6666. (HILLCREST)

“Mujer, Sexualidad, y Trauma” is the subject when Yael Fischman presents a lecture in Spanish on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro Bookstore (1735 University Avenue). Fischman, born in Chile, is

a psychologist in California. Free. Call 619-299-9331 for information. (SAN DIEGO)

The Life and Lore of Lemon Grove during the second half of the 20th Century is up for consideration when James Dorman addresses the Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m., at the Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). Dorman is a former mayor of Lemon Grove. Admission to hear these “Reminiscences of Lemon Grove” is free. 619-466-5270. (LEMON GROVE)

Discover New Ways to Listen and understand how classical music is created when Eric Bromberger presents an “Introduction to the Symphony” on Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Participants meet guest artists, conductors, musicians, and “behind the scenes” people. The fee is \$17. Call 858-454-5872 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Gain a Deeper Understanding and appreciation of José Clemente Orozco when the San Diego Mu-

seum of Art hosts a symposium entitled “The Reception of Orozco in the United States: A Cross-Cultural View from the Mexican Revolution through the Present.” The seminar is presented in conjunction with the upcoming exhibition “José Clemente Orozco in the United States, 1927-1934.”

Learn of “Orozco’s Promethean Gift to Art” when University of New Mexico art history professor David Craven speaks at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8.

Saturday, March 9, Renato González Mello and Diane Miliotes (co-curators of the exhibit) will be joined by Anna Indych and Lizzetta LeFalle-Collins (independent scholars of 20th-Century Mexican art) to examine “The Reception of Orozco in the United States: Historical Perspectives” at 10:30 a.m.

Also on Saturday: Southern California muralists Salvador Roberto Torres, Judith Baca, and Joseph Montalvo present a slide-illustrated program entitled “Artist Presentations: The Influence of Mexican Murals on Southern California Chicano Art,” beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Admission to Friday’s opening-night reception for the exhibit is in-

cluded in the symposium package fee (\$45); admission to single events is \$20. Need more information? Call 619-696-1918. (BALBOA PARK)

Q: What Four Elements Are Required to attract wildlife to your back yard? Find out when the National Wildlife Federation, Quail Botanical Gardens, and Wild Birds Unlimited present a seminar on “Backyard Habitats” on Saturday, March 9. (The previously mentioned elements are food, shelter, water, and a place to raise young.)

The seminar starts at 9:30 a.m. at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). The fee is \$15. To reserve a spot, call 760-436-3036 x203. (ENCINITAS)

Voices of Discovery, the Smithsonian Associates offer this lecture series at venues around the county. Learn about “The History and Evolution of Human Infectious Disease” when biological anthropologist Donald Orner speaks on Monday, March 11, at noon, at the San Diego Museum of Man. Orner is from the National Museum of Natural History. Free. Call 619-239-2001 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Patricia Jacobberger Jellison, geologist and former chief of the Collections Information Services at the National Air and Space Museum, examines “The Road to Timbuktu” on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Aerospace Museum (2001 Pan American Plaza). Participants will explore the impact of past and present environmental changes on the ancient landscape of Timbuktu through images taken from space and photographs taken on foot and by canoe. To make the required reservations (by March 8), call 619-234-8291

x19. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“African Environments” provide the subject when Jellison returns to speak on Wednesday, March 13, at 1 p.m., at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). The illustrated lecture “travels” across Africa’s diverse landscapes and habitats and introduces some of the creatures who live there. Free. For more information, call 619-691-5080. (CHULA VISTA)

“Qui Si Parla e Mangia Italiano,” (that is, “Here We Speak and Eat Italian”) — Andrea Zarattini plans a presentation on Italian cheeses replete with samples on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). The fee is \$7. To make reservations, required by March 7, call 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

IN PERSON

What Was Elvis Presley Reading at the Moment of His Death? Author Betty Bethards says it was a copy of her book *Sex and Psychic Energy*. Bethards signs and discusses her latest dream interpretation book, *The Dream Book*, on Thursday, February 28, at 11:30 a.m., in the San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

The Culture of Comedy, comedians Dick Gregory, Sister Quintella (a.k.a. DaVee McNish), and Shang discuss their perspectives on comedy in the black culture on Thursday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m., in Saville Theatre at San Diego City College (at C Street and 14th Street). Admission to “It Ain’t All About Bein’ Funny” is free.

Call 619-388-3512 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

“Performance-Quality Live Spoken Word” is promised when Jimmy Jazz is joined by Los Angeles writer Steve Abbe, reading from his new book *The Bus*, on Thursday, February 28, at 8:30 p.m., at the Whistle Stop pub (2236 Fern Street, at Juniper and 30th). The cover is \$2. Only those 21 and older will be admitted. 619-284-6784. (SOUTH PARK)

The Comedy/Mystery Page-Turner 4-F Blues will be signed by author Charles Rubin at the San Diego State University Bookstore on Thursday, February 28, at 1 p.m. Free. Call 619-594-7528 for information. (SDSU)

WordSpoken, this open-mike session at Cafe Crema convenes on Thursday, February 28, at 8:30 p.m. Find the cafe at 1001 Garnet Avenue; call 858-273-3558 for more information. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Côr Cymraeg de California — that is, the Welsh Choir of Southern California — presents its fourth annual St. David’s Day Festival of Welsh Music on Friday, March 1, at Saint Paul’s Cathedral. The 70-voice choir will be joined by harp, percussion, and the cathedral’s Aeolian-Skinner organ in a “rousing program” of music (including many favorite hymns) by Welsh composers.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$15 for seniors. For reservations and information, call 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

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A Variety of a Cappella Music may be heard when the King’s Singers perform on Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Listen for tunes ranging from the classics to arrangements of folk tunes and popular hits. Tickets are \$10 general. For reservations, call 619-849-2336. (POINT LOMA)

One of the Finest Irish Singer/Songwriters Today? You make the call when Mary Murphy performs for the “Reading, Writing, and Rhythm” world music series on Friday, March 1. In her traditional songs and new compositions, Murphy draws on Celtic, American, and world-beat influences. Concerts begin at 7 and 8:30 p.m. at the Sunshine Brooks Theater (217 North Coast Highway). Tickets are \$7. For information, dial 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

Bestselling Novelist Mark Salzman will discuss the art of writing and read from his works on Friday, March 1, at 8 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Salzman entered Yale at 16 and eventually spent two years teaching English and studying martial arts in China; his novels include *The Laughing Sutra* and *The Soloist*. Tickets for the event, hosted by MiraCosta College’s letters department, are \$10 general, available

by calling 760-795-6874. Call 760-757-2121 x6416 for information. (CARLSBAD)

“Holy Dirt,” Marcos Martinez brings his one-man show to the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex on Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. The annex is located at 3795 Fairmount Avenue. For information, call 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

He’s Won Hugo and Nebula Awards, and on Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m., futurist and local author David Brin will discuss and sign his newest book, *Kiln People*, at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway). Free. Call 619-593-5119 for details. (EL CAJON)

The Contemporary Vocal and instrumental ensemble Joyful Noise performs secular jazz and swing numbers along with contemporary sacred music. The group plans a concert on Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). A reception follows the concert. An offering will be received. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Sharing a Passion for Stunning Dissonances, asymmetric rhythms, and the resonant strength of Eastern European women’s vocal music, the ensemble Kitka is now in its 22nd performing season. The group is considered one of the foremost interpreters of Balkan and Slavic choral repertoire working in the U.S.

Interested? Kitka performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the Casa del Prado Theater. Tickets are \$15. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Published and create a book that remains true to your vision after Cynthia Black discusses and signs her new book, *Spiritual Writing*, on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m., at the

Barnes and Noble in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

If You’re Squeamish, Stay Home! Expect “strong language and adult content” when the Fault Line Theatre presents politically incorrect improv and sketch comedy on Saturdays, March 2 and 9, at the Fault Line Theatre (3152 Fifth Avenue, at Spruce). Performances begin at 8 and 10:30 p.m. For information, dial 619-692-3382. Admission is \$7. (HILLCREST)

Whaddaya Gonna Do with the Snappers This Weekend? Get some ideas when authors Judy Goldstein Botello and Kt Paxton discuss and sign their book *More Adventures with Kids in San Diego*. The duo will appear on Sunday, March 3, in the gift shop at the Rancho Guajome Adobe (2210 North Santa Fe). The 30-minute talks begin at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 760-724-4082. Free. (VISTA)

Classic Folk, the chamber music ensemble Camarada presents “Classic Folk: Folk-Inspired Chamber Music and Folk Tales” on Sunday, March 3, at 6 p.m., at the Mingei International Museum of World Folk Art. Guests will enjoy classical music inspired by melodies of international folk music, folk art, and folklore illustrated by Kenneth Bell’s storytelling. The program includes works by Ravel, Stravinsky, Beaser, Copland, Lorge, and others performed by Susan Barrett (oboe), Kenneth Bell (narrator), Ann Chase (soprano), Elena Mashkovtseva (harp), Pat Pfiffner (percussion), Randy Pile (guitar), and Beth Ross-Buckley (flute).

Tickets are \$25 general. The Mingei is found on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For reservations, call 619-699-8789. (BALBOA PARK)

Music Running the Gamut from Tchaikovsky to Strauss to Andrew Lloyd Webber may be heard when the 75 volunteer musicians of the Coastal Communities Concert Band presents its 19th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, March 3, at 2:30 p.m., at the Carlsbad Community Church (at the corner of Jefferson and Pine Streets). The band will be joined by visiting flutist Norman Brentley. Organizers also promise a tribute to Hoagy Carmichael and traditional marches. Tickets are \$10 general. For information, call 760-436-6137 or 858-793-8258. (CARLSBAD)

Hymns, Folk Songs, Spirituals, motets for multiple choirs, a Lenten triptych, and a nature trilogy may be heard when the Concordia College Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, performs for the La Jolla Presbyterian Church Concert Series. Enjoy this a cappella concert on Sunday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at 7715 Draper Avenue. An offering will be received. Call 858-454-0713 x321 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Top o’ the Month to You, the Celtic Ensemble performs when the Enrichment Series hosted by the Poway Center for the Performing Arts continues on Sunday, March 3. Listen for ballads, legends, reels, and jigs by ensemble members Carlos Warner (storyteller and bones player), Claudia Poquoc (bodhran), Jack Hayden (guitar), José Carvajal (whistle), and Tim Brittain (violin).

The concert begins at 7 p.m. The \$25 tickets include buffet supper from the Hamburger Factory; they’re available by calling 858-748-0505. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). (POWAY)

Hailing from the Indian State of Manipur on the Chino-Burma border, the 21 singers of the India Chil-

dren’s Choir range in age from 8 to 12 years old. Dedicated to “sharing the Bible with the people around the world,” the choir performs for the concert series at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 3, at 7 p.m.

Find the church at 320 Date Street (at Fourth Avenue). A free-will offering will be received. For more details, call 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Slammin’ in Julian, postponed from its original February 10 date due to high winds and power outages, the Julian Music and Performing Arts Circle hosts its first poetry slam of the year on Sunday, March 3, at 4 p.m., in the pub at the Pine Hills Lodge (2960 La Posada Road). Poets should bring three or four poems to read, and audience members are encouraged to participate by applause, cheering, booing, and hisses. For information, dial 760-765-1100 or 760-765-3364. Free. (JULIAN)

A Coffeehouse Play Reading of *An Old Wives’ Tale* (*A Romance*) is planned on Sunday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf (3865 Fifth Avenue). Admission is free; copies of the play are available for \$5. Questions? Call 858-496-3979 for answers. (The reading repeats on March 8 in Clairemont). (HILLCREST)

The Kids Are All Right, the featured band is the Valley Bluegrass Boys when the San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club convenes on Tuesday, March 5. There will also be shorter sets with other local bands and “pickup groups” from the parking lot jam sessions. Events begin at 7 p.m. at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Free. Call 760-726-8380 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

Undergraduate Performers in jazz improv workshops at UCSD present

a concert on Tuesday, March 5, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Free. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

The Laurie Okuma Memorial Reading—bringing women writers of underrepresented groups to the San Diego State University campus — is slated for Wednesday, March 6. Performance poet Rosetta Lynch and friends will be featured during the reading, which begins at 7 p.m. in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library. 619-594-5318. Free. (SDSU)

Jazz in the Park, enjoy a “St. Patty’s Day Celebration” when Brehan Law — featuring David Lally and Ned Giblin — and guest fiddler Patric Petrie perform on Wednesday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m., in the Sculpture Garden Court at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$10 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“Say Sooth Softly: A Spoken-Word Event” is planned on Wednesday, March 6, at Lestat’s Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue). The organizers state, “We speak poetry to touch.” The requested (not required) donation is \$2. Sign-ups for the ten open-mike spots start at 7 p.m., with the reading at 8 p.m. For information, call 619-282-0437. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The “Riveting Performance Poet” and local arts organizer Jihmye Collins reads for No Borders on Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., at the Other Side (4096 30th Street, at Polk). Collins’ reading is followed by an open reading, with sign-ups starting at 7 p.m. The requested donation is \$3. 619-521-0533. (NORTH PARK)

Adventurer and Author Elyn Aviva took a 500-mile-long journey on foot along the Camino de Santiago, a

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READING

More, Now, Again: A Memoir of Addiction



Simon & Schuster, 2002; 333 pages; \$25

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A precocious literary light, Elizabeth Wurtzel published her memoir of depression, *Prozac Nation*, at the age of 26. A worldwide success, the book opened doors to a rarefied world about which Wurtzel had only dared to dream during her middle-class upbringing in New York City. But no success could staunch her continuous battle with depression. The truth was that nothing had changed the emptiness inside her. Her relationships failed; she was fired from every magazine job she held. Indeed, the absence of fulfillment in the wake of success became yet another seemingly insurmountable hurdle.

Elizabeth Wurtzel

When her doctor prescribed Ritalin to boost the effects of her antidepressant medication, Wurtzel jumped. And the Ritalin worked. And worked. And worked. Within weeks, she was grinding up the pills and snorting them for a greater effect. It reached the point where she couldn't go more than five minutes without a fix. It was Ritalin, and then cocaine, and then more Ritalin.

In a harrowing account, Elizabeth Wurtzel contemplates what it means to be in love with something in your blood that takes over your body, becomes the life force within you — and could ultimately kill you.

More, Now, Again is an astonishing and timely story of a new kind of addiction. But it is also a story of survival. Elizabeth Wurtzel hits rock bottom, gets clean, uses again, and finally gains control over her drug and her life.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Elizabeth Wurtzel was born in 1967 in New York. She graduated from Harvard College, where she received the 1986 *Rolling Stone* College Journalism Award for essay writing. She was the popular music critic for the *New Yorker* and *New York* magazines. Her articles have also appeared in *Glamour*, *Mirabella*, *Seventeen*, and the *Oxford American*. She is the author of the best-selling books *Prozac Nation: Young and Depressed in America*, and *Bitch*. She lives in New York City.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: When I read reviews of this book and of other earlier books by Ms. Wurtzel, I noticed that reviewers tended to review Ms. Wurtzel's life and how she lives it, rather than what she had written about that life. (One reviewer, revealing something of a sour-grapes attitude of his own, wrote: "Running parallel to Ms. Wurtzel's litany of woe is a series of tri-

umphs that serve to remind us that no matter how low the author felt, she was still more successful than many of us. She got good grades at Harvard and while still in college was a valued reporter for the *Dallas Morning News*." I wondered how Ms. Wurtzel felt about this method of reviewing.

"It's at this point very annoying to me. I don't think that was as true about *Prozac Nation*, but in the case of this new book, I think it really could have been called a novel. Like, I wrote it in a way that — you know, I wrote it in a novel style. And I kind of wish that I had because I'm so tired of this. I think I really expected people to evaluate whether it was a good read or not. That was what was important to me. It's always important; it's what you always want to do.

"But I wonder about a lot of the elements of this. I wonder if this new book had been a novel how it would be. I'm at the point where I feel kind of like, from that point of view I can't win. And I don't read most of them because I don't think it does me any good anyway. A lot of them have said, 'When she wrote *Prozac Nation* it was really a breakthrough.' Do you know how negative the reviews of that were? Nobody was calling it a 'breakthrough' then. They were complaining about it, too."

"And," I said, "in much the same way. Reviewers were reviewing your life and not your book."

"Yes, and it frustrates me because in this case I really wanted the focus to be on the writing. It was very important to me that this book be a page turner. Like, I have said to people, 'If you're bored with it, put it down.' But it was meant to be a good read; that was the reason I wrote this. I hadn't really had it in mind to write this set of experiences as a book, but when I would tell people stories about what had gone on, they would just laugh and laugh. It's a crazy story. But also, it's not especially crazy; lots of

1000-year-old pilgrimage road stretching from the French Pyrenees across northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela. Aviva will discuss and sign *Following the Milky Way: A Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago* and her novel *Dead End on the Camino* on Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Jazzy Youths, the competitive youth jazz ensemble known as JazzXpress performs on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at the Salvation Army Church (1011 East Main Street, at Anza). Tickets are \$5, with proceeds used to purchase new instruments for the band and to pay competition entry fees. 619-447-2477. (EL CAJON)

Former San Diego News Anchor Rolland G. Smith visits the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center to read from his new book, *Encore: Poetry of Nature*, on Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m. Free. Find the shop at 5500 Grossmont Center Drive and by calling 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

Swing and Sway to tunes by Goodman, Miller, the Dorseys, Ellington, Count Basie, and other great bands when Tami Thomas's Big Band Swing/Jive performs on Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., for the concert series in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

How Can the Word "Love" Be Used in a Business Context? Find out when Tim Sanders signs and discusses *Love Is the Killer App: How to Win Business and Influence Friends* on Thursday, March 7, at noon, at the UCSD Bookstore. Just how do you become a "love cat"? The bookstore is found in the Price Center on the UCSD campus; 858-534-3149. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Provocative? The innovative Muzik3 series returns for its fifth season, combining new music, classical music, jazz, and a "dose of percussion" under the direction of San Diego cellist Felix Fan. The series gets underway when the group Raw Fish performs Shostakovich's "String Quartet No. 8" and "Black Angels" by George

Crumb on Friday, March 8. The group returns to play the "String Quartet No. 4" by Shostakovich and Steve Reich's "Different Trains" on Saturday, March 9.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15, or pay \$90 for the series. For information and reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Tour of Light, promoting global awareness of the AIDS crisis in Uganda, the Children of Uganda perform African dance and music with commanding skill. The group is made up of 18 orphans ranging in age from 6 to 17 and raises funds through their appearances for fellow orphans in their homeland. Enjoy a performance by the troupe on Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium.

Tickets are \$22 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

The Heart and Soul of Chinese Kung Fu has been found at the Shaolin Temple for over 1000 years. Today the temple is best known as the home of the legendary fighting monks known as the Shaolin Warriors. The Songshan Shaolin Martial Monks Troupe consists of more than 20 warriors who are said to have "perfected the art of hand-to-hand and weapons combat."

Enjoy the sacred and deadly art form in theatrical kung fu displays when the Shaolin Warriors perform on Friday, March 15, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from \$17 to \$37. For information and reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

A separate troupe known as the Shaolin Monks present their "Wheel of Life" on Tuesday, March 19, at 8 p.m., at the Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets range from \$32 to \$42, available by calling Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Alexandr Vampirov's Play *The Eldest Son* is being prepared by students taking part in this year's de-

sign/performance jury at San Diego State University. Three groups of students were selected to present their ideas for a production of *Son*, a short scene of the play is presented, and the jury then discusses the work, commenting, asking questions — it's a full day of talk about the process of creating theater.

Jurors include playwright Edward Albee, actress Marion Ross, Efim Zvenyatski (director of the Maxim Gorky Dramatic Theatre in Vladivostok, Russia), Judith Dolan, John Iacovelli, and York Kennedy. The whole shebang takes place in the Experimental Theatre in the drama building at SDSU. Sessions begin on Friday, March 15, at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. Free. For information, call 619-594-4560. (SDSU)

Curioser and Curioser, four historical musical instruments will be featured when the spring 2002 concert series at the First Unitarian Universalist Church continues with a performance by Dennis James on Saturday, March 16. For "Musica Curiosa," James will offer a musical potpourri, demonstrating the won-

ders of instruments including Benjamin Franklin's 1761 mechanized glass armonica, the theremin, the 1954 crystal Baschet sonic sculpture. Organist Robert Thompson will accompany James on keyboard, and guest Robert Korda will play the phonoviolin.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Faith and Begorra! The 23rd annual St. Patrick's Day open reading of Irish poetry and prose is slated for Sunday, March 17, at 8 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). You're encouraged to read favorite passages from James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, and others. Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings. Free. Dial 858-456-1800 for additional information. (LA JOLLA)

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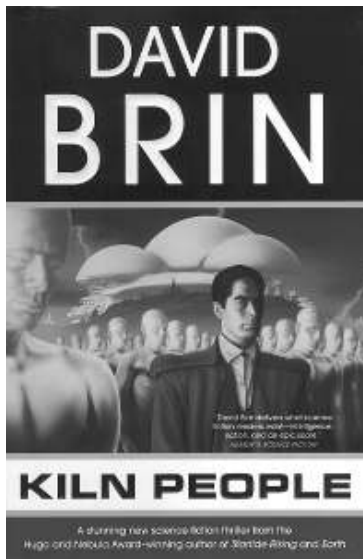
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other people have stories like this. In general, addiction stories *are* pretty nuts. But, you know, I know how to write, and most people who are addicts don't know how to write. And I also did think that the middle-class drug addict story hadn't been told, and so it seemed like a worthwhile project. But for me I did want it to be a book where people would focus more on that than on me. But what can you do?"

"The hostility toward memoirs," I said, "seems odd to me. If someone is not interested in memoir, then they need not read it."

"They're very focused on, like, 'Is the genre really necessary?' and I don't have an answer. I mean, I don't know. I just know this is what I do. And I know, too, that I've never seen more of a divide between how people feel and how reviewers feel than with memoirs. With novels there is not such a divide. I mean, there are certain novels, like, obviously, you know, something Judith Krantz writes, about which reviewers aren't going to be bothered. Or a book like *Bridges of Madison County*, a reviewer is not going to be bothered. But, generally, if reviewers have bad things to say about a novel, they're usually fairly on the money about something. But with memoirs their complaints usually have nothing to do with why they're complaining. Because, like, what people need to nourish their hearts and minds is not necessarily what reviewers look for when they write about a book. I learned this with *Prozac Nation*. After I saw the reviews for that, I just wept and thought, 'My God, I've got to go to grad school.' Actually, I'm thinking about grad school now, too. So, I mean, actually, seriously, I was sitting here last night watching this thing about U.S.-Saudi Arabia relations on C-SPAN at about, like, 1:00 in the morning. And I thought, 'This is what I'm going to do. I'm going to go to graduate school in Middle Eastern stud-

ies, and I'm just going to, like, get out of this writing racket because it's too depressing.' It's not like this in England. It's not like this in other parts of the world. I have a lot of theories about why things are like this."

"So, tell me the theories."

"Well, you know, it's very odd to me because in any other medium you wouldn't have this problem. If I were making albums, first of all, nobody expects singers or songwriters to write about anything but themselves. I mean, in fact, if they write about something else, like, if singers/songwriters start writing about Kosovo, people think they're idiots. 'No, write about what you know, write about yourself' is what people tell singers and songwriters. And personality for singers and songwriters is hugely important, and nobody asks them not to have it. In fact, it's like it's distressing to fans — and for that matter, journalists — if they don't have it; it's like it's boring. But with writers this is not so, and I don't think it was always like this. I think when books were read more and more integral to the culture, writers having personality was expected. Think back to the Algonquin Roundtable. To Dorothy Parker. Or to the Angry Young Men of the 1950s or the Beats. There just seem to be these eras when writers and their personalities were a huge part of the culture, were integral to it."

"As with," I suggested, "Lord Byron."

"Well, that's going way back. And at that point, there was not any other entertainment. I'm talking about in the last century. And I think that, weirdly, as people read less and I guess go to movies or whatever else more, the literary world has become more entrenched. Instead of wanting to be more accessible, it almost wants to be more inaccessible. Say a Joyce Carol Oates or whomever. I don't know if her books are good or bad...they can't all be good; there are so many of them. But, I mean, they like people who write

good books and then otherwise hide. And they're very suspicious of anybody who behaves the way it would be perfectly normal to behave, if they were making music. I find, personally, that it's really rather not fair. And I don't know what to do about it because it's the way I am.

"And there's a big part of me that feels, like, 'I'm tired of the fight.' I'm tired of having to always, you know, defend myself against this. The next book I write could be about Kosovo, and

"If you write at all, you feel like, 'Goddammit, I want people to care about my life.' But there's nothing I can do about it except do what I do. It makes me sad."

This is one world that really refuses to change, the literary world. I mean, it's positively Islamic in its kind of refusal to change."

"But you have lots of fans. I would think that people will buy, buy, buy the new book."

"I hope so. I really do. That's what ended up happening with *Prozac Nation*. The press response to it outside of New York was quite nice. In fact, in fairness, like, you know, Michiko Kaku-

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pled in performance artist Carla Kirkwood's new piece, *Half the Sky*. This work-in-progress performance piece may be seen March 21-24 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Collaborating artists include Phyllis Jackson, Rachel Axler, Danelle Amato, Isabel Olivieri, Leonora Afuyog, Annie Hinton, Andrea Singer, Tammy Ray, and Vicki Wolf.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets

are \$18 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, dial 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Take Me Out to the (Charity) Ballpark, the San Diego Padres open their spring training season with a charity game against the Seattle Mariners on Thursday, February 28,

in Peoria, Arizona. The Pads meet up with the Colorado Rockies on Friday and Thursday, March 1 and 7; the Seattle Mariners on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3; the Chicago White Sox on Monday, March 4; the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday, March 5; and the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday, March 6.

For additional details, dial 619-280-INFO. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130) Mondays

through Fridays and on KOGO on Saturdays and Sundays.

Puckish, the San Diego Gulls host the Anchorage Aces on Friday, March 1; and the Bakersfield Condors on Saturday, March 2, at the San Diego Sports Arena. Both games begin at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$5 to \$17.50, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Climbin' for CF, cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease causing the body to

produce dangerously thick mucus, leading to lung infections and interfering with digestion. Take part in the 21st annual Stairclimb to Cure Cystic Fibrosis on Saturday, March 2, at One America Plaza (600 West Broadway).

Registration starts at 8 a.m., with two stairwells for climbing (starting at 9 a.m.). Participants climb the stairs and ride the elevator down. For more information, call 858-277-5880. (DOWNTOWN)

If You're Interested in Kayaking, This Is the Weekend for You! Hike Bike Kayak San Diego hosts three tours this weekend. The group hosts a whale-watching kayak tour on Saturday, March 2, at 9 a.m. at La Jolla Shores. Participants will paddle out in search of these magnificent mammals. The tour is approximately three hours long. The \$75 fee includes wet-suit and booties. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

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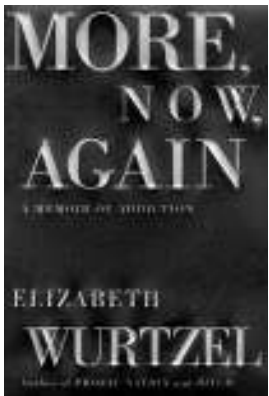
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tani in the *New York Times* wrote really nice things at the time about *Prozac Nation*, but the *New York Times Book Review* was so nasty. [Ken Tucker, described by the *Times* as “the critic at large for *Entertainment Weekly*,” in 1994 wrote about *Prozac Nation*, “Instead of prescribing Prozac to depressive patients, doctors might now want to try something else first: give them a copy of *Prozac Nation* and say, ‘Read this; if you don’t watch out, you could end up sounding like her.’ ”] And there’s a lot of

nasty stuff. But there’s a huge divide in memoir between what reviewers want and what fans want. And I think also it’s got a lot to do with the fact that if you write at all, you feel like, ‘Goddamnit, I want people to care about my life.’ There’s a lot of aspects of this that all converge. But there’s nothing I can do about it except, you know, do what I do. And it makes me sad. It really does.

“I really focus in this book to make it entertaining. And if there’s going to be a message about this — because I think a certain, if not a large number of people who read this will have been or are addicts themselves — I do want to get across that you can get out of that. You can recover and you can get better. Also, I did think that since *I’m Dancing as Fast As I Can*, that there hasn’t been a story about a middle-class addict or about getting addicted to

pills, and *I’m Dancing as Fast As I Can* was Valium, whereas now there’s Ritalin, there’s Vicodin, there’s a whole other slew of things.

“There was a space in the marketplace simply for somebody to tell a story about how you can be, you know, a nice Jewish girl and have this happen to you. Because in spite of the fact that, like, from what I’ve gathered from reviews, there’s some kind of aspect of celebrity in my life, and that’s not how I see or feel my life. What’s so funny to me is, if you saw my life, you would not think that at all; that’s not how I live. I spend a lot of time with my mom. I live in this apartment. I actually have a young recovering addict who I sponsor living in the house with me who’s actually doing great. I hope the book sells in spite of the bad things people will say about it.

“The thing is that for all the critics who can make hay of this, there are all these normal people who prefer this. So at the end you’ve got to do what you do because you do it. I mean, there’s no other way. Because you never know if you’re going to win or not. You can’t please everybody, and you have to please yourself, right? I still really wish people would judge the writing and the story. Most people I know said they couldn’t put it down.”

Does Ms. Wurtzel feel embarrassed at telling so much about herself?

She laughed and said she didn’t. “Not at all. But I know other people in the book certainly aren’t pleased. They may not like it.”

I asked what had happened to the fellow who, in the book, Ms. Wurtzel calls Hank. She met Hank when she went into rehab. He was in rehab for his drinking problem. He and Ms. Wurtzel ended up having an affair.

“He’s still in my life in some way; he still calls me when he gets drunk. He still calls me even when he’s not drunk. I feel so sorry for him that he doesn’t get sober. He’s the most wonderful guy — it’s so sad that this is what he’s come to. It’s in fact tragic.”

“And,” I said, “he seemed very smart.”

“Brilliant, amazing, amazing guy. Every time we do have a conversation, I mean, it’s always my saying to him, ‘You know, I wish you could see yourself the way I see you. You wouldn’t do this.’ And I guess that’s always the thing you want to say to people who are being self-destructive. Of course, there are some people who are being self-destructive who you think, you know, ‘He’s not being self-destructive enough.’ You think, ‘You’re so horrible, I’d like to see you get it over with.’ But there are people like he is, who you think, ‘Wow, why would you do this to yourself? You’re an amazing person. What a loss you are to the world. Here you are, you’re so great, and this is what you do.’ ”

Ms. Wurtzel also had an affair with a married man. I did not like him and said so. “I thought the married man, the fellow you call Ben, was such a jerk.”

Ms. Wurtzel came quickly to his defense. “He’s a nice guy, actually.”

“Well, I wanted him to be nicer to you.”

“He is actually a perfectly nice guy. He was nice enough to me. He really is okay. And he was very helpful to me at the time. At the end of things I really just needed him to get through that really bad period, and he, you know, was there, and I’m not bitter about him. I’m not bitter about anybody.”

— Judith Moore

for Sunday, March 3, beginning at 8 a.m. The trip lasts around four hours. The \$95 fee includes rental equipment, box lunch, and guide. (CHULA VISTA)

Take a guided kayaking tour of La Jolla sea caves on Sunday, March 3, at 9 a.m. \$55. For reservations on any of these trips, call 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

March Madness Miles, head to Rancho Bernardo Park on Sunday, March 3, for the fourth annual March Madness Miles event. The 10k trail runs start at 7:30 a.m. (men) and 7:45 a.m. (women); 5k trail runs begin at 8 a.m. and 8:10 a.m.; the 2-mile walk/run steps off at 8:30 a.m.; and the Munchkin Mile gets underway at 9 a.m. Registration starts at 6 a.m.

Find the park by taking I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road, and drive west two blocks; turn north on West Bernardo Drive and continue for two miles. For more information, call 760-602-1011. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Head Up Del Dios Highway to Ramona with the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Sunday, March 3. This hilly 75-mile ride begins at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Re-

gents Road, at Nobel Drive). Dial 619-479-2364 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

You’ll “Scratch Your Skating Animal behind the Ears” when Eddy Matzger leads a workshop for improving skating technique and skating speed March 15-17. Matzger promises “an intensely participatory, interactive skating experience” geared for all ages and abilities, covering inline skating and racing. The workshop fee is \$175 (“plus a portion of Matzger’s airfare”). For more information, call 760-936-4597. (SAN DIEGO)

Elements of Football and Soccer are incorporated in rugby, a sport played by men and women across the world. The San Diego Surfer’s Women’s Rugby Football Club hosts the 19th annual Champagne Classic Rugby Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17. The tournament, taking place at the Robb Field Recreational Facility, promises play by many of the nation’s best women’s teams. The tournament runs from around 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, with the championship game played on Sunday. For more details, dial 619-229-6559. (OCEAN BEACH)

SPECIAL

Sitting Atop the Highest Shield Volcano in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the Mauna Kea Observatories offer great views of our solar system. Among the 12 large telescopes at the Mauna Kea Observatories are the two Keck Telescopes, designed to work as together as the “largest light-gathering instrument in the world.” Learn why the spot is such an ideal observing site during planetarium shows at Palomar College on March 1 and 8.

Shows begin at 7 p.m. Call 760-744-1150 x2833 for the recommended reservations. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 5-12 and Palomar students. The campus is found at 1140 West Mission Road; the planetarium is located in room ES-1 on the west side of the science quad on the campus. (SAN MARCOS)

Home Sweet Home? The 17th annual Spring Home/Garden Show takes place at the Del Mar Fairgrounds March 1-3, with vendors’ booths proffering goods for inside and outside your domicile.

Show hours are noon to 8 p.m.

on Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, free for those under 12. Call 858-350-3738 for information. (DEL MAR)

Look, Up in the Sky! The 54th annual Kiwanis Ocean Beach Kite Festival and Parade is set for Saturday, March 2. The fun starts at 9 a.m. on the grounds of the Ocean Beach Elementary School (4741 Santa Monica Avenue), with kite making until noon at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue).

Judging takes place at 1 p.m.; the ensuing parade down Newport Avenue to the beach starts at 2 p.m., with kite flying on the beach at 2:30 p.m. All kites entered in the contest must be handmade; bring your own kite string (all other materials are provided). 619-531-1527. (OCEAN BEACH)

In Love With Orchids? The annual orchid show hosted by the North County Palomar Orchid Society takes place on March 2 and 3 at the San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). There will be cut flower displays and a variety of hybrid and species orchids from around the world on display and for sale.

Show hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5, which includes an orchid plant. For information, call 760-632-9399. (SAN MARCOS)

Book Sale, the San Carlos branch library plans its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

Take the Train to Tecate via Campo, when the San Diego Railroad Museum offers a vintage train excursion to Tecate, Mexico, on Saturday, March 2. The train departs the depot at 10 a.m. Once in Tecate, visitors have an afternoon to explore the town. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$20 for children. Reservations are required, made by calling 619-595-3030 x3. (CAMPO)

Check and Check Again, the Balboa Park Chess Club hosts Gambito Open chess tournaments every Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. (registration at 9:45), at the Balboa Club (2225 Sixth Avenue). Current U.S. Chess Federation membership is required for participation; the entry fee

is \$15. For more details, call 619-239-7166. (BALBOA PARK)

Go Home, Dell Harris built the home at 2470 A Street after working with Greene and Greene in Pasadena. The home, which is mostly untouched and has been owned by the same family for over 90 years, is the site for a home tour and the SOHO Preservation Revolving Fund fundraiser on Saturday, March 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 619-297-7511. (GOLDEN HILL)

“We’ll Not Be Intimidated and We’ll Not Shut Up!” Celebrate your “creativity, diversity, and dissent” when Activist San Diego presents its second annual People’s Ball. The party, boasting “the reggae stylings of Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations,” is set for Saturday, March 2, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Center, 3909 Center Street. The requested donation is \$10. Questions? Call 619-230-1500 for answers. (HILLCREST)

Psychic Fun, a metaphysical conference and psychic fair is planned by the Alexandra’s Institute from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio

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Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale are all part of San Pasqual History Days, taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-737-2201. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Genuine Antiques and Collectibles are promised when the Carlsbad Village Antique Show takes place on Sunday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at State Street and Grand Avenue. Dealers and specialty booths — 125 in all — will be on hand, and professional appraisers will evaluate your treasures (for \$5). Admission is free. 760-822-0522. (CARLSBAD)

“Meeting Jesus Again” is the theme for the 39th annual religious art festival hosted by St. Mark’s Methodist Church. The show begins with an awards ceremony at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, which will also include music and sacred dance presentations by members of St. Mark’s. This year’s art juror is Jose Morales, with poetry judging by Jack Webb.

The show is open for viewing Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 2 p.m., through March 30. Find St. Mark’s at 3502 Clairemont Drive; 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

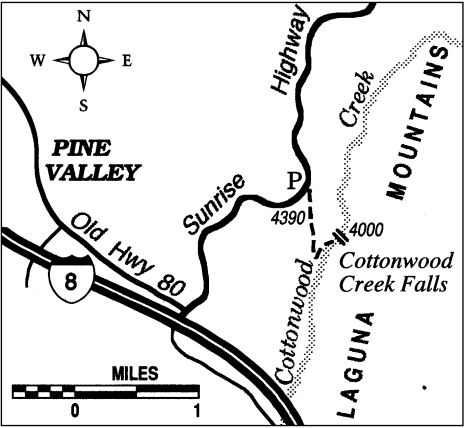
The Touring Postcard Exhibit “Indivisible” is on view from Tuesday, March 5, through Wednesday, March 20, in the first-floor lobby of the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). It’s described as “an interactive exhibit documentary project that combines photographs and first-person narratives to explore community life and character and 12 grass-roots initiatives for positive change across the United States.” Viewing is free. 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Indian Writer” is the subject for a series of book discussions planned at the Book Works. Read V.S. Naipaul’s 1961 novel *A House*

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Hidden in the apex of a valley just below Sunrise Highway, near the town of Pine Valley, a small stream has worn its way down to the metamorphic bedrock that underlies much of the Laguna Mountains. Engorged to one degree or another by the current winter rains, the stream pulses with energy, alternately spurting over ledges or inclined slabs and pausing in placid pools. This is no Yosemite Falls, to be sure, but one of the many secret beauty spots tucked away on San Diego County’s public lands.



for Mr. Biswas and discuss the masterwork on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Find the shop in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle; call 858-755-3735 to make the requested reservations. Free. (DEL MAR)

“The Bungalow: Seeking a San Diego Style” is the theme for SOHO’s fifth Arts and Crafts weekend, running March 8-10. The preview reception begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, with wine and hors d’oeuvres offered along with a sneak preview of the exhibition and sale featuring Arts and Crafts artists and vendors from around the U.S.A. Tickets are \$35 for nonmembers.

More than 20 exhibitors from across the country will offer a selection of antique and revival furnishings and decorative arts including furniture, metalwork, pottery, textiles, and books during the exhibition and sale, running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$5.

Lectures throughout Saturday include “In the Land of the Bungalow,” “Bungalow Baths,” “The Art of Stained Glass,” “Bungalow Living: The Architecture, Interiors, and Gardens,” and more. Admission is \$20 per talk.

“The Arts and Crafts Garden,” “Window Restoration,” “Bungalow

Known as Cottonwood Creek Falls, it should remain attractive through spring and early summer. By August or maybe September, summer’s heat or Santa Ana winds will likely suck it dry.

Access to the falls (over land in the Cleveland National Forest) is by way of a brushy draw leading down from Sunrise Highway. Drive up the highway two miles from Interstate 8 and park in either of the large turnouts past mile marker 15.0. Don’t forget to display a National Forest Adventure Pass on your car.

On the right (south) side of the road, follow a narrow, partly overgrown trail that descends beneath power lines. Soon, the trail widens to the semblance of an old road. In March or April, you should see fine displays of white-blossoming ceanothus, beard tongue, and woolly blue curls by the trailside.

As you approach Cottonwood Creek, about three-quarters of a mile down, turn sharply left and go upstream past some large oaks toward the cascades. After some rock scrambling and two crossings of the stream, you’ll reach the uppermost fall, where the stream drops ten feet into a crystalline pool



Granite precipice, Cottonwood Creek

about head-high deep. By May or June the water will warm to a temperature suitable for comfortable soaking. After that, the flow in the creek will slacken, and unappealing growths of algae will appear in the water.

Kitchens,” and “Stenciling for the Home” provide the fodder for workshops planned on Saturday. The nonmember fee is \$25 per workshop.

The Craftsman Home Tour takes place on Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The self-guided driving tour boasts five distinctive period homes in the South Park and North Park areas. Docents will be on hand to explain the history and architectural interpretation of the “craftsman ideals” at each home. No heels, no photography. \$35.

Most events take place at the Silvergate Masonic Temple, 3795 Utah Street. To make the recommended

reservations, call 619-297-7511. (NORTH PARK)

Can You Name a Few of Your Favorite Things? Pull out your lederhosen and warm up your vocal chords, the “Sing-Along *Sound of Music*” hits the Ken Cinema for a run March 8-21. Each performance includes a costume contest and preshow festivities led by a guest host, followed by the 1965 Academy Award-winning film. Audiences are encouraged to sing along and to “act out” musical numbers.

Shows are scheduled at 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and at 1:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sun-

days. Find the theater at 4061 Adams Avenue. Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$19.50 general, \$11.50 to \$13.50 for children (with discounts for seniors and military). For reservations, call 866-468-3399. (KENSINGTON)

NoRouz Celebrations are planned by the Persian Cultural Center on Saturday, March 9, at 7 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency (One Market Place). Organizers plan a traditional dance presentation by the Persian Cultural Center Dance Academy, art exhibition, and music by Morteza and his orchestra and DJ Mohsen. Tickets are \$75 (children under ten are not welcome). To make the required reservations, call 858-653-0336. (DOWNTOWN)

Belgian Beer Bonanza, when the Pizza Port hosts its 12-hour Belgian beer party on Saturday, March 9, a list of “specialty” beers will appear on the “Belgian beer wheel.” By the end of the 12 hours, over 45 different beers will have been served; some are very rare and will only be available for a limited time.

The fun begins at 11 a.m. at 571 Carlsbad Village Drive. The \$20 admission fee includes a glass and four four-ounce tastes (pay \$1 per additional taste). Questions? Call 760-720-7012 for answers. (CARLSBAD)

Living History, the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum hosts a Civil War reenactment and encampment on March 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Visitors will see live cannon firing, authentic costumes, historical figures, battle tents, displays, demonstrations, and more. Battles begin at noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday and at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and free for those under 3. For information, call 805-496-6036. (VISTA)

There’s Gold in Them Thar Hills! The historic town site of Julian hosts “Historic Days” festivities on Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

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On event days, registration will be conducted by Mike Julian starting at 9 a.m. at the Julian Town Hall (at the corner of Main and Washington). Registration is free. Ballots will be counted at 3:30 p.m., with prize money awarded at 4 p.m. *each day*. For information, call 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Tea for You? Would you like to taste unique teas and learn the art and science of tea at the same time? The Tea Pavilion offers informative presentations about tea and complimentary tastings of tea from around the world on the second Saturday of each month. Tea specialist Michael Figins will offer two different teas — such as formosa silvertip oolong and China Yunnan — and tea pastries.

The pavilion is located at the entrance to the Japanese Friendship Garden (next door to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on March 9. Reservations are not required. Free. For more information, call 619-607-3298. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

Enjoy “Pepper’s Favorites” when Puppet Express performs through Friday, March 1, at the Marie Hitch-

cock Puppet Theater. Tom Jensen’s Puppets present *Puppets! Puppets! Puppets!* March 6-10.

The Bob Baker Marionettes, special guest artist from Los Angeles, perform on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3. Tickets for these performances are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children.

The curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Regular admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

Change the Sheets and Head to the Theater when the San Diego Junior Theater presents *Come Back, Amelia Bedelia* March 1-17. The show — about the charming but literal-minded housekeeper’s travels — is directed by Lois J. Miller.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday through March 17 in the Casa del Prado Theater. Tickets are \$7 to \$10 adults, \$5 to \$8 seniors and children 13 and under. For reservations, call 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Wee Folk Are Invited to a fairy party planned on Friday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m., at Bridge Way Books (162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road). “Little People” are encouraged to dress up (or arrive unadorned) to play with “Grand Fairy Storyteller” Cat Espinosa as she weaves magic with stories, music, and fairy cakes. For information, call 760-943-7875. (ENCINITAS)

Singer Songwriter Karl Anthony plans a children’s concert on Saturday, March 2, at 4 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). He is joined by wife Jeanne, who interprets the songs — promoting nonviolence, cultural respect, and

healthy lifestyles — in sign language. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Expect Cake, Balloons, and stories when Borders Books and Music hosts “Read Across America — A Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration” on Saturday, March 2, at 11 a.m. Find the bookstore at 159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119. Free. (EL CAJON)

A Lively Marionette *Circus* may be enjoyed when the Jim Gamble Puppets perform on Saturday, March 2, at 2 and 4 p.m., at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). Tickets are \$5 for children (18 and younger), \$10 for adults. To reach the box office, call 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Reading with the Ranger, kids five to ten are invited to listen to a nature-themed story, discuss the environment, and do a fun-filled activity on the first Saturday of each month, including March 2, at 2 p.m., in the amphitheater at Chollas Lake Park (6350 College Grove Drive). Free. 619-527-7683. (COLLEGE GROVE)

Bring a Book to Barnes and Noble Bookstore during the GO SERV Cesar Chávez Book Drive and Festival planned on Saturday, March 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Well-loved book character Froggy will be on hand, and there will be book signings by authors, African Tumani drumming, theatrical entertainment, poetry readings, and kids’ crafts. Bring used books to donate for kids (four and older). Find the shop at 1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Play With Your Food, in conjunction with the exhibit “T. Rex on Trial” at the San Diego Natural History Museum, visitors can become paleontologists for the day, using imagination and dinosaur knowledge to reconstruct a dinosaur skeleton from pasta during family day activities on Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. to

3 p.m. The workshop is included in regular museum admission. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Are You a Stage Mother Wannabe? Actor and acting coach Chambers Stevens plans a free acting workshop for kids and teens on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Stevens claims to have coached over 3000 young actors in the last 11 years. Call 858-684-3166 for information. (MIRA MESA)

Death Defying and Belief Suspending! Large-scale science demonstrations with lots of audience participation are promised when Paul Zaloom presents the scientific antics of “Beakman Live!” on Sunday, March 3, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets are \$9.50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Becoming Frida, the Museums of Contemporary Art offer Free-for-All First Sunday activities on March 3. Japanese artist Yasumasa Morimura made a portrait of himself dressed as legendary Mexican painter Frida Kahlo. Participants may use costumes, props, and a set to recreate the famous Kahlo painting *Self-Portrait with Monkeys*, and then make “an appropriately ornate frame” at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). (LA JOLLA)

Organizers ask “Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood” at the MCA Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). You’ll be aided by artists in creating portraits of your neighborhood, and there will be family tours of the exhibition “Indivisible: Stories of American Community.” (DOWNTOWN)

Events run from 2 to 5 p.m. at both locations; the galleries are open

free of charge from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 858-454-3541.

He Was Very Naughty in Mr. McGregor’s Garden, but you can meet the mischievous Peter Rabbit when he visits the White Rabbit Bookstore for story time on Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3518. For children three and older. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six). Meet at the visitors’ center located directly north of the parking lot, at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; 760-436-3036. Free. (ENCINITAS)

“I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato” by Lauren Child may be heard during the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Thursday, March 7, at 10 a.m. The store is located at 10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Children’s Discovery Museum of North County, “The World of Sound” offers instruments from a variety of cultures and activities focusing on the science of sound, sound waves, and how sound travels. The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, mini-city, and renovated children’s marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Are You Sitting Comfortably? Enjoy Sergei Prokofiev’s “Peter and the Wolf” when the classic tale — replete with duck, bird, cat, hunters, and grandfather — is performed for the San Diego Symphony’s Family Festival Series on Sunday, March 24. The principal characters are represented by individual themes and different instruments in the orchestra.

Pre-performance activities include face painting and a musical petting zoo. Tickets range from \$10 to \$30. Capture the fun at 2 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader’s Guide to Art.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum’s activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district’s 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, the museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-

framed lumber “salt box” family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, “ExploraZone 2,” the newest round of exhibits from the Exploratorium in San Francisco, boasts more than 30 exhibits designed to make science, math, and technology engaging and fun. These interactive exhibits involve learning about hearing, speaking, seeing color, electricity, and magnetism and continue on display through June.

Ongoing exhibitions include “Technovation” (through 2001),

“About Faces,” and “Skyscapes.” The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, “The Glitter Merchants” is a photographic essay by New York photographer Greg Kinch chronicling the path of a diamond from its “rough state” as it leaves the mine, through each phase of the manufacturing process, to its eventual sale and use in jewelry.

Also on view are “From Trading to Grading,” following diamonds from trader through grading at the

GIA Gem Trade Laboratory; and an exhibition of animal motif jewelry from the 1830s to present. All of the exhibits are on view through April. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive; 760-603-4000. (CARLSBAD)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps

history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

San Diego Automotive Museum, surround yourself with the fantasy of exotic sports cars, luxury convertibles, limousines, and other expensive dream cars when viewing “Champagne Wishes, Caviar Cars.” The exhibit — featuring vehicles of the Lamborghini, Delahaye, and Rolls-Royce variety — continues through Monday, May 27.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum’s permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting,

recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, created in 1905 when an irrigation project backfired, the Salton Sea has had a “boom and bust” history. Developers in the 1950s and 1960s dubbed this desert area “California’s New Mediterranean,” envisioning a tourist haven. The sea’s salinity levels have increased dramatically in recent years, driving away many of the tourists and boaters. “In Search of El Dorado: The Salton Sea” features black-and-white photographs by Christopher Landis, digitally reproduced by Nash Editions. See these haunting works through Sunday, May 5.

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The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, almost every year for 250 years, a ship loaded with silver from Spain's New World colonies crossed from Aca-pulco to Manila, then made the haz-ardous return trip laden with trea-sures from Asia. "Treasures of the Manila Galleons" focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discov-ered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliest-known Manila galleon shipwreck; Spanish silver and pieces of eight; and artifacts, documents, and hands-on activities. View the exhibit through November.

The museum features perma-nent exhibits documenting the his-tory of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the mili-tary. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*.

There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Em-barcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, the renovation of the museum's west wing is now open to the public, housing the new anthropology ex-hibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution." This permanent exhibit features five galleries filled with "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cy-borgs (part human, part machine)." The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution.

Fetishes are carved objects rep-resenting animals or other beings revered by American Indians and others for their beauty and power. The exhibit "Zuni Fetish Carving: Past to Present," available for view-ing through June, celebrates contem-porary fetish carving. Expect to learn about fetish history, symbolism, pro-cess, and materials.

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San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equip-ment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric lo-comotives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and ca-booses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train ad-ventures through San Diego's back-country. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the

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San Pasqual Battlefield State His-toric Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dra-goons, bolstered by sailors and vol-unteers from San Diego, and Cali-fornia militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of land-scaped grounds with a formal En-glish Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Cen-tury American Arts and Crafts pe-riod, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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Hugh Wood Fardels Bear?

The heritage of early-20th-century Vienna has hung about Wood's shoulders like a heavy burden.

The Athenaeum brought the Chilingirian String Quartet to town for an unusual program. The Chilingirian is one of the world's eminent quartets, notable for their richness of sound, their emotional intensity, and the cogency of their interpretations. All four musicians exhibit these characteristics, but there is a particular center of power in first violinist Levon Chilingirian and cellist Philip DeGroote, whose contributions are electrifying. This is not to say that any weaknesses or imperfections are evident in the other two players — violinist Charles Stewart and violist Asdis Valdinarsdottir — who, however, are newer to the group and did not participate in the initial establishment of its special character.

What was unusual about the program was that it was devoted exclusively to 20th-century music, all of it serious, demanding, difficult, and — for its time — avant-garde. The two familiar composers, Shostakovich and Bartók, were masters of the string quartet medium: Bartók wrote 6 and Shostakovich 15, all of them daring masterpieces that widened the possibilities of the genre. Between them, on the Athenaeum program, was the Fourth Quartet by Hugh Wood.

"Hugh is that?" you may ask. Wood, now 70 years old, is an English composer whose music has

never reached a wide public (scarcely any of it is currently available on recordings), although performers, connoisseurs, and fellow composers have consistently recognized his virtues. A meticulous craftsman and a perfectionist, he has produced relatively few works over a long career. His chief allegiance has been to the Second Viennese School, of which the compositional practices and musical personality of Alban Berg have served as his most salient inspirations. This means atonalism, much dissonance, a formal structure developing from within the musical ideas, a refined mastery of tone color, and an innate Romantic humanism continually struggling with the pressures of aesthetic modernism.

Wood's works do not make concessions to listeners for whom the whole modernist movement continues to be felt as an assault. Nevertheless, a number of his compositions are of compelling beauty. His Violin Concerto — composed for the great violinist Manoug Parikian (longtime concertmaster of the Philharmonia Orchestra and, by the way, uncle of Levon Chilingirian) — is ravishing music, worthy of being compared to its Bergian model. His Cello Concerto, his Symphony, his *Scenes from Comus* — these are passionate statements, exquisitely put together, and resonating with the central history of Western music.

I confess I have found Wood's chamber music less attractive. Here, the heritage of early-20th-century Vienna has hung about Wood's shoulders like a heavy burden. Instead of broadening his expressive options, the features of that style have oppressively narrowed them — and most notably in the string quartets. Quartet No. 4, Opus 34, is dedicated to the Chilingirian Quartet, and it makes good use of the group's capacity for largeness of gesture and concentrated expressiveness (qualities almost frighteningly magnified in the intimate venue of the Athenaeum). But this fosuetomur-movement work struck me as relentlessly harsh, angry, violent, disruptive, and painful, and considerably too long for the severely limited amount of human experience it seemed to embody. Indeed, "angry" and "violent" are rather desperate attempts on my part to find *some* real human experience in the piece, which often enough strongly suggested that the music was purely abstract, and that the apparent evocation of emotions — however restricted — was merely an illusion. The work left me exhausted and irritated; it did not seem to be speaking to me, or to any human being; and it made me thoroughly sick and tired of rebarbative dissonance.

So much so that it took me a while to recover: even Bartók's Quartet No. 5, a perfectly accessible and totally humane modernist composition that followed the Wood on the program, grated on my nerves — at least at first, until the Chilingirian's dramatic and colorful reading of the score (closely similar to their superlative recording on Chandos) gradually reminded me of what a wonderful work this is. Of

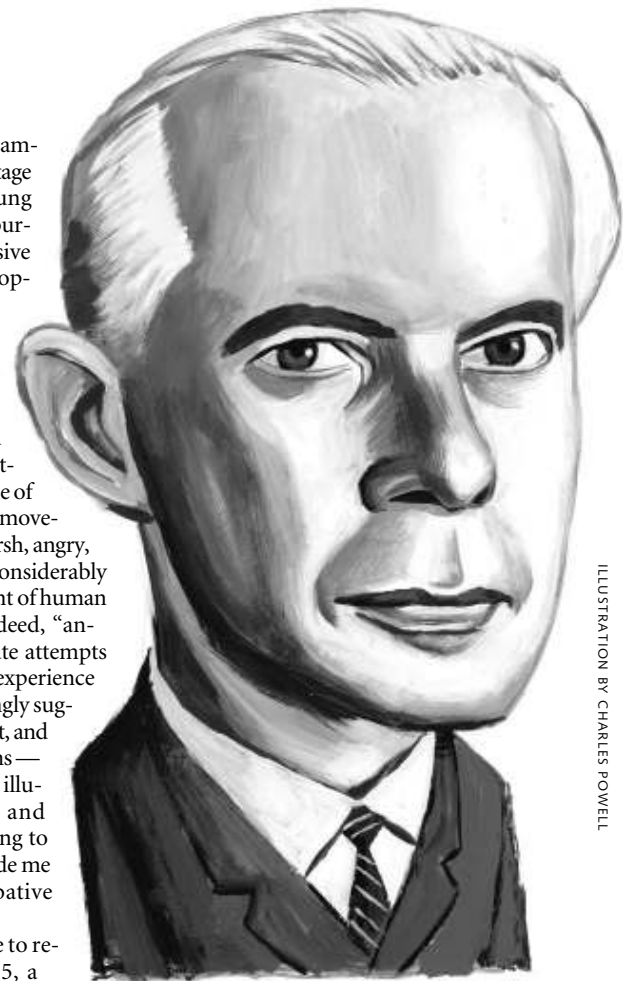


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course, there is a lot of unresolved dissonance in the Bartók, a lot of rhythmic “savagery” or “primitivism.” But the listener never feels excluded from the music or from the world of reality. The driving rhythms call to mind wild dancing; the tunes often sound like transformed echoes of folk music, rooted in a specific culture (Eastern Europe); the range of emotional suggestiveness is extensive; the picturesque evocations in the slow movements stir the imagination; the outrageous juxtapositions of radically different styles (such as the naive hurdy-gurdy tune that emerges near the end of the *finale*) make one remember that music is implicated in human existence, with all its contradictions; and the aggressive modernism is anchored in a clearly perceptible, Classical attitude toward structure. In his quartets (although by no means in all his works), Bartók is one of the supreme modernists, breaking with the traditions of the 19th Century. But his model is Beethoven!

The Chilingirian’s brilliant program began with another impeccably modernistic work whose roots are in the 19th Century. This was Shostakovich’s Quartet No. 7, in a performance so searing and poignant that one wonders why this Opus 108

is one of the least often played of the Shostakovich canon. A short work (about a third as long as the Bartók Fifth), it contains in full measure the identifying features of its composer’s style: the irony, the emotionalism (with the characteristic emphasis on pain, grief, and despair), the atmosphere of personal autobiography, the extraordinary inwardness combined with bold distortions of convention — all of which Shostakovich learned from Mahler, while at the same time developing his own completely distinctive language.

Bartók’s music does not have these prominent autobiographical and psychological elements, but the two composers are alike in the vital sense of connectedness with lived life their music gives rise to. The Chilingirian’s manner of playing is ideally suited to bringing out such humanity, wherever they find it — which means in composers like Bartók and Shostakovich (from whom some listeners, unfortunately, continue to feel alienated), as well as in the group’s more traditional repertoire, such as Mozart, Schubert, and Dvořák. ■

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Graduate Students in the Critical Studies/Experimental Practices program present an evening of original musical performances and scholarly work Thursday, February 28, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Free. Call 858-534-4830 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Côr Cymraeg de California — that is, the Welsh Choir of Southern California — presents its fourth annual St. David’s Day Festival of Welsh Music on Friday, March 1, at Saint Paul’s Cathedral. The 70-voice choir will be joined by harp, percussion, and the cathedral’s Aeolian-Skinner organ in a “rousing program” of music (including many favorite hymns) by Welsh composers.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$15 for seniors. For reservations and information, call 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

A Variety of a Cappella Music may be heard when the King’s Singers perform on Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Listen for tunes ranging from the classics to arrangements of folk tunes and popular hits. Tickets are \$10 general. For reservations, call 619-849-2336. (POINT LOMA)

Revelle Series, the prize-winning Petersen String Quartet performs for the La Jolla Chamber Music Society on Friday, March 1. The program boasts Haydn’s “Quartet in B-Flat Major No. 4,” the “Quartet No. 1” by Krenek, and Beethoven’s “Quartet in E-Flat Major.” The concert starts at 8 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are priced from \$25 to \$45. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Performing for All Musical Tastes, the Lycoming College Choir — hailing from Williamsport, Pennsylvania — performs selections both religious and secular in concert on Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m., at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church (700 D Avenue). The suggested donation is \$7. For reservations, call 619-282-4603. (CORONADO)

The Chimes Atop UCSD’s Geisel Library will ring out a special premiere to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss on Friday, March 1. Composer Melissa Ehlers was commissioned to

write the piece, which she based on tunes she originally wrote as a small child. University carillonneur Scott Paulson will play the piece throughout the day, with special performances at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The chimes may be heard by anyone in the general radius of the library. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Solo and Chamber Music for Flute is promised when USD music alumnae Jesse Huang (flute) and Maria Yrjola (piano) perform on Friday, March 1, at 8 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall, at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Admission is free. Call 619-260-2280 for more information. (LINDA VISTA)

American Tenor Anthony Dean Griffey performs in a recital hosted by the San Diego Opera on Saturday, March 2, at 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Griffey will present songs from works by Schubert, Brahms, Ravel, Copland, and Dowland. The concert is sold out, but a waiting list has been established for returned tickets (\$45). To be added to the list, call 619-232-7636. (LA JOLLA)

Motets for Multiple Choirs, a Lenten triptych, a nature trilogy, and hymns, folk songs, and spirituals may be heard when the Concordia College Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, performs for the La Jolla Presbyterian Church Concert Series. Enjoy this a cappella concert on Sunday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at 7715 Draper Avenue. An offering will be received. Call 858-454-0713 x321 for information. (LA JOLLA)

A Spring Concert is planned by the SDSU Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, March 3. The concert features SDSU music major Meghann Veynar performing Mozart’s first “Flute Concerto in G Major,” master’s student Jeff Eckstein conducts Schubert’s “Unfinished Symphony,” and music director Donald Barra leads the group in Alexander Borodin’s “Symphony No. 2.”

The music begins at 7 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall on the San Diego State University campus. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-1696 for reservations; dial 619-594-6042 for information. (SDSU)

Evensong and Organ, following the 5 p.m. evensong on Sunday, March 3, at Saint Paul’s Cathedral — which will be sung by the men’s and boys’ choristers — organist William Lullo will play a recital of works by Bach, Vidor, Franck, and others. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). An offering will be received. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

The SDSU Wind Symphony plans concerts on March 3 and 4 in Smith Recital Hall on the San Diego State University campus. The performance

on Sunday begins at 2 p.m., and admission is free; on Monday, performances begin at 6 and 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$10 general. For reservations, call 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Dial 619-702-8138 for details. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Chamber Music for the Clarinet may be enjoyed when Robert Zelickman (clarinet) and Stefani Walens (piano) perform for the mini-concert at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, March 4. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street and by calling 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Music from the Time of Bach will be performed on original instruments by the seven virtuoso musicians of the Camerata Köln on Monday, March 4, for the chamber concert series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The program boasts German chamber music between the baroque and classical periods by Telemann, C.P.E. Bach, J.S. Bach, Haydn, Stamitz, and Christian Cannabich.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). Tickets are \$27 for non-members. For reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Debussy’s “Sonata,” the Brahms “Clarinet Trio,” “transpositio ad infinitum” by Klaus Huber, the “Parjanya-vata” by James Dillon, and Brian Ferneyhough’s “Time and Motion Study II” may all be heard when Reynard Rott presents an M.A. violoncello recital on Monday, March 4. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The Symphonic Winds Concert Bands perform for free on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Take an Opera Break when the San Diego Opera Ensemble presents operatic selections in recital on Wednesday, March 6, at 4 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard, at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for information. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

The Faculty/Guest Chamber Trio at San Diego State University presents a concert at noon on Wednesday, March 6, in Smith Recital Hall. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

International Classical Works by Dvořák, Juon, Brahms, and other composers may be heard when the Gennaro Trio performs for the Escondido Library’s First Thursday series on March 7. Trio members in-

clude Ronald Goldman (violin), Mary Lindblom (cello), and Ilana Mysior (piano). The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

History of the Brass Quintet II, Westwind Brass plans a concert on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. What’s on the program? Listen for music from the Renaissance to the present by Mozart, Vivaldi, Britten, Holborne, Hindemith, Ingolf Dahl, Praetorius, J.S. Bach, Oskar Boehme, and others. Tickets are \$15 general, \$5 for students. For more information, call 619-337-2848. (BALBOA PARK)

Mozart’s “Piano Quartet in E-Flat” may be heard when the Boston Chamber Music Society Piano Quartet performs for the Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series on Thursday, March 7, at Restaurant Jardín del CECUT (on Paseo de los Héroes Street in the Zona Río). The program includes Ravel’s “Duo for Violin and Cello” and the “Piano Quartet in C Minor” by Fauré. Tickets are \$16. (TIJUANA)

The group repeats the program on Saturday, March 9, at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets to this concert are \$35. (LA JOLLA)

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. For information and reservations on any of these events, call 619-239-0100.

The Greatest Parties are the sparkling onstage celebrations from operas like *La Traviata*, *Die Fledermaus*, *La Bohème*, and *Don Giovanni*. Enjoy a 45-minute program of comic arias, drinking songs, and rousing choruses from operas by Romberg, Strauss, Donizetti, along with a little Lerner and Loewe, when the San Diego Opera Ensemble presents “Opera at the Party” on Friday, March 8.

The fun begins at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$6 general. To make the suggested reservations, call 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

Provocative? The innovative Muzik3 series returns for its fifth season, combining new music, classical music, jazz, and a “dose of percussion” under the direction of San Diego cellist Felix Fan. The series gets underway when the group Raw Fish performs Shostakovich’s “String Quartet No. 8” and “Black Angels” by George Crumb on Friday, March 8. The group returns to play the “String Quartet No. 4” by Shostakovich and Steve Reich’s “Different Trains” on Saturday, March 9.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15, or pay \$90 for the series. For information and reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

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GALLERIES

“Flora & Fauna” — a group exhibition with work by John Devaney, Kathi McCord, Keith R. Miller, Keisuke Mizuno, and Leslie Parke — is on view through March at the David Zapf Gallery. Meet the artists at a reception planned on Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

Regular hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and by appointment. Find the gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004. (DOWNTOWN)

“Flower Balls Evolve” in the new paintings by Ben Darby. View this exhibit through Saturday, April 6, at the R.B. Stevenson Gallery. Darby will be on hand for an opening reception on Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery in suite 103 at 2400 Kettner Boulevard. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 619-595-0558. (DOWNTOWN)

“Spaces: Breaking Through to the Other Side” features work by 22 artists. The Broker’s Building Gallery hosts a reception for these creative folk on Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m. Canvas, glass, oil, metal, and many other materials are featured in the works on display. Find the gallery at 402 Market Street (at Fourth Avenue). For information and viewing hours, call 619-656-0549. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Featured Solo Artists at the San Diego Art Institute are Linda Muller (mixed-media collages) and Kathy Powell (acrylic and oil paintings), with work on view through Sunday, March 24. The current regional artist show was judged by Jeffery R. Watts. The David G. Fleet Young Artists Gallery is featuring work by Ramona High School students. Meet the artists at a reception on Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 619-236-0011. Regular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

Ceramic Sea Sculptures and a variety of other ceramic creations by Paul Linsley have been on exhibit at Chet Wooding Graphics. Meet the artist during a closing reception planned on Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at 1733 University Avenue; 619-295-5993. Regular hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. (HILLCREST)

“Reformed Guerilla Artist and purveyor of absurdist propaganda art” Shepard Fairey presents his newest designs in original silkscreen prints at the Emporium Gallery through March. The prints use his infamous “Obey Giant” imagery. Meet Fairey during a reception set for Saturday,

March 2, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery inside Ducky Waddle’s Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. 760-632-0488. (ENCINITAS)

Watercolor and Mixed-Media Art by Migdon Jann, Ed Moores, and Greg Stone may be seen through Sunday, March 10, at the La Jolla Art Association Gallery (7917 Girard Avenue). Meet the trio during a reception planned on Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Regular gallery hours are noon to 4:30 p.m. daily. Call 858-459-3001 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Distinctly Different Presentations provide for an interesting array of style and historical reference in the joint photography exhibition in the Hyde Gallery at Grossmont College. “San Diego: Then & Now” features photographs by George Ross Jezek, on display with James Nocito’s “stranger’s memory — looking at found photography.” The show opens with a reception and book-signing on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

Jezek presents an artist’s talk in the gallery on Friday, March 15, at noon. Grossmont College is found at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. 619-644-7299. The show concludes on Friday, March 22. (EL CAJON)

“To Be Administered before Sleep: New Stone City for the Dead or...Another History of Public Life” — this art installation by Erika Suderberg is “evocative of Italian cemetery stones, the urban grid structure, stored memory, and a natural history museum excavation site.” Meet Suderberg during a reception planned on Wednesday, March 6, at 3 p.m., in the library at CSU San Marcos.

The exhibition continues through April. Find the campus on Twin Oaks Valley Road. For viewing hours and other information, call 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Italian Mural Frescoes and paintings with Japanese, Indian, and Persian themes by Virginia Ann Holt are on exhibit through March at the Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street). Meet the artist when the center hosts a reception on Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, dial 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

“Spin the Dreamer Free,” this exhibit of paintings and ceramic sculptures by Diane Breitwieser-Stacey is on view in the Boehm Gallery at Palomar College through Saturday, March 23. Meet the artist during a

reception set for Thursday, March 7, at 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, site-specific installations by an international group of artists whose creative material is light are currently on view. “Light” examines subjects including “the nature of time, space and infinity, and the consequences, both positive and negative, of our increasingly intimate relationship with technology.” The exhibition concludes on Sunday, May 5.

The first sculptural installations in the ongoing “Public Projects” series are by San Diegan Kenneth Capps. The 20 metal sculptures can be viewed through Sunday, March 10, sited by the artist and the museum curator around the center and in adjacent Grape Day Park. This is one of the largest displays of Capps’s minimalist works.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in “African Art — The Pulse of a Continent,” continuing through Sunday, June 30. Highlights include a beaded chief’s robe from Nigeria’s Yoruba culture, a wedding costume from the Ndebele people of South Africa, feather hats, ivory hairpins, and stools carved from single pieces of wood.

The James L. Greaves Collection is a unique assemblage of more than 230 pre-Columbian objects dating from the First Century to about 1500 A.D. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. “Pre-Columbian Art — Marine Animal Forms” continues through Sunday, May 12.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, a collective vision of life in the United States through the experiences of citizens from diverse communities is offered in “Indivisible: Stories of American Community.” Twelve accomplished photographers visited locations across the nation “and recorded the ways in

which citizens have erased poverty, soothed racial tensions, and protected the environment.” In each location, “the artists documented the ways residents work together to address crucial issues and create positive change.” Be inspired through Sunday, April 21.

See “Renovation and Expansion: MCA in Downtown San Diego, Gluckman Mayner Architects in Association with Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson,” an exhibit including architectural drawings, models, and photographs of projects by those creating an architectural renovation plan for the museum’s proposed new downtown location. Check out the ideas through Sunday, April 21.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, the progression of Wolfgang Laib’s career over the past 28 years is traced in “Wolfgang Laib: A Retrospective.” The exhibition includes 24 sculptures and installations as well as 26 drawings. Laib is an artist whose work is said to deal with the spirituality of everyday materials and objects. Laib lives in a remote area of Germany’s Black Forest. In his art, “Laib has gathered pollen to create glowing floor installations, has built rooms and other architectural elements from beeswax (which allude to antiquity), and explored the shamanistic role of the contemporary artist.” Interested? View the retrospective through Sunday, May 19.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, testaments to courage, determination, hope, and love are on view in “Women First” and “The Children of Nyumbani,” by photographer and public health physician Art Myers. “Women First” is a series of photographs of women from the United States, and “Children” focuses on residents of the Nyumbani orphanage in Kenya, all of whom are living with the HIV virus.

Concurrently, see “Double Vision: The Strauss Collection,” offering the work of a diverse group of photographers. Consisting of 120 images selected by collectors and art historians Ted and Joyce Strauss, the traditional themes of portraiture and landscape by Man Ray and August Sander are seen alongside the radical postmodernism of Cindy Sherman and the eccentricity of Hans Bellmer.

Both exhibitions continue through Sunday, March 17. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa build-

ing, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, known for the application of textile technologies and imagery to various materials, textile artist John Garrett has been pushing the boundaries of traditional fiber art and textiles for the past 25 years. The “John Garrett Retrospective” continues through Sunday, March 17, at 704 Pier View Way. For more information, call 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, explore the “art of collecting” when 76 “Master Drawings from the Collection of Alfred Moir” are exhibited through Sunday, April 7. Drawn from the collection of baroque art scholar Alfred Moir, the exhibition includes fine examples by Annibale Carracci, Pietro da Cortona, Luca Giordano, Salvatore Rosa, and Simon Vouet.

A reinstallation of approximately 40 European paintings from the museum’s collection and from private collections exploring the impact that the politics of war and revolution had on art between 1870 and 1940 is offered in “European Art, 1870-1940: War and Revolution,” on exhibit through Sunday, July 28. During this period, there was a tremendous vitality of the arts in Europe. The exhibit illustrates how artists’ personal statements expressing outrage at the horrors of war are among the strongest images in the history of art. The works included in the show “reveal how images of incredible power and beauty could be born out of cataclysmic change, intellectual ferment, physical and psychological dislocation, and social discord.”

“I-5 California: Four Decades of Contemporary Art” has been reinstalled for viewing through Monday, March 18. The exhibit surveys art in

California since 1960, with works grouped by media, thematic displays based on an idea, historical period or style, and a selection of works from the 1990s by artists who have gained national and international attention, along with a space for viewing film and video.

The third rotation of Indian miniature paintings, gathered in “The Way of Rama: A Prince in Exile,” follows the twists and turns of the Indian epic *The Ramayana* from the museum’s Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings. The exhibit focuses on the adventures of the Hindu god Rama who, like Krishna, is an incarnation of the great god Vishnu, born as a mortal to bring divine powers into the course of events on Earth. Rama’s legendary honor and nobility are witnessed in images made at various courts on the subcontinent between the 15th and 19th Centuries. See the images through Sunday, July 14.

For additional information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, “Choices and Inspirations: The Temptation of Saint Anthony” is an instructive exhibition exploring how a work of art is brought into being. The exhibit traces the specific creative influences on 16th-Century Venetian painter Giovanni Savoldo’s *Temptation of Saint Anthony*, a painting in the museum’s permanent collection. Savoldo’s painting is contrasted with Dutch master Hieronymus Bosch’s three-panel *Last Judgment*, on loan from the Groeningemuseum in Bruges, Belgium. See the show through Sunday, March 31.

The museum’s permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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In John Webster's *Duchess of Malfi*, Antonio is steward of the Duchess's household. She's "flesh and blood," not a "figure cut in alabaster" who kneels "at my husband's tomb," or wants to spend her days "cased up, like a holy relic." But in marrying Antonio, she breaks four taboos. She marries for the second time, and beneath her station, which violates "degree," or the "proper" order of things. They weren't wed in a church. And she never sought her family's consent. She behaves like a 21st-century woman, only she's trapped in a sexist, Renaissance straitjacket.

There are countless reasons why UCSD's Master of Fine Arts program in theater ranks third in the nation. A first-class faculty attracts some of the best young actors, designers, playwrights, and directors in the country — many of whom shine in UCSD's current production of Webster's decadent, five-act orgy of evil.

"I suppose you could define a pessimist as a man who thinks *The Duchess of Malfi* a great play," wrote Ronald Bryden in *The Observer*, and "an optimist as one who believes it actable." That's the general consensus about Webster's scenery-slasher, which actors usually stuff with baroque overkill. Not so at UCSD. Third-year director Daisy Walker embraces difficult works. Last year she mounted a lively version of Stoppard's *Arcadia*. For *Duchess*, she kept actors inside Webster's ornate poeticizing and staged a trim, fleet pro-

duction that honors his language and *Grand Guignol* (*avant la lettre*) effects.

Webster's famous for a macabre outlook (in *Shakespeare in Love*, he's the teenage boy with evil designs on a cat). *Duchess* (c. 1614) reveals "all the ill man can invent." Duke Ferdinand of Calabria refuses to let his sister remarry. He even hires a spy, Bosola, to follow her. When he and his older brother, the Cardinal of Aragon, discover she's married and has children, they unleash an Inquisition. From Act Four to the end, during her imprisonment and the play's denouement/massacre, things get Jacobean.

Like Thomas Kyd, and the Shakespeare of *Titus Andronicus*, Webster adores gruesome theatricality. Along with a string of murders, he includes a werewolf, lopped-off hands and legs, and a universe so cruel it puts the Duchess in the company of Lear, Oedipus, and Job. She loses her husband, children, her duchy, friends, and, finally, her life. What was her crime? Marrying a second time? Come on!

My one quibble with Walker's interpretation: she makes incest the answer. Duke Ferdinand lusts after his twin sister, even masturbates with her in sight, in case anyone needs ocular proof. Ergo, he punishes the duchess for not reciprocating. The text makes sly references to his attraction, including Ferdinand's "some sin in us" that heaven avenges through her. But foregrounding incest is too reductive. For the Duchess's transgression, he offers thickets of cultural, economic, and gender-related reasons, none of which makes sense alone.

That is Webster's view. Like postmodernists looking back on modernism, Jacobean playwrights regarded Shakespeare as an old fogey. He saw a connected world, ruled by "degree" and an invisible "providence" that righted wrongs. Webster, Thomas Middleton, John Marston, and the Jacobean preferred a malcontented vision. Explanations are unknowable. If order exists, it's not on your side. Ferdinand calls the world a "dog-kennel"; Bosola says, "We are merely the stars' tennis balls, struck and banded in which way please them." Thus, to highlight in-



Erik Johnson, Makela Spielman in *The Duchess of Malfi*

The Duchess of Malfi, by John Webster
Mandell Weiss Forum, UCSD

Directed by Daisy Walker; cast, Makela Spielman, Erik Johnson, Corey Brill, Jose Chavarry, Daoud Heidami, David McMahon, Christine Albright, Adam Burch, Dikla Marshall; scenic design, Ryan Palmer; costumes, Liam O'Brien; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Craig Everett; original music, Reed Hays

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cest as the primary motive blunts Webster's larger view of a hostile universe in which the Duchess, like a character in Kafka, suffers the unthinkable for crimes neither she, nor the audience, can name or deserve.

Webster's characters have slippery, multiple selves. It's no coincidence that the brothers are a Cardinal and a Duke — i.e., church and state — and that each gets called a "devil." The brothers represent larger entities, as when Webster has Antonio observe, "All things have their end: Churches and cities, which have diseases like to men, must have like death that we have."

Minimalist, Jacobean stagecraft permitted these multiple echoes. And scenic designer Ryan Palmer recreates the specs of a theater, circa 1615: bare, thrust stage; a trap door (to "hell" below); a balcony above; and, behind a curtain, the "dis-

covery space," where private scenes were performed.

The production moves with an inexorable swiftness, in part because the script got a good trimming (whoever did it made Webster much more concise than he was), and also because the Jacobean stage makes no visual references to specific time or place. Call the bare stage a prison, or Malfi, or hell; the audience sees it — or all three — at once.

It's fascinating how this configuration makes changes so swift. Pull back a curtain, roll on a casket — a new scene, and a remarkable fluidity of pacing. Lighting designer Jennifer Setlow joins this historical reconstruction. Scholars theorize that *Duchess* was performed at Blackfriars, an indoor (i.e., not sunlit) space more given to somber moods. Setlow's shadows replicate Blackfriars'

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Costume designer Liam O'Brien decks the cast in early 17th-century finery: golds for the rich (Erik Johnson's mandrake-mad Duke Ferdinand); reds for the religious (David McMahon's Cardinal: sadistic, but with a snippet of conscience); humble garb for Daoud Heidami's Bosola, one of dramatic lit's most manipulated manipulators; and opulent dresses for Makela Spielman's moving Duchess, which constrict her freedom of motion the way social codes forbid her freedom of choice. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Anything Goes

SDSU stages the Cole Porter musical. Reno Sweeney, ex-evangelist, and Billy Crocker ("a man of many faces") sail on the S.S. *American*. EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH MARCH 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Betrayal

If Harold Pinter's thickly layered drama were linear, it could bore you to tears. Robert, a publisher; Emma, his wife; and Jerry, Robert's best friend and Emma's lover, say

little, even when excited. They'd rather discuss jaunts to Torcello than how they feel. To spotlight their verbal lapses and crossed connections, Pinter wrote *Betrayal* backwards. It moves from an affair's ashes to initial sparks. The structure reveals how transitory vows can be, and ideals. It also points to an unseen, ever-present figure: the ultimate betrayer, Time. The Globe Theatre's production has one remarkable feature: Robin Sanford Robert's set begins as a huge square of maplewood, maybe four feet by four feet. When the play begins, the square breaks into smaller shapes — chairs, tables, beds — and behaves like the drama itself, creating new, unforeseen configurations. Karen Carpenter's direction, however, is a puzzle. As often as not, when the actors reach a pause, instead of communicating an inner life, or concealing its absence, they just freeze. Maybe they didn't have enough rehearsal time, or maybe they haven't translated Pinter's famous theories into practice. In either case, the cast remains on the surface. They stop and start, or do go on. But instead of showing us, in languages under their language, character as iceberg, all we get are ice cubes.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 10; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's new dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder

In HIT Productions newest mystery dinner-theater show, Texas Ranger Slate Montana must find the truth. Did Butch Spikehorn kill Hank Anderson, as people have long believed, or was it someone else? SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

The Colorado Catechism

A Floating Space Company presents Vincent J. Cardinal's drama about addiction. Katie Rodda directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-692-3105.

Comedy Codependents

The Improv comedy troupe performs the first Friday of every month at the Creativity Centre in Normal Heights. CREATIVITY CENTRE, 4716 32ND STREET (JUST NORTH OF ADAMS AVENUE), NORMAL HEIGHTS: FIRST OR SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-280-5177.

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The Fritz Theater presents a late-night "fix for the real-theater watchers of San Diego": Dane Stauffer and Duane Daniels performing stories and music about "people, travels, anecdotes." 6TH@PENN THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 11:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-233-7505.

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The Duchess of Malfi

Reviewed this issue.

MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, THROUGH MARCH 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Eighth Day of the Week

The Alzheimer's Association, San Diego Chapter, presents Prester Pickett's drama of the disease seen through the perspective of an African-American family. Stack Pierce directed.

EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL COMPLEX, 4343 OCEAN VIEW BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, MARCH 1, AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, MARCH 2, AT 4:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-537-5040, X119.

Harlem Duets

San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre opens its new season with Djanet Sears's "rhapsodic blues tragedy," which "explores the space where race and sex intersect." Jackie Roberts directed.

HIROSHI MACDONALD MORI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, FRIDAY, MARCH 1, THROUGH MARCH 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-831-1931.

I Ought to Be in Pictures

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Neil Simon's comedy "about the foibles

of getting into the movies (among other things)." Dave Rethoret directed.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

It's My Party (and I'll DIE if I want to)

H.I.T. Productions' new interactive mystery takes place at Ted Sterling's birthday party. But ask his wife: Ted hasn't been all that sterling, "and now he must pay!"

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Kiss Me Kate

Broadway+San Diego presents a touring production of the Cole Porter musical. Songs include "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," "Another Op'nin, Another Show," and "Wunderbar."

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, THROUGH MARCH 10; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

Kiss Me Tony

Patio Playhouse presents a dinner/theater combination: a meal at Bistro 221, followed by the musical *Kiss Me Tony*, which constitutes "a love affair with Broadway musicals."

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Kiss or Make Up

East Side Repertory Theatre (formerly Octad-One Productions) stages Jack Sharkey's comic farce "about the funny side to paying taxes." Wayne Alan Erreca directed.

EAST SIDE REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Lobby Hero

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Kenneth Lonergan's new comedy about a lonely night watchman who bumbles his way into a murder case. Olivia Honneger directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 24; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

The Loud Red Patrick

PATH Theatre Company presents John Boruff's comedy about an Irish-American widower faced with bringing up four daughters. Billie Padgett directed.

PATH AT THE MILL POND, 360 NORTH MIDWAY AVENUE, ESCONDIDO, FRIDAY, MARCH 1, THROUGH MARCH 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-480-7595.

A Man for All Seasons

"Both socially and individually," Robert Bolt writes in his preface to *A Man for All Seasons*, "it is with us as it is with our cities — an accelerating flight to the periphery, leav-

ing a center which is empty when the hours of business are over." Bolt's play offers a counterexample: Sir Thomas More (1478-1535), "the English Socrates," author of *Utopia*, Lord Chancellor of England, and Henry VIII's eloquent, though mute, opponent. Hiding "in the thickets of the law," More stood on principles, at great cost to his family and, ultimately, to his life. The Lamb's Players Theatre's 2-hour, 45-minute-long production lacks inspiration. Except for Nick Cordileone's creepy Richard Rich (even bottom-feeders can rise) and Doren Elias's engaging "Common Man," most of the actors wear their roles without inhabiting them. This includes Michael Harvey's portrayal of More. Harvey conveys the man's intelligence and wit (in *Utopia*, More says prospective brides and grooms see each other naked before they get married), but when required to reach higher emotional levels, Harvey indicates with melodramatic reactions and poses. Mike Buckley's set — platforms, stairs, and drapes — looks unfinished, and Nathan Peirson's lighting overcooks the drapes with satanic reds whenever Thomas Cromwell's on the scene. Jeanne Reith's costumes, however, create a 16th-century tapestry of fashion.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 17; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Moving Violation

Community Actors Theatre opens its new season with Sharon Martin's "mind-bottling melodrama about survival and how human excesses determine the quality of life." Jennie Hamilton directed.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Murder Most Romantic

Murder Mystery Players, Inc., presents an interactive dinner-theater mystery about attempts to get more press for Ruthie Lavonne's "latest and tired romance novel." Frances Palmer directed.

DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO SOUTH, MISSION VALLEY, THROUGH MARCH 9; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

Never the Sinner

Diversenary's string of excellently staged, thought-compelling shows continues with John Logan's drama about Leopold and Loeb's "crime of the century." To prove their Nietzschean *ubermensch* superiority, the teenagers murdered 14-year-old Bobby Franks. Clarence Darrow defended them against capital punishment, arguing he could hate the sin, but "never the sinner." At no point do they reveal feelings about the crime or its consequences. The script and Diversenary's terrific production avoid the facile sociology often attached to "thrill killings." Directed by Sean Murray, the production explores rather than explains. Young actors Jon Levenson (Leopold) and David Stanbra (Loeb) fuse into a symbiotic pairing, each incomplete with-

out the other. The design work on Diversenary's small, triangular stage is tops, especially Mike Durst's bright lights and bigger shadows. At first only George Ye's background music seems out of joint. It's contemporary, though the trial took place in 1924. The music, however, makes for sly relevance. Change the names, and Shulamit Nelson's Jazz Age costumes, put these kids in Columbine High, and *Sinner* becomes as current as your next breath.

Critic's pick.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

No Exit

Beacon Theatre, a new company, offers Jean-Paul Sartre's drama about two women, a man, and a grim room that could be Hell. Pam Benjamin directed.

ACTOR'S ASYLUM THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH MARCH 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-3742.

Pageant

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of this "musical comedy beauty contest," in which six contestants (each played by a man, with a new winner chosen every night) vie for the title of "Miss Glamouresse." Russell Garrett directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SUNDAY, MARCH 3, THROUGH APRIL 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work, or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semi-circle. There's some movement, a slight suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek tragedy, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire-irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent, and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: Euripides' *Hippolytus* on March 3.

Worth a try.

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Showboat

The Lawrence Welk Resort Theatre, by popular demand, reprises its production of the musical about 50 years in the life of Magnolia Hawks and Gaylord Ravenal, "troubled riverboat gambler." LAWRENCE WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 30; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY, AT 1:45 P.M.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

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Stones in His Pockets

When Hollywood comes to west Ireland's County Kerry, Jake and Charlie work as extras, looking "dispossessed" for 40 quid a day. When the crew leaves, taking away the villagers' dreams, Jake and Charlie plan their own movie, in which the "stars become extras and the extras become stars." They'll call it *Stones in His Pockets*, and it will expose the havoc Hollywood creates in a small, rural community. If *Stones* had an actor for each role, the big canvas would blur its subtheme. But Marie Jones made a smart choice. She has two actors playing all 15 parts. This threadbare, intrepid approach — especially with Bronson Pinchot and Christopher Burns as the actors — enables the lowly "extras" to tell the whole story with versatility and talent that would humble the Hollywood intruders. *Stones*, with two drably dressed blokes speaking thick accents, takes time to make its world. By evening's end, though, the performances become tour de force. Pinchot and Burns do so well they almost cover up glitches in the writing, which almost bludgeons the audience with significance. By Act two, the writing's as forced as the performances are fluid.

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"The only thing I'll say about Mike

Halloran is I'll give the guy credit for being such a music lover that he's willing to risk

91X. But when I walk into a Costco, I realize not everybody there is a hard-core music lover. I have to serve the masses."

Schock likens Halloran to a self-indulgent restaurant owner.

"You have to make sure you're not serving food for only ten people. You can't

Ten years ago a number of stations nationwide jumped on the alternative bandwagon in the wake of



SCHOCK'S 91X: THE CUTTING EDGE OF COSTCO?

Nirvana's breakout success. Today the alternative format is not as hot. Miami, Minneapolis, San Antonio, Kansas City, and Milwaukee are without a "modern rock" outlet.

"I love Bryan to death," said Halloran about Schock. "He is one of the coolest guys on the planet and one of the original 91X jocks when they signed on in '83. I also understand his concern for the fact that I must feed

my family. But I wholeheartedly believe that working for one owner seems a hell of a lot better than working for the largest broadcasting company in America that has laid off so many people since they bought 1200 radio stations."

— Ken Leighton

"I think they're going out of business, but I don't know what the details are," says singer/songwriter Lisa Sanders about the fate of her longtime label, San Diego's Cargo Records.

"I adore [Cargo owner] Eric [Goodis] and [wife] Sharon," says Cargo artist Mary Dolan, "but he is not a businessman." (Dolan appears March 13 at the Belly Up Tavern.)

Founded in 1988, Cargo gained international recognition as the independent label that changed the course of music by releasing music by local bands blink-182 and Rocket from the Crypt. Over the years Cargo has also released music by other local artists, including Deadbolt, Chune, Cindy Lee Berryhill, Drive Like Jehu, Three Mile Pilot, and Seven Seconds.

While Goodis says Cargo

still employs ten people at its Clairemont offices, it is no longer an active label releasing new product. With the exit of longtime Cargo staffers Bryan Spevak (who handled A&R) and Larry Munroe (who worked in marketing), Cargo no longer will actively market or promote any new releases. Goodis says that in 2000, Cargo had 24 new releases. This year he says Cargo will release "maybe 4," including a Deadbolt "best of" collection.

"We're not signing any new bands at this point," says Goodis. "We're doing more buying and selling and doing less signing [of artists to recording contracts]." Cargo, says Goodis, is now principally a distributor concerned with getting other independent product into retail outlets.

"We are swamped with labels looking for distribution, especially with the larger distributors closing down."

A recent *Billboard*

magazine cover story entitled "Is National Indie Distribution Making Its Last Stand?" noted that since 1999, the record business has been rocked by the bankruptcy and closure of independent distributors like DNA, MS Distributing, Platinum Entertainment, and KTD. All catered to indie labels. "The U.S.



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CARGO RECORDS STOPS SIGNING NEW BANDS

independent distribution landscape is shrinking and the ground is shaking."

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his ability to feed his family to play the music that he loves," said Bryan Schock, program director for competing radio station 91X. (Halloran is program director for 92/1.)

"When I was at a smaller station in Denver, I knew if I was going to be able to retire and not be on the street corner, I was going to have to get with a bigger company. And sometimes we have to grow up. That doesn't mean that we don't do creative things here at

serve the food that just you like. He tends to serve meals to a smaller portion of the public.... When you turn 30 or 35 and you have a family, you realize you aren't down at the record store all the time reading liner notes anymore."

But Halloran can point to the fact that he has created two alternative stations that did not exist a year ago: North County's 92/1 launched last May and Orange County's 94/3 went alternative last Friday.

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writes *Billboard*, also saying that distribution is increasingly being handled by the big five record conglomerates.

Goodis says that Cargo as a distributor can thrive in spite of that trend.

"I see us as more specialized. We import a lot of good records from Europe that fall through the major-label cracks. For instance, we sell a ton of Raspberries' greatest hits." Goodis says about 40 percent of the product Cargo moves comes from its own catalogue of Cargo artists.

"It's so much easier for us to sell a ten-year-old Drive Like Jehu CD than it is to sell some new artist who is unknown."

Goodis says the income Cargo received from selling

the rights to blink-182's *Cheshire Cat* CD to MCA "made us pretty comfortable."

While one Cargo artist laments the passing of Cargo as an active label, the artist questioned Cargo's treatment of its artists.

"I don't know how they can be a distributor," said the artist. "They have to fix the bridges they have burned.

For instance, they would charge us \$7.64 to buy back our own records so we can sell them at our shows. Most labels don't gouge their artists so hard. The cost of pressing a CD is less than \$2. I could see them charging us \$5, but \$7.64 is like a 300 percent markup."

"That's the only way we have of recouping our costs," says Goodis. "[The \$7.64 buy-back price] was clearly spelled out in the contract when they signed on with us. Remind me to tell you about the time Chune gave away 100 CDs just so they could all get girls."

Goodis says Cargo may put out a new CD here and there.

"We'll release Deadbolt

[CDs] forever." Deadbolt appears March 29 at the Ken Club in Kensington.

— Ken Leighton

The golden era of independent labels is over,

says Eric Goodis. He attributes part of the problem to "changes in commercial radio. It's much harder to launch a new act."

Cargo's early-'90s salad days paralleled the boom years enjoyed by other indies like Seattle's Sub Pop (Nirvana, Soundgarden) and Orange County's Epitaph (Bad Religion, Offspring).

Goodis says improved technology has demystified the process of making CDs.

"Today any band can put out their own CD, and many bands do. It used to be there would be 20 or 30 new independent CDs released each week. Now there are hundreds."

Besides, running an indie label is a young man's game, says Goodis.

"I just turned 51. To be a cutting-edge indie label, you

have to go to a lot of clubs. The thrill of going to a club to hear a new band is gone."

Eric Howarth, who moved his M-Theory Records here from San



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HOWARTH AND M-THEORY ON A 10-YEAR CYCLE

Francisco last year, admits, "People are not quite as interested in discovering new music as they were ten years ago."

Howarth, 29, runs his M-

Theory record store in Golden Hill. M-Theory is also an indie label that releases new music by local band Congress of the Cow and Portland's Woke Up Falling.

"It's not easy to have a record store. It's not easy to have a label. It's not easy to do a lot of things in the record industry nowadays. But I'm doing it, and we're reasonably successful."

Howarth is sticking with a "ten-year cycle" theory to keep his spirits up.

"The music business is pretty cyclical. Every ten years it explodes."

The first monthly M-Theory Acoustic Night will be 8–10 p.m., March 13, featuring Congress of the Cow, Pure Milk, and Adam Gimbel.

M-Theory Music is at 3004 Juniper Street. Howarth said future M-Theory acoustic nights will feature the Dragons, the

and/or, Jason Mraz, the Incredible Moses Leroy, and David J of Love and Rockets.

— Ken Leighton

"The first time we met Mark [Hoppus]

from blink-182, he was, like, 'Where are you guys from?' We're, like, 'You know, San Diego.' He's, like, 'Oh yeah? Where?' We tell him 'Temecula.' He says, 'Temecula is not San Diego. That's the Inland Empire.' We're, like, 'Come on, dude, same thing. We're on the border.'"

Guitarist R2K (short for



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FINCH'S PARENTS GET THEM AIRPLAY

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embarrassing to be from [Temecula]. It's all dumb girls who will do anything for coke, sporting their Roxy stickers on their little car that their daddy bought them."

A San Diego native, R2K moved to Temecula with his family when he was ten. He joined the band two years ago.

"We get no real hometown support." But they do have that most sought-after commodity: radio airplay. Their song "Letters to You" has been added to the playlist of 92/1 without any prodding from their record company.

"That never happens," said 92/1 music director Rick Savage about the unsolicited radio exposure. "But I think they will be huge. They'll be the next Saves the Day."

R2K credits his family for the radio airplay.

"Our parents have been calling up and asking them to play us for the longest time. I have a lot of family in San Diego. They've all been calling."

The first full-length Finch

CD *What It Is to Burn* will be released March 12 by Drive Thru Records. The CD was produced by Mark Trombino (blink-182, Jimmy Eat World, Rocket from the Crypt) and was recorded at Big Fish in Encinitas.

This summer Finch plays every date of the Warped tour. Finch appears March 14 at the Epicentre for their CD-release party.

— Ken Leighton

"Dave threatened to be a jerk and get on the mike and tell people how horrible the Viejas people were," says Francisco Ciriza, one of the 700 audience members at a three-band mod-ska fest at Viejas casino's Dreamcatcher Lounge. The sold-out February 9 show featured Dave Wakeling, the Specials, and the Untouchables.

Wakeling didn't play because Viejas would not let one of his two underage children onstage with him, according to Ciriza.

"He brought his kids with him," said Steve Redfearn, Viejas director of entertainment. Wakeling is a British expatriate who now lives in Los Angeles. "His kids were four and nine, I think. He said his oldest kid had to play with him onstage. I told him that I have seen him play with his kids and without and that this is going to be one of the



times that would be without."

Redfearn said Wakeling became unhappy, whereupon he was escorted out of the building.

Redfearn said that "about a dozen" fans asked for and received their money back because they didn't get to hear Wakeling play "Save It For Later," "Tenderness," "Mirror in the Bathroom," and other '80s hits he had with the English Beat and General Public.

"We told him his kids could stay in the dressing room," said Redfearn. "But no one in the club can be under 21." Redfearn said that this was a Viejas policy.

Wakeling's agent Mark Lidell was at the show. "I agreed with Viejas management that it was in everyone's best interest that Mr. Wakeling not perform."

The Specials came back to play what would have been Wakeling's set. Nobody would discuss how the band pay was resolved.

Ciriza didn't ask for his money back. But he says the whole show smacked of "blasphemy."

"They billed it as 'the Specials,' but Neville Staples was the only original member. That's not the Specials."

The Untouchables also only had one original member — singer Jerry Miller.

Dave Wakeling appears March 8 at the Catamaran without his kids.

— Ken Leighton

Lady Star's Blues Band

A great typo: "Kancey's Special," written by "Jimmy Kancey." Actually, it's Jimmy Yancey. Louis Jordan, likewise, is "Luis Jordan," and Sonny Boy Williamson is "Sunny Boy Williams"...but what the whatever.

Lady Star sounds less like a contemporary blues shouter than she does these women you hear on Yazoo and Document compilations of Memphis, Dallas, and Mississippi "field recordings" from the 1920s. Very raw and "uncitified," primitive in the most sonically expansive sense of the word, her singing is gritty and funky and urgent, and emotionally all over the map.

Highlights here include her readings of Koko Taylor's "29 Ways," Bobby "Blue" Bland's "I Pity the Fool" (hotte!), Louis Jordan's "Let the Good Times Roll," and Etta James's "I'd Rather Be Blind" (sssssmokin'!).

"Remember," Lady reminds us, "Blues is just a touch of Gospel. What you can't say in Church, you can say in Blues." Next time I feel squelched and thwarted in a house of worship, I'll know EXACTLY where to go.

— Richard Meltzer

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*"There's not even a tape in the tape deck.
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The granddaddy of portable stereos is the Sony Walkman — introduced in July 1979 and originally called the Soundabout Model TPS-L2 cassette player.

Sony cofounder Akio Morita, in his autobiography, *Made in Japan* (E.P. Dutton, 1986), mentions bringing the prototype unit home. "I noticed my experiment was annoying my wife, who felt shut out," he says. This made him worry that his product would encourage selfishness or antisocial attitudes. "[I] thought it would be considered rude for one person to be listening to his music in isolation."

As a result, the first Soundabout came with an orange button and two earphone jacks. Pushing the button fed sound into two headsets, and the wearers could talk to each other using optional microphones. Morita intended this feature as a "share" option, so that customers wouldn't feel cut off from others around them.

However, music in isolation proved to be the machine's most marketable feature. Surveys revealed that few customers utilized the orange button, so it was removed from subsequent models, the name was changed to Walkman, and its users retreated into their own solitary soundscapes. Sony has produced more than 300 different Walkman models to date, topping the combined sales of all competing brands.

Few dispute the convenience and appeal of portable players, but the headphones are another matter.

"With regular speakers, sound goes through the air before it hits the ears, but open-air, lightweight headphones send the high frequencies directly into the ear canal without attenuation," notes North County audiologist David Perry. "There was a study done at UCSD showing that people play their Walkmans at high volume, to drown out traffic or nearby conversation, and this increases the potential for hearing damage. When someone can't hear anything outside their headsets, they may be exposed to sound levels over 100 decibels...playing music that loud for as little as 15 minutes can cause irreversible hearing damage."

Most local schools include provisions in their student handbook forbidding students from tuning in their portable stereos and thus tuning out their academic environments. Hector Gonzales, a substitute teacher in San Diego public schools, never hesitates to confiscate Walkmans (which he returns to students at the end of the school day).

"When you wear them in public, headphones are antisocial devices [which] foster self-centered, elitist attitudes and prevent the kindling of conversation among fellow human beings. Especially with teenagers, who need as much social interaction as possible in order to be well-adjusted adults. And they play [music] at such a high volume...anyone standing nearby can discern specific lyrics."

Shortly after talking to Gonzales, I come across a teenager — "Sammy" — seated at a bus stop on El Cajon Boulevard. I hear him before I see him due to the volume coming through his Walkman headset. Once I coax him out from under the speaker pads, I ask whether he feels cut off from his surroundings when his "private" music is loud enough to drown out all outside noise.

"Some people give me dirty looks, but kids my age are into it. Like, if I see another guy [with a Walkman], we might start talking about what bands we're playing. So it's just the opposite of antisocial. It was a dude with a Walkman who turned me on to his Suicidal [Tendencies] CD, 'cause we swapped headsets to check out each others' tunes. That's a complete stranger, dude. The music's what got us talking."

Of course, some wear their Walkmans not to tune in music but to tune out the rest of the world. "When I'm at the gym, I put on [this] headset but there's nothing playing," says Deborah Macey, whom I spot wearing headphones at a Family Fitness Center. This admission comes only after I prove my credentials as an inquiring reporter. "I thought you were hitting on me," she admits. "See, I put [the headset] on to keep away all the guys who come here just to use pickup lines. It actually backfires if I take them off too soon because some guys will take that as an opening to say, 'Hey, whatcha listening to?' Most of the time, there's not even a tape in the tape deck. I call it my portable panty shield...it keeps guys from trying to get into my panties."

David Perry believes that one should always leave the music home while working out at the gym. "Exercise, especially aerobics and weight training, draws the blood flow to the limbs and away from the ears, and that takes away some of the inner ear's protection from vibration. Even with music played at half volume, the risk of hearing loss is much higher during exercise. If you must listen to something during these activities, spoken voice recordings or talk radio is your best bet, as long as you can still hear normal conversation going on outside the headsets as well."



Walkman users

On the premise that headphones isolate wearers and prevent them from hearing important sirens, threatening engine noise, and car horn warnings, California's Vehicle Code section 27400 states that "No person operating any motor vehicle or bicycle shall wear any headset covering, or any earplugs in, both ears." The prohibition doesn't apply to hearing aids or "molds that are designed to attenuate injurious noise levels," such as those worn by construction and highway workers and refuse collectors. The code is rarely enforced, although bicyclists sometimes find themselves cited.

"It's not very fair, because there's no law against deaf people riding bikes," argues Jeremy Porter of Senior Spokes, a North County cycling club. "Earmuffs, the kind you use to keep your ears warm, aren't illegal to wear on a bike or in a car, but they cover both ears and drown out a lot more sound [than headphones]. There is one good reason not to wear headphones [while bicycling]. If someone else hits you, it's a lot harder to collect from the other guy's insurance company."

Porter points out that car manufacturers brag about how soundproof it is inside their vehicles. "By comparison, wearing headphones doesn't block out nearly as much sound as the closed windows and soundproofing in a new Lexus. Walkman headphones are optimized for frequency bandwidths from around 600 to 3000 Hz. That's about the same as the average speaking voice. Noise at frequencies outside this range can

be heard easily through the speaker pads, as long as the headphones aren't played too loud. Lightweight open-air mini-headphones aren't going to block out the sound of a siren or a car horn or even a barking dog," Porter says he listens to rock music with his Walkman while bicycling to and from his job five days a week, logging nearly 50 miles a week on the road. "I find that the foam pads [on Walkman headset speakers] actually block out the noise of wind whistling past my ears, and that makes it easier for me to hear cars coming up behind me, not harder."

Porter was cited for bicycling while wearing headphones and says the policeman who pulled him over suggested removing one speaker from his headset. "Now if you wear headphones so the speaker pads cover only one ear...that's technically legal but dangerous. The covered ear gets desensitized and sound reaching the uncovered ear gets priority delivery to the brain. When a noise originates from out of your vision range, from behind you for instance, your perception of the sound's source location is altered. It's a lot easier to tell where a sound is coming from with both ears covered than with just one ear listening to music. Walkman headphones don't impair hearing any more than eyeglass rims impair sight."

Porter chose not to argue these points in a courtroom, instead paying a \$200 fine for his traffic infraction. "Now I wear my headphones under a pullover wool hat when I bicycle. Ironically, the wool cap isn't illegal, but it blocks

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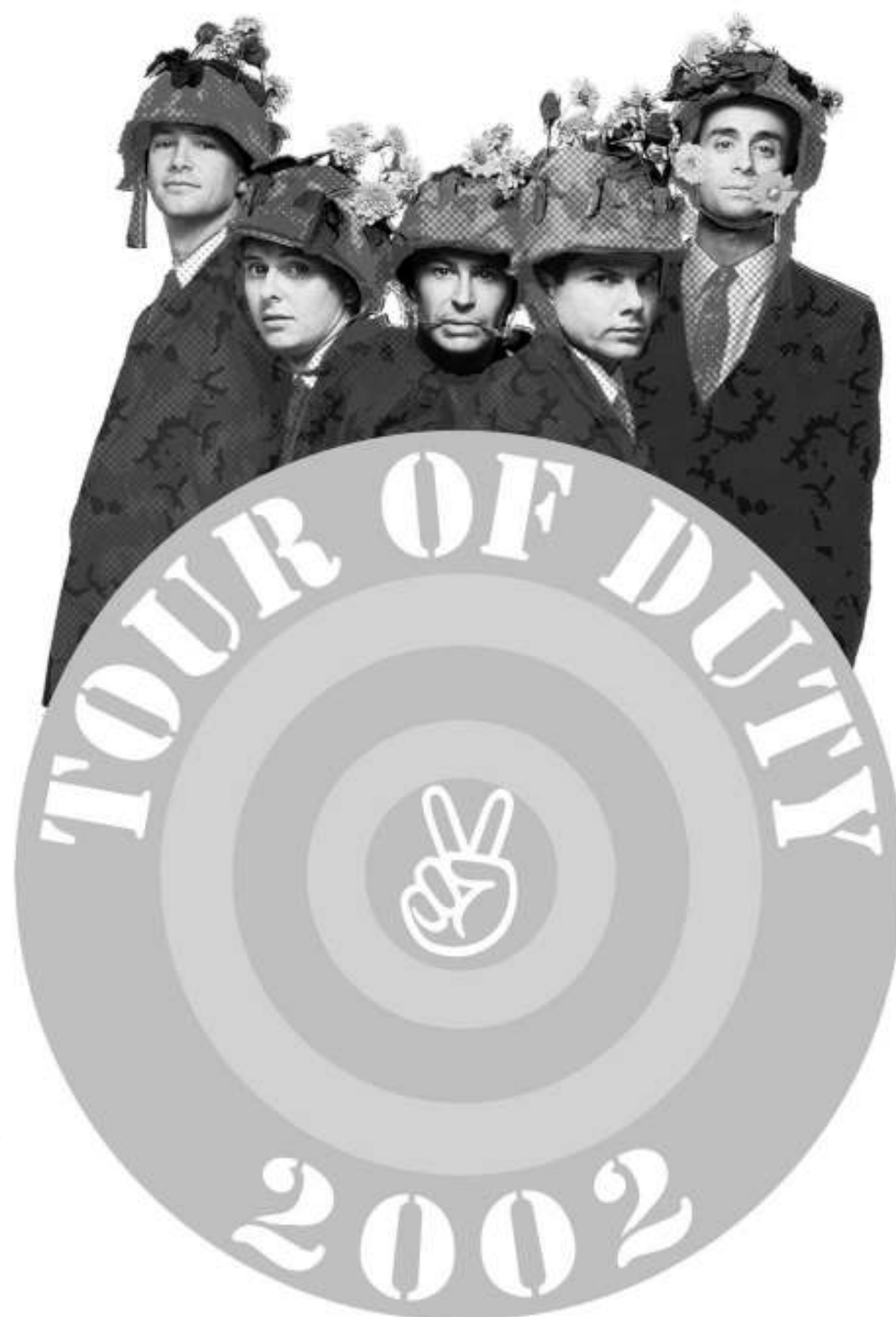
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outside sound a lot more than my headphones.”

As for wearing headsets and listening to private music on the job, some studies indicate that allowing employees to do so increases productivity and

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wear my
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under a
pullover wool
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boosts workplace morale — and eliminates arguments over what music should be played aloud. In one study of organizational behavior (by the U.K. firm Association of Noise Consultants, entitled “Workplace Noise Affecting Productivity in Retail and Leisure Industries”), 75 out of 256 workers at a retail sales company listened to personal stereos on the job for four weeks. They showed a ten percent increase in productivity compared to coworkers.

“They do seem to be more comfortable and relaxed,” said Paul Wilson, a safety specialist for the U.S. Postal Service. “[Postal workers] can wear headsets as long as they’re not around moving equipment. And we tell them not to turn them up too loud. We don’t want them to go deaf.”

Today, cassette machines similar to the original \$200 Soundabout sell for as little as \$20, some with radio tuners or recording functions, and models now play DATs (digital audio tapes), CDs (the Discman), minidiscs, and MP3 files (Sony’s Memory Stick Walkman and IBM’s Diamond Rio). “Individual Lifestyle Enhancement” is a marketing key phrase at Sony. It offers its portable players in hundreds of colors and designs. Sports models are colored bright yellow, to resemble scuba diving air tanks. The Outback Walkman is sandy colored with ribbed body texture. In Europe, the Yppy (yes, the Yppy) comes with a metallic finish signifying techno music’s mechanical sheen. Japan has glow-in-the dark models, and players for the techie crowd are designed to resemble iMac computers.

Sony is still the industry leader, shipping ten million Walkmans annually and taking 40 percent of the market. The Walkman’s 20th anniversary was celebrated by the release of limited-edition chrome-finished versions, with remote controls and digital displays, only slightly larger than the CDs and cassettes they play. ■

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I sure had a lot of music in my bags as Lucy and I approached American customs at the border of Quebec and the U.S., almost certainly more than I was allowed, but now that I'm middle-aged and harmless looking, customs officials don't torment me anymore. Which is good, because I was very pleased with my listening haul and looked forward to a fall and winter's worth of ear candy.

My old friend Lucille King-Edwards (her married name) is from the Mennonite community of Dallas, Oregon. To her father's dismay she insisted on going to Antioch College, a progressive institution in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and completely went to hell: marrying a West Indian percussionist and moving to Paris! Over time, as parents do, her dad more or less came to terms with his daughter's lifestyle choice, but to the end both Mom and Dad thought their baby girl a might peculiar.

I don't find her peculiar, at all. To me she's still a Mennonite girl from Dallas, Oregon, but in Montreal, with no particular religious beliefs

I've been able to identify over the 25 years or so, we've been friendly. She teaches tai chi and will occasionally offer up a fatalistic bromide, somewhat in the Buddhist tradition, but that's about it. If Lucy is religious about anything, it's music,

principally jazz, about which she knows a great deal, and also Brazilian music. So it should be no great surprise that her child by her first husband should grow up to be a jazz percussionist and named Sonhando, "dreamer" in English. Lucy got the name from the famous tune "Vivo Sonhando," written by Antonio Carlos Jobim and the American Gene Lees. Astrud Gilberto, probably most celebrated for her performance of "The Girl from Ipanema" with Stan Getz, was the first to record the piece, for

Verve in the mid-'60s.

Lucy wants to go to a Brazilian restaurant in north Montreal, around the corner from a bagel shop I used to shop at. It's still there, but the neighborhood's now upscale: stylish women from Outrement with their salads and escargot. We get a table on the terrace, outside. There is a small group playing Brazilian tunes. What lan-

guage is more beautiful for singing than Portuguese? Lucy can't contain herself. She wants the band to play "Vivo Sonhando." The band obliges. Lucy seems to want to dance. Her husband, the twins, and I do what we can to discourage her; it's not easy. Lucy is an enthusiast.

And her big current enthusiasm is Bebel Gilberto, the daughter of João and Astrud Gilberto. See what I mean about genes? This is no Nancy Sinatra type of deal: Bebel is a wonderful performer. Her mother has one of the most distinctive, pretty voices imaginable. We've all heard her sing "Garota de Ipanema" ("The Girl from Ipanema"). There's something oddly youth-

ful, girl-like, and pristine in the quality of her sound. The effect is one of naturalness, not virtuosity, almost untrained, it would seem at first listening, until, on closer listening, one makes out the nuances in phrasing and a deft sense with time.

Jazz samba was all the rage in the mid-'60s, and it drew some of American jazz's premier arrangers, men like Gil Evans, Marty Paich, Claus Ogerman, and Don Seabasky. Listening to Astrud Gilberto's Verve sides 35 years later, these guys arranged the music to death. Too many horns, too much texture, too much, too much, too much. When one has an instrument like Astrud Gilberto's voice on hand, all you need is a bit of guitar and percussion. "The Girl from Ipanema" has a quintet behind Gilberto, with her husband João on guitar and Stan Getz on tenor. Any more than that would have squashed it. It remains a song and performance that takes my breath away.

The daughter Bebel understands the virtues of restraint and would have had more of a hand than her mother and father in making musical decisions. She chooses all the right ones in her CD *tantotempo*, making use of almost exclusively pared-down arrangements — guitar, bass, percussion, tastefully mixed to highlight the singer's

voice, a smokier, more trained voice than Momma's but very lovely by any standard, if less unique. Also, Brazilian popular music is a more sophisticated affair than its American counterpart, in general: it's a more musical culture, to put it plainly. That is not to say they haven't borrowed heavily from the African-American musical tradition here, be it jazz, soul,

what-have-you. They've succeeded, however, at assimilating it into their own folk traditions (African, native Brazilian, Portuguese, etc.) and producing perhaps the most vital, various, and interesting popular musical culture on the planet. Bebel Gilberto's disc is an excellent example, and it goes especially nicely with an intimate evening.

Montreal was more prosperous than when I lived there during the politically uncertain late '70s, with the Parti Quebecois in power and

threatening secession from the rest of Canada. It's a good deal more Francophone these days than when I lived there, too, and one was pretty much at a loss without French even then. An example of the prosperity and flowering of French Montreal is a splendid new record store on Rue

St. Catherine, Archambault. Montreal was and still is the most European of North American cities, and Archambault had plenty of imports that one would be hard-pressed to find elsewhere on the continent. I found the Don Byas *Laura* CD on the French Gitane label, for instance. I also found everything the Italian "Early Music" ensemble, the magnificent Il

Giardino Armonico, has recorded.

That was a good haul. I'd been listening with real delight to this Italian group, devoted to playing Baroque music on original instruments, for a couple of months before visiting Montreal and had succeeded in finding only a few of their discs. They are a revelation. If you think you've heard Vivaldi's "Le Quattro Stagioni" (The Four Seasons) or Bach's "Brandenburg Concertos" to your complete satisfaction, think again. This youthful Milan-based group, led by Giovanni Antonini, does things with tempi, dynamics, and instrumentation that make the music utterly fresh, almost as if one had never heard it before. They have recorded about ten discs or so worth of Vivaldi concerti, and more are on the way. Their one foray into Bach's instrumental oeuvres (I think they've also been at work recording some of his vocal music as well) changes the entire landscape for modern recording of the High Baroque. Give them a listen.

Incidentally, if the Bebel Gilberto sounds interesting, you may want to check out the website of her S.F. label: www.sixdegreesrecords.com. They seem to have a partnership with the Brazilian label ziriguiboom, so there might be more goodies where Bebel came from. *Gui boom boom boom.* ■

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Robin and Linda Williams: San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Friday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. Folk Heritage information line, 858-566-4040.

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Keller Williams /879/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 7, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Le Tigre /164/, **Tribe 8**, and **Antiquark:** The Scene, Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos /449/: Viejas DreamCatcher Showroom, Friday, March 8, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Susan Werner /405/: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Friday, March 8, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Bullfrog (featuring **Kid Koala**), **Rotator**, and **Transit:** The Casbah, Saturday, March 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Lisle Ellis /525/ and **Paul Plimley:** Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, March 9, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

NSYNC /615/: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, March 10, 7 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Wilco /538/: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 12, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Melissa Ferrick /278/ and **Mary Dolan /859/:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 13, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

John Scofield /658/: The Casbah, Wednesday, March 13, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz /815/ and **Bug Guts /868/:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"Punks vs. Psychos" with **Tiger Army**, the **Distillers**, **Nekromantix**, and **44 Double D:** Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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The Radiators /244/: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Burt Bacharach /603/: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Enrique Iglesias: Civic Theatre, Sunday, March 31, Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

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Mannheim Steamroller /992/: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Lucinda Williams: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 2, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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BY DAVE GOOD

After rumors that the tour was going to fall apart before it got off the ground, in late January of this year the **Blasters** agreed to perform five shows, all of them California dates. The mini-tour coincides with Rhino Records' release of the CD set *Testament: The Complete Slash Recordings*, which some say represents the band's best work.

The Blasters were once called the brightest light in the roots-rock revival movement. They grouped in L.A. in 1979. By '81 they had put out a decent body of biting, New Orleans-meets-the-Texas/Bakersfield-roadway music about the working class that still clings like smoke from a barbecue.

This show promises a full-on reunion, by the way, with founders **John Bazz**, **Bill Bateman**, and **Gene Taylor**. People who

know the Blasters admit that at the band's epicenter are two hotheaded brothers — **Dave** and **Phil Alvin**. Hence, the fireworks. As one Blasters fan's website points out, "If you're traveling long distance to the shows, call ahead. You never know what will happen."

The **Beat Farmers** open the San Diego show only. The once-promising local band was fueled by **Joey Harris**, **Jerry Raney**, and **Buddy Blue**, ignited by the bassist **Rolle Love**, and victimized by record deals gone bad. Even so, they survived as a road band for years. High-water marks included an appearance on the Letterman show. The Beat Farmers ground to a halt in 1995, the night drummer/raconteur Country Dick Montana died onstage. Reunited with controversial founding member Blue (and with ex-Crawdaddys drummer **Joel Kmak** occupying Montana's slot), the Farmers have played a handful of shows in recent years. The individual Farmers are all now skilled



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journeymen musicians at the top of their game. And for now, they will only commit to reunion gigs as time permits.

The **Skid Roper Combo** also performs. (To hear a sample of the **Blasters**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4478.)

BLASTERS, 4th & B, Wednesday, March 6, 8 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343. \$17.50

Luminal: Tuesdays, industrial and gothic; 21 and up. Kickers (inside Hamburger Mary's), 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-491-0400.

Moonoggies: Thursdays and Sundays, DJ R.I.O. spins hip-hop 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Olé Madrid: Fridays, *Biba Club*, cutting-edge electronic rhythms and pulsating grooves. Saturdays, *Ritual*, with DJs Jose Amezcua, Idol, Rags, and guests. 755 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-557-0146.

Over the Border: Fridays, DJ Luis Armas mixes the best of rock and *pop en español* and house; alternating with *rock en español* bands. 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, *Milkrate Mathematics*, mellow house. Fridays, *Funky House*. Saturdays, *Deep Soulful House*. No cover. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown (beneath Alambres). 619-233-2830.

ReMission: Mondays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Dekay, and Thermal Detonator spin your favorite classic gothic and industrial. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; recorded information: 619-465-5827. www.klubs.com.

The Room: Thursdays, *Club 909* with resident DJ Dove Paris mixing the best of global grooves; guest-list only event

(call or e-mail). Fridays, *Real Simple*, a lounge for the mature lover of house music with residents Duane and Jonny Knight. Saturdays, *Ibiza* heats up La Jolla with Euro-Latin rhythms. Il Forno Bistrot, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-459-5010. www.ilfornobistro.com/theroom.htm.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. www.clubssabbat.net.

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Skies Lounge: Thursdays, *Salsa Fever* with DJ Kaliente Mix. Saturdays, *Party Mix*, disco, funk, house, hip-hop, and Latin pop. Tuesdays, *The Zone*, mainstream hip-hop and turntablism with DJs Cwitch, Impakt, Bugz, and Dinoh. 21 and up. Dress to impress. Four Points Hotel/Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. Recorded information: 619-596-9777.

Strangeways: The first Wednesday of every month, DJs spin '80s New Wave, punk, electronica, Brit pop, shoegazer, ethereal, indie rock, dream pop, and more. 9:30 p.m.; 18 and up with ID. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park. 619-584-2720. www.clubxanth.com.

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Wynola Pizza Express, 4355 Highway 78, Julian. 760-765-1004. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, open mike. Saturday, *Janis Smith*, folk.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Side Pocket* with *Ricksha*, rock. Friday, *Tabularasa*, *Honey Bucket*, and *Four Letter Word*, rock/alternative. Saturday, *Spaceman Spiff* and *the Damn Dirty Apes*, acid jazz. Sunday, 8:30 pm, *Park Life*, alternative rock. Monday, *Zion*, reggae. Tuesday, *Danto James*, blues. Wednesday, *the Nickel Project*, rock.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Mad Hatters*, *Cryin' Blue Wine*, *Devil Doll*, and *Cockpit*. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *the Sloppy Meat Eaters* and *Larger Than Life*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Alan Iglesias* and *Crossfire*. Wednesday, call club for information.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Music is alternative. Thursday, *Southbound 5*. Friday, *Gravity Check*, *Malachi Crunch*, *dRost*, and *Midline*. Saturday, *Clusterfunk*, *Fortress*, *Center Fugue*, and *Saturday's Child*. Tuesday, *Stupid Like A Fox*, *Thurmus*, *Six Cents*, and *Muzzle*. Wednesday, *Clarity*, *Juice*, *Fridge Buzz*, and *Three Thumbs Up*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Judy Chamberlain*, jazz.

Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *Trio*

Deep. Friday, *Forward Funk*. Saturday and Sunday, call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Propect Street, La Jolla. 619-454-5101. Friday, *Animal 32* and *Glissando*, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Kitchen Fire*, Irish folk. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk. Monday, 9 pm, open mike.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Thursday and Friday, *Jason Mraz*. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Call club for information.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard,

Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8:30 pm to midnight, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry Moore*, piano and vocals.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors, call club for information.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack*, piano. Wednesday, *Stephen Knight*.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Scottie Blinn's Bucket Ruckus*, blues. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, 8 pm, *Voz Frontera*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Solomon Grundy*. Friday, *Garaj Mahal*. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *GB-3*, 8 pm, *Agua Dulce* with *Burning Star*. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *the Blues Ambassadors*, blues, 9:30 pm, *Herb'n Root*, hip-hop. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Tony Furtado*, bluegrass. Wednesday, *the Danny Brant Band*, rock.

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Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

The Boathouse Restaurant, 2040 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego. 619-231-0489. Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *the Louisa West-Jimmy Patton Duo*, jazz.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Suntower*, *Non-Fiction*, *Plastic Mode*, and *Twin Dynamo*. Saturday, *J9000*, *Call Me Alice*, and *Acid Nine*. Sunday, *Daniel Ash* with *Lennon*. Tuesday, *15 Minutes*, *Syndicate*, and *Zone 4*. Wednesday, *Xohr*, *Nihilist*, *Crockett's Theme*, and *Pig Iron*.

Club Hollywood, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Call club for information.

Club Xanth, 6179 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-584-2720. Call club for information.

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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Sillettos*, rock. Wednesday, *Earth Ride*, reggae.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Quiet Storm*, jazz and blues. Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Mark Lessman*, 9:30 pm, *the Heroes*, pop. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Johnson Project*, 9:30 pm, *the Detroit Underground*, soul. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Jaared*, jazz. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Calvin Romance*, solo piano. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Eve Selis*, roadhouse rock. Wednesday,

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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, *Donna & Michael Hill*, standards, oldies, and classic rock. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Sean McVicker*, dance music.


The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

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Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Friday, *Kramer's Rule*, alternative.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Vamp*, *Lovelight Shine*, and *Distant Cousin*, alternative. Saturday, *Deke Dickerson & the Ecofonics*, *the Still Men*, and *the Sleepwalkers*, rockabilly.

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Son of a Gumbo

As promised several weeks back during a quick fly-over of several local Louisiana restaurants, I returned to Aswan for a closer look. I really meant to explore the Somalian side of the menu — but while I was there, I couldn't help myself: just had to have some more of that go-o-o-od gumbo. And I discovered that the other Louisiana dishes had changed since the last time I tried them. The raging Cajun inferno of a month ago has now burned down to a mellow Creole glow. And above all, I was intrigued by the riddle of a restaurant where you can start your meal with Somalian sambussas and instantly travel 12,000 miles to the other side of the globe for a bowl of Creole gumbo. And therein lies a tale.

Before it became Aswan, the eatery was something of an ugly duckling. Although the dining room is spacious and attractive, with a huge tropical fish tank and charming African artifacts, for five years the kitchen was primarily a sambussa factory (as it still is, during weekdays) and catering operation, run by Maryam Suliman, a longtime Somali chef and restaurateur. According to Aswan's general manager, Trish, the dining room in front didn't really follow a menu; when local Somalis dropped in at mealtimes, they ate whatever the kitchen was catering that night.

Then along came Vernon Sukumu with an interesting idea. Does his name sound familiar? It should, because a few weeks ago, the *Reader's* cover bore an "old activists — where are they now?" story, in which Sukumu played a leading role. Interviewing him many months earlier, the reporter found him in his home kitchen, cooking his famous gumbo for a community group's fund-raising brunch. Serendipitously, a few weeks before that issue, I was diving into my first bowl of gumbo at Aswan with not a clue about the creator's identity. A compact, attractive man in chef's whites was circulating among the tables; when I asked him a question about the sambussas, he simply said, "I'm the gumbo chef — nothing but the gumbo."

Sukumu had worked with Maryam some years earlier, doing Sunday brunches together at her Sphinx restaurant (on El Cajon Boulevard, now the site of Sherman's Creole Buffet). Since then, with a daughter in college to support on his social worker's salary, during the last couple of years Sukumu often hinted that he might like to be involved in Aswan. "Well, I can make good gumbo," he'd say. "No, you can't make gumbo," Trish would



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tease. But eventually talk became reality, and Aswan's current incarnation was conceived. Three months ago, Sukumu became part owner and gumbo chef, catering operations were moved elsewhere, and the restaurant started serving its globe-hopping menu with the tagline, "Where the Mississippi Meets the Nile."

The menu is evenly divided between Somalian and Creole dishes, with a half dozen entrées from each category. Whichever cuisine you've come for, start your dinner with some scintillating sambussas. These are close kin to Indian samosas — baked triangles of light dough with savory or faintly sweet fillings. The restaurant makes seven different stuffings: beef, chicken, potatoes, spinach, cream cheese, shrimp, and a pineapple/banana mixture that's suitable for a light dessert. Each mixture is seasoned so distinctively, I always order as many varieties as my appetite can handle. My favorite is usually the last one I tasted, but don't miss the moist chicken. Or the exotic beef. Or the intriguing spinach. (If you develop an addiction, you can also find these sam-

bussas at some retail groceries including Henry's Marketplace under the label "Maryam's Sambussa Factory.")

Your next course, of course, will be gumbo. Sukumu's gumbo is a work of art — the purest Creole shellfish gumbo imaginable, with a deep color from a very dark roux and a clear, intense seafood flavor. Recognizing that many Californians are repelled by the "slimy" texture of okra, Sukumu refines it one extra step: he cooks the okra down separately, until it's yielded everything it's got, and then adds just the liquid to the gumbo. The soup cooks for 12 hours, all told. The result is a mouth-filling bowl, dominated by the sweet flavor of Dungeness crab, intensified by hunks of the crab itself, small shrimp, and a few large prawns, along with precisely the right scattering of rice. (In Louisiana homes, rice is usually served separately for diners to help themselves, but most restaurants out here add it in the kitchen.) Although the gumbo comes in two sizes, the big bowl is better because it has more seafood. Besides, the more you eat, the more you want.

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Aswan

★★ (very good)

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HOURS: Tuesday–Friday, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday brunch, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.; dinner 5:00–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers 75¢ (sambussa) to \$8 (large gumbo). Entrées \$8–\$13. Brunch, \$13 prix fixe "all you can eat."

CUISINE: Dishes from Louisiana and Somalia share the menu equally.

NEED TO KNOW: No alcohol, no pork products. Most dishes are cooked to order, so don't expect to eat on the run. Well-spaced tables keep sound level pleasant. Relaxed service; casual-respectable clothing. Whole menu available "to go." Patio dining in good weather.

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Gumbo isn't the only Louisiana choice coming from Aswan's kitchen. The chef de cuisine is Patrick Kavanaugh, a CIA grad born in the French Quarter to a restaurant family. Every bite tells you that the Louisiana food has been cooked by someone who deeply understands its flavors. The jambalaya is flawless with fine-quality, flavorful shrimp, and just the right balance of broth, tomato, and spices. The shrimp Creole boasts a fresh-tasting tomato sauce loaded with crunchy scallions, celery, and bell peppers (the Holy Trinity of Louisiana cookery). Facing the problem of making red beans and rice taste "real" without using traditional smoked ham hocks or pork sausage (Somalis are Muslims, so pork is taboo on the premises), Kavanaugh cleverly decided to add liquid smoke to the bean-soaking water, letting the smoke flavor permeate them com-

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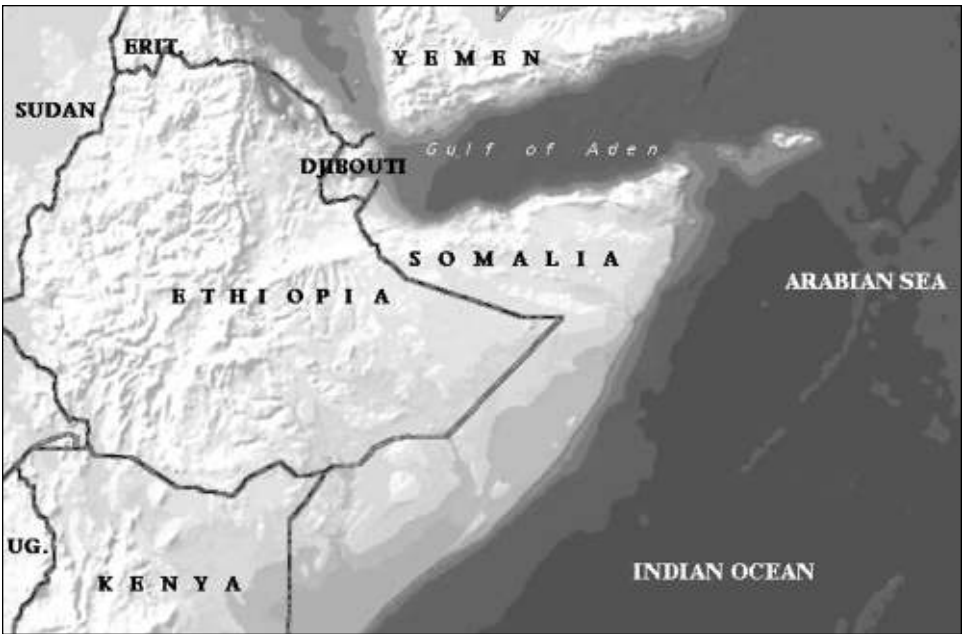
These dishes have a little nip of cayenne, but not enough to hurt. Since my earlier visit, Kavanaugh has backed way off on the ordeal-by-fire spicing of the crawfish étouffée and “Creole cole slaw.” If you do like it hot, the condiment baskets on each table contain the vital fluid: Kisskidee hot sauce, bottled in far-off, exotic Lemon Grove. Even the tasty, spicy cornbread has been exchanged for a delicious, fluffy one with a sweet glaze; a big hunk of it comes with all the Louisiana dishes. There's also blackened chicken with pasta in mustard cream sauce and a fried seafood platter. Additional Louisiana menu items are in the planning stages — crawfish boil? Muffaletta? Perhaps even, dare I say it, Mosca's-style “barbecue” shrimp (hint hint, nudge nudge)?

The Somali side of the operation (and the kitchen staff for it) is still evolving — which means the menu is written on paper, not carved in stone. If your mouth is set for East African flavors, come Tuesday through Thursday: typically, more Somali customers show up midweek than on weekends, so the kitchen line those evenings normally

includes a Somali cook who prepares the dishes more expertly than the weekend dinner crew.

The most popular Somali entrée is a combination platter called *faderayshun* (pronounced just like “federation”). You won't be rationed, you'll be fully fed by this array. But get your taste buds ready for a cultural adventure. There's Somali spaghetti, a heritage of the lengthy Italian influence in East Africa. It's lightly robed in a tomato sauce with intriguingly non-Italian spicing. There's beef *tibsi* (from next-door neighbor Ethiopia) — a savory diced-beef “hash” with chopped bell peppers and *berbere* spice mix. A golden bed of basmati rice emanates the perfume of cardamom. The plate also includes a vegetable (usually *gomen*, a mixture of collard and mustard greens), a green salad, and a side of *fuul-iyjo ceech* — simply seasoned stewed dried fava beans with pita bread. Most of these items are also available as separate main dishes. As an entrée, the spaghetti has diced beef or lamb added, but I actually preferred the combo's meatless version.

The problem is that as good as the kitchen's seafoods are, the meats are on the tough side, with a lackluster flavor unless



they're heavily sauced or seasoned. For example, the *faderayshun* includes several plainly cooked bone-in chunks of very mature, muttonish “lamb” shoulder (*bariis*) — not a big plus. Some of the flavor differences between Somali food and the more familiar cuisine of Ethiopia actually stem from religious and cultural practices. Somalia's Islamic *halla* butcher-

ing is very similar to Jewish kosher butchering, which requires draining the flesh of residual blood. While it makes the meats safer in hot climates, it can also make the taste and texture less juicy and “meaty.”

A very pleasing “vegetarian combo” presents an array similar to those served in Ethiopian restaurants, with an interesting assortment of beans,

lentils, greens, and mixed veggies, each with distinctive spicing. While the menu specifies *injera*, expect pita, the Somali preference. Another combination plate, all-Ethiopian, features *doro w'at* (Ethiopian-style spiced chicken) and *zigni* served over *injera*. This plate may be heading for the exit, as there was no *injera* or *doro w'at* available on my last three visits.

A different crew (from Louisiana and New York) takes over the kitchen for the weekend brunches, which combine both sides of the world on a buffet table. It's best to get there early, when the food is freshest and the array is most complete — the *doro w'at* tends to disappear before noon. Gumbo is the centerpiece. Omelets, scrambles, and waffles are prepared fresh to order, and at the carving station you'll find fried turkey along with roast beef. The ready-made entrées are too numerous to detail, and truthfully, after a few minutes in a warming tray, they tend to lose their oomph — but let me put in a good word about the grits. I'm a croissant-gobbling urban Yankee, but the cornmeal mush here was so silky and buttery that it evaded the whole “icky hot cereal” area of my cerebrum and went straight to the “mmm, polenta!” taste receptors.

A few simple desserts are prepared by an outside pastry chef. There's usually bread pudding with hard sauce — a classic New Orleans-style version, but a bit lighter than some. There may be a very sweet apple cobbler, and for special occasions, Chef Kavanaugh may whip up his own airy, insouciant chocolate decadence.

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Is Aswan worth a detour to La Mesa? In a town that's full of faux-Creole restaurants still left over from the '80s Cajun-food fad, Aswan's for real. Those of you who've ecstatically eaten your way through New Orleans will know at first slurp that you're "home" again. But if you've never been to the Crescent City and don't even plan to go there anytime soon — do your mouth a flavor. Give it a taste of real gumbo, with sam-bussas on the side.

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED GUMBO?

Gumbo is interesting stuff with a mystery-history. It ranges from a substantial soup to a main-dish stew, and it can embrace chicken, sausage, seafood, rabbit, duck, smoked turkey, poultry innards, alligator trimmings, or any combination thereof — it's a way to use up "a little of this, a little of that," which is why there are so many different recipes for it. There are two overall schools of gumbo,

although they've been cross-breeding all these years. Creole gumbos, from New Orleans on north through the Mississippi Delta, were created by cooks of African ancestry and usually include okra, a hibiscus relative that gradually emits a liquid-thickening substance as it cooks down. ("Gumbo" means "okra" in several West African dialects.) Cajun gumbo, from the French Canadians who settled the prairie and bayou country west of New Orleans, across the Mississippi, includes a unique thickening agent borrowed from the local Choctaws — ground sassafras leaves, called "filé," which is best added to the gumbo just before it's served. (When cooked, sassafras turns black and "ropey.") Classically, seafood gumbos are usually okra gumbos and poultry-sausage gumbos run to filé, but there are more exceptions to the rule than there are classics. Nowadays you'll find some gumbos with okra, some with filé, a few with neither, and quite a few with both.

ABOUT ASWAN

In the restaurant, where he's stopping to schmooze with each table, Vernon Sukumu speaks very softly, occasionally glanc-

ing about as though conveying deep secrets. "There are about 15,000 Somalians living in San Diego," he says, and pauses thoughtfully for a moment to reflect on the refugees' flight from their homeland's battling warlords. "Nearly all Somalis speak the same language, share the same religion, so what is the fighting there about?" he asks. "The western powers, playing their 'great game,' fomented this unrest. What did they want there, in a poor, pastoral country?" (It might be the uranium deposits. Probably not the camels, cattle, or bananas.)

Aswan's founder is Somalian. "The person who created the restaurant is Maryam Suliman — she's owned several restaurants, incredible chef," says Trish, the general manager. "At one time she owned Queen of Sheba in La Jolla. Then she owned Sphinx on El Cajon Boulevard. She and Sukumu used to do a Sunday brunch together there; he'd do gumbo. It was very successful for about 16 months, but then Sukumu had to focus on his kids, so he stopped doing brunches." About a year and a half ago, hanging out with his old friends at Aswan, he mentioned the possibility of

reviving the tradition. "And eventually the talk became reality: 'Okay, we can have the best of both worlds here.' And we're having fun doing it."

Although American-born, Trish has worked with Maryam for 15 years and is well versed in Somalian culture. I asked her to explain the differences between Somalian and Ethiopian cuisine. "They're somewhat different in taste. Both countries use complex spice mixtures, but even in similar dishes, the spicing is different," she answered. "And Ethiopian dishes include *injera*" (the pancake-like porous bread used in place of silverware). I was surprised to learn that Somalia relies more on pita, until I looked at a map and discovered that its long seacoast is directly across a narrow channel from the pitlands of the Arabian Peninsula.

My friends and I had so many questions about the food that the waiter finally threw up his hands and, seconds later, the chef popped out of the kitchen to chat for a few minutes. He was not exactly what I expected, given the context — a tall, blond beanpole with the map of Ireland on his face and a New York baseball cap backwards on his head. When he opened his

mouth, out came the unmistakable accents of urban New Orleans. Later, I phoned him to give him the third degree.

Patrick Kavanaugh was born and raised on Bourbon Street in New Orleans; his father owned restaurants in New York. "I went to school in the Quarter with Stephen Galatoire, Alan Brennan, Mario Antoine, Richard Simmons — all the kids from the great restaurant families." As a young man he moved to New York, where he enjoyed entertaining but didn't initially imagine becoming a chef. "I never really wanted to be stuck in the kitchen, like a job. It just happened. Once you see people coming and eating and they like your stuff, you get gratification — it's almost like you do a show." He soon bought a restaurant/jazz bar in the Village but discovered he couldn't control the chefs. "If you're going to do a restaurant, really the only one who can run a restaurant is the chef at the window," he recalls. He realized that to get any respect, he had to have a chef's-school degree, and he enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. At one point, he worked as maitre d' at the prestigious James Beard House, and over the

next few decades he owned several restaurants, pubs, catering companies, and jazz cabarets in New York, L.A., and San Francisco and was actively involved in the jazz-nightclub scene in Palm Springs as well.

"I've always been around jazz, blues, and food," he says. He's also a real estate broker and landed in San Diego mainly because he'd invested in properties here. His involvement in Aswan was "a fluke. I was lookin' through the paper to see what's goin' on with Creole stuff and saw something about it. And I came and talked to Sukumu, and we found out we're both from Louisiana, and we just liked each other. We looked at the menu and said, 'Let's fix this menu, tear this up.' You know, I grew up with all that food — you can't get any stuff that good here. San Diego has a large Louisiana population, came out here in the '60s, but most people who cook New Orleans food in the restaurants are not from New Orleans. You can taste the difference. I make almost everything in the pan, *à la minute* — to order. Most people don't realize all Creole food is really peasant food." ■



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Seaside Peyton Place

"This is my office." He points to his cell phone.

La Jolla Shores? It's a Peyton Place!" This old crone holds forth in the number 34 bus. "Those people have too much money and too much time! What do you expect?"

I hop off at La Jolla Shores Boulevard and Avenida de la Playa. Ugh, it's cold. Only 7 in the morning. Time for a snack someplace warm. I walk 100 yards toward the ocean before I realize I've been here before. This is that super-cute little street with eateries and surf shops and condos that leads to the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. It's quiet. You can hear the breeze sifting through those mile-high palms. And here's that building lost behind the climbing fig vine where the Cheese Shop is. Place where Phil roasts his own beef for his sandwiches. I'm salivating already. Except they're not open yet. But next to it, maroon canopies saying "La Jolla Cantina" sprout out from the vine's leaves. A guy comes clanking out with a bunch of folding chairs.

"You interested in breakfast?" he says. The chairs squawk as he opens them. "Well, sure," I say.

I come inside. It's a clunky, knotty, pine furniture-filled room with walls painted mustard yellow and blue and maroon. A rainbow serape hangs against a blue patch of wall. A long bar stretches down the right side. I hear pans

clanging from the kitchen through two carved "sun" and "moon" swinging doors at the back. Guess I must be their first customer. A Mexican love song wafts over the system. "Amor... corazón... siempre."

The chair-clanking guy, Dean, brings up a menu. "Our most popular breakfast dishes are the pancakes — they're light as thin air — and the French toast. French toast uses egg bread. Bread man brought it by mistake one day. I tried it out, and it works! It's brioche style."

I see the short stack of (three) pancakes is \$4.95. Two slices of French toast ("dipped in a cinnamon vanilla batter topped with powder sugar") are \$4.50. Add three bucks and you're looking at dishes like eggs Benedict ("with Black Forest ham, two poached eggs, and covered with a rich hollandaise sauce," plus fruit or hash browns), or eggs Florentine (same, but with spinach instead of ham), or even a Greek omelet (with feta cheese, olives, tomatoes, eggplant). But, maybe because of the chill in the air, I'm looking for comfort grub. Home fries, bacon. That sort of thing. Or, this being the rich folks' local cantina, something Mexican. They do have huevos rancheros (three eggs with Spanish sauce, corn tortillas, beans, and rice, \$7.50), or machaca (carne asada, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas, \$7.95).

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"No problem," says Dean. "That'll cost, oh, 75 cents extra. Bacon, sausage, ham?"

"Bacon."

"Hash browns, rosemary potatoes, fresh fruit?"

"Hash browns."

Dean's still young, even though he spent ten years helping point big guns and missiles in the Navy and then washed dogs for a year. ("Beware of the chow-chows," he says. "I got bitten at least twice a week.") He cooked at a bunch of classy eateries in La Jolla and then, 15 months ago, bought this place. It had been a coffee shop. He put up his life savings, got help from friends, and turned it into a cantina. "I went down and got the whole interior made at Rosarito Beach in Baja," he says. "The bar is an exact copy of one at Fiesta Village."

He interrupts himself a lot to greet customers who are starting to trickle in. "Hey, you two, didn't I see you necking outside Piatti last night?" "Hey, David. Usual?" "Morning, Jerry."

"Usual," this sleek guy David says. Turns out it's the #2 as well, but with scrambled eggs

and fresh fruit. By the time my chorizo breakfast arrives — on a nice big oval china plate — we're talking. Turns out David made his fortune in skateboards. "I eat out twice a day, on average," he says. "Just live around the corner. This is my office." He points to his cell phone. "I've done business on it with Europe and South Africa already this morning."

I chomp into my chorizo and eggs and bacon dish. It's good, piping hot, and goes great with my mug of coffee (\$1.45). Love that wicked chorizo smell up my nostrils. Plus Dean brought me two strengths of salsa to choose from. I douse the chorizo with the hot one. Now we're waking up.

Still, as I chow down, I'm having two regrets. One is that I'm not outside. Folks are filling the sidewalk chairs where the sun has started to wedge in and warm things. The other is that I'm not here at lunchtime. I see they have midday deals like carnitas torta with salad or fries for \$5.25, or chicken torta for \$5.50, or a steak one for \$5.75, or — top price — lamb in chili sauce, for \$10.95.

So what if that old crone was right about it being Peyton Place II? All those oversexed, over-financed, underemployed La Jolla Shore-ites secretly rendezvousing right here under the heaters? Man, I'll be a moth to that flame. ■

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I've been a waitress for my entire life," says Samantha Treadwell. "I've worked country clubs, dive bars, five- and four-star restaurants down to mom-and-pop kitchens." Four years ago, she decided to go back to school. "I dropped out of high school, so going back to school was a long process. I had to start all over again." Two years later, while taking a business communications class at City College, she heard about the college's first-ever Business Plan Competition.

"I'd grown up in Santa Maria, working in the wineries as a tour guide. I'd lived in San Francisco. I just kind of caught the wine bug. I always had a plan for a wine bar in the back of my mind, I just never committed it to paper." She had been working on the plan for her class, and a friend urged her to enter it in the competition. "I got some stuff together, threw some figures in there, and turned in this half-assed business plan." Apparently, she had enough there to convince someone of her potential; she was chosen as a finalist and given two months to come up with a more finished product.

"So, I started doing research. I was looking around some wine bars, and I ended up going to the WineSellar and Brasserie. I knew about them; I knew they got the Grand Award in the *Wine Spectator* all the time for their wine list. I told the guy there that I was doing a business plan for a wine bar, and he just kind of showed me the storage area," where collectors age their wine under specific conditions of temperature and humidity. "He said, 'Yeah, we have a 200-person waiting list.' My mouth just dropped. I thought,

'Hmmm...I can get in this way.'"

Treadwell won the contest ("They told me, 'You won because we wanted to go to your wine bar'"), and along with the \$500 in prize money, she picked up the motivation to start her own wine-storage business. First, she needed a space. "I wanted something with high ceilings, I wanted a brick building, I wanted something that was kind of secluded. I needed it to be big, but not too big to get started." After a year of not-quites — rents too high, spaces too small, controlling land-

lords — she came across a vacant photography studio on Ray Street, just off University Avenue in North Park. It was perfect; she jumped at it, and the Cabernet was born.

"We built everything ourselves. I sketched out my cellar, and my husband and a friend of his built it. He's actually in the Navy, but he likes building stuff. The cellar is his baby." "His baby" takes up a little less than half of the studio's space. The cellar is basically an extremely well-insulated room, outfitted with a couple of Breezair cooling units and a ceiling fan. What makes it so attractive are the walls of floor-to-ceiling wooden lockers. The frames are redwood; the doors are pine. There are windows, and the cellar is accessed by a door that might lead into a house. "I knew I was going to have to spend a lot of time in there," explains Treadwell, "so I wanted something that was really down-to-earth. A lot of these storage places are built out of metal, and it always felt cold and impersonal to me. People love the smell in there."

To drum up business, she passed out cards at

local wine shops. She built a website at www.thecabernet.com. And she teamed up with several other Ray Street business owners to create a monthly art walk, Ray at Night. "When the gentleman who runs the little gift shop across the street moved in, he was told, 'This is the street where you go to die.' He said, 'I refuse.'" After a few months of planning, the group decided to go ahead with its first event a week after September 11; Treadwell estimates the turnout at around 500. "We have a lot of fun with it, and it brings a lot of people in my doors" to look at the art displayed on the cellar's outer wall — and to discover the cellar itself. "I have to keep the cellar door locked. The first night, my husband was showing the cellar to some people, and as soon as he opened the door, it was, like, *whoam!*"

The events have gained her customers who "weren't really into wine. I don't bring any snobbery to it. I'm approachable, for the most part. People like it here because it's kind of like walking into your house. Half the time, if you walk in on a Friday or a Saturday, we're sitting around drinking wine. Some of my customers will just say, 'I've got a really good bottle!' They'll pull it out, and we'll just start drinking."

Now, she estimates that about half of her 75 units are full, including all of her 36-case lockers and most of her 24s. (A case holds 12 standard bottles.) She also offers 12- and 8-case spaces. Five more lockers, this time fronted with luan wood, are under construction down the center of the cellar. When completed, they will serve as the base of a standing bar. "Everybody starts off with an 8-case locker and keeps moving up. They think, 'I've got room now,' and they start buying."

Pricing has changed a little since she opened; it took time to pinpoint what she calls "the happy medium." Currently, prices range from \$20 a month for an 8-case locker to \$55 a month for a 36. Five and 10 percent discounts are applied for half-year and yearly rentals, respectively. "When I get full, that will cover my costs of doing business here," she explains. "So when I start selling wine, I'll finally be able to make some money."



Samantha Treadwell

The storage facility was the first step on the way to the wine bar. Off-site wine sales came next. For once, Alcoholic Beverage Control proved no trouble at all, but the City of San Diego was another matter. "The actual license to sell beer and wine cost me \$135. I have now paid the City \$4000. I have done absolutely no construction." Treadwell tells a nightmare tale of descent into a bureaucratic miasma, starting with her quest for a conditional use permit and ending with a vice officer who didn't want another bar in North Park. (She initially applied for both an off-site license and a wine-bar license at the same time.) But she kept fighting City Hall, and by the time you read this, she may be bringing in her first offerings. "I enjoy doing this," she concludes. "I've hated working for other people, and I'm getting way too old to be waiting on tables." ■

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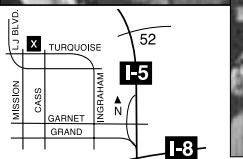


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MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

ANTHONY'S FISH GROTTTO For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368; 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. — E.W.

BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — E.W.

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy ever-multiplying restaurants —namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed or pan-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most super-markets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — N.W. (9/01)

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday

Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — E.W.

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

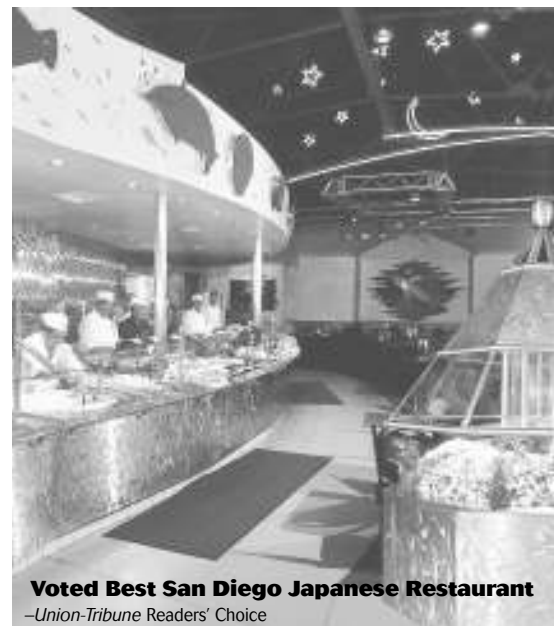
KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — E.W.

ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled carne asada, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and oriental dressing in a "cilantro tortilla." Open seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggs, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — E.B. (9/01)

SAMMY'S CALIFORNIA WOOD-FIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 858-456-5222. Inexpensive. — E.W.



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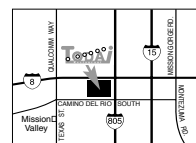
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STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Ask owner Kulbir about his 14-year-old yogurt culture and its health benefits. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

NORTH COASTAL

BIRD HOUSE GRILL 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, a pile of very fine-grained halved sausages (resembling soft-skinned hot dogs with Middle Eastern seasonings) dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

CAFÉ SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger

tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CAFÉ ZINC 132 South Cedros, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table. Dogs are welcome. Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

DEL MAR PIZZA 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EPAZOTE SOUTHWEST RESTAURANT 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HIDE AWAY CAFÉ 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. Here's where your mom met your dad the day he bought a long board. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded

street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

J. TAYLOR'S L'Auberge Del Mar Hotel, 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Early evening dinners, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. nightly, offer a well-prepared bargain-priced four-course meal. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. — *E.W. (6/00)*

LE BAMBOU 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Closed Monday. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (corner of Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch with all-you-can-drink champagne, mimosa, orange juice, and coffee. Traditional offerings include fried chicken. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

PACIFICA DEL MAR 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Select the fresh fish prepared in the simplest manner and you'll do fine here. The setting and view remain delightful and the service excellent. Wok items available. Open daily

for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

ROSANNA'S 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. The original Rosanna's across the street from the Lumberyard is under renovations to become a full-service Italian dinner house. Meanwhile, Rosanna's Deli, 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546 (open daily 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) is the town's secret Italian weapon, furnishing fresh-baked breads (and who knows what else?) to some of the best local eateries. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarse-ground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork, and the bright green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the *sfogliatelle*, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-layered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, and deli sandwiches. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "for-

ties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

SBICCA AMERICAN BISTRO 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (9/98)*

TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 640-A Grand Avenue,

Carlsbad, 760-729-7234. Opt for Irish rather than American dishes. Recommended are the stew, shepherd's pie, and fish and chips. Boxty dishes added to the menu. A brown bread, baked on the premises, is available for takeout daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (3/99)*

VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.*

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., diners only. Expensive. — *E.W.*

WILD NOTE CAFÉ 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, and burgers. The new chef adds luster to the new menu. Loving and attentive service. Open daily. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFÉ 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza (close to Rancho Bernardo) off I-15, 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities.

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FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang’s creative Chinese menu has devolved into the corn-starch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome “regulars” who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there’s a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You’ll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the “cheese crisp,” a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there’s a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area’s top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug’s beautiful room with beautiful food draws “the beautiful people” — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will, everything’s flawless. The menu’s most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road (Country Plaza Shopping Center), North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. Elegance describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, North County Fair, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don’t miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, entrées. Lively atmosphere. Bib salad and Max’s pizza outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (3/00)*

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city’s best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DAILY’S Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that’s low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DONOVAN’S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relaxing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular “in” spot. Closed Sunday. Dinner, Monday through Saturday. Expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy’s, University Towne Centre), La Jolla, 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MAITRE D’ 5523 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-456-2111. Two separate dining rooms, an elegant ambiance, and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half-lobster appetizer is a house specialty, and the rack of lamb or fresh fish are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian specialties when available. Closed Sunday and Monday. Dinners only, Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

MARRAKESH 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You’re the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and its 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always

crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ROY’S 8670 Genesee (Costa Verde Center, across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi’s ever-expanding chain has elements of both “top chef” and “chain” about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Cool out, guys, it’s San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy’s Rules of Ordering, which make all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu *ahi poke*) by asking for it; 3. Don’t waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant. (Try the “Loess is More” with seafood.) The

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India Palace

Indigo Grill

menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, “Kahana” *shutome* (swordfish), or the chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Open nightly. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

SADAF 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream “expensive!” Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are

free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

SKY ROOM Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla,

Jewel Box Bar & Grill **2 for 1 menu item**

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Pacific Fish Company **Free dessert**

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Taste of Italy **1/2 off entrée**

Taste of Thai ☉

Thai Cafe

Tio Leo’s **Free dessert** ☉

Todai **10% off lunch or dinner**

Tofu House **1/2 off second entrée**

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858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — E.W. (7/98)

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Good value here. Open approximately 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT Hazard Village, 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*,

or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black and red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) is all here. The *Chao Long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant with a mission: Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here. But it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has gotten extra-careful preparation. Closed Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and well-decorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

TROPICAL STAR 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto

Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Closed Sunday. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. The interior of this Cajun and New Orleans restaurant has rarely looked better. All dinners include house salad, a Cajun stuffed pastry, and popovers. The menu offers blackened prime rib, crawfish étouffée, and Cajun-style chicken, fish, and pasta. Very large portions, excellent service. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, dinners only. Low moderate to expensive. — E.W.

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577, www.humphreysbythebay.com. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie gar-

nishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB burger (chicken breast, green chili, pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mist below. Inexpensive, breakfast and lunch only. — E.B. (10/00)

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAURANT 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals. Particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables and a swag of rice. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Saska's is the perfect spot for insomniacs. Hearty breakfasts, which can include meat and eggs, are served Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.; the dinner hour extends to 2:00 a.m. as well. Saturday and Sunday brunches offer Mexican specialties. Beachcomber atmosphere. Open daily. Breakfast inexpensive; dinner moderate. — E.W.

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driv-

ing south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea-snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni, toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp-heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar-seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled-access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you're reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street, Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bargain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is marvelous. For entrées, try shrimp scampi over linguine or eggplant parmigiana. One dining room is partially outdoors. Complete menu to go. Reservations taken for parties of six or more. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Inexpensive (pasta, pizza) to moderate. — E.W.

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to

the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisserie meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early bird dinner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, Suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and gyoza dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is outstanding. Closed Sunday. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, www.nativegrill.com. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of California Live Oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create a pretty interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Fry Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.B. (9/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S Alvarado Plaza, 6930 Alvarado Road, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

EFFIN'S PUB AND GRILL 6164 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9800. Come here after a hard day's hittin' the books at nearby State. It's a brass-on-the-fan-blades, wild west-looking place where things can get pretty lively. The surprise is, they have some pretty good food, especially the pizzas. Check the house specials: Monday Madness (an "x-large pizza with domestic draft pitcher"), Taco Tuesday (tacos are bi-ig), and Wing Wednesday (hot & spicy wings go for a song). But, best of all, you can come up to the bar and say "Gimme an Effin beer" and not have to duck. Inexpensive to moderate. Closed Sundays. — E.B. (11/01)

THE LIVING ROOM COFFEEHOUSE 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-

draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Later in the day, try their turkey lasagna with fruit and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

LY'S GARDEN 6011 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-1885. Although the extensive menu offers Chinese as well as Cambodian specials, it's best to order the Cambodian food. Be sure to ask Mr. Ly for suggestions. Live crab and lobster as well as fresh oysters and shrimp available. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. Makes a great Sunday drive destination. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. So naturally the food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, kitchen closed from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

RAMON'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. You're 2000 feet up here, and the mountain air sharpens your appetite. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef ribs is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOOD JUNCTION 9330 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-938-1511. Maybe it's the clean country air, but Rocky Mountain Junction's food tastes sharp and fresh in the mornings. Check out the "Macho Man" breakfast: three eggs, two bacon strips, two sausages, two pancakes, country potatoes or fries, and toast. Or the "Big Honkin' Omelet": six eggs, ham, turkey, bacon, sausage, bell pepper, mushroom, tomato, onion, country potatoes or French fries, and toast. On the lunch menu: the Junction Burger — with or without cheese — big and juicy. Also good: "old fashioned" BLT sandwich and chunky chicken breast salad. Early breakfast through lunch, Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. 17 appetizers, 20 items of sushi, 19 specialty rolls — all excellent and exciting — are served in a modest premise that seats 10 at the sushi bar and holds 12 tables. The hot mushroom special, the "3 of a kind roll," and the Toshi tempura roll are all worth the trip. Diners are modestly priced, but watch cost of rolls. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinners nightly. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (11/99)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), 619-563-3666, www.asmara-sd.com. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch *tsebhi derho* (known as *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zilzil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are lus-

cious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Open daily; vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Inexpensive. — N.W. (11/00)

IMPERIAL HOUSE 505 Kalmia Street, North Park, 619-234-3525. If you are close to Balboa Park, this is an excellent place for lunch. The special, which costs \$8.95, includes soup or salad plus hot entrée. For dinner try steak, fresh fish, Anna potatoes. Tableside service and a charming view of the park. In a separate room is the Mystery Dinner Theatre which includes dinner plus theater on Friday and Saturday. (Call for prices.) Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Saturday; dinner theater, Friday and Saturday in separate room. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3983 54th Street, corner of University in K-Mart Shopping Mall, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special

sauce, and frog legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

MAX DELI AND MARKET 734 12th Street, East Village, 619-239-9568. Architectural students, diesel mechanics, and guys off the street hang out at this restaurant-market in one of Center City's more knockabout neighborhoods. Don't worry. Max is South Korean, a lifelong sea captain. He can handle any little problems. Fact is, this is real neighborhood. Some customers have been coming in 10, 15 years for a sandwich and a beer. Best buys are Max's thick homemade soups and his sandwiches. And at least one regular swears Max serves up the "best hot dogs this side of Coney Island." Breakfast and lunch. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis), North Park, 619-291-4090. Is that Cher pulling up a chair? There's a definite *Moonstruck* atmosphere about this place. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To

find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree, an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for \$6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

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RESTAURANTS

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF INDIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, 619-298-3155. Don't miss the elegant food, the lovely setting, the loving service. Owned by the former proprietors of Monsoon. You will find the food subtle and sophisticated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-you-can-eat buffet lunch \$8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

COTTAGE CAFE 2321 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071, *www.cottagecafesandiego.com*. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. But you can eat American if you want. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. But maybe the most Polish is the all-you-can-eat buffet. Expect items like stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful — it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, home-

made, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. If you've been searching for a place to have dessert after a movie or other cultural event, keep this dessert café in mind. Baker-owner Karen Krasne prepares sensuous cakes, tarts, cookies, and all manner of chocolate goodies. Teas and coffees are uniformly good. In summer, the patio is especially charming. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend lunch, and until late evening: Sunday through Thursday to 11:00 p.m. and weekends until midnight. — *E.W.*

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "ichi-ban" means. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue, Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054; *sandiego.citysearch.com/E/V/SANCA/0004/13/05/1.html*. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of nabeyaki udon (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to order a feast for a large party (give at least four hours notice). Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in pepper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10.00. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (7/98)*

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays, three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (10/99)*

PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed green-lip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town, named after the most revered writer you've never read. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better, and faster, than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

DOWNTOWN

A LA CARTE ON SIXTH AVENUE 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-8100, *www.aubergineon4th.com*. You'll think you've stepped into a chic Manhattan supper club, but the gorgeous young staff — clad in Calvin Klein, no less — are sweet and skillful. The fare is a puzzling melange of Mediterranean roasting, American grilling, and pan-Asian wokking, aimed to satisfy all appetites. Preparations vary unpredictably; safest choices are grilled meats (especially the succulent pork slab) and wok dishes. Slightly dressy; noisy weekends with loud live music; long and busy bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8:00 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Lifey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to downtown. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent

appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

GREYSTONE STEAK HOUSE 658 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-0225. This elegant three-story building with a romantic top floor serves more than steaks. Fish, including Dover sole and live Maine lobster, as well as pasta, poultry, and game meats make lively dinners. Food is well prepared, but costs can easily soar. Excellent service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations strongly urged. Expensive. — *E.W. (9/99)*

GYROSCOPE GREEK CAFE 926 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-235-4635. You want cheap *and* interesting food in the Gaslamp? Gyro-scope's one of the few that make that list. They have the usual medium-priced beef kabob, moussaka, *spanakopita*, *dolmades*, tiger shrimps, and steak. But you can also get amply filling "sandwich" size plates for just a few bucks: beef kabob, lamb, chicken breast, and of course the gyro (marinated lamb and beef slices in pita bread). Get one of these, a glass of burgundy, and a table with a view of the passing parade, and you'll be feeling like a king. Even cheaper at lunchtime. Open seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue, downtown, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammed Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red

beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread. Or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, to 3 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, downtown, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try *tortilla española* (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W. (1/99)*

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at Fifth and G), Gaslamp District, 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp District, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louché. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half- or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

PETE'S QUALITY MEATS 1742-1/2 India, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spittini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a *fin de siècle* brasserie — but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — *escargots*, frogs' legs, *charcuterie*, et al. — with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio; reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables

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TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

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simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely healthy moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

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CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/00)

HANAOKA 1528 C Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant

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IL FORNAIO 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "*Il fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *Sfilatino Con Bistecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *Bistecca Alla Fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *Penne Alla Sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza Puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Oh, and then there's that view. Go at sunset or on a Friday lunchtime when Navy ships are coming home, sliding right past your table. Moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)

MCDIN'S 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look

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MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. (Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, 619-224-2401.) Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/00)

THE OLD BONITA STORE 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. The menu is strongly influenced by Baja Californian/Mexican cooking. The signature dish is the bucket of Baja-style lobster for two. The bucket includes slipper lobster tails, shrimp, grilled chicken, and carne asada, plus Caesar salad, rice and beans, and tortillas. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

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TIJUANA

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EL RINCON DEL OSO Location 47, Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

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PALM GRILL Cantamar (halfway to Ensenada), 614-1203. The A-frame building looks like a thatched hut and has two interior floors and an upper- and lower-level patio. Food is American, French, and Continental with a few Mexican dishes. Lots of atmosphere and fine service. Best bets are daily fresh fish. Watch your costs here as prices rival good American restaurants. Open daily. Take Ensenada Cuota road to Cantamar exit. Turn right. Two toll charges. (Free road: 46-1/2 km Carretera a Ensenada.) Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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The post-*Private Ryan* fashion in war films has now, with *We Were Soldiers*, gotten around to the treacherous terrain of the Vietnam War. Call it the all-guts-all-glory look: the stomach-turning

level of mayhem commonly associated with the anti-war film, and yet a crispness of salute more typical of the wartime flag-waver. Writer-director Randall Wallace, who wrote but did not direct *Pearl Harbor* and *Braveheart*, has plowed some fertile new ground — what came to be known as the Valley of Death, site of the first major battle between U.S. troops and Vietnamese in November of 1965 — and he has harvested from that soil the provocative afterthought that the real tragedy of the event was not the number of Americans who lost their lives there (the maxim of the Viet Cong commander: “Kill all they send, and they will stop coming”), but rather the possibility that the outcome could be viewed as an American victory: i.e., encouragement to press on until 58,000 had lost their lives. Somehow, though, Wallace remains impervious to his own irony. Nothing will wilt the crisp-

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ness of his salute. It would doubtless have been very different in the period of *Apocalypse Now*, *The Deer Hunter*, *Platoon*, et al. This indeed might be the moment — but if it is, it can't last

long, and if it isn't, it could still come — for any interested parties to attempt to resurrect John Wayne's *The Green Berets* as the definitive Vietnam movie and to displace any of those others. Certainly that 1968 one collects some bonus points for taking a position, especially a then unfashionable position, when the bullets were still flying.

However that may be, the main drawback to *We Were Soldiers* is that it's at once a latecomer and an opportunist, waiting for the dust to settle and seeing which way the wind is blowing. Its convictions, for all their heart-on-sleeve effusion, call for no great courage. To compound the handicap, the film enters the tribute mode so early, and with such unwavering resolve, that it leaves itself no room for emotional development. Everything is prefigured, predigested, telegraphed, heavy-handed. (Though surely the renaming of the Air Cavalry



We Were Soldiers

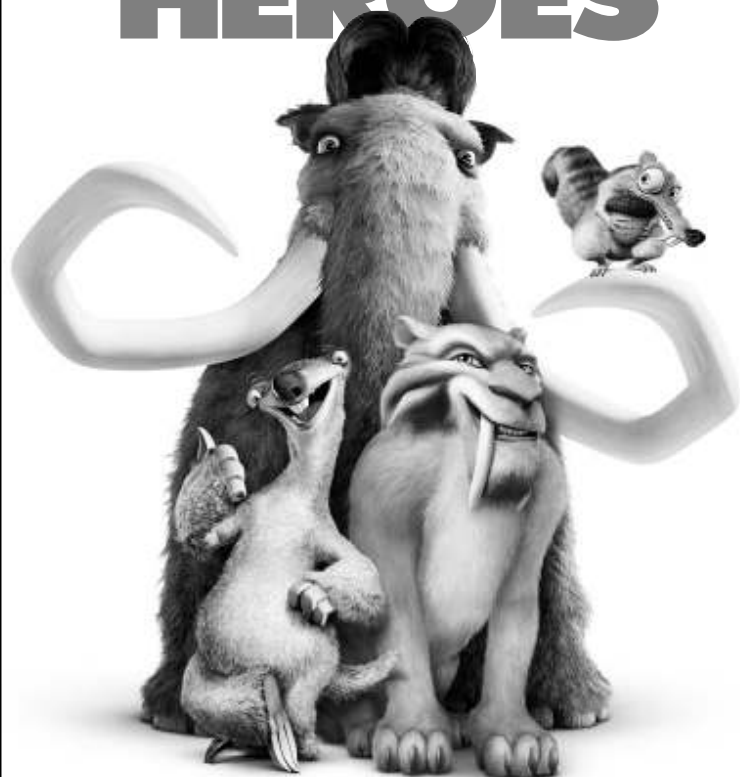
after Custer's unit — the Seventh — licenses the commanding officer to brood over images of massacre in his history books.) The people — a blustery Mel Gibson, a beatific Chris Klein, a bantamweight Greg Kinnear, and company — are little more than P.R. paragons, the sorts of sanitized soldiers who talk to God, who deliver

stirring speeches to a trumpet accompaniment, who struggle manfully with tough questions from their loved ones (“Daddy, what is a war?”), who use their last breath to choke out sentiments on the order of “I’m glad I could die for my country” and “Tell my wife I love her.” (Only Sam Elliott, as the hoary combat veteran who goes

into a firefight with nothing but a handgun, has any prickles to his personality, answering a simple “Good morning” with a snarly “How do *you* know what kind of a goddam day it is?”) The wives are no less fantasy figures than their mates: is it possible there ever lived a woman so innocent that she thought the “Whites Only”

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sign on a Southern laundromat referred — tee-hee — to clothes? The idea of the Colonel's wife taking on the task of hand-delivering the bad-news telegrams to the other wives on the base is a good one, but the dreamy, montage-y, slo-mo treatment is such that you don't quite experience the scene in the present tense. Treatment, as a matter of fact, is everywhere a bit rough, with closeups and slow-motion employed the way Helen Gurley Brown employed exclamation points. In a word, promiscuously. The battle proper, lacking strategic shape and dramatic rhythm, deteriorates into a mere slaughterfest, and it's often hard to make out who's who or who's where. It would be fair to say, if it did not imply too high an upside, that Wallace is at this stage a much better writer than director.

Dragonfly, a communication-from-beyond-the-grave chiller, sees Kevin Costner lose his wife in a Venezuelan bus mishap, search the river in vain for her body, attend her memorial service, and perform a C-section that same day on a deceased mother in the ER, all before the end of the opening credits. A total nonbeliever (“When you never wake up again,” he counsels a would-be suicide, “don't say I didn't warn you”), he nonetheless starts to doubt his own mind, even his sanity, in the face of a series of funny happenings. Funny-strange, not funny-haha. The pet parrot, breaking

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a long silence, calls out the stock greeting for the wife's homecomings: "Honey, I'm home!" A Prizm Dragonfly Mobile arrives by post, a mail-order gift from the wife to their expected child; and a dragonfly paperweight seems to take on a life of its own, rolling across the floor on its edge. She had had, the husband elucidates, a thing for dragonflies, having had an inherited birthmark in that shape on her right shoulder blade. She also, as a pediatric oncologist, had had a thing for dying children, whose beyond-and-back experiences now enable them to relay vague messages, wife to hubby, from inside the legendary lighted tunnel. Two of them, in addition, draw pictures of a "wiggly cross" whose significance is unknown. One of them remembers something about a rainbow. And oh: "She said you should go there." (I kept expecting a revelatory light effect from the Prizm Mobile — a rainbow, see? — but it never came.) If only because of the familiar spectacle of a consternated Costner, there's a hint of "If you build it..." about all this. But it takes him even longer than in *Field of Dreams* to figure out what's wanted of him. Could it be that his wife somehow survived the accident? That her *élan vital* has stretched out into the next hemisphere?

Well: we critics were obliged at the entrance to the screening to sign an agreement not to give away the ending, but I think I am permitted to give away that it's a hoot. Less, that is, than two hoots, or in other words the approximate amount I care. Director Tom Shadyac, far removed from *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* and *The Nutty Professor*, seems intent to demonstrate that *Patch Adams* revealed his true self: a pig for mush. (Even visually, the movie has something of the pigpen about it: the muddy dullness.) The only real tinges come when the movie conjures up *The Mothman Prophecies*: the dead

wife, the apparent communiqués therefrom, the attempts to capture on a sketchpad something seen on the Other Side. (The only tinges, to be more explicit, come from that other movie.) There is no Alan Bates, however, and Kathy Bates is no substitute as a next-door, down-to-earth lesbian with a crew cut. But there is, as a closer counterpart, a mummified Linda Hunt as a nun who knows a thing or two about the Other Side. Costner, meanwhile, gets to add another portrait to his gallery of droopy, doleful heroes. (Not that he hadn't already done a withdrawn widower: *Message in a Bottle*.) His perpetual boyishness — the cracking voice, the evasive gaze, the aw-shucks awkwardness — transforms the effect, though, into an unattractive and overdramatic case of the sulks, such that the Costner *oeuvre* emerges as one of the most reliable remedies yet discovered for sufferers from self-pity. Just pop a Costner tape into the VCR and embarrass them into bucking up.

Queen of the Damned, Michael Rymer's turgid and narration-heavy adaptation of Anne Rice's *The Vam-*

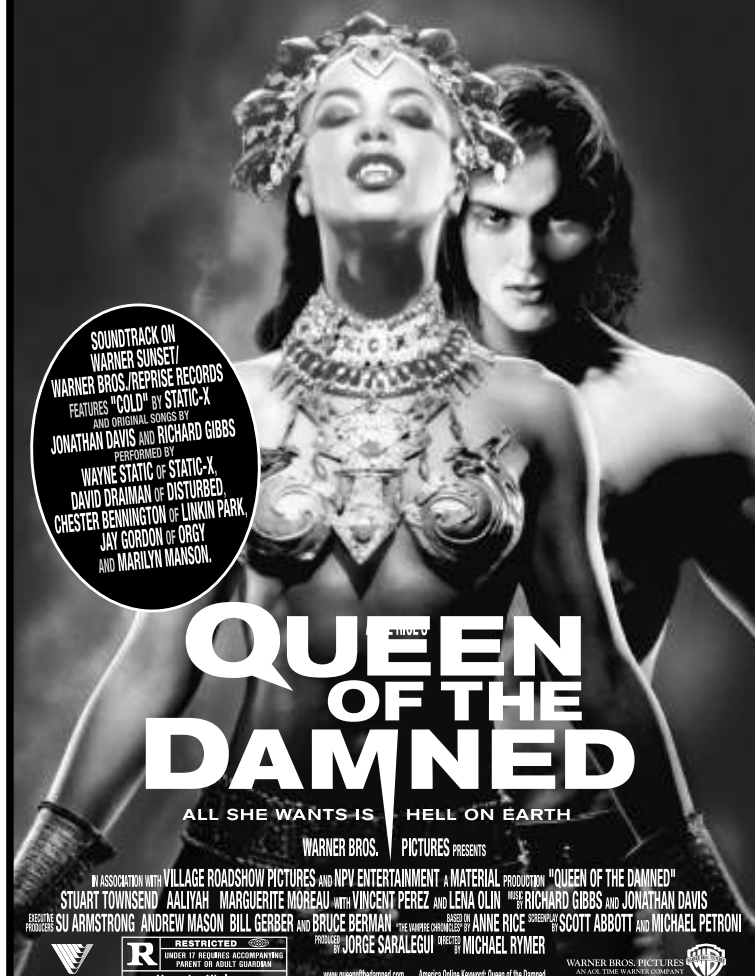
pire Chronicles, picks up the story of Lestat (*sans* Tom Cruise) after the bored bloodsucker awakens from a hundred-year hibernation to an exciting new sound in the world: rock-and-roll. The notion of a vampiric pop star — all lipstick and no bite — seems feasible only as a spoof ("Like everyone else," remarks a young vampirologist, "I assumed Lestat was a joke"), and it doesn't help that Stuart Townsend gives the impression of a garage-band dilettante trying to look and sound as depraved and jaded as he always imagined Ozzy Osbourne. Nor is a take-me-I'm-yours groupie what we want in the way of a vampire hunter (the gamine Marguerite Moreau). But after all, this is Anne Rice and not Bram Stoker: Viva Los Vampires. Under the circumstances, the unapologetic campiness of the late R&B singer Aaliyah, as a slinky queen from Ancient Egypt in a strapless backless gold bra ("Dey believed in *notting*," surveying her kingdom of corpses. "Now dey *are* notting"), constitutes the highlight. To say so, though, is to run up a white flag. ■

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Amélie — Cutesy art-house item looks at the world (at Paris, more precisely) through the primrose-colored glasses of Jean-Pierre Jeunet: a delayed-meeting romance à la *And Now My Love*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, et al., and a fashionable juggling act of fate, chance, coincidence, etc. The dementedly winsome heroine (Audrey Tatou), prone to conspiratorial glances at the camera, and egged on by a waggish narrator, is a self-denying do-gooder whose secret mission seems to be the spiritual enlightenment of others, often by the most devious means: reprogramming a speed-dial button from “Mother” to “Psychiatric Helpline.” The boundless, bounding imagination tends to be grounded, however, by the air of effortfulness. The best of it — the broad omniscient view of humanity combined with an eye for random trivial detail — was done better, and funnier, in Jane Campion’s apprentice work, *Passionless Moments*, and at about one-tenth the length. With Mathieu Kassovitz. 2001.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

A Beautiful Mind — Lauded biography of the Nobel Prize-winning mathematician, and madman, John Forbes Nash, Jr. It's his madness, of course, and not his math, that makes him a viable screen subject, and director Ron Howard nurtures it with care. (And with more taste and restraint than are his custom.) But between the West Virginia accent and the nerdish introversion, much of what he says — or rather, what an emasculated Russell Crowe says — is lost in transmission. With Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Christopher Plummer, Paul Bettany. 2001.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Better Off Dead — Youth comedy, slightly loonier than most: teenage suicide as a running gag, anthropomorphized hamburger buns, a Living Dead horde of paperboys. And, with a couple of direct lifts from Woody Allen and Albert Brooks, loftier in artistic aspirations, too. But no funnier, for all that. And there is still the fat kid in mismatched plaids, the bullying Big Man On Campus, the drug-crazed best friend (inhaling jello through a straw), Mom and her inedible culinary inventions, etc., etc. John Cusack, Diane Franklin, David Ogden Stiers, and Kim Darby; written and directed by Savage Steve Holland. 1985.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/4, 6:30 P.M.)

Big Fat Liar — A ruthless film producer steals a kid's English composition and transforms it into his next blockbuster: a dose of Hollywood self-loathing for the whole family. There's no harm in it, surely, and plenty of pep. Paul Giamatti, in the part of the producer, slathers the relish on the hot dog. And two TV teens, Frankie Muniz and Amanda Bynes, evoke (yet scarcely eclipse) memories of a young Mickey Rooney and Hayley Mills (or else a prepossession Linda Blair). Directed by Shawn Levy. 2002.

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Birthday Girl — Offbeat, roundabout love story. It starts out as a kinky light comedy about a Russian mail-order bride in provincial England who proves to speak only one word of English ("Are you a giraffe?" "Yes"), and who uncovers an instructional stash of S&M porn in the bedroom closet. Then, near the halfway mark, it goes off the rails into an

unnecessarily nasty crime caper, though it stays on the track of offbeat love. There are several points at which the hero might have averted the spectator's ire by calling the cops. Ben Chaplin, Nicole Kidman, Mathieu Kassovitz, Vincent Cassel; directed by Jez Butterworth. 2002.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Black Hawk Down — Faithful re-enactment of a 1993 incident in Somalia: the eighteen-hour urban firefight that ensues when an intended neat, clean, in-and-out raid into the heart of Mogadishu (colloquially called “the Mogue,” or just “Mogue”) goes bad. It delivers a mixed experience, even, you might say, a mixed message: harrowing yet spectacular action, unglamorous yet gorgeous, rugged yet slick. The director is Ridley Scott (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, and on down through *G.I. Jane* and *Gladiator*), so the spectacular, the gorgeous, the slick are givens; the harrowing, the unglamorous, and the rugged must be counted as bonuses, neither to be taken for granted nor taken lightly. (The damage done to the bodies of some of the soldiers goes well beyond indignity.) Though some of the faces — Josh Hartnett, William Fichtner, Ewan McGregor, Ron Eldard, and that latter-day Aldo Ray, Tom Sizemore — are more familiar than others, there has been a concerted effort to steer clear of big stars, and to spread the dramatic interest evenly among the sizable cast: no one-man-armies, no centers-of-the-universe, no empathy-magnets, in this group. There is individual courage on display, and

competence, and selflessness, but there is no villainy or cowardice deeper than the inevitable snafu. The soldiers are just that and no more: followers of orders. The virtual and inexplicable absence of blacks among them — the total absence among the principal ones — perhaps creates an unwanted and unfortunate *Zulu*-like image of a handful of civilized whites holding the line against hordes of savage blacks. But there appears to be no conscious point of view apart from the dizzying spectacle of it all, the sensory overload, the nonstop assault on eye and ear, the swirl of dust and bits of paper beneath the churning blades of the helicopters, the trails of smoke, the explosions, the spray of debris — in sum, the big wow. Yet there are moments of genuine power, not to mention genuine skill. So, yes — a mixed experience, but an intense one, an exhausting one, and, most importantly, a lingering one. 2001.

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Brotherhood of the Wolf — There might be a presumption of seriousness about a ravaging-monster movie in which the monster stays off screen for the first hour, and comes freighted with political symbolism. (To say nothing of the English subtitles! Or of the venerable presences of Jacques Perrin and Edith Scob!) But there is

plenty of ridiculousness in refutation: from the *Matrix*-y camera moves and abrupt changes of speed, to the Hong Kong brand of martial arts practiced by an 18th-century French naturalist and his Mohawk Iroquois sidekick. The monster's first appearance, at least, is good cheesy fun, till spoiled by a rational, albeit incomprehensible, "explanation." Samuel Le Bihan, Mark Dacascos, Vincent Cassel, Emilie Dequenne, Monica Bellucci; directed by Christophe Gans. 2001.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Casablanca — The City of Intrigue is converted into a large Camp ground, as Bogart feigns broken-heartedness and moral rehabilitation in this feminized thriller. Directed by Michael Curtiz, lushly. 1942.

★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/6, 7 P.M.)

Charlotte Gray — The title is colorless on purpose. But by the end — and quite precisely in the meaningful curtain line — it acquires a richness of shade and tint. The heroine will by then, in the common phrase, have shown her true colors. An old-fashioned, grandly romantic WWII espionage thriller (vaguely reminiscent of the Melanie Griffith mush-pile, *Shining Through*: nothing reticent about *that* title!), it sets forth a modest definition of heroism, a capability that meets a need, an opportunity that rises to a duty. Our heroine, a young Scotswoman, has been spied (so to put it) by a nondescript

Graham Greene-y civil servant in a railway car, where she chances to be reading Stendahl in the original French, a skill worth recruiting for use in the war office. In the meantime, her blazing affair with an RAF flier is interrupted when his plane gets shot down over France. It is her own idea that her language facility might be put to even better use in occupied territory. Maybe she will be able to pick up her lover's scent in the bargain. The Australian director, Gillian Armstrong, brings the proverbial woman's touch to this feminist adventure story, this internal odyssey, this journey of self-discovery. (She never dwells on the physical action, the sporadic violence. She is much more interested in choices and consequences.) Personal identity is at the heart of the story — and what better framework for such a subject than a spy yarn in which the protagonist is called upon to assume a false identity, and comes eventually to the realization that the false is the true? The spy genre and the character study benefit mutually from the arrangement. The espionage gains some psychological depth. Dry psychology gains the poetry of metaphor. With Cate Blanchett, Billy Crudup, Michael Gambon, Rupert Penry-Jones. 2001.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Collateral Damage — Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a fearless firefighter ("All right, guys. Heads up. Let's do it") whose wife and son get blown up by a South American terrorist: code name, El Lobo. Conviction — political, emotional, or

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otherwise — is not something you need waste any time looking for. Calculation is everywhere. The brief glimpse of Happy Home Life — the aging Schwarzenegger, now in his mid-fifties, soaping himself in the shower with his toddler son, looking for all the world as though he’s advertising the latherability of Zest — and the tender wave from a block away at the very moment the wife and child are blown to smithereens (the star is saved from having to act a reaction when he immediately gets bowled over by a taxicab) are tacked on at the outset only because the filmmaker, Andrew Davis of *Chain Reaction*, *The Fugitive*, *Under Siege*, *Above the Law*, can’t trust to the viewers’ imagination. How will they know how big a tragedy this is unless “Amazing Grace” is rendered on bagpipes at graveside? The dialogue traffics in similar rudiments: “You cannot take the law into you own hands,” “You cannot negotiate with terrorists” (well, you can and you can’t), etc. Schwarzenegger, who really is getting too old for this kind of thing, signals his implacability with a patented one-eyed squint — this is why they pay him the big bucks — as if sighting down a Winchester. And the true identity of El Lobo is a “surprise” only because — or only *if* — the spectator has become inured to, resigned to, the improbabilities in the plotting up to that point. (Sure: the collagen-lipped, supermodel-cheekboned peasant wife of the terrorist will switch sides once she gets to meet an American in person, once she sees his humanity up close. Why not?) It is no surprise from any angle that each of the chief villains will need to be killed twice: par for the course. With Elias Koteas, Francesca Neri, Cliff Curtis, John Turturro. 2002.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION

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The Count of Monte Cristo — Somewhat rushed retelling of the Dumas revenge story. Granted, there’s a good deal of story to be gotten through, and the speed might be hoped to counteract the snags: the details of the tunneling in the Chateau d’If are not altogether credible (the dirt is disposed of in the chamber pots?); and a neatly trimmed beard, along with the passage of sixteen years, seems an insufficient excuse for a man’s oldest friend to fail to recognize him — especially when the man speaks as strangely, as haltingly, as gulpingly, as Jim Caviezel. With Guy Pearce, James Frain, Dagmara Dominczyk, Luis Guzman, Michael Wincott, Richard Harris; directed by Kevin Reynolds. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Crossroads — Dramatic acting debut of Britney Spears, that Pied Piper of Girl Power. It definitely gives the pop star more latitude than her Pepsi commercials, to which homage is paid when she sashays past the vending machine at a gas station. But that’s just another way of saying more rope with which to hang herself. The movie, directed by Tamra Davis, shows her off in her undies twice within the first fifteen minutes (two different ensembles, same day). Then it slows down in that department — the lingerie department — and takes off on the post-graduation road trip of three estranged high-school girlfriends: class valedictorian, pregnant trailer trash, and Miss Popularity. Spears, you would never guess, especially from the tawiness of her tan, is the cloistered bookworm (“Pop, I worked really hard to

be the valedictorian”). Her adventures on the road include meeting the mother who abandoned her in infancy, winning a karaoke contest, losing her virginity, and wearing numerous different pink outfits. The proper audience for all this would be the one that has never before seen an expectant mother take a header down a flight of stairs. With Zoë Saldana, Taryn Manning, Anson Mount, Dan Aykroyd. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Dragonfly — Reviewed this issue. With Kevin Costner, Kathy Bates, Joe Morton, and Linda Hunt; directed by Tom Shadyac.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

40 Days and 40 Nights — Can a healthy young heterosexual male keep a vow of celibacy for the duration of Lent? Can he get over his old girlfriend and make a true “connection” with a new one in that time? Can we care? Very youthful, very hip, very glib, very one-track-minded, very cocksure. Not very embraceable. The fabric-stretching boner now seems to be as much a comic staple as the pie in the face. And if it was funny once, it will be funny again and again — won’t it? Josh Hartnett, Shannyn Sossamon, Vinessa Shaw, Paulo Costanzo, Griffin Dunne; directed by Michael Lehmann. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/1)

Gosford Park — From Robert Altman, a pleasant if overlong *divertissement* that combines the British class-conscious social satire with the dark-and-stormy-night murder mystery: Evelyn Waugh meets Agatha Christie. In short, Altman hell: etiquette, decorum, hierarchy on the one side, and convention, formula, artifice on the other. However much the director might distance himself from the nitty-gritty of detective work (Stephen Fry’s clueless inspector, more Clouseau than Poirot), the body in the study, much like the murdered screenwriter in *The Player*, gives the movie an impetus often missing in an Altman ensemble piece, and somewhat checks his tendency to run to flab. Every little push

helps, because there is very little new (except to Altman) in the class portrait: the upper crusties talking in the presence of servants as if in the presence of furniture, etc. (Nice point of emphasis: the below-stairs people are addressed not by their own names but by the names of their employers.) The inclusion among the houseguests of a Jewish homosexual vegetarian Hollywood producer — researching his next Charlie Chan opus and observing the ways of the landed aristocracy — affords Altman an outsider with whom to identify. Or at least — in a pet expression of an Evelyn Waugh character — up to a point. (Bob Balaban, who plays the producer, also happens to share the story credit with Altman.) The director’s democratic inclinations, sometimes indistinguishable from his misanthropic inclinations, come out clearly in the casting, seeing to it that the servants (Helen Mirren, Emily Watson, Kelly Macdonald, Eileen Atkins, Alan Bates, Derek Jacobi, Clive Owen, Rupert Grant) are as stellar as their masters (Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Jeremy Northam, Charles Dance, James Wilby). The winsome Macdonald and stoical Owen best survive any misanthropic inclinations. 2001.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; COVE; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone — The children’s book by J.K. Rowling, now a movie by Chris Columbus — maker of, among others, *Adventures in Babysitting*, *Home Alone*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Nine Months*, *Stepmom*, and *Bicentennial Man*, chief rival of Steven Spielberg for his in-touchness with the Inner Child. No longer applicable, quite plainly, will be the line of defense to the effect that, however good or bad it might be, the kids at least are *reading* it, reading *something*. Even if you haven’t read it yourself, you can infer a slavish fidelity to the text on the grounds that no special-effects movie, no “event” movie, no movie scored by John Williams, would otherwise keep so leisurely and strung-out a schedule of dramatic incident. It’s more a matter of going new places and meeting new people (or new owls, goblins, trolls), a social schedule. The bespectacled little hero, if you didn’t know, is a put-upon orphan who, on reaching his eleventh birthday, and despite the interference of an abusive adoptive family of Dickensian grossness, discovers that he is a natural-born wizard and is eligible for admittance into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, there to develop his infinite inner potential. In short, he is a close cousin to every neglected, unappreciated, unloved, scorned, mocked, but ultimately (sweetly, revengefully) triumphant hero out of Hans Christian Andersen’s fairy tales. In the end, his plodding path will lead him to a confrontation with the evil entity who slew his parents. But this destination is not

signposted with the efficiency or urgency of a *Hamlet* (for instance). Maybe admirers of the book will be content with what amounts to an ancillary text of lavish illustrations. Still, it’s not the, or a, book. More bluntly, it’s not anything special. With Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Robbie Coltrane, Ian Hart, Alan Rickman, Richard Harris, and Maggie Smith. 2001.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Hart’s War — WWII movie, revamped for the new millennium in its voguish imagery of alternating monochromes (blue and brown, predominantly) and in the operatic proportions of its protagonist’s agonies. Tales of plucky POWs, however, make up a rather minor subdivision of the genre (*Stalag 17*, *The Great Escape*, never mind *Hogan’s Heroes*), and the impromptu court-martial of a black officer charged with murder — one of the celebrated Tuskegee Airmen — takes us into the out-of-the-way cubbyhole of wartime race relations (*Home of the Brave*, *A Soldier’s Story*). Each of the three principals — the defendant (Terrence Howard), his defender (Colin Farrell), their commanding officer (Bruce Willis) — gets to take a turn making a noble gesture near the finish: a bit more nobility than a single climax can bear. The Nazi commandant who craves civilized conversation with a fellow Yalie (“You’ve read Mark Twain? He’s wonderful”) is a cliché, but not an unappealing one. And the standard courtroom dramatics generate standard tension. Directed by Gregory Hoblit. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Horror of Dracula — The first, and finest, of Christopher Lee’s numerous appearances as the Transylvanian bloodsucker for the Hammer film studio. (Let us not speak of his appearance in the unspeakable *Count Dracula* for Jesus Franco in Spain.) This is the movie, too, that deserves recognition for taking the single greatest stride in the sexualization of the vampire (what with his explicitly erectile canines, and the bosom-heaving thrallldom in which he holds his mesmerized women). Luckily, Peter Cushing provides equally vigorous opposition in the person of Van Helsing, the vampire hunter. And an authentic strain of British decency, decorum, morality, shockability, etc., makes for some healthy creative tensions which somehow elude later explorers on this path. Directed, briskly, by Terence Fisher. 1958.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/1, 7 P.M.)

I Am Sam — Queasy-making entertainment. And not only, or even largely, because of the jiggly, jostly, zoomy, freeze-frame-y camerawork under director Jessie Nelson. No: Sean Penn’s impression of a mental defective, complete with a new whisk-broom haircut to add to his tonsorial portfolio, no doubt offers many rewards, not the least of which is the license to laugh with impunity at the less fortunate. It is somewhat reminiscent, in its levels of observational detail and skill in mimicry, of Mickey Rooney’s memorable performance in the made-for-TV *Bill*. But what kept the earlier film from the threshold of queasiness was its lower dramatic pressure, its lighter mood. So perhaps, on second thoughts, it might be more reminiscent of John Malkovich’s Lenny in *Of Mice and Men*. The storyline here, as there, is fashioned for nothing other than to torture the character and spectator alike, to wrest pain from the one and pity from the other. The titular Sam is the single dad of a normally bright, abnormally cute little girl who, nearing her eighth birthday, has already caught up with and outdistanced the mental capacity of her father. When a social worker takes an interest in the situation — takes the daughter away from the father — it’s not because the movie, too, is interested in the situation, but because it is interested, as mentioned, in torture. The whole brutal business is almost a sort of *Saturday Night Live* gag on a cinematic “heart-tugger” — *They wouldn’t let his daughter come out and*

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play with him anymore! — except that it goes on and on, and no punch line ever arrives. (Small mercy: at least it isn't Robin Williams in the part of the permanent child.) With Michelle Pfeiffer, Dakota Fanning, Dianne Wiest, Laura Dern. 2002. ★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10)

In the Bedroom — A dealing-with-tragedy movie (a summer romantic idyll turned violent) with dangerous tendencies toward a Lifetime Channel original. But first-time director Todd Field proves himself to be a true director, cunning in his omissions, his obliqueness, his attention to off moments, his focus on marginal details: the family photos in the D.A.'s office, or the jingling of coins in the D.A.'s pocket during an impromptu conference on the street. He can also be a trifle pedantic: the military action figure given as a birthday present by a hot-tempered father, or the bedtime reading of *The Wyeths* to supplement the Wyeth-esque landscape of the film. (It's set in Maine, the heart of Wyeth country.) Field, of course, was already known as an actor (*Ruby in Paradise*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, et al.), and it is thus hardly surprising that he should strive to carve out human-sized roles for which his cast — Tom Wilkinson, Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei, Nick Stahl, Richard Mapother, William Wise — would be grovellingly grateful. Spacek, alone of them, belongs to that rare subspecies of actor who never seems to be acting, and who thus never seems to exhaust or recycle her repertoire, and who thus never wears out her welcome. For her particular role, the viewer can thus be as grateful as she is. 2001. ★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Iris — Dramatization of John Bayley's two tributes to his novelist wife, Iris Murdoch: *Iris: A Memoir* and *Elegy for Iris*. The back-and-forth between early Iris (Kate Winslet) and Alzheimer's Iris (Judi Dench) keeps the film from ever quite getting going, though there's an undeniable poignancy in the spectacle of a meticulous wordsmith losing her connection to words and meanings. (Regardless of how little an idea we're given of her actual work.) Jim Broadbent and Hugh Bonneville are an excellent match for the two ages of the unworldly, academic, stammering Bayley. Directed by Richard Eyre. 2001. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 3/1)

Italian for Beginners — Danish romantic comedy made in strict adherence to the Dogma '95 guidelines for unwatchable cinematography. Pity, because the loose-knit cast of characters — a widowed pastor, a cranky restaurateur, a shy hotelier, a clumsy baker, a somber hairdresser, and a sunny Italian waitress — is not without its charms and its chemistry. The newspaper ad and the promo trailer want you to believe the film takes place, rather than merely ends, in Venice. What with the indoor, up-close, hand-held camerawork, it doesn't give you a very clear sense of where it does take place. With Anders Berthelsen, Anette Stovelbaek, Ann Eleonora Jorgensen, Peter Gantzler, Lars Kaalund, Sara Indrio Jensen; written and directed by Lone Scherfig. 2001. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

John Q — Director Nick (son of John) Cassavetes kicks around health-care issues and medical ethics in addition to the Little Man hero, whose last name is actually Archibald and not Public: a devoted family man, a regular churchgoer, a hard worker, although the factory has started farming out jobs to Mexico and cutting back his hours to part-time, so that his insurance policy will no longer cover a life-saving heart transplant for his Little League son. (This is explained to him in the nasally tones of Anne Heche: "People get sick. They die. That's the way it goes.") He gets the bureaucratic runaround, sells off his

possessions, raises approximately a tenth of the necessary quarter of a million, is given an emasculating earful from his wife — what else is he to do but take over a wing of Hope Memorial with an unloaded gun? Even though we witness it with our own eyes, the entire scenario plays out like nothing so much as a defense attorney's final summation. Credence, accordingly, depends on susceptibility to hypnotism. Denzel Washington is such a sympathetic actor that it's almost an insult (to him, to us) to stack the deck so heavily in his favor. With Robert Duvall, James Woods, Kimberly Elise, and Ray Liotta. 2002. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Lantana — Three sour marriages in the Land Down Under. Director Ray Lawrence and writer Andrew Bovell (whose screenplay is adapted from his own stage play) seem to be going for something deep, something fundamental about relationships. But the degree of coincidence in the multiple path-crossings surpasses the improbable. Eye-catching work from Kerry Armstrong and Leah Purcell, respectively, as a cop's wife and cop's partner. The cop is a cop only in order to keep the movie busy. Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush, Barbara Hershey, Rachael Blake. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Last Orders — Fred Schepisi's screen version of the decades-spanning novel by Graham Swift, starring Michael Caine, Bob Hoskins, Tom Courtenay, and Helen Mirren. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/1)

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring — Dr. Tolkien's

home-cooked myth. First course only. All manner of visual invention, photographic trickery, computer magic, etc., cannot alter what is in essence an overblown bedtime story. They can only blow it up bigger. And the burden of it is more or less tripled by the knowledge that these three hours are just a third of it. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Ian Holm, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett; directed by Peter Jackson. 2001. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mean Machine — British remake of Robert Aldrich's *The Longest Yard*, with Vinnie Jones, Jason Statham, and David Hemmings, directed by Barry Skolnick. (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 3/1)

Monster's Ball — Swiss-born filmmaker Marc Forster focuses on the middle man (Billy Bob Thornton) in three generations of Georgia corrections officers. The film starts right out throwing haymakers — first-thing-in-the-morning vomit, wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am sodomy, good-ole-boy bigotry, Death Row, the Last Walk, more vomit, a suicide, and a hit-and-run fatality — before it settles down to a hesitant, awkward, muted interracial romance (with Halle Berry, a Death Row widow), and more vomit. By that time, it's all punched out. The electric-chair diaper is a new screen detail, if you're keeping track. With Peter Boyle, Heath Ledger, Sean Combs. 2001. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Mothman Prophecies — Sort of an elaborated segment of "The Unexplained" on TV's *Unsolved Mysteries*, minus Robert Stack and his trenchcoat. Purportedly based on a factual case *circa* 1967 (here updated), it details some strange doings in

anticipation of a major calamity in the small town of Point Pleasant, W. Va. No more should be revealed of those doings other than to say they point to a grand design, however far beyond our comprehension, in the seemingly random tragedies that visit humanity. The design, to the degree that it can be glimpsed, gives a design to the movie as well, and gives to it a corresponding degree of elegance. The degree of factuality, meantime, scarcely matters except insofar as it encourages the filmmakers to keep a lid on, and to let the tension build, till the big finish. The belief of director Mark Pellington in the paranormal rises nowhere near to the level of seriousness of, say, a Carl Dreyer. But his belief — his conviction — rises at least to that of a Terence Fisher or Freddie Francis in their Hammer Horror heyday. Quite sufficient, that is, for a work of imagination. (Of course the drawback to the factuality, or pretense thereof, is that the filmmakers' imagination cannot quite connect all the dots.) The acting tends to be a bit heavy, and the huge closeups make it seem even heavier: make it seem to belong more in a genre piece than in a journalistic or a propaganda one. But that's not altogether a bad thing. The cast of characters features a quorum of requisite figures: a rationalist reporter for the *Washington Post* (Richard Gere), a ploddingly ordinary and overmatched cop (Laura Linney), a God-fearing unimpeachable witness (Will Patton), a winged anthropomorphous creature that fits no known prototype, and an in-the-know occultist (Alan Bates) who can give a name to the thing: Mothman, as translated from the tongue of the Ukraine.

When asked the common question of why, if this creature knows so much more than us mere mortals, it doesn't simply come out and share its secrets, the occultist has a good answer: "You're more advanced than a cockroach. Have you ever tried explaining yourself to one of them?" 2002. ★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Ocean's Eleven — Superdeluxe remake of a Rat Pack lark of 1960: a happy-go-lucky, jolly-good-fellows, high-tech, clean-as-a-whistle casino heist, with a star-studded cast (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, Julia Roberts, Andy Garcia, Carl Reiner, Elliott Gould, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan). There are sellouts, to be sure, and then there are sellouts, and Steven Soderbergh's philosophy apparently holds that if you're going to be one, you might as well be a big one. Bigger than he was in *Erin Brockovich*, bigger than in *Traffic*. The biggest. (The original was directed by the man who had made *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Of Mice and Men*, so there's an immediate precedent.) Maybe the stigmatization of a Vegas fat cat — "This guy is as smart as he is ruthless" — makes it easier for Soderbergh to look at himself in the mirror, but it doesn't make it easier to look at the screen. Fat cats are plentiful there. 2001. ● (GASLAMP 15; VOGUE)

Queen of the Damned — Reviewed this issue. With Stuart Townsend, Marguerite

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Return to Never Land — This must surely set a new record for length of delay between a film and its sequel: forty-nine years since *Peter Pan*. As he can never grow old, this is no problem for Peter. And as he’s a cartoon, nor is it a problem for an actor playing him: the animators are adequate copiers. But Wendy, by some dubious arithmetic (even though the delay in fictional years is closer to forty), is now a young mother in London under the Blitz — perhaps there’s a fountain-of-youth benefit

from a short stay in Never Land — and her shoes will have to be filled by her daughter Jane: a chance to “rectify” any out-of-date attitudes in the forerunner and to bring the story more in line with Disney’s new-found feminism. *Et voilà*: “the very first Lost Girl.” (There will be no sign whatsoever of retrograde redskins.) For pace, balance, variety — and in spite of its pre-PC elements — *Peter Pan* remains one of the top two or three of all the Disney animated features. Reason enough, right there, not to have attempted a sequel. Especially not to have entrusted it to what amounts to the B-team, Walt Disney Television Animation in alliance with Walt Disney Animation Australia. The unimaginative results (a giant octopus in place of the crocodile, a couple of voice-over songs by a generic girl singer) are nothing short of a disgrace, and little short of a desecration. With the voices of Harriet Owen, Blayne Weaver, Corey Burton, Jeff Bennett; co-directed by Robin Budd and Donovan Cook. 2002.

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Rollerball — It begins at dawn’s first light with a nice quiet distant hilltop silhouette of bikers, a van, a pantomimed conference of

some sort. This is the last nice thing in the movie. Even if the ensuing scene of two young daredevils in a luge-on-wheels race down the streets of San Francisco could be seen as a good idea, the heavy-metal

accompaniment to it could not also be seen as good — not if the filmmaker wants to retain the status of an observer in preference to that of an all-out accomplice, a panderer to the youth crowd, a Nike-licker. It especially can’t be seen as a good idea if the filmmaker entertains pretensions as an above-it-all commentator on the exploitation of violence by crass capitalists. The original *Rollerball* of 1975 was perfectly awful science fiction, although events in the interim might seem to have strengthened its credentials as a crystal ball: one thinks of the TV-driven phenomena of the X Games, the XFL, the WWF, etc., not to mention such contrived “reality” shows as *Survivor* and *Fear Factor*. But then again, the original, despite posing a far-off world without war, was not so much looking to the future as to the contemporary reality of roller derby. (To which, whatever happened?) That connection is now lost, so that John McTiernan’s remake seems to concern itself less with an unforeseen future than with a forgotten past. The insignificant fact that the movie identifies with the exploited and manipulated hero (Chris Klein, groomed as a new Keanu Reeves) instead of with the exploitive and manipulative Mr. Money Bags (Jean Reno, a goddam furriner) only shows that Hollywood knows on which side its bread is buttered. The mass audience

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Amelie (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Italian for Beginners** (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; **Lantana** (R) Fri. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Wed. (1:05) 4:05, 9:55; Thu. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; **Last Orders** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Horror of Dracula, Friday, 7 p.m.; **White Zombie**, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.; **The Left Hand of God**, Tuesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 7 p.m.; **Casablanca**, Wednesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 8:50 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys Fri.-Mon. 1:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00,

2:00, 4:00; **Journey Into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 8:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00; Tue.-Thu. 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:15); **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:45) 7:00, 10:25; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:20; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:50) 7:00, 9:40; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:40) 7:05, 10:00; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:05) 7:30, 10:25; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35); **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:20) 7:10, 10:10; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:50, 2:25, 4:00, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:15; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:20, 4:40) 7:35, 9:45; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00); **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:45, 10:35; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:15) 8:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:10, 3:45, 4:15) 6:50, 7:20, 10:00, 10:30

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:10; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:10, 7:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:10) 5:10, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:10, 5:10) 7:20, 9:35; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:50, 10:05; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:55) 7:40, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (1:15, 3:55) 7:00, 9:50; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:25, 10:10; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 9:55; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:25, 7:35, 10:15; Sun. (1:50) 4:25, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:35, 10:00; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:20) 7:10, 10:05; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:10, 10:10

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)

wants to identify with an action hero, not with an artist in a chair. And at least to the extent of his exploitation and manipulation, the identification is no problem. 2002.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

The Royal Tenenbaums — Not just a dysfunctional family; a determinedly, unrelentingly oddball, eccentric, wacky, weird, kooky, cracked family; but only a rarely and very mildly funny family. (None of this deters Gene Hackman, as the long-absent head of the clan, from his normal excellence.) Wes Anderson, the director, favors frontal and centered compositions, or frontal and symmetrical ones — the visual equivalent of hammer blows. (Nailing down, if nothing else, the sameness and monotonousness of it all.) And no scene would be complete without a musical selection from the eclectic soundtrack: Ravel to Vivaldi, the Ramones to the Beach Boys, Dylan to Nico. With Anjelica Huston, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller, Luke Wilson, Owen Wilson, Danny Glover, Bill Murray. 2001.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Sordid Lives — Del Shores brings his own stage comedy to the screen, set at a

Texas funeral, with Bonnie Bedelia, Beau Bridges, Delta Burke, Olivia Newton-John, Kirk Geiger.

(KEN, 3/1 THROUGH 7)

Storytelling — A diptych by Todd Solondz, composed of one part called “Fiction” and another part called “Nonfiction.” (The first revolves around a Creative Writing class, the second around a documentary film: equally fictitious.) Both parts permit Solondz to re-echo some of the accusations — an “ugly” comment in part one, a “glib and facile” comment in part two — thrown at his two previous films, *Happiness* and *Welcome to the Dollhouse*. One only wants to point out that to parrot these accusations is not to answer them. (Unless maybe you’re eight years old.) And an awareness of what he is up to, a self-consciousness about it, does not substantially alter it. He is drawn to squalid characters, and he is condescending to them. Of course it could be said in his defense (inasmuch as he himself hasn’t said it on screen) that squalor is as legitimate a subject as, and perhaps intrinsically a less dull subject than, wholesomeness. And condescension is just the other side of the coin from glorification, and no more unpardonable an artistic sin. But while there is something bracing about the

presentation of special-interest groups — the African-American, the handicapped, the modern liberated woman, the Jew, the homosexual, the Salvadoran refugee — without the usual cushion of courtesy and deference, without *politesse*, without kid gloves, there is nonetheless something relentless and tactless about the way Solondz goes at it. The over-obvious provocateur runs the risk of becoming an unprovoking provocateur: the prospective provokee, if that’s the term, will be over-ready for him. Selma Blair, Robert Wisdom, Mark Webber, Paul Giamatti, John Goodman, Julie Hagerty. 2002.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/28)

Super Troopers — The big-screen breakthrough of a five-man comedy troupe collectively called Broken Lizard is a dirt-cheap and piss-poor spoof about the jurisdictional rivalry between a squad of Highway Patrol pranksters and the strait-laced Spurbury Police Department. It’s somewhat similar, in both those descriptive adjectives, to such Seventies spoofs as *Kentucky Fried Movie* and *Tunnelvision*. Which is in no way to wax nostalgic about it. You could sink into a clinical depression waiting for a laugh, a cackle, a lip-curl, anything. The only claim on your attention is the participation in it of anybody

recognizable: Brian Cox, Daniel Van Bargaen, Lynda Carter. With Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, Paul Soter, and Erik Stolhanske; directed by Chandrasekhar. 2002.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

A Walk to Remember — Teen weepie. All you really need to know is that it’s based on a novel by the author of *Message in a Bottle*, Nicholas Sparks: your guarantee of unintended mirth. Pop singer Mandy Moore (singing two songs in that voguishly warped and wobbly vocal style that sounds as though the Walkman’s batteries are running low) and Shane West are the mismatched lovers: the ostracized Goody-Two-Shoes and the hub of the in crowd, respectively. And their grand romance, ill-starred but inspirational, generates about the same warmth and passion as a TV evangelist with his hand out. Peter Coyote, Daryl Hannah; directed by Adam Shankman. 2002.

● (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

We Were Soldiers — Reviewed this

issue. With Mel Gibson, Chris Klein, Greg Kinnear, Sam Elliott, Barry Pepper, and Madeleine Stowe; written and directed by Randall Wallace.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/1)

What Time Is It There? — A Taipei wristwatch vendor reluctantly sells his own timepiece to a Paris-bound tourist, creating a distant connection between them, at least as far as the film’s structure is concerned. A wry little tale, of uncertain import, but beautifully photographed (by Benoit Delhomme) in scintillating color, with an absolutely stationary camera (not counting three shots inside moving vehicles). Directed by Tsai Ming-liang. 2001.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/28)

A Walk to Remember (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 5:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 8:40; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:45) 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:35) 8:30; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 8:25; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:45) 8:35; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 6:25, 9:00; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:40); **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:40) 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:30) 8:20; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:25, 7:40, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:50) 5:50, 7:50; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:15); **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:55) 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:15) 8:45; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 6:20

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
We Were Soldiers; **Queen of the Damned**; **Big Fat Liar**; **Snow Dogs**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 5:00, 7:15; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 2:30; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
We Were Soldiers; **40 Days and 40 Nights**; **The Debut**; **Dragonfly**; **Queen of the Damned**; **Gosford Park**; **Crossroads**; **John Q**; **Super Troopers**; **Return to Never Land**; **Collateral Damage**; **Big Fat Liar**; **Rollerball**; **A Walk to Remember**; **The Count of Monte Cristo**; **I Am Sam**; **The Mothman Prophecies**; **The Debut**; **Black Hawk Down**; **Snow Dogs**; **A Beautiful Mind**; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:30, 9:50; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 5:25); **Big Fat**

Liar (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:10; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri. (11:50, 3:05) 6:55, 10:00; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri. (12:10, 3:00) 7:05, 9:40; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:00, 4:30) 7:55, 10:25; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri. (3:35) 6:50, 9:55; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:40) 6:45, 9:45; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:30) 7:00, 9:45; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 5:10) 7:40, 8:00, 10:05, 10:30; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. (12:00, 2:05, 4:25) 7:15, 9:35; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 4:10) 7:35, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00); **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 3:40, 4:15) 7:00, 7:20, 10:00, 10:20

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Ocean’s Eleven (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:00; **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:00; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Return to Never Land; **Snow Dogs**

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:50, 3:50) 5:50, 7:50, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:40, 5:30) 7:35; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:35, 9:35; Sun. 4:35, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:05; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; Sun. (1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:20, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:50) 7:55; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 8:00; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 7:40; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. (2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 7:50; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:35, 3:30) 5:25, 7:15, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:30, 5:20) 7:15; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 7:45

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15,

5:45, 8:15; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:15, 7:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (12:45, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:25, 5:30) 7:35, 9:40; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:45, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (1:40) 4:45, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:45) 7:55; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:10, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:05, 5:10) 7:15; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:15; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:35) 7:40, 9:50; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:20; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:25, 9:55; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:30, 9:45; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:00, 5:00) 7:05; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:25, 7:40, 10:30; Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:25) 8:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:25; Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:20) 7:20, 10:05

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 5:00; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 2:30, 7:15; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 1:45; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00,

2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Wed. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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San Marcos 18
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (760-599-8221)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 2:30, 7:45; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 5:30; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:00; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 7:00; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
John Q (PG-13) Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 8:00; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:15, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 5:20, 7:40; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 4:20, 6:30, 8:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. 5:10, 7:30; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:50

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 4:15; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:15; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 7:15

Flower Hill 4

2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 7:00; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:00; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:3

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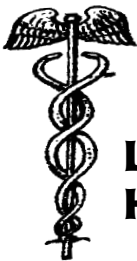
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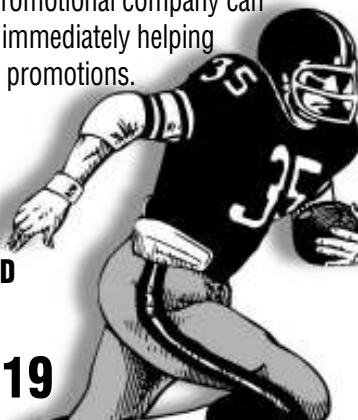


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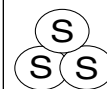
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Across

- U.N.C. is in it
- 1740 Samuel Richardson novel
- Capital near the 60th parallel
- Piece advocates?: Abbr.
- Went away
- Pitcher Tiant
- Clinton, e.g., before being Pres.
- Went hastily
- Omar of "Scream 2"
- Task for many high schoolers, inevitably
- Gumbo component
- Appear
- DVD maker
- Golf shot
- Body shop fig.
- Canon camera
- Undercover attire
- Skybox V.I.P.'s
- Task for many undergraduates, inevitably
- Fifth quarters, so to speak: Abbr.
- "There ____ stupid questions"
- Co-star for Jackie on "The Honeymooners"
- Sum (up)
- Uses money
- Driveway stuff
- Meadow murmurs
- Museo work
- The inevitable, for many who don't like working full-time, paying rent, etc.

- Aunt Jemima alternative
- Major publicity
- Pique condition?
- Transport, dating from the Stone Age
- Office building area
- Eggnog mo.
- Mont Blanc and others
- Football Hall-of-Famer Gale
- Fast plane: Abbr.

Down

- ____-American
- Stingers?
- Prance about
- Prefix with medic
- Touch on
- Like some nouns: Abbr.
- Personal disposition
- Actress Sobieski of "Joan of Arc"
- Confuses
- Designer Cassini

- Concept discussed in Freud 101
- 1976 Nobel Prize-winning chemist
- C.I.A. predecessor
- Destiny
- C.P.R. expert
- Donkey's cousin
- Lord's Prayer start
- Fast-food inits.
- Biblical verb ending
- "... ____ woodchuck could chuck wood"
- Fall behind
- Hormone produced mainly in the ovaries
- Surgery sites, briefly
- Capitol V.I.P.: Abbr.
- Saturated hydrocarbon: Suffix
- Fish food, in biblical times?
- Cereal grain in Cap'n Crunch
- Atty. grp.
- Russian villas
- Sitting Bull, e.g.
- "Star Wars" characters
- Mall units
- Child's bedtime treat
- Put into office
- Hunks have nice ones
- 60's TV boy
- Disparaging word
- Rotating pieces in a machine
- More than a feeling

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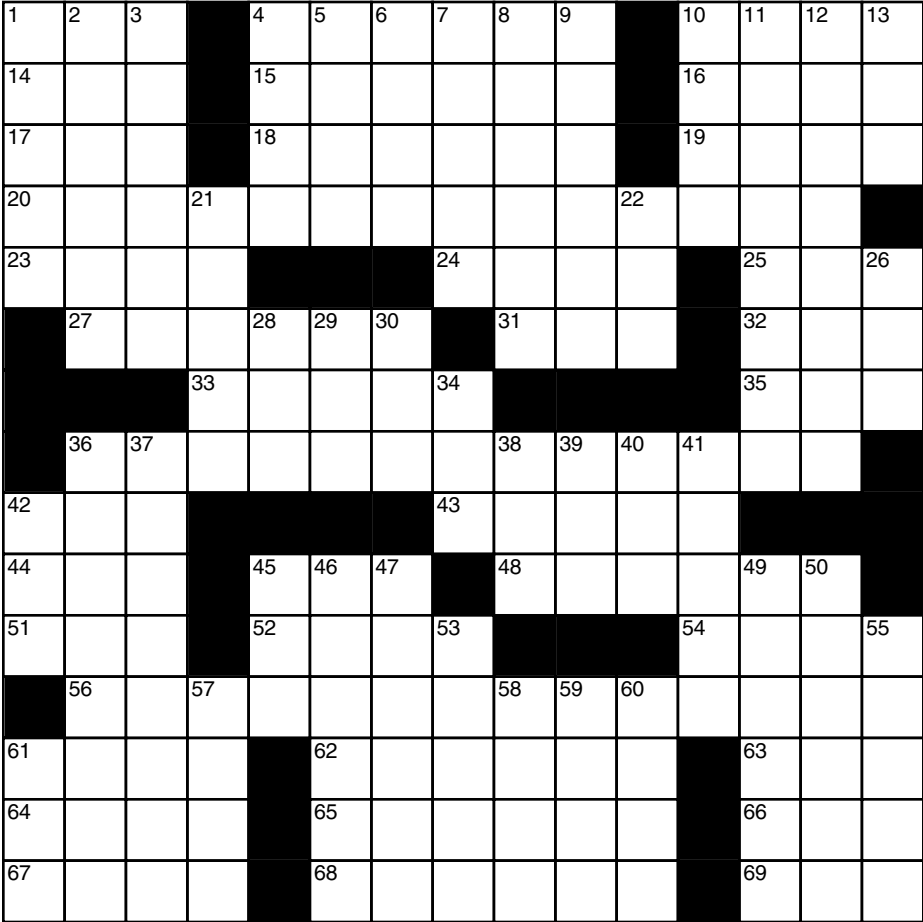
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ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY. Death Penalty Focus meets March 5, 7pm, at California Western School of Law, 350 Cedar, San Diego. Come help. 619-255-3873.

ADD/ADHD IS A HOAX. For a free booklet (nothing for sale) or more information than you may be comfortable with, contact Bill at 619-469-2134.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Center). Information, 858-576-3811.

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CONCERNED UNITED Birthparents welcomes birthparents, adoptees, and adoptive parents to our monthly support group meetings. CUB information, 619-685-7673 or www.CUBirthparents.org.

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FELLOWSHIP OF OLDER GAYS (FOG). Social club, full calendar of activities. Free strictly confidential information. PO Box 4271, San Diego 92164-4271. 619-298-1388 or 619-702-4586. www.geocities.com/westhollywood/park/9411.

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INTERFAITH Science/Religion discussion meets Monday, March 11 at 3pm, SDSU Lutheran House Campus Center, 5863 Hardy. Topic: "Science and Creationism." Call John, 619-583-8309.

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MEDITATION: Tuesdays 6:15pm and Sundays 8:15am, Temple of Bhakti Yoga, 2120 Monroe Avenue, University Heights. Call for more information, 619-299-0257.

MENOPAUSAL STUDY for women, ages 50-75. UCSD research study on effects of hormone replacement therapy on mood, sleep, behavior in healthy menopausal women. Nonsmoker, not using hormones. 619-543-7933.

MINORITY WRITERS WANTED. The Academy of Alternative Journalism, supported by alternative papers like this one, seeks experienced minority journalists and students (college seniors and up) for a paid summer writing program at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Chicago. Ten writers will be selected for the 8-week residential program, which is designed to recruit talented minorities into the alternative press and train them in the techniques of magazine-style feature writing. Participants will be paid \$3000 plus housing and travel allowances. For information, visit http://medill.northwestern.edu/aa/ or write for an application: Academy for Alternative Journalism c/o Lesa Lee, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, 105 W. Adams Street, Suite 200, Chicago IL 60603. (AAN CAN)

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NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL, nonprofit, seeks spaces to meet, members, all ages, races, sexes. Interested in native teachings? Ancient traditions? Call Jennifer, 619-239-9243; Bob, 619-291-0983. sancho64@gmail.com.

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PARENT OF A GAY CHILD? Free therapy group for distressed parents. Leave confidential message for Stephen White, M.A., at 858-623-2777 x716.

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED for SDSU Cognitive Development research group. Seeking children, 18-36 months, for problem-solving study. Free book for participation. 619-594-1327 or tubetask@yahoo.com.

PARTICIPATE in a research study. Looking for sexually active men and women who have used crystal meth recently. All confidential. Cash incentive \$230. 619-543-5088.

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POLITICAL PROGRESSIVES! Discussion Wednesday, 3/13, 7:30pm, The Living Room, 1417 University Avenue. Topic: Corporate media (nonliberal one). All wel-

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REDISCOVER THE JOYS of entertaining at home while sharing the workload, looking for people interested in participating in a potluck dinner group with emphasis on good food, wine and of course, social discourse. First gathering on March 7 at 8pm (no dinner). See New York Times, January 30th, section B-1. For details, e-mail: NormDiamond@aol.com or fax: 619-224-8583.

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THE EATING DISORDER Referral and Information Center provides free information and treatment resources for eating disorders. For more information visit www.edreferral.com or call 858-792-7463.

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FRIENDSHIP. Looking for friends. Married female with one child seeking friendships with other females/males or couples to go out to dinner and socialize with. (3/13) [✉](#)30222

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE. Male student, 20, interested in Japan. Seeking Japanese female, 18-23, for exchange of culture, language. Also movies, restaurants, fun. (3/13) [✉](#)30216

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BLONDE, FIT, FUN LADY, 45, 5'7", seeks educated, honest, confident, funny man who looks good, 44 to 50, to enjoy San Diego and more. (3/13) [✉](#)23110

I'VE BEEN SO BLESSED in so many ways, but I still pray to find my soul mate who is hopefully happy, honest and middle age. (3/13) [✉](#)23134

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, great legs, easygoing, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, honest, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (3/6) [✉](#)23072

PERFECTLY PERKY INSIDE and out. 41, 5'6", 135lbs. Seeking nonsmoking, child-free man, 36-46; off-roading, kayaking, tent camping, motorcycles, wine tasting, indoor/outdoor adventures. (3/13) [✉](#)23101

IF YOU ARE 55+ MALE, financially secure, honest, easygoing, enjoy good food and conversation, let's meet. I'm 55+, outgoing, fun lady. (3/13) [✉](#)23088

ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY, sensational, exotic, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. You're fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white, professional, 35-53. Let's enjoy food, music and more. (3/13) [✉](#)23116

DEGREED, TALL, sexy, voluptuous, intelligent, down-to-earth black beauty seeking intelligent, down-to-earth, attractive male, 6'3" or taller, age 32-41. Race unimportant. (3/13) [✉](#)23089

GRINGA EVANGELICA PROFESIONAL busca homologo caballeroso. Que tenga 26-34 anos. Sea dulce, honesto, humilde, ambicioso, chistoso, romantico, culto, bilingue, con buenos morales/valores. Dios Primero! (3/6) [✉](#)23075

ASIAN, FULL-FIGURED CURVES in the right places, loves movies, travel, cozy dinners, dancing, walks on the beach. You: Caucasian, 30-40 years, with same interests. (3/13) [✉](#)23121

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, Christian male desired by healthy, built, white female for fun, passion and sincerity. Be 38 to 48, honest, gentle, relationship minded, responsible. (3/6) [✉](#)23062

FUN, VIVACIOUS, GOOD SENSE of humor, gorgeous eyes, great skin, pretty, 40s, blonde seeks 40s-early 50s pal. Chatting, dining, dancing, adventure, great times. (3/13) [✉](#)23118

ME: 5', HAPPY, SPUNKY, physically/mentally fit. You: Fit, funny, nice guy; no smokers; enjoy life; want friendship then? (3/13) [✉](#)23114

WANTED! SINGLE, WHITE male professional; unafraid to be vulnerable. Note: You must be attractive! In return you get a very pretty, independent and stable female. (3/6) [✉](#)23047

APARTMENT MANAGER, bored, seeking smoker, 57+, beard, boots, nondrinker, flexible. I'm 57, 190lbs., widowed, smoker. Like country music, talking, kick-back attitude, spontaneous, weekends. Coffee? (3/13) [✉](#)23093

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ATTRACTIVE, FUN, 35. Let's make this a memorable spring. Honesty, ability to laugh and down to earth a must! (3/13) [✉](#)23128

WIDOW, 50s, PRETTY, SLIM, active, blonde, loves life; youthful, happy, fun. Travel, dancing, boating, walking, theater, movies, dining. Seeking tall, honest, 50+ nonsmoker, like me. (3/6) [✉](#)23057

I'M A WARM, CARING, FIT, intelligent, shapely woman with traditional values. I'm looking for an educated, single, Caucasian man, 40-55, to share life's adventures. (3/13) [✉](#)23133

BEAUTIFUL, SWEET ASIAN woman, 38, looking for gentleman who careful, responsible, honest, intelligent, have good sense of humor, successful in career, to start a relationship. (3/13) [✉](#)23126

GOOD-LOOKING, FUN TO BE WITH gal looking to have some fun. I'm 5'10", dark blonde, brown eyes. Enjoy rock music, pool and football. (3/6) [✉](#)23063

SWEET, SENSITIVE BRUNETTE. Full figured, 44, honest, thoughtful, funny. Love music, adventure, shows, culture, romance, more. Seeking best friend/soul mate for long-term relationship. (3/6) [✉](#)23086

JUST RETURNED TO AREA. 44, reddish hair, green eyes. Full figured. Love life, laughs and good times. Seeking friendship and dating. We'll go from there. (3/13) [✉](#)23115

SENSUAL, ADVENTURE-LOVING, white lady, 5'6", trim, attractive, no dependents, enjoys cooking, outdoors; seeks tall, healthy 55-63 who wants to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (3/13) [✉](#)23092

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION. Sweet, huggable angel. Likes: Chili, tailgate parties, beaches, arts, swing dance. Seeking one sincere, jeans/tux, professional, nonsmoker/nondrugs hiker. Pluses: Employed. (3/6) [✉](#)23040

HOTTIE WANTED! You: Good-looking, white, 21-33, 5'11"+, no kids. Me: Caucasian, pretty brunette, 5'8", sexy legs, sensual, sweet, passionate, fun and adventurous. (3/13) [✉](#)23123

PRETTY, BLUE-EYED BLONDE, tall, slender, easygoing, 50ish, enjoys nature, dancing, travel, movies. Seeking positive, healthy, fun-loving gentleman, similar age, friendship and/or relationship. (3/6) [✉](#)23068

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU WON a chance to meet me. Attractive, 28, 5'5", 130lbs., blonde, blue. You're fit black male, 30-40, time to laugh/love. Call now! (3/6) [✉](#)23044

ABSOLUTELY ATTRACTIVE GOLFER, Oriental, 5'5", 115lbs., caring, intelligent, the whole package, fun, passionate, seeks 38-48, 5'8"+, intelligent, loving, caring, well educated, handsome, fit, humorous, positive. (3/6) [✉](#)23042

SPRING IS HERE. Why aren't you? 6'1"+, affectionate, communicative, black man with sense of humor? Me: 5'9", 135lbs., sincere. Black female awaits your call. (3/6) [✉](#)23073

GREAT LOOKS, EUROPEAN, classy lady, honest, passionate, romantic, feisty, fun, successful, homeowner, loves life, arts, people and seeking accomplished gentleman, 40-50, with similar interests. (3/6) [✉](#)23084

HIP CITY GIRL, TALL, shapely, 34. Looking for liberal, intelligent, dog lover to share sushi, cinema and brisk evening walks. You're in your 30s, no kids, with a wicked sense of humor. (3/6) [✉](#)23058

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, attractive, bright and funny, seeks 44-54-year-old, tall, single white male for activities, dates and possible relationship. (3/6) [✉](#)23055

DO YOU DARE TO DREAM of meeting your heart's longing? Will you risk looking like a fool for love, for the adventure of being alive? (3/13) [✉](#)23100

ACTIVE, PRETTY, late 30s, no baggage, likes arts, sports, grounded; seeks strong partner. Astute, open minded, goal oriented, mindful. Let's take it slow. Friends first! (3/13) [✉](#)23111

EAST COUNTY, ATTRACTIVE, nice figure, 5'5", 120lbs., 59, widow seeks Catholic widower, 59-65, financially secure, sense of humor. Honest Latinos welcome. No games. (3/6) [✉](#)23069

MAYBE, THIS SUMMER WILL LAST. Passion, music, bonfires, wine, discussions. Woman, 35, smart, attractive, honest, is looking for a friend and lover. You? Race unimportant. (3/13) [✉](#)23127

IN SEARCH OF: Life partner. Mom of 2, 31, proportionate, tomboy/girly girl. Love sports, outdoors. Successful man, please! 5'1", auburn hair. (3/6) [✉](#)23054

VERY PRETTY LADY, good figure, cheerful personality, seeking 55+, 5'10"+, for friend, playmate and more, to have monogamous relationship with lots of laughs, good times. (3/6) [✉](#)23039

SUDDENLY 60, SINCERE, savvy, selective, sometimes silly, scampish senior seeks smart, successful, scintillating, stargazing, soulful, sociable sweet-heart. (3/6) [✉](#)23037

PROFESSIONAL, EBONY looking for professional ivory, 47-56, 5'10"+, loves life and knows how to live it. Cultural minded. I'm 51, 5'8", 160lbs.; love workout session. (3/13) [✉](#)23131

BLUE-EYED, CURVY, PRETTY, size 8, brunette, going more country. Like tea, ethnic foods, yoga, nature, smart men, philosophy, holding hands, live music, Midwestern values. (3/6) [✉](#)23051

CHRISTIAN, PATRIOTIC, active, humorous, alert, red-headed, blue-eyed, young 70ish lady trying to locate same qualities in a gentleman. Chocolate lovers a plus. (3/6) [✉](#)23041

PUPPY LOVE? Progressive, benevolent master (47, 5'9", son 13), seeks Leftist, mel-low co-alpha (under 50ish, comely, sensual intellectual). Leash-free adventures, licks, full-moon howling! (3/13) [✉](#)23099

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, 44. You are white male, 5'7"+, looking for that right one; it's already taken too long. What are you waiting for, me! (3/13) [✉](#)23129

NOT DESPERATE, just tired of the bar scene. 5'5", 125lbs., blonde, blue, educated. Seeking handsome brunet, 35-40, 5'10"+, 180lbs., educated, easygoing, sincere, hiking, movies. (3/13) [✉](#)23095

I AM BEST DESCRIBED as witty, sweet, caring, playful, loyal, honest, fun; and just give me a try, you'll like me. (3/13) [✉](#)23105

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, GORGEOUS, petite. Seeking successful, optimistic, stylish, loyal, trusting, truthful, passionate, monogamous, spiritual, nonreligious man; friendship, sports; no previous kids, 36-48, 5'9"+. No Republicans. (3/6) [✉](#)23087

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GENUINELY BEAUTIFUL, unforgettable, Sagittarius woman with upbeat personality. I'm 50-something. Seeking kind, generous man who loves to laugh and enjoys life. Conversation and companionship. (3/6) ☎23035

UNIQUE, CLASSY, EUROPEAN, attractive, red/blue, intelligent, warm, sensual, diverse, passionate, outgoing. Seeking professional, honest, stable romantic; travel, outdoors, humor, conversation, laughter, genuine. 38-50s. More. (3/13) ☎23097

AN 8 WITH A 10 PERSONALITY looking for a 7 with an 11 personality. We're attractive, educated professionals (30s, childless, nonsmokers), moderately athletic, fun; love adventure, the outdoors and life! (3/13) ☎23107

SPICY REDHEAD WHO'S pretty, petite, professional, physically fit. Bike, hike, dance, romance. Seeking white professional, 45-55, educated, executive, sincere, secure, athletic, adventurous, handsome, healthy, happy. (3/13) ☎23094

THE BEST FOR THE BEST! Exotic beauty queen with brains and talent, morals, integrity, never married, seeks quality, fit, handsome, intelligent, never married gentleman, 37-51. (3/13) ☎23091

40, FULL-FIGURED, FAMILY- oriented mom. Enjoy outdoors, sports, kids, people person. Seeks unattached family man to enjoy life with. (3/6) ☎23064

FULL-FIGURED ATTRACTIVE female, 48, looking for a romantic male who likes to enjoy life. Please be educated and have a great sense of humor. (3/13) ☎23117

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, successful Italian, 5'5", 115lbs., sports, beach, romantic homeowner. Seeking relationship, partner. You: Handsome, tall, successful, fit, emotionally/physically available. 38-45, mature, loving Caucasian. (3/13) ☎23120

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINA, 59, sexy, elegant, secure, homeowner. Enjoy dancing, tavel, dining, cuddling. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, financially secure white gentleman. (3/13) ☎23119

SEEKING BUSINESSMAN WHO looks/is Hispanic or Italian, 28-37, no kids, prosperous, above-average face/body, caring, ideally spiritual. 32, sexy, thin, stable, pretty blonde. (3/13) ☎23125

YOUR MOTHER, FATHER, sister, brother, best friend, would like me. 56, youngish, fit, white female. Attractive. Seeking similarly happy, caring male. (3/13) ☎23109

WOMAN POSSESSING INNER and outer quality. Love, laughter, spirituality and charm packaged in proportionate, ageless body. Searching for man possessing same qualities. (3/6) ☎23065

ROMANCE, FRIENDSHIP, photography. 57, 5'4", fun, interesting. Want to share common interest in photography. Let's see what develops. Nonsmoker/nondrinker. Laugh, photo, cuddle, mutual respect. (3/13) ☎23098

I AM A 49-YEAR-OLD, attractive, slim avid exerciser, reader of self-improvement, natural health books and Chinese medicine; love good conversationalist and sensitivity. (3/13) ☎23104

SASSY VEGAN GIRL, 27, seeks like-minded, passionate, happy, seminormal vegetarian, 25-33, willing to laugh at himself and lead a life of compassion. (3/6) ☎23038

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ATTRACTIVE BLONDE professional, slender, 47. I am goal oriented and seek the same in a mate. Interests are real estate, golfing, health and fitness. (3/13) ☎23103

LET'S HAVE FUN. 5'1", very active, professional. Looking for love and fun. You: 35 to 45, fit, attractive, like a wide variety of activities. (3/13) ☎23130

YES, LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY! 43, attractive, curvaceous 5'7". Share love, authentic communication, friends, community, nature, fun, endless possibilities! Share life with me. Friend/life partner. (3/13) ☎23122

NO GAMES, JUST GOOD TIMES, laughter, adventure. Good-looking, fit, slim redhead seeks 45-55 gentleman; takes time out for play; enjoys life; spiritual, nonsmoker. (3/6) ☎23061

GIVE ME A CHANCE, I won't let you down! I'm white, full-figured, single parent, 28, who seeks white male, 28-45, for serious relationship/love. (3/6) ☎23079

SURFING PIKERS, South Coastal blonde, 42, enjoys frolic in the seashore; body of petite mud wrestler, heart of fairy godmother. You: Surf, handsome, honest, interested? (3/6) ☎23071

APARTMENT MANAGER, bored, seeking smoker 57+, beard, boots, nondrinker, flexible. I'm 57, 190lbs., widowed, smoker. Like country music, talking, kick-back attitude, spontaneous, weekends. Coffee? (3/6) ☎23043

ADVENTUROUS WORLD traveler, 5'9", slim, educated, secure, fun, attractive, with sense of humor, in search of great guy, 60-67, to share the good life. (3/13) ☎23096

TEMPERATURES RISING. Need I say more? 44, blonde/green, 5'2", 127lbs., professional, lust for life, laughter, love. You: 6', professional, quick wit, slow hand. Hot. (3/6) ☎23053

PRETTY, PETITE PROFESSIONAL, 47, seeking last and best love. We're educated, sophisticated, humorous, classy, active, conservative. Like music, romance, wine tasting, gourmet in/out, golf, tennis. (3/6) ☎23052

BEAUTIFUL WOMAN SEEKING love and relationship. Love to swim, beach, water ski. Need to meet loving man to share my life with. 42 years old. (3/6) ☎23083

LOOKING FOR A REAL MAN! No games. Am totally ready to get on with my life with someone that appreciates me as I am. (3/6) ☎23085

CUTE, PETITE, JEWISH brunette, intelligent, energetic, fit, professional, seeks honest, cute, fit man for friendship and possibly more; 38-50. Enjoy dining, movies, outdoors, animals, sharing. (3/13) ☎23090

SOUTHERN PETITE BLONDE, green eyes, seeks gentleman for caring and fun times, golf, theatre, travel, dining; can open champagne alone. Retired, no baggage. (3/6) ☎23033

MY DOG MUST APPROVE. 33, sports minded, attractive, educated, humorous, athletic, classy, secure, emotionally stable, sexy, outgoing, sensuous, compassionate, fun, monogamous, adventure some. Seeking same. 30-43. (3/6) ☎23050

IMPISHLY FUN FEMALE. 19, 5'8", brunette, Rubenesque, sweet, intelligent college student who seeks to have fun with humorous, intelligent, open-minded gentleman. (3/13) ☎23113

32, SMART (Ph.D.), ATHLETIC. Enjoy world travel, local beaches, San Diego lifestyle. Seeking confident male professional, 30-36, 5'10"+, for dating and possibly more. (3/6) ☎23060

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SOBER, SOLVENT, SINGLE white male, blue eyes, 6', bookish, dinners, movies, culture, but enjoys walks with friendly partner. (3/13) ☎30188

FOREIGN, EXOTIC, FRIEND, lover, partner, teacher sought. To her, I offer love unlike any other. I am intelligent, eclectic, eccentric, resourceful, passionate, observant, loyal, safe. (3/13) ☎30182

VOLUPTUOUS BLACK WOMAN WANTED, 30-50, by handsome, 52-year-old Italian; romantic, loving, great kisser. Looking for same. (3/13) ☎30203

SEEKING ATHLETIC BEAUTY! 33-year-old guy, muscular and educated, seeks hottie to enjoy San Diego with. Motorcycling, dinner, trips up the coast. Let's enjoy! (3/13) ☎30196

REALLY NICE, FIT, STABLE, humorous, active guy, 44, is searching for cute, active, honest and sincere woman. Are you the one? (3/13) ☎30180

42, 5'10", 160LBS. I have many allergies that compromise my lifestyle. Looking for

a woman who has the same or similar lifestyle. Lakeside. (3/6) ☎30098

SINGLE HISPANIC FATHER. Life is full of surprises, but it always gives you another chance. Are you willing to take that chance? 'Cause I am. (3/13) ☎30175

FUNNY, GOOD-LOOKING, fit, nice guy, 38, affectionate, active. Beach, desert, dessert, good times with beautiful (n)out girl. Seeking fun, attractive, fit, smart, adventurous. (3/13) ☎30199

I AM A SINGLE, WHITE, athletic male (5'11") from the South of France. I am passionate, good looking and intelligent with a very successful career. (3/13) ☎30183

TALL, VERY GOOD LOOKING, fun, easy-going, kind, romantic, sincere, 48, seeks trim, attractive, loving, active, 37-46. Dancing, dining, sailing, moonlight strolls, outdoor activities, kisses/hugs. (3/6) ☎30111

TALL CAUCASIAN, 40, nonsmoker/nondrinker, drugs, physically fit, educated, entrepreneur, traveler, Catholic, childless. Seeking single, childless, financially secure nonsmoker/nondrinker, no drugs, for relationship. (3/13) ☎30163

GOOD LIAR WANTED to explain how we met. Successful entrepreneur, 44, 5'8", 145lbs., intuitive, metaphysical, risk taker, confident, reliable, adventurous, no children, seeks similar. (3/13) ☎30172

KINDHEARTED, CARING white gentleman, 43, 5'7", 170lbs., financially secure. Boat owner, enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (3/6) ☎30155

PERSONALMENTE ME CONSIDERO que soy un hombre atractivo, inteligente y trabajador, me gusta gozar la vida y hacer de ella algo maravilloso. (3/13) ☎30209

CONFIDENT, SENSUOUS, SEXY, woman desired for Italian artist, 50s. Love art, sports, travel, movies, sailing, anything that is outdoors; into exercise and enjoying life. (3/6) ☎30115

SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR, no children, 5'10", 49, good listener, sense of humor, affectionate, secure. Seeking 40s, slender, intelligent, easygoing, fun-loving partner. Music, barbecues, hiking, movies. (3/6) ☎30161

HANDSOME, CHARMING, successful executive, 50s, centered, spiritual, romantic, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit lady, professional, 35-55. (3/13) ☎30241

videos, walks. Emotionally available, monogamous. Any race, sincere! (3/6) ☎30118

YOU ARE TALL, SLIM, attractive, intelligent, educated, unencumbered, active, vegetarian and have celebrated between 45 and 58 birthdays. Me too. (3/6) ☎30129

38, FREETHINKING professional, 5'7", 140lbs., open, fun-loving. Travel, outdoors, yoga, movies/theatre. Seeking secure, communicative, fit college graduate. Good sense of humor definite plus! (3/13) ☎30240

PROFESSIONAL, DIVORCED gentleman, 52, looking for female companion with varied interests for fun, companionship and possible long-term relationship: 35-54. Call, write with e-mail address. (3/13) ☎30210

PARIS NEXT CHRISTMAS. Lawyer/consultant, 40, 6', handsome, truest romantic. Seeking life mate. Let's share grand adventures, live the romantic life. Sail, kayak, bike, travel. (3/13) ☎30211

FIREMAN, 56, 185LBS., generous, financially secure, college degree, seeking passionate female, 35-49, loves adventure, no excess baggage, no smokers, no hang-ups. (3/13) ☎30178

51, NORTH COASTAL HOMEOWNER: 5'10", very handsome, wealthy outdoorsman. Hobbies: Art, cars, theatre, ethnic foods and travel. You're younger, beautiful, spontaneous, romantic, sexy and monogamous. (3/13) ☎30204

CHRISTIAN, HANDSOME, humorous, 45, 5'11", 180lbs., childless, loves dining, movies, laughing, joking, honesty, openness. You: Christian, attractive, fit, similar interests, fun, happy. Children OK. (3/6) ☎30101

WOMAN OF COLOR DESIRED. Professional, educated, white, beach boy, 62, attractive, open minded, trim, romantic, seeks attractive, sexy, fun lover. Possible relationship. Age, race unimportant. (3/6) ☎30151

LONGHAIRCED GENTLEMAN, handsome, young 40, educated, city homeowner. Love animals, music, photography, computers, hiking. Seeking sweet, petite, childless, vibrant, longhaired lady with diverse interests. (3/6) ☎30159

INTO NATURE? SIMPLY HEALTHY lifestyle. Age 45. Like long hikes, acoustic music, children, native plants, animals, old stuff that works and howling at the moon! (3/13) ☎30212

TALL, VERY AFFECTIONATE, sensual, honest, open, generous, kind woman, 24-50, great kisser, museum/movie goer, wanted for all-the-time love by similar male. Call. (3/13) ☎30226

WE WILL NEVER: motorcycle ride, camp, hike, explore, laugh, talk or kiss. Unless you call. We are semifit, late 30s, childless, East County. (3/13) ☎30202

GOOD-LOOKING HARLEY GUY, fit, fun, very diverse, sense of humor, long blond, blue, 5'9", 155lbs., mid-40s, seeks one attractive chick, 30-45. Let's roll! (3/6) ☎30149

HUMOROUS, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletically-built, gentleman searching. Nonsmoker, drinker, slim-to-medium build, 49-50s, Caucasian female for conversation, outings, music, home. Love? (3/6) ☎30104

I AM VERY GIVING, affectionate, loving and big-hearted person. I am not afraid of commitment and look forward to it. (3/13) ☎30200

BE MY ONLY BAD HABIT. Are you healthy and fun as I am? Then connect with me to find new ways to spoil each other. (3/6) ☎30107

PART-TIME HAPPY DAD practices full-time caring, hugs, humor. Brown/blue, 5'10", 165lbs., mustache, would like mutual friendship, laughter, monogamy, sharing; attractive female, 32-50. (3/13) ☎30171

GORGEOUS, FIT, SENSUAL, sexy, good-natured rooster desires, 45, under, trim, cute, fun-loving queen of the roost. Fun, laughter, sharing adventures, long-term relationship? (3/6) ☎30131

SENSUOUS, SENSUOUS, sensual, sensual, sensual. Are you this? Me: 35, white, very willing to go to next level with you. (3/13) ☎30170

ADDICTED TO IDEAS. Into biking, sailing, tennis, good music, theater, good food, good wine, picnics for two, sunset walks along secluded beaches. (3/6) ☎30140

FAMILY-ORIENTED professional, Christian, 34, 5'10", handsome, high self-esteem, financially secure, seeking attrac-

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
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
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CARLSBAD. One month free! 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from \$1010. Gated community. Designer kitchen cabinets. Oversized oval tubs. Business center, Internet access. Fitness center, cardio theater. Pool. Spa. Game room, billiards. Shuffleboard, large screen TV. Media center, movie theater. Mirabella at Aviara, 6610 Ambrosia Lane. 760-930-1203. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1081.

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CHULA VISTA. \$1200. Country-style 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage, fireplace. Washer/dryer hookup. Fenced yard. Newer appliances. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

CHULA VISTA. \$895. Very large, newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Courtyard. Large pool. Sea breezes. Sorry, no pets. 1420 Hilltop Drive. Maureen, 619-426-8221.

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CLAIREMONT. \$2100. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house in quiet area. Near shopping. Large patio, washer, dryer. Garage. No pets, nonsmoking. 619-297-1777.

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CLAIREMONT. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car garage. 4678 Chateau. Agent, 858-560-1178.

CLAIREMONT. \$1150. Spacious 2-bedroom, 1-bath condo located in gated community with pool, spa and 1-car spot. 4192 Mt. Alifan. Agent. 858-560-1178.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$695. 1 bedroom. Sparkling pool, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Sorry, no pets. 4333 College Avenue. 619-287-8380.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. 1 bedroom. Attractive community with gated entry, sparkling pool, air conditioning, off-street parking, laundry. Small pet on approval. 4601 63rd Street. 619-229-9248.

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COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$575. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet and paint, ceiling fan, laundry. No pets. Near bus line. 4478 48th Street. Call 858-271-6915 or 619-583-6614.

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COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedroom downstairs apartment. Off-street parking, coin-operated laundry, close to shopping and transportation. Available now. \$650. Call 619-871-3800.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$825-\$1075. Nice unfurnished large 1 and 2 bedrooms. Pool. Near shops and freeway. 5757 College Avenue. 619-286-1777.

COLLEGE AREA. Large, 3 bedroom 2 bath house, hardwood floors, inside immaculate. Yard. Pets considered. Laundry facilities. 6172 Mary Lane. \$1700/month. 619-583-4225, 619-871-6909.

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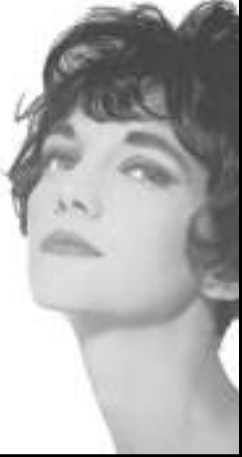
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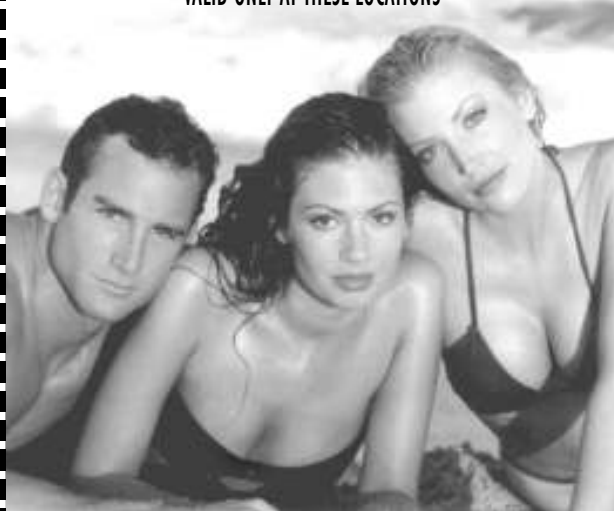
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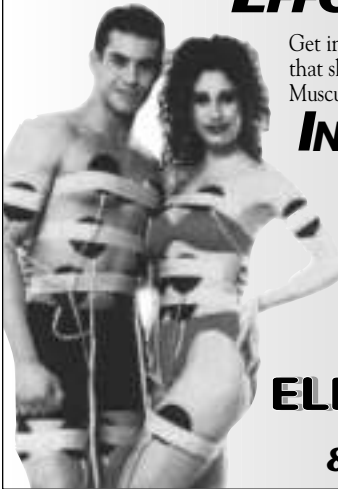
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LA JOLLA/UCSD. Woodlands West II townhome. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car attached garage. All new, appliances, paint, carpet, tile. No pets or smoking. \$1550. 619-884-1636.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$2100. Bright, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-story end condo. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, fireplace, patio, pools/jacuzzis. Available 4/1. 858-586-0619.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1750. 1000-square-foot 2 bedroom, 2 bath, second floor, northwest corner condo. Ocean view, laundry, parking, pool, spa, appliances, new upgrades throughout. No pets. 6455 La Jolla Blvd. 619-203-9643.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1375. 1 bedroom in garden setting. Block to beach! Coin laundry, 1 parking. No pets. 344 Rosemont. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA MESA. \$650, studio or \$775, 1 bedroom apartment. Quiet community with pool, jacuzzi, sauna. Recreation room. Laundromat with new machines. No pets. 619-464-8797.

LA MESA. \$725. Move-in special! Large 1 bedroom, ceiling fan, pool off-street parking on-site laundry. Easy freeway access. 7137 Waite Drive. 619-725-3648.

LA MESA. \$675. Studio. Immaculate, renovated building. Laundry, parking. Small, quaint, quiet apartment community. Close to shopping, freeways. 7883 La Mesa Blvd. Apartment C. 619-589-7027.

LA MESA. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Dishwasher. Blinds. Intercom entry. Laundry. Pool. Garage. Available 3/1. 4311 Parks Avenue. 619-460-5406.

LA MESA. \$685. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Huge. Must see! All new. Paint, appliances, pool, parking. 619-401-9314; 858-694-3473.

LA MESA. \$800. Charming 2 bedroom unit, close to parks and shopping. Also, a few cottages available. Utilities included, dishwasher, pool, gated, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

LA MESA. \$775. View, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, walk-in closet, balcony, hardwood floors, clean. 619-589-0730.

LA MESA. \$795-\$1025. Large 1 and 2 bedroom. Cul-de-sac. Close to trolley, shopping. Patio. Dishwasher. Ceiling fan. Covered parking. Air conditioning. Pool. No pets. 619-465-9849.

LA MESA. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, fenced yard, spa. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LA MESA. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with parking and laundry. 6004 Lake Murray Blvd. 619-843-8168.

LA MESA. 2 weeks free! \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool. Parking. Laundry. Near 94. Cat OK. 7137 Waite Drive. Phil, 619-667-9011 or 619-295-3700.

LA MESA. From \$995. Best location north of I-8, near Costco, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Oversized, renovated, with new carpet and hard tile floors. Large, private patio with storage, garage, gated complex, pool and spa. Small pet OK. www.sandiegopartments.com. Call Barbara, 619-589-0802.

LA MESA. Heatherwood Apartments. Junior 1 bedroom, \$740. 1 bedrooms, \$835/up. 3 bedroom, \$1650. Heated pools. Lap pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Exercise room. Air conditioning. Playground. Lounge. Billiards. Patio or balconies. Sorry, no pets. 5333 Baltimore. Call now. 619-461-3541. For photo, floor plans and directions, www.sdreader.com/rent/1004.

LA MESA. In the heart of La Mesa! From \$875. 1, 2 bedroom apartments. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loft townhouses. Air conditioning. Cable. New appliances.

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LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

LA MESA. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. \$925. Gated complex, parking, laundry, air conditioning. 7594 Park Ridge Blvd. Stan, 619-287-3938.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms. Nice, quiet complex. Minutes to SDSU. Close to Freeway 8, Grossmont Center, trolley, bus. For more information: www.SanDiegoApartments.com.

LA MESA. Villa Sangria. 1 bedrooms, \$855. 2 bedroom, \$1000. Spacious resort style living. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Patio or balcony. Covered parking available. Clubhouse, heated pool, spa, sauna. 8633 La Mesa Boulevard. 619-462-1633. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1002.

LA MESA/GROSSMONT. \$825. 1 bedroom apartments. Dishwasher. Balconies or patios. Beautiful hilltop setting. Air conditioning. Pool, spa. Laundry. Quiet complex. Rimrock Apartments. 619-462-8420.

LA MESA/LAKE MURRAY. \$1100. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Located between Kiowa Drive/Maryland Avenue. Just steps from the lake. All new. Air conditioning. Private yards. Covered parking. 5426 Lake Murray Boulevard. Agent, 619-260-1368; 619-465-1925.

LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Like new! Carpet, blinds, vinyl. Garden setting. Small community. Easy freeway access. Washer/dryer hookup. Balcony. Carport parking. 7007 Saranac Street. Please call 619-460-8773 or 619-441-9726.

LA MESA/LAKE MURRAY. \$940. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, balcony, dishwasher, air conditioning, pool, jacuzzi, new carpet, 2-parking spaces. Available end of March. 619-337-7887.

LA MESA/SDSU. Southridge Apartments. 1 bedroom, \$775/up. Secluded hillside living, yet convenient to all. Air conditioning. Dishwashers. Disposals. Patios/balconies. Exercise room. Laundry area. Clubhouse. Billiards. Gas barbecue. Heated pool. Spa. Sauna. Month-to-month lease available. 7200 Saranac Street. www.sdreader.com/rent/1001; 619-462-1940.

LA MESA/SPRING VALLEY. \$925. 2 bedroom duplex. Large kitchen. Built-ins. Patio. Fenced yard. Storage. Off-street parking. Laundry. Near bus, trolley, shopping. Small pet on approval. 619-698-4038.

LAKESIDE. \$775-\$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Some with washer/dryer hookups, yard and balconies. Laundry facilities. Gated community. Pet policy. 619-561-7086.

LAKESIDE. \$1600. 4 bedroom. Hacienda, 2 story, 1-1/2 bath, garage, fenced yard. Pet negotiable, cozy, fireplace, patio. Extra street. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LAKESIDE. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated complex. Yard, fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer hookups. Small pet accepted. For more information: www.SanDiegoApartments.com.

LEMON GROVE. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard, washer/dryer hookups, Air conditioning. No pets. \$1025. Drive by 8015 Roy Street. 619-322-5498.

LEMON GROVE. \$975. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, fenced yard, spa. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LEUCADIA. \$1150. Plus security deposit. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath apartment. Walk to beach. Newly refurbished. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. No pets. 131 Diana Street. Call for appointment. Available now. 760-632-1900.

LINDA VISTA. \$625. Studio with utilities included. Laundry, near bus, gated parking. Near Fashion Valley. No pets. 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

LINDA VISTA. Genesee Summit. Secluded, private. From \$995-\$1295. 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. Garages available. Spa, patio. Air conditioning. Laundry hookups. Central location, near all. No

dogs. 2219 Judson Street. 858-576-0420. For photos, floor plans and map, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1043.

LINDA VISTA. \$700-\$850. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Nice units in safe area. Pets OK on approval. Also, a few houses available. Dishwasher, on-site laundry, parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

MESA COLLEGE. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Very light and bright, pool, new carpet. Easy freeway access, off-street parking, laundry. 619-296-2787.

MIRA MESA. \$800. Large 1 bedroom, lots of closet space, lower unit, patio, storage, new tile kitchen and bathroom. Pool, spa, tennis, carport parking. 858-576-1918.

MIRA MESA. \$1650. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2-car garage. Quiet street. Appliances, large family room, ceramic tile, fresh paint. Prime area, walk to mall. 858-271-5323.

MIRA MESA. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. New carpet/paint. Convenient Miramar location. Near I-15, highways 52/56. 858-578-5983.

MIRA MESA. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, covered patio. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

MIRA MESA. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, fireplace, double garage. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

MISSION BAY, EAST. \$750. Bright 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Close to bay. Small, beautiful complex. Assigned parking. Nice carpet. Laundry. Security lighting. Cat OK. Available now. 619-276-8816.

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MISSION BAY. \$775. Bay-view studio in controlled-access complex. Excellent location. 1 parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 2821 Morena Blvd. Manager, 619-275-1352.

MISSION BEACH. \$1495/month. 2 bedroom 2 bath with parking. Includes partial utilities. Steps to beach. 1-year lease. 858-488-1759.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1200. Charming 1 bedroom cottage. Freshly painted. Stove and refrigerator. No dogs. Private patio and garden. Parking. 733 Asbury Court. 619-222-2921.

MISSION BEACH. \$800. Deposit \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice unfurnished unit. Close to beach and bay. Street parking only. No pets. Available now. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-273-2835.

MISSION BEACH. \$1095. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 block from the beach. No pets or drugs. 3255 Mission Blvd. 619-230-9005.

MISSION BEACH. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Will consider pet, dishwasher, laundry. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Parking, dishwasher, fireplace, washer/dryer. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1500. Cozy 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Newly refurbished, fireplace, garage. Great deal. No pets. Available 3/8. Christa, 858-488-2006.

MISSION BEACH. \$1300. Quaint 2 bedroom, 1 bath beach cottage, fireplace, deck, carpet. No pets. Available 3/1. 858-488-2006 or 858-488-6184.

MISSION BEACH. \$850/month. 1 bedroom downstairs apartment. Near beach! No pets. 3950 Mission Blvd. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836 x5.

MISSION BEACH. \$1200-\$1400. Brand-new 1 bedroom, 1 bath units completely renovated inside and outside! Must see to believe, in the heart of Mission Beach. Available now. 803-9 Venice Court. K & R Properties. 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath downstairs unit with off-street parking. Steps from the beach. Common courtyard. Lots of windows. 733 Ensenada Court #A. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH SOUTH. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet. Walk to beach. Parking. Laundry. Fully renovated. No dogs.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Steps to beach and bay, garage, remodeled kitchen and bath. Prime location. No pets. 730 Rockaway. 858-483-3534.

MISSION BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Patio. Parking. \$1550. 858-546-0771.

MISSION BEACH. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious upper floors, balcony, steps to beach, dishwasher, breakfast bar, garage. No pets. Available now. 2954 Mission Boulevard. 858-483-3534.

MISSION BEACH. \$1095. Sunny 1 bedroom duplex. Steps to sandy beach. Private patio. Appliances. Parking. Laundry. Recently remodeled. 750 Wavcrest Court (across from Catamaran Hotel). 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$1995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, dining and barbecue area, dishwasher, microwave, double garage. No pets. Available 3/27. 730 Brighton. 858-483-3534.

MISSION BEACH. \$2500. Modern, 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo, 2-car garage, large deck, fireplace, steps to beach, unfurnished. 817 Isthmus Court. jfranklin10@juno.com or 858-488-2944.

MISSION BEACH. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, just steps to beach and bay, lower apartment, fireplace and patio. Parking. No pets. 830 Jamaica Court. 619-640-3100.

MISSION BEACH. \$799. 1 bedroom. Walk to beach and bay. Wood floors. Newly remodeled. Free laundry. 1-car garage. 3633 Mission Boulevard. 619-236-1186.

MISSION BEACH. \$725. Immaculate studio, steps to sand. Assigned off-street parking, laundry. Located near Niantic Court. Rent plus \$400 moves you in. No pets. Drive by 3600 Mission #5, then call Lalita, 858-488-3285.

MISSION BEACH. \$755. Immaculate studio, steps to beach and bay. Second story unit has private deck with peek ocean view. Assigned off-street parking, laundry. Located near Niantic Court. Rent plus \$400 moves you in. No pets. Drive by 3599 Mission #3, then call Clifton, 858-488-8454.

MISSION BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, perfect setup for 1 bedroom plus office. Stove, refrigerator, close to bay. Ask about small pet. Parking. 3442 Bayside Lane. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Nice view. No pets. Near beach. Quiet. Carpet. Appliance. 1 parking. Garage. 2999 Mission Blvd #303. 858-453-6115.

MISSION HILLS. \$1295. Gleaming hardwood floors. New deco bathroom. Garage available. Charming 2 bedroom in nonsmoking building on very quiet street. Laundry room. No dogs please. 619-299-4769.

MISSION HILLS. \$1095. Just remodeled. New: granite kitchen, deco bath, tile, carpet and paint. Sunny, spacious nonsmoking 1 bedroom. Large balcony, custom closets. Covered parking, laundry. No dogs, please. 619-299-4769.

MISSION HILLS. \$1850/\$1850 deposit. Beautiful Mediterranean villa completely detached with panoramic views. Approximately 2002 square feet. 2 bedroom plus den, 3 bath. Fireplace, laundry hookups, 3 decks, vaulted ceilings, gated complex. 1-year lease, no pets. Available 3/1. 4014 Ampudia. Tammy Fuller 619-226-8264.

MISSION HILLS/OLD TOWN. \$725. Award-winning studios. Modern kitchen, convenient breakfast bar, microwave oven, beautiful brick walls. Includes gas, water, reserved parking. Sparkling clean, fabulous location! (but no pets!) 619-444-1395.

MISSION HILLS. \$1550. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, newer upstairs duplex. Balcony. Available 3/5. No dogs. Great location. 3767 Dove Street. 858-272-3113 or 619-295-1160.

MISSION HILLS. \$1075. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Den. Large apartment. Cat OK. New carpet. Ceiling fans, verticals. Mirrored doors. Laundry. Parking. 4090 Falcon. 619-295-3700.

MISSION HILLS. \$850. Studio. 1 bath. Upper end completely remodeled. New bath. Tile counters/floor kitchen. Antique stove. Microwave. Gated. Laundry. 3650 Fourth Avenue. 619-295-3700.

MISSION HILLS. Spanish duplex, 1 bedroom, remodeled with hip decor, garage, yard, secluded street, wood floors, new paint, laundry. \$900. 619-778-8888.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$845. 1 bedroom. Recently remodeled. Quiet, pool, recreation room and barbecue, dishwasher, on-site laundry, covered parking. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

MISSION HILLS. 2 story, 1 bedroom. \$900. Pool, laundry room, parking. No pets. Near all. 4039 Brant Street. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-269-6411.

MISSION HILLS. \$975, upper, bright 1 bedroom, view, garage/patio, new carpet. Lower studio, \$800. No pets. 1835 Puterbaugh. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS. \$1700. View. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Extra room, private patio, 1-car garage. No pets. 1837 Puterbaugh. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$850. Adorable 1 bedroom cottage in quiet, clean complex. Hardwood floors throughout. Large closet. No pets. Nonsmoking. 4058 Front Street. 858-492-8745.

MISSION HILLS. \$950. Unfurnished, spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, laundry. Controlled-access building. All amenities. Air conditioning. Parking. No pets. 3549 Reynard Way. 619-464-1652.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$1800. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex with brand new kitchen and bath, private patio, new carpet, 2 tone paint, no pets, no smoke. 603 Arroyo. Agent, 619-686-8950.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. House. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2-story. Hardwood floors, Berber carpet, parking, laundry, storage. No pets. 3545 Reynard. Open Saturday, noon-4pm. 858-755-2778.

MISSION HILLS. \$800. Charming, little bungalow, 1 bath, very cozy. New carpet. Secluded in greenery. Low deposit. Easy move-in. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Underground parking. Walk to town. Shadow Glen Apartments, 808 Fort Stockton. For viewing, call Mike. 619-295-2624.

MISSION HILLS. \$725-\$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, spectacular view, pool, upstairs, elevator, breakfast bar, barbecue area, near all. No pets. Available now. 1767 Torrance. 858-483-3534.

MISSION HILLS. Two 1 bedroom/1 bath units. Each 500 square feet. Laundry, off-street parking, 1 bay view, remodeled, \$985, second unit less view, skylights, \$785. No dogs. 619-255-1290.

MISSION HILLS. \$1795. Luxury 3 bedroom, 3 bath penthouse with 180-degree view of downtown, bay, ocean. Airport view without the noise. Dishwasher, microwave, washer/dryer. 3826 Kettner. 619-588-8572.

MISSION HILLS. \$765. Small studio, water, gas, electric, cable included. 3826 Kettner. 619-588-8572.

MISSION HILLS. \$1700. 2 bedroom plus bonus room, 1 bath. Water paid. Wood floors, fireplace, 1-car garage, laundry hookups. 4145 Falcon Street. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage style fourplex. Fenced yard. Washer/dryer hookup. Lots of windows. Garage. Small pets considered. Agent, 619-234-9553.

MISSION HILLS. \$650 and up. Fabulous studio with hardwood floors in unique charming building. Murphy beds. Intercom entry. Some utilities included. Available now. 630 West Washington Street. 619-298-7724.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1210. Spacious, sunny, upper level 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Available 4/1. Washer/dryer, balcony, fireplace, pool, garage, exercise room. 619-665-2105 or neorr@yahoo.com.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Secure. Pool. Tennis. Jacuzzi. Great location! Huge balcony. 2 parking spaces. No pets. Available now. 858-571-6111; 619-913-3223.

MISSION VALLEY. \$895. 1 bedroom condo. Near stadium. Upstairs, balcony plus storage. Tennis, pool, spa, barbecues. New paint. All appliances plus microwave. Available 3/1. 858-292-8928.

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MISSION VALLEY. Apartment: 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$1100. 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$1400. Carpeting, fireplace, covered parking. Open house Saturday/Sunday, 1pm-2pm. 4625 Texas. 619-595-0060.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$900. 1 bedroom condo at The Bluffs. Just renovated, new appliances, pool/spa, tennis, view, cable, secured building/parking. No pets. Steve (owner), 858-274-4051.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1525. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, dishwasher, balcony, microwave, fireplace, pool, gym, washer/ dryer. No pets. Available 3/27. 580 Camino De La Reina. 858-483-3534.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom condo. Air conditioned. Centrally located. One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

MISSION VALLEY. \$750. Large studio apartment. Air conditioned. Central location! Great place to live! One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

MISSION VALLEY. \$875. Large, 1 bedroom condo. Air conditioned. Centrally located. One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

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MORLEY FIELD. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage. Immaculate bright upstairs front apartment. New carpet, vinyl. Fireplace. Dishwasher. Garage. Coin laundry. Quiet, neat area near Balboa Park. 3736 Arnold. No pets. Controlled access. 619-296-8802.

MORLEY FIELD. \$1600/\$1600 deposit. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow. Study, large living room, kitchen, fenced yard. Pet OK. No utilities. mehanson@ucsd.edu, 609-921-3315.

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MORLEY FIELD. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, assigned parking, fireplace, skylights, vaulted ceilings. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. Completely remodeled. Pedro, 619-295-7559.

NATIONAL CITY. \$700. Gated, cottage community, newly remodeled 1 bedroom with beautiful patios, gated parking, manager on site. Close to shopping mall and

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NATIONAL CITY. 2 bedroom cottage in a quiet meditation community. Beautiful garden. \$750 per month. 619-477-0390.

NATIONAL CITY. \$650/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low \$150 deposit. No SDG&E deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

NATIONAL CITY. \$750. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage like, patio and barbecue area, near South Crest Park. Must see. No pets. 1519 South 40th. 858-483-3534.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove. Refrigerator. Nice small courtyard complex. 3268 Adams Avenue. Page Tom, 619-809-2673.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small, cute complex. Newer carpet, ceiling fans, laundry. Off-street parking. Sorry, no pets or Section 8. 4526 Arizona. 619-231-2727, x223.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath with Bay window on first floor, available 3/9. Also, 1 bedroom on top floor, available late March. Lovely gated building with underground parking. Microwave, air conditioning, dishwasher, laundry. No pets. 4526 Illinois Street. 619-280-3867.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. 1 bedroom (University Heights). \$1495/month, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, washer/dryer. \$1695/month, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer. 619-725-4410.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1000. Just off Adams. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet, linoleum and paint, 2 secured parking spaces. Pool, hot tub. Small pet OK. 858-273-0614.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. Deposit \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Large unit in duplex. Washer/dryer on site. 2 parking spaces. No pets. Available now. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-273-2835.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$2250. Plush 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo. 1650 square feet. 2 fireplaces. Washer/dryer. Garage. All amenities. No pets. http://member.cox.net/1588oliver. 619-370-6666.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1095. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. South of Garnet. Very nice. Laundry, walk to bay/golf course. 4555 Bond Street. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

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PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. West of Ingraham. Nice parking/laundry. 1536

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PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1150. Parking, coin laundry, sunny patio. New carpet and appliances, fresh paint. Small quiet building. 4077 Lamont #1. 858-488-1263; pbpapa@hotmail.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Half block to ocean. Fully furnished, hardwood floors, yard. Washer/dryer. No pets/smoking. Quiet. Short-term lease. 858-483-5151.

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PACIFIC BEACH. The Plaza. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Great complex amenities. 1 parking. New carpet. Great location. 1885 Diamond #2-129. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4200 x110.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1425. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, only 2 blocks to the beach! Newly renovated, tile floors throughout, large yard, new stove, dogs OK. 1052 Grand Avenue. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$795. Studio, on the bay with pool, assigned parking, laundry, fountain, no dogs. 1335 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-274-6850.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$625-\$725. Large studios and 1 bedrooms, only blocks to the bay! Controlled access, laundry, pool, some parking, barbecue. Move-in special! No dogs. 2275 Grand Avenue. 858-270-5500.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1395-\$1995. Large 2 and 3 bedroom, 1 bath apartment and home. Hardwood floors, only 2 blocks to the bay! Washer/dryer hookups, parking, no dogs. 4075 Sequoia. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit in small complex. Fireplace. 1 parking. Must see! Cat OK. 1937 Emerald. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo on the oceanfront. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, private patio, parking. 4465 Ocean Blvd. Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1100. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath with vaulted open beam ceilings. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry, parking. Close to bay. 2154-1/2 Reed Avenue. Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 garages. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. 1854 Chalcedony. Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator. Pool. Coin laundry. New carpet. 1433 Oliver Avenue. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1350. Upstairs, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stove, refrigerator. Dishwasher. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplace. 1-car garage. No pets. 1-year lease. No cosigners. 4122 Jewell Street. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs units. Stove, refrigerator, free basic cable TV, garage space, coin laundry. 1768 Thomas. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1400. Large, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, coin laundry, carport parking. 3711 Ingraham Street. www.

delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1395. Large 2 bedroom/2 bathroom townhouse with garage included. Dishwasher fireplace, balcony plus assigned off-street parking. Cat OK. Walking distance to bay. Available 3/1. Rent plus \$700 moves you in. Call Leslie or Melissa, 858-483-2906.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, gas fireplace, parking, coin laundry, 7 blocks to ocean. 1452 Grand. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. Large 2 bedroom, only 1-1/2 blocks to beach! Newly remodeled. No dogs. 4760 Dawes. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1690. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Steps to surf! Upper unit in garden setting with ocean view. Balcony. Remodeled kitchen. 721 Chalcedony. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bathroom townhouse style unit. Washer/dryer hookups. Single car garage. Fireplace. Close to the bay. Available 3/5. 4067 Sequoia Street #102. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$725. Studio. Laundry on site. Basic utilities included. Close to the bay. Small complex. Available 4/1. 3921 Haines Street. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1225. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Includes microwave, dishwasher, wood beam ceiling, built-in bookshelves, on-site laundry facility, courtyard with barbecue, one off-street parking space. (12 unit complex) No pets. 1792 Missouri Street. 858-344-3600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, only 1 block to beach! Dishwasher, patio, laundry, garage space. 4321 Cass #3. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath near beach. Upper unit with balcony. Coin laundry, 1 parking. No pets 1255 Thomas. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500/month. Low \$300 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage. Laundry facilities. 2108 Garnet Avenue. Agent, 858-866-5636.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in excellent location. Coin laundry, 1 parking. No pets. 1919 Hornblend. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2000/month. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Laundry room. Walk-in closet. 2-car garage with remote. Available now. 4304 Jewel Street. Agent, 858-866-5636.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1500. Huge 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1500 square feet. Pool, jacuzzi tub, laundry, dishwasher, fireplace, 2 large patios, modern kitchen. K&R Properties, 858-490-1600; 858-232-0109.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1395. Large immaculate 2 or 3 bedroom near ocean and Tourmaline Surf Beach. Assigned off-street parking, laundry. Tenants share huge ocean-view roof deck. Second story unit has high open beam ceilings. Will consider cat. Rent plus \$800 moves you in. 863 Sapphire #12. Crown Management, 858-454-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$875. Immaculate 1 bedroom. Block to ocean and Tourmaline Beach. Assigned off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. Available 3/1. Rent plus \$500 moves you in. Please drive by 740 Sapphire #4, then call Daryl. 858-488-2322.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1400. Quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled, 2 blocks from the bay. Parking, laundry, Gas paid. 4107 Morrell Street. 619-807-3577.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$875. Immaculate 1 bedroom. Block to ocean and Tourmaline Beach. Assigned off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. Available 3/1. Rent plus \$500 moves you in. Please drive by 740 Sapphire #6, then call Matt, 858-488-4534.

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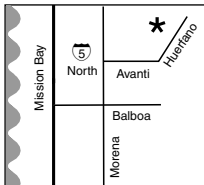
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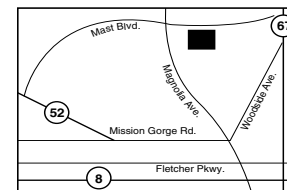
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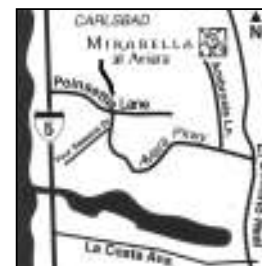
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R.H. Young, manager of the San Diego County fruit exchange, responded: “Mr. Zucca

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By John Brizzolara

At 100 years old, Lemon Grove Congregational United Church of Christ (formerly on Main Street) is the oldest church of its kind in Lemon Grove; and while services are indeed held on Sundays and Pastor Sandy Beltran might be free to marry you on a Saturday, church office manager Bill Jones provides sustenance of another kind on the first Friday of every month: movies. If Anthony Burgess is right about art delivering the goods religion only promises, Jones is there once a month to catch those whose souls have fallen through the cracks — though he would tell you he's just a movie fan.

Jones took over the First Friday Films program (from church member Marcia Shane) this past year and has since hosted this Silver Screen Dream Palace and Cinema Paradiso Uniplex Extraordinaire — or, more accurately, the music rehearsal and audio visual/utility room at the church with a TV monitor and VCR. Though it is sure enough church property, Jones has no religious ax to grind, only his own cinematic aesthetic. And an interesting one it is.

Jones has rented and shown for church members (tonight all women) the films *Rushmore*, *The Last Days of Disco*, *The Scent of Green Papaya*, *McCabe and Mrs. Miller*, *The Insider*, *Mother, Defending Your Life*, *Real Life*, and *Clockwatchers*.

For this first Friday in February, Jones has chosen *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the Coen brothers' chain-gang musical epic based on Homer's *Odyssey* (so it says), with a tip of the hat to *The Wizard of Oz* and many playful allusions to *The Sorrow and the Pity*. The audience tonight is mature and no IDs are

checked. The most impressionable youngster here has got to be at least 60, and if that isn't the target demographic market for the soundtrack, maybe it should have been. Hardly a voice, of the dozen in the room, remained unlifted for a rendition of "The Big Rock Candy Mountain," "(I'll) Fly Fly Away," and "You Are My Sunshine." This crowd had pretty much memorized the lyrics long before WWII ended.

"I just pick movies I like and hope the members like it," Lemon Grove native Jones says. His largest draw, "Mmm, well, we filled up two rows of chairs once. Must have been ten. And we also sponsor AA groups and the Lemon Grove Food Bank with people coming every day who need food. Here's Dorothy, she's in charge of it."

Dorothy Monacelli is the food-bank director who says she is enjoying a lull in food demands after the holidays. "This is my first time at the film group. I'd come more often," she raises her voice a little and looks from side to side at the squad of white-coiffed women arriving with nuts and pretzels, "if I could get a ride. I don't like driving at night."

"In the big rock candy mountain / There's a land that's fair and bright... / Where the boxcar's always empty / And you sleep out every night."

The movie is underway, and the audience is politely quiet except for some soft warbling behind me. A couple of church members are still singing along.

"On the big rock candy mountain / You don't have to change your socks / And good old mountain whiskey / Comes tricklin' down the rocks."

Dorothy is struggling to hear and untangle such Mississippi-accented and rococo dialogue as:

Pete: "No one is going to pick up three filthy, unshaved hitchhikers and one of them a know-it-all who can't keep his trap shut."

Everett: "Pete, the personal rancor reflected in that remark I don't intend to dignify with a comment. But I would like to address your general attitude of hopeless negativism. Consider the lilies of the goddamned field. Or, hell, take a look at Delmar here as your paradigm of hope."

Delmar: "Yeah, look at me."

Everett: "Now you may call it an unreasoning optimism, you may call it obtuse. But the plain and simple fact..." and so on. Everett's (or George Clooney's) lines are delivered with speedy glibness, the others' as if speaking around a mouthful of grits.

Shortly after Machine Gun Kelly shoots a cow to death, a brief intermission is called. Time for the pretzels, nuts, and sparkling cider. Discussion of the film is tentative as the panel of critics remains open-minded. But by the time the credits are rolling over "Keep on the Sunny Side of Life," Dorothy gives it a seven or eight, less than full marks because she was missing dialogue. Pastor Beltran sees fit to declare it a nine. She points out that the John Goodman character with the eye patch is playing the Cyclops from *The Odyssey*. Dorothy points out that the creepiness of the Ku Klux Klan remains creepy, even in a comedy context.



First Friday film fans

"My father was run out of town on a rail in Cincinnati in the 1930s because he wouldn't join the Klan," the pastor nods. "They were going to tar and feather him, and they said they'd do it if he wasn't on the morning train out of town. So he was 'run out of town on the rails.'" Beltran is offering the literal interpretation of the phrase, not the movie's visual gag of hefting the racist politico onto a railroad tie and carrying him off stage left.

"It just jarred me about the Klan," Monacelli reiterates, shaking her head. "You can't make the Klan comic. That politician fellow reminded me of Senator Bilbo. He was a real old-time Southern politician. Anti-everything. Even the other senators were embarrassed by him, he was so horribly Southern. Let's see, he was from Georgia, Mississippi, or Alabama. I can't remember — that's typical nowadays. That politician in the movie was comical, but there's nothing comical about the Klan."

The pastor acknowledges the clever irony of hoisting the Klan on its own petard — or rather, impaling John Goodman with his own confederate flag. "I don't think the Klan was supposed to be funny."

"But they were making fun of it."

"I think their intention was just to make people do what we're doing and that's sit around and talk about it afterward."

This was followed by more comment, observation, criticism, and praise for some time. I'd provide a transcript of the discussion but I'm out of space. Besides, you can offer your own commentary tomorrow night (March 1) when First Friday Films presents *Roger & Me* at 2770 Glebe Street in Lemon Grove, 7 p.m. Call 619-466-0503.

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Uncle Max never followed the herd. He registered Independent. He smoked Cuban cigars. And he never dressed down. Every time I saw him, he was wearing a sport coat over his suspenders and a bow tie around his neck. He used to pop over on Sunday afternoons once or twice a month, always with a pink cardboard box nestled under each arm. My siblings and I would mob him and put greedy hands on the boxes, each of us hoping to get first pick of the donuts inside. Perhaps because he always came bearing donuts, I thought of Uncle Max as a present, with the bow tie acting as a showy ribbon. And to add to my wonderment, I never saw him wear the same tie twice.

Uncle Max's 60th birthday is on the horizon, and no matter how big his collection, I am sure a bow tie from his youngest niece would surely warm the cockles of his heart (as well as flooding mine with happy memories). Mom had once mentioned that Max used to shop at Brooks Brothers when he lived in Kansas City, so I started my search with a call to the Fashion Valley location of that men's store. They carried black silk pre-tied tuxedo bow ties for \$25. "That's a great price," said Dwayne the salesman. "One size fits all. There's a hidden clasp that will adjust the neck size.

"It ends up being kind of a religion with some of these guys."

The nice thing about the pre-tied tie is that the bow is perfectly symmetrical. Sometimes, you can tell when a person has tied it by themselves, because the bow is a bit off."

I knew Uncle Max could tie a perfect bow tie, and I knew he didn't have much occasion to wear tuxedos. La Moda in Kearny Mesa brought me one step closer to my goal. They carried untied silk bow ties in black, white, and red (\$30; pre-tied, \$25). But again, these were designed for formal wear. Six more calls to various men's stores produced similar results — most carried only black formalwear bow ties, usually pre-tied. I made coffee and pressed on.

The Ascot Shop in La Jolla provided my first breakthrough. I spoke with owner Bill White. "We pick our bow ties from the same swatches as we pick our neckties from. It's all silk fabric with different designs, patterns, and colors. We handle Robert Talbott as our only manufacturer of bow ties. They began in the 1950s by making bow ties literally in their garage up in Carmel, and have expanded to become the premier manufacturer of American-made neckwear."

Unlike neckties, which are differentiated by the names of their knots (Four-in-Hand, Half-Windsor), White told me that bow ties

are distinguished by the shape of their bows. "The standard one that most people would recognize is called the Butterfly — that's where it curves along the sides and is square on the end. The Bat bow tie has no little curves; the top and bottom edges are straight. They actually have a pointed-end bow tie as well, but we carry only the Butterfly. That's really the one that is standard," though White noted that nonstandard bow ties can be special-ordered.

White thinks that bow ties "enjoy a cult following. Men who wear bow ties usually won't wear regular neckties. It ends up kind of being a religion with some of these guys. A term I would associate with men who wear bow ties is 'individualist.'" That's Uncle Max all over.

"Most people don't know how to tie a bow tie," noted White. "Formalwear is where we have the most trouble with it, because most guys that buy formalwear aren't going to wear a bow tie at any other time. So, we buy our ties in what's called a two-part bow tie. There's a clasp in the back that separates it. Ninety-five percent of the time, we convert any tie that isn't pre-tied into a pre-tied for guys by tying the tie for them and having our tailors tack it down. Then, they can use it almost like a clip-on at that point." (Robert Talbott formalwear bow ties are \$45.)

But despite the ignorance of the general male populace, "it's easy to tie a bow tie, once you understand it. It's really like tying a shoelace. We generally give a hands-on demonstration and explain the mystery." (Untied bow ties come in a single piece of

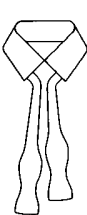
fabric with a slider in the back to adjust the size. Prices are in the range of \$45–\$55.)

Later that day, while running errands downtown, I popped into Nordstrom's in Horton Plaza to see if they had any shoes on sale. I had to pass Men's Furnishings to get to the shoes, and I glanced over to make sure I hadn't overlooked a possible source for Uncle Max's gift. Lo and behold, they carried about 25 different styles of untied bow ties by Carrot & Gibbs. Sales associate Jason Nelson gave me a demonstration in bow-tie tying ("You wouldn't believe how many gentlemen come rushing in with a tuxedo halfway on and say, 'Put this on me!'"), as well as an instructional brochure.

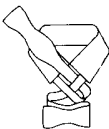
"Our everyday-use bow ties are silk or cotton," he informed me, "and range from \$35 to \$45." Most of the everyday-use bow ties came in two pieces, which are joined together along the narrow back of the tie with buttons. Nelson explained that these were designed to facilitate neck sizing, "but of course, I can tie these for a gentleman and then he could have it tied permanently. He would just put it on and take it off by buttoning and unbuttoning it."

I was so happy with the tie I selected for Uncle Max — purple with giant gold paisleys — that I decided to buy a (slightly more conservative) bow tie for Patrick, who I have always thought had a touch of Max in him. Nelson gave me this bit of advice for beginners: "If you're just starting out, avoid striped patterns. They'll throw you off." Using the brochure, Patrick was able to tie his olive-checked present on the first try.

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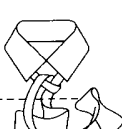
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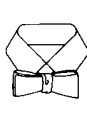
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Sick and Tired

I am weary of sick children. We haven't been well for a long time. About five weeks ago, my five children and I started with strep. We all got it, everyone except my husband Jack. First Ben, then Rebecca and Angela, Lucy and John ran fevers, looked peaked, complained of sore throats and ears. I took them in batches to the pediatrician, who ordered up bottles of amoxicillin. The Vons pharmacy near our home in San Marcos ran out of the pink bubble-gum-tasting antibiotic. "Get them started on this," the pharmacist told me one Thursday afternoon. She handed me three bottles. "We'll get some more in tomorrow morning. I'll call you when I have the rest of your prescriptions."

Two mornings later, I awoke with a headache and a throat so sore I winced each time I swallowed. I called my doctor and explained the situation. "I know what it is. All the kids have strep. They all tested positive." My doctor called the Vons pharmacy. When the pharmacist handed me the bottle of amoxicillin caplets a few hours later, she smiled. "You're familiar with this medication?"

"Yes, I am," I answered. "A little too familiar."

We all took our amoxicillin for ten days. Everyone felt better. Three days after he'd finished his medication, Ben began to look sick again. His cheeks flushed an unnaturally rosy hue. His eyes looked glazed. He coughed and fussed and dug at his ears. I took him back to the pediatrician.

Sitting in the examining room with Lucy, Johnny, and Ben, I explained our situation to the medical student taking our case history. "We all had strep," I told him. "You can see from the chart that the doctor prescribed amoxicillin. We finished the medication three days ago. Now Ben seems sick again. I want to make sure the strep hasn't returned or it's not some other secondary infection."

Johnny and Lucy, aged three and five, sat on the floor looking at books. Ben, who is 16 months old, squirmed in my arms as the medical student tried to look into his ears. Ben screamed. The medical student tried to distract him with a stuffed bear. Ben swatted angrily at the bear and screamed some more.

When the doctor came in, the medical

student reviewed the case. "The ears look clear," the student told the doctor. "His chest sounds clear. I say it's just a new virus."

After taking a look at Ben, the doctor concurred. "He'll just have to ride this one out," he told me. "Motrin and a decongestant will probably make him a little more comfortable."

The next day, Ben began to cough. Within a few days, all the kids were coughing great, hacking, phlegmy coughs. Each morning, my house sounded like some sort of Dickensian nightmare, where all the children are dying of tuberculosis. "Should you take them to the doctor?" Jack asked one night as we sat downstairs listening to a chorus of coughing children.

"When he looked at Ben, he said it was a virus," I answered. "Until someone runs a fever or the cough goes on too long, I'll just keep serving up the Robitussin."

They coughed for two weeks. Ben woke himself up at night coughing. The weather grew dry and windy and hot. Johnny's cheeks grew red and chafed from my constantly wiping his nose. Just as the coughs began to subside, seven-year-old Angela's throat began to hurt again. Last Monday, she came home from school in tears. "My throat feels like someone's poking it with needles every time I swallow," she whimpered. "And my ears hurt."

That night, Angela woke up around 11 and threw up. The next morning, I took her back to the doctor. The nurse swabbed Angela's throat for possible strep. The medical student interviewed us again. He looked in Angela's ears and down her throat. "It's probably viral,"

he told me as though he knew what he was talking about. "Sometimes these things hold on for a long time."

The nurse walked in with our doctor. "Strep test was positive," she told me.

"We'll have to use a stronger antibiotic this time," the doctor said. "Here we go again," I thought.

That afternoon, Ben cried and cried and cried. He writhed and threw himself around in my arms and acted like a baby in agony. I called the doctor's office again. "Bring him right in," they told me.

Another doctor looked at a sleepy but still grumpy Benjamin. "Two nasty ear infections," she pronounced.

"He's been sick for a while," I told her. "I didn't bring him in because he hasn't run a fever."

"Well, we usually like to see them sooner rather than later," the doctor said. "That way you don't end up in the emergency room."

All the way home, my conscience burned. How long had Ben's ears been infected, I wondered, before I took him to the doctor? How many days did he suffer because I didn't think he was sick enough?

Now I watch my children each day for signs of recurrence or new illness. "Are you congested?" I ask Rebecca as she comes down the stairs for breakfast.

"No, Mom," Rebecca answers. "I'm fine."

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