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Students at Converse International School of Language

Speak English!

Language Studies International occupies the top floor of an office building perched next to the Fifth Avenue bridge over Interstate 5. Steve Nicholson, its director since May 2001, seems young for the job, but his résumé is loaded with experience in teaching and administration. As he describes the mission and marketing of his school, it becomes clear that teaching English to foreign

students is big business. "The company is based in London. We have schools in the U.K., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S. We also have a school in Paris that teaches French and one in Frankfurt that teaches German. Wherever we are, that's what we teach."

When it opened in San Diego in 1989, Language Studies International joined a growing list of local

schools that solicit students from foreign countries to live in San Diego while they learn English. "It's just exploded. San Diego is a very strong market for this — very competitive. The first of our schools was in the Bay Area, and I think the owner visited San Diego and was taken with it. It's been a popular destination." (continued on page 24)

LETTERS

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Horse Pucky

The cover article “Horses and Their Women” (March 7) was just plain stupid. I’d use the word “asinine,” but individuals of the species known as asses are actually smarter than whoever made the choice to print this. There are many thousands of horsepeople in San Diego County who are enlightened enough to know that you have fun with other beings (not just horses but, heck, even humans) by developing positive relationships based on care and trust — not force and fear. So why did you waste time and resources (you didn’t actually pay Laura McNeal for this wreck?) on a story about some losers who feel the need to do battle with animals they claim to love, then gripe that they don’t even enjoy their sport? These women will *never* feel those glorious moments of unity with another creature, moments a lot of us horsefolk enjoy on a regular basis. They’re liars for telling themselves or anyone else that’s what they seek. The need for absolute control reeks from the story — trainer/rider control over horses, trainer control over client. That need certainly exists in the horse world, as elsewhere. If you’d pick up any equestrian publications from the past 10 to 15 years, however, you’d notice that the power trip is well on its way out.

Maybe the *Reader’s* goal is to tick people off. If so, you succeeded. But if you ever decide to write a decent article on this huge local industry, please contact Cheryl Erpelding, publisher of *Riding Magazine* (a magazine born in Jamul, now published here in San Diego; you can get a free copy at any feed or saddlery store).

Now I believe I’ll now exercise my control over what I read and put the rest of this *Reader* in the trash. Sorry, advertisers, if you thought I might read your ads this week. Not in the foreseeable future either.

Kathy Holcomb

Did Meltzer Write This?

I just read “The Price Is Subjective” by Duncan Shepherd (Movie Review, March 7). Did he really write this, or did Richard Meltzer? Probably the best review of *Collateral Damage* out there.

J. Board
Mira Mesa

Illegal Billboards

I happen to be the beach-area resident who discovered four of the five alcohol-themed billboards that are the subjects of a legal battle described in your cover story, “Will Booze Billboards Buy City Hall?” (February 28).

On September 18, the city attorney’s office filed criminal complaints in Superior Court against Viacom Outdoor and Clear Channel Outdoor concerning these outlawed billboards. Viacom and Clear Channel subsequently pled not guilty to all five counts. Notwithstanding the assertion of Dan Tomskey, at the Institute for Public Strategies, no “citations” have been “handed out” to date.

As you correctly reported, Viacom and Clear Channel went on the offensive in October — by filing a civil action against the City of San Diego. They are seeking a “preliminary and permanent” injunction to keep the City from enforcing its outdoor advertising ordinance.

The highlight of your story was a lengthy interview with Senior Deputy City Attorney James Chapin, who is in charge of defending the City in federal court. His comments conform to my understanding of the current status of the litigation.

The city attorney’s office has done quite well in Superior Court and the U.S. District Court — against an array of expensive law firms (two from San Diego and one each from Phoenix and Washington, D.C.) hired by the deep-pocketed billboard industry.

Buz Rahe
Mission Beach

Billboard Wars

Mr. Potter’s investigative article calling attention to corporate noncompliance with and legal challenges to San Diego’s alcohol billboards ordinance certainly raised some interesting issues (“Will Booze Billboards Buy City Hall?” February 28). Clearly, the outdoors advertising industry (as well as the alcohol industry) has a vested interest they’re trying to protect.

Having been identified in Mr. Potter’s article as a proponent of the billboards ordinance, I have the need to address some inaccuracies and possible misperceptions.

First of all, the Institute for Public Strategies’ primary focus is promoting public health and safety based upon research of what works and community participation in advancing good policy. Mr. James Baker is the organization’s director, not I.

In terms of the San Diego Coalition for Responsible Outdoor Advertising, I have indeed been an ongoing participant in its efforts to reduce youth exposure to alcohol billboards advertising. The coalition was created over three years ago to pursue a reasonable, legally defensible city ordinance. Disallowing alcohol

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Word games The *Union-Tribune* was forced to halt its presses last week when editors discovered that a four-letter word had made its way past page-proofer and into the paper's weekly "Night & Day" entertainment section. According to one source at the paper, at least 25,000 copies were run, and some made it onto the street before the error was found. A memo to employees from a copy editor followed. "You have probably heard of our little problem with the word 'shit' finding its way into the N&D section in today's run. First an explanation, then a few thoughts about how to prevent this from happening again and what else we can learn from today's events. When we proofread the Buddy Blue column, Blue Notes...we marked a few expressions that were of questionable taste, among them 'old fart,' 'crapola,' and 'pooh-butts'...We decided that 'old fart' is not a term suitable for our newspaper in almost any context. But, in an effort to preserve Blue's 'edgy' style as much as possible, I allowed the use



From "Night & Day," March 7, 2002

of 'crapola' in the body text but asked that it not be echoed in a caption. I also let pass a reference to 'pooh-butt' at the end of the column." The memo went on to say that during the proofing process, the word "pooh-butt" had been marked "stet," a proofers' term indicating it should remain in the copy. But a layout designer working on a Macintosh computer misunderstood. "A macker read [the] word as 'shit,' and corrected the Mac proof accordingly." The lesson? "...We should not allow the crude terminology such as 'crapola,' 'old fart,' and 'pooh-butts' to make it past even the first level of the editing process.... If our goal is to be edgy, use of these words distracts from that goal, because to a significant segment of our reading audience the words are not edgy at all, but rather, crude and sophomoric. Particularly in Blue's column but overall, we should take a critical look at these words and other comparable ones. Flag anything that even hints of bad taste or crudity." "Lastly," concludes the memo, "let's be circumspect about what happened today. I'm sure that the person responsible for the offensive word appearing in the paper is as embarrassed about it as we are, so let's try to refrain from a lot of critical commentary about it."

Condit at Peace As **Gary Condit** was in the last, desperate lap of his failed attempt to hold on to his congressional seat last week, an old friend from his days in the California legislature pitched in to pay for an independent mailer costing thousands of dollars, the *Fresno Bee* reports. State senator **Steve Peace's** mail piece attacked **Dennis Cardoza**, the ex-Condit aide who ultimately beat his old boss in the Democratic primary. "When people go to Gary Condit for help, Gary helps them," Peace



Gary Condit

told the voters. "When people go to Dennis Cardoza for help, Dennis calls Gary Condit, and Gary helps them." Condit and Peace were part of the fabled "Gang of Five," which unsuccessfully attempted to topple then-assembly speaker **Willie Brown** back in the 1980s ... A former San Diego obstetrician has been charged with the murder of her teenaged son and the wounding of his father, her ex-husband. Dr. **Donna Anderson**, who moved from Coronado to Minneapolis two years ago, allegedly stabbed her son to death and attacked his father February 24 at a home in Burlingame, south of San Francisco, where they were visiting the boy's grandparents, reports the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Dr. **Ned Chambers** of San Diego's Shelter Island Medical Group, where Anderson had worked, told the paper, "We had no problems with her."

Godmother Jailed mob boss **John Gotti's** daughter **Victoria** speaks out about the **Danielle Van Dam** murder case in a recent column for the *New York Post*: "What puzzles me as a mom is how could the child's disappearance not have been discovered until the following morning. When I return home after any night out, even before



Victoria Gotti

I go into my own room to kick off those ankle-breaking strappy pumps I wear, I hobble into each child's room and conduct what I call a 'bed check.' Only when I am convinced that everyone is secure do I retire. After the appalling death of this little girl, I urge all parents to conduct bed checks, if for no other reason than to remind yourself of the 'God-given angel' sleeping soundly down the hall — and to thwart the animals that prowl the world outside."

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Why They Didn't Vote

By Robert Kumpel

The March 5 primary election had one of the lowest voter turnouts in San Diego history. A sampling of nonvoters seems to

indicate that while many intended to vote, some simply didn't know or didn't care about the election.

MARY NELSON, 71, has lived in San Diego County for 40 years. A high school graduate with some college, she didn't vote in this election, although she normally does. "We're registered Democrats, but we've been voting for Repub-

next time. We always are."

NICOLE HALLIDAY, 19, has lived in San Diego County for most of her life. The assistant manager at Piercing Pagoda in Parkway Plaza, Nicole is currently in college, but she says that her work schedule kept her away from the polls. "I had to put in a lot of hours that day. I am registered to vote, and I voted in the 2000



Mary Nelson



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licans. We would have had to vote on a Democratic ballot, and there was nobody on there we wanted to vote for. I tried to register Republican the last time, but they didn't have the right papers. We're planning to switch. We voted in the November 2000 election. I don't really feel guilty about not voting this time, because I always have. I think it's a citizen's duty to vote, because you really can't complain about anything if you don't vote. You can't say what's wrong. I'll be there

election. I feel a little guilty about not voting, because on the issues that are, like, 50-50, my vote could have counted. I think it's a duty to vote. Most citizens complain about the way the country is run, so if they don't vote to change it, they have no say. To get me to vote the next time, I just need some time off."

BOBBY T., 47, has lived in San Diego County for 28 years. A letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, he dropped out of college after a year and

a half. "Voting was a bit of a hassle this year. I didn't think it was that important, and I wasn't entirely satisfied with all the candidates. I'm registered — usually I go Democratic. The last time I voted was in the 2000 presidential election. I don't feel guilty about not voting, because who I thought was going to be there before the election is there now after the election. I don't think I would have made much difference. Most citizens have the duty to vote, because it's important to change laws. It'll take a bigger, better third-majority party to make me go to the polls again."

LAURIE SAMBRANO, 36, has lived her entire life in San Diego County. A high school

graduate with some additional units from an electronics trade school, Sambrano works at Krispy Kreme donuts. "I started working nights, and I really got so wrapped up in working and being exhausted that I really didn't pay attention to it, and I really don't know a lot about politics anyway. I am a registered Republican, and I did vote in the 2000 election. I don't feel guilty about missing this time because I didn't know enough about it, but I feel guilty if somebody asks

me, because I feel like it's my duty to do it. I'm a Catholic, and it's my duty and a right as an American to vote, and I didn't fulfill it this time. I think every citizen has a duty to vote. It'll just take some more sleep to get me to the polls next time."

MIGUEL SOTO, 19, grew up in San Diego. A graduate of Mountain Empire High School, he works on a ranch in Potrero. "I'm registered to vote, but I didn't vote because I'm not much into politics. I don't feel guilty because I don't really know about politics, and I'm not going to vote about something I don't really know about. If people know what's going on in this world with the politicians, then they should vote. To get me to vote, I'd have to get myself more into politics. I will end up getting into more of that stuff, and I will vote. I voted for Al Gore in 2000."

JOSH SIERRA, 18, is a native San Diegan who was eligible to vote but never registered. A sales representative for Verizon Wireless, he attends Grossmont and will transfer to the University of Arizona this fall. "I put it off, and then I had to go into the hospital on the deadline day for registration. I had surgery on my shoulder because my muscles



Jarron Bailey



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were all messed up. I don't really feel guilty, because it was a primary. I plan to vote in November. I will register, probably as an independent. Most citizens definitely have a duty to vote. I would have registered if I hadn't gone to the hospital."

JARRON BAILEY, 22, has lived all of his life in San Diego. A high school gradu-

ate, he currently manages a telephone kiosk at Parkway Plaza. "I didn't vote because I didn't know we were supposed to. Do you only have to register once? I've never voted. I don't want to be held responsible. If somebody wins by one vote, I don't want it to be my fault! I do feel guilty about not voting, because I see laws get passed that I don't agree with, and I

think that maybe if I'd gone out and did it, that I could have made a difference. I know the beach-alcohol ban didn't pass, and I didn't want it to. I think people who care have the duty to vote. I shouldn't say that, because I actually care — I think people should. They try to get young people to vote all the time. They put it on MTV, and they put it on every-

thing. I would vote next time, if they made me more aware of what we were voting for and what exactly is so important in the community. More advertising."

ANDREW MARTIN works at the same kiosk with Bailey. Martin, 22, came to San Diego from Los Angeles 18 years ago. "Actually, I'm a glass sculptor. I graduated from high school at West Hills, Santee. I didn't vote primarily because of awareness, and there was nothing I was interested in voting for. I am registered, and I voted in the last presidential election. I don't feel guilty about not voting, because I really had no interest. I think people should vote because it's their city, and to make decisions in their city they should provide their voice and opinion. It would take more awareness and education to get me to vote next time."

ATIVA ANTHONY, 27, is a San Diego native who lives in Grossmont. A security guard at Wilson Middle School, he has three years of college behind him. When asked why he didn't vote, his answer is simple. "Wilson Academy. I work two jobs — I also bounce in the Gaslamp. I didn't follow the election, and I'm not going to vote if I don't

follow it. I am registered. The last time I voted was in the 2000 election. I don't feel guilty. It's a privilege, but it's not something I'm responsible for. I don't have enough time to follow it, so I'd rather not vote than vote for something that I don't know everything about. I don't think most citizens are obliged to vote. For me to vote in the next election...get me out of Wilson, and maybe I'll have time!" he laughs.

TIFFANY STUMBAUGH, 23, has lived in San Diego since she was 10. A kiosk worker for ProActiv, she has a B.A. in liberal studies from SDSU. Her reason for not voting is based on dislike: "I didn't want to vote for Governor Gray Davis. I'm registered as a Democrat, so that was my choice. I'm registered, and I'll be voting for his opponent in November. I voted in the last election, and I feel guilty for not voting. But I feel like you have to vote for every single thing, and I didn't want to vote for the governor, so I didn't vote. Every citizen has a duty to vote, to a certain extent. I don't think this election was fair, because they made you vote for your party. Just being able to vote against Gray Davis will get me out in November."

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Jason Adelman

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GAIL GOERISCH, 31, has lived in San Diego for eight years. A customer-service specialist, Goerisch graduated from high school and has some col-

lege units. "I haven't been keeping up with the election and who was running, and it didn't feel right to just go in and pick things that I wasn't sure about. I didn't want to throw the vote off. I'm concerned about anything that

has to do with schools, school taxes, and my community. I voted in the Bush-Gore election. I don't feel guilty about not voting this time, because I hadn't read up on the elections or the ballots. I didn't feel comfortable making a

choice without knowing. Most citizens have a duty to vote, and I will vote when I take more time to read and be more educated."

MARY MCCALL, 18, is a lifetime San Diego resident. A

clerk at Cinnabon, McCall recently graduated from high school and will soon be joining the Navy. "I just didn't really get into the election. I'm not registered and I've never voted. I probably will vote at

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some point, but I don't feel guilty about not voting this time. The way I see it, if you don't vote, you don't have a right to complain about what

happens, so I won't complain! I think it should be a duty to vote. If nobody votes, then the government has all the say over what our whole country does. I guess it would take being involved in it to get me to vote. I'm interested in a lot of

school stuff."

GILBERT WHITE, 45, came to San Diego from Kansas City ten years ago. White has a high school diploma and sells shoes. "I didn't vote because I'm not registered. I've

never been registered and never voted. I have no interest. None whatsoever. I don't feel guilty at all. Citizens may or may not have a duty to vote. Like me, it's their choice. I can't think of any issue that would make me go

out and vote."

IRENE LEGASPI, 19, grew up in San Diego County. A high school graduate, Legaspi attends college and works at Parkway Plaza. "I didn't vote this time because I had to

work that day. I'm registered, and I probably could have voted before or after work. I haven't voted before. I don't feel guilty about not voting — I don't know why. I just don't. I think most citizens have a duty to vote because we're the main contributors to who wins and what actually is decided for our community. It wouldn't take that much to make me vote in the future. I'll probably vote in November. I'm just getting more and more familiarized with the issues and people. Before, I didn't know that much about politics and all that."

ERICA MONTOYA, 19, came to San Diego seven months ago from Monterey County. A student at SDSU, Montoya works as a sales representative for Verizon Wireless. Montoya gives her reason for not voting in a tone of absolute certitude. "There's no point in voting. It doesn't make a difference. I'm not registered, and I never have been. I don't feel guilty at all. If people think it's going to make a difference, then go for it. The last presidential election convinced me that voting made no difference. It was close, but the people actually chose the Democratic one, but they went for the Republican because of the electoral votes. I don't think anything could make me vote. It's just a personal thing. Even if it did make a difference, I wouldn't want to do it."

JENNIFER ELLERAAS, 26, is another San Diego native. A stay-at-home mom with some college, Elleraas has never voted. "I'm registered, but I've never voted. I don't feel guilty because it's just not one of those things that I pride myself on doing. I think that if you're going to sit back and complain about the way things are, then you should vote. I think I would go to the polls and vote if there was an issue that I thought was extremely important — like abortion. I'm pro-choice."

DANA EAGLE, 45, came to San Diego from Los Angeles five years ago. Eagle has one year of college and works with developmentally disabled adults. "I didn't vote because I felt the information was too busy about each is-

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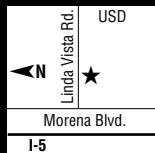


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sue. I'm registered and I voted in the 2000 election. I'm a Democrat. I feel guilty about missing this election. I work nights and sleep days and I got backed up on going to vote. I was going to educate myself at the polls. I think everyone has a duty to vote because it's about us. I don't think going to vote has anything to do with public awareness; I think it has to do with the individual and what they feel strongly about."

TRUDY NEIBERT, 32, has lived in San Diego County for 11 years. A high school graduate with some college, Neibert is an assistant manager for Mobile Telesis. "I've got so much going on, and I'm here nine hours a day, six days a week, and I just didn't have the time to vote. I'm registered and voted in the last election. I feel kinda guilty, because with so much going on around the country — everybody else votes wrong! Most citizens have a duty to vote, because if we want to keep the right to vote, then we should utilize it. I will vote when I have more time to do it."

TAMARA BELETTI, 23, came to San Diego from Texas a year and a half ago. With a B.A. in public relations, Belletti works in retail sales at the Bombay Company. "I was out of the country this election. I just got back today from Chile. I have family there. I am registered to vote, and I voted in the 2000 election for president. I don't feel guilty about missing this one, because, to tell you the truth, I didn't know there was a chance to vote. I never even heard about it. I believe most citizens have a duty to vote, because if you want something to change, how are you going to do it if you won't vote? If they make it convenient and advertise it, I'll vote the next time. I didn't even know where to vote."

HANK LUNSFORD, 19, is an El Cajon native who returned home from Idaho four months ago. A high school graduate who will start at Grossmont College in the fall, Lunsford works for Wilson's House of Suede and Leather.

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"I didn't know anything about anybody on the ballot, and I didn't have any knowledge about that kind of stuff. I'm registered to vote, and I voted in the last presidential election. I don't feel guilty at all about missing this one. I'd feel guilty if I did vote, not knowing about any of the people I was voting for. I think most citizens have a duty to vote. If you don't know who's representing you, then you're not getting your views across. I'll vote next time if I have more knowledge about the people running and where to go and that sort of thing. I plan to be more informed by November."

ANGEL HUNT, 23, is another San Diego native who attends Cuyamaca College. A sales representative, Hunt admits that she didn't even think to vote. "I was so busy working and everything that I had no time. I'm registered to vote, and I remember voting in the presidential election. I don't feel guilty about not voting this time, because I'm sure the right person will be elected. I wouldn't call it a duty — I'd call it a privilege. Voting is a privilege, because you're not obliged to do it. I just gotta have the time to go."

JUSTIN GARCIA, 26, moved to El Cajon from Ocean Beach 12 years ago. A high school graduate with some classes in design and art theory, Garcia is the manager of a framing shop. Garcia is passionate about his civic duty and regrets this one lapse. "I didn't have the time to vote. I'm working here a lot, and there's a lot of stuff going on, like moving. I am very adamant about voting, and I think it's very important. I voted in the last election, and I feel bad about not doing it this time, because it's a duty. It's something you have to participate in and give your opinion. You live here and pay taxes, so you might as well have a say in it. I believe that everyone should vote. You don't necessarily have to, because some of those people might not be educated as far as what is taking place and what is happening. But everyone should have the right to do it and feel obligated to do it, without necessarily

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taking part in it. I just didn't have a chance this time. I had to take care of my shop. I don't get out of here until about 11:30. I didn't even think about voting absentee."

JOSHUA WHITE, 23, was born in San Diego. With one year of college behind him, White works at the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf in El Cajon. "I've registered to vote, but I've never voted yet. It's part laziness and the feeling that it's not really going to matter anyway. I'd rather put more effort into something that I felt I had more control over, whether or not it came out the way I wanted it to. I could go out and do it, but I don't. It's the same kind of laziness that lots of Americans have. I feel a little guilty, but there's so many things out there that people should feel guilty for before not voting. Not going out and giving money to charities, or something like that. To me, that's more worthy. At the same time, in our own individual lives, we can't truly say that we truly trust our government or our local government to the extent that we would wish to have control over what happens. I feel kinda guilty. I don't think voting is a duty — it's a right. Actually, it's a privilege. When you're in the United States, it's a privilege; when you're in another country, it becomes a right, because they usually don't have that right. In their eyes, you don't have that right. I couldn't say that anything could make me go to vote. Maybe somebody coming up with some big, long book that I could read that could show exactly what's happening in the government."

JASON ADELMAN, 35, grew up in San Diego and moved back four months ago after living in Bakersfield for nine years. A cell-phone salesman, Adelman has a business degree. "I looked at the pamphlet, I meant to read up on all the different subjects, but I didn't. We even changed our registration down to here, intending to vote, then we just didn't make it on that day. I always vote. I feel it's my obligation to vote, and I never miss voting because of that, so I feel guilty. I will make it next time." ■

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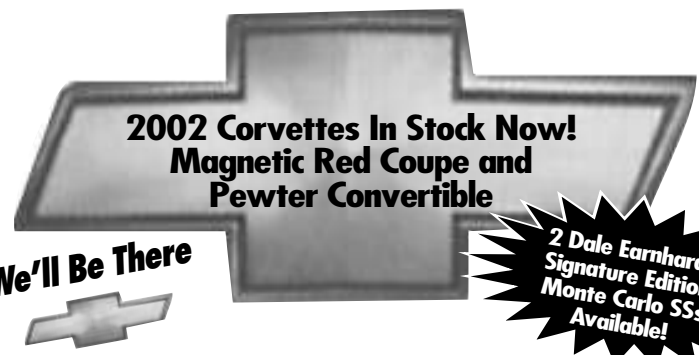
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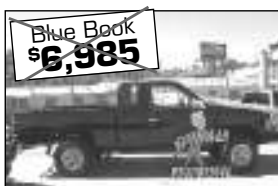
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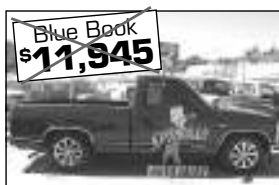
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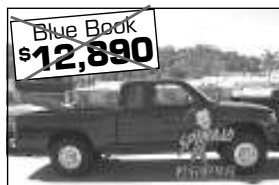
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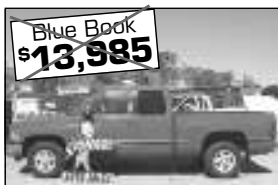
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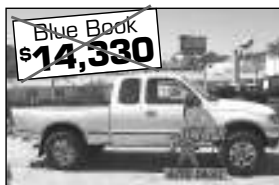
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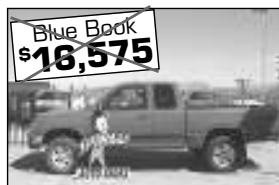
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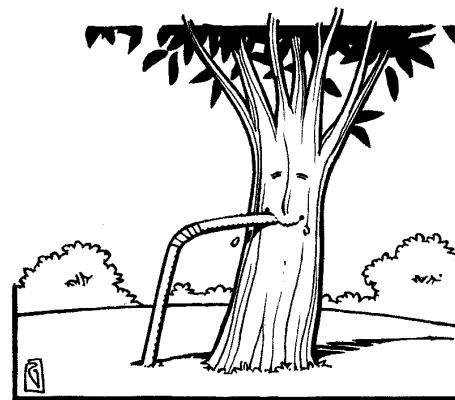
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— Christine Piontek, Rancho Bernardo

If you're very quiet at night, you might be able to hear the faint crunching of eucalyptus roots burrowing through the soil, pursuing every elusive drop of water for yards around. It's possible for the euc's extensive root system to grow as wide as the tree is tall. Naturally, large stands of eucalyptus near a handy water source will take their share, so your farmer friends likely knew what they were doing. Whether a dry riverbed is entirely the fault of the eucs is debatable. Vincent Lazaneo of the UC Cooperative Extension isn't ready to clear-cut the eucalyptus in our landscape, although he does recall a stand of eucalyptus planted as a wind break near an avocado grove. The planting reduced the fruit yield from trees as far away as 100 feet.

As an immigrant, the tree has a very bad rep among supporters of native plants and wildlife. Because of its aggressive roots and the deep piles of leaf litter that build up around them, they can subdue other plants. They offer little or no food or shelter for birds. (In fact, birds that feed on certain euc blossoms can get a gummy buildup of sap around their beaks and nostrils, which eventually suffocates them.) According to Lazaneo, if you put in new plants close to an established euc, they will probably languish. Install a euc amid established plants, and it will slow their growth. Plant eucs wisely, and they'll coexist with other ornamental green stuff, maybe not as well with crops. He also says that eucs' reputation as poisoners of the soil has now been proved baseless. Of course, eucalyptus will drop large limbs on your head. And worse yet, they're lousy for climbing, and no way can you build a secret, no-girls-allowed clubhouse in one of them, so the elves don't consider them to be real trees.

Matt:

I've heard that space is full of astronaut pee. Is this correct?

— Wondering, San Diego

Correct. But it's not exactly like they're taking a leak over the side of a boat. Before recent advances in space-toilet technology, urine was collected by creating a microgravity environment, stored in a holding tank, then vented into the universe. In the surrounding vacuum, the liquid would boil like crazy into a vapor, which then solidified into sparkling frozen showers of space pee. Luckily, we have never vented space poo. That's dried and stored on board, though there are stories of its escaping and floating around in the capsule on early missions. Heard enough? I think so.

Hey, Matt:

If all of the proceeds of Paul Newman's food line goes to charity, how does anybody who works there make any money?

— Ashley Chafin, the net

Instead of Paul Newman, a certified icon, let's take a radio commercial the elves and I heard a few days ago by a company that will tow away your old junker car, donate it to your favorite charity, and you take the tax deduction. They too say "the proceeds" go directly to your charity. So, they pick up your \$500 car, and \$500 goes directly to Save the Snails, right? As Ashley points out, of course not.

What we have here is a failure to communicate. We think we know what the word "proceeds" means. Look it up in most dictionaries, and you will see something to the effect of "money or goods gained from a commercial or fundraising venture" — the total amount gained. It has had that meaning and only that meaning for 400 years. But the world of professional shuckers and jivers has found a loophole and now uses the term to mean the *net* gain, after some unlimited amount of expenses are deducted. The Merriam-Webster Tenth Collegiate dictionary gives both (contradictory) definitions, as do some business dictionaries.

The guys who pick up your junker car will donate the net receipts to your favorite charity, after they take their cut. But if they said so in the ad, you might donate your car directly, without the useless middleman, so your favorite charity would get full benefit. Instead, they hide behind an obscure definition most of us don't know. Pretty weasely, if you ask me. In the case of Paul Newman, of course, unless you want to grow your own popcorn or make your own salad dressing, he is a useful middleman, therefore less weasely.

According to Merriam-Webster, they added the second definition in 1961 based on print references that go back into the 1940s. For example, from the *Handbook of Financial Mathematics* (1940, Prentice-Hall), "The proceeds of a note consist of the sum of money remaining after the discount has been deducted from the value. They are what the borrower actually receives." What started out as a definition used only in the banking industry now seems to apply to any chunk of cash. So beware the wily noun "proceeds," nearly as misleading as the adjective "nonprofit."

Got a question you need answered? Get it straight from the hip. Write to Matthew Alice, c/o the Reader, P. O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or fax your questions to 619-231-0489, or e-mail to heymatt@cts.com via the Internet. A searchable archive of past columns is available at SanDiegoReader.com.

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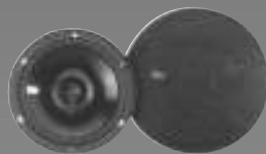
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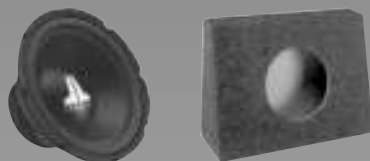
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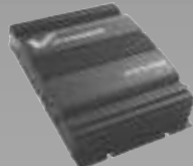
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Kathy Marpe has coached college basketball for 29 years, 22 of those years as head coach of the University of San Diego women's basketball team. She has been to the NCAA tournament, won the WCC "Coach of the Year" award twice, had 14 winning seasons, and is among a very small number of NCAA basketball coaches who hold more than 350 career victories. That's for openers.

As college basketball enters its biggest week, now seems like a good time to recount a telephone conversation I had with Marpe a few weeks back, on the eve of the WCC championships. I wanted to know how women's sports had changed over the last 29 years. "Title IX [which bans discrimination by gender in college athletics] passed in 1972. So, the law was just kicking in when you got to Albuquerque [Marpe coached at the University of New Mexico from 1973 to 1980]?"

"That was the first year scholarships were allowed." Marpe sounds like a coach; her voice is steady, strong, and clear. "We were one of the first schools, and it was only a tuition scholarship, but, in that day, it was unheard of. I think we had one scholarship that first year."

"I wouldn't have expected that. UNM is a big school."

"Oh, yeah, it's huge. Of course, the men had how many scholarships? They had Division I football. And, they had a big-time men's basketball program. That was when Norm Ellenberger was there."

Ellenberger is an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls by way of Indiana, UTEP, and New Mexico. "How did Title IX work in the beginning? I assume that men, maybe not directly, but, at least, indirectly, tried to stall or limit implementation."

"It was funny. Norm was a microcosm of what the men were like. At first, he wouldn't let us play in the pit. That was his domain. So, we had to play in the women's gym. Then, during my third year, we were allowed to practice in the pit from 6:30 to 8:30 in the morning, because the men didn't want to practice at that time. But, Norm watched us and was impressed. He became one of our greatest fans."

"That's the way most of the men in athletics react now, they respect what we're trying to do. It's only the ones who feel we're taking something away... Football, definitely, still has that mentality, because they've been pared down. Also, men's wrestling, men's gymnastics, men's swimming have been hurt with cutbacks, because in order to fund women, you have to save money somewhere. But, the other men's sports, like baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, I don't see that attitude."

I am reminded that SDSU has no men's water-polo program. "Have you seen a pattern in the way women's sports have become an ordinary part of collegiate athletics?"

"As young women — who were getting opportunities — got better, their fathers saw the opportunities these young women could get and so did boyfriends. When that happened, society started to look at women's athletics in a different way. Now, you're seeing a huge girls' movement — with women's soccer, for instance. The largest group of people attending San Diego Spirit games are young families, boys and girls."

I mention watching the Julian High School girls' basketball team practice seven or eight years ago. "They didn't have enough girls on the team so they practiced against the boys. I remember how surprised I was, seeing that the girls had absolutely no fear in their eyes. They meant business."

"Yup."

"It wasn't always that way, was it?"

"No, it wasn't. Used to be, if you got touched, the girls didn't like it. Basketball was looked on as a pastime. But, as young girls became more suc-

cessful, that attitude went out the window."

"Do you recall when you first noticed the change?"

Silence. Marpe thinks for a moment. "The '96 Olympics was a huge step. Those women didn't know any different. They didn't know when there weren't scholarships. They didn't know when there weren't programs. They thought it was their *right* to be there. Whereas, my era, and for the kids I coached in the beginning, everything was such a *privilege*."

Home is where you take things for granted. "I wonder if the odds for women are better than the odds for men in terms of playing in the pros?"

"I think they're better. Not a great deal: I think for men it's 1 percent who go on to the NBA, for women, probably 2 percent. There is a much better market for women in international play. They're crying for players over there."

"So, your best starter would have a shot at playing in Europe?"

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Wake Forest	60 to 1	Holy Cross	3000 to 1
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"Yes. I think Melissa Glazebrook could go over and play. She won't want to: she's an electrical engineer, she's going to get a high-paying job. But, Jessica Gray and Susie Erpelding had no trouble getting to Germany."

Time to go. "What would it take for you to say, 'Okay, this is parity. We're even.'?"

"Recognition. Look at the crowds at USD men's games and women's games. People go to the men's games. You'll find a few that go to the women's games, but it's still the social scene to go to the men's games."

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Year founded: 1987

Senior pastor: Joel Liberman

Congregation: 50 members

Staff: 1 part-time

Sabbath school enrollment: 5

Annual budget: \$50,000

Weekly giving: \$1000

Singles program: no

Diversity: white, Hispanic, African-American, Asian

Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Christianity was at first a Jewish sect. As the Gospel spread among non-Jews, the degree to which Christianity would remain Jewish became a troublesome issue. The Acts of the Apostles, Galatians, and 1 & 2 Corinthians record this debate and its quarrels. In the end, non-Jewish converts to Christianity weren't required to observe Jewish law and custom. But what of the Christian Jews? Some of them felt that they, like the non-Jewish converts, were free to ignore Jewish practice. Others held fast to their Jewish traditions, but by 100 AD were a small community scattered beyond the Jordan. No one knows what became of them.

In the 1960s and 1970s, when many Christians were rethinking their denomination's doctrine and practice, a number of recent Jewish converts to Christianity also started to ask questions. They wondered why, for almost 2000 years, Jews had remained indifferent to Jesus. They decided Christianity had strayed too far from its Jewish roots, had adopted nonbiblical, or "pagan," practices, and was tainted with anti-Semitism. They felt that even the names "Jesus" and "Christian" were, for most Jews, burdened with memories of slaughter, expulsion, and forced conversion. These recent Jewish converts opted to call themselves "Messianic Jews." Instead of saying "Jesus," they say "Yeshua," or "Messiah."

Around 250 Messianic Jewish congregations now meet in the United States, two here in San Diego. Last Saturday I went to the College Area's Tree of Life Messianic Congregation to see how its members and rabbi were preparing for Easter. An African-American gentleman and an Asian gentleman, both wearing yarmulkes, greeted me at the front door.

I picked up a few pamphlets and a copy of *The Messianic Times* ("World's Only International Messianic Jewish Newspaper"). On page 3 of *The Messianic Times* I saw a photo of a woman dancing "the Shabbat Candle Dance." On page 6 I saw a picture of two young women dancing at "Israel's first Messianic Sukkot." On page 12 I saw a picture of four young women dancing at "this past summer's Central Asian Messianic Jewish Conference." I studied the two-page handout Tree of Life provides about its worship service. "We also include group dance as a meaningful joyous expression of our love for the Lord.... Since we want all our visitors to enjoy their time with us, we encourage everyone to

either learn the group dances and join in, or vicariously enjoy the presence of the Lord.... Dance classes are offered periodically at the conclusion of our service."

Having visited dozens of places of worship, I've come to feel that few white people should be allowed to sing in church. No white person, with the possible exception of Reverend Jimmy Swaggart, should be allowed to dance in church, either. At Tree of Life last Sunday, after the congregation chanted in Hebrew the morning's first prayer, *Ma Tovu*, ("How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob,..."), Rabbi Joel Liberman switched on the stereo system. Everyone started belting out a rock-influenced English-language hymn. Behind me, a woman shook a pair of maracas.

People gathered in front of the podium. They twirled and clapped. They waved their arms in the air. They danced and sang for almost one hour. The music was loud. Someone shook a tambourine. A woman screamed. The Asian gentleman stomped up and down. He started to holler at the top of his voice. He was speaking in tongues. He was giving a prophecy in the way that charismatics and Pentecostals sometimes do. Rabbi Liberman took the

podium to interpret. "There's coming a day when I will not be restrained. I will cause the Adversary to be crushed under my feet."

When Rabbi Liberman later gave his sermon he didn't shout or pound the podium. He discussed three sins that often tempt believers: judging others unfairly, boasting of one's self-sufficiency, and the hoarding of wealth. Only at the end of his sermon did Rabbi Liberman mention something you might not hear at an evangelical church.

"We know the importance of judging others fairly, and there's discussion among Messianic congregations of establishing a rabbinic court for the administration of justice within the Messianic community. Justice is no game. I believe we must have at least one Spirit-filled licensed lawyer on the judicial committee."

After the service, Rabbi Liberman told me that his congregation wasn't planning on doing anything special for Easter.

"We don't celebrate Christmas, either. They aren't biblical holidays. They're pagan customs the Church adopted. We observe only the Jewish holidays. We'll have a Passover seder, and during the seder we mention what the Messiah and his Disciples did at their seder. But we don't celebrate it as Communion. We see the Bread and Wine only as symbols."

Rabbi Liberman went on to explain that Messianic Jews don't believe that the oral traditions of Judaism and the Church were divinely inspired. "But they of course have some helpful things to say."

I suggested to him that it sounded as though Messianic Jews were trying to reinvent the wheel, that they were retracing many steps already taken by Protestants.

"We're Jewish," he insisted. "We're trying, through studying Scripture, to understand who we are and how we should worship as Jews who believe Yeshua is the Messiah."

— Abe Opincar



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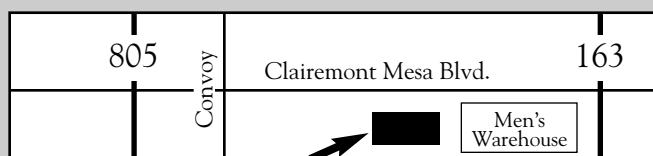
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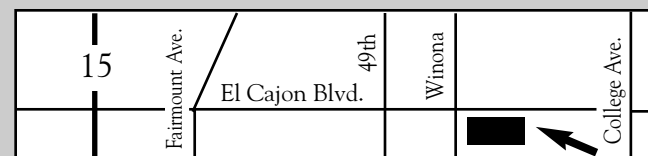
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Dear Aunt Trudy,
I am a 39-year-old man living with my 79-year-old father. Since my mother passed away several years ago, Dad (who is extremely shy) has settled into a rather disturbing rut. He watches television all day long, lives on bowls of cereal and stale cookies, and speaks to virtually no one but me. I worry about his state of mind, though his doctor insists he's not suffering from Alzheimer's. I tried to get him involved in activities outside our home, but he isn't interested. What's worse is that when I am home, Dad talks constantly about himself, repeating stories from his past or going on about every detail of his day, while not allowing me into the conversation. And he expects me to make most of his decisions for him. I find myself losing patience with him almost every day, and I'm not proud of it. Any suggestions to help either or both of us?

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Dear Concerned,
Your concern is well founded. Dad is teetering on the brink of disaster. Have a loving, frank discussion with him about changing his alarming lifestyle. Let him know how worried you are about his inactivity, lack of interest in the outside world, etc. Tell him you're going to seek help for the both of you. Just because Dad's doctor says the problem isn't Alzheimer's doesn't mean your father's doing okay. I am neither physician nor psychiatrist, but it doesn't take a genius to note your father sounds depressed, out of touch, and lonely. He has given up on taking care of himself and is skidding downhill. And I am concerned about you, too. Personally, I wouldn't be able to abide coming home from work every night to an aged Dad munching moldy vanilla wafers and holding forth endlessly about the same ancient exploits while TV droned on in the background. It sounds hellish for you both. Caring for an elderly parent is difficult and complicated. You are noble to attempt this gargantuan task, but please get some assistance now in implementing project "Improve Dad's Life." Shop around for a team of professionals who can advise you and work with Dad. For starters, his diet, as you're aware, is atrocious. Man, woman, child, leaping gazelle, or flitting dragonfly cannot thrive on stale cookies and packaged cereal. If you are unable to cook nourishing food for him and see that he eats some of it, sign up for Meals on Wheels. Or if you have the means, hire a cook. Caring, capable professionals should assess your father's needs and problems. A physician who specializes in geriatrics, the treatment of the aged, might be a good place to start. (You can find them in the yellow pages. Hold out for someone you like and trust.) Such a doctor should be able to refer you to a nutritionist, a

social worker and/or psychiatrist, and other support resources so you can put together a game plan aimed at helping Dad live a healthier, happier life. This will eventually improve the quality of your life too, I hope.

Dear Aunt Trudy,
My neighbor and I share a common parking area, which is very small. He parks rather carelessly, making it hard to get in and out on my side. I've brought this up to him several times, but he just laughs it off. I'm really annoyed.

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Dear No Room,
It can be infuriating to be crammed into close proximity with neighbors who act as though the whole world is their private estate. These are the kinds of folks who, if you lived in the same village, would park their yoked oxen right outside your hut in such a sloppy way that you couldn't get your creaky front door open. Try shameless bribes, labeled as such, if you can find out what this guy likes. Cheesecake, goulash, tickets to a sporting event. If you are renters, could you get your landlord to paint lines in the parking area to help this lunthead figure out how to park his rig more considerately? Explain that it's aggravating your sciatica having to bend yourself into a pretzel getting into and out of the car because of the way he parks. I'm lighting candles to St. Anthony, patron of difficult causes, hoping that this moron has a higher nature for you to appeal to.

Note: Though I love to receive them, I don't normally print letters I get in support of advice I've given. However, I do want to acknowledge those who were kind enough to write in and express solidarity with my response to the young man who was contemplating telling his mother he was gay. Your letters meant a lot to me. Many heartfelt thanks.

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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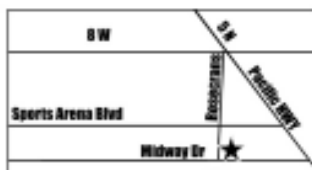
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range from 8 to 12 weeks. The most popular certificate is the Cambridge First. “It’s a measure of saying, ‘Yes, this person can speak English.’ So they come here and prepare for the exam and we administer the exam. It greatly enhances their job opportunities in Europe.” A brochure for the Cambridge certificates describes the exams in five parts: Reading comprehension, composition, use of English, listening comprehension, and interview. Another test the language schools prepare

level courses in linguistics, teaching, testing, and grading. “A lot of teachers have ESL certificates,” Nicholson says. “I think it’s going to become more and more stringent, but right now the basic requirement at this school is a B.A. or B.S., with six months’ teaching experience. It’s not required yet, but I look for the ESL certificate for teachers, and I don’t hire anybody who doesn’t have one. The biggest thing is to have ESL teaching experience. It helps if you have lived abroad and speak other languages.”

Speak English!

they’re pretty serious. In the summer particularly, it’s a much more lighthearted atmosphere. Many come to practice what they’ve learned before and get some improvement. They can say, ‘It wasn’t just a vacation. I studied too.’ I think some people need to have something to show for their vacation time. For others, their work is paying for it. In some countries, the government pays for them to come, so they take advantage of it.”

Language schools are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training, or ACCET (pronounced *asset*), an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Of the 22 language schools in San Diego, 9 have ACCET accreditation. The English programs at USIU, SDSU, and UCSD are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The most serious students at Language Studies International are in test-preparation courses. “We offer a preparation course for a

“Right now, we’re probably 40 percent Swiss. For some reason, San Diego really attracts a lot of Swiss students.”

certificate that’s very popular in Europe, particularly Switzerland,” Nicholson says. “It’s done by Cambridge University and it’s called the Cambridge First Certificate in English. There’s also the Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English and the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English.” Each of the certificates requires that students attend 30 lessons per week (each lesson is 50 minutes) and be in a class with no fewer than 10 students and no more than 14. The minimum age is 16 and courses

students for is the Test of English as a Foreign Language (or TOEFL) exam. The exam is developed and administered by the Educational Testing Service, the same organization that develops the SAT. Many foreign universities require proficiencies in English that TOEFL measures. Not every student will take the TOEFL exam, since it is a college-specific requirement and many of the students will not be attending college.

Requirements for teachers vary at the local language schools. An English as a second language, or ESL, certificate is not always necessary, but most language schools now demand it as a minimum requirement for their teachers. Obtaining the certificate requires college-

Teaching English at a language school is like being an accountant hired during “tax season.” Most of Language Studies International’s teachers are full-time. During the winter, when the number of students is lowest, the core of teachers shrinks. During spring and summer, enrollment swells and more teachers are hired — many with the understanding that a layoff is imminent.

Nicholson admits the salaries for English-language teachers are low. “Especially for teachers just starting out. Here they start out at \$15 an hour. Annually, it’s in the low twenties. What’s really difficult is that it’s strictly based on enrollment. In the summer I had about 155 students; now [in December] I have about 55.



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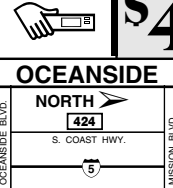
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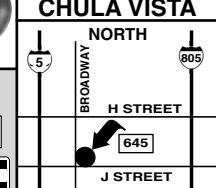
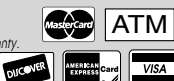
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So all the extra teachers I hired in the summer had to be laid off — and I let them know up front that that's what the deal is. Some of them are public school teachers who teach in the summer for something to do, so it's not a problem for them."

Since September 11, the subject of student visas has been touchy. When a foreign student applies for a student visa, he must submit a form proving that he has enrolled in an American school. "We give them the paperwork," says Nicholson. "It's called an I-20. We have to be satisfied that they've paid for the course. Once we have their application and all the other requirements are met, we give them this form, which they take to the consulate in their country. From there, the State Department decides whether or not they get a visa."

The average age of the visiting English-language student is mid- to late 20s; at Language Studies International, it's 24. The minimum age, usually 16, varies from school to school. Every



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school seems to have a dominant nationality or group of nationalities that attend, usually because of the marketing programs. Most of the English-language schools are promoted by travel agents. "All over Europe, Asia, and South America are these sort of travel agen-

cies that specialize in travel/study courses. So let's say a student wants to come to San Diego to study English. They will go to an agency, and our marketing department sets up deals with the agencies where they get a commission to send students to us.

"Right now, we're probably 40 percent Swiss. For some reason, San Diego really attracts a lot of Swiss students. They love San Diego. I'm not sure of the other percentages, but it's mainly Swiss, German, Italian, and smaller amounts of others. The Japanese are

always a good, solid percentage but never a majority here. Since the company is based in the U.K., our marketing department is there."

Visiting students tend to be well behaved. Run-ins with the law are rare, but problems with local customs abound. "They'll forget that you can't be drinking out in the open in public or drinking under 21, especially at the beach. It's so much freer in Europe that they have a hard time grasping some of those concepts. One common problem is that they'll forget that they need to carry around their passport and documents, then they'll visit Mexico and try to come back. They'll say, 'Oh, I forgot my I-20 and passport!' and be detained for questioning, sometimes for hours. The authorities will call us and we'll have to verify who they are and what they're doing.

"People come with all sorts of expectations. Some are legitimate and some really aren't. It's really hard to make every student happy all the time. They'll hear some really odd things about

the U.S. They don't know what our cities are like, and many don't realize that you really can't travel well without a car. They may be expecting to be able to walk from their host family's house to the school, not realizing that the commercial district downtown is not where a lot of people are living. They can't just jump on a bus and be here in 10 minutes. It's going to be more like 30 or 40 minutes. Or they'll be told by an agency that the school is on the beach! So they'll complain, 'It takes 40 minutes to get to the beach by bus!' "

One way the Immigration and Naturalization Service monitors language schools is by verifying student attendance. Nicholson says that the scrutiny has gotten more intense since September 11. "We've had several requests for records, where they are following up and making sure people have entered or left the country. They are in the process of initiating a huge new tracking system. All of the colleges and schools will have to cooperate and track people. Right now, if a stu-

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dent is supposed to come here and doesn't show up, we don't know if they entered the country or didn't enter or what. Now they track students as they enter and let us know if they came into the country. When they attend, we let the INS know.

"I haven't really noticed any difference in attitude or feeling with the students since 9/11. It's surprising. Some of them really don't take the rules very seriously. They think they can overstay their visas and things like that. We tell them, 'You have to follow the rules. You have to leave when it's time to leave. You have to remain in school. If you don't attend your classes, we'll have to report you to the INS.' Truancy isn't usually a big problem. When it is, we talk to the people and let them know that they seriously have to follow up on their commitment. We notify the student first that they may not receive a certificate of completion for the course — that requires 80 percent attendance."

The first rule of language schools is that the tuition will be paid. "A lot

of times the students' parents pay. And you can tell the difference between students who pay themselves or have someone else pay their way. A lot of times, their company or job will pay for them to come and study. If they've been saving up for this, they are always much more serious about it. They want their money's worth."

In a large field of competitors, schools try to set themselves apart by emphasizing selling points like accreditation, tuition, location, class size, certificate programs, and activities. "It's competitive," Nicholson says, "but honestly, it's really a very friendly thing. We work together. I'm in contact with most of the other schools. Our niche is really for the Cambridge preparations courses. We are the authorized Cambridge testing center — none of the other schools are authorized to administer the exam. So the other schools will do preparation courses, but they have to send their students to us for the exams. It helps us a lot."



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Language Studies International's website does not disclose the price for tuition, but Nicholson says it averages about \$750 a month. "If the student wants to live with a host family, there is an extra charge of \$180 a week, which covers room, board, and two meals per

day. We've been told by the host families that house our students that ours are among the best students they've had. I think ours tend to be more goal-oriented and serious. But I'm on the phone all the time with directors from the other schools and it's very friendly.

We help each other out. We don't try to undercut or undermine each other at all.

"There's only one place that I won't name that all of the schools are unhappy with at the moment. They're really going below us all. We're all more or less the same as far as pricing and services, and we have our individual differences, but this place..." Nicholson's face betrays disgust as he points behind him to a school directly across the street. It is the International Academy of English. He will not be the only language-school administrator to express frustration with this school. "Their place is so much below what everyone else is offering that — it sort of draws off students. They get the less serious students who want to stay longer, so they go over there and extend their stay."

The frequent turnover of students keeps Nicholson's job from becoming humdrum. "There's a constant flow of really interesting people. For the most part, the ones who come here do so because they've planned

it and put a lot of effort into coming here. They're really interested in learning about the country, the culture, and everything the city has to offer. When I was a teacher, I felt like I learned more from them than they did from me. I always wanted to know how things were done in their country or how something in this country would compare to something similar in their country. A lot of them really seem to appreciate everything we do. A lot of times, traveling, I will visit people I've met when they came here. We have students who come again and again, which is a good indicator that they've enjoyed the experience."

Learning English is not an easy prospect. A language that borrows liberally from many other tongues, English is loaded with confusing words, like *tough* and *rough*, for example, which can lead new speakers to assume that *through* is pronounced *thruff*. Simple words like *there*, *their*, and *they're* sound alike but have different meanings, and that makes understanding a conversation difficult. Newer colloquialisms

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such as “I’m all...” make no sense. To hear a person say, “I totally freaked out and, boy, was she pissed” can be baffling.

Two weeks before Christmas, I sit in on an intermediate English class at Language Studies International. The 12 students are a balanced mix of Asians, Latin Americans, and Europeans. Suzie Kim, the teacher, begins with a game. She breaks the class into two teams and has a team leader from each side go to the board. Kim shows the class a sheet of paper with a series of lines and markings. The team members have to give clues to their leader at the board on how to draw the arrangement (actually characters from the Korean alphabet). When Kim gives the class permission to go, everyone starts shouting. “Down! Down! Draw a line this way! Make it go up! No! Easier! Erase that! There’s no



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line there! Don’t touch the line there. Make it like a G now. No! Like a T! Vertical. Between the two lines, in the, uh, middle.” On each side, one team member seems to dominate, and it is from that student that the leader takes instruc-

tions. All the students struggle for words. The game lasts for nearly two minutes, until there is a clear winner. One of the Italian students apparently knows Korean, as he tells everyone what the character means. The teacher

responds, “It doesn’t matter what it means. I just wanted you guys to get started speaking. Does anyone remember yesterday when we did tongue twisters?”

Students match up with their partners from the pre-

vious day. The pairs begin trying to say a series of tongue twisters aloud, correcting and helping each other. “Cheryl’s chilly cheap chip shop sells Cheryl’s cheap chips.” “Cat catchers can’t catch cats.” “Is there a pleasant peasant present?” “She’s a thistle sifter and she has a sieve of sifted thistles and a sieve of unsifted thistles she sifts into the sieve of sifted thistles because she’s a thistle sifter.” “Sheep shouldn’t sleep in a sack. Sheep should sleep in a shed.”

Kim tells me that the game is designed to improve pronunciation. “It breaks the monotony of bookwork, note-taking, and lectures. These students are at the level where they can express themselves, and they like to talk.” Any native English speaker would have difficulty saying these words in sequence, and the sound of foreign-born students con-

torting their mouths is agonizing. As Kim has individuals recite the tongue twisters, she says, “Does that hurt?” This is a question she asks repeatedly, and it becomes apparent that most people are so conditioned to speaking in a certain way that learning a new language actually causes pain. Kim has the class say *thistle* and reminds students of the word they studied yesterday, *whistle*, emphasizing the silent *t*. Some of the students sound like they are saying *Cecil*. The hardest sound for most of these students is the *th* combination. Kim announces that after the break they are going to watch a cartoon, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. “Christmas is coming up, and that’s part of our culture. Almost every American child will end up watching this.”

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tion on law and order. They discuss the sound and meaning of *obligatory, compulsory, libel, arson, murder, manslaughter, bribery, and blackmail*. One student says *bribery* means, “I pay you \$10 to kill Christophe.” Another student says, “I do it for free!” They all laugh. The word *thrifty* comes up, and when asked to define it, one student says it means *cheap*. A debate about the word’s meaning ensues. The class reads over a series of “blue laws” that are no longer in effect. One law prohibits dueling on Sunday. The Japanese students struggle to pronounce *dueling*. Another law prohibits the shooting of moose from airplanes. The class asks what a moose is. Arnaud, a French student, says, “You know Bambi? A moose is like Bambi with a big hood.” The teacher gives the class 30 seconds to scan the passage, and then they vote on which law is the strangest. Finally, they are instructed to answer the study questions without looking again at the selected reading.

This class is unusual because it has two students who are much younger than the rest. Romain Grangier, 17, and Tatiana Hochstrasser, 15, are both visiting from Switzerland. Romain, whose native language is French — he comes from Montreux — is the class cutup and betrays no shyness. “I came here because maybe I need English for my future job. Before I spoke English with some friends and learned

a little from my father. I choose this school because, I don’t know, it is the only school for me that I remember. I live with a host family in Pacific Beach. I like San Diego. It’s cool, but I miss my country. I’ve been here three months and I’m leaving in two days. I don’t know what I want to do in the future. When I come here from Switzerland, I thought I reflect on my future job, but I don’t know. I would like to come back here again, not study, but with my friends.”

Tatiana’s English is slightly better than Romain’s. A native of Geneva, Tatiana speaks both French and German. Her English has a pronounced German accent. “English is very difficult to understand. The meaning of the words are not the same all the time and it is difficult. But it’s very important to know many languages, and English is on all the computers. I come to San Diego because it’s popular in Geneva for nice weather. People want to come to California. I have been here for three months, and I will stay for three months more. I miss my family and my boyfriend back home.” Her smile widens. “We talk on the phone. It is expensive, but he has a card. I live with a host family here in Clairemont. They are very nice. They have a son my age and he has a car and he drives me to school sometimes. Someday I would like to work in a bank.”

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The Converse International School of Language occupies the second floor of a downtown high-rise, in the 600 block of Broadway. At 8:30 a.m., a dozen students speaking English in thick accents block the street entrance while they smoke cigarettes. Their voices sound cheerful. Up the stairs, an outside border of small classrooms surrounds a spacious lobby furnished with comfortable sofas and coffee tables. The administrative assistant passes out pastries to students as they look over

of East Coast decorum that seems to pervade the school. “This year we’re 30 years old. I think we may be the oldest English-language school in San Diego. We started in Hillcrest, right across from where Berlitz used to be, on Upas — I think that was on purpose. We were there a long time. We’ve been down here about 12 years.”

Because it is December, Converse’s faculty numbers only 17 teachers. “Summer is a feeding frenzy,” Mondragon says. “We get up to maybe 35 teachers

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assignments and discuss afternoon plans. Nearly 2000 foreign students will take English classes here in 2002. The school’s website shows that tuition runs between \$160 and \$200 per week. The weekly accommodation fee ranges from \$130 to \$180.

The spaciousness of the lobby creates a paradoxical effect: The students seem more relaxed than they did at Language Studies International, but their demeanor is more serious. Academic director Pamela Edwards-Mondragon, a New York native, has an air

and close to 300 students. And it jumps like that almost overnight! It’s crazy.” Like Language Studies International, Converse requires its teachers to have a four-year degree, but further experience and certification are required. “They must all be certified by an organization that has more letters in its name than I can remember — the Bureau for Private Post-secondary and Vocational Education — they need a certification from that. And I prefer a year’s teaching experience. Salaries vary with experience. They range

from \$14.50 to \$22 an hour.” Converse is also an ACCET-accredited school.

Mondragon says that the English-language schools in San Diego are a “small community. It’s competitive, but it’s not cutthroat competition.” The lone exception, again, seems to be the International Academy of English.

“They’re a new school,” explains Javier Arozarena, Converse’s owner and general director. “When we charge \$600 to \$700 for a four-week program, which is 80 hours a month, we are in the middle range. They charge \$170 a month for the same amount of hours. You’ve got a lot of Japanese and Asian students who just go there for a month and come back and say, ‘We left there because they don’t take attendance.’ If you don’t take attendance, that’s illegal. For a student who was planning to come here for three or four months, learn English, and go back to his country — and they find this ‘deal’ where they think, ‘Hey, I can take it over here, in the U.S., in beautiful San Diego. I don’t have to attend class and I can just hang around with my student visa!’ This school — I’m not quite sure. They come from Las Vegas and opened a couple of years ago. I’ve talked to different directors at other language schools, and they all agree with me that we ought to write a letter to the INS, because it affects the reputation of all the schools in San Diego.”

Nationalities of students at Converse are more varied than at Language Studies International. Arozarena says the variety is no accident. “We work very hard to have a good mix of people. It’s a very important aspect of the English program, that you have a good combination in each class. You can’t have a lot of Japanese in one class or a lot of Swiss or a lot of Brazilians. We only segregate by level of English. Right now, the breakdown is about 20 percent Japanese, 25 percent Brazilian, 20 percent Swiss and German, and other countries make up the rest. We don’t have as many Asians as other language schools. You’ll see a lot more of them at San Diego State or UCSD. It might be as much as 50, 60 percent Korean.”

Keeping a good mix of nationalities is more difficult in certain seasons, according to Mondragon. “It depends upon the time of year when there are vacations in some countries. There are times when, try as we might, we end up with a class that is heavily one nationality. December, January, and February are the long vacations for South America. We get a lot of Brazilians and Argentineans at this time. In the 1970s, there was a time when we were about 85 percent Saudi and Kuwaiti. A very interesting time, but that kind of evaporated.”

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Students are often surprised by America's ethnic diversity. "In most of the countries that they come from — except Brazil, they're a little different — everybody is basically the same ethnicity," Mondragon says. "They come here and everybody's different. Here, everybody's from somewhere else, or everybody's grandparents are from somewhere else, and some students have a hard time realizing that and it can get them into trouble sometimes. They may say something that they shouldn't have said. I think it takes them a while to get used to the fact that everyone here is different and don't assume anything about anybody. It's not a big problem, but it's common to all

the students. It's always surprising to me how little they know about each other. Especially the European countries — there they are, all attached to each other, and they travel freely. But Europeans really know very little about each other. They have their stereotypes many times."

"One of the nice things about the school is the interaction of people," Arozarena says. "It's not just to learn the language, but it's to meet people from other countries. They make friends from different countries."

"I still remember two students who started out wanting to scratch each other's faces off," Mondragon says. "One was from Jordan and the other was from Israel, and they were here during the Yom Kippur War. They ended up as real good friends. It was one of the nicest things I've ever seen."

Some nationalities have a harder time learning English. Mondragon says that it's always the ones whose languages are most different in structure. "The Japanese and Vietnamese

have a terrible time with pronunciation. Asian culture and Asian languages are very tied up with honorific" — addressing people according to their status — "and it's very indirect, where English is not. Asians and Arab-speakers seem to have the most difficult time, which is one of the reasons we have such difficulty trying to balance out class groups. Beginning

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levels tend to fill up with Asian and Arab students, and they have a terrible time."

Travel agents are the primary marketing tool for Converse, but Arozarena says that Converse also advertises in foreign magazines and on the Internet. "If you visit our website, you can find everything you need in eight different languages."

The Immigration and Naturalization Service does an initial check on students

when they enroll. "They don't check attendance, but they should," Arozarena says. "I think since September 11, things are going to change. We've been told that the procedure is going to change. Instead of receiving an application and sending the I-20 to the agent or student... in the near future we are going to connect to the INS website, where they will give us a code for the

student. So they will register the student's name immediately before they issue the I-20. They will have more control. I wish they had more control."

"It's frustrating," Mondragon says. "We will have a student whose attendance suddenly drops off and we can report it to the INS, and, in the past, nothing has happened."

"And it's not only the language schools," Arozarena adds. "These flying schools

also issued the I-20. We issue the I-20 for exactly the number of days and weeks that students are coming. Some language schools issue them for six months. And it's very common for students to attempt to get a California driver's license, but they're not successful. They have to have a Social Security number to get a driver's license. They want the driver's license for many reasons. Number one, they want to drive here. Number two, in all the other countries, a driver's license is extremely expensive. A driver's license in Spain, for instance, might cost you \$2000 or \$3000. But now they need to have a Social Security number to get the license, and they have a hard time doing that."

"If you're here on a student visa," Mondragon says, "you're not permitted to work in this country. And truancy itself isn't a big overall problem. We have isolated cases, certainly, but the great majority attend class. Most of our students pay for this themselves. They tend to be working people in their own country. They've

got an extended vacation, they've paid for this, and they are here and want to take advantage of it. We have more of a problem with people trying to drift in late than with people disappearing on us."

"If a person misses more than three classes, they cannot return to class until they come and see me. They've got to have a doctor's note to excuse them. If not, we'll usually give them another chance — we don't want to cut their heads off immediately! I talk to them and, in some cases, Javier talks to them. There's a danger of them not getting their certificate or losing their student visa, a whole variety of things, especially wasting their time here."

Tuition is paid in various ways. Credit card payments are frequently made through the Internet site. Students also pay the travel agent, who in turn pays the school. Some students bring their credit cards or cash to the school.

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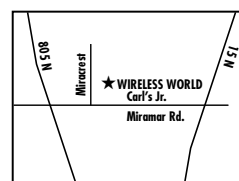
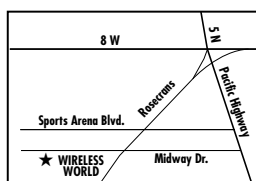
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to when she moved to San Diego from New York. "When I came out here, I wanted to be a Spanish teacher. I majored in Spanish and was trained to be a Spanish teacher. I went to Berlitz and was hired as an English teacher. At that time, it was a very bad place to work, not to take anything away from them now. Now it's a different management, different company. But back then, it was bad — salary-wise and the whole thing. It was very small, a franchise then. I was not happy and I quit. Two weeks later, I went across the street to Converse, and I've been with them ever since."

Arozarena came to San Diego from Mexico in 1985. "I came with my wife to do an internship in law. I studied English at Converse and was in the beginning levels. After doing my internship of six months, I was still studying English and had a good relationship with the school's previous owners. By 1988, they moved to this location and needed some help, so I joined them and purchased part of the school with an option to

purchase the rest. We ended up buying them out. I have a partner who lives in San Francisco and takes care of the school up there. We also have a school in Mexico City, where we teach English to different companies.

"We used to teach other languages — Spanish, French — especially when the school was near Balboa Park. When the school moved downtown, we tried to continue Spanish for a few years, but we found that those students just didn't want to come downtown. There's no place to park. So we just concentrate on English and international students."

David de Rosa, 24, came from Milan, Italy, to study at Converse. "I've been here for two months. I will be leaving soon — January 8. I look at six schools and try this one. I choose this school because it is better. I want to learn English because it is very important for to travel in the world. In Italy, the people don't study a lot of English. The high school in Italy is different than in the U.S. When you go to school in Italy, you must do

a general cultural study. Not just science or humanities. You look at everything: little bit English, little bit French, mathematics, language. I don't speak English very well, and I come here to improve my English. I have a hotel in a tourist place in Italy, and I need English to speak with the British. I own the hotel with my family. We get many British from London and many Russian from Moscow. I know how to speak a little bit Russian. I spend four hours a day here. I rent an apartment in Pacific Beach, and I go to the beach to take sun in my free time. No swimming because the water is cold now, but I bicycle, play basketball, and spend one hour for to study in the afternoon. I take a bus. It is 20 minute from my house to here."

De Rosa thinks English is a difficult language to learn. "I study French too, but it is more easier for me because it is like Italian grammar. English is an easy language, but for the Italian people, it is a little bit difficult. Our grammar is very complicated, but English

language has little bit grammar, but it is not like Latin languages. For the German peoples, it is easier to learn English because it is more similar.

"It's difficult with money too. Here, it is expensive life! For me to buy dollars is expensive. Next year, when they have Euro money, maybe in the future it can change something. I don't think I will be coming back to U.S. when I finish here. I come here with my girlfriend. We come together and she lives with me in Pacific Beach. She speaks English very well because she's been in Italian university studying English. She doesn't need to come here to improve the language. I just finish high school in Italy. I don't want to go to university for my job. I would go to university, for example, to work for big company."

Jaime Uribe, 21, has been in the United States for a year and a half. A native of Medellin, Colombia, he speaks English more clearly than most of the other students, but it could simply be my Californian ear for broken Hispanic English that makes him easier to understand. "When I get here, my English was poor. Now it is

better and I'm happy because I'm here in the U.S. It's a second language for me and the first language of the world. It's important to know English. I will use this for business back home. I want to study international business. I will need to learn more language, but the first is English. I will go to Southwestern College. I plan to stay here for a long time. I want to go to San Diego State. I want to get a good degree. I have a student visa, but if I study here, they will renew it. My family sent me here, and they send me money every six months. I hope maybe to become a citizen. I am very happy here! My family don't want to stay here. I'm here five hours a day, Monday through Friday. I live in Chula Vista in the Otay Ranch. I'm living with host family, but I'm going to move into apartment with some friend of mine. In spare time, I go to movies, watch TV, do my homework, nothing else. I have an American girlfriend. I met her someplace else where she works. She speaks Spanish, but all the time she speaks English with me. I tell her I want her to speak English with me. I know her for three months.

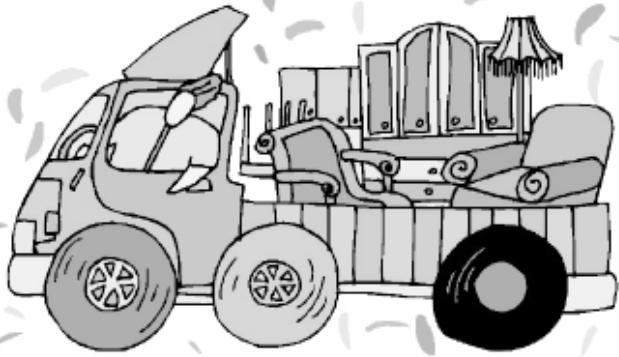
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grammar is difficult for me. I went to class often, and I've improved my grammar a lot. I've already passed the TOEFL and sometimes the pronunciation is difficult, but if you practice your English, you'll get better pronunciation, I think. If I stay here for a long time, I improve my English a lot. The most difficult thing is money. My money in Colombia is low price. It's expensive here. If you want to stay here, you have to try harder at everything and study and enjoy life all the time here."

Marco Tolomio, a beginning student, comes from São Paulo, Brazil. At 38, he is older than most students. Although he has a harder time speaking than anyone else I interview, he seems the happiest, sporting an irrepressible smile and frequently laughing. "Only my name is Italian — my grandfather came from Italy. This is my first time in United States and is very good. I never study English in Brazil. I study English at Converse school first time three months ago because of job in Brazil. I work for pharmaceutical company for about 15 years and quit July this year and come to San Diego. When I go back to Brazil, I look for job in the same work because I like this work. I need to speak English for a new job!" He laughs. "It's very, very important in Brazil. Many, many companies need English speakers for jobs."

For Tolomio, the biggest hardship of living in America is communicating. "Americans speak very fast, and for me, I need more time for listen and learn new words. But American

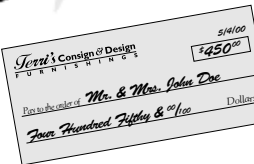
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people are very good and patient with me. I live with a host family, and my host family is very good. They show me different places in the United States: San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas." The mention of Las Vegas brings a bigger smile to his face. "Oh, Las Vegas, very nice! Very good! I don't do much

gambling, but I look in many different casinos."

One lure to return to Brazil is Tolomio's girlfriend. "She's teacher of special classes. People who are...retarded mental. Two, three days a week I call Brazil to talk to her. I go back to Brazil this weekend, but before I go, I stay in New

York four days. Then in one year more I come to United States to study English some more."

Claudia Ramirez, 24, came from Bogotá, Colombia, to study at Converse. "I've been here for two months and I graduate in January, but I think of staying two months more. I can

stay here for six months or one year if I want. It's very important for me to know English because I am a journalist. I work for a weekly magazine called *Semana*. It's the best. I wrote articles about my city about, how do you say?...culture."

Like Tolomio, Ramirez's biggest difficulty in living

here is the language. "I hope I learn more every day, but sometimes it's very difficult. Sometimes you want to say something, but you can't explain. Some things here are impolite that in my country are not impolite. You have to know about these things if you don't want to be impolite. In San

Diego, I don't like the transportation. I feel so angry sometimes because when I was taking my bus, only crazy people are on it. In my country, transportation is not bad, only a little. I use the bus every day because I live in Clairemont. It's about one hour. I do a lot of walking in my spare time

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or watching TV. There is not a lot of sightseeing for me. I live with host family and they are very nice to me. I have a boyfriend who lives in Jamaica. He speaks English only to me. He also speaks Spanish very well. He was living in my country for four years."

I sneak into an advanced class at Converse as the teacher leads seven students in discussing a news article on civil unrest. The students, all in their 20s, focus on the front board, where the teacher constantly writes new words. They talk about the meaning of *riot* and the related terms that students offer, such as *protests*, *Rodney King*, *to sue*, *police brutality*, *press charges*, and *criminal complaints*. The teacher emphasizes the hard *g* in *National Guard* to correct a student's mispronunciation and compares it to the soft *g* at the end of *language*. Students attempt to explain the subtle differences between *amenities* and *luxuries*; *pressure* and *stress* and *anxiety*; *fluent* and *fluid*.

Each student has a textbook called *Focus on Grammar: An Advanced Course for Inference and Practice*. The instructor says frequently: "But used in this context..." Every word is fair game for scrutiny. Discussing *pressure*, one student says that a homeless person feels pressure when police force him to move from where he is sleeping. Another says, "When you don't have enough money

to eat, that is pressure. When you are playing in a basketball game and you are one point losing and you have the basketball in your hand and if you make basket, you win, you feel pressure." Another student says that pressure is "When you need to smoke and you have to wait." The teacher validates each response. "In every situation, pressure is going to be different." He calls on each student by name to ask about experiences of pressure. "What if I told you that during the second half of class today we were going to have a test on clauses? Do you feel pressure now?" The students laugh nervously and ask if he is joking — and he is. The teacher writes, "The man is cool under pressure" and discusses it with the students. Examining colloquialisms is a part of this class. Every student has a translation dictionary. One has a book called *Oxford Word Power Dictionary for Learners of English*. None of the students consult their dictionaries.

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Intrigued by the derisive remarks I've heard about the International Academy of English, I call several other English-language schools for more opinions. No one else will speak on the record. Several say they have never heard of the school. An anonymous person at ELS Language Center says, "The problem is that they keep recruiting students away. I hear the program's

not very good. Some students that left here to go there came back because there was just not much of a program. They're low-balling everybody, and that's all that I'll say."

Visiting the International Academy of English, I get the sense that things are different from the other schools I've visited. The central lobby is open and well lit by large windows that extend to the second-floor balcony. There are no administrative offices. The owner and director, Carmen Tepper, and her staff have desks in the lobby, creating a feeling of approachability.

Tepper, a native of Brazil, is a go-getter. She speaks with a force that suggests a strong competitive drive. "We have about 200 students right now. Usually we have enrollment every Monday — about 6 to 8 students. Yesterday [a Monday], we had almost 20 students enroll. We have nine teachers for morning classes, and we have one for an afternoon and one for a night class.

"Most of our students come from South America, particularly Brazil, and Japan. The average age is about 25. I've lived here for 15 years. I had a friend who owned a university, and it was her idea to open up a language school. For 20 years we had training for computers with Xerox and we taught computers; then we thought that instead of teaching computers, we should just teach language.

We opened this school three years ago." Tepper also has schools in Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles.

Unlike the other language schools, the academy doesn't rely on travel agents for business. "We have agents, but they are student agents. I spend a lot of money to have student agents at fairs. We also have ads in newspapers in Brazil and Japan. We are not accredited by ACCET yet, but we are in the process.

"We have about 15 to 20 students per class. We have eight levels of classes and different books at each level. We start with beginners, and we have three levels of intermediate, three levels of advanced, and then the TOEFL class."

Contrary to the rumors, Tepper insists that the school does take roll and that the Immigration and Naturalization Service checks up on student visas. "Before September 11, the INS asked us to only report suspicious students. Now they ask us to report everybody who misses classes. We watch and the teacher watches. We double-check attendance. If they want to go surfing, they need to go change their visa to a tourist visa. If they have a student visa, they need to be in class.

"If a student misses classes, they have to reinstate. That means they have to go to immigration and explain why they are missing. Or they can go back to their country and come back, or they can go to

Tijuana and come back. It is not difficult, and all these students know that."

Tepper quotes the school's rates. "One hundred ninety-five per month, plus a \$75 application fee. That's for the San Diego school. If you need a place to stay, the accommodation fee is \$150 a week. If you are a student in San Diego, you can transfer to us. If you want to, you can apply to change your visa. Host families get different rates. You can have just breakfast, breakfast and dinner, shared bedrooms, private bedroom, whatever you want. Let's say you get breakfast and dinner and your own room, we pay the host family \$625 per month."

This brings up the question of how the school can afford to charge so little, yet pay out so much to host families. "We can do this because we have a lot of students. About 15 percent go to host families; then when they get here, they make friends and get an apartment together."

When it is mentioned that some of the other schools do not like the way she operates, Tepper gets even more animated. "Sure! That's because we have a good price, we have good teachers, and we pay more on the average for teachers than they do. We have *way* lower price, and their students transfer to us, so sure they're upset. They say, 'How can you live with \$195?' We make a good profit. We are giving the teachers medi-

cal insurance. Why do they dislike us? Because they are making a heck of a profit. Not that we are making too little. We are making normal. We can pay everybody a nice salary compared to them, and we have very good teachers. Here they average \$15 per hour, and we give them medical insurance and some paid holidays. There are schools that they pay \$8, \$10 per hour, and they charge a fortune for the students.

"They come here and they get really upset, because the first thing they expect from us is to have bad teachers, because they think we're so cheap that we'd have to have bad teachers. So they come here and all the teachers are really good. And we give them a chance. I may get along with a certain teacher and you might not. Eighty-seven percent of the students really like their teachers, so we consider the others who have a problem with their teachers and allow them to change their classes. At the other schools, they don't. You are stuck in that class, and it may not be your level. For instance, Brazilian students speak very well, but their grammar is very poor. Japanese students' grammar is excellent, but their pronunciation isn't very good. So we allow them to change levels no matter what. First I give you a test and tell you what your level is. You go to that class, and if you think it is too strong or too low, you come to me and we make a change. Or

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Looking around the school, I notice that some classes have 18 students — more than at Converse or at Language Studies International — but many classes have as few as 10 students. Each classroom has a framed sign next to the door with the name of the class, its level, and the name of the instructor. Tepper is proud of the school's rapid growth and says that business has

boomed since August. "We started out small and suddenly we are getting much bigger. It's been word of mouth. After September 11, we thought, 'Oh my God!' and all the other schools started to get lower enrollment. I thought we would too, but we grew! We know they lost enrollment, because their teachers were fired and they came here."

Andres, 32, a student from Hungary, has been in the United States for eight months. "I'm kind of advanced level. I came here originally only for two months, but I can stay for five years. I want to speak fluent English, so I can stay here some more. I wanted to learn only for fun. I actually wanted to learn because my sister and my friends can speak English and I didn't. It's becoming more

important in Hungary. I like this school. When I came here, I couldn't speak English at all, so I think this school is pretty good. If you study hard, it is good for you. I used to live with a host family, but I have apartment with friends on El Cajon Boulevard in East San Diego. I have car now. I used to ride the bus, but it was strange. It took more than one hour to get here, and I saw some strange people on the bus."

Wander Lambertucci, 30, came with his wife from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, ten months ago to study English. "I have to improve my English to work in Brazil. I am going to improve my résumé so I can get a better job in Brazil and make more money and get better position. I think I'm going to stay here one year more.

I'm a business administrator in Brazil. I manage finances for private companies. I'm thinking about getting a Cambridge or TOEFL certificate. I'm looking for an internship here in finance. I have been researching business and products here that I can maybe use in Brazil and open a small business there. I choose this school, because when I first come here, I choose a good school, but very expensive. It was ELS. A nice school, but I started to research and I found this school. It was a good price and I experimented here and I liked the teachers and the class. I like San Diego and I like America, but I see a lot of problems with families. A lot of divorces. I get worried about that. I think that they need to work hard to improve the family institution here."

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Mark Denise, 60, and his brother Terry, 59, have been hosting foreign students for 11 years. Mark is single and Terry is divorced and has 16 grandchildren. They share a house in Oak Park. Both men are outgoing, talkative, and friendly. "A lady from our church, Our Lady of Angels, got us interested in hosting students," Terry says. "She had been doing it for years and she talked to us about it. We had a couple of spare rooms, so we decided to try it. We've been doing it ever since. The kids are so nice that we just enjoy having people like that around.

"A lot of times if the school has a problem placing a student somewhere, they call us. Usually in the summer they'll have big loads of students from Spain and France. We don't have a mom in the house, so we prefer that the students be over 21."

Terry says that the host-family experience is contagious. "Since we've been doing it, we got another neighbor across the street, Debbie, and another one, Barbara, involved in it. Sometimes we'll all take turns cooking. We'll cook Monday and she'll cook Tuesday and the other one will cook Wednesday. It's a great community."

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two students living with them, a Swiss man and a Japanese woman. "They're out partying right now," says Mark. "Sometimes we have as many as 5 students. One Christmas we had 6. This summer we had 15. We had to open up the camper. Sometimes it's old students who have come back to visit and they just show up. We've had their mothers, fathers, grandmothers, aunts, and uncles. But we can take 3 students comfortably."

Mark and Terry are hospitable men who treat their students like family, but they don't do it for free. "We take students exclusively from the Converse school," Mark says. "They pay

us \$575 per student each month. We have nothing to do with the students, as far as financial; the school pays it directly to us. We also do their laundry — something that's not required."

"Saturday is wash day," Terry says. "We do everything at one time. We wash the students' clothes, and most families won't do that. We tell them to put their clothes in the basket. We wash it, fold it, and put it back on their beds, but we don't iron. If they want that, we show them where the ironing board is."

"Otherwise they'd be washing clothes every day of the week or at nighttime," Mark adds. "To conserve

energy and water, we do it all at once. Some of the girls want to wash their own private things, and that's fine. We let them do that."

How difficult can it be to have a stranger in your house who cannot yet speak the most rudimentary English? Terry says it's never been a problem. "We speak very slowly, and a lot of times actions speak louder than words anyway."

"Most students can speak some English," says Mark. "We work with them and show them where everything is. This is where the glasses are. Here are the plates. They work it out. They have the books. I remember a Korean boy who always used his dic-

tionary. It would be slow talking with him, but we did it. After a week or two, they're doing okay."

Romance can sometimes be a problem. Although they've never had two students who lived with them get involved, students have brought home new love interests. Mark and Terry don't mind, as long as the house rules are followed. "When they arrive," Terry explains, "there's a thing on their desk that says, 'Welcome to the house of the two brothers.' Then it tells them when dinner is and what breakfast times are. They are told that no guests are allowed to stay overnight. A lot of them will meet friends at the school and

get involved, but if they want to do anything, they can go downtown and get a hotel. They can come over for dinner, but after 10:00, they have to leave."

"There was a boy from France," Mark says, "who when he arrived and got off the plane, our mouths just dropped. He had a shaved head and was dressed all in black. He looked like one of these 'heil Hitler' types. He was kind of strange. When we got home, he asked us if we knew of any KKK meetings he could attend."

"Our mouths just dropped," says Terry. "We said, 'What?' He was in America three years before, in the South, and he said, 'The host family I stayed

with took me to KKK meetings every week, and I enjoyed them.' I said, 'Listen, don't even mention that in our neighborhood! If that's what you want, you'll need a new host family.' He claimed that he lived under the Eiffel Tower in the park in Paris. We asked about his parents, and he said he lived on his own. Anyhow, he decided that he wanted to stay with us anyway."

"We first tried to get him out of the dark clothes."

"I mean, black clothes are okay, but it was just the way he wore them. He was very standoffish. He didn't get any affection in his life. We'd give him a hug once in a while, which we do with all our students. Eventually,



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he began wearing white T-shirts and started hugging everyone.”

“One day,” Mark says, “I came home early and walked in the back gate. I saw a trail of clothes from the Jacuzzi going into the house.”

“Mark walked into the living room, and there he was on the sofa with this girl, just going at it.”

“The girl ran into the bedroom crying,” Mark continues. “I asked him what the hell he was doing. I said, ‘You know the house rules.’ He said, ‘Oh yeah. But you weren’t home and I thought maybe I could.’ By this time, the girl came out, and she was very upset and apologetic — a very sweet kid. She was from Spain, and she got on her knees and begged me not to tell her father. I said, ‘I have to report this to the school.’ She begged me not to, so I let them sweat a little.”

“Mark didn’t tell me,” Terry says, “but they thought he was going to tell me. He finally told me about three days later. Actually, we got to know her and they were both nice kids. She would come to visit at dinner, and they didn’t try that anymore. He came back to see us two years later and brought his mother.”

Students have minimal chores. “They’re required to keep their rooms up and keep the bathroom clean,” Mark says. “And they have to help out washing dishes after dinner. We want them to get involved in a family style of life. We don’t push them, but if they want to do it, fine. We ask them if they’re willing to help. We are like family. Some of them will stay for as long as nine months. Most of them are pretty good about it. We still pick up a little in the bathroom.”

One student who crossed the brothers’ doorstep, however, seemed impossible to get along with. “We had one young man from Germany who was difficult,” Mark says. “I called the lady at the school and said maybe it would be better to move him to another family. We talked with him and tried to work with him, and he didn’t want to go to another family. But that’s the only one in 11 years. Most of the time, when the school has a problem with a host family, they’ll send

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them to us.”

“This German student wasn’t pleasant,” says Terry. “His personality wasn’t friendly. He was tough and questioned everything. If we were eating dinner and served something he wanted, he would pick up the plate and take it all for himself. We’d say, ‘How about the rest of the students?’ and he’d say, ‘I don’t want to pass it around.’ We told him that he should think about the others. He’d just say, ‘Why?’ One week he handed us back his laundry and complained, ‘These are still dirty — wash them.’ ”

“I bit my tongue and just said, ‘Oh, I’m sorry,’ ” says Mark. “We did it again and he still didn’t like it. So we told him to take them to a laundromat. He got really belligerent. We finally found out that he had a maid at home. He was spoiled. He came from a very well-to-do family and had maids to do everything. We found out later that even his family couldn’t handle him and that’s why he was here. He just had a hard time dealing with authority and being told what to do.”

“We had another young man here at the time who was very good-looking and very popular,” Terry says. “He was asked to a lot of parties and Andy, the German boy, would want to go with him. He would always say, ‘I’ve got to get dressed and go quickly so that Andy doesn’t come along. All my friends are saying, ‘Don’t bring him with you.’ ”

“We let them know what’s expected of them right away,” Terry says. “It’s ‘Here’s what we require of you. You’re free to come and go as you please, and here’s your key.’ We don’t want to come across like prison wardens. A lot of host families are really stern. We hear about this because students invite other friends from the school over for dinner. You’ll hear, ‘Oh, my host family has given me TV dinners all week.’ We tell them that they need to tell the school if they’ve got a problem. We had one student come stay with us at Christmas because her host family informed her that they had plans to leave for the holidays and she was left behind. We couldn’t

believe it.”

Surprisingly, food tends to be the most common problem for visiting students. “Our food is just different for them,” Terry says. “But we try to cook a lot of rice, if they eat a lot of rice, or fish, if that’s what they’re used to. We try to cook normally, but we adapt to what they like.”

The majority of the brothers’ students seem to come from Switzerland and Japan, although last year they had many students from Brazil. “I think the Japanese and Swiss come here because their currency is so strong against the dollar that it’s cheap for them to come here,” Terry says.

“We had one student who came from Japan who was always cold,” Mark recalls. “I remember we had five blankets on his bed and he told us he was still cold. We couldn’t figure it out until we finally went into the bedroom one morning and he was lying on top of all the blankets. He never knew to open it up! He said, ‘Ah, like a sandwich.’ We said, yes, get inside and cover. Then he was fine.”

Built in 1950, their house has been expanded from its original three bedrooms and one bath to five bedrooms and four baths. Terry, a painter, collects art, and the house is as eclectically decorated as one could possibly imagine. The central family room, next to the kitchen, has two huge oils on its walls, several Egyptian mummy cases, and a life-size statue of a Roman centurion. In a cabinet crammed to capacity are mementos and gifts from the hundreds of students who have stayed with the brothers: a Wizard of Oz nutcracker, souvenir plates, miniature dolls, glassware, action figures from Jack In The Box, crucifixes, mugs, beer steins, Chinese teacups, several Swiss Army knives. Each item has a story.

Mark pulls out a common-looking drinking glass covered with a plain pattern of red, white, and blue squares. “We had a ’50s and ’60s party with about 40 students here — it was one of their birthdays. They were dressed in bell bottoms and Afros. And this student from Saudi Arabia was here, and

he was really the son of a sheik. He wanted to get something from the ’50s, and he went to an antique store and bought that glass for \$150! He walked in the store dressed like a sheik for the party, and they saw him and figured he was an easy target. He gave it to us and said, ‘You can have it. I don’t need it.’ ”

“Some of the students really like American television,” Terry says. “They watch *The Simpsons*, and I have to tell them that that’s not really what everyone is like. That and *Jerry Springer*. They love *Jerry Springer*. They say, ‘We don’t have that in our country!’ ”

Though Mark and Terry are paid, the cost of accommodating each student leaves little room for profit. But it’s apparent that they would do this for nothing if they could afford to. “We really enjoy the students,” Mark says. “We give something to them, but they give a lot to us. We went on a trip to Europe last year, and the entire trip, we stayed with students who had stayed with us.”

“We went to Spain, Paris, Berlin, the Czech Republic, and London,” Terry adds. “Most of the students that come here

come from really nice families. Everywhere we went in Europe they treated us royal. They wine you and dine you and take you everywhere and show you all the sights. We saw a lot of things most tourists never get to see.”

“You have to enjoy people. You have to give up a lot of your space and privacy when you have students. In this particular house, it’s not a problem. They almost have a social room that’s theirs. We can come back here and have time to ourselves if we want, and we don’t have to be in each other’s faces.”

The attack of September 11 slowed things down for Mark and Terry, but it didn’t last long.

“Most of the students felt very bad for us,” Terry says. “We got a lot of e-mails and people calling to tell us they were really sorry. They wanted to know if it affected us or if we were having problems here.”

“The students stopped coming for a little bit, and we had some downtime for a couple of weeks, when people just weren’t traveling.”

“They don’t seem to worry about it as much as we do. It picked back up.” ■

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A Few Drinks with Polly

It's the summer of 1945. Joe has left San Diego and Connie and Consair behind, survived the war in the Pacific, and now, as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps, training troops at Quantico, his past is about to catch up with him in a way he didn't expect: something good for a change.

Book Five: Joe

i It was very hot in the little room, and Joe found it hard to read. Sweat was clamming on his bare torso and stung his eyes. He sighed and tossed the last of the Thomas Wolfe novels from the Quantico library onto his bunk and rose to put on his shirt, tie, and barracks cap. His steps sounded hollow on the hallway of the empty BOQ.

Outside it was cooler, and the sweat turned cold under his arms and at the small of his back. The brick buildings of the base rose out of the darkness around him as he followed the path that pointed dimly in the direction of the Officers' Club. He silently counted cadence to his steps. He was in charge of a platoon of second lieutenants who were attending Reserve Officer School, and since returning to Quantico he had got into the habit of counting to himself so he would have more confidence when he drilled them. Even now, when that particular need for self-confidence had passed, he still did it,

as a kind of companionship whenever he felt alone, counting *a-wun, hup, hreep, hup*, as his heels clicked on the cement walk. Two figures approached out of the darkness and saluted. He returned the salute.

The Officers' Club was almost empty. It was Saturday night, and everyone who was not broke, stuck with the duty, or otherwise restrained had gone up to Washington. After drinking a beer he went over to B barracks, where Woody, his roommate, was Training Battalion OD. Woody was sitting with his feet up on the table, reading a pocket book with a torn cover. On the wall was the calendar for July 1945.

"Ho!" Woody said. He put his book down on the table and clasped his hands behind his head. His overseas cap was pulled into sharp points fore and aft and looked faded above his sunburned face.

"What's up?" Joe said.

"Everything's battened down tight. I'd think you'd be afraid to show your face outside the BOQ. The troops'll think you're either clapped up or fruit, hanging around here on a weekend instead of going up to D.C. and getting in the saddle."

Joe grinned.



War-era vessel at Quantico Pier

"The black dog," Woody said. "You and your black dog. Is this one still from that Thelma babe with the daughter? Hey, did you hear the latest scuttlebutt?"

"Which?"

"They're going to ship us out to take Formosa."

"That was last month."

"No kidding. The Army's flogged out on Okinawa. They need us old Iwo Jima hands out there."

"Well, thanks for counting me in," Joe said. "I thought you took Iwo singlehanded."

"Oh, I guess there were a few other guys there — Howlin' Mad and you and a couple other gyrenes foxholed-up around. What the hell was it you were doing? Some kind of water-taxi service, wasn't it?"

"Something like that," Joe said.

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Woody's platoon had gone into Blue Beach Two in Joe's amphibian tractors. Not many hours later they had taken off most of that same platoon, which had been shot up badly in the Wilderness. Woody had been the first one ashore and one of the first back, this time on a stretcher. He had grinned widely at Joe as the corpsmen carried him up the ramp of the amtrac, the dungaree torn away from his left leg, which was splinted and smeared with blood. "They kept the shell and threw the god-dam mortar at me," he had said. He had said it several times, as though he considered it a very good joke.

Woody pushed his cap back and rubbed his fingers through his thinning red-dish hair. "Hey, do you remember a boot-loot named O'Connor?"

"Class before last, wasn't he? From Stanford I think. Why?"

"Some Wave ensign called up looking for him. I told her they'd put him in a boot-loot caliber rocket and fired him off, aimed at Okinawa." Woody

grinned broadly. " 'Well, ma'am,' I said to her, 'does it have to be this lad? We've got 200 and some boot-loots down here learning to be Marines. And then of course we've got a few what you call real men.' "

"One in particular," Joe said. "Did you tell her what a hero you were on Iwo?"

"It slipped out. I told her I was the Marine she needed. She sounded cute over the phone. I'm going to meet her at the Stat bar next weekend."

"She'll be big and fat and 44," Joe said.

"Yeah, well, I won't be sitting around next weekend with a good book." Woody got to his feet and stretched; he was six feet four and could touch the ceiling with the tips of his fingers. "Got to get out and inspect the posts," he said. "Stick around and we'll have a Coke when I get back."

"I'm going up and hit the sack."

"Why don't you let me call this Wave and see if she's got a friend that puts out?"



Navy Waves, 1946

"I'm charging my batteries."

"You must have them connected up backwards," Woody said. He hitched at his pistol belt and followed Joe outside.

Walking back to the BOQ through the thick darkness, Joe thought about all those times he had gone to Washington with Woody. When he could get the gas, they had gone up in the

Mercury — six years old now and showing its age — which he'd had stored in San Diego while he was overseas and had driven east when he'd come back to Quantico; they had always taken a suite at one of the big hotels together and picked up girls together — government girls or Waves or Wacs or whatever was available — the four of them ending up in the suite drinking and drunk, and then Woody and his girl taking one room, he and his the other. Pickup, drinks, bed; it had been exciting for a while, something to look forward to throughout the week, but finally very dull and increasingly shameful, like a cheap erotic book read too many times. He had stopped going to Washington so much then. When he did go, it was alone and seeking something he hoped might be different. There had been several affairs that, although not so fleeting, not so casual, had been essentially the same, culminating last month in Thelma, who had taken him into the

other bedroom to show him her little girl, seven, blond, asleep, and he had returned to the base with what Woody called the black dog, and had not been back to Washington since.

In his room in the BOQ he sat down at his desk and opened the sheaf of records of his platoon. This was the start of the busy time: the current Reserve Officer class would soon be graduated. There were exams to give, class standings to tote up, and final field exercise to prepare for.

Most of that week he spent with Captain Fry, organizing everything for the landing operation. Saturday noon when he returned to the BOQ, Woody had already left for Washington and the date with the Wave. Joe had made no weekend plans. He would remain on the base again; another day and a half of free time; go to a movie, drink some beer; play some bridge, read, write a letter to his father.

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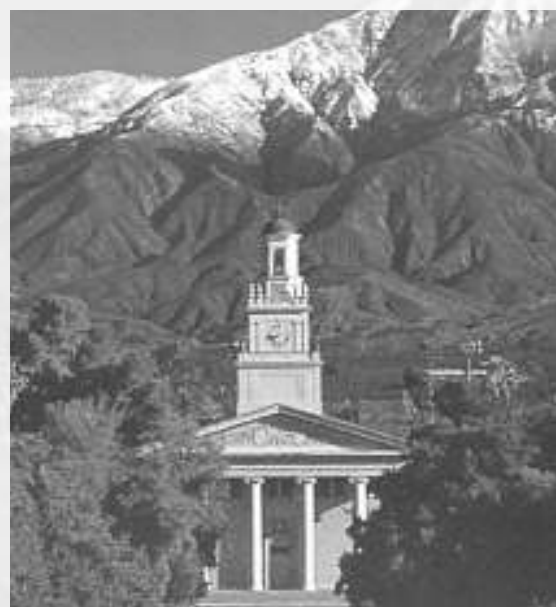
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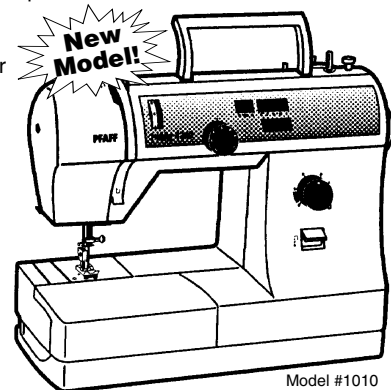
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at the Officers' Club, and that night he had a nightmare about Con. It was a dream he had often; they were in the car, which was out of control, and with them were his Uncle Dick and Charlotte Robinson and Peter — all of them dead. He and Con were dead too, except that somehow he was aware and terrified of the helpless, screaming skidding off the Poway grade. And there were still others dead with them, those he had seen once in the well of one of the tractors of his platoon. The amtrac had been taking a load of wounded off the beach, and, just as it was waterborne a mortar shell had landed on it; the driver had kept going out to the LST, and Joe had helped to remove the bodies. He had been sick, not only physically but with the lack of meaning, the unanswerable why. Why had the mortar shell, probably unaimed, hit there? Of course, there had been no reason, but that very lack of meaning was meaningful, for they were all together now in the end-

lessly falling car — those bloody, ripped, and wrecked bodies, Charlotte and Uncle Dick, whose presence was very vague, Peter smashed and broken too, with the betrayed eyes. But most horrible of all was Con, a cadaver like the rest but more real than the rest, and, dead, she kept clinging to him as though to keep him from ever escaping, and herself at the same time forever unobtainable.

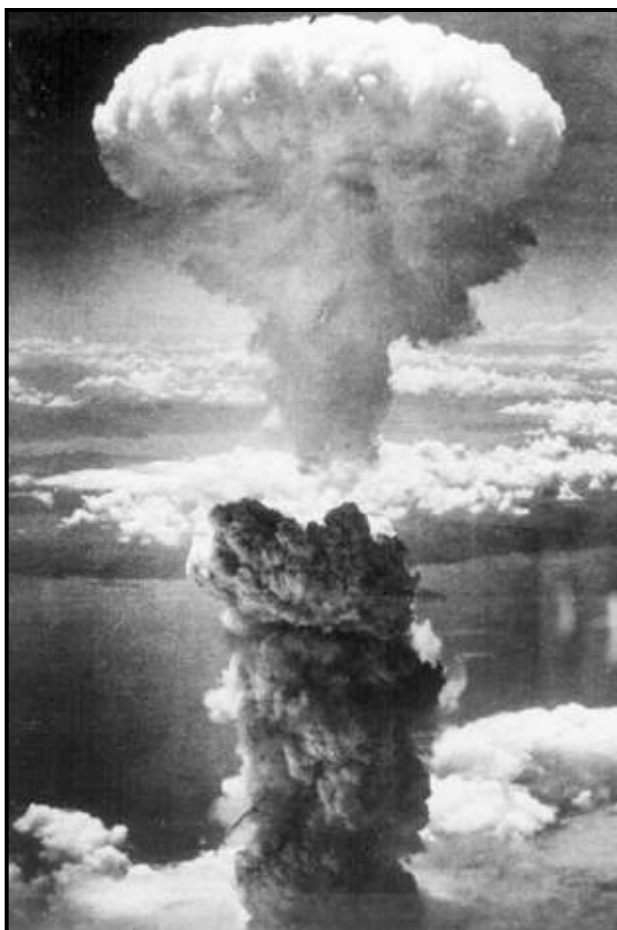
He wrenched himself away from her as he heard a sharp and confusing sound. Light was pain in his eyes as he opened them to see Woody standing in the doorway. Squinting, he watched Woody throw his overnight bag on his bunk.

"What time is it?" Joe asked.

"Quart of milk," Woody said, as he almost always did. "Hey, did you get everything squared away Saturday?"

Joe nodded and sat up, rubbing his eyes.

Woody looked tired. He unbuckled his Sam Browne belt, took off his gabardine blouse, and hung it in the closet. His shirt



A-bomb mushroom cloud over Nagasaki

was soaked with sweat.

"How was your Wave?"

"Hey, she's from Cal. She knows you."

"Yeah? What's her name?"

Woody took off his

pants. "Polly Davis," he said. Faltering footsteps came down the hallway. "That goddam Graham," Woody muttered. "Puked all over the taxi. What a stink!"

"Polly Davis!" Joe said. "She says why don't you give her a call. But don't —"

"She's a Wave ensign?"

"Yes, goddam it! She won't put out, though. I could tell as soon as I saw her. All California babes like that?"

Joe almost laughed, seeing Polly Davis parrying Woody's more and more angry advances, seeing Polly Davis in her saddle shoes, white blouse, and blue skirt before the Pi Phi house at Cal. Five years ago. Woody moved across to the light switch, scratching his bare flanks. The room went black again.

The springs of Woody's bunk creaked, and he sighed loudly. "Hey, why don't I go up and see that Thelma dame with the daughter? Since you checked out. Fix me up?"

"No," Joe said.

"Selfish son-of-a-bitch."

"What's Polly like?" Joe asked.

"Pretty cute," Woody said sleepily. "I've got her phone number somewhere. What's the matter, no more

black dog?"

ii As he sat in the Statler taproom waiting for Polly he carefully read the labels on the bottles behind the bar, listening to the Army captain on his right tell a long dirty story to a red-haired girl. The girl giggled from time to time, and parts of the story were drowned in the loud murmur of talk, the bursts of laughter, the clink of glasses, the scuffle of feet. The long room was very smoky; it was crowded with men and women in uniform, a few civilian men, many girls in summer dresses. The bartender nearest Joe was stirring martinis.

"Hello, there," a voice said.

She was standing behind him in her dress whites, adjusting the purse that hung over her shoulder on a strap. He slid off the stool, thinking how familiar she looked, tan now too, with the heavy straight eyebrows and the mole on one cheek. Her throat was smooth and brown above the collar with the gold bar and the

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black string tie.
“Here,” he said. “Sit here.”
The captain and the red-haired girl moved down, without an interruption in the story, to make a place for him. Polly said she would have an old-fashioned, and he found himself grinning foolishly. Something about her was so Californian that she soothed a deep homesickness of which she had, at the same time, made him

aware. She made his years at Berkeley seem very near and not so sour and shabby as he remembered them.
“My God,” he said, “you were a little freshman Pi Phi pledge the last time I saw you.”
“And the last time I saw you, someone had just honked you one in the eye.”
“What’re you doing in the Waves?”
“Mostly doling out paper and carbons and typewriter ribbons to a

bunch of Navy Department typists. And you?”
He told her what he was doing at Quantico. He could hear the captain explaining to the redhead just how to win the war in the Pacific.
“Blast all those god-dam Jap islands,” the Army captain said. “That’s what they’ll do. That’s what they ought to do. Blast those damn islands off the damn map.”
When Joe and Polly

finished their drinks he drove her out to the Shoreham Hotel, where they danced on the terrace and reminisced about Cal. He asked about her father, and she asked if he had heard from Marshall.
As he shook his head he thought again about that last time he had seen Polly, when he had been unable to tell her the truth about his honk on the eye — wondering why he had always been so sorry

he had not told her. So he told her now, about Marshall and Marshall’s brother, which led to an argument about the fraternity system. At 1:30 he asked her if she wanted to come upstairs to his room for a drink.
“I’ve got a bottle of Old Forester,” he said. “I don’t know who I’d rather drink it with.”
She looked at him levelly, and the gold bar at her throat flashed in the light.

“Sorry,” she said.
“Okay,” he said stiffly and felt painfully embarrassed.
“Look, Joe, what would you think if —”
“I wouldn’t think anything. There’s a war on.” It angered him that he should have employed that worn-out cliché; and probably there wouldn’t be a war on much longer. “Oh hell,” he said. “I just thought we’d go up and have a few drinks. You ought to know there’s a set of rules that

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operates in these affairs. You're a friend not a —" He couldn't think of an appropriate word, so he let it go. Polly's lips pursed crookedly. "Well," she said, "whatever I'm not, I've got my rules too. Why don't you get your bottle and we'll go over to my room? At the Mayflower."

"What's the difference?" "I've got a roommate, and she'll be there now, or pretty soon. That's a sop to my Walnut Creek conscience."

"Okay," he said. He left her in the lobby while he took the elevator up to his room on the seventh floor to get his bottle. Looking back at her before the elevator doors closed, he was struck by how fresh her whites were still. She looked very neat, very healthy, like an ad depicting a Typical American Girl, or a Coca-Cola sign, or a recruiting poster for the Waves. When he returned he said, "You really

look fine in that outfit." "Mainbocher's best effort." "Are you quartered at the Mayflower?" "Oh no. Heavens no! A friend of mine and I like to shoot our pay and be swish on weekends. I'm sure you know the feeling. Is that really Old Forester you've got there?"

He showed it to her. "Ah!" she said. "I'm in no cheap hands tonight. Let's go." Her room in the Mayflower was very small, with twin beds, two straight chairs, and a glass-topped dresser on which were several letters, addressed but not yet stamped. The top one was to Mr. George Davis, Walnut Creek, California.

Joe had ice sent up and made stiff drinks with the Old Forester. Polly had taken off her cap, jacket, and tie. "I can't get used to this darn Washington heat," she said ruefully, pulling

at the damp cloth of her shirt. "A lady's not supposed to sweat, so I guess I'm no lady. Now you know."

They had not been there long before Polly's roommate came in, a tall thin blond ensign, very drunk. Her name was Martha West. She nodded curtly when Polly introduced Joe and immediately started to undress. Someone with dirty hands had been at her shirt. She took it and her skirt off and in her white slip sat down on one of the beds. "Thanks, gyrene," she said when Joe handed her a drink. "This's probably the one that'll throw me, or vice versa. Polly'll have to hold my head again." She took a long drink and closed her eyes. "Polly's good at holding heads."

"I'm sure she is," Joe said. "Hot, isn't it?" Martha said. "You the dreamboat from California, Lieutenant?"

"Am I?" Joe asked Polly. Polly looked at Martha severely. "A slip of the lip may sink a ship," she said. "Joe's an old buddy."

"Well, I hate men. I don't know whether I hate you or not, Lieutenant, but I probably do."

"Fight with Major Bob?" Polly asked.

"Skirmishes and then a direct frontal assault." Martha gazed angrily at Joe. "Why do you men think just the sight of you makes us girls start panting?"

"Mart!" Polly said. "I don't know," Joe said. Turning toward Polly, he cocked an eyebrow toward the door, but she shook her head.

"Well, I hate men," Martha said. She finished her drink and dropped the glass to the floor and lay back on the bed. "Maybe this gyrene's a gentleman," she said. "You don't look mussed up, Poll. You never do though, do you? Are you a

gentleman, Lieutenant?" "Old buddy," Joe said. "That's all."

"There was a Stanford dreamboat though," Martha said nastily. "There was a dreamboat who did quite a bit of muss —"

"All right, Mart," Polly said.

"I'm sorry," Martha said. "I'm bad tonight and I'm sorry. I didn't have to take it out on you. Everybody takes it out on you when it's rocky, don't they? Because you're such nice people and you never get mussed up." She stopped, and Joe saw that she was crying. He looked down. Out of the corners of his eyes he could see Polly's neat, crossed ankles.

"I'm sorry," she whispered.

"Forget it." "She's had a bad time tonight. I'm sorry, Joe. We should have gone to your place, I guess."

"I'd better be going," he said, and she nodded. He

picked up the bottle of Old Forester that was still three-quarters full. He took Polly's hand when she put it out to him, wondering if he should kiss her. It was something you always did, only slightly more personal than holding hands, which was hardly personal at all. Her mouth looked soft and nicely curved, delicately pink with the lipstick gone; but he guessed he wouldn't. Instead he asked her to have breakfast with him.

The next morning after breakfast they walked along the Mall and went up in the Washington Monument. The elevator was crowded, the enclosed area at the top crowded. They squeezed into a space at one of the openings that looked out over the bright green grass, the geometrically arranged strips of walks, the narrow blue pool that pointed at the Lincoln Memorial, the long dirty sweep of the Potomac. He could see a clot of people

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on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, others strung out like unevenly spaced beads along the edge of the pool. Polly took his hand. "What do you think of it?" he asked.

"Pretty high up."
"Hypsophobia? Is that the right word?"

"Whatever it is, I don't have it. This is about the right distance to be above this man's town."

He nodded. Behind Polly a sailor was kissing a girl in a navy blue dress made to look like his blues. "I'm pretty interested in hearing about your dreamboat," he said. "The other one. The Stanford one."

Polly glanced at him coolly. "You are, are you?" The grip of her hand was impersonal but steady.

"In love with him?"
"Not anymore," Polly said. "Was though. Any more questions?"

"I guess not on that subject. What does your father think about your being in the Waves?"

"Not much," she said. "I guess it's the first time

I ever really did anything he didn't want me to." She touched her cap nervously. "But, damn it, I was full of wanting to do something instead of sitting around palpitating for the boys overseas. Oh, you know, recruiting-poster stuff." She screwed her mouth up, sucked her chin in, and saluted comically. "Help Uncle Sugar come in time of need. He's such a wonderful guy, and it killed me to do something against him, but —" She shrugged and made a face again, and Joe saw that the whole thing had been, and still was, much more than merely distasteful.

"Do you want to go down now?" he asked.

"I'm about ready for a drink," Polly said.

In the elevator, where they were enclosed in the bitter smell of perspiration, she seemed thoughtful and dejected, and as they descended, Joe leaned against the vibrating metal wall, remembering George Davis and all the emotions that had centered in him,

and remembering the boy he, Joe, had been then. Now he was five or six or seven years older, a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps, a veteran of a very bloody landing in the Pacific. He had certainly felt and thought and experienced much since then, but how much of what he had felt and thought still revolved on those years, and on the years before? How much older was he? He and Polly were both very silent as they walked through the stifling Washington heat to get a drink.

iii The next three weekends he went to Washington to see Polly. Then on Sunday the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, on Wednesday on Nagasaki. He had duty the following Sunday and so could not go to Washington to see Polly, although he phoned her. On Tuesday, August 14th, the war was over.

He had returned from a field exercise to hear it shouted at them as they came in through the gate

in the jeep, shouted at them as they parked in the motor pool, shouted at them as they came into the BOQ. Now he sat on his bunk in his sweaty dungarees, wondering what to do. Everyone would be at the Officers' Club starting on Standard Operating Procedure drunks, singing, joking, yelling around, talking about what they were going to do when they got out of the Marines. But he didn't feel like drinking, singing, or joking, and he didn't know what he was going to do when he got out.

He'd known the war would be over soon, but he'd avoided thinking about it. The Marine Corps had worried about his future for him for the last three years, and in a way it had been a comfortable relief from personal responsibility. But presently he would be on his own again, finished with this, graduated, free, and he could not help but be frightened by it. He supposed he would go back to San Diego, but

he doubted that there would be many jobs at Consolidated now. He had thought a little about going back to college; but to study what? He sat on the edge of his bunk and stared down at his dusty field shoes, hearing, across the hall, the sound of the show-ers rushing and Woody singing, "I got sixpence, jolly, jolly sixpence!"

Mike Leftwich flung the door open. "Hey, Joe! Navy model snatch down-stairs looking for you."

He looked up furiously, but Mike was gone, whistling on down the hall. "And no pence to send home my wife, poor wife!" Woody sang.

It must be Polly. His steps sounded heavy and uncertain on the wooden floor of the hallway, on the stairs. She was standing just outside the front door in the sun, crisp and slim in her whites. "How'd you get down here?"

"I spent about a month's pay on a taxi," Polly said. Her smile faded. "You invited me down once,

remember?" Captain Clark and Major Perrini came out past him; both looked at Polly admiringly, both whistled. "You don't look very happy to see me," Polly whispered. "Did I make a mistake?"

"No," he said. "Of course I'm glad to see you. Come on in the duty room so one of those wolves won't pick you off. I'll be a little while."

"Maybe I'd better go home."

"No." He took her arm. In the duty room he introduced her to Lieutenant Hutchinson, who had leaped to his feet, and then thumped back upstairs in his field shoes, thinking that he had been very rude. After he had put on his gabardines and attached his single ribbon with its single star, he felt a little better. Outside with Polly he felt much better. The sun was low; the west sides of the brick buildings flamed, and the variegated greens of the hills behind the base glowed richly or were sunk in shadows with

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"Nice place you have here," Polly said as they moved along the walk toward the Officers' Club.

Two enlisted men in stiff khaki saluted, and they returned it, Polly's salute very stiff and self-conscious. "Salutes yet," she whispered. "Where I work a set of bars just means only the officers can pinch you."

He laughed. "I'm glad you came. I was feeling pretty low." But he was more than glad she had come, he was very grateful. She had come at exactly the right time.

The Officers' Club was jammed, and, as the evening progressed, increasingly drunken and raucous. He and Polly got tight drinking the double highballs he brought four at a time — because it took so long to get a drink from the

crowded bar — sitting in a booth and trying not to notice the dirty jokes and obscenity shouted in the celebration around them.

"Pretty earthy bunch, you Marines," Polly commented.

"Lousy Reserve officers," Joe said. "Oh, but we're all Marines, all part of the good old Corps." He spread his arms expansively, for he was quite drunk now. "I've got that kind of silly schoolboy team loyalty I guess you can't ever get rid of, along with a very large-scale, impractical disgust. I've got this strain in me — did I ever tell you about my Commie uncle?"

"No," Polly said. "But I can see we're going to take up everything tonight. Wait'll I get started on my family."

"Very good guy, my

Uncle Dick. He wasn't really a Commie, I guess. But he got shot." He saw that Polly was wondering if he was serious or not and he nodded and said, "Shot. Bang. In a strike in San Diego. CIO, I guess. Anyway, he gives me lots of pause, even now. You know how you do; you've got to conform all the time, you have to do what everybody else does all the time, or — or what? I don't know what, but Uncle Dick gives me pause sometimes. When we were kids, and it was so damn important what your father'd done in the other war, all he'd say was how horrible and stupid it was and how it stunk. He was in it too. He had a big book full of gruesome pictures he'd show me when I asked him about the war."

"Well, isn't it gruesome? And stupid and hor-

rible? You were in this one, weren't you?" She reached over and touched his battle star with the tip of her finger.

"Yes!" he said. "Yes! Yes! Yes! Don't ever let me forget I said that, will you? And not just automatically like everybody does either. Because I think you forget how horrible and stupid and get like old Legionnaires and remember mostly the fun parts — only they weren't fun either, they were pretty horrible and stupid too. I only saw a little of it. A lot of these people —" He swung his arm again. "But I'm afraid they're all going to forget it. And really most of it's so easy. I mean, you get fed and your clothes and pretty good money and security, and to a certain point you just go on up the ladder when promotion day

comes. Everything's easy. It's got that."

"You're anti-military, but you think the regimented life is easy," Polly said. "Is that your socialist uncle that gives you pause coming out? You'd better not let Daddy —"

"Ah, your father. I guess if I ever see him again I'll have to apologize for all the names I called him."

"Why?" Polly said and sat up very straight. "What do you mean?"

Two drunken lieutenants leaned over the edge of the booth behind her. One of them said, "Hey, Joe, how about —"

"Beat it!" he said loudly. "Because he wouldn't fix me up with a football deal," he said to Polly. "Like Marsh had. When I was knocking myself out trying to get through Cal. But time heals

all wounds; I'll apologize now."

"Glad to hear it," Polly extended her hand, and he shook it. She slid her empty glass to one side and picked up a full one. The ice cubes had melted in it.

"I'm talking too much," he said. "I don't think I do it often. But it was a bad war for me. I'd've done better in the ETO; I hated the Nazis. I couldn't ever get around to hating the Japs. You'd hear about the Japs pre — pre — perpetrating atrocities. Horrible! Then you'd hear the troops back from the foxholes bragging about what they'd done to some poor Jap. Great stuff! Like Pearl Harbor was horrible but Hiroshima great. It was a bad war for Joe Bailey. But I never got scared in the war, except of getting scared, I guess. I'm kind of scared

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of the peace though, Polly. That's why I was so awfully grouchy when —"

Polly was frowning at him, and she looked very pretty. "What do you mean, you're scared of the peace?"

"I was trying to tell you when I got off on something else. Nobody'll be taking care of me anymore. Now I'm a first loot and all these officers around here are second lieutenants or firsts or captains or majors, depending on what class they were in. All regulated. But pretty quick now we'll be fighting it out on a quality basis and —"

He stopped and took a long swallow of bourbon. It tasted very strong and went down hard, and he knew he'd better not drink any more. He made a face and pushed his glass away.

"I wouldn't worry if I were you," Polly said.

"Thanks." He looked down at the polished top of the table. "It's not as bad

as when I got out of college. I was scared silly then. Now, patriots, I'm going to be fighting for the best corner to set up an apple stand on. I guess I won't come out at the bottom of the heap. But — I guess complete confidence is lacking."

"Well," Polly said. "If it's any comfort to you, you come out pretty near the top in my heap." She wouldn't meet his eyes. "I think you're pretty mixed up and pretty damn drunk, but —"

"I don't want to get any drunker," he said. "Let's get out of here, shall we?"

"Have you got enough gas coupons to drive me back to Washington?"

"Sure, if I take it slow."

"Let's take it slow," Polly said, rising and adjusting the strap of her bag over her arm.

She was very quiet as they started for Washington, sitting on the far side of the seat and staring out

at the dark woods. When he pulled the car off the highway and stopped she turned to face him, moving toward him as he moved toward her, her eyes closed, her lips cool, her hand cool when it touched his cheek, and all he could think was that she was very sweet and clean and the nicest person he had ever known. Once she trembled when he kissed her throat, but then she held herself silently against him with her hand still touching his cheek. He started out into the darkness behind her, listening to the quiet, silence-filling sound of the insects. After a long time she moved away from him.

"Cigarette?" he asked.

"Please."

She did not smoke much, which he liked, but she would smoke once in a while, and he liked that too. He lit two cigarettes and handed her one, sliding down on the seat so

that his knees thrust against the underside of the dashboard. He watched the coal of her cigarette glow, illuminating palely her chin and lips. He saw the coal tremble, and he knew she was still tight — and he knew he was too, and that he was going to tell her about Con, being drunk enough. But even as he began telling her, feeling the instant relief of the story flowing out of him where it had been so painfully stopped up, he was ashamed that he could not contain it, and ashamed too that he had to impose it on Polly. She sat up very stiffly as he talked, the lights of passing cars bright on her uniform. When she put out her cigarette she immediately lit another. He could look at her less and less as he told her doggedly about Palm Springs and how they had heard of Peter's death, and when he had finished he could not look at her at all.

"So you ran right out and joined the Foreign Legion," she said in a scratchy voice. "Joe, why did you tell me this?"

"I don't know. I'm sorry I made you listen to it. It's my garbage can."

"And if I were you I'd take it out to the dump," Polly said. "There's no law says you have to carry it

around your neck like an albatross. Well, all right; you had to tell me, so I have to tell you something."

"Sure."

"I don't like your Con. What did you want me to do, tell you you were a crummy s.o.b.? You probably were. But whatever you were she was worse."

"No, that's —"

"I'd've thought you'd seen enough like her around Washington to turn your stomach."

He was surprised that he could so calmly hear her say it. He didn't answer for a long time. Then he said, "She is in Washington. She married a guy back here."

This time Polly didn't answer.

"I haven't seen her," he said. Frank Stockton was her husband's name. His father had sent him the clipping from the society page of the *San Diego Union*, and he had done nothing but look up the name, Frank Stockton, in the telephone book. But Con was in Washington and he'd seen too many Washington women, and, although he could tell himself over and over — although he knew — that Con could never be like that, there was himself and Mrs. Peter Gorman at Palm Springs and Peter dead so

that he could never forget it.

And because of what had happened, and because of Con in Washington, there was what his roommate had so much fun calling the black dog. The same act that with Con seemed now to have had an almost legendary power, with others was always the crushing disappointment, cruel sometimes, expected and resigned sometimes. And for some reason he seemed unable to forget himself in it, standing always a little to one side to watch, as on a stage, the actors in the tiresome formula which must frustrate and cheapen and stultify both participants; with always the same elements of drunkenness, fumbling for contraceptives, and worry about venereal disease, and always afterward the rending distaste of the black dog, and always the inward crying back after Con, when any real return was impossible and horrible.

"I'll tell you why I can't get it from around my neck," he said suddenly. "Because I think I watched her go — go psycho. When they told her he'd been killed. I guess it was as though three of us went swimming and the other two drowned. I can't get it out of my mind that maybe

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some way they — one of them, anyway — drowned because of me, or that I could have done something to save —”

“Let’s go,” Polly said.

He nodded and punched the starter button.

When the car was back on the highway, picking up speed, the lights running ahead over the asphalt and the graveled shoulder of the road, she said, “Joe, I don’t know what to say. I don’t know what I’m —” Her voice tightened. “I don’t like to hear all the gory details of anyone’s love life. Yours or Mart’s or anyone’s.”

“Did you think I was bragging?”

“I know you weren’t. I guess I’m just —” She stopped, and it was a long time before she said anything more. “I guess I’m just jealous. Because you’re still in love with her, aren’t you?”

He didn’t reply immediately. Con was dancing on the windshield before him in the lights of an oncoming car, and he was trying to make her the little girl with the torn sleeve and the scraped and bleeding ankle he had saved from the tramp, tearing at his heart with the demanding eyes, the small solemn face — but she would never be that again.

He was trying to think clearly now, in order to answer Polly’s question. It had to be answered. And finally, the car lights having swept past, he could say, “No, I don’t think I am anymore,” examining the statement still, after he had said it, and nodding, because, although it was an oversimplification, it was not a lie.

iv The next weekend in Washington he had dinner with Polly at the Shoreham; they danced on the terrace, then went to his hotel room, where they drank a good part of the fifth of bourbon he had

brought. But neither of them got tight this time, and Polly was quiet and ill at ease. He knew why. He cursed himself for the drunken feeling of confidence that had let him blurt out the story of himself and Con. All evening it had hung over them, sat with them like a third person in the room — and how many other evenings, and how many more?

Finally Polly rose from the chair in which she had been sitting with her shoes off and her legs doubled-up under her. She worked her feet one after the other into her shoes and tucked her shirt in neatly around

the band of her skirt. “Have to be getting along, old man,” she said. “I have to go to work in the morning.”

He got up too and moved toward her. He hadn’t tried to make love to her this evening, nor did he touch her now. He watched her get out her lipstick, uncap it, and lean toward the mirror with her chin tilted up.

“Stay here tonight.” He knew he said it awkwardly.

The hand holding the lipstick, which had been moving toward her pursed, pale lips, stopped. Her eyes stared at him from the mirror. Everything seemed to

have slowed, everything seemed very strange, very quiet.

She turned toward him. Her face was nakedly embarrassed, but as she completed the slow movement, facing him fully with her hands behind her and resting on the edge of the dresser, he had the sudden amazed conviction that she would.

“Stay,” he said, and he took another step toward her. She didn’t move. When he put his arms around her he felt her hands rise and rest on his back. “Stay,” he said again, holding her not so much in an embrace but as though, if he released

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her, she might be taken away. In the morning he was awakened by the sound of her voice. He opened his eyes on bright sunlight shunted downward through the Venetian blinds; she was at the phone, her back to him, at her elbow the

dark bottle of PM. She was naked. He studied her small neat buttocks, her tan back marked with the two vertical and one horizontal white lines of halter. One of her legs was bent under her.

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get those letters out for the commander this morning," she was saying. "And those travel orders have to be run off. That j.g. —" Then she said, "Never you mind, never you mind."

Joe closed his eyes when he heard her hang up. He opened them once more at the sound of the shower running in the bathroom. Her jacket hung over the back of the chair next to the phone. His own trousers were on the foot of the bed, but over the back of the other chair hung Polly's shirt, on the seat was her skirt, neatly folded, her stockings, her slip, brassiere, silk panties. Set under the chair were her shoes, one fallen over on its side, a dark smudge on the toe.

On the bedside table was the little tin box. He stretched out his arm to open the drawer and sweep it into it. But now he looked

again at Polly's neatly folded clothes, staring, his throat suddenly tight, with a cheated jealousy and shock: they had not been flung off like his own but folded carefully and from experience, so she could appear crisp and neat in the morning. He stared at them, wide awake now, hearing in his head, with the beating of the shower, the beating of his heart.

When she came out she sat down on the edge of the bed and crossed her legs. Her hair was damp around the edges. Her smile was strained. One arm moved slowly up to cover her breasts, the fingers tapping nervously at her shoulder. "Big night," she said and blushed.

"Did you have a good time?"

She dipped her head abruptly. "You kept asking me that last night. I had a fine time. I came and came

and came." With a quick motion she got under the covers. He watched the peak form as she raised her knees.

"I've been looking at your clothes," he said.

"How's this?"

"I guess it's that men get brought up with the old single standard tradition." He laughed shortly. "I've just been seeing double."

"I see what you mean. How many virgins did you think were your share, Buster?"

"I was wondering whose share you were."

"You wouldn't know him."

"O'Connor?"

"No," Polly said. He couldn't bring himself to look at her, and after a time she said, "A boy from Princeton I met when I first got to Washington."

"How was it?"

"It was just experi-

mental. Just once, friendly-like."

"Then who?"

"You're making me sound as though I'm snowing the troops! Then Chuck O'Connor. Quite a few times with Chuck. I was in love with him. Does it make you mad?"

"Jealous," he said.

"Good!" Polly said.

"Good for you."

"But you looked so damn innocent!"

"Oh hell!"

"You did. You do. I hadn't even thought about it."

"Don't be Victorian," Polly said.

"Polly?"

"Yes?"

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He felt the heaviness of the silence. Why had he said that, why should he need to punish her? He wondered why her father

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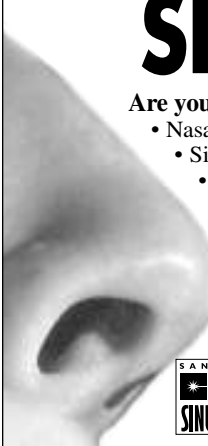
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had come so suddenly to his mind — and he remembered the scene beside the swimming pool, her father cruelly after her for coming in late from some high-school date.

“Joe!” Polly said.
“I’m sorry. Scratch that.”

“Did you have to say it?”

“No. I’m sorry, Polly.”
She didn’t speak, holding her lips tightly closed.

Her face was dull red. Finally he raised his hand to touch the mole on her cheek. “I like that,” he said placatingly.

“No, you don’t. Hairs grow in it. I have to pull them out.”

“Listen, Polly; I’m sorry. I really mean that. It was a stupid thing to say. I said it to hurt you, and I’m sorry as hell.”

“It was a rotten thing to say.”

“I know it was. Will you forgive me so I can go take a shower?”

“Feel dirty?”

“Not dirty. Just hot with shame.”

She smiled thinly. “Okay, go take your shower.”

Under the shower he felt lonely. The weight of the water beating down on his shoulders and back seemed very heavy. Miserably he waited for it to begin, the numbing disappointment and distaste, the sterile illumination of only another wild night in bed with the tin box gaping on the bed-side table and the uncapped bottle of bourbon. But he was wondering why he had

said that to Polly and what he could try to do to make up for it.

He stopped soaping himself and stood arrested, considering that; it seemed a wonderful triumph that he should be thinking that. Rapidly he left the shower and dried himself and put on the clean starched shirt and shorts he had brought into the bathroom with him.

Polly was still in bed. Her face turned toward him as he opened the door. He stepped forward, stopped. But he felt the powerful quick surety that she would do this, just as he had known last night that she would stay with him.

“Get up,” he said gently. She looked up at him.

“Get up and put on your skivvies,” he said, and almost laughed aloud. “I’m not going to propose to a girl with nothing on.”

Polly’s eyes widened. “Joe,” she said, but nothing more. He stared into her eyes, thinking that she was by far the best, the nicest person he had ever known or probably would ever know, and that she was the one above all others he should marry — if she would, and he thought she would.

“Will you, Polly?” he said, and she swung out of the other side of the bed and snatched up her panties. She quickly thrust one foot through, then the other, pulled them up.

“Just go ahead and ask me,” she said.



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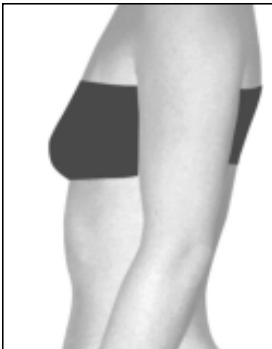


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It was a weekend marriage through those months. He would drive to Washington Saturday at noon and return Sunday night late, or else Polly would take the train or a taxi down and they would stay in one of the rooms at the Officers'

Club or in an auto court near Quantico. It could have been almost exactly the same if they had not been married at all. There seemed only the frail and unmemorable facts of the brief ceremony in the judge's chambers, the bottle of

champagne they had drunk, warm, in the hotel room, the few pages in Polly's scrapbook, to make it any different from the great war game of casual adultery. On the first page of Polly's scrapbook was the marriage license, folded to

show the date, August 19, 1945, and their scrawled names; Joseph Mitchell Bailey and Pauline Davis, junior. Then there was a summons they had received for over-parking in Maryland, bright match folders from the Statler, the Shoreham, and the Mayflower, a few cocktail napkins bearing the imprint of various bars and restaurants, a humorous mimeographed announcement Polly's office in the Navy Department had put out after the wedding. There was a telegram from his father, letters from his father, Ruth, Aunt Sylvia, and Uncle Drake, from Polly's mother; her brother George, who had kept out of the war, her brother Bartlett, who was a lieutenant in the Air Corps in Germany, her two grandmothers, and several girl friends. There was no letter from George Davis. And one weekend Joe arrived in Washington to find her in tears; her father had been in New York and hadn't phoned her.

"I wouldn't expect him to want to see me," she said bitterly. "But it might have been the polite thing to come down here to congratulate you. Since you're in the family now."

"Maybe he was too busy."

"He wasn't that busy. He could have flown. He could at least have phoned." Her eyes were swollen. "Oh damn him," she said. She blew her nose hard. "Damn families anyway."

He sat facing her, wondering

what to do or say to make her feel better. There seemed nothing except restraint. He couldn't say to tell her father to go to hell. All he could do was watch carefully that he did not hurt her more, who was very hurt already. The complexity of this thing, which, up till now, he had never really considered, confronted him. Everyone else involved was 3000 miles away, and so, he had thought, did not matter. But they did matter, and soon, when their discharges came through, he and Polly would be going back to California.

He said slowly, "Has anybody written you how he feels about it?"

"No," Polly said. "No one has to. I've been a bad girl again. It's like when we were kids and did something disobedient or got sassy with him — Barty or me. He wouldn't spank you, he'd just flick his fingers across your mouth. It was so — humiliating. That's what I feel like he's done now." He saw her tighten her lips, and then she blew her nose again and stuffed the handkerchief back into her breast pocket. "Oh, I'm such a damn mess when I cry. This is the first time you've seen me cry, isn't it? I don't very much."

"No, nobody writes me about him," she went on. "I've had two letters from Mother. She seems to have a vague idea there's been a change in my status, and she thinks it's awfully nice

you were in the same fraternity as Daddy and Gee-jay. And a letter from Gee-jay saying Mother's drinking's been worse and things aren't very happy around home. Leaving me to figure out why. Very subtle. Oh damn it, Joe, you didn't even kiss me. Am I that much of a mess?"

He went over and kissed her. He sat down and put his arm around her. "I guess I'm not very popular out there in Walnut Creek," he said.

"No, I'm their goat, and they can all go to hell." She paused, and then she added in a low voice, "Except him."

He felt a jealousy he had never felt toward the Princeton boy or O'Connor.

"Oh, why isn't my family nice and happy for us like yours?" Polly cried. "That was such a nice letter your father wrote me. But Daddy wouldn't write you. Oh, no. Or even phone me from New York. Joe, I've been thinking we shouldn't go back. Ever go back." He watched her hand plucking at the edge of her skirt. "But I have to. I have to make it all right. Joe, it's that I'm all he's got."

He shook his head a little, trying to understand. Polly's hand clutched his tightly. "Joe, I don't mean that like it sounds," she said. "I don't mean I'm so fine and wonderful. But he tries to do so much for all of us, he cares so much, and nobody gives a damn about him except me."

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"First happy thought today. Oh, it sounds like such a rotten mess to bring you into."

"I guess I can take it." He tore the seal off the bottle of bourbon he had brought.

Polly said abruptly, "This is a funny way to be married, isn't it? I think I'm getting sick of it. I want to go home."

His hand gripped the bottle tighter, and he could hold it steady as he poured bourbon into the two glasses. "It's a funny way to be married," he said. He handed her a glass and sat down and put his arm around her again.

"When we get out we can have our own place and be there together all the time," Polly said. "Then we'll really be married, won't we?"

"Sure."

"And we can go back to California and fix everything up."

He took a long swallow of his drink.

"Can't we?" Polly said. "Joe, what's the matter? You're not mad at me too?"

He tightened his arm around her. "Of course not. I was just wondering when they were going to let you out."

"I could get out right away if you knocked me up."

He gave her a twisted grin. "How are your points coming?"

"Damn their old point system!" she wailed. "I keep counting them up, and I keep having so miserably few. Joe, make me another drink. And tell me funny stories or something. Cheer me up, will you?"

He said he would try. ■

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billboards within 1000 feet of schools, playgrounds, and other youth-frequented areas continues to be viewed by the coalition as a vital "youth protection" measure.

As I expressed during Mr. Potter's interview, the process that led to the city council's unanimous passage of the billboard ordinance in November 2000 was very thorough and exhaustive. We provided the city council, city manager's office, and city attorney's office research citing: the effective-

ness of outdoor advertising in shaping brand recognition and lifestyle images; the direct link between catchy alcohol advertising and increased youth favorability to drink; and the extent of youth drinking problems in San Diego.

The city then conducted six public hearings during summer 2000 soliciting community and expert testimony as to youth drinking problems and prevention strategies. Reducing youth exposure to alcohol billboards was deemed a missing and needed step in an otherwise implemented multi-pronged effort to reduce youth drinking.

The San Diego Coalition has

deeply appreciated the support, first by Councilman Stevens, and then the rest of the earlier city council, in helping advance a narrowly tailored ordinance protecting our youth. The council and city staff we believe responsibly listened to the many youth, parents, and other advocates seeking to reduce alcohol images towering over our youth.

The result was a prudent measure we believe satisfies the needed criteria put forward in past court cases regarding advertising controls that address a substantial governmental interest.

While initial enforcement of the ordinance was slow in

coming, we believe the current city council, Neighborhood Code Compliance, and City Attorney's office have all been diligent in their commitment to defending the ordinance in the face of industry noncompliance and, now, extended litigation processes.

I'm concerned that Mr. Potter's article perhaps left the impression that the San Diego Coalition is currently uneasy with the city's efforts to defend the ordinance. Yes, it is frustrating to be left outside the "closed door" settlement discussions. Yes, it is of concern that billboard violations continue and that they are sending mixed messages to our involved youth. However, as we have stated during occasional public comment time in front of the city council, we applaud what we see as the city's continuing efforts to achieve industry accountability and to resolve the court cases in a way

that will serve our community's best interest.

Dan Tomskey
Assistant Director
Institute for Public Strategies

Questioned Character

Mr. J. Wolff recently wrote an article covering an unfortunate incident that subsequently resulted in the death of Marty Anness ("City Lights," "I Swallowed a Big Bag of Dope," February 28). At first, I was impressed at the depth of the article and the obvious effort that Mr. Wolff put forth in preparing his work. The fact that he reached out to the family of the deceased is commendable. What concerns me enough to warrant this letter is the obvious anti-law-enforcement tone that slowly began to form as you read the article. So without having all of the facts, and being familiar with some of the parties involved, I wanted

to offer a couple of counterpoints. I realize that Mr. Wolff was reporting what he was told. I respectfully direct the following to those he quoted in his article.

#1. The fact that the deceased had meth is not being denied by any person involved. I propose that a person carrying between three to five grams of meth is either dealing drugs or using them. I think that's a reasonable assumption. Given the facts made available to the public, Anness was most likely high on meth. I realize that a toxicology report is pending, but the likelihood that Anness was high is high. So in conclusion to point #1, have you ever tried to control someone that was tweaking, or high, on meth? I can say from personal experience that it is definitely something that can turn violent. Crystal can make you damn near impervious to pain, violent, paranoid, and completely

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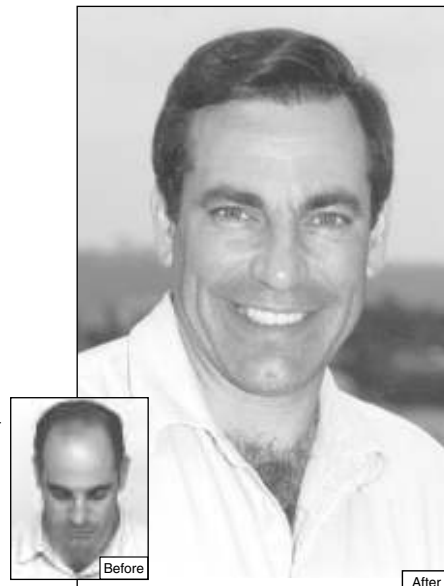
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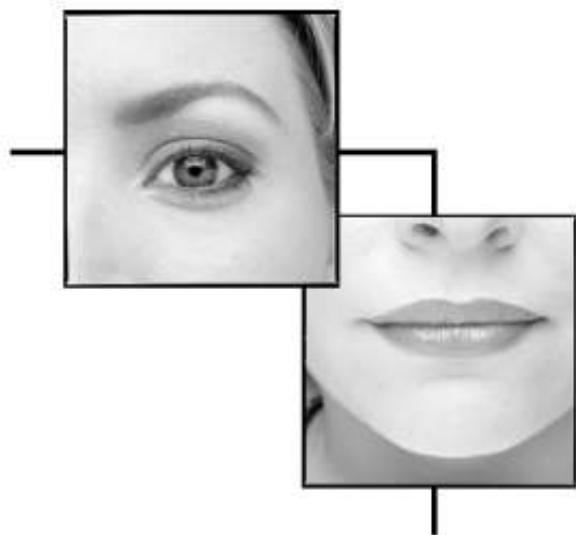


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unpredictable. I suggest you try to see the big picture before you cry murder. Anness was probably high; he was on parole; and he decided he wanted to get rid of the drugs. He made a horrible mistake that cost him his life. I think he realized his mistake when he admitted to the officers that he swallowed a bag of dope.

#2. Any statements made by Cynthia Kilough about the police should be taken with a certain understanding. Kilough making a disparaging statement about the police is as credible as a chronic street-car racer complaining about speed enforcement. The same goes for anyone anonymously confirming Kilough's allegations. Conclusion to point #2. I hope to God that the information being provided to the Anness family is not being delivered by Cynthia Kilough. If that is the case, they are most likely getting poor information that is only going to delay the healing process that has to happen when a loved one is lost.

I encourage Mr. Wolff to seek out the civilian who helped the arresting officer. A person who helped an officer who appeared in need might be a more credible source of information than a bystander with a checkered past.

I also want to offer my sincere condolences to the Anness family. Death in any way, shape, or form is horrible. After watching the incidents following the September 11 disaster, I am convinced that most peace officers have a genuine desire to protect life. I respect what they do...and I trust them.

B.P.

What's With Kumpel?

What's with San Diego *Reader* frequent depositor Robert Kumpel? Although Mr. Kumpel's technical writing skill is apparent, is the guy's mode-of-operation technique, usually tracking down some demographic group about town, interviewing them, and presenting in print the elocutionary excursion end-product — chat?

For example:

— October 11, Kumpel talks with boys on the brains-baking-out blocks of north urban San Diego city, who opine about issues of the tragic morning's events of September 11, which proves to be sensationally controversial, generating voluminous letters-section response.

— Most recent, February 28 issue, and various and several other issues past, Kumpel records some down-and-out no-roof shelterless folks wherever found clustered, something like, "How much do you spend a month on portable radio batteries?"

— December 6, Kumpel interviews some "mental health care" (*sic*) vested drug-out-lock-away interest hacks.

Maybe our ongoing lesson is that anyone who thinks he has the time during business working daylight hours to talk

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Radio Vet

Checking out the February 28 Ken Leighton “Blurt” piece about Schock commenting on Halloran...
What is Schock’s fixation on loving music in the article? Excerpt: “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 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.)” I believe that the radio listeners happen to be music lovers themselves, given the fact that more alternative music lovers prefer 92.1 over 91X in a few demographics in the North County. If Schock really cared about music on 91X, its listening base up there wouldn’t have been fed up with their playlist enough to make the switch over to 92.1. If a radio man doesn’t care about the music, then he shouldn’t be

in the programming aspects of radio. It’s sad when a radio vet such as Schock, who should know the listeners better, doesn’t use his 19-year-plus experience to give what’s left of his listeners a format with enough current variety of genres and new music to make 91X compelling radio you want to leave on all day. Excerpt: Schock: “...when I walk into a Costco, I realize not everybody there is a hard-core music lover. I have to serve the masses.” What does Costco have to do with music? Does Costco sell just the *Billboard* top ten albums? I never go there. Excerpt: “Schock likens Halloran to a self-indulgent restaurant owner.” Excerpt: Schock: “You have to make sure you’re not serving food for only ten people. You can’t serve the food that just you like. He tends to serve meals to a smaller por-

tion of the public....”
The way 91X’s playlist is compiled, I’ve only seen ten people on the independent.fm messageboard that are satisfied with Schock’s McRadio franchise. Halloran’s “Independent Buffet of Musical Alternatives” is serving up delicious local and imported dishes that 91X’s McRadio isn’t bothering to serve.
Excerpt: “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.’”
Well, let’s hope that Premium Radio gets its signal on one of the Mexican sticks down here to give the southern half of San Diego a real alternative to 91X and make Schock want to start loving music. I don’t believe the suits at Clear Channel will want to keep a programmer who can’t hang on to his station’s listeners for very long. And, Bryan, if you’re reading this, you better get back to compiling tomorrow’s playlist for Robin, Hilary, and Muckley to play; figuring how many times to repeat the same 30 songs is such hard work.
David Tanny

School (“Follow Me,” February 21) but couldn’t help being amused at the response (February 28) by one of your readers to the controversial information on the founder of the Waldorf School. Children “seemingly having fun” hiding a “sinister message”? Come on! If that upset you, wait until you read a book called *The Underground History of American Education* (by John Taylor Gatto).
In this national climate of education reform, it’s unfortunate that Laura McNeal’s article on the Waldorf School did not focus more on the unique educational philosophy which makes Waldorf a successful alternative to the limited choices we have for our precious children.
Subhadra Hemphill
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Waldorf Debate
I enjoyed the article by Laura McNeal about the Waldorf

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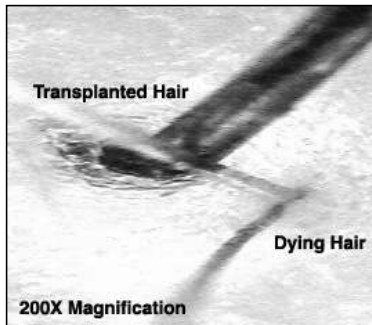
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Resents Sinister Implications

As an exhausted mother of a toddler, I rarely respond to articles, but "Follow Me" by Ms. McNeal (February 21) crossed the line. In a world gone mad with the very real threats to our children of war and terrorism, children shooting each other, gangs and drug-related violence, why Ms. McNeal would choose the Waldorf School of San Diego to cast doubts and suspicions upon is beyond me. I have a degree in biology from the University of California, a couple years of Ph.D. graduate work, and prior to becoming pregnant I worked for a national organization committed to promoting diversity, tracking and resisting hate groups.

My son currently attends Ms. Lea's Morning Glory class. I must state that I have found the Waldorf School of San Diego to be quite the opposite from the sinister implications this article presents, instead offering very real solutions to the stresses facing our children and society today. As a welcome refuge where children are still allowed to be children, here they receive an abundance of individual attention so needed in this world of too many latch-key kids. This school's environment promotes physical, emotional, and nonsectarian spiritual development, freeing the child for academic learning — with emphasis on the desire to learn. I have found Waldorf to be a place where genuine concern for our environment, for other people (of all races and ethnicities) is fostered; where arts, crafts, music, and physical activity are not low priorities.

Reading about the private and intimate details of two teachers' lives, interspersed with out-of-context quotes and misrepresentations of Rudolf Steiner's teachings, left me with a poor opinion of Ms. McNeal as a nonfiction journalist. I understand that she allowed these inferred "cultists" to "program" her own child for three entire semesters, mysteriously quitting soon before her article was published. Either she had a very difficult time finding any real evidence of racism and cultism in this school because none exists, or she was a parent willing to use her own child as bait for the sake of her writing career. To better serve the San Diego community, I wish she would infiltrate any of a number of well-documented self-proclaimed "white supremacist" or hate groups living and wreaking serious havoc in our midst (and please leave her child at home). Sowing the seeds of fear and doubt about an organization that is so clearly a credit to our community is irresponsible. The truth can easily be found from the Anthroposophic Society or any Waldorf school itself.

As a creative writing student, I must mention that I did recognize some excellent fiction techniques — Ms. McNeal was cleverly able to turn

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soothing pictures, serene colors, and calming songs (anyone know of a toddler who wouldn't benefit by a little calming influence?) into the tools of an implied secret society of racist devil-worshippers.

Oh, and by the way, did Mary really have a little lamb? And what about that fleece that was white as snow — was that about white power? And it actually *followed* her to school one day — was Mary trying to start a cult? Just an innocent song — or is it? Hmmm.

Lori Williamson

German Crank

Rudolf Steiner's racist ideas did not develop in a vacuum; his avowed belief in the supremacy of blond Caucasians was common coin among Austrians and Germans of the 19th Century, as were his occultic beliefs ("Follow Me," February 21). During Steiner's youth, the philosophy of Pan-Germanism had become immensely popular among the working and middle classes. This movement called for bringing all German people into a "Greater Germany," either by unifying Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Switzer-

land, then persuading the ethnic Germans in Eastern Europe to return to the "Fatherland"; or by having Austria and Germany seize as much land as possible wherever Germans lived. The ideology was very popular in Austria-Hungary because the Slavic subjects of the Hapsburg monarchy outnumbered the Austrians. Naturally the movement was anti-Semitic, as the Pan-Germans wished to go back to a simpler existence, and Jews were seen as cosmopolitan industrialists, agitators, and conspirators in degrading the "German way of life." As can be guessed,

Hitler was a Pan-German (as early as the first grade!), and most of this hokey became part of Nazism.

Now to the man's occultism. Coinciding with Pan-Germanism (and sometimes colluding with it) was the popularity in Spiritualism during the 19th Century. This loose belief system involved seances, automatic writing, extrasensory perception, Ouija board usage, Tarot cards, palm reading, spirit photography, mediums producing ectoplasm, and all the other occult trappings that regained popularity over here in the 1970s. The movement

took off in America after the Civil War (people trying to contact lost loved ones), gained a foothold in the UK in the late 1870s, then moved to the continent shortly thereafter, though there had been assorted groups of this sort before. But this was no crankish parlor fad; people like Arthur Conan Doyle (author of the Sherlock Holmes stories) and William Crookes (noted scientist and inventor of the Crookes tube) were proponents and investigators of psychic and spectral phenomena. Mixing these two concepts were such German groups as the Thule Society and the

German Order, who used phrenology (i.e., the measurement of brainpan size and facial characteristics for racial classification) to judge people for membership and who tried to bring back the simple paganism of Tenth-century Teutonic tribesmen with a master-race message and a little devil worship and black magic thrown in.

The true root of all of this was the massive dislocation and destruction of the feudal and aristocratic order in Germany by the rise of the corporation, modern science, and industrialization. In response, some became radical, some re-

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actionary, and some just went crank. Steiner sits easily in the broad swath between nativism and occult gimcracks. As for his schools, they should either be classified as religious or the Heraclitean science should be ditched and the schools made into semi-Deweyite ones. I don't know what is worse, master-race gibberish or the sort of reactionary Reaganite conservatism (mixed with the belief that the 1980s were the decade of the Rapture and rise of the Antichrist) I got in private Christian schools here in San Diego County. You decide.

Jake Christie

Inzunza Grilled Carroll

This is regarding City Councilman Ralph Inzunza's being taken out to \$17, \$21 lunches ("City Lights," February 21). His district is one of the poorest in San Diego. How can he relate to the poor?

In the middle of July we came home from a trip. I turned on the TV; it was evening, and it must have been a repeat of a meeting. On the docket was low-income housing. We have one of the highest costs of housing in the United States — the highest. CCDC, which is an arm of our city government, and St. Vincent de Paul are partners in this project to build low-income housing. Inzunza asked Father Joe Carroll to come to the mike. He then

questioned Father Joe Carroll as though he was guilty of deviant conduct, or perhaps a member of his staff was guilty. He voted against the low-income housing, although it was passed, thank God. But you see, the people will never know about this, or will they?

Joe Caseo
San Diego

Coward's Argument

You sure didn't have to be psychic to predict the rash of letters (February 28) concerning the unidentified letter writer who would dare to say anything contrary to the politically correct view of the gay agenda.

From reading the letters

and seeing the reactions of the gay community towards anyone or any group that does not accept their mantra, it is no surprise the writer did not want to be identified for fear of reprisal. Seems to this reader the concept of "tolerance" from the politically correct crowd has come to mean "forced acceptance," and if you don't comply you will be subjected to demonization and then attacked socially, politically, and economically until you submit or are destroyed. This is the tactic being used against the Boy Scouts. The rhetoric and actions of the gay community resemble those of a hate group more than anything else.

This was so clearly demon-

strated lately in the debate over the Boy Scouts in Balboa Park. All the name-calling, vile speech, and misinformation came from the gay community.

Charges of discrimination in that debate are a coward's argument. Every parent discriminates and so do groups. Would a gay parent or the gay community want Jerry Falwell

to be the steward of the group their children belong to? I doubt it. You would want someone with like values just as the Boy Scouts do. Unfortunately the gay community and the politically correct crowd feel justified acting like the Taliban rather than working to gain the respect and win over the hearts of people.

I'm all for tolerance and respect. But I will not tolerate the agenda of either the Christian right or the politically correct being forced on my family. In that regard, I don't discriminate.

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Bittersweet

Irish Poetry and Prose

It used to be a more raucous affair, during the earlier years," says Dennis Wills of the annual St. Patrick's Day readings of Irish literature at his bookstore. "Now it's not as nutty." He sounds like someone looking back on his youth when he talks about the event that began two decades ago. He isn't Irish but has that nostalgic Irish tone — a bittersweet longing for things, persons, or situations from the past.

James Joyce tells stories of loss in *Dubliners*. In the one called "Eveline," the story's namesake loses her lover,

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Frank, when she doesn't sail away with him to Buenos Aires. She's too afraid to leave. Exile is death, in her mind. So she will return to her widower-father and the house where she grew up. If she'd gone with Frank, her story might have been a novel; instead, Joyce could barely fill a few pages.

At the bookstore in La Jolla, some traditions have remained as stuck as Eveline, and speaking to a reporter a week before the event, Wills reviews them. Anyone may read a passage from Joyce, Yeats, Shaw, or any other Irish genius, living or dead. Guinness beer and Bushmills Irish whiskey smooth things out. And people bring potluck to go with the corned beef that Wills provides. Music is part of the evening, too, especially if someone brings an

instrument or a good singing voice.

But it's not necessarily a "polite" event, Wills stresses. "People don't sit there quietly. They can eat and drink and belch and fart and do whatever they want — I don't care. They don't have to listen. They can move around while people are reading. And if someone goes on too long, they'll say, 'Come on! Let's move on! Let's get on to the next one.'" Under five minutes, he thinks, is a "decent" length for a passage.

Some favorite passages are repeated every year by people who have attended, well, religiously, and whether or not anybody really wants to hear them again. There are also recordings of both music and voice. For example, Wills always begins with a tape of Joyce himself reading from *Finnegan's Wake*. What passage is it? "Oh, I don't know. It's a raspy thing, his voice," says Wills.

"Have you ever heard it? It's sort of — It's something like —" He warms up for his impression of the cadence. "Dee-dee-do, dee-dee-di, dee-dah. Di-di-dah, dah-dah-di, dah-dee. It's a high-pitched but lyrical voice: he was very fond of the Irish tenor John McCormack."

In days gone by, the event went well past midnight. That hasn't happened lately. "We're getting older. And this time, since it's on a Sunday night, we have to get up for work the next morning." Nor does he know how much longer he'll continue the event. "We're going to start dropping off." Dropping off? "I mean, we won't last forever."

What about new



1996 San Antonio production of *Waiting for Godot*

blood? Can't he get any new blood in there? "In recent years an angelic woman named Kathleen has been part of it. I don't know her last name. She's Irish and a harpist. She comes and plays, and we all melt and fall in love with her for the evening."

John Mood, another relative newcomer, and his wife, Stephanie, will read passages from Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*. Says Mood, "Last year nobody read any Beckett, and I was surprised."

Mood used to be a professor at Ball State University in Indiana. "But I wasn't happy, so I resigned and came to San Diego and haven't worked full-time since." It sounds like the beginnings of an Irish story, but he's a "Texas German," he says.

He calls *Godot* one of the best plays of the century — he has seen 15 different productions — and reads some lines he has chosen for Sunday.

"What do we do now?"

"Wait."

"Yes, but while waiting."

"What about hanging ourselves?"

"Hmm. It'd give us an erection."

Mood continues, "It ends up in

stichomythia, meaning that each character finishes the sentence of the other. Beckett does that frequently."

But would he agree that Beckett doesn't leap to many minds as the quintessential Irish writer? After all, he wrote *Godot* and other famous works in French, and, like Joyce, lived in exile.

"Well, I don't mention this on St. Patrick's Day, but all the great Irish writers left Ireland," Mood says. "Beckett was home visiting his mother in Dublin when World War II broke out, and he went immediately back to Paris. He said, 'Paris in wartime is better than Dublin anytime.' Jonathan Swift left. He'd been on the wrong side [politically] in London and was later shipped back to Dublin, and it broke his heart, you know. But I don't mention those kinds of things at the reading, because the Irish are very sentimental about their country."

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Wine and Dine in Ensenada when Baja California Tours hosts an outing on Saturday, March 16. The event includes tours and tasting at Pedro Domecq, L.A. Cetto, and Chateau Camou wineries in Valle de Guadalupe led by wine expert David Clark. The \$75 fee includes lunch (on the veranda at L.A. Cetto) and round-trip bus transportation from San Diego. Dial 858-454-7166 for reservations. (ENSENADA)

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African Daisies are bursting into bloom around San Diego, especially along the freeway embankments. The name refers to a wide variety of species belonging to the genres *Arctotis*, *Dimorphotheca*, and *Osteospermum*, with flowers ranging in color from yellow, orange and white to purple. These hardy ground covers require little water except when in active growth and help to hold soil in place during heavy rains.

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Get Outside, the Anza-Borrego Foundation is hosting hikes on each weekend in March. The destinations are Lucky 5 Ranch on Saturday, March 16, and Senetac Canyon and Cienega on Sunday, March 17. Future weekends promise treks to the Rockhouse Canyon and the slot canyons and caves of the Carrizo Badlands.

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Dust Off Your Binos! Bird watchers and nature lovers are invited to take a nature walk planned by the Friends of Famosa Slough on Saturday, March 16. The easy walk promises a good view of a variety of birds and the salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Famosa Boulevard and West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Enjoy the Birds, Beasts, and Wildflowers of López Canyon in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve during a nature walk planned by *Walking San Diego* author Barbara Moore on Sunday, March 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. Join the group in the west-end staging area off Sorrento Valley Boulevard, one-half mile east of its intersection

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Help Plant Native Wildflowers and bulbs in a restoration site near the waterfall of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Sunday, March 17, at 1 p.m. Amy Rusev of the Soils and Ecological Restoration Group at SDSU and Alliant will give a short talk on the research goals of the project. Bring sun protection, water, and hand gardening tools if you have them. Meet the group at the western end of Park Village Drive in Rancho Peñasquitos. For information, call 858-566-6489. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Hike through Rustic Parkland along the Jack Creek Meadow Trail in Daley Ranch with naturalists Kathy Irgens and Billie Black on Tuesday, March 19. The five-mile hike is on flat terrain, except for the first mile. The walk starts at 9 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Vernal Equinox on Wednesday, March 20, at 11:16 a.m. Pacific Standard Time heralds the beginning of the spring season for Earth’s northern hemisphere. At the instant of vernal equinox, the sun lies in the plane of Earth’s equator. As a consequence, days and nights are of equal length (12 hours each) everywhere on our planet. Another consequence is that the sun rises due east along the horizon and sets due west. During the next three months, as the sun shines

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through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

FILM

“Chiedimi se sono Felice” screens today, Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m., for the Italian Film Series at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. Practice your Italian — the film bears no English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

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)

Film and Poetry are on tap when San Jose poet Roberto Tinoco Durán reads selections from his CD *86ed Again* and screens his short poetry film with the same name on Friday, March 15, at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). He'll be joined by Rod Ricardo-Livingstone, reading from his book

Campesino Fingerprints.

The requested donation is \$5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. For more information, call 619-231-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Surf's Up for Seniors, enjoy the video *Surfing for Life*, featuring seniors who pioneered surfing and still ride the waves, when it's screened for the Retirement Living Class on Friday, March 15, at 1 p.m., at Elder-Help (4069 30th Street). Free. 619-284-9281. (NORTH PARK)

The Achievements, Failures, and Crises of postrevolutionary Cuba are presented in Estela Bravo's *Fidel*. The 1998 work utilizes archival footage and interviews. The documentary screens for the Sunday matinee on March 17, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Geometry of Love is explored in Frédéric Fonteyne's *Affair of Love*, the story of a man and woman whose anonymous sexual relationship unexpectedly turns into love. See the film, starring Nathalie Baye and Sergio Lopez, when it's shown for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Hunt for Pancho Villa” screens for the “Cesar Chávez: A Film Festival Celebrating the Legacy” series on Wednesday, March 20, 6 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). For more information, call 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the incredible everyday story of life — that is, the daily biological processes that go on without our control and

often without our notice — is told in *The Human Body*. The film takes the audience on a fantastic voyage with great detail and sound through the summer.

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.

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

LECTURES

“If Women Ran the World, How Might Things Be Different?” It's the topic when Rancho Bernardo novelist and biologist Judith Hand speaks at 10 a.m. today Thursday, March 14, 10 a.m., at the Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Hand will also sign her book *Voice of the Goddess* — described as an “epic novel” set in 1600 B.C. in the Minoan culture of ancient Crete. For information, call 760-435-5579. (OCEANSIDE)

Create an Easter Heirloom — specifically, an all-purpose round basket using materials from the rattan palm — when Carol Lang leads

an Easter basket workshop on Friday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). The \$50 fee for nonmembers includes materials. Wear old clothes and bring a lunch. To register, call 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Play Gamba or Recorder? Bring your own instrument and music stand (and any other equipment you require) when the San Diego Recorder Society hosts its annual workshop on March 15 and 16. “High Baroque: Trio Sonatas” provide the focus this year, with selections by Telemann, Quantz, Vivaldi, Corelli, and Marais. Conductors Janet Beazley and Jay Easton will explore the differences in national style of the high baroque. Recorder, harpsichord/keyboard, and gamba/cello players are welcome.

Events begin with an introduction on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center (1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, two miles east of I-15). Saturday's activities run 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Bible Church (8742 Lemon Avenue). The fee is \$35 for nonmembers. For information, call 619-466-6058 or 760-726-8699. (TIERRASANTA, LA MESA)

“Fate, Free Will, and Astrology” is the subject when longtime astrologer Rob Hand speaks for the National Council for Geocosmic Research and the San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at the John D. Spreckels Building (3858 Front Street, at University Avenue). Hand is noted for translations of medieval Latin texts. Admission is \$20.

Hand presents “Dealing with Difficult Chart Combinations” on Saturday, March 16, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same spot. The fee at the door is \$70 for nonmembers. For further information, call 619-443-7581. (HILLCREST)

“San Diego: Then and Now,” currently on view in the Hyde Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive), features photographs by George Ross Jezek. He'll present an artist's talk in the gallery on Friday, March 15, at noon. Free. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

World Traveler Marilea Swenson presents “China — This Is Not Mao's China” for the Sierra Club on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Music in America” is the subject when musician Helen Bouchard performs for the Docent Guest Lecture Series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, March 15, at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Photograph Restoration is the topic when Rob Lohman of Family Legacy Creations speaks at the College Avenue Senior Center on Friday, March 15, at 12:45 p.m. Find the center at 4855 College Avenue; 619-583-3300. Free. (COLLEGE GROVE)

“The Role of Activism in Protecting and Restoring San Diego Bay” provides the subject when Bruce Reznik, executive director of San Diego Baykeepers, speaks on Friday, March 15, at noon, at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). You're welcome to bring a lunch. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

“Women and Peace Making: From Village Councils to International Resolutions” is the subject for a panel discussion planned on Friday, March 15, at 1 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College. Panelists include Dee L. Aker, Genevieve Kyarimpa, and Floran Walli. Expect to hear about peace-making roles assumed by women “on a global scale.”

Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2420. (SAN MARCOS)

Shamanism Is Alive and Well in Mexico and Guatemala, according to Douglas Sharon, executive director of the San Diego Museum of Man. Accompanied by a panel of scholars, Sharon will examine the rituals and practices of contemporary shamanism at the San Diego Museum of Man's 11th biennial Latin American Symposium on Saturday, March 16.

Entitled “Shamanism, Mesas, and Cosmologies in Meso-America,” the symposium will examine the archaeological and ethnohistoric evidence for pre-Hispanic shamanism and the insight it provides into the cosmological concepts that underlie the rituals and power objects of contemporary shamans.

The program runs 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum. The fee is \$65 for nonmembers. For registration and information, call 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

“Meet Your Muslim Neighbors” when a coalition of faith- and community-based organizations hosts a series of “town meetings” to educate

San Diegans about the Muslim faith and the Muslim community. The goals: “to diminish fear, address myths and stereotypes, and allow people to understand that the September 11 terrorist attacks do not represent the beliefs or teachings of authentic Islam.”

The next meetings start at 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, for the third annual South Bay Leadership Forum at Rancho Del Rey Middle School (1174 East J Street). Free. For more information, call 619-702-5399. (CHULA VISTA)

Science Is His Bailiwick, and on Saturday, March 16, Irving S. Bengelsdorf presents “Of Genes and Men: An Overview of Biology 2002” for the North County Forum. He'll focus on current issues such as stem cells, cloning, anthrax, influenza, and more. Bengelsdorf has been science editor at the *Los Angeles Times* and other papers, director of science communication at Caltech, and technical writer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, among many other posts.

The requested donation is \$5. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). 760-758-2410. (VISTA)

Opposing Oppression and Exploitation, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom stands for the equality of all people. The guest speaker is Jordan S. Metzger, author of *Lightning Fast Enlightenment*, sharing thoughts on peace, brotherhood, and freedom. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, in the Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

“The Practice of Architecture: Client Expectations” are the subject when architect Don Coordt speaks for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, March 16. The talk begins at 10 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

Please Pass the Dracaena Basket, learn to make a hand basket using local *Dracaena draco* leaves when the San Diego Natural History Museum offers this workshop on Saturday, March 16, at 9 a.m. The fee is \$20 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

Law Day 2002 is slated for Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third floor of the San Diego Public



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A Baby, Maybe? The Family Matters parenting conference for gay and lesbian parents, and those considering parenthood, is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). The \$10 fee includes Continental breakfast and lunch. Child care is available. For information, call 619-858-0322. (HILLCREST)

National Quilting Day is being commemorated with a slide-illustrated talk by quilter and author Jane Tenorio-Coscarelli on Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m., at the Ocean-side Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Free. For information, call 760-435-5579. (OCEANSIDE)

“The History of Hillel in San Diego” is the subject when Jackie Tolley — director of Hillel at SDSU — speaks for the Jewish Historical Society of San Diego on Sunday, March 17, at 1 p.m., at Congregation Beth Israel (in the activity center at 9001 Towne Centre Drive, across from University Towne Centre). Free. Call 619-232-5888 for information. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Consider a Cornucopia of Topics when radio talk show host and journalist Lowell Ponte speaks for the Libertarian Supper Club on Sunday, March 17. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Coco’s Restaurant (4280 Nobel Drive). \$5. Call 858-759-8389 for information. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)



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Building Buzz, Lee Silber, author of *Self-Promotion for the Creative Person*, speaks for the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild on Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission: \$5 for non-members. For more information, call 858-576-3800. (HILLCREST)

Silber will also share ideas and sign books at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for details. (MIRA MESA)

“Bringing Treasures to Light: An Intimate View of the Museum’s Collection” is the subject for a workshop planned at the San Diego Museum of Art by B.N. Goswamy. Participants will examine South Asian paintings through slides and original works from the museum’s vaults.

The first workshop, slated for Tuesday, March 19, is entitled “From the Interstices of the Mind: The Painter’s Mind and Methods.” “A Certain Innocence: The Presence of Krishna in Indian Painting” is the topic on Wednesday, March 20, and “Born of the Same Womb: Poetry and Painting in Indian Art” is examined on Thursday, March 21. “Essence and Appearance: Indian Portraits” provides the fodder on Friday, March 22.

The workshops are designed for people of all backgrounds and levels of knowledge. Workshops begin at 9:30 a.m. The fee is \$75 per class, or

\$250 for the series. To register, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

What Is Otedama? Find out when Aiko Hillman presents a demonstration on Tuesday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The fee for non-members is \$3. Call 619-232-2721 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Art of Ancient Greece and Rome” is the topic when Tim Adams presents a series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The lectures continue with a look at “Etruscan Art and the Development of Roman Wall Painting” on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$12. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street. To reserve a spot, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Buddhism in the Global Community: Peaceful Message in a Violent World” is the topic when Karma Lekshe Tsomo speaks for the “Invisible University” series on Tuesday, March 19, at 2 p.m., in the Manchester Conference Center at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. To make the required reservations, call 619-260-4815. (LINDA VISTA)

The Challenges of Doing Rare Plant and ecosystem-based habitat restoration and enhancement in coastal Southern California will be discussed when biologist Mark Doderio presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the California Native Plant Society on Tuesday, March 19. Doderio will show slides of restoration and enhancement projects for grass-

lands, vernal pools, maritime succulent scrub, and coastal sage scrub; he’ll also discuss how restoration of these sensitive habitats can be designed to benefit rare and sensitive animal species as well.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in room 104 of the Casa del Prado. For information, call 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

What Went Wrong in Argentina? One hundred years ago the country had the seventh highest per-capita income in the world but is saddled today with huge public and private debt and unstable government. Learn of “Argentina in Crisis” when Vince Garner speaks for the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Tuesday, March 19, at 10:05 a.m., in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

Understanding *Half the Sky*, acclaimed performance artist Carla Kirkwood discusses her new piece on Wednesday, March 20, at 6 p.m., in Academic Hall room 102 at CSU San Marcos. The work-in-progress performance piece focuses on “the world of cultural identity and the paradigms of social, sexual, and economic power” for women. Free. The campus is found at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road; 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

What Is Neurophilosophy? It’s described as “the interface between traditional philosophy questions concerning consciousness, knowledge,

meaning, and free will and developments in neuroscience,” and it provides the subject when Patricia Smith Churchland speaks for the San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, March 20. “The central focus of Churchland’s work has been the exploration and development that the mind is the brain and that in order to understand the mind it is necessary to understand how the brain works.”

Digest this food for thought at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of the Chancellor’s Complex at UCSD. Call 760-945-3583 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Ideas and Concepts of Public Art in America and the ways that public art can reflect community values and concerns provide the subject when Jerry Allen speaks on Wednesday, March 20, at 7 p.m., at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Allen is the director of the Office of Cultural Affairs for the city of San Jose, California. Free. For information, call 619-533-3050. (BALBOA PARK)

Beyond Throw and Fetch, learn all about “Extreme Sports for All Dogs” during a lecture planned on Thursday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m., at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). Get the skinny on flyball, agility, and herding from behavior and training experts. The fee is \$15 per person. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012 x249. (LINDA VISTA)

Urban Waterfronts, community design plans, and recreation-resort facilities are among the projects of Owen Lang, a principal at Sasaki Associates in San Francisco. Lang will speak for the series co-sponsored by the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla at 7 p.m. next Thursday, March 21. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541. Admission is \$7 general. (LA JOLLA)

“Pictures from an Occupation: The Williams Afghan Media Project” is the subject for a talk planned by David B. Edwards on Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla. Between 1987 and 1992, the Afghan Media Resource Center based in Peshawar, Pakistan, trained and dispatched teams of videographers, photographers, and print journalists to cover the war in neighboring Afghanistan. The group amassed 3000 hours of video footage, 100,000 photographs, and 1600 audiotapes documenting the lives of Afghans during the conflict.

The Afghan Media Project at Williams College in Massachusetts is conserving an enormous archive of these materials for educational purposes. Using slides and video footage, Edwards will discuss the significance of this archive to our understanding both the past and future of

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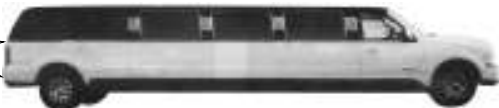
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Afghanistan. Edwards is a scholar of Afghanistan, with books to his credit including the forthcoming *Before Taliban: Genealogies of the Afghan Jihad*. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Admission is \$7. Call 858-454-3541 more information. (LA JOLLA)

She Was Interned in a Japanese-American Relocation Camp in 1942, and later Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston chronicled her experiences in her book *Farewell to Manzanar*. Houston will discuss her internment and “how the lessons learned from America’s past continue to resonate today” on Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. For information, call 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Coming Synergism between Science and the Humanities” is the subject when Edward O. Wilson speaks on Wednesday, April 3. Wilson is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and research professor at Harvard, described as “one of the pre-eminent biological and sociological theorists of the late 20th Century” and as a champion of the “blurring of traditional lines that separate the great branches of learning.” Admission is free. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in UCSD’s Man-

deville Auditorium. For more information, call 858-534-1024. (LA JOLLA)

Get Outside, it’s where you’ll be inspired to go after the San Diego Home Gardening Seminar, offered by the San Diego Master Gardeners. This year’s event takes place on Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Marina Village Conference Center (1945 Quivira Way). New and experienced gardeners are invited to the selection of 40 classes on all facets of gardening. The cost of admission to four-class sessions is \$33 for reservations made by March 26. For information and registration form, call 858-694-2860. (MISSION BAY)

Beyond Nibbling Nasturtiums, garden and food writer and landscape designer Rosalind Creasy presents the fifth annual “special talk” for the Horticultural Society on Monday, April 8. Creasy, author of *The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping* and *Cooking from the Garden*, will highlight landscapes around the country and cover basic design rules.

The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Surfside Race Place at Del Mar on the Del Mar Fairgrounds. The fee for nonmembers is \$18. Call 760-630-7307 for space availability. (DEL MAR)

Come to Order! What exactly is parliamentary procedure? The Sigma Delta Unit of California Association of Parliamentarians hosts a public workshop on Saturday, April 13. Sessions will focus on “Member Rights and Responsibilities: Your Participation Matters,” “Bylaws: The Back-

bone of the Organization,” and “Amendments: Polishing the Motion.” A problem-solving session is planned.

The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to noon, in the lounge of Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). There is a \$10 materials fee. For information and to make the required reservations (by April 6), dial 619-435-1350. (PACIFIC BEACH)

IN PERSON

Celtic Fiddlers Kevin Burke, Johnny Cunningham, and Christian Lemaire present a “Celtic Fiddle Festival” today, Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$16, \$21, and \$26, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Local Author Susan Vreeland — creator of *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* and *The Passion of Artemisia* — signs and discusses her work today, Thursday, March 14, at noon, at the San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. Call 619-594-7528 for information. (SDSU)

Shakespeare’s Magical Comedy *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* is being presented by the tyros of the University City High School’s Performing Arts Department March 14-16. Performances begin at 2:20 p.m. on Thursday and at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Find the school at 6949 Genesee Avenue. Tickets are \$8 general. For information, call 858-457-3040 x255. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Tradition! The Coronado School of the Arts theater department is pre-

senting *Fiddler on the Roof*, with book by Joseph Stein and music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, March 14-17. See the play at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Find the school on the campus of Coronado High School, 650 D Avenue. Tickets range from \$6 to \$10. Call 619-522-8969 for reservations. (CORONADO)

There’s Always Tomorrow! Over 90 local children are presenting *Annie* with the J*Company Youth Theatre through March 17 at the Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center.

Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on March 14 and 16 and at 1 p.m. on March 17. Tickets range from \$11 to \$15.50 for nonmembers. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry and Film are on tap when San Jose poet Roberto Tinoco Durán reads selections from his CD *86ed Again* and screens his short poetry film with the same name on Friday, March 15, at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). He’ll be joined by Rod Ricardo-Livingstone, reading from his book *Campesino Fingerprints*.

The requested donation is \$5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. For more information, call 619-231-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

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 concerts continue on Friday, March 15, with an all-percussion program by red fish blue fish devoted to works by Iannis Xenakis, including “Rebonds,” “Psappha,” “Persephassa,” and “Okho.” On Saturday, expect the San

Diego debut of the Talujon Percussion Quartet. The ensemble will perform John Cage works including “Third Construction,” “Cartridge Music,” “Music for Four,” and “Composed Improvisations.”

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

Investigators Derek Strange and Terry Quinn return in *Hell to Pay*, the new book by George Pelecanos, who visits Warwick’s Bookstore to discuss and sign books on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Find the bookshop at 7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Improv Comedy Games are planned by creativity coach and author Jill Badonsky on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Bridge Way Books (162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30). The fee is \$15. 858-720-0050. (ENCINITAS)

You’ll “Sweat Laughter” when the Honking Geese sketch comedy troupe performs March 15-17 at the La Jolla Stage Company (5661 La Jolla Boulevard). Performances begin at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7. Call 858-571-1770 for more information. (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.”

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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)

SDSU Professors Bruce Boston, Glover Davis, and Fred Moramarco will be joined by other poets for readings from the new issue of *Poetry International* on Friday, March 15, at 8 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). For information, call 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

What the World Needs Now... is winter pops concerts by Burt Bacharach and the San Diego Symphony on March 15-17. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard; 800-988-4253). Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN, ESCONDIDO)

Alexandr Vampirov’s Play *The Eldest Son* is being prepared by students taking part in this year’s design/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)

Are You Qualified? The Mid-Month Friday Night Poetry Slam at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard) is set for March 15, 7:30 p.m. (sign-ups start at 7). This is the fifth of eight scheduled qualifying slams. Slams take place on the Friday closest to the 15th of each month. The suggested donation: \$2. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

They Formed Their Band in Yorkshire in 1984, and ever since, Hilary Spencer, Jacey Bedford, and Brian Bedford have been singing together as Artisan. The group performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, March 16. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$11. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

Author Michael Datcher will discuss and sign *Raising Fences: A Black Man’s Love Story* on Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). He’s also the author of *Tough Love: Cultural Criticism and Familial Observations on the Life and Death of Tupac Shakur*. 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Uplifting and Patriotic Music is promised when Festival Amen 2002 takes place on Saturday, March 16, at 7 p.m., in Golden Hall at the Community Concourse (202 C Street). Hosted by the RB Chorale of Rancho Bernardo, the festival benefits several agencies serving “disadvantaged” children. Fourteen area choirs are expected to participate. Tickets are \$15, \$35, and \$100. Call 858-558-2139 for reservations. (DOWNTOWN)

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READING

A Multitude of Sins



Richard Ford

Alfred A. Knopf, 2002; 292 pages; \$25

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Booklist: Ford's novel *Independence Day* (1995) won both the Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award. Here, in ten short stories, he meticulously explores love and intimacy, particularly the way people often fail to meet the challenges of truly connecting with their partners; seven out of the ten stories deal with infidelity. Yet even in the passionate liaisons forged outside of marriage, regret is a common theme.

In the powerful "Abyss," Residential Agent of the Year Frances Bilandic, married to a man suffering from a terminal degenerative disease, enters a tumultuous affair with fellow realtor Howard Cameron. Her impulsive decision to ditch a seminar and take a side trip to see the Grand Canyon has unforeseen consequences: "What had been wrong with her? He wasn't interesting or witty or nice or deep or pretty. And up here, where everything was natural and clean and pristine, you saw it." Even in the beautifully written "Dominion," what passes for optimism in a Ford short story is the realization by a woman on the brink of divorce

that "life shouldn't be always trying, trying, trying. You should live most of it without trying so hard." This is grim, unsettling fiction that radiates emotional pain from every precisely written line.

The Commercial Appeal, Frederic Koeppel: The bad news Richard Ford delivers in his new collection of stories is that you can't get away with a blessed thing. Not that this knowledge is uncommon, but Ford renders it here with uncommon grace, clarity, and detail. Ford works a mine of rich texture and deep nuance in *A Multitude of Sins*, and he takes on the authority that such a writer as John Cheever exercised in the 1950s and 1960s around much the same motifs — the regrets, sorrows, and bare-knuckle joys that seem to be daily rations for those who advance deeper into middle age.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Richard Ford, the son of a traveling salesman for a starch company, was born in 1944 in Jackson, Mississippi, and reared in Jackson and Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Ford, an only child, describes his childhood as uncommonly happy. As a child in Jackson, he lived across the street from Eudora Welty, and he attended the same grade school that Welty had attended (the recently deceased Welty's will reveals that she named Mr. Ford as her literary executor). Mr. Ford graduated from Michigan State University, where he studied literature and took a hotel management course and met the woman — Kristina Hensley — to whom he's been married for 37 years. Mr. Ford attended law school for one semester and then dropped out, deciding, in January 1968, that he'd make himself a writer. He worked, briefly, in New York as assistant editor for *American Druggist*, then came to the University of California at Irvine, where he earned an M.F.A. in 1970. His first novel, *A Piece of My Heart*, was published in 1976; his second, *The Ultimate Good Luck*, in 1981. In 1980, Mr. Ford worked briefly as a writer for *Inside Sports* magazine. His third novel, *The Sportswriter* (1986), with its narrator Frank Bas-

combe, who throws up his career as a novelist to be a sportswriter, was Mr. Ford's breakthrough book. Raymond Carver said, "Sentence for sentence, Richard is the best writer at work in this country today." Mr. Ford's fourth book was the short story collection *Rock Springs* (1987); his fifth, the novel *Wildfire* (1990). Ford's most recent novel, *Independence Day* (1996), was a sequel to *The Sportswriter* (and one hears fans of Mr. Ford's work wonder when the sequel to *Independence Day* will emerge). In 1997 Mr. Ford's short-story collection *Women Without Men* was published.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we talked, Mr. Ford was at home in New Orleans. He and his wife were moving, the next day, from the apartment on Bourbon Street where they'd lived for many years to a house in the Garden District. Although packing boxes surrounded Mr. Ford, he sounded entirely at ease. No, he said, in answer to my question, moving did not bother him, and, no, it wouldn't take him any time at all to settle into his new digs and get back to work.

Mr. Ford describes himself as a slow reader and slow writer. Four years have passed since his last story collection. Most of the stories in this newest set have appeared in *The New Yorker* and one in *Granta*. We talked a bit about putting together a book of short stories. "Rock Springs," Mr. Ford said, "seems like a book now. But back when I put it together it seemed like a lot of different stories. This book has a lot more cohesion, and I understood it as a book from the beginning. But to have to kind of corral together all these different publishing experiences can be difficult. Irrespective of your efforts to cultivate them as a whole, they do stay disparate in a way. When Gary [Gary Fisketjohn, for many years Mr. Ford's editor at Knopf] and I edited these stories again, I did a little bit of manicuring on them."

"Do you sit together in the same room and edit?"

"No, it's just a matter of not enough time in our lives, particularly in his life. He does his own editing [not every editor of Mr. Fisketjohn's stature in Manhattan publishing *does* do the red

and by dialing 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

Creativity, Change, and the Process of Living all help homes develop authentic personal style, according to Susie Coelho. Head to Warwick's Bookstore on Thursday, March 21, when Coelho discusses and signs *Everyday Styling* at 7:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. Dial 858-454-0347 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Twelve Women Navigating Their Bodies through the world of cultural identity and the paradigms of social,

sexual, and economic power are explored 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)

More Than 50 Seniors (aged 45 and older) are taking part in the 29th annual senior talent show hosted by the City of San Diego's Senior Citizen Services department on Thursday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Recital Hall. For information, call 619-236-6905. (BALBOA PARK)

Artists on the Cutting Edge X, the "Cross Fertilizations" literary and music series at the Museum of Con-

temporary Art, La Jolla led by artistic director Quincy Troupe runs April 4 through May 2. This year's participants include Kamau Braithwaite, (Pulitzer Prize-winner) Robert Olen Butler, Fred Ho, Paule Marshall, Alan Cheuse, Lucille Clifton, Alexs D. Pate, Marie Howe, and many others.

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Five-night series tickets for nonmembers are \$65; nonmembers pay \$15 per individual event. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the museum at 700

Prospect Street. Call 858-454-3541 x444 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Who Is America's Greatest Conceptual Juggler (and who knew we even had one)? The moniker has been applied to Michael Moschen, who brings his amazing and mesmerizing form of the art to the stage at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Saturday, April 6, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). To reach the box office, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Sous le Grand Chapiteau, 55 artists from ten countries perform a variety of high-caliber acts created specially for Cirque du Soleil's newest show, *Dralion*. Ancient Chinese acrobatic tradition is fused with the avant-garde in Cirque shows, which feature teeterboard, double trapeze, hoop diving, bamboo poles, single hand-balancing, clowns, and more.

Dralion will be presented from Thursday, April 18, through Sunday, May 12, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Tickets range from \$45 to \$65 for adults, \$5.50 to \$31.50 for children. For specific showtimes and reservations, call 800-678-5440. (DEL MAR)

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pencil work on authors' manuscripts, leaving this task to the gaggle of editorial assistants]. I think that if he had to go over things with a writer present that he would never get past the first book."

Mr. Ford quotes Mavis Gallant, the Canadian writer who for many decades now has lived in Paris, as saying that if we knew what went on between a man and a woman, we wouldn't need literature. The title, *A Multitude of Sins*, alludes to all the things that can go wrong between the sexes. To an English interviewer who said that the stories seemed to him to be primarily about adultery, Mr. Ford said, "They are not stories that are just about adultery, although adultery figures in most of them. But they are — and this is why the stories are worth writing — they are about the particular failures for which adultery is just the umbrella sin. They are failures of inattention, failures of omission, failures of sincerity, failures of all kinds; and sometimes the failures that we fall victim to with those people that we ought to love can lead to disastrous consequences."

The book's third story, "Calling," set in New Orleans in the early 1960s, illustrates some of those consequences. The story gets underway quickly and lets the reader know that a somewhat high-born New Orleans lawyer has left his wife and son and "gone off to St. Louis with another man, an ophthalmologist named Francis Carter, never to come back." The mother, a would-be chanteuse, has countered by letting "a tall black man who was her accompanist move into our house and into her bedroom, while passing himself off to the neighborhood as the yard man." A year after the father's departure, he telephones his son and invites him to go duck hunting in the nearby marshes. Their hunting guide is to be "a trusted family retainer named Renard Theriot, a disreputable old *Yat*."

"What," I asked Mr. Ford, "is a *Yat*?"

"A *Yat* is an expression that has a peculiar origin. It is used to describe someone in New Orleans, out in the suburbs, not out in the nice suburbs, but in the not-so-nice suburbs. They have Creole in them but they are basically white. I guess I have misspoken myself. They are probably Creole so far back in their lineage that it does not really count. They are the white, lower-middle class.

'*Yat*' comes from the expression, 'Where y'at.' "

"So, the lawyer father is kind of insulting the guide, when he calls him '*Yat*'?"

"Well, not exactly. It's a little bit like 'coon ass.' It's not like 'nigger,' because blacks can call each other 'nigger' — whites can't do that. But '*yat*,' I think everybody can use '*yat*' and understand that it's kind of derogatory, kind of like 'mick' or 'guinea.' All of those derogations have different gravities. Not all of them are so loaded. 'Mick' is not so loaded. 'Guinea' is probably a little more loaded. But, '*yat*,' it's funny, nobody at *The New Yorker* [where this story initially ran] wanted me to change that, which would have been typical of *The New Yorker* to want me to change that. But they wanted me to keep it."

"How come you didn't explain the term somewhere in the story?"

"I guess because I have read so many stories in my life which contained so many curious expressions that nobody bothered to explain. So I just thought to myself, 'Oh, the context will carry it.' You know in Continental literature there are so many references that are unexplained, and particularly in Joyce, even in *The Dubliners*, there are references that go unexplained. It adds a little element of the mysterious."

"It is a very mysterious story, too," I said, "with so much going on even in the title, with 'Calling' being the calling of the ducks and the calling that is vocation."

"And also quite literally, being called by your father. The whole notion of calling comes up again in the story, 'Puppy.' "

In "Puppy" someone deposits a puppy in the garden of a childless married couple in New Orleans. The plot involves both the husband and wife each trying in his and her own way to get rid of the puppy. " 'Puppy,' " I said, "is so disturbing."

"It is, isn't it? I think it is one of the real sleepers in the book. It is kind of a mild-seeming story that is not mild at all. It is the last of these stories that I wrote."

One of the satisfactions of Mr. Ford's stories is that their nar-

rators show such voracious interest in the exterior world, and these narrators are so knowledgeable about what I think of as "worldly matters" — real estate, automobiles, pay phones, lawn care, house paint. "So many of the stories," I said, "have characters who are lawyers." (Mr. Ford, in "Calling," writes that "the law is a calling which teaches you that most of life is about adjustments, the seatings and reseatings we perform to accommodate events occurring outside our control and over which we might not have sought control in the first place.")

Ford, who has said that, had he not discovered that he suffered from a mild dyslexia, he might have gone ahead and become a lawyer, explained his use of lawyers as narrators. "I went to law school. I've been harboring my legal training. Lawyers for me are interesting characters. Because, in a tactical way, they allow me to think through characters in a way that doesn't stretch the credulity of the reader. Lawyers can be as articulate as I can be."

"And not," I said, "be college professors."

"Yeah. That's not for me. I don't want to write stories with college professors. No."

"A lawyer as a character," I said, "can do so much more than can a college professor. A lawyer can go out in a larger world than a college professor is likely to. Also," I laughed, "a lawyer can also become a judge."

"That's really right. Also, you can be a lawyer and be gay and sit in a duck blind [as in 'Calling']. It doesn't quite stretch the credibility."

One of the pleasures of interviewing authors is that when you run across a page where you feel mystified by an argument or

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SPORTS

Take Me Out to Spring Training, the San Diego Padres have spring training games most every day March 14-21 in Arizona. For additional details, dial 619-280-INFO. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130) Mondays through Fridays and on KOGO on Saturdays and Sundays.

Gulls Ice Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Colorado Gold Kings on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, at the San Diego Sports Arena. The 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)

Say "Hills and More Hills" and you've summed up the terrain for the Knickerbikers' bicycling adventure

planned on Saturday, March 16. The tough 40-mile ride to Lyons Valley and the Skyline Truck Trail starts at 9 a.m. at the Rancho San Diego Town and Country Shopping Center (Via Rancho San Diego). Bring snacks and expect beautiful scenery. For more information, call 619-286-7511. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Runnin' of the Green, the 22nd annual St. Patrick's Day 10k run and 2- and 4-mile fun run/walks are slated for Saturday, March 16, starting at 7:30 a.m., in Mission Bay Park. For information, call 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

Driving Skill Contests emphasizing the driver's ability and the car's handling characteristics are the sort of competition promised when the Sport Car Club of America (SCCA) Solo II National Tour hits Qualcomm Stadium March 16 and 17. Drivers in these autocross competitions follow courses designated by

traffic cones on low hazard locations (such as a stadium parking lot).

The competition runs begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, and at 8 a.m. on Sunday. Awards will be presented around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. This is the second of seven SCCA National Tour events. For more details and admission fees, call 336-287-1124. (MISSION VALLEY)

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)

Scope Out the La Jolla Sea Caves when Hike Bike Kayak San Diego hosts a guided kayak tour on Sunday, March 17, starting at 9 a.m. The fee is \$55. Call 858-551-9510 to reserve a spot. (LA JOLLA)

Over 3500 Rowers from across the U.S. will gather at Crown Point Shores for the 29th annual San Diego Crew Classic on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7. Competition begins at 7 a.m. both mornings, and there will be entertainment and food for sale. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for those under 12 (but viewing is free from vantage points all around the bay). Call 619-682-3407 for additional information. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

Under the Big Top, Circus Vargas hits the county for performances at a

variety of locations through Sunday, April 10. Find the circus next to Breeze Hill Park (at Melrose Drive and Breeze Hill Road) from Thursday through Sunday, March 14-17. Then the circus is off to Plaza Bonita for performances March 19-24.

You're invited to visit each site at 11:30 a.m. on opening day to watch the raising of the big top, take a sneak look at the petting zoo, go on a behind-the-scenes tour, and experience a "clown encounter." For showtimes and tickets, call 619-297-0350. (VISTA, NATIONAL CITY)

Get to Know Irish Beers when Whole Foods Market hosts a sampling event with a variety of beers and cheeses from the Emerald Isle today, Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. Find the store at 711 University Avenue. The fee is \$10. To register, call 619-294-2800. (HILLCREST)

Meet "Beers of the British Isles" when "beer specialists" Morgan Mc-

Creary and William Curtis examine the differences between British, Irish, and Scottish beers and the various attributes of lagers, bitters, ales, and stouts. Catch the talk and sampling 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 15, at Whole Foods Market (8825 Villa La Jolla Drive). You must be 21 to partake. 858-642-6700. The fee is \$10. (LA JOLLA)

"Individual Freedom" by Simmel is the topic when the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers on Friday, March 15, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Ranunculus Rainbows Return, the 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming at the Flower Fields beginning on Friday, March 15. Visitors may stroll on pathways through the fields from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5 general, with dis-

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action, you can ask the author himself to help you out. In “Calling” the Yat guide takes the young boy and his gay lawyer father to the duck blind in his outboard motorboat. The lawyer father, the night previous, attended a party and still is in “his tuxedo with a pink shirt, a bright-red bow tie and a pink carnation.” The guide heads the boat out into “the dark marshy terrain that is the Grand Lake and is in Plaquemines Parish and seems the very end of the earth” to the duck blind. The lawyer father is drunk out of his mind, still at dawn swigging out of

his pint and unsteady on his feet (which are shod in black-and-white spectator shoes). The boat putt-putts to the duck blind and the next thing that I, the reader, knew, the lawyer father and the boy and the Yat guide were in the duck blind. I went back over the page and one half that led from the trio’s entering the boat until their arrival in the duck blind. How did they get into the blind? How did the drunken father make it out of the boat into the blind? So, I asked Mr. Ford about this. “What,” I wondered, “did I miss?”

Mr. Ford excused himself while he searched for his copy of *A Multitude of Sins*. He returned to the telephone and read aloud the paragraphs I’d asked about. (He reads well, so well that he can be heard reading these stories in unabridged form on tape.) He saw what I meant, that there was not a sentence or two that got the two men and the boy out of the boat and into the duck blind. “It’s not explicit there,” he said, adding, “and, I can’t make it any more explicit. I should have said, perhaps, that ‘with some difficulty he got out of the boat, and clambered into the blind.’ But, really, that’s an editor’s job. For me, what causes me not to write

about that is that it is cumbersome. It makes me not want to write it. My working ethic is that if I am going to write something like that, then it is going to have to have an outcome that goes beyond just what it does, that would go beyond getting them from the boat to the duck blind.”

“‘Calling,’” Mr. Ford said, “was my first story I’ve written set in the South in 25 years.”

“The possibilities for natural description,” I said, “are so terrific in fiction set in the South.”

Mr. Ford said those possibilities attract him but that he would be concerned that no matter how distinctive the novel he might write, if set in the South, it would still fall within the genre of the Southern novel. “And,” he added, “therefore, the readership would be limited.”

As to “place” in stories, I mentioned that the stories were placed in a variety of cities — St. Louis, Chicago, Montreal, New Orleans, New York. I wondered if he gathered details on some of these cities while on book tours. He didn’t, he said, and reminded me that he had lived in all these places.

We talked, then, about how the changes in the lives of American women have also changed American fiction. “Before women went out to work,” I said, “men and women in short stories and novels tended to meet at cocktail parties.”

Mr. Ford laughed. “In those stories of Cheever’s.”

“And,” I said, “in early Updike they met at parties and the adulterous men sneaked over to the women’s houses in midafternoon.”

The women in Mr. Ford’s last volume, *Women Without Men*, and in this collection, for the most part, are women with jobs. Their being out in the world, I suggested, makes for a different kind of story about men and women than does the story where men work and women stay home.

Mr. Ford said that he thought that was true. He said that he felt his women were strong characters and that he had been criticized, unfairly, by some women for his women characters. “I have

been seen as unsympathetic to women.” Mr. Ford went on to say that he has been surrounded all his life by strong women and he had all his life admired those women — his wife, his mother, his grandmother — and that he saw himself as in no way unsympathetic to women, either in the flesh or in fiction.

I have always been fond of Mr. Ford’s story “Great Falls,” which is collected in *Rock Springs*. Like “Calling,” “Great Falls” is a coming-of-age story, although “Great Falls” is told by an adolescent boy and “Calling” is recollected by a man in his 40s. For readers who’ve never read “Great Falls” or who have not read it in many years, I suggest going back to it. Or, listen to Mr. Ford read “Great Falls” on tape. (A Toronto journalist wrote that “Ford’s...voice...ought to be registered with the FDA. It works on the listener like a narcotic.”) I mentioned to Mr. Ford how much I liked both of these stories and that in both stories, I found the endings very striking. “In ‘Great Falls,’” I said, “you know at the story’s end that the boy will come around in 20 years or so and understand, deeply, what has happened to him, but here, in the final paragraphs of ‘Calling,’ you get to read this grown man sum up his past.”

The memory of what turns out to be a disastrous morning at the duck blind, “Calling”’s now mature narrator says, “was not erased. Yet because I can tell this now, I believe that I have gone beyond it, and on to a life better than one might’ve imagined for me. Of course I think of life — mine — as being part of their aftermath, part of the residue of all they risked and squandered and ignored. Such a sense of life’s connectedness can certainly occur, and conceivably it occurs in some places more than in others. But it is survivable. I am the proof, inasmuch as since that time, I have never imagined my life in any way other than as it is.”

“What you have there, in ‘Calling,’” Mr. Ford said, “what you are seeing there, is that in time his sympathy increases, that there is a widening sympathy. It is this widening sympathy that we all hope to gain.”

— Judith Moore

counts for seniors and children; season passes are \$10. Find the fields by taking the Palomar Airport Road exit from I-5, head east for two blocks, and turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. For information, call 760-930-9123. View the flowers through Sunday, May 12. (CARLSBAD)

Tee Time, the Golf Fest 2002 runs March 15-17 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. It’s a consumer golf show showcasing “all that the golf industry has to offer” from over 125 vendors

and “interactive” activities for the family including clinics, golf hitting cages, hole-in-one contests, virtual gaming, and a children’s area.

Fest hours are noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, free for those under 12. Call 858-586-1202 for information. (DEL MAR)

Orchid Lovers, Unite! Thousands of spectacular orchids for show and sale will be featured during the San Diego

County Orchid Society’s 56th annual show, running March 15-17, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). There will be orchid-cultivation classes, mass displays and single-plant flower exhibits, and competition for amateur and professional growers.

Show hours are 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$5, free for those under

12. For more information, dial 619-660-9810. (MISSION VALLEY)

Artists and Craftspeople gather to offer their wares during the Spring Harvest Festival taking place March 15-17 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Look for clothing, crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, and *objets d’art*. There will be entertainment and demonstrations.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tick-

ets are \$7 general, with discounts for seniors and children, good for all three days. Questions? Call 800-321-1213 for answers. (DEL MAR)

Heisenberg’s Physics and Philosophy is the subject for the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Paradin’ of the Green, the 22nd annual St. Patrick’s Day parade hosted by the Irish Congress of Southern California is slated for Saturday, March 16. The parade — boasting 130 floats and entries including marching bands, Irish step dancers, Irish bands, and more — steps off at 11 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Juniper, proceeds up Fifth Avenue across Upas, and heads back down Sixth Avenue to Laurel.

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“Yume No” (“Illusion of Paradise”) is the theme for the 34th annual Ikebana International Japanese flower arrangement and cultural exhibition. This year’s show may be viewed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. There will be demonstrations by representatives from different schools each day (at 1, 2, and 3 p.m.) and a Japanese cultural exhibition (in room 102) on Sunday. For information, call 619-223-8879. Admission is free. (BALBOA PARK)

Set Sail on the Schooner *Spike Africa* during the "Marine Mammal Sailing Adventure" planned on Saturday, March 16, by the Maritime Museum. The cruise to the Coronado Islands runs from noon to 4:30 p.m. with a trained naturalist on board to point out seals and sea lions, dolphins, whales, and other marine life. The \$78 fee includes lunch. For reservations, call 619-234-9153 x126. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

Barracudas, Prowlers, and Vipers, Oh My! Yes, MOPARS (that is, automobiles made by the Chrysler Corporation) star for the San Diego Stadium Auto Swap on Sunday, March 17, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. A large assortment of street rods, mini-trucks, trucks, antique, classic, and specialty vehicles are expected as well. View vehicles on display and for sale, along with “acres of parts and accessories.” Admission is \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (MISSION VALLEY)

Listen and Learn, radio station KPBS-FM (89.5) brings San Diego Opera director Ian Campbell to the airwaves for discussions of the art form. He plays selections and generally enlightens every Sunday, including March 17, at 7 p.m. For information, call 619-232-7636. Broadcasts continue through June 30.

You'll See Green when more than 30,000 square feet of artificial turf is used on F Street (between Fifth and Seventh Avenues) for ShamRock 2002 on Sunday, March 17. This St. Patrick's Day celebration runs from 2 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. with live music, Irish dancing, food, and drinks. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. (Find the main entrance at Sixth Avenue and G Street.) For information, dial 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Stamp Collectors Beckoned, the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair is set for Sunday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with many stamp and cover dealers offering their wares. Find it all at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Admission is free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

Bow Wow! The Seventh Annual Ugly Dog Contest (with multiple categories) is slated for Sunday, March 17, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 300 dogs are expected to compete in categories including ugliest dog, cutest dog, best trick, best costume, and others. Tickets are \$5, under 12 free; competing canines are charged \$5 per category. Call 858-755-5913 for information. (DEL MAR)

Wanna Kick the Meat Habit? Great American Meatout events are designed to help with that desire and “explore wholesome, nonviolent, plant-based eating.” Farm Sanctuary founders Gene and Lorri Bauston will be joined by actress Linda Blair for an event with food tasting, information, music, and more planned on Monday, March 18, at 6 p.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors’ center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). The re-

requested donation is \$3, “free for meat-eaters!” (MISSION GORGE)

Great American Meatout events shift to Aztec Center at San Diego State University on Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Devil Doll performs at noon; there will be more food tastings and information. Free. For more information on either event, call 619-583-9522. (SDSU)

Talk About It, the San Diego Mediation Center sponsors "Day of Dialogue" events March 18-22. Parent-teen conflict resolution workshops begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street) and on Wednesday, March 20, at 6 p.m., at the Chula Vista Public Library (389 Orange Avenue). Parents and their children are invited to participate. To make the necessary reservations, call 619-238-2400.

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All events are free. For specific walk-in locations and other details, call 619-238-2400. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

The Touring Postcard Exhibit “Indivisible” is on view 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 grassroots initiatives for positive change across the United States.” Viewing is free. 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

Fishing Season Approaches, so it's time for the 28th Annual Fred Hall Tackle and Boat Show, March 20-24 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expect to see boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors' booths, and seminars. Show hours are 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for adults, free for those under 12. Call 805-389-3339 for more information. (DEL MAR)

A Celebration of Water in Public Spaces, last summer the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California solicited nominations of public artworks celebrating Southern California's special relationship with water, using water as an element, subject, or theme. The artworks comprise fountains, sculptures, and paintings.

The 20 winning "Liquid Art" selections were captured by photographer Tom Bonner. An exhibition of these photos may be viewed at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays through Friday, March 22. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue. For more information, call 800-225-5693/x6485. Viewing is free. (HILLCREST)

Do You Know CPR? Answer the question in the affirmative after CPR Saturday, set for March 23 at the San Diego Sports Arena (3500 Sports Arena Boulevard). Three-hour classes begin every hour, on the hour, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Free. To register (by March 21), call 619-542-7667. (SPORTS ARENA)

What Grows in the Desert? Find out during the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association's Fourth Annual Desert Garden Tour, slated for Sunday, March 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's tour features four distinctive private gardens, from a family farm to a yard filled with giant specimen cacti. Tickets are \$15 general. Call 760-767-3098 to reserve a spot. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT)

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The curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Thursday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

“By Kids for Kids,” the ninth annual multicultural arts festival, continues through March 16 at locations around Carlsbad. The musical revue “The Magical Rainbow,” starring local North County residents, starts at 4 p.m. today, Thursday, March 14, in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are free but required, available at any Carlsbad library children’s reference desk.

The Thornton Irish Dance Academy performs on Friday, March 15, at 9 a.m., as does Capoeiro Besouro Negro at 10 a.m., at the Harding Community Center (3096 Harding Street).

Finally, “The Magical Rainbow” repeats on Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m., at Schulman Auditorium (tickets are free but required). Admission to all events is free. For more information, call 619-434-2920. (CARLSBAD)

Change the Sheets and Head to the Theater when the San Diego Junior Theater presents *Come Back, Amelia Bedelia*. 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)

Here Comes *Peter Cottontail*, the next production for Theatre West Youth Theater. The show, written and directed by Randall Hickman, runs March 15-24 at the Hearth Theater, found at the San Marcos Civic

Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$5 for kids, \$8 general. For reservations, call 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Singer Songwriter Karl Anthony plans a children’s concert on Saturday, March 16, at 4 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway). He’ll be joined by wife Jeanne, who interprets the songs — promoting nonviolence, cultural respect, and healthy lifestyles — in sign language. Free. 619-593-5119. (EL CAJON)

A Peter Rabbit Garden Party is planned on Saturday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). All of the fun will be based on Beatrix Potter’s classic tales; expect crafts, games, and carrot cake. Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

American Sign Language Story Hour is slated for Saturday, March 16, at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). The 10 a.m. story time is for younger children, with a 10:30 a.m. time for older children. Both stories are accompanied by “age-appropriate activities.” 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

“**Pirate Adventures**” fire the imagination when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents a carnival concert on March 16. Christian Youth Theatre and the Montgomery High School Steel Drum Band join the orchestra for musical selections from *Titanic*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Popeye*, sea chanteys, and more.

The performance begins at 4 p.m. in the indoor activity center at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Pre-concert activities start at 3:15 p.m., with an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets for the one-hour program are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. For reservations, call 888-848-7326 x7. (DEL MAR)

Where in the World Will You Find Goblins? The Japanese fairytale *The Long-Nosed Goblin* tells how silly and jealous goblins can be when they desire the things of the world of people. Kids can hear this tale of two nosy goblins during the Momotaro preschool story time on Saturday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m., in the Japanese Friendship Garden. Children under six are free when accompanied by an adult (\$3 general). To make the required reservations, call 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Dinosaur Writing Adventure, head to the San Diego Natural History

Museum when this class for kids in grades three and four is offered on Saturday, March 16, at 9:30 a.m. Participants will explore the life and trials of dinosaurs using creative writing projects. The fee is \$20 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

Forces of Motion are the subject when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts a family science day on Saturday, March 16, from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will “make a free science experiment” to take home. The event is included in regular center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

You May Wear Green but You’ll See Red! Yes, Clifford the Big Red Dog will be on hand at White Rabbit Bookstore for story time fun on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3518. For children three and older. Free. (LA JOLLA)

How Smart Is an Octopus? Many consider the octopus to be one of the ocean’s most intelligent creatures; this animal without a backbone has shown an amazing ability to learn to do complex tasks. Kids four through kindergarten are invited to “An Octopus Is Amazing” on Sunday, March 17, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum. The fee is \$20. Find the aquarium at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Teens Tell Tales, teenagers from Escondido Union High School read and tell folk and fairy tales, pose riddles, sing songs, wax poetic, and revel in good books during book programs for kids (in kindergarten and older) planned at 3:30 p.m. every Monday through the end of May at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. For information, dial 760-839-4837. (ESCONDIDO)

Who Is Chet Gecko? Find out when author Bruce Hale visits White Rabbit Children’s Books to discuss his Chet Gecko Mystery Series — with titles including *The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse* and *Farewell, My Lunchbag* — on Tuesday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m. Hale will make a brief presentation before answering questions and signing books.

Find the Rabbit at 7755 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-3518. This is most appropriate for those 8 to 12 years old. (LA JOLLA)

“**Laughing Tomatoes** and Other Spring Poems” is a book of bilingual poetry for children by poet Francisco

Alarcón, who reads from his work on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 760-795-6812. (CARLSBAD)

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)

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)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an “Industrial Product Collection,” with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with “some classics and a concept car.”

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. For more information, call 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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. (SANTÉE)

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 Tuesday, June 4.

Ongoing exhibitions include “Technovation,” “About Faces,” and “Skyscapes II.” 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.

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 Acapulco to Manila, then made the hazardous return trip laden with treasures from Asia. “Treasures of the Manila Galleons” focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discovered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliest-

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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 permanent exhibits documenting the history 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 military. 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 Embarcadero 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 exhibit "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 cyborgs (part human, part machine)." The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution.

Fetishes are carved objects representing 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 viewing through June, celebrates contemporary fetish carving. Expect to learn about fetish history, symbolism, process, and materials.

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

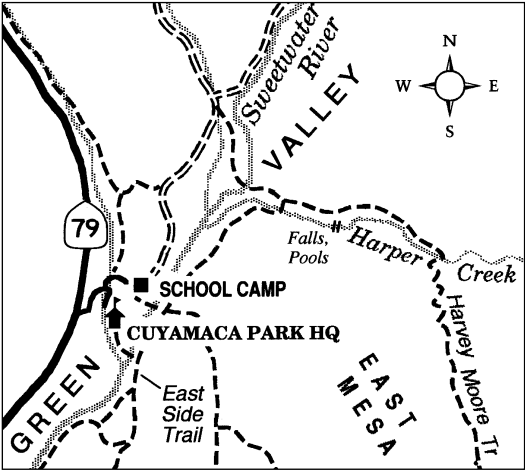
On a bud-bursting spring day, Harper Creek's shallow, jewel-like pools invite tactile exploration — with more than just the fingers. Slide into one of the pools this month (assuming we get a decent amount of rain), and let the shock of cold water give rise to a yelp or a scream. Later in the season the water warms up quickly and becomes clogged with algae. By summer, in an average year, you will find only dry, sun-blasted slabs of water-polished rock here.

Harper Creek lies in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, not far from the Indian Museum

and park headquarters, eight miles north of Descanso on Highway 79. You can park for up to two hours next to the park office and museum or for a longer time in several turnouts along Highway 79.

From the office and museum, walk east around the buildings of Camp Cuyamaca (school camp), descend to the sandy bank of the Sweetwater River, cross the sluggishly flowing river, and climb up to East Side Trail on the far side. Follow East Side Trail northeast across a grassy meadow. After about three-quarters of a mile, the trail turns briefly east and then crosses the Harper Creek. At this crossing, leave the trail and follow a side path along the left bank of the creek. The trail soon peters out — but you can continue, with caution, by treading the rocky lower slopes of the narrowing canyon ahead.

The stream water flows over bedrock slabs, often streaked with mineral deposits, and collects in small pools, two or more feet deep, fed by mini-waterfalls. A gray-green mantle of lichens clings to the exposed rock above the creek. High on the slopes to either side



Cascade, Harper Creek

are belts of chaparral, chiefly mountain mahogany, punctuated by the erect stalks of blooming yuccas. The best pools for immersion are about 0.1 mile up from the point where you leave East Side Trail; but the creek remains interesting looking for another 0.2 mile up-canyon.

For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the

pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric locomotives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, 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 adventures through San Diego's backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart

every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road.

For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California 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 landscaped grounds with a formal English 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-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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The composer has put down anything that has come into his head.

The La Jolla Chamber Music Society continued its "Celebrity Series" with a visit by the WDR Symphony of Cologne to the Civic Theatre. This is a radio orchestra (WDR means "West German Radio") that also gives concerts in the Cologne concert hall. Like virtually every orchestra in Germany, it is utterly professional and highly competent. I'm not convinced, however, that it belongs in the company of the other major orchestras that have taken part in the "Celebrity Series" this season: the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, and the St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) Philharmonic. Does every musical organization deserve an international tour these days?

The program offered something new, something old, and something feeble. The feeble work was Felix Mendelssohn's Two-Piano Concerto, composed at the age of 14. It's wonderful to be able to compose any concerto at 14, and this one is skillful. But its ideas and their treatment are banal. I do not perceive a single moment in the concerto to intimate that within a couple of years Mendelssohn would create such dazzling masterpieces as the Octet and the Overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. (It's a good thing I wasn't there at the concerto's debut. I would have said, "You have no future in music, Felix. Why don't you take up accounting?") The work's only interest, so far as I can tell, is historical: an item from a great composer's *juvenilia*. Its chief purpose at the Civic Theatre concert seemed to be to provide a vehicle for the soloists, duo-pianists Katia and Marielle Labèque.

The Labèque sisters are way up at the top of the list of distinguished two-piano teams, both in the present and in the past. I always enjoy listening to them: the brilliance of their technique, the perfection of their ensemble work, and the delightful way in which their individual personalities emerge. There is never anything slick or mechanical about their collaboration: they always seem to be discovering the music for the first

time, with breathless excitement. But even they could not do much for the Mendelssohn. Let's admit that double-piano concertos are few and far between, and that if the Labèques are to appear with an orchestra at all, they don't have much choice of repertoire. There are three concertos by J.S. Bach (actually for harpsichord), one by Mozart, one by Poulenc — and that's pretty much it, for first-rate music. It was the Poulenc Concerto that had been originally announced for the program, but somewhere along the way that exquisite work was replaced by Mendelssohn's schoolboy exercise. Too bad. (There is, of course, a large body of excellent music for four-hands solo, but that requires a different kind of concert.)

The other two pieces on the program, surrounding the Mendelssohn like ill-matched bookends, were the orchestral extravaganza *Feria* by the contemporary Finnish composer Magnus Lindberg, and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Can there really have been an intense worldwide longing to hear a performance of Beethoven's Fifth by the WDR Symphony of Cologne under conductor Semyon Bychkov? On the other hand, it was useful to encounter something by the much touted Lindberg in a live concert, and especially when played with the precision and commitment demonstrated by Bychkov and his Cologne orchestra. What was most intriguing about the juxtaposition of these two utterly dissimilar orchestral works was the evidence it gave of how radically the aesthetics of music have changed in recent times.

Beethoven's Fifth is organized according to a tight logic and a dramatic scenario. The scenario is not explicitly programmatic, but every listener recognizes it and responds to it. A prolonged struggle takes place between two states of being: first tragedy, fate, violence, the inevitable (take your pick, or supply your own rough appellations), then serenity, affirmation, triumph (or however you want to denote it). These words don't count, but the experience that gives rise to

them is undeniable. The music makes a statement about the human spirit; it offers a picture of heroism overcoming all obstacles; it tells us how our species can and ought to live.

The stages of this drama are paralleled with a powerful, lucid musical architecture. The formal structure (along with its emotional and ideological content) is held together by relentless repetitions and transformations of motifs. The dot-dot-dot-dash rhythm of the opening movement reappears vividly in the third movement and returns in the *finale* as well, where it also gradually reveals itself in a new form. The triumphant ascending major triad proclaimed by the trombones at the beginning of that final movement has already been anticipated at the end of the theme in the lyrical second movement. The mysterious, questing, swelling transition from the third movement to the *finale*, stunning in its drama, works its way bit by bit toward the utter simplicity, firmness, and brassiness of that grand C-Major motif. Structure and meaning are clear to any listener, and the vision of life embodied in the music is inspiring and irresistible.

Magnus Lindberg's large-scale orchestral works, in contrast, proceed in an arbitrary, intuitive way that usually makes one feel the composer has put down anything that has come into his head. His focus is on orchestral color, at which he is a master of aural spectacle. In this respect, he resembles — for example — Debussy, Stravinsky, and Respighi, except that those composers used the subtleties and multiplicities of their orchestral effects to convey pictures, characters, events, stories, meanings. Lindberg's *Feria*, on the Cologne Orchestra's program, is *Iberia* without Spain, *Petrushka* (which its sounds so frequently resemble) without the pathetic marionette, *Pines of Rome* without trees, children, monks, nightingale, or any living thing. If there is a vision of life in it, or any meaningful relationship to human experience and destiny, I challenge any listener to detect it.

Lindberg's friend, the exceptional English composer and conductor Oliver Knussen, has professed himself an admirer of Lindberg's "goal-directed" architecture. What I myself hear — in the 17-minute *Feria*, in the massive "symphony" titled *Aura*, and in other works like *Arena* and

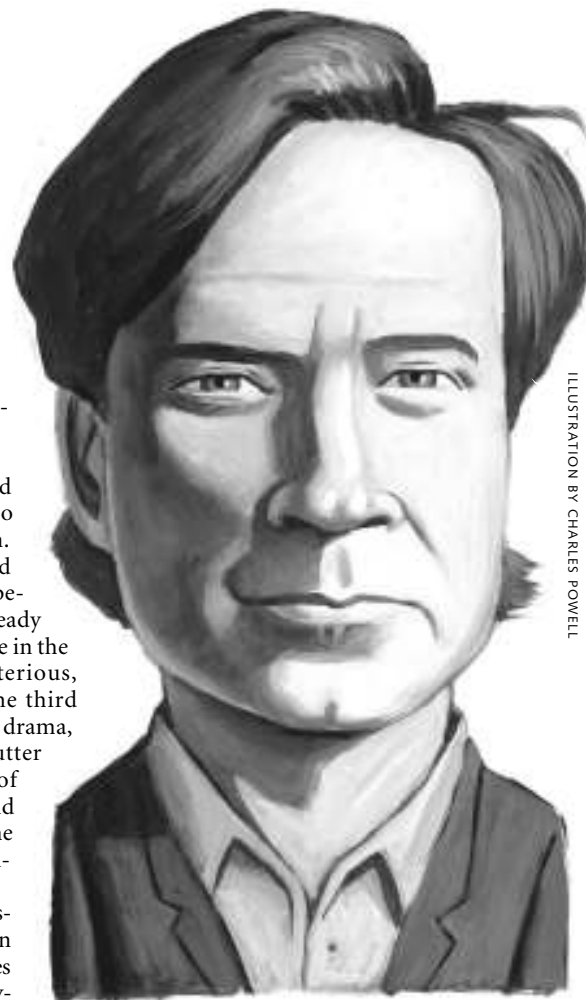


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Magnus Lindberg

The WDR Symphony of Cologne; Semyon Bychkov, conductor; Katia and Marielle Labèque, pianists
Civic Theatre (La Jolla Chamber Music Society)
Lindberg, Feria; Mendelssohn, Concerto in E for Two Pianos and Orchestra; Beethoven, Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Opus 67

Engine — is a more-or-less random succession of colorful, amorphous, sensually attractive episodes, with little discernible connection among them, leading nowhere, and saying nothing. I am reminded of abstract-expressionist painting, but without a frame: imagine a Pollock or a Rothko that just goes on and on and on. Lush and exciting at any given moment, this music is basically no more than a series of fragments, with only occasionally an earlier motif being briefly and futilely echoed.

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sical genre? How about movie music? Think of how rich and affecting movie scores can be as background to the visual and dramatic action of a film; but also think of how unsatisfying most such scores are when you hear them independently of the movie. Much of the pleasure of listening to movie music on its own comes from the memories the music evokes of the movie (and I include here the movie scores of — among others — Korngold, Herrmann, Rosza, and Rota, all of whom are far more imaginative composers than Lindberg). The fundamental trouble with Lindberg's *Feria* is that THERE IS NO MOVIE.

So, as I lolled in the Civic Theatre trying to keep my mind on the job, I set my own movie-goer's imagination to work and supplied a scenario. The Spanish-festival associations supposedly referred to by the title didn't work at all. Instead...a cruise ship is speeding on choppy seas. It's the *Love Boat* — you can hear the sounds of trumpets in the lounge. But all at once a terrifying tentacled creature with vast impersonal eyes emerges from the ocean. The Kraken! A fierce battle takes place between the helpless ship and the primitive monster. The Kraken wins! The *Love Boat* splits down the middle! It is engulfed by the waves...we are under water now...bubbles percolate from the sinking wreck...fish scurry through the staterooms...the

dead, bloated face of Leonardo di Caprio floats by...his last sluggish thought, as his brain cells disintegrate, is of the abandoned Ariadne's lament, "*Lasciatemi morire*," for Magnus Lindberg, in his undisciplined mental meandering, has unaccountably quoted from Monteverdi....

The great shroud of the sea rolls on, featureless, brooding, as it has since the dawn of time. All life is extinguished. The continents are no more. The barren earth drifts through eternal space. But wait! Deep down beneath the ocean floor there is a stirring. It is a space capsule from the Zarg nebula that has been embedded in Planet Earth's mantle for four billion years, because of a navigational error. The turbulence of the *Love Boat* disaster has awakened the capsule's somnolent systems. It heaves and groans, breaks through the crust, storms ineluctably upward through the dense waters, crashes through the sea surface full of clouds — and as it does, its matter-antimatter engine implodes — the whole universe is annihilated at the speed of light — nothing is left of Spain, Finland, Beethoven, Stravinsky, human-centered art, or Western civilization — everything everywhere is forever converted into Ice-Nine — and the audience bursts into numbed applause!

That's our opinion (as the TV station manager says on the local news editorial), what's yours? ■

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Catch a Classical Rising Star, pianist Lang Lang appears in recital performing Schubert's "Fantasy in C Major (Wanderer Fantasy)" and "Paganini Etudes" by Liszt today, Thursday, March 14, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The program also includes Haydn's "Sonata in E," Mendelssohn's "Fantasies or Caprices," and Chopin's "Waltz in A-Flat Major No. 1" and "Nocturne in D-Flat Major No. 2."

Tickets are \$30. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for and reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Selections by Mendelssohn, Shostakovich, and Kingman are on the program when the Jalina Piano Trio performs today, Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Tickets are \$12. For details, call 619-697-6001. (SAN CARLOS)

"Ricercare: A Search for the Voice of the Violoncello" is the theme when William Skeen performs J.S.

Bach's "Suite in E-Flat for Solo Cello" and "Two Fantasies" by D. Gabrieli. The concert is slated for today, Thursday, March 14, in the French Parlor of Founders Hall at the University of San Diego.

A pre-concert lecture starts at 11:30 a.m., with the concert starting at 12:15 p.m. Find the campus at USD is found at 5998 Alcalá Park; 619-260-2280. Free. (LINDA VISTA)

Works by Nielsen, Grieg, Puccini, Alfvén, Mozart, Hanssen, Leemans, and Sibelius may be heard when the wind ensemble class led by Robert Zelickman presents a concert today, Thursday, March 14. The recital starts at 8 p.m. in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Call 858-534-4830 for details. Tickets are \$5 general. (LA JOLLA)

Compositions by Mozart and Brahms are promised when the Cavanini String Quartet presents a concert on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$20. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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 concerts continue on Friday, March 15, with an all-percussion program by red fish blue fish devoted to works by Iannis Xenakis, including "Rebonds," "Psappha," "Persephassa," and "Okho."

On Saturday, expect the San Diego debut of the Talujon Percussion Quartet. The ensemble will perform John Cage works including "Third Construction," "Cartridge Music," "Music for Four," and "Composed Improvisations."

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are

\$15. For reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

The Pipe Organ Concert Series at the First Church of Christ Scientist continues with a concert by organist Suzanne Shick on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Shick is the organist at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church. Take in the concert at 8262 Allison Avenue (at Palm). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

Play Gamba or Recorder? Bring your own instrument and music stand (and any other equipment you require) when the San Diego Recorder Society hosts its annual workshop on March 15 and 16. "High Baroque: Trio Sonatas" pro-

vide the focus this year, with selections by Telemann, Quantz, Vivaldi, Corelli, and Marais. Conductors Janet Beazley and Jay Easton will explore the differences in national style of the high baroque. Recorder, harpsichord/keyboard, and gamba/cello players are welcome.

Events begin with an introduction on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center (1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, two miles east of I-15). Saturday's activities run 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Bible Church (8742 Lemon Avenue). The fee is \$35 for nonmembers. For information, call 619-466-6058 or 760-726-8699. (TIERRASANTA, LA MESA)

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“Pirate Adventures” fire the imagination when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents a carnival concert on March 16. Christian Youth Theatre and the Montgomery High School Steel Drum Band join the orchestra for musical selections from *Titanic*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Popeye*, sea chanteys, and more.

The performance begins at 4 p.m. in the indoor activity center at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Pre-concert activities start at 3:15 p.m., with an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets for the one-hour program are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. For reservations, call 888-848-7326 x7. (DEL MAR)

An “Irish Inspiration Concert” is planned by the Palomar Chorale on March 16 and 17 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College. The group salutes St. Patrick’s Day with “The Wearing of the Green,” “Londonderry Aire,” and other Irish folk songs. Violist Karen Elaine Bakunin joins the chorale for “Flos Campi” by Ralph Vaughan Williams and the “Ballad of Lady Barnard and Little Muskgrave” by Benjamin Britten.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. For reservations, dial 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Music from Poland and Russia is promised when the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus performs on March 16 and 17. Polish guest conductor Marcin Nalecz-Niesiolowski leads the symphony in Karlow’s “Lithuanian Rhapsody,” “Stabat

Mater” by Szymanowski, and the rousing “First Symphony” by Shostakovich.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday in UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Pre-concert lectures begin one hour prior to each performance. Tickets: \$19 general. For reservations, dial 858-534-4467. (LA JOLLA)

A Full English Renaissance program may be enjoyed when Pacific Camerata performs on Saturday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrews By-the-Sea. The program includes John Taverner’s haunting “Dum Transsiset Sabbatum,” motets and madrigals by Thomas Morley, William Byrd, Michael East, John Ward, and others. Admission is \$10 general. Find the church at 1050 Thomas Avenue. Call 619-527-4457 for information. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces, the series continues when the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents concerts on March 16 and 17. What’s on tap? Listen for Górecki’s “Symphony No. 3” with soprano Mary Jaeb, Elgar’s “Sospiri,” and “Agnus Dei” from Verdi’s “Requiem.”

Head to Holy Trinity Catholic Church (405 Ballard Street) for the concert on Saturday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., with the group performing on Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene (1945 Illion Street). Offerings will be received. For more information, call 619-445-5284. (EL CAJON, MORENA)

Vocal Students of Carol Plantamura plan a recital on Saturday, March 16, at 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Admission is free. Dial 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

A Celtic Celebration is promised when the Grossmont Symphony Or-

chestra performs on Sunday, March 17. Irish and Scottish selections include Charles Villier Stanford’s “Irish Rhapsody No. 1,” “An Orkney Wedding with Surprise” by Peter Maxwell Davies, Celtic choral songs by Michael McGlynn, “Riverdance” by Bill Whelan, and traditional Irish songs arranged by Larry Groupé. The orchestra will be joined by Brian Baynes and his Irish Band.

The music begins at 7 p.m. at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$11 general. For reservations and information, call 619-644-7254 or 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Opera Moves, “I Love Opera” takes place on Sunday, March 17, at 7 p.m., hosted by the Small Opera of San Diego. Singers of all ages perform opera arias, art songs, and light opera favorites (a professional accompanist is provided). The suggested donation is \$5. The group now convenes at 3554 Kettner Boulevard. For an audition appointment and information, call 619-725-0777. (MIDDLETOWN)

“Bach’s Circle,” this Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society concert promises performances by Allan Vogel (oboe), Janice Tipton (flute), Elizabeth Baker (violin), Julie Feves (bassoon), Patricia Mabee (harpsichord), and Erika Duke-Kirkpatrick (cello). The ensemble will perform the “Sonata in B-Flat Major” by Fasch, Telemann’s “Quartet in D Minor,” “Concert III in A Major” by Rameau, two selections from “The Art of the Fugue” by J.S. Bach, and Vivaldi’s “Concerto in F Major.”

Tickets are \$20 general. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). For reservations, call 760-744-7516. (ENCINITAS)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Dial 619-702-8138 for details. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Music Inspired by the Dance” may be enjoyed when pianist Scott Pratt performs for the “Pleasure of Your Company” music series on Sunday, March 17. The program includes selections by Chopin, J.S. Bach, Scott Joplin, George Gershwin, and W. Bolcom. Events begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Scripps Ranch Public Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). 858-538-8158. Free. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

The busy Scott Pratt, along with others, will also present the program when he performs on Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5164. (CHULA VISTA)

An Art Song Recital is planned by soprano Martha Renner on Monday, March 18, for a mini-concert at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). For information, call 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

A “Spring Choral Festival” is planned when the San Diego Master Chorale joins the San Diego Chamber Orchestra for concerts March 18-24. Guests will hear “Antiphonal Canzoni and Fanfares” by Gabrieli, Isaac, and Diaz; Tchesnokov’s “Al-leluia,” Rutter’s “Gloria,” the “Russian Easter Festival Overture” by Rimsky-Korsakov, and Beethoven’s “Choral Fantasy.”

The program is offered on Monday, March 18, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street); on Tuesday, March 19, at the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road); on Friday, March 22, at St. Joseph’s Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue); and on

Sunday, March 24, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard).

For ticket information for all performances, call 1-888-848-7326. (LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE, DOWNTOWN, ESCONDIDO)

Guest Artists Allen Vogel (oboe) and Brian Pezzoni (piano) present a concert at noon on Wednesday, March 20, in Smith Recital Hall. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

Listen to the Art, Jacquelyne Silver will perform musical interpretations at the piano during a slide-illustrated program entitled “Both Sides of the Border” on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. This “cross-cultural program” highlights works from the current “José Clemente Orozco in the United States” and the museum’s own American collection. Tickets are \$15 general. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

A Festival of Early Music is being offered at the University of San Diego April 4-7. This year’s event highlights the “Instrumental Sound of the Baroque — Exuberance and Splendor.” The festival gets underway on

April 4 when Les Hoboïstes de Prusse present “Blast from the Past: Music at the Fountain” at 12:15 p.m. in Coachis Plaza (in front of the Immaculata Church). Listen for “an outdoor concert of baroque civic music for three baroque oboes, bassoon, and two horns.” Free.

Explore “The World of Baroque” during an interdisciplinary symposium “examining the European 18th Century and considering baroque music in its historical and cultural context” slated for Friday, April 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall. Marianne Pfau moderates this event, when each panelist (including Georg Corall, Nikolaus M. Broda, Britta Hinrichs, Carolyn Beck, and John Thiessen) presents a short talk followed by open discussion. Free.

A performance workshop themed “Playing Baroque Chamber Music” is planned on Saturday, April 6, 1 to 3 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall. Georg Corall, director of Les Hoboïstes de Pruss, leads this workshop for individual performers, and prepared ensembles of any Baroque instruments/voice are invited. The event is free and open to observers.

Les Hoboïstes de Prusse present “No Strings Attached” on April 6 at 8 p.m. in Founders Chapel, Founders Hall. Tickets are \$12 general.

The festival wraps up with “Just Strings — Baroque Masterpieces for String Band” when the La Monica early-music ensemble presents Transalpina-German gems for Baroque strings, guitar, and archlute on Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. Admission is \$8 general.

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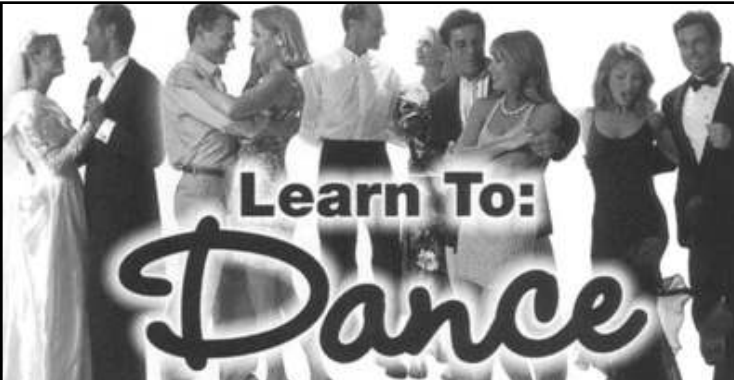
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A direct if knotty historical line runs from 17th-century Rome, where a Jesuit scientist named Athanasius Kircher established a prototype of the modern museum (and who, among other curious accomplishments, claimed to be able to read 12 languages, including Egyptian hieroglyphs), to a nondescript storefront along a bleary strip of Culver City in Los Angeles, the entrance marked by shaggy palm plants and a plaque identifying it as the Museum of Jurassic Technology. It's easy to miss.

The museum, whose declared mission to advance the "knowledge and public appreciation of the Lower Jurassic" (more on this in a minute) is the witty descendent of a kind of private collection in Baroque Europe called a *Wunderkammern*, a cabinet of wonders. The 16th and 17th Centuries hardly distinguished between science, engineering, and philosophy, so museums then housed jars containing assorted animal and human body parts, mechanical devices, taxidermy, drawings, horns of different fauna (including the occasional unicorn), prints, and statuary.

Kircher, an unstoppably inventive composite of scientist, magician, and showman, assembled in the 1630s a private collection he called a *Musaeum*, among its contents a stuffed crocodile, Etruscan bronzes, musical instruments, geodes, ostrich eggs, narwhal horns,

shoes, fossils, and just about anything else his curiosity could accommodate. Kircher's *Musaeum* was a diorama of his mind in all its voracious variety, and, if we take as true the commentary the Museum of Jurassic Technology supplies, its precedent was "The great institution at Alexandria, founded by Ptolemy Philadelphus in the Third Century before Christ (an endeavor supported by a grant

from the treasury)." About the research-grant business, don't ask. And don't remark on the rhyming of the great Ptolemy's name with the city of Philadelphia, where in the 18th Century, the natural historian and painter Charles Wilson Peale — the museum's founder's name happens to be David Wilson — established a natural-history collection that became the model for the modern museum. Mr. Peale, a wall label informs us, believed that a learner "must be led always from familiar objects toward the unfamiliar — guided along, as it were, by a chain of flowers into the mysteries of life." The museum's displayed map of the Jurassic looks suspiciously like a map of Egypt, and it's a blazon for one of its missions: to deposit us in a country of the mind where the familiar and unfamiliar, real flowers and mysteries, are persuasively confounded.

But back to Kircher who, in a lecture on Noah's Ark (the most *complete* museum of natural history ever), calibrated the length of the cubit and

described the structural accommodations necessary to separate clean from unclean animals, large from small, and to manage the disposal of waste. (It sluiced into the Ark's bilge to feed the snakes.) One exhibit is a cutaway view that reveals neatly measured stalls, but if you know nothing about Kircher's notions, the wall label won't help. "The Ark (scale, 1 inch: 12.5 cubits)." That's it.

Sly opacity is the Museum of Jurassic Technology's style. You never know when an explanation will make you feel like Wile E. Coyote led off a cliff by strung-out facts. The label for one exhibit, "THE SIEGE AND BATTLE OF PAVIA, Fig. 74, Cat. No. 262" (the museum has no catalog), which purports to explain the significance of a murky map of some indeterminable place, offers a delirium of information about the events by several long-dead chroniclers, none of whom may have been there, if there was a "there."

The museum doesn't rotate special exhibits much. Most of its wonders remain the same, and in any case it's hard to tell which exhibits stay put and which have been recently (a variable term, as things there go) installed. But whatever it is you see, be assured you're being levitated into a blue heaven of speculative, parodic intelligence where ascertainable facts dance quite happily with spectacular fancies. In the galleries devoted to medical cures, we learn that you could heal a dog bite



Athanasius Kircher

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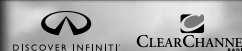
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by wrapping dog hairs around the wound, treat thrush by inserting a duck's or goose's bill into a child's mouth so that the fowl's cold breath could work its healing powers, and eliminate a stammer by eating mouse pies. Any sickness being sickness, it helps to learn that J.F.M. Hoeniger, in his textbook *General Microbiology*, suggests the practice of serving ant eggs to someone afflicted by, and wishing to fall out of, love. Mr. Hoeniger argues in his book — if there is such a book — that the membrane composing the egg sac in ants contains enzymes that, when treated a certain way, have the above-mentioned effect. The wall label expatiates flamboyantly, and quite incomprehensibly, on the chemical reactions involved.

The proprietors of the old *Wunderkammern* grounded their knowledge in the science and legends of their time. There was no gag or irony involved (though Kircher was a famous practical joker). The museum is partly in the sending-up business. It sends up the sacrosanct ambience of modern museums (it's so dimly lit that you get disoriented), the style of mag-



Detail of Kircher's Ark



Megaloponera foetens, stink ant of the Cameroon of West Central Africa

ical science practiced in the late Renaissance, the preening claims of modern science, and the certitude by which we think we can tell fact from pseudo-fact. It even sends up its own ironic style.

Item: The Stink Ant (*Megaloponera foetens*), a floor-dwelling ant living in the rain forest of the Cameroon

in west central Africa capable of emitting a cry audible to the human ear, will sometimes inhale a microscopic fungal spore that grows inside the ant's brain, causing it to become so troubled and confused that it leaves the forest floor for the first time and climbs a tree, where it impales itself on a high branch and waits to die. The spore, however, continues to grow until two weeks later a one-and-a-half-inch "spike" extrudes from the ant's skull, its orange tip loaded with spores, which fall to the forest floor, where other ants inhale them.

Item: *Myotis lucifugus*, a bat known among the Dozo people of the Tripsicum Plateau in South America as the *depong mori*, or piercing devil, which the American ethnographer Bernard Maston described in 1872 as "a small demon which the local savants believe able to penetrate solid objects." In the 1950s, the em-

inent chiroptologist Donald R. Griffith (a misprint, it turned out, for Griffin) "smelled a bat," as he put it, and set out to prove the *depong mori* legend true. He went to South America and succeeded in luring one into a solid block of lead, which it penetrated but, trapped like a fly in amber, could not exit.

In his delectable book *Mr. Wilson's Cabinet of Wonders*, Lawrence Weschler, after performing the kind of skeptical investigative digging the Museum of Jurassic Technology maddeningly encourages, determined that, while both phenomena have the same weight of probable truth, the bat never existed, though the science and scientist involved are at every point credible. The unlikely stink ant *does* exist, or rather there exists an ant bearing many though not all the characteristics of the stinker variety.

The spirit that haunts the museum precincts is the Argentine poet and story writer Jorge Luis Borges, master fabricator of alternate realities constructed out of recognizable fact. The entire museum, so designed as to remind us of the darkened tunnels children construct out of blankets and bedsheets, is a monument to the endless particularity that science, anthropology, and biography pursue and the sometimes rather crazed results that ensue. As I've said, there's no catalog or guide to the Museum of Jurassic Technology. The wall labels inform, exasperate, and mislead. Trust them. They tell you all you need to know. ■

Events that are underlined occur after March 21.

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GALLERIES

Transplanted Mexican Artist

Rubén Ortiz Torres is said to "blur the borders between popular culture and high art, Mexican kitsch and 'finish fetish'" in an exhibit of photographs, sculpture, and video opening with a reception today, Thursday, March 14, 5 to 7 p.m., in the San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery. The show includes "The Adoration of the Magi" and, in collaboration with Eduardo Abarao, "Esoteric Buddha in Secondary Inspection."

Following the reception, Torres will present a lecture at 7 p.m. in the LRC (library) room 435. Free. The exhibit closes on Thursday, April 11. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, and Friday by appointment. 619-388-2829. Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

"Art under Pressure 2002: Prints by San Diego Artists" opens with a reception on Friday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. This is the first exhibition at the library devoted solely to the art of the print, with work by 15 local artists. Printmaking techniques on display include intaglio, woodcuts, monoprints, etchings, and more.

See the show through Saturday, April 20. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street and by calling 858-454-5872. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Wednesday until 8:30 p.m. (LA JOLLA)

"Five Card Draw" gathers work by five artists for a "one-of-a-kind group show" at the 101 Artists' Colony (25 E Street). Participating artists include painters Donna Butnik, Janet Hansen, and Kirk Saber; "Mad Dog Metal" artist Sheri Fox; and jeweler Jane Tipton. Meet the group during a reception slated for Friday, March 15, at 6 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. 760-632-9074. See the show through Thursday, March 28. (ENCINITAS)

"Femininity from a Woman's Point of View" is on offer in an exhibit featuring work by nine women on display through Saturday, March 30, at the Mixed Media Art Gallery. Meet the participants at a reception beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 15. Find the gallery at 4576 Federal Boulevard. For hours and information, dial 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

"Mind Garden 2," a display of contemporary surrealism by Deron Cohen, goes on view at the Playa Gallery with a reception on Friday, March 15, at 6 p.m. Cohen's works of oil on

canvas are said to "convey philosophical and spiritual messages that are common to all societies and people using vibrant color and classical composition." See the show through Friday, April 19, at 2940 Adams Avenue; 619-339-1136. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

You've Got Mail, in a mail art group, four or five artists agree to participate; one artist begins the piece, signs it, and then mails it to another artist, who adds or subtracts something and signs the work, and then mails it on to another artist. The piece eventually returns to the originating artist, who decides if it's finished, modifies it if necessary, and keeps it.

San Diego artist Anna Stoa exhibits around 80 art pieces in her "Mail Art Project," on view through Thursday, April 11, in the Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College. Most of the completed pieces are 5 1/2" by 8 1/2", though some are larger. The collaborating artists, all female, are from San Diego, Massachusetts, New Mexico, and Texas. Meet Stoa and local participants at a reception planned for Saturday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

The gallery is located in the student center; the campus is found at One Barnard Drive. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with additional hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. For more details, dial 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

A "Family of Artists" — including Ken and Stephanie Goldman, Ken Goldman's brother Robert Goldman, Dana Pottish (half-brother of Ken and Robert), and the 92-year-old matriarch of these men, Maxine Goldman — has work gathered for exhibition at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library. Meet the family when a reception is held in their honor on Saturday, March 16, at 6 p.m. The show offers the chance to compare the styles and influences among the artist members of one of the region's most unique and interesting families.

The exhibit concludes on Sunday, April 21. Find the library at 4275 Cass Street. For hours and further information, call 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Mixed Media! Sumner and Dene Creations in Art hosts its sixth annual furnishings showcase along with glass chromatic paintings by Stephen C. Wagner. The show opens with a reception on Saturday, March 16, at 6 p.m., and continues through Sunday, April 7. A wide variety of furniture makers from San Diego County and the U.S. are included in the exhibit.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is found at 2807 University Avenue; 619-688-5969. (NORTH PARK)

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Meet the duo 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday at 855 West Harbor Drive, suite A, and on Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Wyland Gallery located at 1025 Prospect Street, suites 100 and 200. Events are free. For information, call 800-995-2635 or 866-2630. (SEAPORT VILLAGE, LA JOLLA)

The “2002 Student Award Exhibition” with work from the school of art, design, and art history at San Diego State University is on view through Wednesday, March 20, in the Flor y Canto and Everett Gee Jackson Galleries. A reception and awards presentation is planned on Monday, March 18, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The gallery is found in the lobby of the fifth floor of the art department building. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Dial 619-594-6511 for additional details. (SDSU)

“Memory and the Object,” this “cross-media installation” by John Richey and Bekkah Walker opens in UCSD’s Herbert Marcuse Gallery with a reception on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m., and continues through Saturday, March 23. The exhibit includes large- and small-scale installation, photography, digital animation, and sculptural assemblages.

Find the gallery at the Visual Arts Facility on the UCSD campus. Viewing hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information and directions, call 858-822-1615. (LA JOLLA)

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 in-

creasingly intimate relationship with technology.” The exhibition concludes on Sunday, May 5.

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 lo-

cation, "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 building, 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, Mexican, British, and American scholars who have made a special study of 20th-Century Mexican art and of the artistic and cultural relations between the United States and Mexico were brought together in the development of "José Clemente Orozco in the United States, 1927-1934." It's the first major exhibition of Orozco in the U.S. in more than 40 years, featuring over 120 paintings, prints, drawings, watercolors, and preparatory studies for murals.

All of the pieces showcase Orozco's "revolutionary artistic vision." The works in the show demonstrate the significant impact that living in the U.S. had on Orozco's art; he continued to focus on the intellectual and social issues that had long been his central concerns, but he no longer treated them exclusively in terms of Mexican subject matter. The exhibition concludes on Sunday, May 19.

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, Salvator 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.

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Waterbed Merchant

To save Antonio from losing that pound of flesh near his heart, Portia performs legal homeopathy.

Portia's a racist. When the Prince of Morocco chooses the wrong casket, and thus can't marry her, Shakespeare's famous heroine sends the black man out the door with "a gentle riddance.../Let all of his complexion choose me so."

In *The Merchant of Venice*, Italian aristocrats own slaves and regard them as mere commodities, like "asses," "dogs," and "mules." The slave owners would never, as Shylock berates them, let their slaves' "beds be made as soft as yours."

Antonio, the "merchant of Venice," gets hoarse shouting anti-Semitic epithets at Shylock, Tubal, and the Jews of Venice. For Antonio and his clan of like-minded pals, xenophobia's one of the day's joys. In Sam Woodhouse's staging of *The Merchant of Venice*, however, Antonio is also a closet homosexual. Imagine what his butch, fist-thumping, Armani-clad cronies would do with that!

In 1964, Jan Kott wrote *Shakespeare, Our Contemporary*, which argued its title so persuasively that an entire generation assumed that Will walked among us, shared current beliefs and attitudes, and lunched with Samuel Beckett. In 1989, John Elsom edited a collection of essays, *Is Shakespeare Still Our Contemporary?*, which showed that, no, in many ways he isn't, and never was. Among other things, he was anti-Semitic (it isn't just in *Merchant*, it's in many plays, but productions cut those lines). Bardolators say it was the temper of his Renaissance/Jacobean times. Whatever. It's there.

For the San Diego Rep, directing his first Shakespearean play, Woodhouse turns *Merchant* inside out. He's set it in contemporary Venice, where bias, envy, and blind hatred are more rife than gondolas. Class, gender, and racial distinctions are so prevalent; everyone is an "Other" to at least one other person. And most equate economic with human worth, one's bank account being the Standard & Poor's of one's soul. Woodhouse

ups the ante by having a multiracial cast. For example, the gifted Karole Foreman, the finest Portia I've ever seen, is African-American.

Many of the male actors "double" as their characters and as a band of white-masked thugs who harass those not of their ilk, paint red streaks on a six-pointed star, and behave like a hate crime waiting to happen. In a choreographed scene, they surround Shylock with menace. It takes no leap of imagination to convert their white masks to hoods.

Amid this nexus of cultural differences and cross-thatched wants and needs, Ron Campbell's Shylock becomes a social critic. He argues for common humanity ("Hath not a Jew eyes?") and social inclusion but, since the latter involves loss of property and conversion to Christianity, must forego his identity in the process. Shorn of stereotypes, much more victim than villain, this Shylock achieves almost tragic status. Campbell plays him with intense, though at times precious, feeling.

Few in the cast reach Foreman, Campbell, and Douglas Roberts's (as Antonio) level. Several actors are "doing Shakespeare," substituting energy and ornate gestures for verbal precision: like the actor Baruti's thickly stereotyped portrayal of the Prince of Morocco, which could be accused of anti-Moroccanism.

To italicize the play's dissonance, Woodhouse and musical director/composer Jim Mooney have jazz-inflected music occurring throughout: everything from a campy "It's Now or Never," as Bassanio approaches the three metallic caskets, to a glorious "Where Is Fancy Bred?" sung by Foreman and Linda Libby (a terrific comic turn as Portia's friend, Nerissa). From afar, the combination of music and *Merchant* makes little sense, since the play is anything but harmonic. As the evening proceeds, and the guitar-strumming Mooney wanders through scenes like a minstrel, the music binds Woodhouse's

inventive, but at times tenuous, conception together.

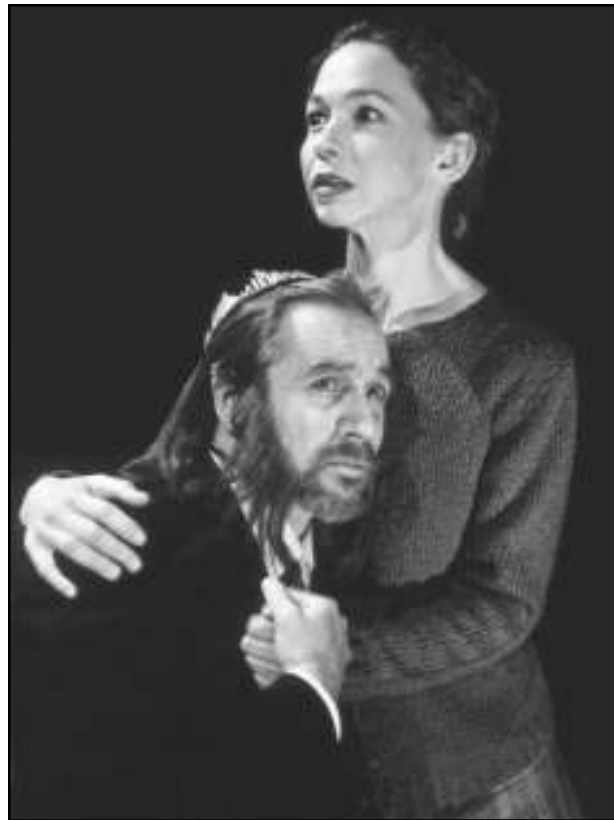
Merchant's like a waterbed. Push down one side and the other rises. Most scholars figure that, even though Shakespeare gave him more depth than the others, and some of his best prose writing, Shylock was played as a melodramatic villain: Queen Elizabeth's physician, Dr. Lopez, was a "converted" Jew wrongly accused of, and hanged for, trying to poison her; Shylock, many claim, is a "comic" version of Lopez.

Having Shylock the central focus, and the opposite of a villain, shines much-needed light on prejudice. It may be the one thing the denizens of Venice and Belmont have in common. At the same time, though, the emphasis warps Shakespeare's comic scenes, which feel forced, even at times gratuitous.

Woodhouse has made *Merchant* more problematic than most of the Bard's "problem plays." And though his stress distorts parts of the text, it also has merit. To save Antonio from losing that pound of flesh near his heart, Portia performs legal homeopathy: she cures Venetian law by pushing beyond its limits. By foregrounding ingrained bias, the Rep's production performs a similar function for religious and racial intolerance.

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Beauty pageants rank among the safest of targets. Robert Longbottom's *Pageant: The Musical Comedy Beauty Contest* tears into the genre with satirical salvos but, at the same time, raises the stakes twice. While his contestants send up the various competitions — talent show, Q&A, swimsuit, etc. — the actors perform in their own beauty contest, "Miss Glamouresse," judged each



Ron Campbell, Kanani Titchen in *The Merchant of Venice*

The Merchant of Venice, by William Shakespeare
San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown
Directed by Sam Woodhouse; cast: Baruti, Douglas Roberts, Karole Foreman, Linda Libby, Ron Campbell, Walter Murray, Douglas Lay, Mikael Salazar, Mark Christopher Lawrence, Fernando Flores Vega, Francis Gercke, George W. Flint, Kanani Titchen, Lance Rogers, Natalie Sentz; scenic design, Robin Sanford Roberts; costumes, Dione Lebhar; lighting, John Martin; sound, Todd M. Reischman
Playing through March 31; Tuesday and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 619-544-1000.

Pageant: The Musical Comedy Beauty Contest, conceived by Robert Longbottom, book and lyrics by Bill Russell and Frank Kelly, music by Albert Evans
North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987D Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach
Directed and choreographed by Russell Garrett; cast: David Brannen, David McBean, Derek Travis Collard, Warren G. Nolan Jr., Jeffrey Merrell, James Vasquez, Don Ward; scenic design, Marty Burnett; costumes, Gregg Barnes; lighting, Karin Filijan; sound, Peter Hashagen
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night by the North Coast Rep's audience. One other thing: men play the six female contestants.

And play them so well you become convinced that, say, Jeffrey Merrell's Miss Texas is a woman playing a man playing a woman (whose hobbies include "working with the beauty-impaired"). After a while you wonder what you are judging: talent (as when David McBean performs triple ventriloquism with two puppets and stops the show cold); likeness to actual contestants; or the ability to satirize the life-threatening, baroque hoopla of pageants.

Or just the ability to sustain tinsel-thin sincerity and smile, nonstop, for 90 minutes (their faces must ache). On the Grand Scale of Seismic Significance, *Forever Plaid* probably stands closer to *Hamlet* than *Pageant*. The latter's a one-note show, but a game cast — decked out in wigs and an almost endless array of classy/chintzy costumes — sound that note with all they've got. *Pageant*'s a hoot. ■

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.

Actme & Actme

The Fault Line Theatre presents Debbie Fabiano's comedy, set in "Burbank's own Actme & Actme Talent Agency," which never turns a profit. Fabiano directed. FAULT LINE THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND SUNDAY, MARCH 17) AT 8:00 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.

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Blood Brothers

Grossmont College stages Willy Russell's rags to riches musical about twin brothers, separated at birth. Neil Rothschild directed. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, THROUGH MARCH 23; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Caretaker

The Renaissance Theatre Company, which stages one production

a year and it's always a must-see (i.e., *Waiting for Godot* in 2000 and *Long Day's Journey into Night* in 2001), presents Harold Pinter's comedy-drama about a manipulative tramp. Rosina Reynolds directed.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, THROUGH APRIL 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-688-9210.

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.

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tool, uncovering ingrained fissures, and internal prejudices. The San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre opened its new season with the kind of tough, unsparing theater it promised years ago. Directed by Jackie Roberts, the opening night performance, though shaky, got solid work from Rhys Green (as a Columbia prof/Othello figure), Reggie Willis (an absent father come home), Kimberly King (off-the-cuff comedian), and June Rogers as the abandoned Billie (though, for someone having a nervous breakdown, she's a mite too even-tempered). The design work, especially Andy Lowe's subtle lighting, enhances. And the props include a white handkerchief, with a strawberry design, that recalls the "ocular proof" that convinced Othello his wife was unfaithful. In Sears' version, though balanced, the Othellos become suspect.

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Heartbreak House

The Globe Theatres/University of San Diego Professional Actor Training Program present George Bernard Shaw's wry comedy about "life on the edge of disaster." Sean Murray directed. STUDIO THEATRE, SACRED HEART HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, THROUGH MARCH 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

The Honking Geese Sketch Comedy

The sketch comedy group Honking Geese performs late-night at the La Jolla Stage Company. LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THROUGH MARCH 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 10:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

The House of Bernarda Alba

SDSU stages Federico García Lorca's haunting drama about a tyrannical mother obsessed with dominating her five daughters. DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, MARCH 15, THROUGH MARCH 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. NOTE: SDSU OFFERS PERFORMANCES IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH. CALL THE THEATER AT 619-594-6884.

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Lobby Hero

Kenneth Lonergan's such a hot writer he's got a smoke detector over his word-processor. He's written screenplays (*Analyze This*, *You Can Count on Me*, and *Scorese's* latest, *Gangs of New York*) and plays (*This Is Our Youth*). He's street-funny and excels with dialogue and confused, contorted voices. For *Lobby Hero*, Lonergan uses his strength but built a play with no action, little plot, and limited use of the stage — i.e. no drama. Lonergan wants to craft a "moral dilemma" (should Jeff-the-slacker snitch on his boss?). The play has an almost morbid fear of melodrama. Each scene's just a long dialogue (when two people get together, you know they'll talk for at least ten minutes). Lonergan's such a good writer he almost pulls it off. The play's always funny, and Jeff — the security guard/hero — is a complex, seriocomic figure. But the aversion to drama dilutes its effectiveness. *Lobby Hero* was a hit back East, which suggests that the South Coast Rep's production has questionable choices. Much more gruff, Manhattan-like voices (the cast, except for Kevin Corrigan's fascinating Jeff, prefers generic English) would be a start. Also, an old

adage has it that "when the writing us under, the acting will be over." Lonergan's script's deliberately "under." And director Olivia Honegger keeps the acting that way. Here's a rare instance where the combination of "unders" tones down a show too much. 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, 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 Majority of One

Vanguard Productions present Leonard Spigelglass's two-character comedy that "charms your senses and warms your heart." Mikel Taxer directed. VANGUARD PRODUCTIONS, WESTMINSTER THEATRE, CANON AT TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA, THROUGH MARCH 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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, leaving 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; 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 Merchant of Venice

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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 AstroTurf. 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.

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The Ride Down Mt. Morgan

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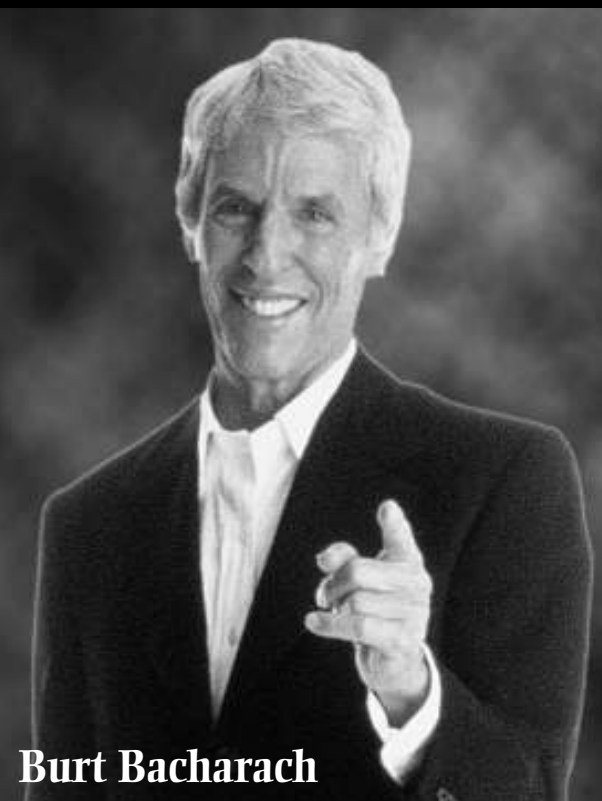
The Tragedies

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea*, and it 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: *Oedipus the King* or *Ajax*, by Sophocles.

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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 sub-theme. 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. ***Worth a try.***
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low youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to blackout best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Impro*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.” ***Worth a try.***
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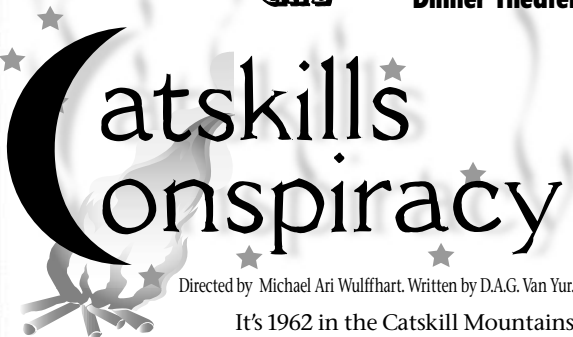
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"He gave me a three-day [eviction] notice," said Juke Joint Café owner Trey Brady. "He [landlord George Coss] came up with

owner Trey Brady was facing possible jail time.

Rava failed in his effort to get Judge Reed to declare Brady in violation of the TRO she handed down in January. Rava represents three clients who live in the next-door Pioneer Lofts. Judge Reed ruled that the two parties must now try to work things

But for some reason they don't call us back anymore."

Drummer Brian Gaeta explains what might be the problem. "There were windows that got broken [at 'Canes]. They said our fans do not respect their club. [Independent promoter] Rockin' Johnny White also tried to do a show with us [at 'Canes], but they said no. They are shooting us down before they give us a chance."

But thanks to their connections with fellow locals Unwritten Law, Gaeta and bassist Jeff Hamilton say they are finally getting a break after playing together for nine years.

"UL [Unwritten Law] has us opening for them for ten dates on their tour. We get to play at the Palace in L.A., House of Blues in Anaheim, the Ventura Theater, and Slim's in San Francisco."

Hornswaggled also opens for Unwritten Law at the ten-band Ganeshfest March 30 at

the Starlight Bowl. It's the first time in eight years that the 3900-seat outdoor venue in Balboa Park has been used for a multiband showcase. The last time the Starlight Bowl was used for such a show was in 1994 at the 91X-sponsored May Day concert.

Headliner Unwritten Law selected the Ganeshfest bands



HORNSWAGGLED AND THEIR HOUNDS

and came up with the name. ("Ganesh is the Hindu elephant god who symbolizes a clearing of the obstacles in the path to make way for the new," says a press release.)

Gaeta says the name of his own band, Hornswaggled, has described two memorable episodes in its own band's history.

"On our first, self-promoted tour...the back tire just fell off the \$500 van that

we bought for the tour. The tire actually rolled past the van and hit an apartment building. All our equipment was [in the van]. Luckily our friend was six blocks away, so we skateboarded through this real bad neighborhood holding \$6000 of band equipment. Some old man came up and told us he was a retired mechanic and he could fix our van. We towed the van to his house and spent \$300 on parts. When we went back the next day, he said he didn't know where the parts were. We called the cops. They said he was crazy. We had to do the rest of the tour in this box truck. You'd get carbon monoxide if you rode in the back."

The Unwritten Law tour is set up to support the release of the group's new Interscope CD *Elva*. It entered the *Billboard* charts four weeks ago at #73 and currently has position #101.

Hornswaggled appears March 30 at the Ganeshfest at the Starlight Bowl in Balboa Park with Unwritten Law, Fenix TX, Rochelle Rochelle, Pivit, Stretcher, 18 Bonez, Death on Wednesday, and Sprung Monkey. Tickets are \$20 in advance.

— Ken Leighton

"There's not much call for a black drag queen at a country bar."

When Jason Mershon renamed his Point Loma bar the Cactus Saloon and brought in country bands, he dropped his cross-dressing karaoke host Satin — known for his sequined gowns and big wigs.

Before hosting, Satin used to win contests for his stirring renditions of Streisand, Billie Holliday, and Ella Fitzgerald songs. He said he made a decent living from karaoke contest prize money. But Satin said things haven't been the same since a magazine exposed the secret of his manhood to the karaoke community.

"I was named Entertainer of the Year for 2000 by *Karaoke Star* magazine. They wrote a story on me and said I was the first female impersonator ever to win this award. I haven't won a contest since everyone realized I was a guy."

Satin only wants to be known by his stage name. He said he is 29, a 1991 graduate of San Diego High, and started doing karaoke in local bars ten years ago.

"I used to play at the Club Maxx inside the Doubletree

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all these extra expenses I had to pay him."

Brady thinks eviction is a ham-fisted way to make attorney Al Rava and his civil lawsuit against the Juke Joint go away (Brady and Coss are both named in the suit).

Last Friday, a hearing was held in Judge Sheridan Reed's courtroom over whether the Juke Joint Café had violated a temporary restraining order that required keeping bass noise low and no more than two people congregating near the front door. Juke Joint

out.

"He only asked her two questions," said Brady of Rava. "One was if we [Brady and his manager Jessica Geddes] were having an affair."

"Obviously he was desperate," added Geddes.

— Ken Leighton

"The people at 'Canes hate us for some reason. We brought more people than any local brought in two years. We brought, like, 230 people on a Tuesday night.

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Hotel, Edna's [in East San Diego], and Skies in Clairemont Mesa. It wasn't well known that I was a guy."

Satin claims his rendition of Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" was his ticket to winning some 15 karaoke competitions in Southern California. That ended with last year's magazine disclosure.

"I became a host [karaoke MC] because I couldn't win in competitions anymore."

One contest gave a first-place prize of \$5000 and a headlining gig at the Ramada Express in Laughlin, Nevada. "The hotel made a comment to me that they were not prepared for a drag queen. A 70-year-old Filipino Elvis impersonator that was damn near tone deaf placed higher

than I did. That's pretty bad."

Why should the karaoke community, known for campiness, make such a fuss over a drag queen?

"They say it's unfair since showmanship is one of the categories, and as a man performing as a woman, they say I have an automatic edge in showmanship."

Satin appears Wednesday and Thursday at Numbers in Hillcrest.

— Ken Leighton



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SATIN'S SECRET COSTS HIM CONTESTS

DJ Bobby Ocean came to San Diego in 1968 to work at Boss Radio/136 KGB.

"When I was living in OB, it had a reputation as being infested with hippies."

Ocean had to make the transition from a jivey Top 40 into the groovy new world of underground radio when KGB "recycled" itself on

April 1, 1972, and dropped the Carpenters for the Grateful Dead.

A publicized pot bust, also in 1972, helped him make the transition from hype to hip.

"The police knocked on my door and found quantities of marijuana. It got into the [San Diego] *Union*. I was kicked off the air pending the outcome of the trial. While I was in jail, I met a guy who was arrested for panhandling. He was a Hare Krishna guy who taught me a Buddhist chant. I used the chant. I was released on my own recognizance, and the case was thrown out of court. I'm not saying it was the chant, but..."

Ocean now works afternoons at San Francisco oldies station KFRC. He admits the drug bust was at first embarrassing but not terrible. "It turned out to be one of the best things that could have happened. It gave me underground credentials. Having been kicked off the air, I had a big following of potheads who thought I was a little more special than before. Shortly after that I was the MC at a Led Zeppelin concert at the Sports Arena. I went up and said, 'This is Bobby Ocean from the San Diego Narcotics Squad.' Eighteen thousand people

laughed, and then they all lighted their Bics.... The band members came out and surrounded me and started playing. An experience like that tends to rewire your



OCEAN NOT INVITED TO KGB 30TH

circuits."

KGB became known for such bigger-than-life promotions like the Chicken, the Sky Show, the annual *Homegrown* local artist compilation album, and the \$1.01-admission multiband Charity Ball at the former Balboa Stadium.

"That's what made KGB, in its day, one of the five greatest stations in America," said DJ Bill Hergonson, who joined KGB in the summer of '72.

The 30th anniversary of KGB is in two weeks. KGB program director Jay Isbell said his station is doing something for its 30th birthday. "But I can't talk about it yet."

Ocean said he hasn't been asked to participate. "Maybe they've forgotten."

— Ken Leighton

The National Association of Music Merchants

(NAMM) had its annual convention January 17th through the 20th at the Anaheim Convention Center. At the third booth I went to, there was Phil Everly of the Everly Brothers. He looked great for his age. He's got to be in his 60s, since he was in his late teens when he was hired as a songwriter in Nashville back in 1955. I asked about the Everly guitar strings, and he was telling me that Tom Petty says they are the best strings he's ever used. As he was talking, I was trying to think of the name of a song of his I used to love. I wasn't sure of the title but took a stab.

"I love the song 'Poor Jenny.'"

He said, "Nobody's complimented that song in years!"

Though no one was hanging out with Phil, there was a crowd of 50 people around each heavy metal guitarist. Dimebag Darryl of Pantera, George Lynch of Dokken, and Rob Zombie in his cowboy hat. There were at least 100 people in line to meet Steve Vai. I remember he sold out his concert at Humphrey's with Joe Satriani. He ended up being

two hours late, saying he was stuck in traffic.

Steve Morse of Kansas, Deep Purple, and the Dixie Dregs was the first guitarist I talked to. I knew he was a pilot, that he flew his bands to most of their gigs. I asked, "Are you more nervous flying after September 11?"

"No, not at all. But taking commercial flights is worse than ever. The long waits, and they always want to take my guitars apart."

I saw George Clinton and his posse walking out to the patio to have a smoke. His beard was white, his dreads were yellow, blue, orange, and green, and he was wearing a red fez.

Sheila E. was signing REMO drum heads and giving them out. I told her the show at San Diego State with Ringo Starr was great. She said, "I had some family down for that."

I remembered she was affectionate with Ringo, putting her arms all around him as he played. We talked for a minute before San Diego's own Nathan East, who plays bass for Eric Clapton, came over and gave her a hug. They started to chat, so I moved on.

East was the most famous San Diegan I saw there, but local musicians like Mike Reilly, Ric Root, and Chill Boy were also there.

There were a lot of drummers — Aerosmith's,

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the Go-Go's, and Eric Singer of Kiss. Two different times he joined Kiss. My friend asked Singer if he felt weird wearing the other drummer's costume, and he said, smiling, "Not at all. It felt very natural." Singer then asked, "How did you know I was wearing it? Did you see a bootleg?"

— Josh Board

The following online auction sales took place at eBay.com between February 18 and March 3.

The Penetrators' vinyl EP *Walk the Beat*, with Dan McClain (a.k.a. Country Dick Montana of the Beat Farmers) on drums attracted six bids, closing at \$15.50. Ten bids were placed for the Zeros' 7" vinyl *They Say That* before it sold for \$42.89.

Only three bidders were interested in a 23" x 46" cloth banner promoting Jewel's *Spirit* album on Atlantic Records, which sold for \$15.43.

An unused blink-182 backstage pass sold for \$6, while there were no bidders

for a 1985 Ratt backstage pass.

A 100 percent cotton XL Rugburns shirt was described by its seller as "stored in a smoke-free environment, folded instead of hung, so it's not all stretched out. I offer only the best vintage stuff, laundered (not stinky!) and ready to wear." Eight bidders brought the final price up to \$31.

A seller in Yellow Springs, Ohio, sold a black "Don't Blame Me, I Voted For Mojo [Nixon]" shirt for \$9.99. It took three bidders and \$13.50 to land a large Stone Temple Pilots shirt from their 1994 tour. I recently purchased the same shirt at the Salvation Army on University Avenue near College Avenue for \$2.

Hard Rock Comics #6: *Def Leppard*, a comic book published in 1992 by San Diego's Revolutionary Comics, earned 14 bids before selling for \$12.80 plus mailing fees. This one mystifies me because I was involved in producing this comic and still have hundreds in stock — it sells on my own website www.sonic.net/~comix/comp_r.shtml#RevolutionaryComics for \$5, which includes shipping. Time to start listing it on eBay.

— Jay Allen Sanford

CD review: **Ultrababyfat**, *Eight Balls in Reverse* (Orange Recordings, 2001)

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: GARNET AVENUE

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



I felt sheepish when I learned that Shonali Bhowmik and Michelle DuBois, Ultrababyfat's tandem guitarists/vocalists, played music together as preteens in Atlanta.

Considering that their coy, sultry, call-and-response deliveries — more articulate but just as sexy as Kate Pierson and Cindy Wilson's hoots and hollers — had already turned me on, news of their wholesome childhood hijinks stopped me cold.

But hey, they're women now, in the way that Liz Phair

is a woman, or Kim Deal. And moreover, they're smart women (Bhowmik went to law school at Emory and DuBois is a certified teacher), so they knew exactly which knobs they were turning



SMART AND TWISTED ULTRABABYFAT

when they brought in Britta Phillips — Luna's bassist, the singing voice of Mattel's New

Generation Barbie, and a blonde New York siren — to round out their rhythm section.

The band's pop songs have been getting good press since 1993. Bhowmik, in a brazen display of adjudication, describes the songs as "sweet pop, showcasing a musical breadth ranging from straightforward pop crunch and rock-heavy velocity to slightly twisted psychedelia, blending the guitar attack of early Cheap Trick, the vocal gymnastics of Throwing Muses, and the pop sensibilities of the Bangles, the Breeders, and the Beatles."

Two prior LPs got lots of play on college radio, and their second album, 1998's

Silver Tones Smile, came out on Velvel Records, a BMG venture.

But the girls were bullied by the big label, which folded three months after the release. Now, after signing with Ocean Beach's Orange Recordings, Bhowmik and DuBois have taken back their sexuality — "I got holes where nobody knows and nobody cares."

— Justin Wolff

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Hawk Had a Photo Zone

An old lady walked over covering her ears. McDonald laughed, and said, "My mom is here."

At the Borders bookstore franchise in Mission Valley — a book and music store with a café — people grab a book and read it while sipping a cappuccino. It's as if people think this is a library.

"That's part of our ambience," says Anne Armstrong, the area marketing manager for Borders. "We have comfortable chairs, it's relaxed, and some people spend hours here."

I like the fact that they get musicians in there, not just authors. Last year I saw Jill Sobule open for Warren Zevon at Humphrey's, and a month later it's free to see her at Borders. She did about ten songs, often asking the crowd what they wanted to hear. How many times can you actually yell out a song, have the singer say, "Okay," and then play it? Sobule talked about her record label dropping her. She played her hits "I Kissed a Girl" and "Super Model" and some funny new songs about Kathie Lee Gifford and Mary Kay (not the cosmetics tycoon, but the teacher who slept with her sixth-grade student).

Her acoustic songs worked well for a bookstore. Armstrong says, "I make sure the music fits this venue. We book lots of local musicians too. They just have to submit a demo tape with a bio. I listen to everything. We always have local music live on Fridays and Saturdays... Jason & Jane are locals I keep bringing back because even the employees here agree they're fantastic."

I saw Doobie Brother keyboardist/singer Michael McDonald there and asked Anne about him. "That was a week after I was given this position with Borders. I was excited and surprised — he was so nice and easygoing."

He played that night at Humphrey's for \$40 a ticket, but I sat ten feet from him, with 20 other people, watching him for free. I felt obligated to buy his new CD even though there were many there with just their old albums for him to sign. Anne says, "We never insist on you buying the new CD or book. The musicians never complain, and it's nice if you have a favorite old, dog-eared book or record you want signed. Some people may not be able to afford the new product but should still be able to meet him."

As McDonald played his keyboard and yelled, "Takin' It to the Streets," an old lady walked over covering her ears and yelled that it was too loud. McDonald laughed and said to the audience, 'My

mom is here.'

Anne has had some requests for the performers. "Petula Clark was just going to sign things, and I asked her people if she'd be willing to sing, and she agreed. We even gave away tickets to her performance at the Civic Theatre."

But usually, it's Anne that takes care of their requests. "Jane Weidlan of the Go-Go's sent a list.

Usually I provide drinks and a deli tray. She requested a six-pack of Miller beer, three white towels, cottage cheese, Wheat Thins, and Lay's Wow potato chips. She was surprised it was all there, and her performance was excellent. My manager had given the okay for the beer, which we kept locked in the back."

I ask about violinist Jean Luc-Ponty, who my friend was jazzed about meeting. "He was quiet, reserved, very polite. And his playing was great. Some people had stacks of his records. Maybe some were just going to sell them on eBay, but he signed everything."

My friend told me his playing was loud, and thinking back to McDonald getting scolded by that old lady, I ask about volume levels.

"Usually it's not a problem. Once we had a jazz vocalist named Tierney Sutton, who sounded beautiful, like Ella Fitzgerald. A lady was asking everyone if we could turn it down. But my philosophy is — we're a music store as well as a bookstore."

I thought of a softer-sounding musician the older crowd might like — pianist Jim Brickman.

"He was great," Anne tells me. "He had a new book as well as CDs to promote." I could only imagine listening to him if I was getting my teeth worked on.

I remember *Reader* critic Richard Meltzer wrote an obituary as his review on him and ask Anne about that. She says, "That was weird. We had an ad in the *Reader* about his appearance, and you turn a couple pages, and it says he's dead! It did generate some phone calls, but we still had lots of people show up."

I remember lots of people showing up for Stephen Bishop, who had written a really interesting book on songwriting. Bishop said, "I broke my arm and couldn't play my guitar, so I wrote a book."

The crowd was probably a lot bigger since he grew up in San Diego. A lady beside me even had

her yearbook from his high school (Crawford) she was going to have him sign. I asked Bishop, who did songs for the movie *Tootsie* and a few other films, "How cool was it having John Belushi smash your guitar as you sang in *Animal House*?"

He said, "I still have that guitar, and I had the cast of the film sign it." He went on to tell me that the hardest part of writing *Diamonds in the Rough* (the book he was promoting) was getting the rights to print all the different song lyrics, especially from Paul McCartney for "Yesterday."

"Author David Sedaris, who wrote a book called *Me Talk Pretty One Day* and is on NPR,



Anne Armstrong and Borders staff members with Carlsbad's Tony Hawk

They only stayed 15 minutes, but Borders said the next 25 people in line could leave their CDs and they'd sign them at a later date.

John Doe of the band X performed at that Borders and stayed for hours talking to fans. He did the same thing weeks earlier at Lou's Records in Encinitas.

"Another person that stayed a long time," Anne remembers, "is skateboarder Tony Hawk. That was our biggest turnout ever, with almost a thousand people. He stayed until everyone had their stuff signed, whether it was pants, video games, or skateboards. And people lined up hours early for it."

I asked if there was ever an incident where nobody showed up for an author or musician. "Thankfully, that only happened once. And the author didn't show up either, because of a miscommunication. But it can get difficult when you have a couple hundred people in, and you know they aren't going to get everything signed. We have people take numbers, and we have ten at a time meet the person. If you have more than two items, you'll have to get another number and go to the back of the line."

Two items doesn't sound like a lot, but people want photos as well. Anne says, "Hawk had a photo zone, where you could lean in and take the picture."

For Dr. Laura, Borders hired a photographer who handed a disc to each person with their own personal "Me and Dr. Laura" photo on it. "It kept the line moving, and everyone left happy."

"Except the protestors," I add, having read about them in the *Union-Tribune*.

Anne tells me, "We were in contact with the police and mall security because we anticipated a problem. The only other time we had security was for Aerosmith at one of our stores in Los Angeles, but that was because of the crowd size. There were over a hundred protestors, and there were people protesting the protestors, so we had the store closed for two hours while the event went on.... But the event went well." ■



Petula Clark performing at Borders in Mission Valley

came in," Anne tells me. "He's a chain smoker and lit up in the middle of the signing. He lives in France and probably doesn't even realize it's now illegal to smoke inside in California. Only a few people complained though."

I remember some people complaining when actor Kevin Bacon and his brother appeared at the Carmel Mountain Borders. Radio station Star 100.7 had talked to them earlier in the morning, so by 9:00 a.m., the place was packed with women.

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I rented a video of Martin Scorsese's *Last Waltz* the other night. I've been renting a lot of videos lately. My subletter, when she split up with her boyfriend, left me her VCR. It seems that no Solomon-like resolution was to be found, short of cutting the damn thing in half. Thus, it fell to me, as many things do if you stay in one place. Which is not to say I ever use it. I regard such activities as decadent. I had a vague notion that over time I would wind up as a visiting writer in some ghastly frontier backwater on the Great Plains for a semester, and when the wind started to blow in earnest I would rent every goddamn movie I've missed over the past 20 years. That's a lot of movies, as I only go to a couple a year, which is customarily one more than is worth viewing.

But lately I am on a video-renting jag, having more or less given up on the prospect of teaching in Kansas or Nebraska. Better to catch up on the film genre before I keel over or the Lord strikes me deaf and blind. It's been very pleasant, on the whole, not least of all watching *The Last Waltz*, perhaps the best live pop-concert film ever made. I'll go see anything by Scorsese except *The Last Temptation of Christ*, which is probably also good. If Scorsese filmed some grease monkey dismantling a carburetor for 90 minutes, I'd pay ten bucks to see it. He's that good.

Turns out Scorsese had a fascination with Robbie Robertson. Not a romantic fascination, at least in the amorous sense, but a fascination. During the movie, Scorsese can't keep the camera off Robertson; it's in love with the performer. So, over the course of the film, are we. He's very attractive. A tall, willowy, vulnerable-looking pretty-boy, well spoken and droll in conversation, and a marvelously economical and gifted guitarist. A superb showman as well. He must have been total poison with the ladies. He's the physical type who can

stay up for three days straight doing unmentionable things to his own body and others and look boyishly alert and clear-eyed, not a bag or wrinkle. Perhaps it's his Mohawk heritage; his mother was Native American. I hate guys with genes like that. I miss a couple of hours sleep, I look like Oscar Levant after an all-night poker game.

Robertson was also one of the finest songwriters on the scene in the late '60s-early '70s. And watching the Band over the course of their farewell concert, I've come to the conclusion that there was no better rock and roll outfit during that time. It's not as if the film doesn't provide a means of comparison, because joining the Band on stage are, among others, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Emmylou Harris, Van

Morrison, the Staple Singers, Dr. John, Muddy Waters, and the group's former leader in an earlier incarnation as the Hawks, Ronnie Hawkins.

Clapton sounds long-winded, Dylan self-absorbed, Van Morrison is drunk, Muddy Waters is tired and old. Only Joni Mitchell and the Staple Singers manage the level of musicianship that the Band exhibits throughout, and Ms. Mitchell is truly remarkable. This would have been a good vintage for her, on the heels of her albums *Blue* and *Court and Spark*. The Staple Singers are peerless, as always.

The Band is an odd quantity, neither fish nor fowl. They're not properly rock, not folk, not country, not R&B, but certainly an amalgam of all of the above. Their material tends to be old-timey Americana, a sort of roots music with a subdued rock beat. Four of the five Band members are Canadian, only Levon Helm being American-born (Arkansas). But they all might as well have been from the American South. There's a mid-19th-

century feel to the music: church and fairgrounds and Southern Gothic narratives. It relies in large measure on unusually sophisticated three-part harmony and Garth Hudson's organ playing, a large step up from what was available in pop keyboard work of the era. Perhaps what is most distinctive about the Band's sound is what it was not: an electric guitar-drenched, amorphous, long-winded, ersatz blues-rock.

I can tell you they sounded very different, and generic, when I first heard *Big Pink* in 1968. It required a bit of a stretch, but it was better music than most of us had been listening to, and it grew on us and the broader listening public. The next album in 1969, *The Band*, was irresistible. By 1970 they were more or less finished as an interesting band.

By that time the group in its present form had been touring for six years or so, most of that time as a warm-up act or back-up band for Bob Dylan, after the folk singer had gone electric at a Forest Hills, New York, concert in 1965. The Band and Dylan would be inextricably linked for the next decade, and between themselves, or among themselves, they would make much of the best music of that era, including what may be Dylan's best work, the so-called Basement Tapes, recorded in '67, which many of us gobbled down as alleged contraband, "bootlegged Dylan" in '69-'70.

In fact, the nucleus of the band — Helm, Robertson, and Manuel — had been touring with Ronnie Hawkins and the Hawks since 1961, playing rockabilly in bars and clubs throughout Canada and U.S. cities near the Canadian border, shortly thereafter splitting from

Hawkins and calling themselves Levon Helm and the Hawks, working southern Ontario as well as bars and colleges in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

By the mid-'60s, the group was playing dives up and down the East Coast without much success. Dylan saw them play in 1965 during a four-month engagement they had down the Jersey shore in Somers Point. He'd gotten the lead through his agent Albert Grossman's secretary,

Mary Martin. Dylan, who was about to go electric, heard something in their playing that grabbed him.

The Band knew, of course, who Dylan was but didn't especially care for his music. It wasn't their thing. In fact, over the course of the next couple of years they would discover what their thing was.

Dylan would change their music and they, in ways that are only now becoming clear, changed Dylan's. Robertson relates in an interview that when they first sat down together — skeptically on the Band's part — some musical chemistry transpired that neither the members of the Band nor Dylan could have anticipated. The next few years not only produced the Band's greatest sides but Dylan's masterpieces: *Bringing It All Back Home*, *Highway*

61 Revisited, *Blonde on Blonde*, *Greatest Hits*, and *John Wesley Harding*. Folk rock had suddenly become very, very interesting.

I'm not sure what made the Band such a superior outfit. There's their musicianship, of course. They were a tight-knit outfit, having toured together for years, playing countless gigs, often to hostile or indifferent audiences. Even as Dylan's warm-up act or back-up band they were routinely booed, presumably for having led Dylan astray from his folk roots. Clearly, Dylan woke something up in the Band and vice-versa. Robbie Robertson wasn't really a serious songwriter until his association with Dylan.

I suppose the Band had succumbed to the usual perils of stardom and relentless travel: booze, drugs, groupies, jealousies, squabbling, fatigue. They tried to keep it going, but the albums got thinner and thinner. Even after *The Last Waltz* there were attempts at reunions, but Robertson was having no part of it. In March of 1986, pianist Richard Manuel hanged himself after a gig at the Cheek to Cheek club in Winter Park, Florida. In 1997 Rick Danko was arrested in Tokyo with 1.25 grams of heroin. He claimed he had asked his wife to send him "medication," and she had misunderstood his request. In 1998 Robbie Robertson was a presenter at the first Native American Music Awards, held at Foxwoods Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut. ■

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Bad Religion /151/, **Less Than Jake /132/**, and **Hot Water Music:** Cox Arena, Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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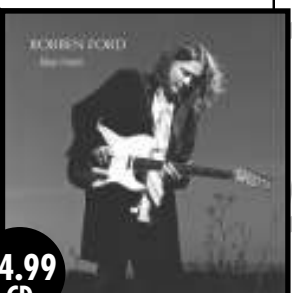
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Enrique Iglesias: Civic Theatre, Sunday, March 31, Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Folds: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

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.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring the **Ray Brown Trio** with **Holly Hofmann /684/** Monday, April 1, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Lucinda Williams /854/ and **Anne McCue:** 4th & B, Tuesday, April 2, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

John Mayer and **Norah Jones:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, April 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Pete Yorn and **Elbow:** 4th & B, Thursday, April 4, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

The Church /449/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, April 4, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The O'Jays, the **Temptations**, and the **Dramatics:** Open Air Theatre, Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead: The Casbah, Thursday, April 4, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns /263/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 5, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Talib Kweli: 4th & B, Friday, April 5, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Los Fabulosos Cadillacs: Caliente Racetrack, Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m., Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana. 011-52-664-683-2938 or 619-220-8497.

Spiritualized and **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, April 6, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Harry Connick Jr. /675/: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, April 7, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Soulive /654/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Melvins /305/: Brick by Brick, Thursday, April 11, 1130 Buenos Avenue,



Midnight Oil, March 20, 4th & B

Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Imperial Teen /556/: The Casbah, Thursday, April 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Chely Wright: Viejas DreamCatcher Showroom, Sunday, April 14, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

311 /355/: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, April 14, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Dark Star Orchestra: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Medeski, Martin, & Wood: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Boney James /677/: Spreckels Theatre, Thursday, April 18, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

The Anti-Pop Consortium: The Casbah, Friday, April 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Incubus /194/ and **Hoobastank:** Cox Arena, Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Keely Smith: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.,

210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Wayne Shorter: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Sizzla /744/: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, April 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Strokes /104/: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

NOFX /109/ and **Rancid /163/:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Cracker /400/: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Reverend Horton Heat /134/ and **Nashville Pussy /154/:** 4th & B, Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Shins, the **Fruit Bats**, and **Busy Signals:** The Casbah, Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"Pop Disaster Tour" with **blink-182 /158/**, **Green Day /198/**, and **Jimmy Eat World /514/:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, April 25, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jack Johnson /823/: RIMAC Arena, Friday, April 26, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

The Beta Band: 4th & B, Friday, April 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

The Charlatans U.K.: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, April 26, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Alan Jackson /777/: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Slayer /538/: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 30, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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The Dave Matthews Band /202/ and **Government Mule:** Coors Amphitheatre, Monday, May 13, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Agent 51: The Scene
Alexis Wish: Brick By Brick
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The Apex Theory: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Astrum: The Kensington Club
Autolux: The Casbah
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Califone: The Casbah
Canobliss: The Playhouse
Capital Years: The Casbah
Cat Power: The Casbah
Chapter 13: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Cilantro: Dream Street
The Classified: The Scene
Compass: Sham Rocks Shack
Congress of the Cow: The Casbah
Daemos: Brick By Brick
Deadline Friday: Blind Melons
Diesel Machine: Brick By Brick
Displaced: Dream Street
The Distillers: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Down: Brick By Brick
Down Machine: The Playhouse
The Downs Family: Tio Leo's Lounge
Downspell: Brick By Brick, Dream Street
Drivepin: The Scene
18 Bonez: Brick By Brick
Engine Down: The Casbah
Explicit: Brick By Brick
Fat Rabbit: Epicentre
5★Degenerate: The Playhouse
Flogging Molly: 4th & B
4th Avenue Jones: Brick By Brick
44 Double D: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Fursaxa: The Casbah

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G-13: The Playhouse
346 Ghoulspeen: Dream Street
Glossines: Dream Street
136 GoGoGo Airheart: The Casbah
Harmony 24: The Playhouse, Blind Melons
Heaving Grooves: The Playhouse
The Hilt: The Casbah
I.R.: Blind Melons
Iffy: Brick By Brick
The Imbeciles: Epicentre
200 Jason & Jane: Lestat's Coffeehouse
121 Kitten with a Whip: Sham Rocks Shack
Kramers Rule: Dream Street
Chris Lee: The Casbah
Life Hates Me: Dream Street
Lighter: Blind Melons, Dream Street
The Lost Prophets: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Lualta: The Kensington Club
Machine Gun: The Kensington Club
The Makeout Boys: The Kensington Club
Matthew Stewart Project: Dream Street
Max Blasto: Surf N'Saddle
Mazarin: The Casbah
McRad: Dream Street
Mighty Flashlight: The Casbah
Misled: The Scene

190 The Mix Mob: Blind Melons
Motus: Dream Street
The Movie Life: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Nekromantix: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Nightmare Syndicate: The Casbah
Nixon Rules: Epicentre
No Valence: The Scene
Nowheresville: The Scene
PBR: Epicentre
186 Gregory Page: Java Joe's Coffeehouse
The Panthers: The Casbah
Parker Theory: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Pensive: The Scene
Pitch Black: Dream Street
Pretty Girls Make Graves: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Project Object: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
Prophet's Rock: Sham Rocks Shack
Prototype: Brick By Brick
Pseudopod: Blind Melons
Purple Haze: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Quarashi: 'Canes Bar and Grill
244 The Radiators: Belly Up Tavern
Recover: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Red Eye Gravy: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Reputation: The Casbah

213 Riboflavin: Blind Melons
Rotator: Brick By Brick
Sean Na Na: The Casbah
Seventimes: The Scene
Shady Acres: The Scene
Side Pocket: Blind Melons
Simply Complex: Surf N'Saddle
Sin Sin 77: The Casbah
Six: Brick By Brick
Skratch: Bub's Whiskey Dive
The Slackers: 4th & B
Slick Shoes: Epicentre
Clem Snide: The Casbah
306 Soucracker: Winstons
The Stratford 4: The Casbah
Stretch: Brick By Brick
Strict 9: Brick By Brick
Suckerface: Epicentre
Sunveil: Dream Street
The Sword Project: The Casbah
Syndicate: Dream Street
The Thought Experiment: Brick By Brick
Three Against One: Blind Melons
Three Foot: The Playhouse
Thursday: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Tiger Army: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Turam: Dream Street
Twin Dynamo: The Scene
272 Underminded: Epicentre
The Unfluents: The Scene
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Glissando: Blind Melons

426 **Government Grown:** Cannibal Bar, Winstons, Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Grizwald: Tiki House

461 **Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort

547 **Hot Rod Lincoln:** Tio Leo's Lounge, Henifin's Irish Pub

Juice: Blind Melons

Jumpstart: Island Sports & Spirits

435 **Little Feat:** Cannibal Bar

544 **The Lost Disciples:** Brick By Brick

Madcap Otis: Blind Melons

545 **Midnight Oil:** 4th & B

The David Nelson Band: Winstons

Nemesis: Fogerty's Pub

Nitehawk: Carvers

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The PHD's: Winstons

Pacific Project: Winstons

Pink Floyd: Humphrey's

Positive Approach: Pal Joey's

Powerhouse: The Alley

489 **Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort

Pure Flow: On The Rocks

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Rock-A-Bullies: The Pine Valley House

The Sensations: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

6one9: Dirk's Niteclub

Sol Reel: Blind Melons

Steal Dawn: Henry's Pub

Swine: Brick By Brick

Thunderhead: Fannie's

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Wild Willy & the

Wolverines: Henifin's Irish Pub

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Xohr: Brick By Brick

EXTENSION 4004

POP/TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Brother Love: 'Canes Bar and Grill

D.J. Geoff T.: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's

The 80z Allstars: Buffalo Joe's

Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel

Stephen Knight: Shooters Bar and Grill

The Kraze: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

Makai: Humphrey's

Sean McVicker: The Imperial House

NRG: Dick's Last Resort, Jimmy Love's

The New Breed Band: The Alley

Jack Pollack: Shooters Bar and Grill

Michael Restelli: The Calypso Cafe

Rising Star: Viejas Casino

622 **Robberecht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Roger's on 5th

The San Diego Island Boys: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

433 **Tea Bag:** Brick By Brick

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ/ BIG BAND

The Christopher Adler Trio: Galoka

Karrin Allyson: Humphrey's

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Vince Benedetti: Dizzy's

Bhangra Fever: Galoka

The Boogie Woogie Duo: Coyote Bar and Grill, Juke Joint Cafe

Lee Brown: Humphrey's

703 **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado

Cal-Son: The Calypso Cafe

The Jorge Camberos

Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

667 **Gilbert Castellanos:** Lilo's

The Gilbert Castellanos

Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe

Judy Chamberlain: Elario's

Bistro & Sky Lounge

Kenny Cougar: Seacoast Fine Dining

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Diversiti: The Raintree

638 **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's

Jazz Bar

5 O'Clock Shadow: La Costa

Coffee Roasting Co.

Forward Funk: Galoka

Clark Gault & Swing City

Express: Viejas Casino

Cynthia Hammond: Juke Joint Cafe

684 **Holly Hofmann & Friends:** L'Auberge Del Mar Resort & Spa

Nathan Hubbard: Galoka

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado, Juke Joint Cafe

Kamau Kenyatta: Dizzy's

Carrie Landsgaard: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

718 **Tim Maglione:** Jimmy Love's

660 **The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Hotel del Coronado, Croce's

Jazz Bar

Larry Moore: Moray's Lounge

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Adrienne Nims: The Calypso Cafe

641 **Sue Palmer:** Juke Joint Cafe, The Calypso Cafe

The Sue Palmer Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

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682 **Quiet Storm:** Humphrey's

Dean Paul Ratzman: La Bocca

Return to One: Dizzy's

Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: The Beach House

659 **Rick Ross-Piano:** The Inn at the Park, Moray's Lounge

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Time: Humphrey's, Jimmy Love's

724 **Spaceman Spiff:** Redfish

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Trio du Jour: The Beach House

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE/ SKA

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736 **Common Sense:** Belly Up

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Revelations: Buffalo Joe's

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740 **Psydecar:** Winstons

758 **Save Ferris:** 'Canes Bar and Grill

747 **Semisi & Fulabula:** The Beach

House

Shine Eye: Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

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893 **Lisa Sanders:** Lestat's Coffeehouse
821 **The Strange Woods:** The Camelot Inn

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES/SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II
948 **The Bayou Brothers:** Patrick's II
Scottie Blinn's Bucket Rukus: Tiki House
943 **Blue Four:** Patrick's II
Blues Brokers: The Kraken
Blues Streak: Patrick's II
Blues Tonic: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Boogiemens: The Gordon Biersch Brewery
Tommy Budd & Windy City: The Kraken
963 **Buddy Blue:** Tio Leo's Lounge



Alice Peacock, March 15, Java Joe's Coffeehouse

965 **Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings:** The Calypso Cafe, Buffalo Joe's
932 **Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters:** Chateau Orleans
Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Fremonts: Coyote Bar and Grill
Groove Alley: Patrick's II
Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill
914 **Robin Henkel:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse
Hoodoo Blues: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The International Silver Strings Submarine Band: The Gordon Biersch Brewery
Chris James: Patrick's II
939 **Candye Kane:** The Calypso Cafe
Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill, Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II
LaTonya Lockett: Buffalo Joe's
947 **The Bill Magee Blues Band:** Patrick's II
910 **Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors:** The Kraken
The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
921 **Len Rainey & the Midnight Players:** Coyote Bar and Grill
The Ben Robinson Band: Fat Katz

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: Tiki House
918 **Ruby & the Red Hots:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Humphrey's
Runnin' Blue: The Calypso Cafe
Richard Samuels: The Calypso Cafe
913 **Shelle:** Juke Joint Cafe
The Shelltown Horns: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II
929 **Theo & the Zydeco Patrol:** Redfish
946 **Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors:** Patrick's II, Viejas Casino, Winstons
Uncle John's Big Roll Band: Etta's Place
920 **Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars:** Patrick's II

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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Burnett Anderson: Cafe La Maze
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Califone's Tim Rutili is an artsy kind of guy, but he's an artsy kind of guy who won't embarrass you in front of your friends. He first gained notice in Red Red Meat, a Stonesy but weird Chicago band that put out a few records on Sub Pop (and is not to be confused with Red Meat, the country band).

When Red Red Meat went on hiatus (possibly permanently), Rutili started Califone as an outlet for his quieter music. Enlisting many of the former Red Red Meat players, he began performing and recording in a laid-back style that drew on banjos, fiddles, guitar, key-boards, drums, and samples. At times it seems to be almost equal parts experimental rock, rootsy pop, folk, and hip-hop.

The artiness really comes into play in the packaging of Califone's CDs, which are released on the band's own Perishable Records. That's where you can see the tastefully printed artwork and unusual design, as well as read Rutili's evocative and bent lyrics, which are kind of hard to hear because he sings so softly. (They concern cardinals and rodeo clowns, whores and porno starlets and a fisherman's wife.) The packaging also showcases Califone's multimedia side: The enhanced CD *Room-sound* contains video footage of the band playing in a bathroom and things they saw on the road.

The new, limited-release CD *Deceleration One* is actually the improvised soundtrack to an evening of experimental film. And yet, Rutili isn't an elitist snob. In an interview with the website Glorious Noise, he said, "There's nothing wrong with



CALIFONE

showbiz as long as it's completely shameless." Now, there's an artsy guy you can get behind.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It is amazing that the members of Jonathan Fire Eater didn't croak from their own tabloid-style self-indulgence, internal tensions, and big doses of all of the other rock-and-roll clichés. In three years, JFE looked promising, hit some high points, then lapsed into a well-documented decline. From the wreckage of this band emerged the **Walkmen**, a quintet made of personnel from JFE and the Recoys. They built a small practice room in Harlem and got busy salvaging their blown careers.

With a self-titled EP of simple jam tunes behind them, their recently minted CD *Everyone Who Pretended to Like Me Is Gone* is full of songs rooted in that old four-on-the-floor rock defiance, and I'm glad to hear it again. After all, I am from the generation for whom Led Zeppelin and the Who were cutting edge.

But old-school comparisons stop there.

Just around the corner musically from the art/garage-rock Strokes, the Walkmen have also gotten the Beck imprint (some Walkmen tracks were produced and engineered by Beck collaborator Greg Tafenfeld). Guitarist **Paul Maroon** sounds like white noise, a dreamy upright piano floats to the surface now and then, and the drummer **Matt Barrick** honks out a mule-steady beat. It is pop rock along the lines of Third Eye Blind and the Velvet Underground and with a strong U2 influence...so much so that Bono, I think, could probably front this band.

For gearheads, the Walkmen's musical equipment is vintage stuff: Gretsch drums, a Vox organ (the kind with the black white keys), classic Fender amps, and Gretsch guitars. The Walkmen are based on the East Coast. They debuted in 2000 at Joe's Pub in the Village and have hung



WALKMEN

together since. And with the current band members no longer ingesting poisons, reliving acts of '70s rock-band mayhem, and/or demolishing their surroundings, their prospects appear good.

The Stratford 4, Mazarin, and Engine Down also perform.

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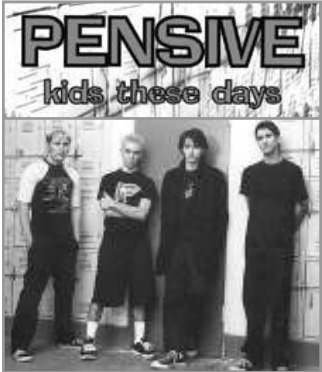
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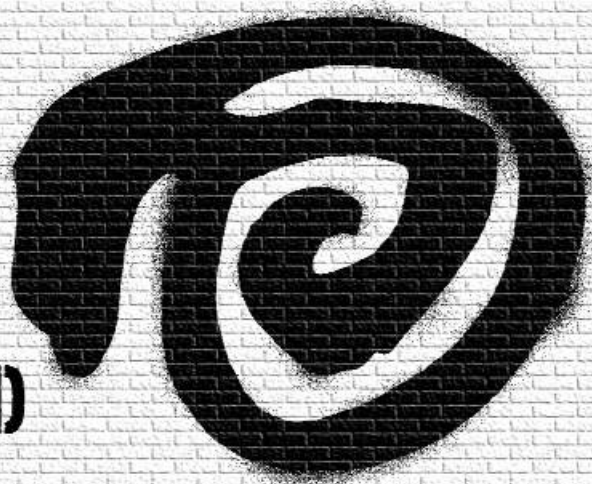


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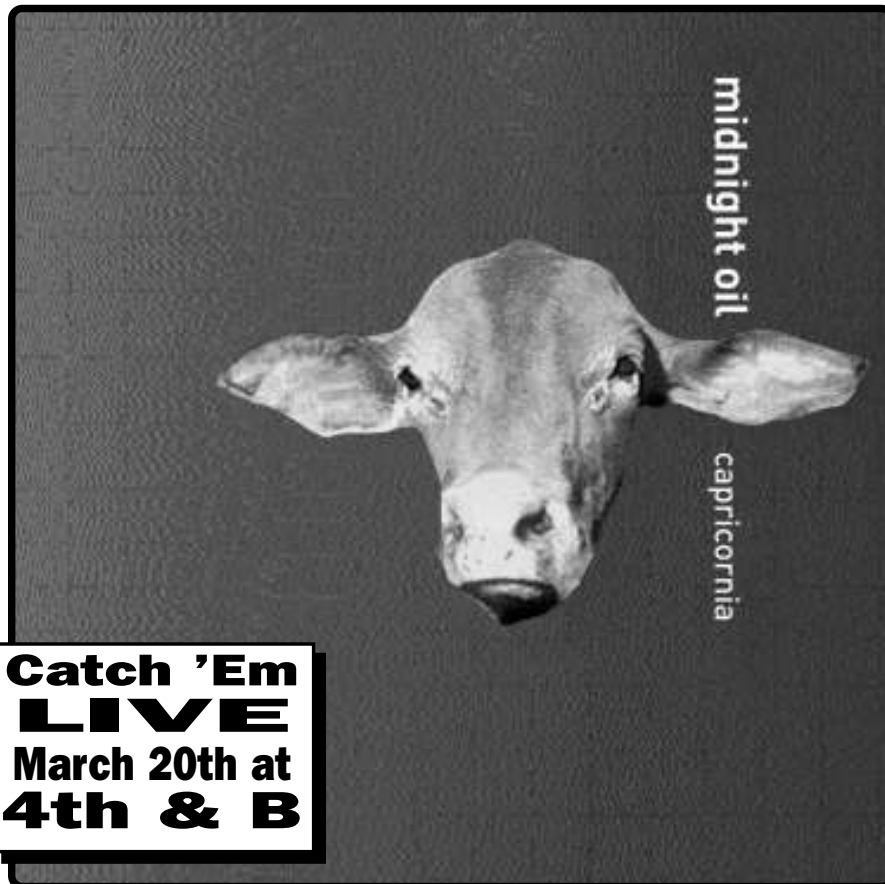
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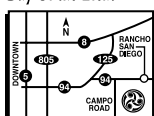
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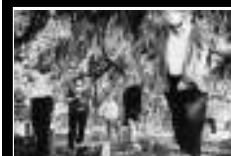
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St. Paddy's Day (to recap a little from last year) is mainly American, and so is corned beef and cabbage — at least until Irish-American expats started returning "home" and brought these new culture traits back with them. In Ireland, lean Canadian-style bacon is the thing with cabbage, but when Irish emigres started arriving here in the 1840s, American bacon was fatty and steep, and corned beef was lean and cheap. (For one thing, all those folks heading west overland generally favored bacon for the voyage — hence, high



Dublin Square

demand, high prices.) So the newly arrived Irish-Americans combined corned beef with cabbage, and also, in time, turned St. Paddy's Day from a minor Irish holiday into a major festival of ethnic identity.

Dublin Square, one of our CB&C winners of 2002, opened almost exactly a year ago. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp — where it looks right at home. The exterior indeed resembles a real Dublin pub, only newer, and with the Gaslamp's standard sidewalk terrace for people-watching. The interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but miked loud) during happy hours and some evenings, which will include St. Patrick's night.

In Celtic lore, horseshoes hung with their "legs" facing upward are said to gather in the luck — that's Irish feng shui. The horseshoe-shaped oak bar here is a replica of the 19th-century bar at Tynan's Bridge House in Kilkenny. In one

corner of the pub is a cozy lounge, a replica of the Shelbourne Lounge in Dublin, complete with stained glass, a cast-iron fireplace, and city bench seats from the Ould Sod. You can sometimes snag a table in this lounge if you beg for it when you make reservations, but the whole lounge is often reserved by large groups. Otherwise, the tables are closely packed around the bar area. Servers of both genders dress in suspended "Riverdance" outfits, and many of them speak in Limerick or Liffeside accents.

The wild "Irish" lad who owns this replicated bit of the Ould Sod is Lebanese-born Samme Ladckie (or Ladki — the spelling varies in the pub's press releases) reputed to be the brother of the Sammy Ladecki who owns the Sammy's Wood-fired Pizza chain and other well-known restaurants, and it's not for me to know how they coped with this naming when they were growing up. Guinness Porter also seems to have something to do with the operation, as its logo is everywhere, including the front of the menu — and both its name and its substance infuse quite a few dishes.

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

My first bite of Dublin Square's corned beef set my mind aspin in search of the taste memory it matched. "Katz's! Katz's on East Houston Street!" I exclaimed, fondly remembering the quintessential Manhattan deli (where the famous "I'll have what she's having" scene was shot in *When Harry Met Sally*). "But what's an Irish pub doing with Katz's recipe?" I asked myself. The cabbage is modern-upscale Irish, shredded and dressed in a mild, creamy Dijon mustard sauce, but the melt-ingly tender brisket carries rich, interesting flavors well beyond the usual salt and pickling spices. A careful look at the menu description reveals some answers: It's cooked in Guinness. With onions. And — aha! — garlic — the Katz's touch. Now, my old friend Maura (who's as Irish as her name) used to tell me how her mother wouldn't allow even a clove of garlic into her house because of "the smell." (Maura converted in adulthood, even testifying to the glories of garlic in Les Blank's award-winning documentary, *Garlic Is as Good as Ten Mothers*.) Evidently Dublin Square's corned beef is designed to delight Leopold Bloom, Maura, and me, if perhaps not Anna Livia Plurabelle or Maura's mother.

On the other hand, Tom Giblin's Irish Pub in Carlsbad Village takes a more traditional Celtic view of the "stinking rose." "Gaelic Steak — Not Garlic!" reads the menu description of its New York strip. Giblin's occupies the whole of a handsome, sprawling Elizabethan-style building occupying nearly a block, with a large parking lot at the east end of it. A long bar runs through the central premises (there are also banquet rooms, private rooms, and an upstairs that I didn't explore). Opposite the bar, lining the window wall, are cozy horseshoe-shaped roomettes lined with banquettes, resembling overgrown booths that are simultaneously intimate and sociable. The atmosphere is mellow and small-town friendly, somewhat less intensely party-like than at Dublin Square — although I wouldn't swear it'll be peaceful on March 17. Here, too, there's live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. At the far end of the building, fenced off from the parking lot, is a large, attractive heated outdoor patio.

Even without garlic, Tom Giblin's corned beef is a paragon — well-seasoned brisket so moist and tender that it falls into thick shreds at the touch of a fork. The accompanying cabbage hunks

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are fresh and toothsome, cooked just until firm-soft. If you like, you can get your corned beef and cabbage stuffed into a very salty boxty, a “peasant” potato pancake that’s expanded to dish-size here. I love boxty but mainly when it’s well-crisped and employed as a platform (e.g., topped with Irish smoked salmon and crème fraîche — a boxty variation that lamentably hasn’t shown up in San Diego Irish pubs). I’m not quite sold on boxty as a “wrap,” since it’s necessarily kept softer in the frying, hence a little floury and undercooked.

In 18 hundred and 42, I left the Old World for the new.
Bad cess to the luck that brought me through
To work upon the rail way...
I’m weary of the railway,
Poor Paddy works on the railway.

There’s plenty more food to be had at both pubs if corned beef and cabbage isn’t your thing. Both offer fish and chips, sandwiches, and a wide assortment of burgers — not to mention such time-honored “Ould Sod” dishes as fish tacos and Cajun chicken (at Tom Giblin’s) and pizza (at Dublin Square). You’ll also find a standard array of homey Irish favorites — chicken pot pie, steaks, shepherd’s pie made with ground beef, (hence, better titled “cottage pie” since shepherds don’t herd steers),

and “catch of the day.” We tried the latter twice at Dublin Square and found it catch-as-catch-can — one evening brought a gorgeously grilled fresh fillet of Irish salmon, but another night featured an abominable mess of slimy, faintly funky wet-pack sea scallops.

Dublin Square has perhaps the more ambitious kitchen of the two, offering a longer list of Irish dishes, ranging from a hearty all-day Irish breakfast (always a good bet) to several entrées in the modern “gourmet” Irish mode (“Gaelic” steak with roasted tomato cilantro butter). In this latter vein, we tried the grilled (broiled, actually) baby lamb rib chops, lightly coated with herbs and finished with a slightly sweet herbal rosemary demi-glâce. Although ordered medium-rare, the chops were cooked to medium. One of our guests found the rosemary flavor over-intense; the rest of us found it acceptable if not a great thrill.

Among the more specifically Irish dishes, the Guinness company’s recipe for Irish beef stew braised in its product has evidently percolated down to San Diego’s Irish pubs, as both destinations cook it. It’s still just beef stew, but with a faintly bitter undertone from the stout and an herbal edge from a sprinkling of thyme. At Dublin Square, the same dish reappears in an appetizer, Guinness Beef Crostini, featuring a bit of the beef with the sauce cooked down to thick gravy,



Tom Giblin's Irish Pub

served over a pesto-smear baguette and topped with melted Cashel blue cheese. Greater disharmony I’ve rarely encountered, but other patrons seem to like it.

Both pubs serve pleasing appetizers of smoked salmon with capers over salad. Dublin Square’s salmon is of outstanding quality, firm and very smoky; Tom Giblin’s is salty and somewhat soft but still more flavorful than, say, the brands at Trader Joe’s, and it’s served with dense, brown, house-baked soda bread. And Giblin’s salads — who’d have imagined it at a pub? — turn

out to be wonderful, with an interesting variety of sparkling-fresh greens and honest housemade dressings, including a fine, tangy blue cheese. Along with a whole menu section devoted to salads, you also have a choice of soup du jour or house salad with all dinner entrées.

I’m a decent boy just landed from the town of Ballyfad
I want a situation and I want it very bad.
I have seen employment advertised, “It’s just the thing,” says I,

But the dirty ad ended with “No Irish Need Apply!”

At both pubs, the food is generally very salty, as you’d expect — isn’t that what pub grub is about, an impetus to suck up the suds? Oh, and that reminds me: No Wine-Bibbers Need Apply. At Dublin Square, since I don’t like beer, I foolishly asked if there was any white wine. They said yes, a house Chardonnay, brand unknown. For the next 20 minutes, they searched for it and wouldn’t serve drinks to the rest of my table while they looked high and low for the elusive spot

of the grape. I suspect they finally gave up and sent a runner over to Ralphs for a jug of Vendange, since when the server finally returned, she warned me that the wine was warm, and would I like it served over ice? I gave up and switched to gin and tonic — probably the one good thing England ever gave to Eire.

In any case, pubs of any nation are not generally about gastronomic glory — they’re about good times with some pretty good grub to provide ballast for the beer. Dublin Square is a hot spot for entertainment and atmosphere, and Tom Giblin’s is a sweet spot for hanging out. The fabulosity of the corned beef at both of them is sheer gravy.

Do you think it a misfortune to be christened Pat or Dan?
To me it is an honor to be born an Irishman!

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Botched Wobbly

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Paddy's Day must be coming. The band playing on the jukebox is Green Day. The liquid soap where glasses get washed is called Simple Green. A green leprechaun leans over the cash register. The countertop is green, all the straws and mixers are green — and Bob, the cook at Sham Rocks Shack, has corned beef sandwiches on his menu.

But Hank has elephants on his mind.

"Do you realize," he says, "that during your lifetime, you'll eat 60,000 pounds of food, the equivalent weight of six elephants?"

"Uh, no," I say. "But did *you* know that people have booked rooms across the road just so they can be here when this place opens on St. Paddy's Day?"

"Is that a fact?" says Hank.

"That's a fact," says Dan, down the bar a little. "I only live up the road, three minutes by car, but St. Patrick's Day, it gets crazy here. Starts 10:00 a.m. A friend and me want to be in here early, and we want a table, and I want a bed to roll into that's, like, real close. So we booked in at the Ace Budget Motel, right across the boulevard."

Man, that's dedication. Hank and I take a slurp from our house ale, a nice dark brew that Kelly the barmaid says comes from Riverside. Two bucks a pint, or, now, during happy hour, \$5 for a pitcher.

The trouble is, we wrecked it. We wanted to

do a dry run on Paddy's Day and create a wobbly. The wobbly is where you pour in a base of 7UP, then ooze black Guinness over it, and watch while the two liquids battle it out and cause a wobble where the silver meets the black. Problem was, we tried it with this Shamrock dark ale. Bought a bottle of 7UP, poured, watched them just mix into a brown shandy mess, no wobbly, no nothing. Had to slurp down the ghastly sweet result.

"Any more good ideas?" says Hank.

"Let's eat," I say.

We could go elsewhere, but the fact is, it's good here. It has the feel of a pub. Nice, solid wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards. People know each other. Kelly says construction workers come in during the day, students at night. Right now, around 6:00 p.m., it's a little of both.

Melissa hands us a little yellow menu. She's new behind the bar, perky, and you can see every man here would bring snakes back to Ireland for a glance from her. Least Hank would.

"So what?" I say.

"What 'what'?"

"What are we gonna eat?"

"Fish and chips are the best in town here," says Dan.

"Steak and eggs are great," says Mike. "Specially Sunday brunch. Bob's the best cook we've ever had here."

**TIN
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ED BEDFORD

Hank has a little yellow menu sheet in his hand. " 'Corned beef sandwich with French fries,' " he reads; " '\$5.00.' Yeah. Gimme some of that. Call it my St. Paddy's Day Preview."

Me, I haven't decided. I grab the little yellow sheet. One side's "daily specials." Appetizers like popcorn shrimp (\$4.50), or popcorn chicken (\$4.00), or jalapeño poppers and mozzarella sticks (both \$4.00); "From the Grill" has fish and chips (\$6.00), fish tacos (\$4.00), and burgers. Hamburger with fries is \$4.00; cheeseburger is \$5.00.

"We call Bob's burgers 'sleepers,' because they're so big they send you straight to sleep," says Dan.

On the other side it's "brunch specials," from midday till 6:00 p.m. "But Bob'll do it for you any time if he has the food," Kelly says. Steak and eggs and home fries is \$6.00, Denver or mushroom omelets plus home fries are \$4.50, Philly cheese steak is \$5.50, grilled ham and cheese sandwich is \$3.50, and, with a big circle around it, spaghetti and garlic bread, only \$3.50. May not be strictly Irish, but it's a filler.

"I've cooked in 57 kitchens in my time," says Bob when I go back to the kitchen to order up. "Bahia, Catamaran, the Sands. But most of them were downtown. Started at Eighth and Market. On-call cook." He's a guy with a generous, worked face that hasn't gotten hard or bitter over the years.

"Nobody knows how to treat a cook. But Steve — he's the owner here — he's good. He's great."

All the time he's cooking away right there on two big stoves, tossing the spaghetti in, making the sauce, heating up the corned beef, toasting the French breads.

He brings them out on thick china plates, mine with a big heavy silver fork, which is great, when you'd expect the plastic-'n'-paper treatment. And, my gosh, for \$3.50, you get this pile of spaghetti, lots of meaty sauce, and four pieces of garlicky toasted French bread. Hank's corned beef comes with toasted French bread too.

"Please don't walk off with the fork," says Bob.

"So what food'll you be serving, St. Paddy's Day?" I ask Kelly.

"Corned beef and cabbage, I think," says Kelly.

"No," says Bob. "Corned beef sandwiches. Like today."

I glance at Hank. He's just downing the last of his. "Think we should come back?" I ask.

"Well, the fact is, food isn't what St. Paddy's Day is about, but this will do nicely."

"We'll have different bands coming by," says Kelly, "including one of those traditional groups. Uh, want to try another pitcher, without the 7UP?"

"Why not?" I say. "There's always that Ace Budget across the road." ■

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"You can talk about Ferraris, but once you've driven a Ferrari, you can really talk about Ferraris."

A few days from now, San Marcos-based wine agent Sean Fisher will board a plane for Paris. After he lands, he will make the 60-mile drive southeast to Chablis, the northernmost outpost of the Burgundy region of France. There, he will taste a multitude of the bracing, mineral Chardonnays that are produced in Chablis — the first tasting of Les Grands Jours de Bourgogne, an event that describes itself as "The World Comes to Burgundy." Over the next week, Fisher and other Burgundy aficionados from around the world will travel from village to village, sampling an insane number (at least a thousand) of some of the finest wines money can buy. They will taste Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs, both high and low, old and new, sparkling and still, feasting all along the way. If I sound wistful, it's because I am.

"We are basically the ones who spread the gospel," says Fisher of himself and the other wine-trade attendees at the Grands Jours. "We want people to live vicariously through what we've done. We get to taste apples to apples and oranges to oranges — everybody's Charmes-Chambertin, everybody's Clos Vougeot. We get to see who's doing what, and why. A lot of these wines are expensive, so you don't have the opportunity to go and pop bottles and taste people on them all the time. A lot of people buy off of recommendation, [or] they buy off a winery's track record."

Still, Fisher grants that "there's nothing like sharing the experience. You can talk about Ferraris, but once you've driven a Ferrari, you can really talk about Ferraris." Two weeks ago, Fisher got to stop preaching Burgundy and start pouring it at Laurel Restaurant, hosting his annual tasting for Atherton Wine Imports. The tasting highlighted the red Burgundies of Domaine Esmonin from the 2000 vintage; the winemakers, Frederic and André Esmonin, were in attendance, answering questions but not making speeches.

The wines fell into roughly three price cat-

egories — around \$30, \$40, and \$50 wholesale. For what it's worth, I favored the Gevrey 1er Cru Lavaux St.-Jacques in the \$30 range, the Charmes-Chambertin at \$40, and the Chambertin at \$50, though some more experienced tasters I spoke with preferred the Ruchottes-Chambertin (a \$40 bottle) to everything else. The wines were quite fleshy-fruity without being overly soft — as Fisher would put it, good wines to drink young.

"My attitude about Burgundy is, you may have a disastrous vintage every so often, but as a general rule, good producers always make good wine. They may make some wines that are more age-worthy, and then there are vintages like '97, which, though they were bashed by the press, are absolutely lovely right now. The 2000 vintage was decent — not exceptional for reds, but they're good wines." The argument is that some vintages are lighter-bodied than others, but they're never bad.

This may be true for really great producers — I don't have enough experience with Burgundy to say for certain. I do know that I've tasted '97 Burgundy priced at \$75 a bottle wholesale that was thin and weedy and seemed destined to offer nothing more than it already did, and possibly less. This is why Pinot Noir — especially Pinot Noir from Burgundy — is known as the "heartbreak grape": it can be transcendently great, it can be devastatingly awful, but it's almost always expensive. The Esmonin wines, says Fisher, are considered to be among the best values in Burgundy. A friend once put it something like this: "In bad years, they say, 'We have to charge more because our yields were so small.' In good years, they say, 'We have to charge more because demand is so high.' Either way, they charge more." (To be fair, it should be noted that yields are in fact regulated by French law.)

Between the cost and the uncertainty, I almost never buy the stuff, even though Burgundy has produced the best and most memorable wines I have ever tasted. Fisher re-

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MATTHEW LICKONA



Atherton tasting at Laurel Restaurant

sponds by saying that "it's the heartbreak grape, yes, but [only] for those with a weak heart." He might have added, "Or a shallow wallet."

But Fisher loves what he sells; he considers himself a Burgundy activist, and it shows. He says things like "If your life is good and you're happy, and you want it to be better and to be more happy, get involved in Burgundy. When Burgundy is on, it's on. Once you get involved, it's hard to go back. I really consider Burgundies the ultimate wine experience, showing the most pedigree, the most finesse, the most intricacy, the most precision."

His activism has borne fruit. "San Diego is a decent market; it's getting better. People are taking more of an interest, especially in the last couple of years, as you've seen the prices in California really starting to rise. I will match any California Pinot Noir to Burgundies that cost a fraction more." But there is still a ways to go. "There are plenty of people in San Diego who are involved in Burgundy and who get in their cars and drive up to Orange County and Los Angeles to buy the wines. Why? Because not enough people are partaking in the wines. A lot of times, people can't find enough of them. There are a few stores and restaurants

who have Burgundies, but [many do not]. If you don't carry Burgundies, how can you ever turn people on to them?"

Smaller demand from stores and restaurants means smaller allocations from distributors, a situation that drives devotees to the larger wine shops of the L.A. area. But even these may disappoint. "A lot of a wine like Domaine Meo-Camuzet never gets past the East Coast; people on the West Coast are sometimes overlooked." Fisher, ever the activist, seeks to remedy the problem. "There are a lot of things in the Atherton portfolio that are regular market, and then there are things that are secondary market, gray market." Often, "There's not enough Domaine Meo-Camuzet to go around, and people want to have it. It's a funny thing, but a lot of times, there are more of these wines available in Europe — to buy, bring over, and resell — than are available from the direct importer. There are agents in Europe who get these wines from wherever — stuff that was allocated to restaurants, things of that sort — and we bring them into the U.S. I supply a lot of people with these kinds of wines. I'm the one that finds them a home." ■

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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 supermarkets', 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 "Honey-moon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations,

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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)

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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)

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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)

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more up-standing. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports (along with Oprah and steaks). Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, www.thearmenian-cafe.com. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sun-deck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MARE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (1/00)

THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is \$32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — E.W.

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CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast
Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252,
www.calypsocafe.net. This "Calypso"
has nothing to do with Caribbean mus-
ic (or food), despite its tropical tiki-
hut decor. The cuisine is French, rang-
ing from old warhorses like onion soup
and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-
Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates
such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna
pizza). The traditional dishes are gen-
erally the most successful. Mussels are
the house specialty, and their rapid
turnover here ensures freshness. Al-
though there's nothing revolutionary
coming from this kitchen, the cooking
is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly,
reservations advised. Upper moderate.
— N.W. (9/01)

**D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE
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way 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162.
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brid of French fries and potato chips.
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pastas, and a handful of seafood plat-
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FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad
Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A
sister restaurant to the venerable es-
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chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema*;
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toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Af-
ter 11:00 a.m., try their Cajun chicken.
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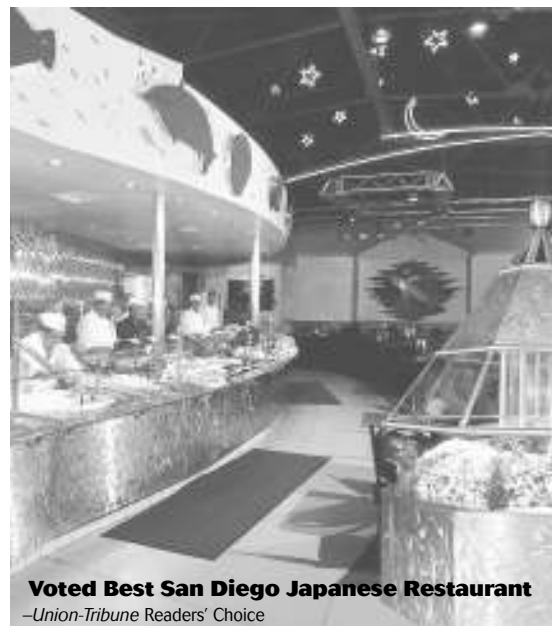
JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission
Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Lo-
cal teachers hang out at this green-,
white-, and red-tiled place because it's
such good value. Most dishes are either
Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a
Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, pa-
prika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on.
Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in
lime juice and garlic with rice, beans,
and green salad) is good. The roasted
chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast
Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans,
cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a
large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but
then so is J.M.'s Great All-American
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— E.B. (12/01)

KIM'S RESTAURANT Lumberyard
Shopping Center #103, 745 First Street,
Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Closed Mon-
day. Both Vietnamese and Chinese
dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere
with quick, pleasant service. The menu
lists 265 items, including 18 Viet-
namese house specialties, 28 seafood
dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetar-
ian/vegan dishes, many made with *sei-
tan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't
necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish
is evidently obtained frozen, scallops
are phosphate-preserved, and the rea-
sonably priced abalone dishes involve
slightly chewy, rehydrated dried
abalone from Asia. On the other hand,
portions are enormous, and the cook-
ing is careful and tasty, although some
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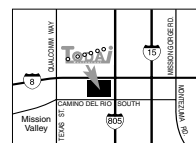
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MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under \$10.00. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Sunday brunch from the menu, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

POTATO SHACK CAFE 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the

cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “manhole” pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

RED TRACTON'S 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

SUSHI @ LA KAZ 3870 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, 858-792-5509. Outstanding, sophisticated sushi includes caterpillar roll (eel and avocado), soft-shell-crab roll, tempura roll. Good hot dishes include “Dynamite” and sukiyaki. Elegant sushi. Closed Sunday. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only “extra lean” meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays, to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. Breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY 1717 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-4626. Authentic German menu offers most of your favorites: chicken in champagne sauce, *sauerbraten* (beef in wine-vinegar sauce), Wiener schnitzel. Hot potato salad, made-on-the-premises *spaetzle*, and strudel major pluses. Call for directions. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (8/99)

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

DICRESCENZO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style “deli” in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily-changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're the food of thrills and revelations, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles and some near-bargains in the higher realms (the legendary Chateau Grillet Condrieu at \$126). Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's an ideal restaurant for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy, reservations essential. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for week-

ends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

ISLAND BOY GRILLE 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard, Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708, www.islandboygrill.com. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua (“Flower”) serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2.30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/02)

MIIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If

you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, and links that are smoked rather than cooked over a fire. The room is unadorned but very clean. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily, continuous service. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschool-ish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter “spread” accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F (Albertson's Shopping Center), Escondido, 760-480-9438. The “New Style Favorites” of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc.

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TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

TORREY PINES CAFE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. The menu is similar to the sister restaurant, the Bird Rock Cafe, with many salads, pastas, and an excellent Sunday brunch. But there are terrific new additions: paella and tender short ribs cooked in a barbecue sauce plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Neither is to be missed. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES Costa Verde Shopping Center, 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

CHOPAHN Renaissance Towne Center, 8935 Towne Center Drive #111, Golden Triangle, 858-677-0100. Located in a romantic, elegant dining room, this Afghan restaurant offers first-rate food — possibly the best Afghan menu in the city. Be sure to order two or three appetizers and the house specialty Kabob-E-Chopahn, lamb loin chops on a skewer or lamb and chicken kabobs. Rice and vegetables are a good choice for vegetarians. Loving ownership; personalized service. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W. (11/98)*

ELARIO'S BISTRO & SKY LOUNGE 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, Hotel La Jolla (formerly Summer House Inn), 858-459-0541. The 11th floor view carries this restaurant. Good preparation of gourmet American food, fish, seafood, steaks, and chicken. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla East, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open dinners only nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (1/00)*

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W. (9/99)*

LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado (at Girard), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

THE MARINE ROOM 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas, high prices.... With the arrival of chef Bernard Guillas, the romantic Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. The wine list is sublime, too; just bring your trust fund. Reservations required; resort-casual to dressy. Call ahead to arrange wheelchair access. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, the *niçoise* salad at lunch, or the excellent Sunday brunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for brunch or dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W. (12/99)*

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot, a boxy, sailoon-like space with a sushi bar in back, draws a lively, twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts

and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with

deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate

(some pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

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ALADDIN’S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111, www.aladdin_cafe.com. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean if rather generic Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

BACRISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3709 Convoy Street, Pacific Gateway Plaza, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. San Diego’s best Chinese restaurant for fresh seafood and fish. Live fish, prawns, and lobsters are kept in tanks and prepared minutes after you order. Superb dim sum, served daily, is especially fine on Saturday and Sunday, when 100 items are available.

Open daily. Upper moderate to expensive. — E.W.

HSU’S SZECHUAN CUISINE Hazard Village, 9350 F-G Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. This restaurant is noted for its hot and spicy Szechuan dishes as well as for its Mandarin specialties. For Mongolian barbecue, you have a choice of beef, pork, lamb, or turkey with stir-fried vegetables (barbecue is not available Sunday morning). Extensive menu with many unusual dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

MANDARIN GARDEN RESTAURANT 8242 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-566-4720. From the *dim sum* served Saturday and Sunday to its variety of exotic dishes, this restaurant is worth seeking out, especially at dinner. Located in the Mira Mesa Mall, it offers many unusual and hard-to-find appetizers. The noteworthy main dishes are steamed whole fish, twice-cooked pork (spicy), fresh eel served in brown sauce. The extensive menu includes standard dishes favored by Americans. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. 7604 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. The building looks like a converted McDonald’s, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and “Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry.” Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *Mi Ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken. Or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. He will explain all. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong’s hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions’ tastiest styles. Their Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong’s

dumplings are outstanding. Their seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for Westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There’s also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open 7 days, moderate to expensive. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

GUAVA BEACH BAR AND GRILL 3714 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-6688. Old-fashioned American cooking such as meat loaf with mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese (on children’s menu) are prepared here, along with Mexican and seafood specialties. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

HARBOR’S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

HUDSON BAY SEAFOOD 1403 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-222-8787. Fresh fish and seafood, burgers, and salads served in room on the dock. Great view and you may eat on the outside deck or inside. Very casual. Best bets: fish and chips and fresh fish sandwiches. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

JARED’S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton’s, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing

else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First rate bread and bread pudding. Closed Monday. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — E.W.

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It’s really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.W.

REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880, www.islandsedge.com. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather’s warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared’s. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

SAM CHOY’S HAWAII AT THE BALI HAI 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Unpretentious Hawaiian/Chinese creations emphasize seafood here, in a family-friendly setting with spectacular views. Dinner prices include soup and a salad with an addictive sesame dressing. Simpler entrées are best. Try the coconut-stuffed halibut in pineapple cream sauce or a sashimi-lover’s sampler of three different fish species, seared “ahi-style.” The weekly specials can be risky; wokked entrées run to old-fashioned “Cantonese-American” fare. Full bar, with well-made “umbrella drinks,” pitiful wine list. Champagne brunch buffet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — N.W. (3/01)

SPORTSMEN’S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego’s late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it.

The menu is devoted to the “fruits of the sea” and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish and chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. Open seven days, lunch/early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THEE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884; www.theebungalow.com. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore’s charming, comfortable historic “cottage,” where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pate to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre’s*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pates and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

ELAGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You’ll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It’s the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuilitacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of “mushroom” that grows on corn ears. (In English it’s called “corn smut,” but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-

the-rocks Margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8:00 a.m., and you’ll be practically alone. You’re suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you’ll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here, as well as the hangings, shoot-outs, and revolutions. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

GEORGIA’S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Roscreans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, Loma Portal, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restaurant serves food that will please anyone on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sandwiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnisas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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CAFE ZIA 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half San Diego State does: just say yes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

DULZURA CAFE Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Breakfast and lunch seven days, dinner Friday through Sunday. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse-collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Listen for speeding cars rounding the corner as you cross into the dirt parking lot — and watch for the scorpion in the counter-top. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch *West Wing*, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On

Sundays (2:00 to 7:00 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bull-fighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (Bar open until 2 a.m.) Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. Loving experience and gastronomically

satisfying. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, 619-464-2288. This neighborhood restaurant (formerly Chang) offers 18 chicken preparations at low cost, plus diced chicken in lettuce cups and smoked chicken with fried greens — the last two are appetizers. Good neighborhood restaurant in gorgeous surroundings. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

TOMMY'S PIZZA 1164 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-440-2676. This old-fashioned pizza house also prepares superb Italian sandwiches that include Italian roast beef, meatball, sausage, and various combinations. Call for hours. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than

CalMex or TexMex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish). *Caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

JYOTI-BIHANGA 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This new addition to an old neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheese-bread pudding. These preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold — as do the entrées. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday to Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Open daily, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — *N.W. (12/00)*

UPTOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue, uptown, Suite 171, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building), is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the

meat trucked in from cheese-steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the "Italian Stallion" (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, and grilled pastrami cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and early dinner weekdays. Closes 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (2/00)*

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. Onion rings served in a loaf, homemade potato chips, chicken, steak, pasta, and a variety of extra-lean charbroiled ham-burgers, plus the continuous service from breakfast to late night keep this café crowded. Breakfast omelets particularly good. Desserts are homemade. Noisy and high spirited, this café is open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LAUREL RESTAURANT 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Douglas Organ's French provincial restaurant is sophisticated and stylish, featuring an ever-changing seasonal menu of fresh, appealing dishes and a superb wine list (as you'd expect from the sister of the North County's Wine Sellar Brasserie). The crowd, many coming straight from work or business conventions, are on the dressy side. Dine early in the week for quiet, as weekends are jumping. Reservations are a must. The site now includes a small gourmet market, open from 4:00 p.m. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (3/00)*

MISSION HILLS CAFE 808 West Washington, Mission Hills,

619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neighborhood restaurant — nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Breakfast items available until 4:00 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (6/99)*

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DOWNTOWN

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not mean: from a pizza slice to

barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies plus garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-7272. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions are huge, and ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not for gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti are your best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (6/00)*

THE CHEESE SHOP 401 G Street, Gaslamp District, 619-232-2303. This café offers outrageously good sandwiches of which my favorites are the Black Forest ham and the roast pork. Muffins and cookies are baked on the premises. Paper plates for food but real mugs for coffee and tea. Open daily. Inexpensive. Branch in La Jolla, 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-459-3921. — *E.W.*

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-4483. This downtown hot spot is sleek, stark, dramatic, a restaurant in which to "be seen." Their "cuisine moderne" is Asian and Caribbean influenced and succeeds the atmosphere. I found the salmon and pork *osso bucco* outdone by their sides, but recommend the beef filet and rack of lamb, which Chive's generous kitchen roasts to perfection. Behind the artifice, Chive's staff is cordial and efficient, its kitchen talented, if a little arty and uneven. — *E.W. (1/00)*

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway, downtown, 619-239-1782. It's a great place to eat if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Three meals to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (corner of F Street), Gaslamp District,

619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

GARDEN COFFEE HOUSE 634 Broadway, downtown, 619-231-6494. Come around nine in the morning and you're in the tower of Babel. You hear French, German, Japanese — double-kissing foreign students from the language school next door come here for pre-class breakfast. Raziq Fani, an Afghan poet, runs the place. Breakfasts can be "health," "continental," or "American." The "American" promises two sausages, hash browns, and eggs with toast and coffee or tea. It's worth it for the fennel-herbed sausage. "The flavor comes from the valleys of Afghanistan," says Mr. Fani. Relax in the library section, or play chess, or stay for lunch. Try *quabely*, a rice dish with currants and raisins and carrots and meat, or spaghetti with Fani's own sauce. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, Little Italy, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of

the original Henry. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

HOME QUEST COFFEE HOUSE 1010 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-3222. Okay, it's toward the scuzzy part of Broadway, and caters mainly to people struggling with substance problems, but the place is full of life and positive energy. You can hear it from the sidewalk — people sitting on stools at high tables loudly chewing the fat, chowing down, and smoking. Anybody's welcome, and almost anybody can afford the rock-bottom prices for a breakfast egg with hash browns and toast, or three pancakes, or three slices of French toast, or even a piece of chicken and toast. The dinner menu includes liver and onions, pork chops, or three pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Open 6-1/2 days (closes after lunch Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market (29th), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook less-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escoveitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy "brown stew." Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get take-out. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street, downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. Follow your nose. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. But guess what? It is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horse-shoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pibil*, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas*, traditional bells, and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. While you wait, listen to Arturo belt out songs from the kitchen. He has a great voice. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LAEL'S RESTAURANT Hyatt Regency Hotel, One Market Street, downtown, 619-687-6066. All-you-can-eat fish-and-seafood buffet, Friday nights only, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., \$21.95. All-you-can-eat prime rib buffet, Thursday night, \$18.95. Wednesday night, all-you-can-eat Italian buffet for \$14.95. Worth trying for lovers of buffets. — *E.W.*

MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here, she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1:00 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti Bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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land dressing, and mustard is, as they say, “gemütlich.” Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout eight years ago. He was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends. People from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). “I’m Navajo Indian. I studied Buddhism and Indian religions,” says Rafael, now 26. “I was never materialistic.” Tip well: all the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. — *E.B. (12/01)*

RAINWATER’S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, downtown, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open daily. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — *E.W.*

REI DO GADO 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-8464. This classic *rodizio* (Brazilian barbecue house) serves you more than you can eat — an assortment of salty, simple rotisserie meats and poultry, and a huge, ever-changing buffet. Along with side dishes, salads and heaps of fresh fruit, you’ll find an array of hot entrées, including Brazilian-style seafood (e.g., shrimp in coconut milk) and meat stews. There’s always a pot full of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). Each table sports a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-

green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of pork, chicken, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, etc., including delicious skirt steak and garlic-rubbed “top sirloin cap.” Turn the cone red side up when you want a break from the protein procession. The traditional beverage to wash down the meat-fest is the *Caipirinha*, a tangy, fresh lime cocktail. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-5979, www.cafesevilla.com. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but Euro-civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

SISTER PEE WEE’S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister’s special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, ba-

con, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

THE SNACK GALLEY Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don’t expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it’s open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father’s Star of the Sea. In a chic new setting with the same romantic view, a talented new chef offers superb sea catch in fresh flavor combinations that are bold but sane. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef’s tasting menu, which can include a cleverly paired wine flight. À la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy, reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BUON GIORNO 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-2661. The menu includes antipasti, soup, salad, pasta, pizza as well as chicken, meat, and fish. Try the Caesar salad topped with grilled fresh chicken breast, or linguine al pesto. Fish does very well here. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but

the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — *E.W.*

D’LISH PIZZA AND PASTA 386 East H Street, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. The pizzas and pastas are tasty and the salads are huge and fresh. Excellent service. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

GRANDMA’S PANTRY RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma’s notice — pinned above a heap of cheese-cakes, pies, and cakes — that says “Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First.” The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to “Hot Juan” frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their “All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat” special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB’s pier. Breakfast and early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND WOK 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, Kung Pao chicken, or sweet and sour pork. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAURANT 569 H Street, Chula Vista, 619-426-5951. Fairly bare bones, but comfortable, decorated with red dragons and paper lanterns. William and Anna, cook-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the revolving “All U Can Eat” lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say “Refills!” Kung Pao

squid, beef broccoli, orange beef, and fried yam are great, but hang in for (in my opinion) the star turn: William’s batter-covered crab puff — imitation crab with cream cheese. Or go menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with flaming habachi. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. Miss Philippines (USA), Miss Sweden, and Miss Argentina ate here, so it can’t be bad. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado*, *binagoongan*, and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet and sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LA BELLA PIZZA GARDEN 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is “Papa’s Favorite,” an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LYDIA’S CAFE AND NIGHTCLUB 1628 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. And yes, there is a real Lydia, age 76, mother of six, grandmother of 26, great-grandma of 44. (Give her a hand!) But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *caracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with

ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented — *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). And now — *¡baila!* Open early to very late, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MARCO’S FINE ITALIAN FOOD AND PIZZA 736 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-424-3636. You hardly notice it tucked into a row of TV repair shops, but Marco’s is a jewel. Marco, Frank and Rosa Palombo ran the place for 30 years. Now Alex Pacheco does, but nothing has changed. There are the classic red tablecloths, murals of Italian scenes, white trellises, dripping plastic grapes, and Chianti bottles. Try spaghetti, mostaccioli, or rigatoni with meat sauce and meatballs. Live a little! Order a half carafe of Burgundy and sing along with the music — “*Funiculi, Funicula*.” Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

PEOHE’S The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Open daily, lunch, and dinner. Reservations advised. Bargain-priced “early bird” dinners Monday through Thursday, otherwise expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

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TIJUANA

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BIG BOY RESTAURANT 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana. Open 24/7. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattlemen, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfasts include eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will

object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

EL TAURINO 7531 Sixth Avenue (off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Located in the heart of the old section of Tijuana, three blocks west of Revolución, this restaurant provides superb value in an excellent setting. Basically a steak house, it also offers fish, seafood, and fowl. The price of the entrée includes grilled quail, soup or salad, and mammoth amounts of the main course. Almost everyone orders *cabreria*, or try *empapelado*, fish and shrimp cooked in silver foil. Superior service. The menu is printed in Spanish and English, and the maitre d' speaks

perfect English. First-rate bargain for high quality. Open daily 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight. Continuous service. Inexpensive to moderate except for lobster. — E.W.

GRAND BISTRO Grand Hotel Tijuana, 4500 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Tijuana, 681-7000, x4188. Visit this Tijuana restaurant for its formal elegance, mystery, romance. Visit Grand Bistro for its prime rib! The tastiest I've ever eaten. This thick and juicy portion of Mexican beef comes with an outstanding side of "creamed spinach," slow-cooked with bits of smoky bacon and minced onion. Along with a fine Bistro salad and a selection from their excellent and affordable wine list, it's a voluptuous, if fatalistic, meal. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (3/99)

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LA LENA 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

LA VUELTA 2004 Avenida Revolución, Tijuana, 685-7309 or 684-2611. For an extravagant evening of mariachi music, good food, and high spirits, remember that La Vuelta is open every day, 24 hours a day. Mariachi available daily. Authentic Mexican food and atmosphere. English spoken. Inexpensive. — E.W.

LONGHERIA REYES 862 Callejón del Travieso, off 2nd Street, Tijuana, 685-3150. *Callejón del Travieso* translates as "Mischief Lane." It's packed with dentists, copy shops, a *granero* (granary), and a veterinary pharmacy alive with crowing roosters, cooing turtle-doves, rabbits, and yapping pups. You'll smell their wonderful *casa* (home-style) corn tortillas before you get there. Big pots bubble on stoves under an iron hood. You usually have a choice of three meals, involving beef, chicken, or pork, which come with a nutritious soup filled with meat-on-the-bone, corn cobs, potatoes, and vegetables. Corn tortillas and a glass of tamarind juice are included. Maria and her husband Juventino cook it up behind the counter where you sit, watch-

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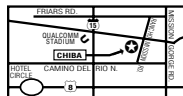
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That the new version of H.G. Wells's *The Time Machine* was directed by the novelist's great-grandson, Simon Wells, makes for a better publicity story than guarantee of fidelity. The descendant's allegiance is plainly to his own time and not to his illustrious ancestor. The special effects are perhaps not too excessive (nor too

special), as compared with the current norm rather than with the George Pal version of 1960. And although the machine itself — all flash and twirl — bears roughly the same relationship to the forty-years-old model as, say, the alien spacecraft in *Close Encounters* bears to those in *War of the Worlds* (another Wells adaptation on which Pal worked), the actual trip through time, from 1899 to 802701, is well handled. But the class-war angle of the novel — the widening divide between bourgeoisie and proletariat — has dated far less badly than might, in a bit more than a century, have been expected (except maybe by Wells himself), and certainly not so badly that it needed

to be, as it was here, expurgated altogether. On the contrary, the only reason to avoid it is to avoid stepping on anyone's oversensitive toes.

The revised conflict of the future is completely in accord with the PC sentimentalities of the present, whereby the effete Eloi have been converted into a hardy happy breed of noble

savages (suntans included), with something of a Native American feel about them, something of a Rain Forest feel, something of a South Seas feel, underscored by the soaring tribal chant on the soundtrack. The predatory Morlocks, meanwhile, rising out of the ground looking like the Living Dead, have something of a *Planet of the Apes* feel (all the way to their spectacular leaping ability), something of a colonialist-oppressor feel, something of a slave-trader feel. And the Time Traveller (Guy Pearce, an Aussie like Rod Taylor last time out), thrust into the thick of it, transforms himself overnight from the Absent-Minded Professor into Mad Max. A superior



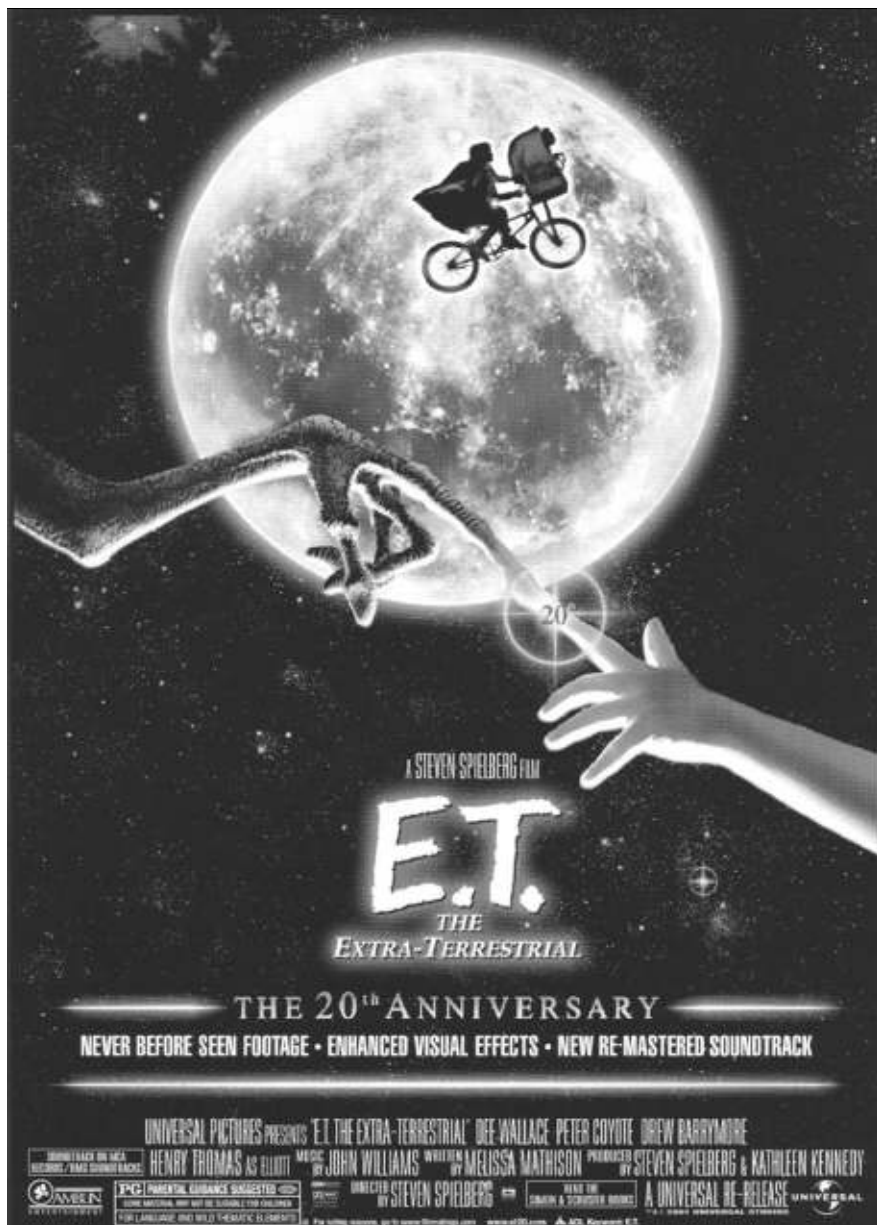
Last Orders

intellect will take you only so far; eventually push must come to shove.

To say that the novel's sociological interest has been replaced by anthropological, or even mythological, would still suggest too much to chew on. Better to say that any interest other than chronological has been replaced by none whatsoever. This is

the bowdlerized edition for bubbleheads. The red-herring romantic interest of the opening minutes is very much tailored to that audience. Apart from the something-for-everyone aspect of it, and the nothing-to-do-with-anything aspect of it, it affords our Time Traveller a "motive" (to undo the death of his fiancée), as if the sci-

entist in science fiction ever requires a nonscientific motive. In this instance his motive need have been nothing more than that which drove him to invent an electric toothbrush. Even so, it is pretty near impossible to suppress all sense of wonder, or at least sense of exasperation, in a tale of time travel. And the parallel scenes of the



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finale — overlapping events separated by hundreds of millennia — come closest to arousing wonder without exasperation.

Last Orders, from the Booker Prize-winning novel by Graham Swift, is an elegy on an entire generation — the one that came of age during the Second World War — but narrowly focussed on four East London drinking buddies, and most particularly on the two whose friendship dates to the North African theater of the war. The title refers not to any commands issued at that time, nor to the final call at the Coach and Horses pub, but instead to the deathbed wish of one of the four —

Jack — to have his ashes scattered from the Margate pier. (Michael Caine begins the movie inside a jar in a cardboard carton: hence, in an aside from one of his cronies, “Jack in a box.”) The narrative flits back and forth through time with a novelistic, free-associative agility, easy as changing tenses. The screen version has no trouble with the time shifts per se, even without (thankfully) any needless visual cues on the order of different focuses, colored tints, and whatnot, and of course without the need of a time machine. Every setting is equally sharp and clear, as it would appear to those occupying it.

Where the movie hits a snag, where the fluidity tends to coagulate, where we seem to have switched channels into another movie, is in the common problem of trying to match younger actors with older. (The good match of Hugh Bonneville with Jim Broadbent

in *Iris*, in contrast to the poor match of Kate Winslet with Judi Dench in that same movie, is the rare exception.) Some things simply work better on the page, in front of the mind's eye. We know too well what Michael Caine, Bob Hoskins, Tom Courtenay, David Hemmings, and Helen Mirren looked like when they were young: *Zulu*, *Zulu Dawn*, *The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner*, *Blow-Up*, and *Age of Consent*, respectively. (Hemmings's own son Nolan, to be sure, makes an irreproachable match for his father, though in a puny part: the thickened body and voice of the elder Hemmings, so long after the days of Swinging London, would be more of a shock if we hadn't just seen him in *Spy Game*.) But these, together with Ray Winstone as Caine's and Mirren's adopted son, are seasoned players, with no cause to grandstand; and they all reap plenty of poignance from memories of their former selves, when not usurped, anyhow, by imposters. Director Fred Schepisi, whose career has never quite lived up to its early promise (another

potential source of poignance, perfectly in tune with the central theme), remains nonetheless an able craftsman, and I greatly enjoyed the recurrent scenes inside the car on the ashes-scattering mission: shot unmistakably in a studio, artfully lit, with old-fashioned-looking rear-screen projection (I imagine it's all done on computers now), so that the camera may freely move around from front seat to back, maneuver for a variety of angles, stretch the tight space, get itself some elbow room.

Monsoon Wedding gathers the clan for an arranged marriage in modern Delhi. You won't be alone if you have a hard time telling who's who and how they're related: even one of the invitees voices the complaint. It's a standard comic situation (*Father of the Bride*, etc.), almost a can't-miss one, and the Punjabi exoticism goes far to compensate for all the conventionality. It may not, however, go so far as to compensate for the belated dark turn down the side street of molestation: a new comic convention, but no less a convention,

now that every TV sitcom feels obligated to Address Important Issues. The conflict between the old ways and the new, too, is standard for Eastern cinema (Ozu, etc.), although Mira Nair's scrambling catch-as-catch-can camerawork — 16mm blown up to 35 — leaves no doubt, for even a moment, where her own sympathies lie. The movie comes to a somewhat premature climax, albeit a moving one, at the cathartic celebratory dance the night before the ceremony. It would all feel a lot more barren, though, without the delightful figure of the weaselly wedding planner (“Ten minutes,” he promises, “exactly and approximately”), with his polka-dot scarf, his leisure suits, his calculator wristwatch, his clip-on pager. By himself, this inch-by-inch social climber embodies the strengths and weaknesses of the whole: complacently formulaic yet infused with a palpable humanity. However large a laughingstock, he is not denied his own romantic yearnings and his inhibiting self-awareness.

The ninth annual San Diego Latino Film Festival (ninth? really? already?) runs from March 14 through 24 at Mann's Hazard Center. Information, as before, is a little difficult to come by. An enclosure in the press kit enumerates close to a hundred boldface titles, of which thirty-some seem to be features, identified as to country of origin (Argentina and Brazil to U.S.A. and Venezuela), year of production, and running time. No directors, no casts, no clue — except to the extent that a title like *My Mother-in-Law Is a Zombie* might constitute a clue. You are invited to visit the website (www.sdlatinofilm.com) for “a synopsis [sic] of each film.” If you're not on the Net, you're nowhere, man.

My current answer to the question “Anything good coming up?” is twofold: *The Son's Room*, from Italy, and *Baran*, from Iran. Unhappily, that's been my current answer since early January, when both of them were screened for the press under the presumption that they would be opening soon. (Both are the property of Miramax, notoriously highhanded about scheduling.) Since that time, they have slid farther and farther down the calendar, almost by the week, until “currently” the Italian one is pencilled in for early April and the Iranian for early May. I'm just going on record

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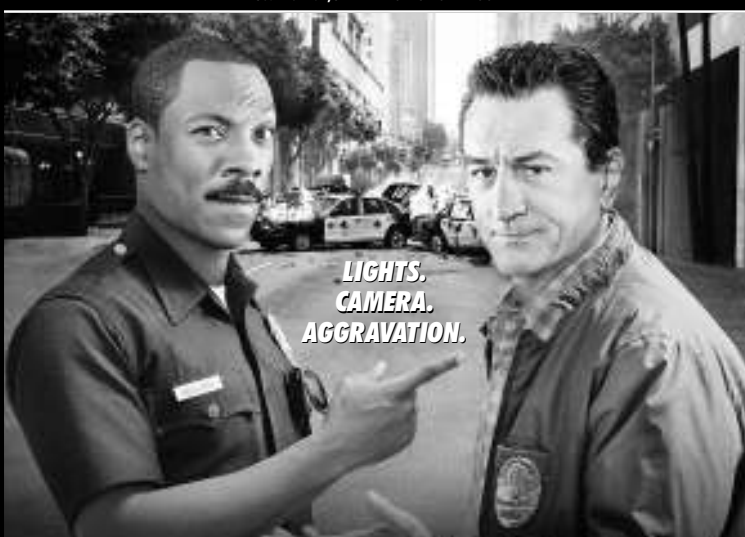
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armies, no centers-of-the-universe, no empathy-magnets, in this group. There is individual courage on display, and competence, and selflessness, but there is no villainy or cowardice deeper than the inevitable snafu. The soldiers are just that and 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.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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)

Casino — Scorsese, doffing the ill-fitting penguin suit of *The Age of Innocence*, goes back to gangsters and to the scriptwriter of *Good Fellas*, Nicholas Pileggi. One major drawback here is the same drawback as there, only bigger (or rather, at three hours, *longer*): the brunt of the storytelling is entrusted to first-person narration, this time *two* voices in alternation, Robert De Niro’s and Joe Pesci’s. Some worthwhile information does come out — notwithstanding the fictionalizing of the factual names — about Mob operations in Vegas from the Seventies into the Eighties. But in large part — unacceptably large part — the flow of info has not been shaped into playable drama, into incidents, into scenes, into visuals. It’s just testimony, data, research, oral report: disembodied yackety-yak accompanied almost without cease by rickety rock (the

Rolling Stones, the Moody Blues, Roxy Music, Fleetwood Mac, Cream — what’s the relevance of this playlist?). Another major drawback, more exclusive to *Casino* and a little less applicable (by half an hour) to *Good Fellas*, is that the “epic” length is not bolstered by anything in the nature of an epic story. Despite distorted echoes of Camelot and the Arthur-Guinevere-Lancelot triangle, *Casino* tells a seamy, tawdry, diminishing little tale of how a wandering wife ruined a Good Thing. The much derided Sharon Stone, as the hooked hooker who can’t or won’t go straight, gives as good as she gets in her exchanges with De Niro, but Pesci, a Scorsese fixture, has become a complete liability. He is made out to be (by that didactic narration, mainly) a homicidal psychopath of terrifying ferocity, yet what we are looking at on screen is a dumpy little middle-aged guy with an obvious hairpiece and face-lift. If the visuals of the movie ever win out over the verbals, it’s there. 1995.

● (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/15, 7 P.M., AND 3/16, 9:30 P.M.)

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 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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

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 tawnniness 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SANTEE DRIVE 1N)

Dragonfly — Communication-from-beyond-the-grave chiller. Kevin Costner loses his wife in a Venezuelan bus mishap, searches the river in vain for her body, attends her memorial service, and performs 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, when a series of funny happenings (funny-strange, not funny-haha) suggests his wife is trying to get in touch with him. 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.) 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. Kathy Bates, Linda Hunt, Joe Morton, Ron Rifkin. 2002.

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paigned for the presidency of the student council. It manages to be modishly “dark” without a pileup of corpses (the unimaginative shortcut to darkness). And in a refreshing switch from the John Hughes pattern of youth films, the adults are more subtly and realistically drawn than the youths, and all the more funny for it. Most of the adult performers benefit from their relative unfamiliarity to us (Phil Reeves merits special mention as the archetypal Principal: “If you want to be treated like adults, you have to act like adults”), and Matthew Broderick, the chief exception, is a deft enough comic actor to overcome his overfamiliarity. His is the pivotal role, the dedicated American History and Civics teacher who cannot bear the thought of a student council run by the self-anointed “overachiever” named Tracy Flick (campaign slogan: “Pick Flick”), and who accordingly prods a popular but lame-brained football player, presently sidelined with a broken leg, to run against her. Chris Klein hits a high note of a kind in his delivery of his campaign speech in front of the student body, a tuneless comic aria, no inflection, no punctuation, no comprehension, a masterpiece of monotone. And Reese Witherspoon, as the go-getter whose hand is always raised fastest, highest, and flutteriest in a classroom discussion, “stretches” herself (as they say) to the broadness and flatness of the side of a barn. Alexander Payne, the director, is very nearly as democratic with his disdain as in his earlier *Citizen Ruth*, though it must be said by way of reservation that high-school politics is a safer subject than the abortion debate, and that *Election* does not seek out any “cool” kids to pick on (it’s an MTV production, after all), but contents itself

with the Dumb Jock and the Apple Polisher. And of course the grownups. A further reservation: the employment of multiple narrators, whether or not copied straight from Tom Perrotta’s original novel, sounds bookish. And a final reservation: the blah-looking image is the rough visual equivalent of the jock’s droning oration, and no less open to scorn. 1999. ★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/19, 9 P.M.)

Escaflowne — Japanese animated fantasy “created” by Shoji Kawamori and directed by Kazuki Akane. (HORTON PLAZA 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Harrison’s Flowers — A wife (Andie MacDowell) searches for her missing husband (David Strathairn) in the war-torn Balkans; directed by Elie Chouraqui. (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/15)

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; VOGUE)

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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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Ice Age — Computer-animated prehistoric adventure directed by Chris Wedge,

with the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary.
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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)

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)

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 Eleanora 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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 3/15)

Last Orders — Reviewed this issue. With Bob Hoskins, Tom Courtenay, David Hemmings, Helen Mirren, Michael Caine, and Ray Winstone; written and directed by Fred Schepisi.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Monsoon Wedding — Reviewed this issue. With Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Vasundhara Das, Parvin Dabas, and Vijay Raaz; directed by Mira Nair.
★★ (COVE)

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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 TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Moulin Rouge — Baz Luhrmann’s razzle-dazzle reconstruction of Gay Paree on Australian sound stages and inside computers. Nothing, no matter how overdesigned, overdressed, and overdecorated, is held onto for an adequate appraisal. Everything is handled as a hot potato. And the easy-come-easy-go juggling act takes on a rough resemblance to post-*Satyricon* Fellini filtered through MTV. The director toys with film speeds, switches from full color to sepia and back again, chops scenes into splinters, sends the camera on a pinball path through a miniature Montmartre. Anything goes — and it generally goes in a great hurry. Luhrmann can’t really keep up this pace for the duration. But like the free-swinging pugilist, he is willing to gamble that by the time he grows arm-weary his target will be seeing stars. Or, quite literally in Luhrmann’s case, hearing tweety birds. That’s by way of saying that his biggest liberty is the ongoing rummage through the pop-music archives, whereby pieces such as Rodgers-and-Hammerstein’s “The Sound of Music” and Elton John’s “Your Song” appear, as if through some time warp, to have been written for a century-old stage play entitled *Spectacular Spectacular*, the

brain-child of a Toulouse-Lautrec (John Leguizamo) who doesn’t know how to pronounce his own name: *Law*-trek, he says it. The hit parade goes on and on: from “Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend” to “Material Girl,” from Nat King Cole to Nirvana. All in the spirit of making the past “accessible” to the contemporary couch potato. And perish the thought that the couch potato be asked to get up off his duff and meet the past halfway. Perish the thought that he be asked to sit still for an actual can. Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, Jim Broadbent, Richard Roxburgh. 2001.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 3/15)

Queen of the Damned — Michael Rymer’s turgid and narration-heavy adaptation of Anne Rice’s *The Vampire 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. Vincent Perez, Lena Olin. 2002.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Raging Bull — A lunkhead of a movie about an apparent lunkhead of a man, former middleweight boxing champion Jake La Motta. Despite a number of Expressionistic and lyrical outbursts, a dull-minded realism rules this movie. And even the lyricism is dull-minded: the use of slow-motion to heighten the impact of the pulverizing and overamplified punches in the ring, or to heighten the sex appeal of La Motta’s blonde-bombshell wife as she kicks her feet in a glimmering outdoor swimming pool or as she moves across a nightclub dance floor — this sort of thing is straight out of TV commercials, the sexiest woman in the Herman Joseph’s ad being the one who moves the slowest. The whole-hog (so to speak) commitment to realism is best exemplified by Robert De Niro’s much publicized, sixty-pound weight gain to portray the older La Motta. But equally raw and unimaginative realism is everywhere apparent in the refusal to impose any moral or intellectual attitude, or even any narrative nicety, onto this formless scrapbook biography, so that at the end you have to pretend that the acquisition of sixty pounds qualifies as a dramatic climax. Directed by Martin Scorsese. 1980.

★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/15, 1:30 P.M., AND 3/16, 7 P.M.)

Resident Evil — Milla Jovovich and Michelle Rodriguez star in the screen adaptation of a video game; written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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 3/15)

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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR

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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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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The Sound of Music — The reprise of. If you have resisted seeing it all this time, there is no compelling reason to knuckle under now, although you might be surprised how well Robert Wise’s restrained and graceful direction compensates for all the kids and the Oscar Hammerstein opti-mism. Julie Andrews, Christopher Plum-mer. 1965.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/21)



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Super Troopers — The big-screen break-through of a five-man comedy troupe collectively called Broken Lizard is a dirt-

cheap and piss-poor spoof about the jurisdic-tional rivalry between a squad of High-way Patrol pranksters and the strait-laced

Spurbury Police Department. It’s some-what similar, in both those descriptive ad-jectives, to such Seventies spoofs as *Ken-*

tucky 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 par-ticipation 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 Chan-drasekhar. 2002.

● (OCEANSIDE 16)

The Time Machine — Reviewed this is-sue. With Guy Pearce, Samantha Mumba, Orlando Jones, and Jeremy Irons; directed by Simon Wells.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 3:15, 6:15, 9:20; Mon. 12:00, 3:15; Tue. 12:00, 3:15, 6:15, 9:20; Wed. 12:00, 3:15, 6:15; Thu. 12:00, 3:15; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 4:50, 9:50; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Mon. 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30; Tue. 12:50; Wed.-Thu. 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30; **Brotherhood of the Wolf** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 6:10; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:20, 7:15; **Escalflowne** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:50, 2:05, 5:20, 8:35; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri. 9:10; Sat. 9:40; Sun.-Thu. 9:10; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:00, 9:30; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:40, 11:20, 12:45, 1:25, 2:50, 3:30, 5:00, 5:40, 7:10, 7:50, 9:25, 10:05; **Iris** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 9:45; **Lantana** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:50, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:05, 7:00; Sat. 11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:05; Sun.-Tue. 11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:05, 7:00; Wed. 11:10, 1:10, 3:10; Thu. 11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:05, 7:00; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10

LA JOLLA

Cove
7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)
Monsoon Wedding (R) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 4:20, 7:00, 9:35

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Ice Age; Resident Evil; Showtime; Harri-son’s Flowers; The Time Machine; All about the Benjamins; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Dragonfly; John Q; The Count of Monte Cristo; Black Hawk Down; A Beautiful Mind

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Amelie (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Tue. (1:25) 4:10, 9:50; Wed.-Thu. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 5:00, 8:00; **Iris** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:55, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (5:10) 7:50, 10:20; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:30 (5:15) 8:20; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:40) 7:10, 9:35; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:25) 9:50; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 3:40, 6:00, 8:25, 10:45; Sun. 1:15, 3:40, 6:00, 8:25, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:55 (5:25) 7:40, 10:05; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:10 (5:05) 7:35, 10:05; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:40, 9:30; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri. 12:35, 1:05, 2:45, 3:15, 4:55, 5:25, 7:15, 7:45, 9:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 12:35, 1:05, 2:45, 3:15, 4:55, 5:25, 7:15, 7:45, 9:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 1:20, 2:20, 3:25 (4:30, 5:30) 7:00, 7:40, 9:10, 9:40; **Iris** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (5:30) 7:45, 10:00; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:35 (4:45) 7:30, 10:10; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri. 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 4:15, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 7:20, 9:55; **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) Fri. 4:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:25; Mon.-Thu. (4:35); **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:05, 7:30; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 2:10 (5:20) 8:00, 10:25; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 1:00, 2:55, 5:00, 7:10; Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:00, 2:55, 5:00, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (4:50) 7:05; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri. 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40; Sat. 11:00, 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40; Sun. 11:00, 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 2:25 (5:35) 7:55, 10:20; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:35, 10:35; Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:25 (4:20) 7:10, 10:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 6:50, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 3:00, 6:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:55) 8:35; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; Sat. 11:05, 1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45; Sun. 11:05, 1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:20, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (5:00) 7:25, 9:45; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:15) 7:15, 10:15

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
Ice Age (PG) Fri. 12:45, 3:00 (5:05) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:05, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00 (5:05) 7:00, 9:45; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri. 12:35, 2:55 (5:15) 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:35, 2:55 (5:15) 7:35, 10:05; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 2:50 (5:10) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:50 (5:10) 7:30, 10:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 12:50 (4:00)

7:05, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:50, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 12:50 (4:00) 7:05, 10:10

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Ice Age; Resident Evil; Showtime; Harri-son’s Flowers; The Time Machine; All about the Benjamins; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Dragonfly; Queen of the Damned; John Q; Return to Never Land; The Count of Monte Cristo; Black Hawk Down; The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring; A Beautiful Mind

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (1:20, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:40) 7:50; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:50) 7:55; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:15) 7:30; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:20) 7:40; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:30) 7:45; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:55) 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (1:05, 3:55) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:00) 7:00

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Sound of Music (Sing-A-Long) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Amelie (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; **Italian for Beginners** (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:00; **Last Orders** (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; **Y Tu Mama Tambien** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Raging Bull, Friday, 1:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m.; **Casino**, Friday, 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; **Trees Lounge**, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; **Election**, Tuesday, 9 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys Sat.-Sun. 12:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **The Human Body** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Tue. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Wed.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00

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. (1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:25, 9:40; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:15, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:55) 4:05, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:15) 7:35, 9:50; **Harrison’s Flowers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 7:55, 10:05; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:50) 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:45) 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:50) 7:05, 9:40; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:10) 7:10, 9:35; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:40) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:15, 9:45; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:40) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:30) 4:10, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:40) 7:40, 10:05; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 7:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; **Y Tu Mama Tambien** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:30, 10:10

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25)

ingly modest independent film about and around the clientele of a Long Island neighborhood watering hole, a shades-of-gray corner building with a spindly sapling planted in the sidewalk out front. In his directing hat, he is meticulously observant of the faces, the postures, the gestures of barflies: the epicene slug and his well-suited mate perched on stools at the end of the bar; the brooder with the deteriorating hygiene (his wife has just walked out on him with their child) at the other end; the vacant, quasi-mystical stare of the most religiously devoted drinker, a prune-face who can waste no word or motion on matters unrelated to his regimen of alcohol consumption. In his writing hat, Buscemi is a bit more fitfully observant of the banality of bar talk (“Pretty name for a pretty girl”), more prone to poetic and comic license (“Now I got it embezzled in my head”). The accumulation of little truths and little amusements in the lives of little people never amounts to more than a little. And the implied fate of the protagonist (Buscemi himself) at the fadeout seems rather heavy in relation to the overall weight of the previous events: a case of too much, too late. That apart, the movie is something of a marvel of nonjudgmentalism, neither sentimentalizing nor stigmatizing its hero (or anybody else). It would be



The Time Machine

understandable if, around closing time, Buscemi felt he had not said quite enough about his character, and forgivable if he at-

tempted all at once to make up for it. With Mark Boone Junior, Anthony LaPaglia, Elizabeth Bracco, Carol Kane, Daniel Bald-

win, Mimi Rogers, Chloe Sevigny. 1996. ★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/19, 7 P.M.)

We Were Soldiers — The post-*Private Ryan* fashion in war films now reaches 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 crispness of his salute. The big drawback, even for that purpose, is that

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. With Mel Gibson, Chris Klein, Greg Kinnear, Sam Elliott, Barry Pepper, Madeleine Stowe, Keri Russell. 2002. ★ (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; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Y Tu Mama Tambien — Mexican road movie directed by Alfonso Cuarón (*The Little Princess*), with Maribel Verdú, Gael García Bernal, Diego Luna. (CHULA VISTA 10; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/15)

4:25, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:30) 8:25; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:55); Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:50); **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 4:50) 7:10, 9:20; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:50) 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (5:45) 8:35; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:15) 4:40, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:40) 7:00, 9:15; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:25) 8:15; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. (12:00, 1:50, 3:40) 5:30, 7:20; Sat. (12:00, 1:50, 3:40) 5:30; Sun. (12:00, 1:50, 3:40) 5:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:45, 5:35) 7:25; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. 9:25; Sat. 10:10; Sun. 9:25; Mon.-Thu. 9:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:55) 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:15) 8:45

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

The Time Machine; We Were Soldiers; Showtime; Crossroads

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

555 Broadway (619-338-4214)

All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:00; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; **Y Tu Mama Tambien** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennerly Road, Delta (858-558-2262)

Ice Age; Resident Evil; Showtime; The Time Machine; All about the Benjamins; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Dragonfly; Queen of the Damned; Crossroads; John Q; Return to Never Land; Big Fat Liar; The Count of Monte Cristo; I Am Sam; 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.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:30, 9:50; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:15, 5:10) 7:40, 10:30; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:45, 5:25) 7:50, 10:10; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:35, 2:25, 3:00, 4:30, 5:10) 6:50, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 7:00, 9:45; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40,

12:10, 2:00, 2:30, 4:40, 5:05) 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:05; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. (12:00, 2:05, 4:25) 7:15; Sat. (12:00, 2:05, 4:25); Sun.-Thu. (12:00, 2:05, 4:25) 7:15; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:05, 2:40, 4:25, 4:55) 6:55, 7:55, 9:55, 10:25; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30; **The Rookie** (G) Sat. 7:00; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:55, 4:45, 5:15) 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:10; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)

Big Fat Liar (PG) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 10:30; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 7:45; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 5:15

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado (619-423-2727)

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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)

All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 3:40) 5:45, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (1:35, 3:40) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:35, 5:35) 7:50; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:25, 5:20) 7:15; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:35; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; Sun. (2:20) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:10) 7:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 3:35) 5:25, 7:20, 9:15; Sun. (1:45, 3:35) 5:25, 7:20, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:40, 5:30) 7:20; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:45, 5:50) 8:00; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:05; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 10:05; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **Y Tu Mama Tambien** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:40

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)

I Am Sam (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 4:15, 7:15; **Ice Age** (PG) 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; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 12:15, 2:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:15; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45;

Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 1:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 7:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)

40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; Sat. (1:05, 3:40) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:05, 3:40) 5:50, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:25, 5:50) 7:55, 10:05; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri. 7:10, 10:05; Sat. 4:20, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. 4:20, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 7:25, 10:05; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:40) 7:45, 10:00; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri. (1:55) 4:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:10); Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:10); **Gosford Park** (R) Fri. (1:00) 4:15, 7:15, 10:20; Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 10:20; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 2:15, 3:15) 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 9:45; Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15) 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30) 7:00, 7:35, 9:00, 9:35; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri. 9:10; Sat. 9:50; Sun. 9:25; Mon.-Thu. 9:10; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri. (1:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri. (1:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:40, 9:50; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. (1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:05; Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:00; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:10, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:10, 5:10) 7:15; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:30, 5:45) 7:50, 9:50; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:55) 7:50, 10:20; Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:55) 7:20, 9:30; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 5:30; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:15, 7:45; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15;

The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 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

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A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 7:30; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 4:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 4:30; **Ice Age** (PG) 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; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 4:15, 7:15; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15; **Showtime** (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; **The Time Machine** (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

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Ice Age (PG) Fri. 4:35, 7:00, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:30; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri. 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:45; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:20, 7:40; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:50

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

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40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 4:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 4:45; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30; **Showtime** (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; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 7:15; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30,

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BUSINESSES include paid services or functions, rentals, and profit-making enterprises. For rates and discounts call (619) 235-8200, 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

DEADLINES: Business classifieds are accepted until 6pm Tuesday, two days prior to the issue. Call by Friday for early-placement discounts. Ads may be placed by phone using a credit

card (619-235-8200) or in person (1703 India Street, Downtown). Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, and until 6pm Tuesday.

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ONE FREE CLASSIFIED ad per week is available to private parties and nonprofit organizations that do not charge for their services.

MAIL: Ads must be printed clearly on 3x5 cards or postcards and are limited to 25 words. Additional words cost 60¢ each. Ads must arrive at our PO Box by 7 am, Monday. Mail all ads to

Reader Free Classifieds, PO Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186.

INTERNET: Free ads can also be placed online at SanDiegoReader.com. Free ads placed online appear *only* on the *Reader's* Web site. The deadline is 6 pm Monday. See below for instructions on placing online ads that also appear in the paper.

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BY FAX: Complete the form below, photocopy it, and then fax it to us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (619) 233-7907. Payment is with Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.

BY PHONE: With a touch-tone phone and a Visa, Discover, or MasterCard, you can use our 24-hour Ad Line. Fill out the form below before calling; then be ready to dictate the information into the system when requested. Call (619) 233-9797, ext. 8055.




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CHILD CARE WORKER needed for residential treatment center. B.A. degree required. Pay dependent on experience. Fax resume to Matt, 619-656-1429.

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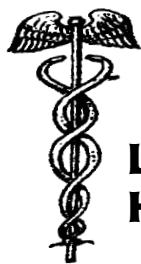


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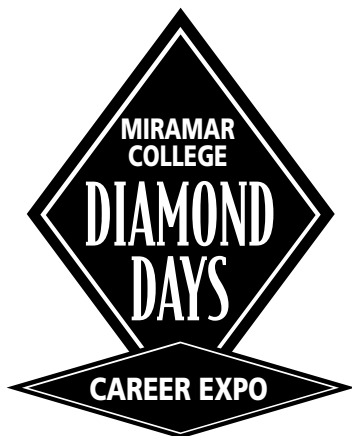
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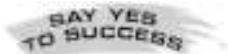
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ATTRACTIVE, WHITE, petite female seeks single, unencumbered, white, secure, good-looking, sincere, 45-60 gentleman for monogamous relationship. (3/27) [☎23200](#)

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, single mom, 5'7", 145lbs., looking for a nonsmoker, handsome gentleman, caring, honest, fit, communicative, knows how to treat a lady. 35-53. No games. (3/27) [☎23207](#)

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WILD AND CRAZY, spontaneous, adventurous, white female, 18, 5'3", brown/blue eyes, in search of sexy, dependable, caring man, 18-30, for fun times. (3/20) [☎23168](#)

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SEXY, SMART, EUROPEAN educated, gorgeous petite, seeking successful, stylish, loyal, trusting, truthful, monogamous, passionate, compassionate, spiritual/nonreligious, friendship. No previous kids, 36-48, 5'9"+. No Republicans. (3/20) [☎23185](#)

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GOOD LOOKING, AUBURN hair, nice figure, sexy, great sense of humor. Enjoy traveling, fine dining, dancing. Seeking educated, financially secure male, enjoys quality lifestyle. 48-55. (3/27) [☎23203](#)

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PRETTY, VIVACIOUS, multilingual brunette, 46, seeks European professional with sense of humor, compassion; unencumbered, nonsmoker, social drinker, well educated, 40-50. Long-term relationship or friends. (3/20) **☎**23147

BROWN-EYED BEAUTY, 46 years, professional, North County, Hispanic, 5'3", 125lbs., athletic, movies, beach, sense of humor; seeks tall 45+, financially secure; long-term relationship. (3/20) **☎**23153

NATURE GUY SOUGHT BY black female. You: Romance lover, lover of life, lover of self; affectionate, free, athletic, social. Race open. 30-45, 5'8"+. I'm same. (3/27) **☎**23198

PETITE, SWEET, FUN-LOVING lady seeks emotionally, financially secure man to share life with. I am 5'2", 110lbs., brown, red, green. You: 5'10", more. (3/27) **☎**23213

ARE YOU COURAGEOUS, honest, energetic? Let's create/share friendship/partnership, community, personal growth/development, relationship forums, seminars, expansion, love, self-expression, freedom, fun, adventure. I'm 43, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". (3/27) **☎**23247

DAZZLE THIS BLUE-EYED blonde with your wit and humor. Seeking 5'10"-6'11", single white guy in the 60s who appreciates a fine lady. (3/27) **☎**23204

POST-VALENTINE'S DAY BLUES? Feel the need to send flowers? Are you romantic, humorous, down to earth? I am 53-year-young professional. Race open. (3/20) **☎**23156

91X CHICK: 36, 5'3", 105lbs., Inland North County, seeks male version: 5'7"+, attractive, hip, healthy, smart, nonconventional, creative, sensual rock with a cool life! 35-43. (3/20) **☎**23152

SEEKING RANCHER, FARMER, cowboy, 55+; retired OK; calloused hands, crusty boots; loves to ride, camp out. Healthy, nonsmoker, secure, average looking. Me: Employed homeowner, secure, 60, 5'9", all legs. 140lbs., average looking, fun, outdoor type, cowgirl. Possible long term. (3/27) **☎**23239

EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE platinum blonde, (resemble Suzanne Somers), young-looking 48, 5'7", 125lbs., seeking handsome, tall, dark haired, financially/emotionally secure, white, un-bald, sincere, dancing, nonsmoker. (3/27) **☎**23216

SEARCHING FOR MR. RIGHT: Good sense of humor, easygoing, down-to-earth gentleman, 67+, to share same interest. If you're the one, please respond. Nonsmoking. (3/20) **☎**23140

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. (3/20) **☎**23148

WANTED: FRIEND, LOVER FOR long-term relationship. Blonde, brown, 5'2". You: Over 40, sense of humor, good job, animal lover; no drugs, nonsmoker. (3/27) **☎**23210

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ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, sexy, 125lbs., 5'6", 52, educated, European lady wishes to meet nice gentleman, 62-higher, financially secure; travel, dining out, culture, romance, sunset. (3/20) **☎**23172

THIS PRETTY, UNIQUE female enjoys bicycling, kayaking, blading, movies, fine dining, good company, with handsome, humorous, fit, nonsmoking, playful professional, 45ish. San Diego. No flakes. (3/20) **☎**23195

TOP GOES DOWN on my new convertible, but seat next to me is empty. 39, warm, bright, sexy, smart, 5'9", fun, honest, ready. (3/20) **☎**23194

INTUITIVE, INTROSPECTIVE, vibrant, 44. Seeking mountain man, 38-50, into music. Accomplished, fun-loving adventurer. Healthy nonsmoker for spirited conversations and spontaneous outdoor explorations. (3/20) **☎**23161

PROUD, WHITE SINGLE female in Alpine, down to earth, loves mountains, ocean and motorcycles; pool and darts. (3/20) **☎**23169

INDIAN FEMALE FROM INDIA, late 40, attractive, educated, artistic nature, seeks a well-established gentleman. Must be sincere and compassionate who believes in unconditional love. (3/20) **☎**23170

TALL EUROPEAN, attractive, secure, seeking tall man for a movie or dinner now and then. Open to chemistry. Be sincere, well educated, humorous, mid-40s-50s. (3/20) **☎**23191

MY NICE LEGS LISTEN. Eyes can be distracting or compelling. Deep-thinking female, free spirit, seeks tattooed, easygoing man for companionship or? Slim beauty. (3/27) **☎**23225

FUN-LOVING AND adventurous! Single white female, fit, blonde, blue eyes, looking for a friend, and perhaps it can grow into something special. (3/27) **☎**23249

HONOR, INTEGRITY, LOYALTY. Polynesian beauty queen, artist, dancer, gourmet cook, educated, never married, seeks handsome, athletic, never married,

classy, quality gentleman. Military background plus. 38-53. (3/20) **☎**23182

YOUR HEART'S DESIRE: Adventurous, independent, pretty, fit 43 (look 30). Educated, travelled, homeowner. Loves: The arts, alternative rock, the outdoors, coffeehouses, stimulating conversations, dogs, you?(3/27) **☎**23237

FUN, VIVACIOUS, GOOD SENSE of humor, gorgeous eyes, great skin, pretty, 40s, blonde seeks 40s-early 50s pal. Chatting, dining, dancing, adventure, great times. (3/27) **☎**23221

PRETTY, PETITE, 40-year-old looking for braveheart, true blue, chivalrous, honorable man. Prefer attractive, spiritual, well-built, happy, financially, emotionally, mentally secure man. Forever. (3/20) **☎**23177

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, 49, 5'1", 125lbs., English major, typist/psychology, ecologist, pacifist, semivegetarian, likes hike, snorkel, paddle, cross-ski, folk, jazz, classical, comedy, nieces. Clairemont. (3/20) **☎**23187

EBONY/IVORY PERFECT HARMONY? Single white female, 55, seeking black male, 40-60, interesting, smart and fun! Music, travel, dancing, movies! Tickle the ivories! Blue Magdalene. (3/20) **☎**23184

ADORABLE 47, PERSONALITY plus, brunette, short, larger, curvy, dog lover, enjoys Vegas, lavender roses, pizza for breakfast; cute smile; wants steady guy. (3/27) **☎**23234

NORTH COAST BLONDE, 46, seriously whimsical, softhearted, strong minded. Great conversations, books, movies, cuisine, beach walks. Seeking caring, alive, confident gentleman with small naughty streak. (3/27) **☎**23227

45-YEAR-OLD SLIM REDHEAD not ready to act her age yet. I love the beach, cool music and cool guys. Let's chat. (3/27) **☎**23209

SENSUAL, HONEST, INTELLIGENT, 53, long blonde/blue, 5'2", curvy, seeks honest, confident, degreed, successful, over 5'8", selective, special man for our best relationship ever! (3/20) **☎**23181

HAPPY, 34, 5'5", FIT, Christian, Asian looking for long-term relationship. Want sincere, outgoing, playful, educated, romantic guy for dining, hiking, beach, outdoor adventure. (3/20) **☎**23149

GRINGA EVANGELICA profesional busca homologo caballeroso. Que tenga 28-34 anos. Sea generoso, honesto, humilde, ambicioso, chistoso, romantico, culto, bilingue, con buenos

valores/morales. Dios primero! (3/27) **☎**23250

CLASSY BUT NOT STUFFY! I'm attractive, fit, slender and smart enough to be 49 without too many life disasters. Where are you? (3/20) **☎**23176

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, 5'3", 58, looking for mature, loving, romantic gentleman, handsome, secure, sensuous, upbeat, varied interests; chemistry important, music lover. I could be the one. (3/27) **☎**23230

WILD AT HEART SEARCHING for something impossible to find? My best friend, lover, partner. Who is open minded, affectionate, passionate, honest and above-all intelligent. (3/20) **☎**23154

SEXY AND FUN, 25, FIT, brown, brown eyes. Looking for a friend, and perhaps it can grow into something special. (3/20) **☎**23164

JACUZZI UNDER THE STARS, swim by moonlight. Laughter, great conversations, sought by adventurous, active, sensuous, engaging, divorced white female. You are 55 to 68. (3/27) **☎**23232

BLACK, ADORABLE, SWEET female, educated, 5'4", 123lbs., resides North County, from Midwest, 49, artistic; seeks confident male, 45-60 years, educated, giving, secure, kind. Any race. (3/20) **☎**23192

DOUBLE INCOME/NO KIDS partnership sought—passionate, positive approach to living life, Christian foundation, nonsmoking, nondrinking, 45, 5'11". Let's find the similarities. (3/27) **☎**23224

FOREIGNER, VERY ATTRACTIVE, 46, petite, green eyes, shapely, educated, professional, seeks gentleman, white, nonsmoker, handsome, fit, educated, professional, 5'9" up, 45-50, monogamous relationship. (3/20) **☎**23137

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POET SEEKING POETESS. University professor, active, a runner, seeks a running partner or companion to run through life. I can walk too. (3/27) **☎**30390

WITTY, CUTE, FUNNY, romantic black or Hispanic lady, good dancer, great kisser, voluptuous, wanted by young, 52-year-old Italian from Hawaii. Looking for good times and more; possible relationship. (3/27) **☎**30395

Renaissance Man

Handsome Hillcrest artist, 5'11", youthful 56, financially secure, excellent dancer, quick wit, easy smile, enjoys film, music, nature, stimulating conversation; seeks smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter, love. (3/27) **☎**30397

ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE, fit, romantic 40s man. Brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoy travel, music, hiking, swimming and beaches. Seeking fit, fun, sexy lady, 35+. (3/27) **☎**30393

WE: CULTURED, EDUCATED, professional friends. Me: Brave, adventurous, emotionally healthy, Latin dad. We: Dance, hike see foreign movies, follow nonreligious/spiritual paths, liberal. (3/27) **☎**30351

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, mixed race, African-American, 63, 6'4", 195lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (3/27) **☎**30389

Movie Critic

Well, almost. Attractive white male just turned 50 in October, 5'11", brown hair, green eyes. Down to earth, stable, romantic, affectionate, good sense of humor, nonsmoker, no drugs, no baggage, dog lover. Searching for that special lady who still believes life and love can be like it is the movies: Age and race are open. Long-term relationship and/or marriage possible. (3/20) **☎**30288

KINDHEARTED, CARING white gentleman, 43, 5'7", 170lbs., financially secure. Boat owner, enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (3/27) **☎**30409

ME: 32, SINGLE WHITE MALE, childless, social drinker, funny, employed, honest. If you like muscles, long hair and goatees, then I'm your type. No drugs. (3/27) **☎**30388

HAPPY BUT LONELY, not desperate, secure 52-year-young nice guy searching for 46-52-year-young woman to share happy, honest, trusting, monogamous relationship together! (3/27) **☎**30367

BLACK, MYSTIC professional, successful in business, explorer inner life. Meditation, yoga, healer, massage, holistic practitioner. Seeking spiritual adventurer. Merge mind, body and soul. (3/20) **☎**30281

PARIS NEXT CHRISTMAS. Lawyer/consultant, 40, 6', handsome, truest romantic. Daydream believer. Seeking life mate to share grand adventures. Sail, kayak, bike, rollerblade, culture, travel. (3/27) **☎**30387

UNDER YOUR THUMB. 6'11", 190lbs., 46, strikingly handsome, emotionally/financially secure. Seeking strict, sublime woman to love, honor, respect and do what you say. (3/27) **☎**30331

NICE-LOOKING EUROPEAN academic looking for nice-looking, 27-32-year-old woman with interest in music, culture, movies, sports, travel and has an open future. (3/27) **☎**30361

EAST COUNTY WIDOWER: Youthful, financially secure, generous, cheerful, handsome, trustworthy, reliable, adventurous, 57, 5'10", seeking attractive, sincere, adventurous, slender companion. Travel, theatre, affection, fishing, Baja. (3/20) **☎**30287

HAPPY AND LOOKING. Handsome, 50, brown/blue, 180lbs., good shape. Enjoy kids, outdoors, movies, hot times together. San Diego area. Let met make you laugh. (3/27) **☎**30379

BEAST SEEKING BEAUTY. White male, animal lover, employed; independent, not millionaire. Enchanting, insatiable, open minded, uninhibited female, 21-35, any race. Fun, friendship, candlelight delights/romance! (3/20) **☎**30289

BLACK FEMALE, 30-40, smart, warm-hearted, feminine, sought by single black male, attractive inside/outside, financially secure, a good catch. Ain't nothing better. (3/20) **☎**30280

FIREMAN, YOUNG, HEALTHY, 56, 185lbs., 6', generous, financially secure, college degree, seeking passionate female, 35 to 49, loves adventure, dancing, no smokers. (3/27) **☎**30391

BLACK FEMALE/WHITE MALE. Attractive male, 45, professional, well built, athletic, seeks very attractive 35-45 for romantic relationship; into jazz, music, travel, fitness. North County. (3/27) **☎**30396

6', HANDSOME LATINO, semi-old fashion romantic, passionate, very affectionate, bilingual gentleman. Loves to hug, kiss, pamper. Tall, sexy, sensuous. 42-50 beauty, South Bay resident. (3/20) **☎**30250

CHUCK NORRIS look-alike, living in Vista. 41, 5'7", blond/green, intelligent, sensitive, fit, active, self-employed and sane. Seeking best friend and lover. (3/20) **☎**30282

AH OUI, BONJOUR LOVE. I'm searching for a beautiful, romantic, very sexy, nice body, open, honest, no games; that wants a long-term relationship, woman like you. So let me put some sweet love, romance, in your life. I'm from Canada. I'm new in town. Show me around. I'm 47, no kids. (3/20) **☎**30324

WHITE MALE, 44, IS SEEKING Mexican or black female or mix, 27-50, for movies, music, moonlight walks on beach, sports. Let's get together and chat. (3/20) **☎**30255

FULL-FIGURED, SHAPELY, open-minded, romantic, good kisser sought by mature male. Love music, movies, quiet evenings at home, short talks. 55-70. (3/27) **☎**30328

35-YEAR BLACK MALE, 5'8", four kids who live with ex, seeks fun-loving, Christian, communicative, educated, motivated and honest female. (3/27) **☎**30358

38, LONGHAIRED, Mexican/Indian professional, 5'10", 180lbs., agnostic, nature lover, young daughter, seeks 25-40-year-old, cute, slender, liberal, nonmaterialist with good sense of humor. (3/27) **☎**30380

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caring. Seeking long-term relationship with physically fit, attractive female with similar interests. (3/27) **☎**30372

SEEKING ASIAN LADY by successful, generous Caucasian, 54, eager for commitment. Honest, sincere, adventurous, traveled. Let's make each other ecstatic with happiness. Marriage minded only! (3/27) **☎**30385

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, 44, 6", 175lbs. Enjoy outdoor activities. Working out, aerobics, weight training, beach, biking, hiking, dining. Financially secure. Seeking fun, attractive, fit, unencumbered woman. (3/27) **☎**30337

6", 170lbs., NEAT, organized, funny guy desires smart, playful, trim, best friend. Share aviation, conversation, Corvettes, motorcycles, tennis, walks and more. Do it now! (3/27) **☎**30359

LIFE IS GOOD. White man, 35, I'm adventure, intelligent; would like a nice woman. You: Intelligent, funny, no games; camping; like to enjoy life. (3/20) **☎**30246

NICE JEWISH DOCTOR, 38, very fit and attractive, plays three instruments, blue eyes, good listener, sensitive, humorous, seeks sensitive female (any religion) for lasting relationship. (3/20) **☎**30311

6'2", 195lbs., HANDSOME, financial professional/day performing rock lead guitarist/night. Honest, loyal, humorous, athletic, young 51 seeks 5'7", 125-pound, 30-35, sincere, attractive lady. (3/27) **☎**30332

WALKS? BEACH? OUTDOORS? Relationship? Libra, 38, attractive, talkative, white, loves full-figured, intelligent, active, older or younger woman for romance. Have Baja home; will travel. (3/20) **☎**30268

COMMUNICATIVE, ROMANTIC, new-comer, professional, white Christian, 55, 6'2", 185lbs. Easygoing, well-balanced, creative, nonsmoker. You: 39-56, height/weight proportionate, happy, emotionally/physically healthy, positive, commitment-minded spontaneous, loyal. Thank you! (3/27) **☎**30343

I NEED YOU. HANDSOME, DARK haired, 6'2", professional, warm, honest, sincere seeks attractive, slender beauty I can treat like a queen. Sports, beaches, travel, laughter. (3/27) **☎**30403

LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE. I'm 42, looking to share fun and sun. Like to rock climb,

softball, mountain bike, hot tubs and cooking great food! (3/20) **☎**30297

BEAUTIFUL HAIR TO PLAY WITH: Please be attached to a mature, fun-loving, feminine woman who loves to laugh. (3/20) **☎**30271

OLD GUY, DEADHEAD, cabin in woods, truck, car, credit cards— if that's your thing. Me: Antipolitical 'Nam vet would like simple easy company. (3/27) **☎**30377

LOVE, INTIMACY, reciprocity, massage, respect, spontaneity, love. Athletic single father looking for friendship, romance and good times with a beautiful Asian woman. (3/27) **☎**30347

EXCEPTIONAL BLACK GENTLEMAN, 50ish, educated, professional, 5'10", 185lbs., bald, desires partner to hang out with who's 30ish, 5'5"-5'8", 110-120lbs., size 5 to 8. (3/27) **☎**30404

ATHLETIC UCSD DOCTORATE, 29, blond, blue-eyed Renaissance man with no baggage, multidegreed professional into art, music, science,law, travel, seeks adventurous Caucasian lady. (3/27) **☎**30412

EASY TO LOOK AT, successful, funny, fit, Caucasian dad, 40s. Enjoy conversation, life and meeting you: Attractive, fit, girl-next-door. (3/20) **☎**30293

FRESH FROM BROOKLYN, New York. A well-dressed handsome Italian, 58, seeks and attractive woman who appreciates honesty and comes from the heart. (3/27) **☎**30365

I AM TIRED OF BEING SINGLE. Are there any honest women out there? I'm 37, 5'11", honest man who knows how to treat a lady. (3/20) **☎**30294

LOOKING TO COURT AND SPARK a sincere, sensible, wild and sassy woman. I'm 48, in good shape; hoping to please you for hours or forever. (3/20) **☎**30270

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, fit, clean-shaven gentleman doesn't smoke or have kids; 26, 200lbs, Eurasian. Love dancing, movies, hiking, anything outdoors. Seeking love of his life. (3/27) **☎**30394

Your Search Is Over!
Good-looking, athletic, humorous male, 25 years old, seeks female to explore San Diego. You: 18-40, outgoing, athletic, honest, adventurous. (3/27) **☎**30340

AGGRESSIVE WOMAN, SENSUOUS, romantic, demanding, loving, desired by handsome, sweet, monogamous, relationship-minded, respectful, playful, attentive man, 43, to do what you say. Age open. (3/20) **☎**30319

57 AND SEXY. Retired professional seeks passionate, romantic, affectionate, nonsmoking lady for travel, good food, good wine, love, monogamy; share rest of my life. (3/27) **☎**30333

LONGHAIRED GENTLEMAN, handsome, young 40, educated, city homeowner. Love animals, music, photography, computers, hiking. Seeking sweet, petite, childless, vibrant, creative, longhaired lady with diverse interests. (3/20) **☎**30320

CHRISTIAN ROMANTIC, 52, 6'2", nice-looking executive, nonsmoker, kind, gentle spirit, sensuous, personality a plus, provider, protector, fashionable. Seeking very attractive, single white female, 28-45, who enjoys being spoiled. Be sweet, monogamous, sensuous, fashionably exciting, kind and caring. Wants a leader, and friend to grow to love. I'm a caring spirit, give a mature gentleman a date. I'm a sweetheart. (3/20) **☎**30325

EYES OF FRIENDSHIP SOUGHT. Compassionate, very assertive and tolerant. Emphasis on being over having. Intimate communication and friendship a must. The rest will follow. (3/20) **☎**30267

BLACK FEMALE! Down to earth, attractive, fit, equal adventuress sought by tall, handsome, sexy, passionate, health conscious, 58, fun, athletic, communicative, Sean Connery look-alike. (3/20) **☎**30278

6'1", 190lbs., 34 YEARS, Caucasian, athletic, educated, fit, funny, outgoing. Seeking female, 6+, 30-38 with similarities for potential relationship. (3/27) **☎**30326

28, 6'4", BLUE EYES, handsome, slim, muscular build, student, seeking female professional, 35+, attractive, in shape and intelligent. Looking for a friendship that will make us both smile. (3/20) **☎**30306

YOUNG AND FUN! ATTRACTIVE, fit, successful, Hispanic professional, 34. Searching for an attractive lady, 24-35, to romance. I'll light up your Friday nights! Race unimportant. (3/20) **☎**30296

MASSAGE THERAPIST, 48, high self-esteem. No smokers, alcohol, unemployed, seniors. Love music, nature, animals, kids, conversations, humor. Honest, respectful, outgoing, passionate, motivated, active, playful. (3/27) **☎**30378

NORTH COASTAL HOMEOWNER: 51, 5'10", 160lbs., very handsome, rich, educated and traveled. Hobbies: Cars, art, antiques, ethnic foods, travel, outdoors. You're younger, athletic, spontaneous, monogamous. (3/27) **☎**30376

BLUE-COLLAR TYPE, STABLE, dependable and faithful. Seeking a nice woman for dating and romantic moonlit walks. (3/27) **☎**30345

CYCLIST, YOUTHFUL, 54, 6', 185lbs. Kayaking, canoeing, hiking, movies, restaurants, sensitive, considerate. Seeking attractive, fit, outdoors lady, 40-50; share experiences, travel, adventure. Friends, possible romance. (3/27) **☎**30384

A GOOD MAN, BLACK, 40s, cute, charming with a good sense of humor. Great entertainer. Seeking woman, 40-60. Race open. (3/27) **☎**30360

ALMOST 51, TALL, slender, jewish. Hike Cowles Mountain weekends, contemplating mountain biking. Seeking slender(?) woman, any background or religion. All replies welcome. (3/27) **☎**30417

SENSUOUS BLACK MALE, 29, very athletic, seeking white female, 25-35, size unimportant, for possible soul mate; friendship first. Must be open minded, spontaneous, sensuous, outgoing. (3/20) **☎**30251

Seeking My Jackie O.
Firm, handsome, warm, honest, blue-eyed, Irish-American gentleman. Thick brown hair, funny, clever, romantic, professional. You? Pretty, unique, nice physique, special, romantic First Lady. (3/27) **☎**30338

ARTIST, PILOT, JAZZ musician, age 49, wants beautiful, petite, sexy Latino or Asian lady with mild temper for companion, lover. (3/20) **☎**30315

FOREIGN AND EXOTIC FEMALE sought (lover, best friend, more). I am confident, intelligent, eclectic, eccentric, resourceful, humorous, passionate, observant, loyal, protective. (3/27) **☎**30344

TALL, NICE GUY, 40s, single dad, homeowner, remodeling contractor. Nonsmoker. Honest and responsible. Tall lady: Easygoing, outdoorswoman, fun camper, physically fit. For friendship, commitment, marriage. (3/20) **☎**30266

GOOD LOOKING WITH ROMANCE in mind. This can be the start of a wonderful future. (3/20) **☎**30298

30, PRESCHOOL TEACHER, loving, honest, loves sports. Would like to meet an Asian woman who is strong willed, loving, nice, funny, loves sports. (3/20) **☎**30276

TALL, ATHLETIC, PROFESSIONAL, single, black male, new to area, seeking single, educated female, 20 to 35, to hang out with. Childless, nonsmoker, witty and sincere. (3/27) **☎**30364

ATTORNEY, 50, NONSMOKER, seeks white female, 40-48, playful, warm. Talks, walks, bikes, hikes, road trips, explore world, selves, music, movies, food, Padres, Chargers, you, us. (3/20) **☎**30304

LAUGHING, BEACH, WALKING, hiking, biking, traveling, camping, volunteering, real estate, great views, hugs, tennis. Entrepreneur, wealthy/frugal, seeking nonsmoking, nonpretentious female under 38. (3/20) **☎**30310

SPIRITUAL, METAPHYSICAL, black vegetarian male wants to meet female 26-36, who can be in a loving relationship, free of past experiences and future expectations. (3/20) **☎**30307

HAPPINESS IS A STATE OF mind! Let's be happy together. Entrepreneur seeks unencumbered beauty for short to long-term love. (3/27) **☎**30354

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LA JOLLA/UTC. \$552. Room available in large 3 bedroom house. Excellent neighborhood, all amenities, high-speed Internet. Nonsmoking, no drugs. 619-227-7816.

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DOWNTOWN. Spacious studio, \$665. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$765. \$500 deposit. Quiet complex. Gated. Dishwasher. Laundry. 2545 A Street. Nolan, 619-235-8907.

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- Puffy people?
- Exxon, once
- Upper region of space
- Fast plane: Abbr.
- "Ms. Ryan — your rental car is here!"
- Designer monogram
- Cousin of 1-Across
- Great work
- Puzzled
- Indian child
- Change, as a clock
- "Mr. Ripken — watch your step!"
- "Your Highness, Princess of Wales — look, Seminoles!"
- Leatherworker's tool
- "The Ice Storm" director Lee

- Father of famous twins
- Square
- ____-Xer
- Horse race winnings
- Be a poor roommate, perhaps
- Mesozoic or Paleozoic
- Binge
- Cubs slugger Sammy

Down

- Operating room amts.
- Uncooked
- Mozart's "L' ____ del Cairo"
- Indian spice
- You can believe it
- One way to be naked
- Timber wolf
- Actor Baldwin or Guinness
- Sea ____ (pink- or white-flowered plant)
- Drivers with medallions
- Partner of hopes

- Massachusetts college town
- Fred Astaire's birthplace
- PC alternative
- 40 days and 40 nights boat
- Mao ____-tung
- Fourth periods, in hockey: Abbr.
- Wks. and wks.
- Cereal grasses
- Himalayan guide
- Terre's counterpart
- Howe'er
- I movements?
- Xenon, for one
- It will help you get a closer look
- Running back's measurement
- Austrian philosopher Rudolf
- Baked pasta dish
- Luau staple
- Admiral's org.
- Get the picture
- Wimbledon call
- Menu phrase
- Half of any chess set
- Discontinue
- "The jig ____!"
- Roseanne, once
- Cold front?
- Animal with a pouch, informally
- E.R. workers
- Vote of support

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.

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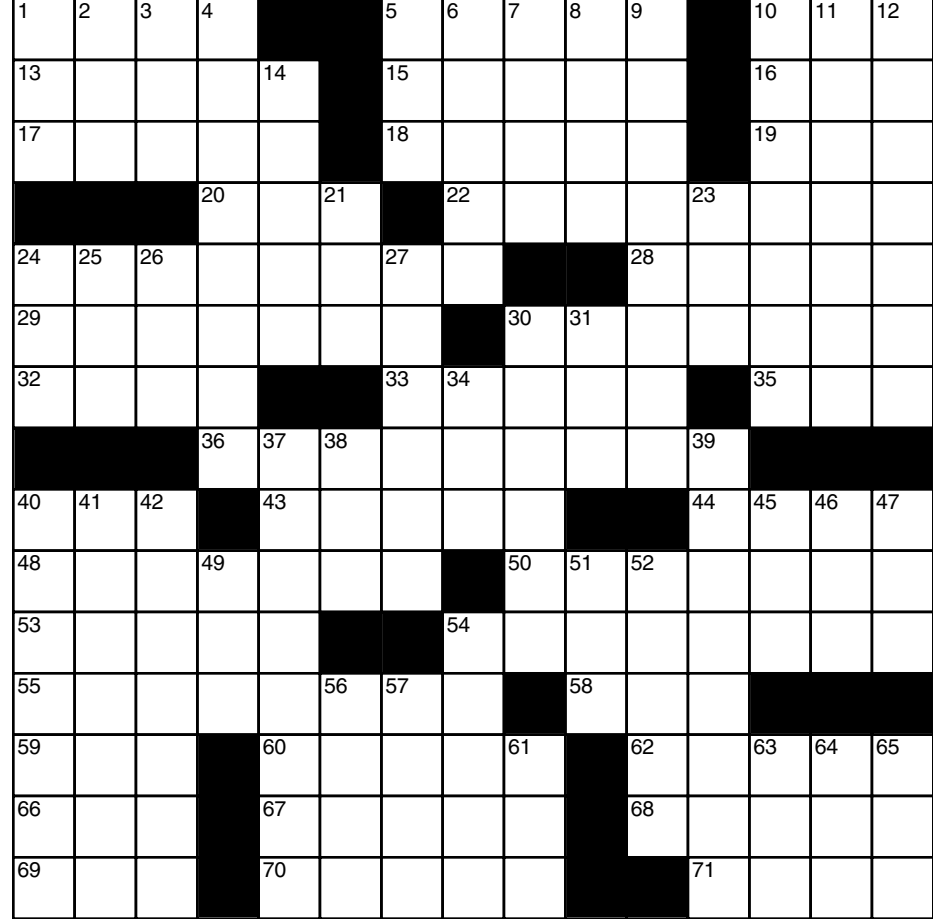
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 3/7/02.

Of the 95 entrants, 92 were correct. The winners are:

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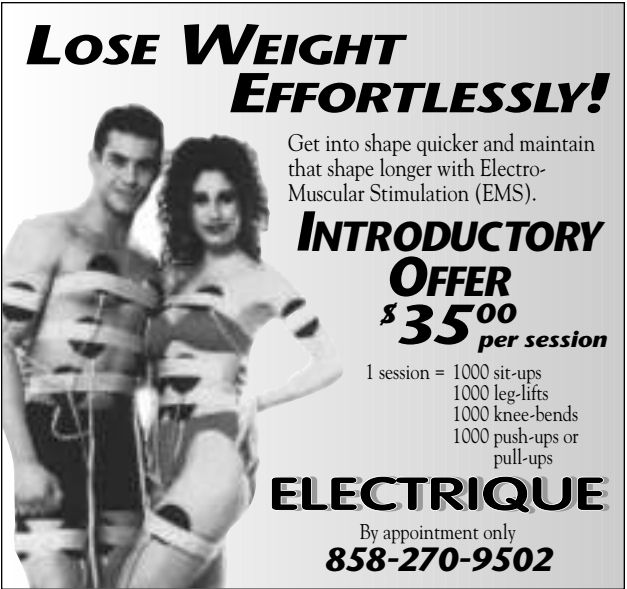


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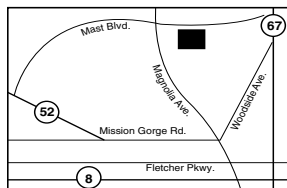
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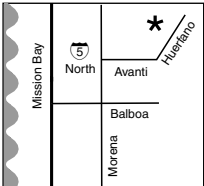
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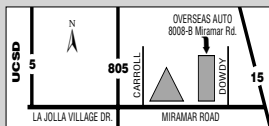
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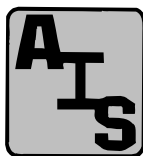
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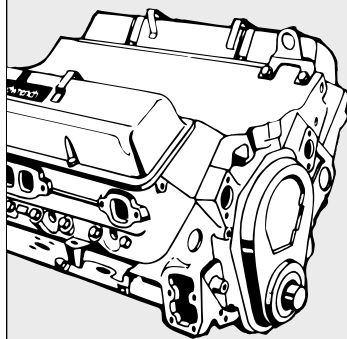
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ESCONDIDO. Moving sale, 8am-1pm(ish), Saturday, 3/16. Washer/dryer, washer/dryer, furniture, twin bed, toys, clothes, guitar/game magazines, and more! 1849 Guildler Glen. 760-505-0066.

HILLCREST. Garage sale, 9am, Saturday. Decorator carpet, dresser, table, clothing, breadmaker, paintings. 4143 Albartross Drive at Lewis Street (near UCSD Hospital).

IMPERIAL BEACH. Garage sale, 8am-noon, 3/16. Clothes, housewares, furniture, baby items, scuba stuff, pool cover reel, chain link gate, antique buffet, miscellaneous. 575 5th Street.

LA JOLLA. Bargain bash, 8:30am-3pm, Friday, 3/15. 8:30am-2pm, Saturday, 3/16. Food available. Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North.

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SOUTH BAY/PARADISE HILLS. Neighborhood garage sale. 7am, Saturday, 3/16. Pennington Lane and Beckington Lane off Woodman and Wattle. 619-472-3690.

TALMADGE. Moving sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 9am-noon, Sunday. Everything must go! Furniture, antiques, clothes, books, stereo, computer, samples, miscellaneous. 4424 Estrella Avenue, near 48th/EI Cajon.

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DESK, wood, 6 drawer, 60"x30", solid, good condition, \$50. Computer cart, rolling, with pull-out keyboard tray and printer shelf, 37"x19", \$30. 619-602-3637.

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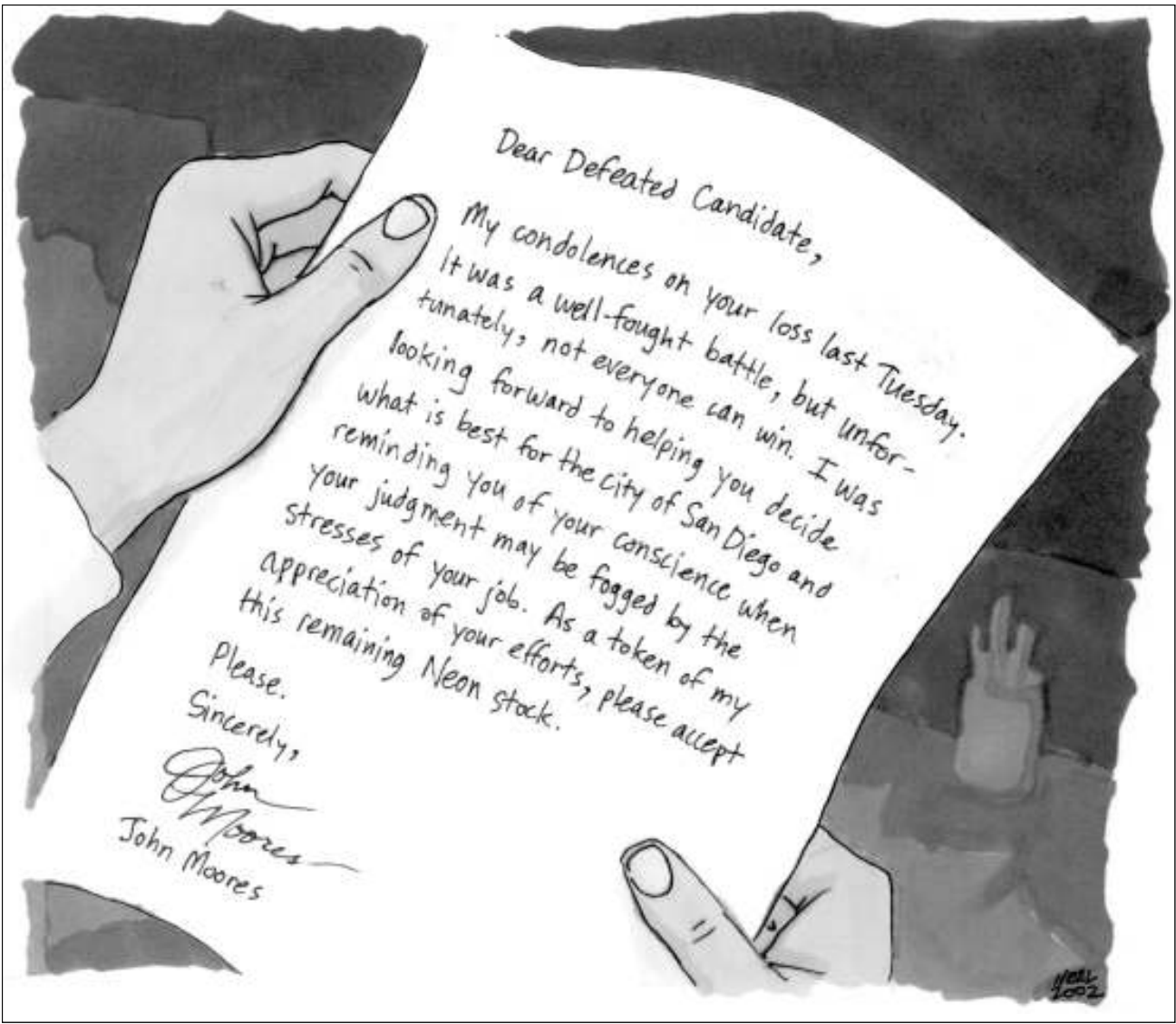
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“Disgrace only matters if people are looking.”

By John Brizzolara

What I was looking for: gawky, stammering acne cases, tripping over lines and each other, and badly painted flats depicting, say, the Duchy of Grand Fenwick in *The Mouse That Roared*. In other words, your average high school play. What I found was an actual play that happened to be produced at La Jolla High School. *Teach Me How to Cry* (a bathos-rich title, good for a few laughs, I figured, for a high school play) had young actors in it, around high school age, some young stage technicians, and a few adult actors.

Instead of a wacky spoof on 1960s foreign policy or trying to re-create the classics, like Gore Vidal and Jerry Lewis’s ’50s era triumph, *Visit to a Small Planet*, La Jolla High, in conjunction with Full Circle Theatre Company, put on a drama by Patricia Joudry that might have been a reworking of *Romeo and Juliet* by Albert Camus and adapted for the stage by Arthur Miller.

Written in the 1950s, Joudry’s play is hardly irrelevant in the first decade of the 21st Century (what I like to call the “aughts”), and director Andy Boutelle wisely did not go for a costume piece. In fact, items of fashion appeared onstage from several decades, subliminally suggesting that this is how things *are* and have been for a while, rather than, this is how things *were* and aren’t we glad that shit is over with?

The play opens with actress Nicole Mark as the neurotic Mrs. Grant, being visited by her daughter’s teacher, Miss Robson, played by the director’s wife, Ann Lyon-Boutelle. The occasion of

the meeting is Miss Robson’s plans to cast Melinda Grant (Katie Reynolds, daughter of San Diego actress Rosina Reynolds) in a high school production of *Romeo and Juliet*, and the mousy, introverted, lonely teenager is reluctant, or at least ambivalent. Melinda is, in fact, a mess, in no better shape than her mother. The older Grant (Mrs.?) was scarred by her affair with Melinda’s father and subsequent scandal following rumor and innuendo about what went on at “the bandstand,” a kind of “Lover’s Point” in their town and synonymous with promiscuity and ruin. Melinda is called upon to parent her parent in the kind of role reversal seen, possibly even more often now than in the ’50s.

Enter young Will. A perennial new kid in a string of towns and son of a failing traveling salesman, he and Melinda strike up a friendship that grows organically, convincingly, into love. It doesn’t take long for the atmosphere of hypocrisy, phony morals, and mean-spiritedness to come to a boil in the town, and new gossip about the lovers at the bandstand and a fist-fight with “Romeo” (in the play within the play), and Will’s expulsion from the school, conspire to drive the young lovers apart and exile Will’s family to yet another town.

In a telling line that probably encapsulates the confused values and sad, empty morality of the 1950s — and hardly extinct today — Will’s mother reveals a contrived and resigned cynicism, innocently disguised as optimism, which may (even more disturbing) be genuine. “Disgrace only matters if people are looking, and no one is looking...because we don’t count.”

When the house lights come up, you may not want to leap up and shout, “I’m going to Disneyland!” but you won’t exactly feel like you’ve been at a high school play either. That is exactly what Full Circle Theatre, Ann Lyon-Boutelle, and her husband, director Andy Boutelle, are going for.

The words “kids” and “students” are “dirty words backstage,” says Andy Boutelle, a founding member of Full Circle. His wife Ann is another founding member and drama teacher at La Jolla High. “Three friends of ours started this about a year and a half ago. This is our fifth production. The first one I’ve directed. I think we have a really terrific idea: to give the students an opportunity to, one, get up onstage with older, more experienced people. Two, in high school theater, if you’re the one who is the tallest, or looks the oldest, you’re playing adults. You don’t always get the opportunity to play someone your own age exploring your own problems. This play is about high school students, and it’s about teenage problems. “We’re just getting started, and we’re not quite sure how to let people know that we’re here yet.”

Boutelle says that auditions are open to anyone of any age. When I tell him they’re still talking about my Professor Metz in the 1966 two-week run of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* at Grayslake High School in Illinois, he doesn’t seem to hear me. In fact, it looks like he might be experiencing a fleeting twinge of



Cast members in Teach Me How to Cry

indigestion.

As to selection of tonight’s particular play, Boutelle says, “Quite often the contemporary plays written for teenagers are quite edgy. Not that that is necessarily a bad thing. But some of the parents are not always comfortable with the language that comes out of contemporary playwrights. We have gotten carte blanche from the parents; they’ve been terrific.”

Do the parents have much to say about which plays are chosen? “At this point,” Boutelle says, “no. One of the things we’ve kept in mind in choosing plays is that you can find challenging material, without it having to be about sex or needing to curse. *Kinder Transport* [a recent Full Circle production] was a perfect example. It was about the kids that were sent away by European Jews to live with adopted families in England. Not to say that traditional high school fare is all fluff and puff, but we try and find things that present a bit more of a challenge.”

While it sounds as if it’s not out of the question, *Death of a Salesman* may not be far off. But first Full Circle and La Jolla High School will present the comedy *Charlie’s Aunt* in June. In August, the drama *Cairn Stones* will be in production. Meanwhile, the curtain will rise on *Teach Me How to Cry* at Parker Auditorium March 14, 15, and 16 at 8:00 p.m., as well as March 17 at 2:00 p.m. Visit www.full-circletheatre.org or call the box office (858-454-3081) for more information.

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I know about my husband Patrick’s maternal grandmother only through photographs. Her name was Mary, and while she may not have been lace-curtain Irish, you would never have guessed it from looking at her. Her outward appearance reflected her interior sense of decorum and elegance. She made small things seem grand. In all her photographs, she wears a tasteful dress along with a stylish hat or scarf that adds panache to the ensemble. Handbag and shoes always match; hair is always neat and kempt. Niggling details did not overwhelm her life, but she paid attention to them and kept things in their proper place.

One of those details, about which Patrick gets particularly sentimental, was her stationery: ecru note cards that were engraved with her initials. “The paper was very rich, very heavy,” he reminisced to me once. “The monogram on the front was a piece of art.”

My modern, busy life doesn’t seem to allow for such finery — I hardly ever write letters at all, let alone on elegant note cards — but I have often longed to walk in Mary’s shoes, even if it was just around the block. Note cards seemed like a grand little start. So, the last time I was poking around an antique shop in Mission Hills, I popped into Stacey Himmel Stationery, which has been owned by Marsha Plaskin and Lori Polin for the past ten years. Marsha Plaskin escorted me to a wall of order books, each offering a myriad of paper styles, printing styles, lettering styles, and envelope styles.

She gave me a brief introduction, starting at the top of the line. “Crane and William Arthur are pretty classic and traditional. Crane paper is 100 percent cotton, while William

“People take what’s proper and stretch it a little.”

Arthur is made from a very high-quality wood pulp. All of our money and all of our government documents are printed on Crane paper. We have their catalogs, and we do personalized orders. We’re also a Crane dealer, so we have their stock in the front of the store.” (Ten to 20 unprinted note cards and envelopes, \$9.50–\$26, depending on style.)

Classic and traditional sounded like Mary, so that’s what I chose. Marsha brought out the Crane Blue Book of Stationery, and I consulted it for information on the etiquette of monograms. Here is what I found: “The correct initials for married women to use are those representing her first name, maiden name, and married name. When all of the letters in the monogram are the same size, the initials appear in order. Many monogram styles have a larger center initial. In these styles, the initial representing the woman’s married name appears in the middle, flanked by the initials of her given and maiden names.” Single women and married women who kept their maiden name followed the same rules, but used their middle name’s initial where someone like me would use her maiden name’s initial.

Marsha told me that “People take what’s proper and stretch it a little. Married monograms are very popular now. Couples put the larger last name’s initial in the middle, and the woman’s first initial on the left and the man’s on the right. The woman used to be considered the social secretary in the family. She would do the thank-you notes, but her identity would be as Mrs. So-and-So. That’s why her initial goes first. But today, everyone works or is busy, so they like to involve the man.”

We moved on to the different printing processes. “This is blind embossed,” said Marsha, pointing to a card. “It’s like Braille. The letters are raised up from the paper, but there is no ink on them.”

Next, she showed me a sample of thermography. The Crane book explained that “the print starts as flat print and via heat and a resinous powder, it forms a raised surface over the printed image while the paper remains flat.” I was intrigued, but Marsha saved the best for last. “Engraving is the most expensive process, because you need to purchase a plate. It’s very, very pristine and sharp; it’s done with a copper plate [also known as a die]. It’s finer than thermography, and the ink of thermography has a bit of a shine to it, whereas engraving does not.” The Crane book elaborated again, essentially saying that, through pressure, the paper is forced into the cavity of the die, rendering raised paper that is then inked. A multilevel effect is produced through heavier or more delicate etching in the die.

When I asked about price, Marsha explained that prices vary tremendously, depending on what style and what company you choose. “There is less-expensive engraving, but Crane does a wonderful job. They really are masters at it, because they’ve been doing it for so long a time.” I was tempted. Marsha showed me some sample plates, ranging from \$26 for a simple name to \$55 for an average monogram to \$152 for an ornate monogram. There was also a very ornate monogram, printed in two colors, for \$274. “The plate price is a one-time fee,” she assured me. “You get to keep the plate and use it over and over again.” Crane also offers several dies at half price after the end-of-year holidays.

Crane paper, engraved with an ornate monogram in one color, cost \$179 for 50 fold-over note cards and envelopes, plus the aforementioned one-time plate cost. A comparable thermographed sample ran \$148 for 50 note cards and envelopes, with no plate cost involved.

Extra charges were added for additional colors on monograms or envelope linings. If I wanted something a little less expensive, another company, The Chatsworth Collection, offered flat printing. There, 50 cards and envelopes would set me back only \$45.50.

Marsha indicated that people could pretty much spend as much or as little as they wished. She told me that she also offers in-store printing. She suggested that if I wanted Crane stationery on a budget, I could “pick a box of stationery from our stock. The price would then be whatever the stock paper cost,” plus the price of the printing. “The cost to print a name or initials on 50 note cards would be \$15 for black ink and \$20 for color.” In addition, “we have hundreds of designs that we can print on card stock for invitations.”

The beauty of the engraved monograms had me hooked. I didn’t mind the price tag; it was worth it to bask in a little bit of Mary’s elegant glow. After I ordered — cream fold-over note cards with dark green ink — I checked the Crane Blue Book one last time to make sure I didn’t make any blunders in etiquette after I got my cards. I found that for monogrammed note cards, “notes start on page 1 when the monogram is engraved at the top of the note. The note continues to page 3, then to page 2, if absolutely necessary. When the monogram is engraved in the center of the note, the note is written on page 3. You cannot use page 2 since the engraving on page 1 causes an indentation on page 2.”

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Johnny had never met a bully. Not until today. Today he met two. Not that he hasn't been tormented before. His three older sisters Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy sometimes delight in shutting him out of their games. On any given morning, I might emerge from my shower to hear three-year-old Johnny bellow down the hall, "Mommy, the girls are being mean to me."

"What's the problem?" I bellow back.

Johnny peeks his face into the bathroom. His cheeks are wet with tears and red with frustration. "The girls won't let me go in their room. Lucy won't be my friend."

"Lucy," I call down the hall, "be Johnny's friend."

"But he always messes up our game," comes the whined response.

Usually, by the time we all troop downstairs for breakfast,

Lucy and Johnny have devised a game to play together while Angela and Rebecca finish their homework or read a book or play alone with the perpetually naked Barbies.

This afternoon, I took Lucy, Johnny, and 18-month-old Ben to a park near our home in San Marcos. I glanced at the car clock as I steered our minivan into a parking spot. As I unstrapped Johnny and Ben from their car seats, I told the kids, "We can play for about 30 minutes. Then we have to go pick up Rebecca and Angela at school. No complaining when it's time to go."

"Okay, Mom," Lucy answered.

"Okay, Mom," Johnny echoed.

I carried Ben down the stairs and set him in the sand. He toddled toward the wooden train's wooden caboose. With great effort, he pulled himself up a step and stood in the caboose's back door. He waved like a politician leaving a whistle-stop. I smiled and waved back.

Lucy ran over to the slide and began climbing the ladder. Johnny sidled up to two boys who were playing with sand toys near the playground's edge. He crossed his arms behind his back and ran his toe back and forth in the sand while he surveyed the two boys' fleet of dump trucks and loaders and buckets. "I have a loader like that at home," he told the boys.

The boys, who looked to be two and four, stared back at Johnny. Their mother, who lay on the concrete wall that runs around the playground, lifted her head and looked at Johnny, too. "Say, 'hi,' Joey," she told them. "Ask the little boy what his name is, Anthony."

Joey and Anthony ignored her. She tried again. "Ask him what his name is."

No response. Johnny turned to the mom

and said, "I'm Johnny."

"Joey, say 'hi' to Johnny," the mom directed.

Joey turned to Anthony and continued his game. I looked over toward the wooden train. Ben had moved from the caboose up into the locomotive. He turned the steering wheel back and forth. Lucy slid down the slide again. Joey and Anthony's mom said, "Joey, Anthony, let Johnny play with you. Johnny, do you want to play with the boys?"

Johnny nodded, "Yes."

"NO," Joey sneered at Johnny. "He can't play our game."

"I can move some dirt," Johnny offered.

"Yeah," the boys' mom agreed. "Let Johnny have the blue bucket."

Johnny reached down and picked up a blue bucket the boys hadn't touched since we'd arrived.

"NO," Joey hopped up and tried to snatch the blue bucket away from Johnny. Johnny held on tight. "He's stupid," Joey offered. "He doesn't know our game."

"I'm not stupid," Johnny answered.

Joey's mom stood up and walked to where Joey and Johnny struggled over the bucket. "Give him the bucket," she said in an exasperated tone of voice. "You're going to have to learn to share when you go to school."

Joey angrily released the bucket and stomped back to Anthony.

"Thanks," I told the mom. "We'll just play over here." I steered Johnny over near the train.

"They're usually nice boys," she explained. "But lately they get like this when they have to share."

I smiled and nodded. "It's hard," I said.

While I watched Ben walk in a large circle around the playground's perimeter, Joey and Anthony moved toward Johnny. "Hi, Stupid," Joey taunted.

"I'm not stupid. I'm Johnny," Johnny replied.

I waited for the mom to step in. "Hi, Stupid," Joey repeated.

My hands began to tremble. Surely the mom could hear. "Hi, Dork," Anthony chimed in.

"I'm not Ork," Johnny's voice rose. "I'm Johnny. You guys are being mean."

Lucy appeared. She stood beside Johnny. "Stop being mean to my brother," she said.

"Don't call people names," the boys' mom said.

"Hi, Stupid," Joey said again. "I'm going to throw sand at you."

I stood between Joey and Johnny. I glared at Joey then turned my gaze to Anthony.

"I'm the boss," Anthony muttered. "Do what I say."

I scooped up Ben as he toddled past. "Time to go get the girls," I told Lucy and Johnny. When we got back to the car, I helped Johnny into his car seat. I looked into his blue eyes and smiled. "Those were mean boys," I told him. "But you did exactly the right thing. You used your words, and you stood up for yourself. I'm very proud of you."

Johnny smiled.

I turned to Lucy. "And you were a good sister to stand up for your brother."

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