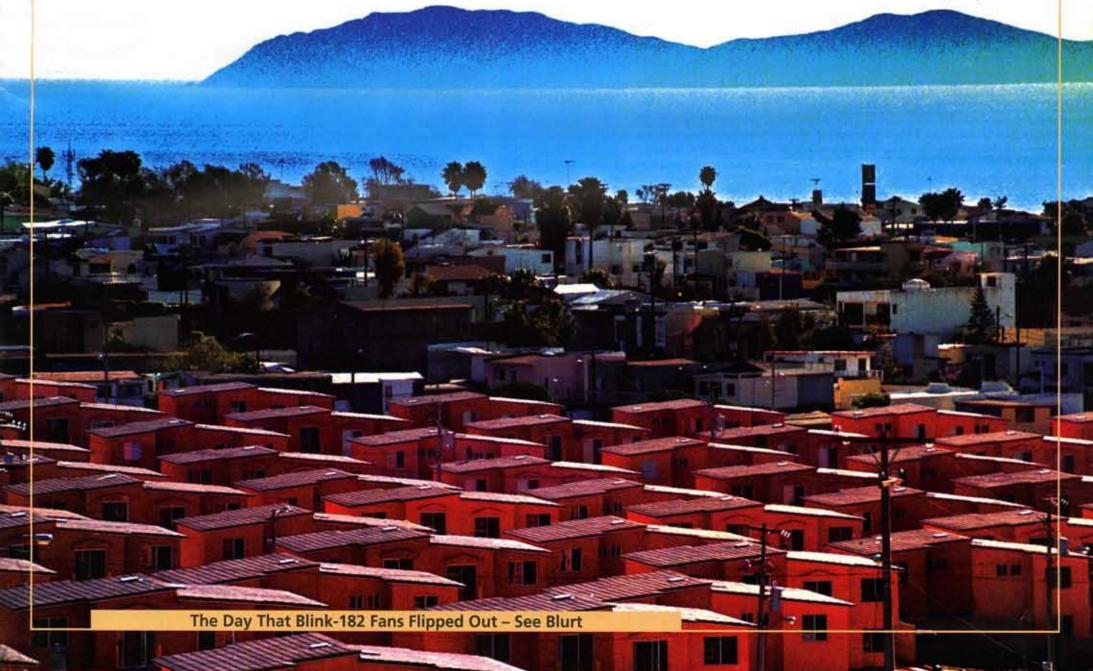
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Surreal Estate It's Hard to Buy a Home In Tijuana

One year ago, when you walked into any bank in Tijuana, you noticed something odd. Despite well-dressed tellers, polished marble floors, rows of new computers that customers use to check their accounts and send e-mail, despite the apparent props and routines of 21st-century banking, there was no advertising at all for home loans. If you asked for a loan officer, it was hard to track one down. Maybe at the very rear of the bank, off to one side, in a littleused office, sat an aimless if cheerful individual, a young woman perhaps, buffing her nails while reading a magazine. *continued on page 24*

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Learn English, Go Home

This letter regards the article "Speak English" (March 14). I wish to comment about quotes from two foreignlanguage students. Claudia Ramirez, a 24-year-old from Bogotá, Colombia, said that she doesn't like the transportation in San Diego and felt angry sometimes, because when she was taking her bus only "crazy people" were on it. Psychologically handicapped people need to reach destinations too. She sounded like a spoiled brat.

A 32-year-old student named Andres from Hungary let it slip that he has a car now, when in a different part of the article it was stated that students cannot legally get California driver's licenses because you need a social security number to get it. I believe that's probably why he didn't give his last name. He also had a snide remark about bus passengers, saying, "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." Strange is a little bit nicer than crazy, but at least some crazy people can legally get a driver's license. I don't know that I would rather crazy people drove cars — maybe Claudia Ramirez would. As for the length of time it takes to travel by bus, my husband and I traveled for almost two hours to get him to a doctor's appointment. I don't think Andres has anything to whine about.

As for these students and others like you, I have three things to say. Learn English. Go home. Don't come back, please. Name Withheld by Request Downtown

Foreign visitors who have driver's licenses in their own countries can obtain an international driver's license to use in the United States. – Editor

I Voted

I am reading this Thursday's Reader ("Why They Didn't Vote," "City Lights," March 14), and I am disgusted at these people that didn't vote and how pathetic their excuses are. I listened to everyone cry and complain about the beach ban, but where were they when it came time to vote? Who was the best candidate for gover-mine won, but what if he's not

the best? Then all these people will be whining and crying about how California has a horrible governor... blah blah blah. It's sad, and most of these people are natives. I'm from Florida, and I care about California - more than your natives. Sad, sad state San Diego is in. Even sadder is that I'm 28. Considered a young voter. What about our younger generation? Are they really deciding our fate? Nope, they will be too busy at the hospital, at home, whatever the excuse may be. It's just heartbreaking that we are supposed to use our all-American rights that someone fought for, and we can't even take ten minutes. Yes, that's all it took me. Ten minutes out of my busy day. Where are our heads? What's gonna happen?

Jennifer Johnson

Vote By Mail

The Reader has performed a needed public service with its article titled "Why They Didn't Vote" ("City Lights," March 14). The opening sentence, "The March 5 primary election had one of the lowest voter turnouts in San Diego history," is what Robert Kumpel sought to answer by asking many people why they didn't vote.

Back in the 1950s, I was twice the Southern California campaign manager for Frank Iordan, the California secretary of state, the office responsible for overseeing elections. Jordan was an unusual politician. He refused to get on talk shows and preferred to call on newspapers, especially the smaller neighborhood papers.

His father had held the office for over 20 years, having been elected as a member of the Hiram Johnson reform movement back in 1916. Frank had been his father's deputy and ran for the office in 1942 because Governor Olson appointed a Democrat after the senior Jordan died in 1940. The Jordans were Republicans. Frank was elected and held the office until his death in 1970 when Reagan was governor.

Of course, we had a number of conversations about the methods of voting, and he said we'd all eventually be voting by mail. Oregon State has already adopted this method of voting, and from what I hear and read, the voters like it. One of the benefits is the voter has two or three weeks to fill out the ballot, and it all but eliminates the last-minute costly and irritating campaigning.

It comes as a surprise to some people when I tell them it is already legal to vote by mail, and they think I'm referring to absentee voting. No, there are a number of water and school districts that choose their leaders and settle issues by mail voting. In fact, a few years ago the San Diego Registrar of Voters decided to use Vote by Mail when a one-issue vote was needed from the people. No less a person than the husband of then-Mayor Maureen O'Connor, who had a financial continued on page 62

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Pravda Word from inside the Union-Tribune is that the paper is planning a big push for a new city-financed stadium



for the Chargers. Sports columnist Nick Canepa fired the first shot last month, warning that the team might leave town and proclaiming, "There's something terribly bush league about a town

Nick Canepa losing an NFL team."

And sources say plenty more is in the works, including a series of pro-stadium editorials designed to put heat on the San Diego City Coun-



is said to be Copley Newspapers' "editor in chief" Herb Klein, a longtime sports nut who was once asked by the city clerk's office to register as a lobbyist if he was going to keep making calls to councilmembers on behalf of the

cil. Backing the move

downtown baseball stadium. During Klein's tenure, the paper also waged a successful editorial war for the Charger-ticket guarantee. Because public funding is regarded as being a hard sell in the midst of the current round of city budget cuts, observers note, the paper has been carefully downplaying the hiring freeze currently in place at City Hall ... Former U-T staff columnist Mary Curran-Downey is now freelancing her column for the paper, reports Editor & Publisher magazine. "I'm really grateful my paper is letting me do this. Many journalists I know, especially women, are looking for ways to make their family and professional life work together," Curran-Downey is quoted as saying. But there is a downside to



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replacing staffers with freelancers, notes fellow U-T columnist Peter Rowe. "You lose some standing and credibility in the community when the columnist isn't a staff member," Rowe, president of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists, told E&P, which reports that the U-T didn't hire a staff replacement for Curran-Downey. Dennis Lythgoe, book editor of the Deseret News in Salt Lake City, takes an even dimmer view of the cost-cutting trend. "In the long run, it's not very helpful to use freelance columnists because they don't feel like part of the paper, they don't really have relationships with the rest of the staff, and they don't get around town as much."

Tom and Tony show The convention of the National Association of Political Consultants, featuring the 2002 Public Affairs "Pollie" awards, opens today at downtown's Gaslamp Hilton. Besides the Oscar-style "best campaign" awards lunch, the meeting will feature reporters talking about the California gubernatorial race and a speech by San Diego-based Los Angeles Times reporter Tony Perry entitled "News from the Front...Firsthand account of the war in Afghanistan." Other topics include "Former Press Secretaries, from Press Room to Board Room." But perhaps most intriguing is a session entitled "Understanding Campaign Finance and Voter Reform," set for tomorrow afternoon. A panel of political lawyers will be moderated by none

other than San Diego's own Tom Shepard, who copped a misdemeanor guilty plea to avoid felony charges that he helped fallen mayor Roger Hedgecock, felon J. David Dominelli, and his girlfriend, Del Mar so-Tom Shepard cialite Nancy Hoover, launder hundreds of

thousands of dollars of Dominelli's ill-gotten gains into Hedgecock's 1983 mayoral campaign. Shepard, who is also chairing the event, is on the board of the consultants association. This year his clients include second district city council candidate Kevin Faulconer.

Enronitis This week's Business Week is out with a story about how Pacific Corporate Group, a La Jolla investment advisory outfit run by Christopher Bower, steered more than \$750 million of funds belonging to the California Pub-

lic Employees Retirement System into those controversial off-balance-sheet Enron partnerships ... Barry Minkow is the pastor of Community Bible Church in Scripps Ranch. Before that he served almost eight years in prison on a federal fraud rap arising from the infamous ZZZZ Best \$300 million embezzlement scam. Now, USA Today reports, Minkow has gone into business as a "fraud consultant" and produced an "online course" to teach unwary accountants how to catch financial crooks. "The same techniques I used over

and over to defraud are being used now," he told the paper. "Enron is just me all over again." Minkow also made news recently when he set up a fund at his church for the family of Danielle van Dam

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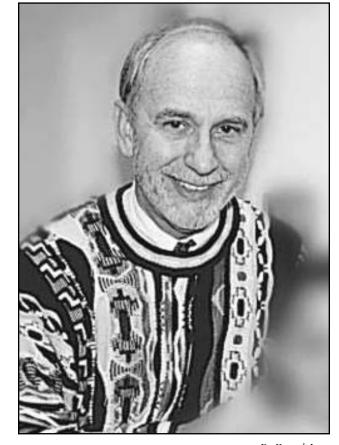
UCSD Doc Slams Big-Gulp Culture

By Robert Kumpel

r. Kenneth Jones, a pediatric endocri-nologist with UCSD, is concerned about the rise in Type II or "adult" diabetes

in young people. "The age limit is moving down. Initially, it was thought to be a disease of the older population, and it still is, in large part. But it's now moving down in age groups. The youngest patient who we've seen in our particular practice is five. When I was in basic pediatric training a couple of decades ago, we were

three categories: one is a deficiency of insulin, the biggest chunk of that is represented by what used to be called 'juvenile' or 'childhood onset' or 'insulin dependent' diabetes. That now is categorized as Type I diabetes. It's a destruction of the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas by an autoimmune process. The immune system, which



told that this particular disease didn't exist in children. In the past decade, we've found it more and more frequently."

Once thought to exist in only two forms, diabetes is now recognized as a more diverse disease. "Traditionally, the lay public talks about 'juvenile' diabetes and 'adult' diabetes. Those were considered the only two forms. Now, we know there are probably pretty close to 40 or 50 forms of diabetes, all of which have subtle differences, in terms of their causes. They break down primarily into

Dr. Kenneth Jones

usually protects us from foreign pathogens, like bacteria, viruses, et cetera, is short-circuited in a way, and we begin to attack tissues in our own body. In diabetes, it destroys insulin-producing cells. That form of diabetes attacks primarily the young, though it hits some adults as well, and it needs to be treated with insulin therapy. The only way we treat it now is with injections, although there are forms of inhaled insulin which are now being tested "Type II diabetes charac-

terizes the other forms of diabetes I mentioned. It begins

as a resistance to insulin rather than as a deficiency. Point of fact, most people, when they begin to get symptoms of Type II diabetes, present clinically in very similar ways [to Type I], but this is because their bodies are very resistant to insulin and they actually make it in excess. So if we were to measure insulin in the blood of someone with Type II diabetes, it would actually be higher than it would be in a normal individual. Then Type II diabetes actually progresses into this third form, where there is not only insulin resistance, but an increasing deficiency of insulin as well. The three large categories are insulin deficiency, insulin resistance and a combination thereof. Most forms of diabetes, for different reasons, fit into those categories in terms of physiology.

"Insulin is critically important in getting glucose from the food we eat into the cells so it can be utilized. If there is no insulin, glucose cannot get out of the blood into the cells and be utilized. What happens as a result of that is we starve. The glucose that accumulates is excreted in urine, carries water, and we get into the thirst and excessive urination that characterizes diabetes."

While the rise in Type II diabetes is a worldwide phenomenon, Jones says it is particularly bad in the U.S. The five pediatric endocrinologists in his group have 500 patients, of which 50 to 75 are Type II patients.

"Type II diabetes...is worse in the U.S. than it is in most of the world. Probably a major contributor to this is our increasing obesity. Obesity makes us even more resistant to insulin. This varies with ethnic groups and different races and sometimes individuals. Some of those populations where the disease tends to be more prevalent are people of Mexican origin, Native Americans, and Americans of African heritage. It can account for up to 30 or more percent of the new diagnoses of diabetes in those particular populations in adolescents. But our increasing obesity is enough to push us over the edge. It is certainly increasing in the continued on page 6

Cheney's Bad Boys Irk Encinitas

By Matt Potter

he saga began last month, when the Orange County Register reported that Vice President Dick Cheney would arrive

in San Diego County on the third week of February for "unspecified" fundraising events. Then on Monday, February 18, Cheney showed up at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station to review the troops. The next day he was at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, where he received a Tiffany crystal star "Architect of Peace" award from Julie Nixon Eisenhower, following a lunch of lobster and seared sea bass. After a trip to the *Tonight* Show with Jay Leno, the vice president headed for more Republican fundraisers around the state before heading off to close the Winter Olympics.

Only later did the Washington Post report that Cheney and his party had actually arrived in San Diego on Sunday, February 17, after a weekend of hunting in Texas. That afternoon, the Post says, he checked into the posh Four Seasons oceanview resort in Carlsbad and later sat down for dinner with California Republican Party chief Gerald Parsky, his wife, and their friends.

The next afternoon, following his appearance at Miramar, Cheney went to

Parsky's house in Rancho Santa Fe before heading back for another night at the Four Seasons. The Post reported that Parsky — a close friend of the Bush administration who was soon to suffer the sting of embarrassment due to the loss of his hand-picked gubernatorial candidate Richard Riordan to conservative William Simon — accompanied Cheney in his limousine to and from Miramar.

But while Cheney was comfortably encamped at the Four Seasons, where rooms start at \$400 a night and a bottle of water goes for \$7, part of his off-duty Secret Service security detail was making a little low-class history of its own down the road in Encinitas. As later related by sheriff's detectives, four of the agents got into a street brawl with almost two dozen locals outside the rustic Daley Double Saloon on Coast Highway 101.

According to one account, the fight began after one of the agents, who had come over to the Daley Double after a round of drinks at the Martini Ranch down the street, tried to pick up a woman by inviting her back to the hot tub at his hotel. The agents made their escape without being arrested, and the brawlers suffered just two casualties: one agent's nose was broken, and part of a bar patron's ear was bitten off by one of the agents, who reportedly said he had acted in self-defense as the patron went for the agent's gun.

Both Cheney and the Secret Service have refused comment, but a rightwardleaning Washington website called the American Prowler conjectures that word of the nasty fracas — which didn't surface until almost two weeks later — had been leaked to the media by Secret Service agents loyal to the



Dick Cheney with Secret Service at campaign rally, Del Mar Fair Grounds, November 5, 2000



start with. I knew there'd

been an altercation that hap-

pened. Remember, it did

happen outside. You know,

the bar was closed. We close

before two o'clock. They had

been in there, and evidently

it started sometime outside,

and it progressed to the mid-

dle of the street, from what

I understand, a little bit

the next day. They didn't call

me that night. My bartender

did call the police because he

heard something going on

outside and looked and saw

there was a scuffle going on,

thing of it. We knew some-

body was hurt, but we didn't

think there'd be any big

repercussions about this be-

cause it was a fight. Some

guys got into it, that's all we

about it was when the police

came in and talked to the

bartender or something, and

that was a week or ten days

later, and then the bartender

told me, 'My God, they say

some Secret Service agents

been drinking responsibly.

They were there for a little

while, but they had been

drinking very slowly, and the

other group, the younger

people, hadn't had very

"They said that they had

are involved in this!'

"The next thing I heard

"We didn't think any-

so he called 911.

"The bartenders told me

north.

knew.

Clinton administration. "It

isn't the Bush administration

that's leaking on us. They've

been great," an unidentified

agent was quoted as saying.

"We think it's coming from

other agents, perhaps those

few who are loyal to the pre-

the Prowler spoke to says

that many current agents be-

lieve that the Clinton loyal-

ists are paying other agents

back for their years of leak-

ing against the Clintons," the

newsletter reported last

week. "I wouldn't put it past

some Clinton people to be

getting this stuff out there,"

an agent told the Prowler.

"They took such a black eye

for eight years, and now they

are trying to get back at us."

Encinitas, the affair has given

Nancy Daley, owner of the

Daley Double, a brush with

notoriety she wasn't pre-

pared for. "I guess it was on

CNN, for God's sake. The

problem is, when they're

shooting the bar, it looks like

the fight happened in the

bar." Daley says she got word

of the brawl the day after it

occurred but didn't think

anything about it until later.

pened on the 19th. It didn't;

it happened on the 17th.

That was a Sunday night,"

"It wasn't anything to

says Daley.

"The paper said it hap-

Meanwhile, back in

"The Secret Service agent

vious administration."



Gerald Parsky

much to drink. And they were inside, and it happened outside. So they can't say for sure what did happen.

"I'm concerned that it makes the bar look like a sleazy joint, which I do everything I can to be sure it isn't. We're talking about a family bar here that's been here for a long time. It really concerns me that the publicity is bad; it looks bad for us.

"We get all kinds of people. That's why I say it's a respectable neighborhood bar, and that's what I want it to be. It's all ages. As the night goes on, it gets a little younger. A wide range of people frequent the place, D and it's always been that way.

"I have two bartenders and the set of the se and two guys on the door, two security people. I have them there every night. I have more on weekends. Nobody saw anything. That's

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adult population, but it's also increasing enormously in the child and adolescent population. One of the reasons that this has gotten so much publicity is not because it is enormously important to children, but because it had been previously thought that it didn't occur in children.

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"We are a much more sedentary population than

we were in the past. Kids spend much more time not only watching television, but sitting at computers; homework takes longer. Many schools have had to eliminate physical education programs. We don't walk anyplace any-

more, we ride. And we don't ride bicycles, we ride in cars. In addition, our general caloric intake is up; not only in terms of the amounts we eat, but also in terms of the fat content, which has more than twice as many calories

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per equivalent weight as carbohydrates or protein."

If the marketing is responsible for the prevalence of the Big Gulp culture, its effects are particularly felt by poorer populations. "If you *continued on page 8*



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continued from page 6 see food or drinks advertised on television, the message isn't about how good it is, but about how big it is. The kind of food available to young people at school has come under lots of criticism, not only from the medical community, but the nutrition community too. I've spoken at a number of conferences, and the nurses and health-

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care providers on these reservations and in the school systems have trouble getting diet soft drinks and water into the soft-drink machines. There are objections and resistance from a number of sources. If you look at some of the at-

tempts to get some of the fast-food purveyors out of the school system, the schools will say, 'We've come to rely on them as sources of revenue.' It's insinuated itself into our lives in an overwhelming fashion."

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Another local family practice physician, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that treating diabetes in teenage girls can be especially problematic, as they often use it the same way they use eating disorders:



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as a weight-loss tool. "They think that being out of control will help them lose weight, and it actually does. One of the out-of-control symptoms is that the blood sugar doesn't go into the cells, and it gets urinated out they'll pee night and day. They end up actually losing weight, but their sugar gets out of control, and they get very sick and end up in the hospital. It's extremely dangerous."

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Helen, now 22, was 16 years old when she was diagnosed with diabetes. The diagnosis was accidental. "I broke my arm, and they had to operate on me to set my arm with pins. In my pre-op workups, they took blood and urine samples that showed I was diabetic. I didn't find out until about two weeks after the surgery. My blood sugar was over 400 after I hadn't eaten anything for a while." (A normal bloodsugar level is between 80 and 120.)

As is the case with many teenagers, Helen's physicians found mixed indications that made them unsure whether she had Type I or Type II diabetes. Overweight at the time of her diagnosis, her family doctor originally prescribed an oral medication. "The orthopedic doctor told me to see my primary-care doctor about it. He put me on pills — I don't remember the name of it, but after a couple of months they couldn't control it, so he sent me to a specialist. He kept me on the pills for a while, until I ended up in the hospital again. I've been on insulin ever since.'

Living with diabetes is a burden for anyone, but for Helen, learning that she was diabetic at 16 was a big letdown. "I wasn't too happy about it. It scared me and overwhelmed me, to think I was going to have this for the rest of my life. I have to test my blood four times a day. Now I'm used to it. It's like a part of my life now. When I was on the pills, it was out of whack, but now I'm doing a bit better. I don't eat as much as I used to, and there's no more sweets. Sometimes it's tough to watch my friends eat junk food, because I'm the only diabetic. I wasn't really much of an ice cream person before, so it's not too hard."

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what they're trained to do. They're to watch for anything that could possibly happen, or cut people off if they have too much to drink, or be aware that something could happen. They're all pretty sharp guys, and nobody saw anything untoward happening. It was just an average night, not a huge crowd.

"We've kind of got a pretty lively nightlife in downtown Encinitas in the last few years. There's three places and quite a few restaurants. I'm an old lady, so I go to bed early, but when I do manage to stay up past nine o'clock, I notice that there are a lot of customers in the restaurants. It's kind of a happening place."

But not too happening, Encinitas city manager Kerry Miller hastens to say. "We don't have too many ear-biting incidents, actually. There is a late-night life with Martini Ranch and the bars, but usually it's pretty calm and pretty settled; certainly by beach-city standards it's probably not even on the radar screen. We don't have many incidents that would even be of note, other than some drunken-in-public types of arrests, but a far cry from that kind of violent activity. That's very unusual."

Until the story broke in the papers, city officials were kept in the dark about Cheney's visit and its aftermath, says Miller. "We didn't have any details on it, nor did we have any advance warning. I suppose the sheriff's department did, but we didn't at the city. And that's pretty typical; that's the way they operate, particularly with the president and the vice president. They don't put a lot of people in the loop ahead of time, particularly for interests of security.

"I don't know whether the vice president had arrived. I don't know whether this was an advance team, and they were here a day or two before the visit. But it sounds to me that the time frame was concurrent with the vice-presidential visit.

"I don't even know where exactly he was staying. I believe it was in Carls-

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bad. So basically, his entourage, including his security folks, were in various hotels and motels around the area. I don't know this firsthand, but I'm just presuming he was here as part of the match play that was taking place at La Costa. I don't know that for sure, but the visit occurred during that part of time."

If Cheney did venture over to La Costa, one of Richard Nixon's favorite watering holes, to watch the golf tournament, the visit has been unacknowledged. In years past, La Costa was frequented by Nixon and his mobbed-up friends in the Teamsters Union, who had financed the resort using their now-notorious Central States pension fund.

That was around the time Nancy Daley first began working at the Daley Double Saloon.

"It's one of the oldest liquor licenses in California. It opened up right after Prohibition was lifted, and it's had about four owners. The Daley family's had it for 45 years. My dad bought it, and then when he died in 1968, my mother decided to keep it, and I was a schoolteacher and quit teaching to help her in the business. I actually worked there as a bartender for 5 years. She died in 1994, so I've owned it since. I've run the place for about the last 20 years.

"We've had a lot of celebrities in there over the years. Willie Nelson, Martin Sheen, Lee Marvin, the Eagles. Commercials were filmed there, and a movie was filmed there in the '80s. Years ago in the mid-'70s there was a rock band called the Mark/Almond band, and they were making a record at the La Paloma, and they used to come in there all the time. There was a studio there, and they rented it out.

"It was the Grand Café up until 1957, that's when my dad bought it. In the '30s I guess it was kind of a famous stop on the way to Caliente. My dad didn't want to have food, so he yanked out the counter. I took the kitchen out a few years ago to make room for a game room. It's always been your typical neighborhood bar with no notoriety, until this happened."



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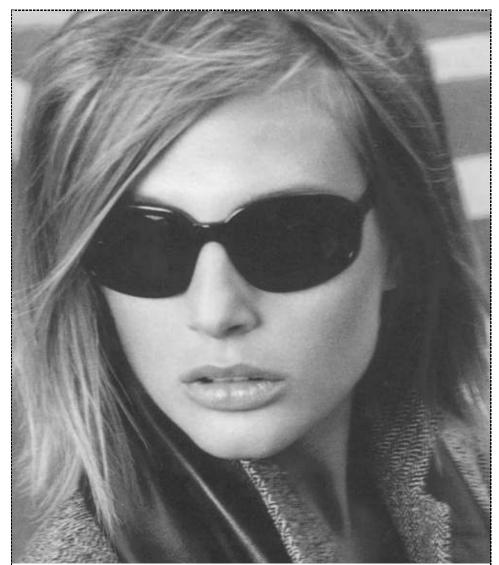
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



Almighty Alice!

Illustration by Rick Geary

When I was a kid growing up in Tierrasanta, we had popcorn ceilings (you know, that stuff that looks like cottage cheese?). My apartment in Point Loma has the same stuff, and I understand this shit is chock full of cancer-causing asbestos. Whenever I bring up the subject, some wiseass always says, "It's not harmful as long as you don't disturb it." Except any time you open the closet door or accidentally hit the ceiling with a broom handle, chunks of this stuff rain down. I understand that you only need to breathe a microscopic amount to develop lung cancer. So what's the story? Should I start making funeral arrangements? Or am I getting worked up over nothing?

- Scared Shitless in Point Loma

You survived Tierrasanta, you'll survive Point Loma. Chill, my friend. Well, chill and stop hitting your ceiling with broom handles. Wiseass that I am, I can't pass up the opportunity to say it's not harmful as long as you don't disturb it.

Between 1945 and 1978, all kinds of building materials were made with asbestos. The ugliest and most omnipresent is that grim, blown-on ceiling crud. It's everywhere, mostly because it was a really cheap treatment that didn't require fine craftsmanship. But not all old popcorn contains asbestos. If you're serious about this, you can find a lab that will test a chunk of the stuff and let you know. But if you don't own the ceiling, of course, there's nothing you can do about it, so what's the point?

According to the EPA, there have been no confirmed reports of asbestos diseases from exposure to residential building materials or popcorn ceilings. The real risk is to those exposed to the stuff in quantity over a long period of time — asbestos miners or processors, shipyard workers, asbestos sprayers. The incubation period for asbestos-related diseases can be anywhere from 20 to 40 years. Is this good news? I guess it is if you go to bed every night afraid of your ceiling. But let me give you something new to think about. Know where most of our tokable asbestos comes from? Car brakes. Part of the dust around us is asbestos ground off our brakes with every panic stop. There's always the chance that you're safer under your popcorn ceiling than out on the road.

Hev, Matt:

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- Mark, Carlsbad

The cow might have eaten corn before it became beef, but that's as close as we'll get to a cob with this one. The shape and size of corn kernels inspired many and varied uses for the word "corn" for 500 years. Corn snow. Peppercorn. And corn salt, made by boiling away sea water. Eventually, anything preserved or cooked by boiling in brine, like a big hunk of cow, was said to be "corned.

Hi! How are ya?

Whatever became of cars with "suicide" doors? And why were they called suicide doors? I've heard a couple of different stories but figured you'd know the real poop.

Mevers, the net

Unfortunately suicide doors had a tendency to kill off their best customers. They began disappearing in the 1940s, but after some government scrutiny 20 years later, the style went away completely. The 1967 Lincoln Continental was the last production car with suicide doors.

Suicide doors, you ask? A car door that's hinged on the opposite side from what we're used to today. It opens toward the bow, not the stern. On most of the early body styles, only the back doors would be suicided. (The idea may have come from the construction of the doors on horse-drawn coaches, since many car body makers once were coach makers.) Suicide doors made exiting a car from the back seat very easy, so it was a good sales point for buyers. Unfortunately, it also made exiting the car at high speeds easy too. If a door came unlatched, because it was hinged at the back the air moving past the car flung the door open, and passengers often fell out. In crashes the door latches tended to fail, and the backseat passenger would fly out of the vehicle. Hence, the nickname. Though it sounds more like negligent homicide to me.

One place that suicide doors never went away is on lowriders. Since the first lowrider cars (late ...40s) were customized from older American models, it's likely the back doors on many were already suicided. But now it's common for an owner to intentionally suicide the doors, trunk, and even the hood. And of course, everything old is new again. At car shows, you'll be seeing more and more suicide doors on concept cars. Not only have they moved the back door hinges and handles, most of these cars no longer have the center pillar between back and front that usually holds the door locks. So you'll be able to walk up to your car, grab the front and back door handles, and open it up wide, like you're raiding the kitchen cabinets for chips and beer.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Look At Me!

'm ringside at Blancas Bazaar Fiesta Hall, which can be found on Palm Avenue in Imperial Beach. I have the young stud ahead on my card, 6.7 to 6.6, going into the eighth and final round of tonight's main event. The bout is between super-featherweights Jose Luis Montes, who has got to be nearly 40 vears old, with a dismal record of 16–44–1, and young Cesar Figueroa, 26-1-2.

Montes, unbelievably, is holding his own. He throws slow, gawky, awkward rights, slower jabs, but is always the aggressor. Now, Montes has Figueroa on the ropes, throws a right-left, ugly, but they land. Montes steps back and does the Ali shuffle. Where did that come from? Figueroa moves in, flurries, lands nothing solid, but looks pretty, which is how the round ends and the way winners end important rounds. And Figueroa does win a unanimous decision, but it was close.

An enjoyable bout, but what I liked most was the referee who maintained exquisite control over what should have been a sloppy fight. We talked after he'd picked up his check. I asked what he thought of the main event.

"I knew a little bit of history about them, so I went in with an idea of how it was going to go. I know this kid [Montes] is a strong kid. He doesn't have that good a record, but he always finishes and he's always in shape. Then you got a kid [Figueroa] who's upand-coming out of Mexico. He was some national champion or something down there."

Tony Crebs, 45, was born in Quincy, Illinois, got into boxing as a boy — his dad had fought in the Golden Gloves. Crebs attended Eastern Illinois University, discovered San Diego in 1984 while on a "spontaneous road trip" with a friend, loved it, and moved here permanently two years later. Since then he's sold real estate, owned a coffee shop, and is currently with Crowder Investments. He began refereeing amateur bouts in 1993 for the California Border Association. Eight years and 1000 bouts later, now chief of officials, Crebs resigned to become a professional referee.

"How would you have scored the main event?" Referees don't score fights in California.

"It's hard to put down points when you're refereeing. $\bar{You've}$ got so many things you're worried about."

"So, you're not keeping track of the flow?"

"No, I'm worried about safety. I'm worried about fouls. I'm worried about my position and not getting in their way. Between rounds I've got to take the score cards to the commission representative. Then I watch the corners. You learn a lot about a kid when he's sitting on a stool. I'm looking at my judges, maybe they see something and want to communicate to me. Maybe the doctor has something he wants me to watch.

"What makes you stop a fight? What do you have to see?'

"If a kid is not responding, if he's not throwing any punches at all. Think back to Oscar De La Hoya and Ike Quartey. Oscar was bombing him in the last round and I kept thinking that Mitch Halpern was gonna stop it. Oscar was pummeling the guy on the ropes. Then Oscar got out of gas and Quartey comes back — bam, bam, bam and beats Oscar around the ring. Suddenly, Halpern is a genius, the greatest referee going. But, he also refereed a Jimmy Garcia fight and Garcia died [Halpern committed suicide in August of 2000]. There's a lot of pressure to refereeing."

Indeed. "When do you stop a fight?"

"I look at the eyes, see if they're rolled up, if they're glassy. A lot of guys will take shots, but they're catching a lot of them on their elbow or gloves. If they can go boom, boom and slide down the ropes and get out, okay. If they're throwing any punches back, even if it's one punch to the other guy's 10 or 12, that's okay." Crebs takes a moment. "There are times when I'll get in there and say, 'Show me something.'

"What else happens in the ring that fans

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don't see?'

"A lot of times, believe it or not, you'll learn something by touch. A fighter might look like he's dripping wet with sweat and vou'll touch the kid and he's clammy, cold. I've seen that a lot. He's glistening and he's clammy or he's bone dry. Something's wrong if a guy is in the seventh or eighth round and he's cold.'

I'm going to have to think about that. "What's the most common foul?"

"Head butt. You don't want to give a hard warning. Soft warnings are when there is a pause in their action and you go by and say, 'Hey, watch your head. Get your punches up.' But, if that's not working, then it's, STOP! Look at me! Watch your head!'"

I have a vision of Crebs bicycling around the ring. "How many warnings do you give before deducting points?"

'You don't have to warn them at all. I tell them in the dressing room, 'This is your first and only warning." But, if it's unintentional and it's mutual, I'm going to let one or two go by. Soft warning, soft warning, and then, maybe, a hard warning, and then it's, 'Stop. Time out. Take a point.'

No sense for us to stop. We'll continue with Crebs next week.

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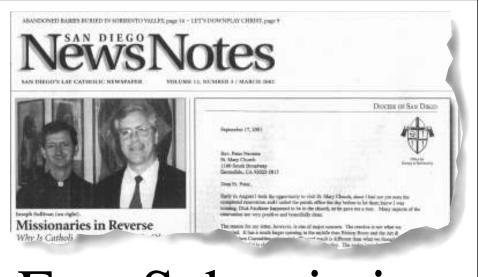
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Denomination: Association of Free Lutheran Congregations Address: 1480 Jamacha Road, Rancho San Diego, 619-447-6471 Year founded: 1997 Senior pastor: Reverend John Kent Congregation: 150 Staff: 1 full-time, 2 part-time Sunday school enrollment: 35 Annual budget: \$120,000 Weekly giving: \$2300

Singles program: no Diversity: white Dress: casual to dressy Services: Sunday worship, 10:00 a.m.

What's Going on Among the Lutherans?, published in 1991 by Northwestern Publishing House in Milwaukee, is a 400-page book that describes what American Lutherans were up to during the past century. To an outsider, it seems that much of what Lutherans were up to was inventing denominational acronyms using the letters L, S, E, C, M, W, A, and F.

Reverend John Kent at Rancho San Diego Lutheran Church sug-

gested I read What's Going on Among the Lutherans? because I'm an outsider who has difficulty remembering that it was the ALC (American Lutheran Church), LCA (Lutheran Church in America), and AELC (Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches) that merged in 1988 to form the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). Reverend Kent's church belongs to the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, or AFLC, a denomination in some ways similar to the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod), ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod), CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession), and LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod). (What's Going on Among the Lutherans? says that the AFLC also shares much with "various smaller Lutheran groups," but does not, thank God, name them.)

The easiest way to get one's bearings in Lutheranism is to remember that the ELCA is the largest and most theologically liberal Lutheran denomination. All the others are, to one degree or another, more conservative.

"The AFLC, to which our church belongs, is now the fastest-growing Lutheran denomination," Reverend Kent told me. "There are around 250 AFLC congregations in the United States. Right now in San Diego there's us and another congregation in Oceanside. You'll find that a lot of people at AFLC churches used to belong to ELCA churches. They felt that the ELCA had grown too liberal for them. It wasn't so much the 'social issues' — abortion, homosexuality, divorce, the ordination of women — as it was the issue of biblical inerrancy.

"In our case what happened was that there were a number of people at St. John's Lutheran Church in El Cajon, an ELCA church, who wanted to break away entirely from the ELCA. But it wasn't that simple. The ELCA actually *owned* the building. These people finally felt it would be easier to start their own church. We joined the AFLC because it is an *association* of churches. The AFLC isn't a synod. It doesn't have any authority over us. We're 'free.' We have a congregational form of government."

Four and a half years ago Reverend Kent started Rancho San Diego Lutheran Church with 20 members. He now has 150. They meet in a space they rent in an anonymous strip mall on Jamacha Road. The church's interior is spare. Metal chairs with upholstered seats. Folding partitions. There's no altar, but there is a handsome polished oak altar rail. When I asked Reverend Kent about the altar rail he responded with what I think of as Lutheran modesty.

"We didn't really have to have it," he said. "It's not a *necessity*. I guess we thought, 'Well, we might not have much else, but it would be nice to have an altar rail."

Reverend Kent, square-jawed, boyish, celebrates a simple liturgy that offers several occasions for silent prayer. ("I think that's one thing that characterizes our church," Reverend Kent told me. "Our worship's empha-

sis on prayer. There's a great deal of silence.") Last Sunday the congregation sang a few contemporary hymns, but they were slowtempo and reflective. In his sermon, Rev-

erend Kent told us that there were "some very odd ideas afoot in Christianity.

"Any number of pastors will tell you that if you come to Christ, all things will be super, that an outward sign of faith is having wealth and success. But the Church's martyrs certainly wouldn't have had that idea.

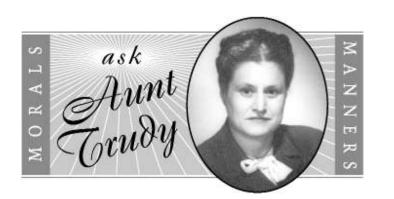
"When Paul spoke about the Christians living in Corinth, he said, "They have become like kings." They had all the material things they could desire. Of the Disciples he says, 'We have been made a spectacle." They were like dreadful, bedraggled captives. Hungry. Sick. Beaten. Slandered. Paul himself was stoned *three* times. "If God gave the

Christians in Corinth someone like Paul to imitate, we should seek people like him today. I have to say that there are many people in this congregation who I would like to imitate. The way they encounter the difficulties in their lives. The strength of their faith. Their walk with God. Their strong desire to follow in Christ's footsteps.

"Those are things we all should desire, what we all should aspire to. Not earthly success, not material possessions. Salvation is the greatest possible treasure that any person could possess on this earth."

After the service, while kids swarmed over a tray of homemade cupcakes, I spoke with an older woman who had left St. John's to join Reverend Kent's church. I asked her if the change was difficult.

"I'd attended St. John's since 1963," she said. "Leaving wasn't easy. I still have many friends there." She was silent for a while. "But God asks us to follow where our faith in Him leads us." — Abe Opincar



Dear Aunt Trudy,

I've been in a relationship with a 25-year-old man for the past six years. I was 22 years old and he was almost 20 when we first met. I am now 28. When I first met him I wasn't attracted, but as time went on we became great friends. About six months after meeting him, I met another guy and was in a relationship with him for a year and a half. After that relationship ended, "Simon" and I began seeing each other a lot more. We also began to hold hands, hug, and kiss each other every time we saw each other. This time around I did feel attracted to him, and I know he felt the same way. My problem is that though we act like a couple in public and everywhere else, he doesn't want a relationship and considers me just a good friend, even after recently becoming intimate with each other. I've talked to him about this problem many times, but he says that right now he's not ready because he feels he has nothing to offer me and wants to work on himself first before he gets involved. I think it's too late because we're already involved. Should I move on or wait until he's ready?

MIXED UP IN IMPERIAL BEACH

Dear Mixed Up,

You're the ultimate authority on how to conduct your love life. I'll offer a few hints you can take under advisement, or discard like last week's greasy fish and chips if they make you wrinkle your nose. First, I must say it's amazing how many letters I get from women who are in a similar pickle. A sweet young thing has been seeing a man for months or years. She feels attached and wishes to get serious. He says he isn't ready and just wants to be friends. Why does this depressing scenario crop up so darn often? Leaving that knotty question for the philosophers, sociologists, and romance novelists, let's address your particular situation.

My dear, I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but if a man says he considers you just a good pal and declares he isn't ready for a relationship, I believe you must take him at his word. No means no. Show him the respect of taking what he says seriously. I can just see the disappointed frown on your pretty face, but I can't help it. There's a reality here jumping up and down and waving its arms trying to get your attention. Sex can mean very different things to different people. Some of us get attached to those we sleep with and develop deep feelings for them. Others treat sex more casually, like an invigorating game of tennis, and there's a huge range of attitudes between these two examples. This man has bluntly told you he doesn't consider you two a couple. Therefore, you're not a couple,

because it takes two to make it so. You can't be a couple by yourself, regardless of what big emotions you're experiencing or how badly you may want it. You and he are not on the same page. That seems clear. It sounds as if you and this man have been waltzing around each other since you were barely out of your teens. Maybe it's high time to meet some new people and see that there are many other kinds of men out there in this Brave New World of ours. You're still young and should have ample opportunity to date and get to know men who are ready, willing, and able to be in a real, committed, caring relationship with you, if that's what you want. You deserve to be with someone who will treasure your love. What good is a man who keeps you at arm's length? I can't say I like the idea of you waiting indefinitely for Mr. Reluctant to feel ready. You could end up waiting forever. You've known each other six years already. If Simon changes his mind, he knows where to find you. Respect yourself enough to go out and find a guy who's proud to acknowledge his ties and involvement with you. Don't sit around pining for Simon. * * *

Here's a correction kindly provided by a reader of this column. In response to "Alone and Hurting in Poway," who was brokenhearted over the departure of her substance-abusing spouse, I gave out what I thought was the telephone number for Narcotics Anonymous. That number, 858-492-8720, is actually the number for NarAnon. According to my informant, NarAnon is a separate program that provides support to families, friends, and loved ones of addicts and is not affiliated with Narcotics Anonymous. The phone number for Narcotics Anonymous, a program established to help substance abusers, is 619-584-1007.

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typical conversation went like this:

"Excuse me, do you offer home mortgages?" "Well, yes." She seems startled.

"What sort of customers

borrow from your bank?" "People who have no other choice."

On April 25, 2001, the Tijuana daily *La Frontera* published a 54-page insert on the city's construction industry. Among articles boasting the city's strong economy were fretful titles like "Industry Leaders Agree: We Need More Credit for Houses" and "Bank Loans Aren't Very Attractive." Mexico, these articles stated, needed at least six million new homes, and Tijuana, the nation's fastest-growing city, was especially short on housing.

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Condo for sale, Tijuana

"It's kind of surreal," said Gustavo del Angel last year on the chilly spring afternoon we met to talk about Mexican real estate. Del Angel, a Mexico City native and Stanford graduate, is the only academic in North America who specializes in the history of Mexican banking, and it happened that he was doing some research at UCSD's Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies. Del Angel showed me a printout of mortgages, or *hipotecas*, then offered by six of Mexico's largest banks. The loans really weren't attractive. On average the banks required a 40 percent down payment and offered a 24 percent annual rate for a maximum of 15 years. (Under those terms the monthly payment on a \$100,000 loan would be a little more than \$2000.) Beside each loan and its terms was printed the word *fija*.

"Now, *fija* means 'fixed,' right?" I asked del Angel. "Just like in English. It means the interest rate won't change. It means it's a fixed-rate mortgage."

"Well, no," said del Angel. He sighed. "Well, yes. Of course. *Fija* does mean 'fixed.' Just like in English. Something that's fixed is something that can't or won't move. 'Fixed' means the same thing in Spanish as it does in English. Except in this case. I mean, the banks *say* it's a fixed-rate mortgage. But it really isn't. The rate is actually linked to increases in the minimum wage, and a few other things. There's really no such thing as a fixed-rate mortgage in Mexico."

"So 'fixed' doesn't really mean 'fixed?"

"Yes. You've got it. You have to understand, only in the past year or so have Mexican banks again started to offer mortgages. They really don't have much experience in it. In which was an enormous disaster for Mexico. While the rest of Latin America was moving ahead economically, the Mexican banking industry virtually went to sleep for ten years. Bank employees were suddenly state employees. Bank managers had no incentive to be competitive or to worry about things like profitability. And since they were state employees, their jobs were basically political, and so they were vulnerable to corruption, like giving loans to their friends. This went on for ten years. Mexico, which up to 1982 really had no significant tradition of credit, became even less familiar with it. When the banks were reprivatized in 1992, Mexican banks really had no experience in lending in a normal way. Suddenly, they were offering mortgages again, and they didn't know what they were doing. They made a lot of bad loans. Things got out of control and in 1994 the entire system collapsed.

1982, President López Portillo nationalized all the banks,

"The peso lost 138 percent of its value. Interest rates reached 150 percent. No one had a fixed-rate mortgage. So all across Mexico, you had thousands and thousands of people with mortgages who from one day to the next owed far more than their homes were worth. Their monthly mortgage payments were impossibly large. People were devastated. There were suicides. For Americans, such a situation can be difficult to understand. The American economy is very stable. No one expects any great fluctuations in the dollar's worth. That's why American banks can offer fixedrate mortgages for 15, 30, as many as 40 years. American banks are confident that the economy isn't going to change dramatically. Could Americans even imagine a 150 percent interest rate?"

Del Angel paused to let the information sink in. The implications were remarkable. Not long before Mexico's collapse in 1994, Mexican banks were offering 15-year mortgages at around 38 percent. At that rate, the monthly payment on a \$100,000 loan would have been around \$3200. When interest rates jumped to 150 percent, the monthly payment on the same \$100,000 loan would have soared to \$13,000.

"In 1992, when the Mexican banks were reprivatized, the Mexican banking system and Mexican finance laws weren't very sophisticated. There were people who figured out that they could, for a small amount of money, legally create a corporation and through it borrow money from a bank. Once the money had all been used for the corpora-

"Excuse me, do you offer home mortgages?"

It's Hard to Buy a Home In Tijuana



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tion's 'expenses,' the corporation would fold and the bank had no legal means of getting its loan back. The corruption was enormous. People made millions. It was like your savings and loan crisis in the United States, but the consequences were much greater. The whole system collapsed. Interest rates skyrocketed. The majority of people in Mexico's small but growing middle class were in danger of losing their homes. If you'll remember when Clinton agreed to loan Mexico \$16 billion, that money went to restructure those loans. And now the citizens of Mexico will have to pay that \$16 billion debt.

"I think the best way for Americans to understand some of the basic differences between the two economies would be to go to a lower-class, or even middle-class, neighborhood in Tijuana. Wherever you look, you see what appear to be half-built homes, or homes that seem to be in a continuous state of construction. This is a direct result of the inability of Mexican banks to give affordable loans. In Mexico, people save up their money and they buy a little piece of land. They save up a little more and they build a small home on it. Maybe a kitchen and a living room. Little by little, as they save money, they add another room and another. You know, pay as you go."

This reminded me of a friend in Tijuana who'd told me, with some excitement, that he, his two children, and his mother were moving into his brother's "new house" east of Tijuana. How large was this house? "A kitchen and a bathroom. My brother's building a bedroom next month." My friend and his family have little money, but even if you drive through Tijuana's middle-class neighborhoods you see, as del Angel described, homes in a constant state of construction. The materials used in rich and poor neighborhoods are invariably cement block, rebar, and plaster.

"Mexican banks won't loan for anything made of wood," said Franco Magdaleno with a bitter laugh. "That's why almost everything you see in Mexico is made of cement. It's not that Mexicans *love* cement block. It's not that we think it's the most beautiful building material in the world. It's not aesthetics; it's *finance*. It would be easier and cheaper to build with wood, but the banks won't listen.

"I'm an engineer. I know what I'm talking about. I even developed a building material, using both cement and wood, for building homes. I developed it in conjunction with an American company in Georgia. It was cheaper and lighter than cement block. You could build a home with it more quickly than if you used cement block. It was an excellent product. And you would think that Mexico, which has an enormous housing crisis, would be interested, would need, a building material like that. I developed it especially for the Mexican market. But no. Mexican banks would not loan money for anything made with wood.

"Maybe they think that if people built houses with wood, they'd just burn them down for the insurance money. I don't know."

Magdaleno stared into his cup of coffee. "I hate banks."

Last year, Magdaleno and I met one morning for coffee in the lobby of Hotel Pueblo Amigo, a popular spot with Tijuana entrepreneurs. Somewhere in the lobby, a caged parrot occasionally screamed like a human. People flinched. They started from their chairs. They chuckled. Kidnappings were and still are common among Tijuana's middle and upper classes. Armed bodyguards stood at the hotel's entrance. At the table next to ours, where a baby shower was in progress, several matrons, despite the early hour, ordered brandies. Magdaleno ordered coffee, black.

He is a serious, deliberate man, a civil engineer whose passion is the design, construction, and maintenance of pipelines. (He had in his coat pocket a brochure for a conference he planned to attend in Norway on "The Design and Installation Aspects of High-Strength Steel for Deep & Ultra-Deepwater Pipelines.") Some years back Magdaleno participated in the construction of such a pipeline in Rosarito, and he spoke of the project as one of the best times in his life. As often as he can, he travels



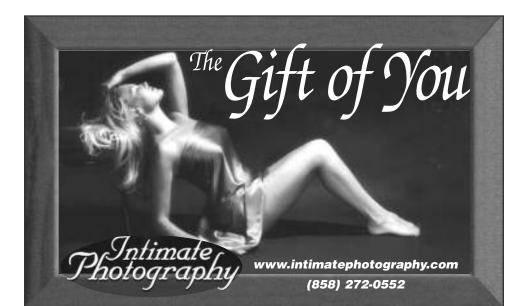
from Tijuana to pipeline conferences in Europe, Asia, South America, for "intellectual stimulation."

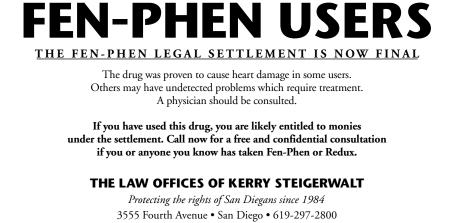
Since the late 1960s Magdaleno has also dabbled in Tijuana real estate and is currently a member of Tijuana's Association of Real Estate Agents, which has 50 members. (The San Diego Board of Realtors estimates that 12,000 real estate agents work in San Diego. But the comparison is unfair. In Mexico, real estate agents aren't licensed, and so no one knows how many real estate agents practice in Tijuana.) "Here, the majority of

private homes," said Magdaleno, "are sold by the owner directly to the buyer. Which is of course risky because you have to get the paperwork right. In Mexico, real estate transactions are handled through notaries, who are much more important than notaries in the United States. Mexican notaries check property registries to make sure that the house vou're buying truly belongs to the seller, that no one else has a claim on it. In America, when you buy a home you buy title insurance. There's no title insurance in Mexico, so the notary's work is very important. Most people, if they know what they're doing, also hire an attorney to double-check what the notary does to make sure everything's been handled properly.

"The process of selling real estate, however, really isn't the problem. The problem is with the banks. Big developers who build big developments for the upper middle class and the wealthy can afford to offer their own financing. And their interest rates are usually much better than those offered by banks. But for other developers, those who can't afford to carry large debt, the situation is impossible. They can build homes, but the loans offered by banks are too expensive. So there are actually people who own land, or who buy land, in the hopes that squatters will take it over. I'm sure you've heard of squatters here in Tijuana. People come from the Mexican interior to find work. There's no housing for them. So they squat on undeveloped land.

"What happens next is that the landowner starts complaining to the government that there are squatters on his land. He wants the government to kick them out. So, maybe the police come, tell the people to leave. Then the squatters start protesting. Maybe the landowner even encourages the squatters to protest.





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Politics gets involved. And what the landowner hopes is that the government will give in to the squatters, buy the land from him, and give it to the squatters. It sounds complicated. But it's one way of 'developing' land when it's impossible to borrow money from a bank to build homes on it.

"I've always worked on a much smaller scale, building only a few homes at a time. There are ways of getting around the banks. The answer, I've found, is *autofinanciamiento.*"

I'd heard the term *autofinanciamiento*, "selffinance," used by a number of people in Tijuana. I'd asked for an explanation but hadn't understood what was said. In fact, I'd understood each individual word of what was said but couldn't make sense of the whole scheme, the entire process of *autofinanciamiento*. It was too for-

eign. Not long after I spoke with Magdaleno, I went to the offices of Habiplan, one of three autofinanciamiento companies operating in Tijuana. Habiplan's offices are in a part of Zona Rio where it's difficult to buy a taco but easy to find sushi. A clothing store to the left of Habiplan sold Versace, Prada, Dolce Gabana, and Fendi. To the right, in an Internet cafe, young people in black clothes typed madly on a dozen or so brand-new PCs. In Habiplan's gray-and-green lobby, large framed posters showed towheaded children hugging puppies or skipping through fields of flowers.

Omar Ramírez, a handsome gentleman in his late 30s, greeted me. He took me to his office and pulled out a fat three-ring binder. He proceeded to give me an *autofinanciamiento* overview.

"Usually, this expla-



nation takes around 90 minutes," he said in a soft, low voice. "But I'll try to make it faster."

On the office stereo Rick James began to sing "Super Freak." Ramírez opened the blue binder to page one. Pointing to a diagram of many boxes and arrows, he said, "First, let me explain the government agencies that regulate us." Two hours later Gloria Gaynor was singing "I Will Survive" and *autofinanciamiento* was only a little clearer in my mind. Still, I

Franco Magdaleno's real estate office (left)

had a general idea of how the process worked:

Since Mexican banks had for some time been unable to offer reasonable loans, lenders like Habiplan stepped in to meet this need. Headquartered in Mexicali, with offices throughout Mexico, Habiplan is regulated by a halfdozen government agencies. What Habiplan does is amass groups of 500 clients who want 15-year loans of between \$35,000 and \$60,000. Once a group is formed, the clients begin depositing the equivalent of their monthly mortgage payments, calculated at a 6 percent annual rate, into a trust account held by a major Mexican bank. Clients may obtain their loans in two ways. They must earn 2000 "payment points" in a system that awards points for on-time and early payments (60 points for an ontime payment, 75 points for a payment three days early, etc.), or their name is drawn in a lottery Habiplan holds every quarter for each client group. If a client regularly pays early or on time, it takes around three years for him to obtain his loan. On the other hand,



the chances of winning the "loan lottery" would be 1 out of 500 the first time, 1 out of 499 the second time, and so on.

I asked Mr. Ramírez, "Given the unpredictability of the Mexican economy, how many clients drop out of the program?"

"Around 30 percent." Any penalties? "They forfeit 25 percent of the money they have

in the trust account." How else did Habiplan

turn a profit? "Well, we charge a

6 percent annual rate on the mortgage,"he said, reaching for the blue binder. He flipped to a page that contrasted the benefits of borrowing from Habiplan to those of borrowing from other lenders. "Banks, well, you know how high their interest rates are."

At the very bottom of this page listing the lenders with which Habiplan compared itself, I noticed the word *prestamista* — a nice way of saying *usurero*, or "loan shark." Ramírez must have seen my eyes widen. I explained that American lenders did not, as a rule, compare their services to those of loan sharks.

"As you can see," he said, "*prestamistas* charge 6 percent compounded monthly, and in general their loans are only for four years."

And who borrows from *prestamistas*?

"People who have no other choice."

A 6 percent monthly compounded rate is the same as a 101 percent *annual* rate. In other words, the monthly payment on a \$35,000, 4-year *prestamista* loan would be around \$3000. The monthly payment on a \$35,000 15-year Habiplan loan would be \$295. Other disadvantages of borrowing from a loan shark went without saying.

Still, a 101 percent annual rate looked good when compared to the 150 percent rate Mexican banks charged eight years ago, which is likely why Habiplan lists *prestamistas* among its competitors — Mexicans remember the '94 collapse and still mistrust banks. Mexicans also mistrust American journalists trying to find out how Mex-



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doctor's voice mail, and the next afternoon she called me back. Dispensing with the

customary "*Buenas tardes*," she asked, "How did you get my name and phone number?" I explained that her realtor had given me her name and phone number. "She didn't tell me that she was going to do that. *Who* are you and *what* do you want?"

I said I wanted to talk with Tijuana home buyers about how they financed their homes.

"Look," the doctor said. "I'm going to have to talk to my husband about this. I'll call you back."

She never did.

"The American system is entirely transparent," said John Osslund, vice president of West Coast Mortgage, a "typical midsize" mortgage brokerage in Mira Mesa. "The process of buying a home, financing the purchase, has been so streamlined and standardized that everyone involved in the transaction knows exactly what's going on. Everyone knows who the buyer's borrowing money from, what the terms of the loan are. There are no secrets, no surprises."

Osslund has worked as a mortgage broker in San Diego for 21 years. He's known around town as a reasonable guy. Last year, when I spoke with him about American real estate, Osslund was evangelistic.

"In America the homebuying process is efficient because the government promotes homeownership. The government provides tax incentives for homeowners and promotes lowcost loans for first-time buyers. The government does this, in part, because it encourages social stability. For example, it's now taken for granted that if you want to clean up a neighborhood, decrease crime, foster civic responsibility, you increase the number of homeowners in that neighborhood.

"The reason we can have a culture of homeownership is because the American economy is relatively stable. Banks can offer, for example, 7 percent 30-year mortgages because they're confident that there won't be any huge changes in the economy. Inflation plays an important role in their confidence. Lenders want to see a 5 percent return on their investment, so mortgages usu-

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icans finance their homes.

Last year, a Tijuana realtor

gave me the name and

phone number of a young

woman, a doctor, who was

in the process of buying a

\$250,000 house. I called

and left a message on the

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ally run 5 percent higher than the rate of inflation. So if you say that Mexican banks are offering 24 percent on a 15-year loan, you can pretty much figure that the actual rate of inflation in Mexico, despite the government's official figure of 9 percent, is significantly higher and that banks aren't confident in their country's long-term economic performance.

"Back in 1979, 1980, at the end of the Carter administration, America had high inflation. The prime lending rate was at 24 percent, home mortgages were at 17 percent. I don't think it would be accurate to say what happened was disastrous, but a lot of people, a lot of builders were wiped out. The real estate market was at a standstill, but ultimately, we recovered. The economy was resilient. So you can get an idea of what inflation and high interest rates can do to a more vulnerable economy like Mexico's.

"Because of America's stability, because our homebuying process is so thorough and streamlined, we have a situation in which it's easier and cheaper for Mexican nationals to buy a home here than in Mexico. Even if we have difficulty verifying their income, we can look at their assets and, to some extent, their credit history. We can usually offer them a 30-year loan, with 20 or 30 percent down, at around 8 percent."

Low interest rates weren't the only reason Tijuana residents were buying homes in San Diego. Monique Fuzet, a Prudential agent in Bonita, estimated that over the past three years, in the South Bay at least, sales to Mexican clients increased 60 to 70 percent.

When I spoke with Fuzet last spring, she told me, "Just about everyone in Tijuana who can afford it, which means people with money, is buying a home here. Bonita, EastLake, Rancho del Rey. The reason is simple: kidnappings. When the kidnappings in Tijuana started to increase, so did our number of Mexican clients. Every real estate office down here has Spanish-speaking personnel. I



don't know the exact num-

bers, but I do know that

the Wells Fargo mortgage

office down here processes

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the \$300,000 to \$1 million

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range. They can live here without worrying that someone's going to kidnap them or their children, and they can still be close to their businesses in Tijuana. I personally have around four Mexican clients a month. Multiply that by the many agents in this area, and you can see that there's quite an influx."

Fuzet was born and raised near Lyons, France, "which has some of the finest food in the world. Incredible food. I sell real estate now, but what I'd love to do is write about food." She taught French in Germany before making her way to Mexico City, where she fell in love with the country.

"I still love Mexico. The people, the culture, the food, the language. I hate to speak ill of Mexico. I love the country but am not so fond of the government, which I think treats the people very badly. They *deserve* a better government. With Fox, I have some hope. But his term lasts only six years. What can one man accomplish in six years? Maybe there will be some changes. We shall see.

"I lived in Mexico City from 1975 to 1982, and I learned to sell real estate there. Now, you're saying, 'Why would a French woman sell real estate in Mexico City?' Well, unlike in France and the United States, where you have to study to become a real estate agent, *anyone* can sell real estate in Mexico. In France and the United States, people sometimes have a low opinion of real estate agents. In Mexico, their opinion is often lower.

"Fortunately, I never got involved with anything dishonest. I had friends, however, who had problems. One sold time-shares for a condominium development that, in the end, never really existed. The developer ran off with all the money. Another friend sold a home, but it turned out the seller never really owned the home in the first place. Stories like that were common. It was a difficult environment to work in.

"Here, of course, it's much easier. The rules are clear. We have easy access to information. For example, most Mexicans with money have at least an American Express card, or some other major credit card. Through American credit bureaus, American lenders are able to get some credit history on a Mexican client. In Mex-



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ico, however, the whole idea of a credit bureau is new."

In the United States, lenders scrutinize income, employment, and credit histories when evaluating mortgage applicants. Credit history is essential for handicapping the risk a potential borrower presents. Until four years ago, Mexico had no credit bureau that banks could turn to when evaluating borrowers. Credit information was diffuse, hard to get.

("It's still very difficult to obtain basic financial information from banks," del Angel told me on the chilly afternoon we met at UCSD. "As an academic studying the history of Mexican banking, getting simple data is my greatest challenge. Mexico isn't, yet, an information society.")

For as rudimentary as it is — del Angel said that not all Mexican banks were enthusiastic about reporting to it — the Buró Nacional de Crédito is starting to change Mexico.

Guadalupe Loaeza, a chic, husky-voiced blonde, comes from a well-known intellectual family in Mexico City. (Her brother, Enrique, is one of the country's most respected diplomats.) Loaeza grew up and lives among Mexico City's rich.

"For a middle-class or wealthy Mexican, to be reported to the Credit Bureau as someone who doesn't pay bills, or pays bills late, is one of the most frightening things. This is entirely new to us."

Loaeza is something of a spy. For the past eight years, as a columnist for the Mexican daily Reforma, she's written about how Mexico's wealthy think and live. Two years ago she published Debo, Luego Sufro (I Owe, Then Suffer), a best-seller in Mexico and Argentina. Debo was Loaeza's critique of Mexico's growing "consumerist culture," of her countrymen's "compulsive shopping" and their heavy reliance on credit.

In her book, Loaeza makes her arguments through several fictional case studies, one of which follows Sofia, a stand-in for Loaeza herself. In Chapter One, "The Worst Debtor," Sofia tells her psychoanalyst about a "terrible nightmare." Shopping at one of Mexico City's finest stores, Sofia hands her American Express card to a clerk. But the card won't go through. "The clerk tells me, 'I'm

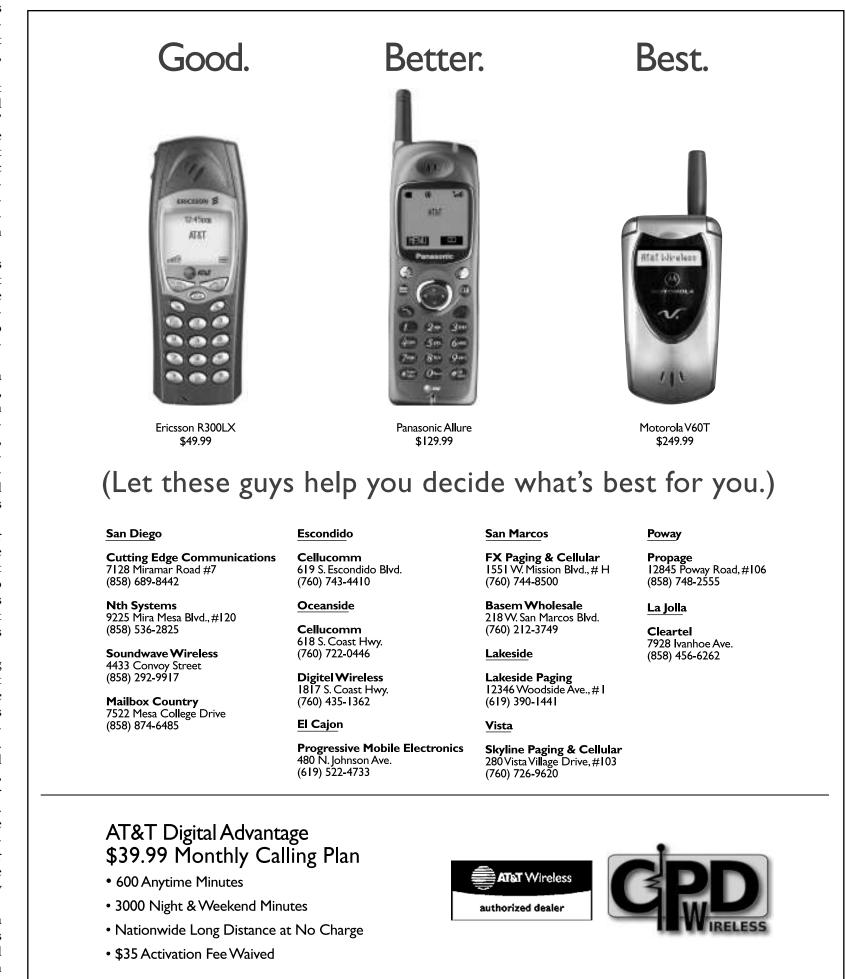
sorry, but your card's been declined.' And like a crazy woman, I say, 'Declined? Deeeeeeeeeclined?' I told her to try my card again. And again.

"And the worst thing, Doctor, was that behind me was an endless line of people waiting to pay. I told the cashier, "Try it again." But my card still didn't go through. So the clerk calls American Express to see what's wrong, and she screams my name and card number into the phone awful, horrifying screams. Everyone was staring at me. I wanted to die. Everyone around me started yelling, 'Declined! Can't you see that your card's been declined? Declined! Declined! Declined!' "Then they all started to laugh at me. Even the clerk. She laughed in my face and screamed, 'Declined! Declined!' And I just stood there, everyone dying of laughter, and I kept muttering, 'But my card *is* good. It is! It is!' All the while sobbing like Mary Magdalene."

I contacted Loaeza last year at her home in Lomas de Chapultepec, one of the capital's choicest neighborhoods. Hilly. Private driveways. Bougainvillea and *copa de oro* spill over high white security walls. I asked Loaeza why she'd

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"I noticed what had happened in my own life, and in the lives of my friends. This need to have material things, and have them immediately. The endless cycle of debt. It seemed to me an almost spiritual hunger. And so I asked myself, 'How did we come to this? What happened in our country, in our society, that made us this way?' Mexicans used to be excellent borrowers. They borrowed for only what they truly needed, and they were careful to pay back on time. Twenty years of economic crisis changed all that. "And to me it was inter-

esting how economics can influence national character. For example, if you lived in a country where there was tremendous inflation, where your money, from one day to the next, or maybe from one hour to the next, was worth less and less, you naturally developed a certain way of thinking about the future. Why wait? Why save up for anything? Why not buy it right now? If you lived in a country where the government was corrupt and its economic policies were bad, you developed a certain attitude toward responsibility. Why pay taxes when they'll be used to send some

politician's wife on trips? Why pay taxes when you definitely know the money will be misused? No one paid taxes.

"And so, for the longest time, we lived in a kind of unreality. Interest rates on Mexican credit cards are incredibly high, sometimes as high as 50 percent. But the high interest didn't stop people from using credit cards. There was a kind of 'live for the moment' mentality. And there was also a kind of inferiority complex. American was always better. And America did stand for many of the things we wanted for our own country. It was completely common for people to go on vacation to San Diego, to go shopping there, and buy things, I don't know, like Clinique cosmetics, or Gabriel García Márquez's latest novel — things that you could of course buy in Mexico City. But the fact that you bought them in the U.S. made them somehow better, more special.

"The situation has started to change. We have a new president and a sense of hope. There is more of a sense of structure and order. The Credit Bureau, for example, has created a sense of accountability. There's no walking away from what you owe. You see this in other areas as well. Wealthy Mexicans are starting to contribute more to Mexican charities — not in huge numbers, but it's a start. This feeling of responsibility is new. People are also making fewer trips to the U.S.

"But there remains a tremendous gap between the wealthy and even the middle class. The wealthy have access to cash, which, for example, is a great advantage when you buy a home. Everyone I know paid for their home in cash. No one has a mortgage. I'm really not sure how middle-class people manage to buy homes. It has to be difficult." Last year, when you read through real estate ads in Tijuana newspapers, you came across sales situations which, to an American, seemed puzzling. The owner of a \$160,000 home, for example, offers it for 40 percent down and is willing to carry the balance for two years at 12 percent. What sort of person has \$70,000 on hand but wants to pay the \$90,000 balance over two years?

"Some possible scenarios come to mind," said Ricardo, a Tijuana university professor who comes from an upper-middle-class family. "You might have a person, and he'd have to be



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fairly wealthy, who thinks, 'OK, I'll put down \$70,000 on the house and I'll leave the balance in investments and be able to make a little money.' Or maybe he has investments that he hopes will pay him \$90,000 over the course of two years. The Mexican economy is of course volatile. If his investments fail, he's in trouble.

"The most likely scenario is that the buyer *hopes* he'll somehow be able to come up with \$90,000. The important thing is to first move into the home. In Mexico, real estate transactions can sometimes take a long time. When my wife and I bought our home, it took nearly one year. So you actually have a little more time to come up with the balance. You make the \$70,000 down payment, and while you're waiting for the transaction to go through, you start working on borrowing money. Usually, you would try to borrow from your family. Because banks have been so unreliable in Mexico, there's a whole tradition of family loans. Everyone gets together and pools their money, and people take turns borrowing. It's sort of like *autofinanciamiento*. "Then there's the sce-

nario in which the buyer has no idea how he's going to find the remaining \$90,000. He makes the down payment, he moves in, and he makes the monthly payments as best as he can. When the buyer runs out of resources, he *hopes* the seller will work with him. If the seller isn't flexible, then the buyer will have to go to a bank, or, worse, to a *prestamista*."

Ricardo and his family travel often in the United States. He spends his sabbaticals here. He lectures at the big-name universities.

"I'm completely comfortable in America. There's a lot about America that's very attractive. And on the one hand I'm a professor, and I give graduate seminars on subjects like 'Writing Journalistic Prose in Spanish.' But on the other hand I'm a Mexican citizen living in Mexico, and there's a great deal I would have a difficult time explaining to my American students. My sister lost her home in the '94 crisis. It was horrible. Within three months, her mortgage payments were huge. Finally, she somehow sold her home. She had to get rid of it.

"My sister was very good about saving money, so a year ago she was able

"Right now I'm dealing with a property here in Playas. A \$149,000 home. Three bedrooms. Two and a half baths."

to buy another home. She now keeps a stash of dollars to pay the mortgage in case something goes wrong. I don't know where the dollars are — under a tile in her living room floor, at the bottom of a closet, in a hole behind the toilet. I don't know. She won't even tell case there's another crisis." María del Carmen Díaz remembered the '94 crisis. She owns and operates Lorimar Real Estate on Paseo Ensenada in Playas de Tijuana.

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"Everything came to a halt. No one was selling. No one was buying. I just sort of sat around the office, waiting for the phone to ring. It never rang.

"So, I had to be creative. I started acting more like a rental agency. People always need to rent apartments. And there are a lot of students, more than you would imagine, who rent apartments here and attend university in San Diego. There are also businessmen who need apartments. I was able to make a living until the market started to recover.

"If I lived in the United States and worked as hard as I work in Tijuana, I'd be a millionaire already."

On the afternoon I visited her last year, files of sales in progress, calculators, calendars cluttered her desk. Her phone rang constantly. Three or four other phones in the office rang constantly. Her agents interrupted her every few minutes with questions about contracts, of which an endless series rattled forth from a dot matrix printer by her desk.

"Here in Mexico we have to be more inventive when it comes to closing a deal. People often buy their

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home with money borrowed from several different sources. The buyer has to be assured that all the money's there. It can be tricky."

I told Díaz that earlier in the day I'd visited a branch of Banamex, Mexico's largest bank, and spoken to a loan officer who told me that, in a good month, she processed only six loans.

"Yes," Díaz said, thumbing through a file. "It's rare. But some people do go to banks for mortgages." As proof, she hands me a copy of a client's mortgage agreement. The client borrowed \$46,000 from Banamex for 15 years at 24 percent.

"Interest rates aren't our only problem. Our entire legal system needs to be reformed. Our laws favor renters and homeowners. If someone doesn't pay their rent, or stops paying their mortgage, it can take forever to get the property back. It can take up to two years to foreclose on a house. So you have a situation in which people are afraid to rent out property, or develop rental property, and banks are very cautious



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"As a result, buying a home is difficult, even for the upper middle class. I'll give you an example. Right now I'm dealing with a property here in Playas. A \$149,000 home. Three bedrooms. Two and a half baths. Central heat and air conditioning. A very nice, very comfortable home. Now, to an American, \$149,000 sounds cheap for a home near the ocean. But wait. The seller wants 35 percent down and will carry the balance for five years at 12 percent. That means the buyer has to put down \$52,000 and be able to make monthly payments of around \$2100 for five years. In Mexico, a \$149,000 home isn't so inexpensive.

"In comparison, American banks are offering 30-year mortgages at around 7 percent." Díaz tapped a few numbers into her calculator. "So in America, under those terms, for \$2100 a month, you could borrow \$315,000."

Díaz decided to stretch her legs. She took me outside and showed me a complex of handsome apartment buildings being constructed on the hills east of her office.

"Those are low-income apartments being built by the federal government. Two bedrooms, one bath. Small. Around \$30,000. The government also subsidizes their financing. Thirty percent down. Fifteen-year loans at 15 percent. The apartments are for workingclass people. Now, in Tijuana, there's no housing for them. The government says that in a few years the city's population is going to double. I just read that 200,000 factory workers in Tijuana need homes. I don't know what we're going to do."

Díaz handed me over



to one of her agents, Olga Prieto, to drive me to the border. As Prieto steered her SUV up the express road back to Tijuana, I noticed she had a Spanish translation of Marcel Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past* sitting beside her.

"It's something I'm doing for myself," she says. "Not for a degree. Just for my own pleasure. I'm taking a university course on Proust. Selling real estate in Mexico is very stressful. It makes me crazy. So reading Proust is a pleasure, a way to relax.

"And you know, one of the big themes in Remembrance of Things Past is how difficult it is in life to know what's really going on. You think things are one way, but they turn out to be another. Sometimes completely the opposite of what you first thought. Sometimes you can never really find out what the truth is. So this long novel about life in Paris a century ago isn't difficult for me to understand. It's easy to understand Proust if you sell real estate in Mexico." * * *

Time passed. Prieto was right. You think things are one way, but they turn out to be another. A few weeks ago I stopped by Lorimar Real Estate in Playas de Tijuana. María del Carmen Díaz had large posters for several new real estate developments hanging on her walls. She smiled at me. She took me by the hand.

"Since the beginning of 2002, mortgage rates have dropped by 10 percent," she said. "There's more competition between banks. We're doing 15 percent more business than we were doing a year ago. And home prices, in some parts of Tijuana, have increased by 20 percent.

"There was a bad period right after September 11. Everything stopped. We just sat here waiting. What happened was of course horrible, terrifying. But we didn't know what it would mean for the American economy. And what happens in the American economy affects Mexico immediately. People were afraid. They didn't want to move. They wanted to see what would happen. After a few weeks, when everything seemed like it was going to be OK, business picked up again."

She pressed into my palm a brochure for "Real del Mar: A Resort Where Traditions Live."

"Homes here start at around \$200,000, \$250,000," she said. "They're selling. Not only Mexicans are buying, but Americans too. There's even an American mortgage firm that's selling mortgages for Real del Mar."

The brochure described "custom homes and large lots." Real del Mar has an "18-hole, par 72 championship golf course," an "Equestrian Center," a "number of lighted tennis courts," and a spa "ready to provide the right touch of pampering to soothe your stressed-out soul."

But what seemed to excite Díaz most was another brochure she gave me. A development called Laderas del Mar was offering twoand three-bedroom condominiums starting at \$49,000.

"And banks are even offering 15- and 30-year mortgages. So many foreigners have bought Mexican banks. Citibank. Spaniards. I don't even know what Mexican banks are still really Mexican. The result is that interest rates have dropped. You can find some mortgages as low as 14.9 percent. Lenders are still asking for 40 percent down, and the interest rates are still high compared to those in America. But even at that, a \$49,000 condominium is now something that lower-middle- and middle-class families might be able to buy."

I understood Díaz's enthusiasm. Not less than a year ago, Mexican banks were offering 40 percent down, 15-year mortgages at 24 percent. Under those terms, the monthly payments on a \$49,000 condominium would have been \$605. Under the new 14.9 percent, 30-year terms, the monthly payments on the same condominium would be \$369.

"So we have a sense of hope," Díaz continued.

"There doesn't seem to be much inflation. No one's talking about a devaluation. Maybe things will continue to be stable. I'm even thinking about buying a new car. But I'm going to wait a little while. You never know what might happen." After visiting Díaz, I

called Omar Ramírez at Habiplan, the "self-finance" company, to see if the new hopefulness, and the new interest rates, had hurt his business.

"No," he said. "We're still doing as well or better than we were last year. Sure, interest rates offered by Mexican banks have gone down, but they're still high. Too high for your average Mexican; 14.9 percent looks like an improvement, but it's double what your banks in America are offering. Mexican rates would have to drop a lot more before they had an effect on our business."

I wondered what Gustavo del Angel thought about the recent changes in the Mexican economy. When I called him at UCSD, I was told that he had returned to Mexico City to work at an economics research institute. When I at last got in touch with him, he said he was suffering from "culture shock."

"I'd forgotten just how differently things are done in Mexico. The entire legal system here needs to be overhauled before business can run in a normal way. We're talking about basic



rule of law.

"On the surface, the new interest rates look good. They're actually fixed-rate mortgages now, like fixedrate mortgages in the United States. The impetus behind these changes really started a year ago. Foreign banks started buying Mexican banks. Smaller companies that offered only mortgages started dropping their interest rates. There was greater competition. And if lenders are offering 30-year mortgages, then there must be some sense that the chances for stability, in the long term, are good.

"But remember, mortgages are actually low-risk

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loans for lenders. No one wants to lose a home. You can't steal a home. So mortgages aren't an accurate indicator of what's going on in the entire economy. The outlook here, shortterm, isn't very good. According to the Ministry of Finance, the official expected growth rate for the economy in 2002 is only 1.7 percent. That's very low! And there's even reason to believe that it will be lower. There are some bad signs. General Motors in Mexico is expected to let go a significant portion of its workers during the next few months. Four months ago, one of the

country's largest banks laid off 4000 workers.

"And of course no one knows what's going to happen in the United States, if there's going to be another war, how a war might affect the U.S. economy. What happens in the U.S. always has an impact on the Mexican economy.

"As far as the new interest rates are concerned, you have to remember that although they're a lot lower, they're still accessible to only a very small part of the Mexican population. The disparity here between rich and poor is tremendous. And we're not talking only about money, about

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income, we're talking about education as well. The government would have to spend a huge amount of money on education to start correcting this disparity. The government needs to do that. And I still see no signs of any better rule of law. Not just in terms of public security, but also in terms of criminal and civil procedure. Mortgages, you see, are just a small part of Mexico's economy."

The day after I spoke with del Angel, I happened to be in Tijuana and stopped by a branch of one of Mexico's largest banks. I wanted to see for myself how things had changed.

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reporter, I made up a little story about myself. I said I had married a Mexican woman who lived in Tijuana and that my wife and I were hoping to buy a home there. I said we would probably

need a \$100,000 mortgage. Without hesitating the young woman told me, "We can offer you a 30-year, fixed-rate loan at 14.9 percent, which is a very, very good interest rate. Of course,

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we'd need to verify your and your wife's income."

I was startled by her quickness, her immediate willingness to offer me a mortgage, her pride in the low interest rate. Last year in Tijuana, the loan officers I spoke with, or tried to speak with, were bored and evasive. But had Mexican banking really changed? Were things as normal as they seemed?

"Just one question," the young woman said as I rose to leave. "What does your wife do for a living?" "She's an attorney."

The young woman made a sad clucking sound.

"Oh, I'm sorry," she said. "But we don't offer mortgages to attorneys. We don't offer mortgages to Roman Catholic priests, airplane pilots, or attorneys."

My head swam. I couldn't believe that I'd heard her correctly.

"Why don't you offer mortgages to Roman Catholic priests, airplane pilots, or attorneys?"

The young woman shrugged.

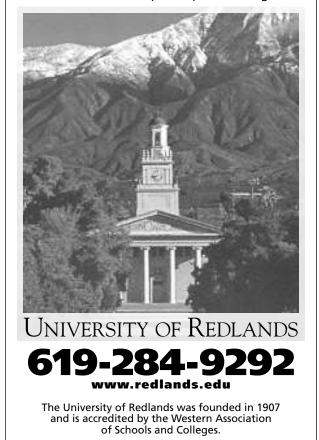
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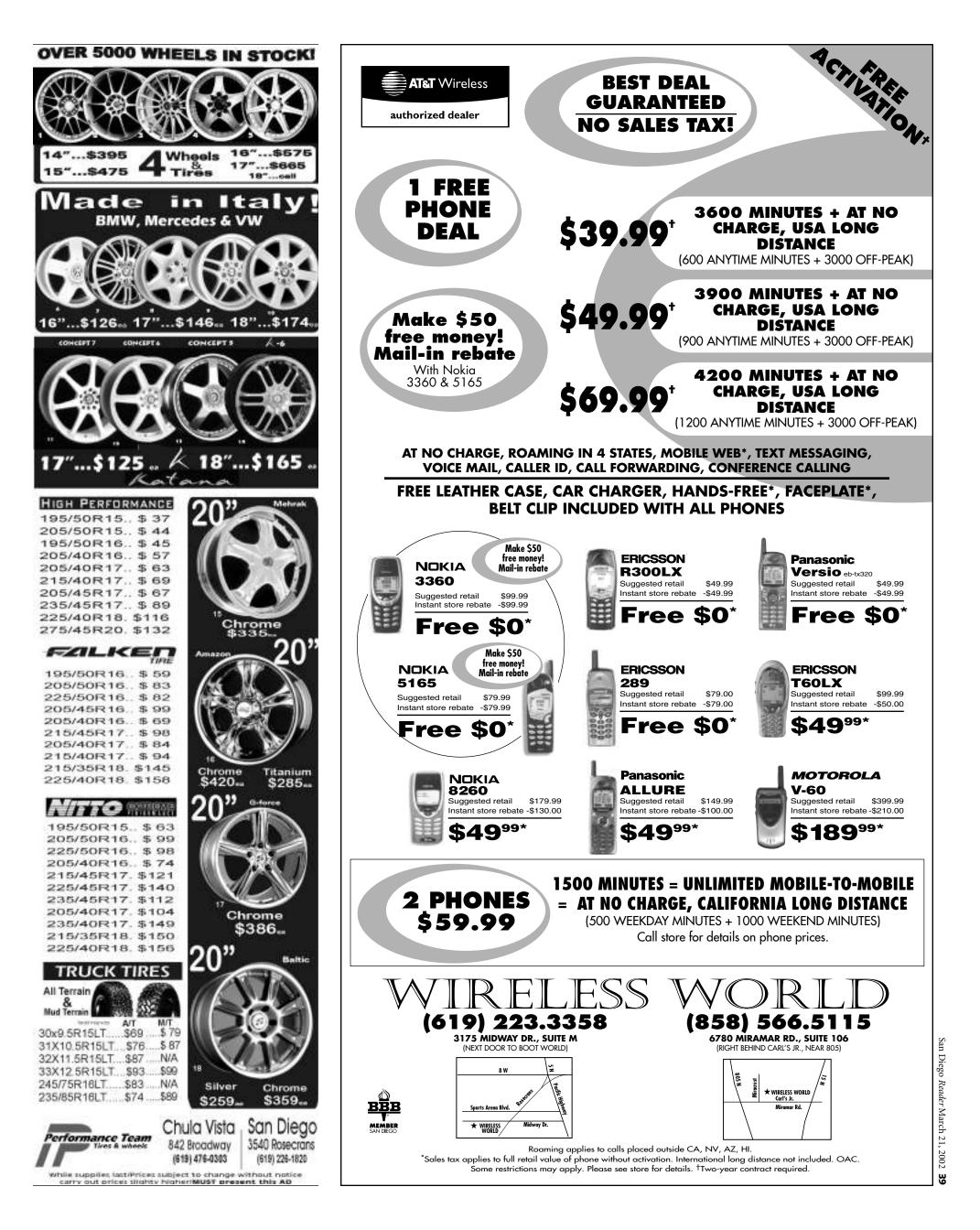
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Doom Soon

was surprised to learn that Lingua Franca, a smart and coherent magazine about academic life, folded in October. I had always thought that the magazine had a monopoly on a lucrative market. How many thousands of graduate students and professors are there in the United States and Canada? And one imagines that all of them — all except for the most blasé French scholars, myopic philosophers, and lab-blind astrophysicists - would shell out a little of their precious coin for the only magazine that had an eve for academia's entertainments. Yes, academia, with all of its foibles and feats, is entertaining. What other word should we use to describe today's campus, with its cults of personality, hiring and firing scandals, warring intellectual/social/political factions, and sexual spectacles (which erupt when political correctness and schoolmarmish priggishness collide with promiscuous students and lonely, left-leaning professors)?

But Lingua Franca never turned a profit, and its circulation never got far above 15,000. On October 17, Jeffrey Kittay, the magazine's founder, announced its demise. He said that his company, Academic Partners, would continue publishing University Business, a magazine about college administration, and would hold on to its stake in Arts & Letters Daily, a website that provides links to articles about intellectual life from



many publications. Kittay, however, depended on a single, anonymous financial backer to subsidize the company's continuing losses, and the benefactor, after reviewing Lingua Franca's finances, canceled his support. Kittay said the advertising slowdown was not the problem, and he planned to seek an infusion of cash from a new source.

Kittay, a former professor of French literature at Yale, noticed the storytelling potential in academia; he saw a niche for vivid reporting about the field's many personal feuds and intellectual controversies. He founded Lingua Franca in 1990, just in time for the cultural wars when the NEA was under attack; when campus

sexual politics became utterly inscrutable; when academic jargon and postmodernism were no longer exciting critical methods but fodder for New Yorker cartoons. The day he announced the magazine was folding, Kittay told the New York *Times*, "There is a lot of red-blooded activity in a field that is mostly covered as a pretty desiccated operation. I was an academic who was very, very hungry for information about what made my profession so alive, where people became passionate about abstract ideas." David Remnick, editor of the New Yorker, lamented the news. "That is terrible,"

he told the Times. "I really enjoyed it - I always found something fascinating to read in that magazine, and not infrequently something that I wish we had had for the New Yorker." Lingua Franca,

It made its mark by publishing articles that were both gossipy

and cerebral.

based in New York, was published nine times a year. It made its mark by publishing articles that were both gossipy and cerebral. It analyzed ideas but never lost sight of the fact that academia - no matter how far out it got — was a community of individual, emotional, and more often than not, well-meaning people. Still, it never shied away from the sen-

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sational. Alexander Star, the magazine's editor since 1995, said he was first drawn to the publication by an article about a feminist academic, Jane Gallop, accused of sexually harassing a student. The article, "A Most Dangerous Method," juxtaposed the accusation with Gallop's discussion in her seminars of the erotic aspects of pedagogy. In 1996 Lingua Franca made national headlines for an article describing a hoax played by Alan Sokal, a New York University physicist. Sokal

satirized academic balderdash by persuading a postmodern humanities journal, Social Text, to publish an essay of his that employed a made-up, pseudoscientific jargon.

The magazine may be gone, but for a while at least its website (www.linguafranca.com) is up and running. Among the many pleasures at the site is its Breakthrough Books page. In every issue of Lingua Franca the editors asked leading scholars to recommend the breakthrough

books in their field. The diverse categories include aesthetics, the American West, the city, Cuba, and tourism studies. Under the "History of Science" heading, for example, browsers may read Ian Hacking waxing about Nicholas Jardine's Scenes of Inquiry: On the Reality of Questions in the Sciences, or Evelyn Fox Keller appreciating Ian Hacking's Taming of Chance, or M. Norton Wise getting giddy about Steven Shapin and Simon Schaffer's Leviathan and the Air-Pump:

Hobbes, Boyle, and the Experimental Life.

The real gem here is the link to Lingua Franca's tenth anniversary special, which includes a timeline of recent academic history, a readers' survey of the best books of the last decade, and the classics from Lingua Franca canon — articles on Darwin, Thomas Pynchon, the Sixties, and the end of the world. The latter article, "Doom Soon: A Philosophical Invitation to the Apocalypse," was written by the philosopher Jim Holt. It begins, "Do you ever lie awake at night wondering why you happen to be alive just now? Why it should be that your own particular bit of self-consciousness popped into existence in the twentieth century and not, say, during the reign of the Antonines or 10 million years hence? If you do, and your musings take a sufficiently rigorous form, you might arrive at a terrible realization: The human race is doomed to die out - and quickly." Holt argues simply that more than 4 billion of the 40 billion humans who have ever lived are alive today and that since we can't prove the existence of future epochs to live in, "This is far and away the most likely time to exist. Conclusion: Doom soon."

Though most of us likely believe that this socalled Doomsday Argument is abhorrent, we can't deny that a rhetoric of doom is today's most conspicuous lingua franca. Nevertheless, there are other articles to choose from. \blacksquare

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Bren: I was a controller at a company that did business with the bank Corinna worked at. But I didn't remember her until 15 minutes into our first phone conversation.

Corinna: We talked on a Friday and agreed to meet the following Sunday at the La Jolla Children's

Pool. It was a beautiful sunny day and we took a walk. He held my shoes for me and did all these gentlemanly things that he knew would "bag" me.

Bren: It was obvious from the moment we met that there would be no awkwardness. I remember telling my brother that Corinna thinks just like me.

Corinna: On our second date we went to the Corvette Diner, ate burgers, and did the chicken dance. The next day was Cinco de Mayo. Bren brought over a bouquet of flowers, a bottle of tequila, and a can of mixed nuts. Bren: It seemed appropriate at

the time.

Corinna: I'd been moonlighting as a wedding planner for several years when we met, and Bren encouraged me to open my own full-time business, which I did. It's called The Elegant Advantage.

Bren: We got engaged eight months after we met and, of course, we made all these grandiose wedding plans.

Corinna: Then we settled on a

small wedding in Del Mar on the cliffs overlooking the ocean. That was last September.

Bren: For our honeymoon we went to Maui, snorkeled, swam with the turtles and watched the sunset every day.

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Joe and Polly are married almost a year before they venture west to meet both families. Rather than the well-defined

> world of military life, they were about to face a road of options and, as Polly puts it, "a whole lot of other people and things." Joe's not sure of his choices, not just in Polly but in returning to his past — the specter of San Diego and the old threat of George Davis.

Chapter 18

i Soon after the first of the year Polly went on terminal leave, Joe took a week of leave at the same time, and they went to New York, where Polly quickly spent the \$200 she had allotted herself for civilian clothes. When they returned to Quantico they found a one-room apartment in a motel near the base.

In April Polly thought for a time she was pregnant. It proved to be a false alarm, but she wrote her father immediately she missed her period, and this time he replied. She was waving the letter at Joe when he came home from the base that evening.

"Oh, Joe, I'm so happy!" she said as she embraced him. "Everything's all right. And guess what — we're the proud owners of — here, you read it."

He took off his overseas cap and sat down with the letter she had pressed into his hand. He didn't read it, he just looked at the strong backhand script. Polly was standing in front of him with her hands

clasped at her waist. She seemed, as she had said she was, very happy. "You tell me about it," he said. "I can't read his writing."

"Oh, you can too. Well, I guess it's my dowry. You didn't know I was going to have a dowry, did you? It's one of Daddy's ranches way up in the Sacramento Valley. Peaches and pears — it's just a small one. Thirty acres. Geejay was supposed to have it when he got married, but he didn't really want it so Daddy fixed him up with that nifty real estate and insurance business. But isn't it wonderful?"

"It's wonderful," he said, and she sat down on his lap and hugged him.

"Aren't you proud of your wife for bringing in such a fine dowry, husband?"

He wondered what he was supposed to say. He patted her back. "Well, I don't know anything about ranching. I don't know how we'd —."

"We don't have to do anything! Some people named Jorgenson work it. It doesn't produce much right now because he's just put in new peach trees, but Daddy says in five years it ought to be bringing us about \$2000 a year. And it's land and it's in California! Land in California just goes up and up, doesn't it?"

"I don't know, Polly. I really don't know anything about it."

"But don't you think it's wonderful?" "Sure! I really do. I'm just a little confused."

She hugged him once more and got to her feet. He looked down at the letter; he still couldn't bring himself to read it. "Well," he said. "I guess you're an absentee owner now."

"We are. I'm sure he's making it over to both of us. It would be half yours anyway by California community property law."

"We're not in California."

"We will be in June when they let you out."

"Well, I don't know about absentee ownership." He tried to grin at her. "Won't we be exploiting these Jorgensons? Maybe it's against my politics."

"Oh, you don't have any politics and you know it," Polly said impatiently. "And you can't go out and shoot it on the horses either. We can use the income to put our kids through college, and when we get old and rich we can hand it on to them." Her tone had been joking, but she was gazing down at him anxiously. "Joe, aren't you happy about it?"

"I was just kidding. I think it's fine."

But he thought about it a lot in the month or so that he had left before his discharge, avoiding discussing it with Polly, and wondered why he couldn't just be happy about it. After all, George Davis had fixed up Geejay in business and would surely do something similar for Polly's other brother, Barty. He must not let himself resent his father-inlaw, for Polly's sake, and for his own.

He was still worrying at himself about the ranch, but as part of something more now, when his orders came in early June. He was directed to proceed to the separation center, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California.

Driving through Virginia with Polly, on the highway that looped easily through the bright green hills and valley where they had held maneuvers and field exercises and where Lee had fought, going back to California, he found his mind circling painfully around the old immature resentment he must fight off now, and a growing questioning of himself, his marriage, his motives. A week or so before his orders



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had come through the colonel had called him to see if he was interested in staying in the Marine Corps. He had been in the top ten per cent of his officer candidate and Reserve officer classes, his fitness reports had all been good; Colonel Rock was sure he would be granted a commission in the regular Marine Corps if he decided to apply for one."I don't suppose I need to go over the advantages for you, Lieutenant," Colonel Rock had said. "The pay, the insurance and retirement provision, the security." But he had never even considered staying in the service. He had thought it was partly because of that strain of Uncle Dick in him that he had told Polly about. But now he wondered if it was not something else — if it was not that he had won his security already, when he had married Polly Davis. Here he was on the road to California, free again, self-determinant again, but maybe he was also counting again on George Davis for that scholarship, that deal, that good job which was secure as the service was secure, but with the advantages of freedom and self-determination — a job and a life that had all the advantages of both but that was above all stable and impregnable....

"Here!" Polly said. "Slow down, Buster."

He eased his foot on the accelerator, absurdly angry now. There was no reason to take out on Polly what he was thinking about himself, but he couldn't resist the compulsion. "I've been thinking," he said. "I'm not so sure I want to live in the Bay Area."

"I thought we had that all decided! You said you wanted to live up there too."

"I keep thinking about San Diego."

Polly gazed out the window. She had become very tan in the weeks of spring sun. Her hair, which had grown down almost to her shoulders, was streaked with lighter brown. "You're not thinking about your San Diego femme-fatale, are you, honey bun?"

"I don't think about her half as much as you do, I'll tell you that." Which was not strictly true, he supposed, but at least he had not mentioned Con, that he could remember, since that night right after the war had ended. But almost always, when there was a serious strain between them, Polly would bring up the subject of Con.

"I thought we'd had this all out," Polly said. "It was your idea to go to the Bay Area in the first place. You're not trying to start a fight, are you?"

"I'm worrying about getting a job."

"You could go back to school and get to be a lawyer."

"I'm too stupid to be a lawyer."

"We could just be bums. Go down to Santa Cruz in the summer and skiing in the Sierras in the winter."

"Don't you like to eat?"

"We could go up to our ranch and eat pears and peaches." "Be serious!"

"I'm not going to! You're trying to pick a fight and I'm

not going to play. You want me to say Daddy will give you a job so you can get mad at me. This monkey doesn't burn her fingers twice in the same fire."

"My father would give me a job in San Diego," he said. "He hinted around about it in that last letter. He's building all those houses." Then he said, "Oh hell," apologetically. Polly smiled at him. She was wearing a white sweatshirt with the sleeves pushed up on her thin brown arms and a Wave seersucker skirt. A fleck of lipstick had come off on one of her front teeth, and he reached over to wipe it off. She snapped at his finger.

"Bite your finger off," she said. "Quit worrying, will you?"

"Can't I worry about getting a job?"

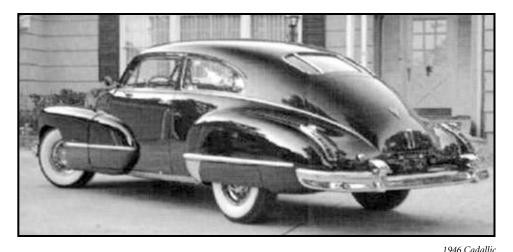
"Nope. Just worry about whether your wife still loves you or not?"

"Does she?"

"Yeah, but if you loved her you'd quit hedging and let her chuck this latex catcher's mitt. So we could get going on an offspring."

'Oh, for God's sake, Polly!" But he felt better; as usual, she had managed to ioke him out of it. And California was still 3000 miles away, or nearly that. They were going to San Diego first; they would stay there a week or ten days before they drove north to Walnut Creek, and he would not worry about that till the time came.

Four days later they



were in San Diego. His father looked very well. Most of his hair was gone, he had put on some weight and even had a neat little pot, but he was tanned and looked younger than Ruth, whose hair had turned completely gray and who was

very fat and motherly looking. They both accepted Polly immediately, as he had known they would.

The day after they arrived in San Diego his father took them out to see the houses he was building. There were five blocks of them, ranch-style houses essentially similar but set at different angles on their lots so that each seemed distinctive. Twelve were already finished and sold. But there wasn't much margin of profit, his father said; they wanted to sell them to veterans for

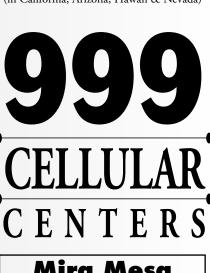
under 10,000, but construction costs were high and getting higher. He and three others had made a little on a smaller tract they had put in on El Cajon Boulevard, had borrowed more to go ahead with this, and, if they could come out on top, had their eyes on a much bigger deal.

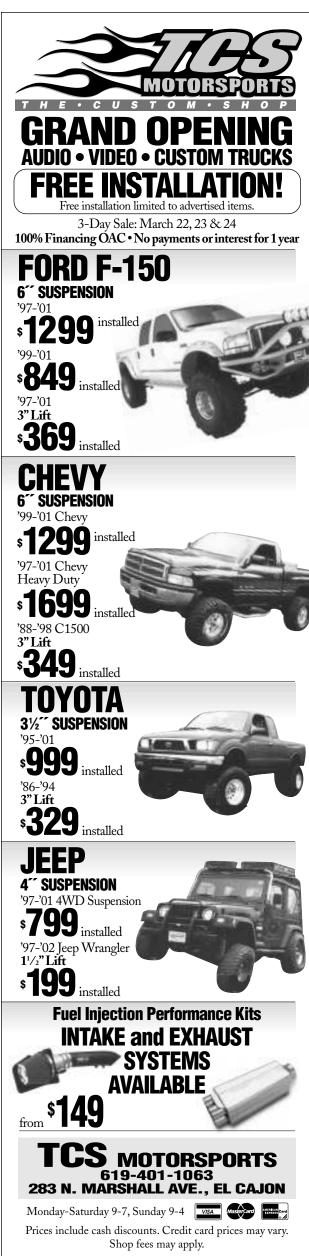
The office was a long frame building painted white, with a white picket fence, on El Cajon next to a bowling alley. His father took Polly and Joe through, introducing them to one of his partners, to the secretaries and the accountant and an architect. He seemed very proud, both of them and of what he was showing them. When he took them into his own office, which was at one





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end of the building, they could hear the long roll of bowling balls and the sharp clatter of the pins from the bowling alley next door.

That night after dinner, while Polly and Ruth were doing the dishes, he sat with his father in the living room, he in the big chair, his father on the davenport. He felt, as he always had with his father, the difficulty of communication between them. He stared out the window; beyond the terrace, far down, car lights were crawling along the Mission Valley road in the darkness. He turned to see his father frowning and brushing his hand over his head, the scalp brown and freckled beneath thin strands of hair.

"Son," his father said, "what are you going to do? Have you any ideas?"

"I've got 30 days of terminal leave coming. I thought I wouldn't worry about it for a while."

"What would you think about coming in with me?"

He sat with his hands clasped, supporting his chin, cold and unhappy. From the kitchen, above the slosh of the dishwater, he could hear Ruth and Polly talking about the Waves. "Doing what?" he said. "There's not much I know how to do."

"You can learn, can't you?" his father said.

Joe stared out the window again; he wondered what his father thought of him, his son, who had been to college, who must seem now on the threshold of success and the good life. And he thought how hard the Depression must have hit his father, in a much more concrete way than it had hit him — but his father had come slowly back up the long, hard grade, while, from his different shock, he had not, and now he was waiting to be started halfway up.

"Why don't you come out to the office tomorrow and we'll talk it over?" his father said.

The palms of his hands felt damp as he ran them down the thighs of the gray flannels he had put on as soon as he had come home. "I don't know," he said. "I'd just like to go along with this leave I've got and relax. I don't —" He stopped; he knew what he was expecting — the good job, the better job, from George Davis. And his father would be hurt if he took that instead of this.

"Sure, son," his father said quickly, for Polly and Ruth were coming in.

Polly wore the black and blue dress she had bought in New York, and she looked very long-legged, narrow and tall, in spike heels, with her sunburned hair done up in a knot on top of her head. She winked at him. Ruth still had her apron on.

"Well," Ruth said. "Polly and I had an awfully nice talk. She's the best dishwiper I ever had."

"I don't get much practice," Polly said. "Joe won't do dishes and take out the garbage both. And I can't cope with garbage." She sat down on the arm of Joe's chair and put her hand on his shoulder.

Later that night, when

he and Polly were alone in their room, he went through the clothes he had left when he enlisted. Polly was looking over his shirts. "Well, you have plenty of these anyway," she said. She held up the white sport shirt with the black piping. "I'll bet you were really a flashy little number in this one." He watched her look at the label on the inside of the neck, which would say Palm Springs. "Oh-oh," Polly said. "Sometimes when you turn over rocks bugs crawl out." "That's from the garbage," he said.

She gave him a strained

"Throw the damn thing

But Polly still held it in

smile. "No subtleties slip

past you in the night, do

away," he said. "I never did

her hands, and she was

they?"

like it."

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frowning. "There are a lot of *things*, aren't there?" she said, and when he asked her what she meant she said, "Oh, it seemed like in the East there were just you and me, and now there are a whole lot of other people and things. And quirks. We've both got them, and I'm afraid they're going to get bigger and hairier now that we're here in California. What are we going to do when your quirks run into my quirks?"

"I suppose they'll have to fight it out."

"No," Polly said. "I like what your father said in that first letter. If we both go 60 percent of the way with each other every time, there's nothing to worry about. I like that. I'm a little old 60 percenter. I'll try to be, Joe." He nodded guiltily and

turned aside to begin to undress for bed, but Polly

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866/622-5821 www.ClubOne.com caught his arm and looked up into his eyes. "I wasn't just saying that," she said. "And I'm glad you didn't lie and say you'd be a 60 percenter too. Up there, I mean. That's what we're both thinking about, isn't it?"

He nodded again.

"But you've got to go part of the way with me, Joe. You have to go part of the way."

"I will, honey," he said. He would try, he wanted to try; he had to go as much of the way at Walnut Creek as he could with Polly, who he doubted very much could maintain herself there as a little old 60 percenter.

The morning they were to leave for Walnut Creek they got up at five. Polly sent a telegram to her father from Pasadena, saying they would be there late in the afternoon. She sent another from Fresno, where they had generator trouble, saying they would be delayed but not to worry. Joe had never seen her so nervous. When they passed the highway marker for Contra Costa County she was quietly crying and mopping at her eyes with a Kleenex.

ii It was still light when they turned off the highway and started up the long, winding drive. He could see the retaining wall he and Marshall had put in below the tennis court, and once he had a glimpse of the pool. Gravel rattled up under the fenders as he made a sharp turn and passed the open garage, in which he could see the shining rear of a Cadillac. Before he stopped in front of the house Polly had leaped out. She ran to the front door, her brown legs flashing below her black linen dress.

He took their suitcases out of the car and lined them up on the gravel. He lit a cigarette. The front door still stood open; inside for a way there was heavy shadow, but beyond the shadow sunlight was thrown down on the tiles in brilliant parallelograms. He kicked the last suitcase in the line, one of Polly's three matched leather ones. His own two looked old and shoddy, the Val Pack leaning tiredly away from the others.

Polly returned with her mother, a tall angular woman in a silk coolie coat. Her face was soft but deeply lined, narrow between wings of thick wavy hair that was darker than Polly's. She advanced toward him, dangling a limp hand. "How do you do, Mr. Bailey."

"Oh, Mother!" Polly exclaimed. "His name is Joe. Joe, you call Mother Pauline, will you?"

He said he would. "He's very good look-

ing," Polly's mother said. Polly looked happy. "Of course he is." She took hold of Joe's arm. "Daddy's at a meeting but he ought to be home right away."

Joe dropped his cigarette and moved toward the suitcases, but her hand tightened. "Chet will take them in," she said.

The living room was very long, half dim, half bright. Windows gave onto the patio where the pool was. A man in a white coat came toward them, and Mrs. Davis told him to take the bags into the east bedroom. Then she swung around with her hands pulling down the pockets of the coolie coat. "Would you like a drink?"

"Joe would," Polly said. "I want to go clean up." She squeezed his hand before she hurried off down the hallway, her shoes clattering.

"Maybe some bourbon with an ice cube in it," Joe said, and while Mrs. Davis was gone he stood looking around the room. A long tan couch faced the patio, and as he moved toward it he could see the pool, slick and blue and as large as the one at Palm Springs. He was staring out at it when Mrs. Davis returned. She handed him a small glass. In her other hand was a glass of milk. She sat down on the couch with a swift graceful motion. "I hope you'll feel at

home here, Mr. — Joe." "Thanks."

"Polly looks very happy. I was a little disturbed when she married someone I didn't know 3000 miles away. But she looks very well and very happy. How long is it you've been married now?"

"Ten months."

"And no children yet," she said with a wan smile. "That was our first thought, you know, when you were married so suddenly. Weren't we terrible to think that? We hope you will have children, of course," she continued. "We like being grandparents. We're grandparents



twice already; our oldest son has two girls. When I wrote Barty—he's in Germany to ask him if he thought Polly had married because she was pregnant, he wrote back that he'd got at least four girls he knew of pregnant, and hadn't married any of them, and didn't see

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that was any reason to get married. Wasn't that terrible of Barty? Barty loves to shock me." "It doesn't sound as

though you had much faith in Polly," Joe said stiffly.

"Oh, you know how fathers are. Every time I'd mention that letter of Barty's, George would seethe. George has always been a jealous man, and he was so horribly worried something like that would happen to Polly if she went into the Waves. He'd rage whenever the subject of that letter of Barty's came up. He was going to fly back there and do something terrible. He didn't know what, but —" She laughed. "I think Polly's made an awfully good choice though. Do you know the Camerons in San Diego?" "I'm afraid not," he said.

She went through a list of names, and he finally had the satisfaction of saying he knew Mrs. DuBois, although he had met her only a few times at Bryan's house. She had been a college classmate of Mrs. Davis's. "I haven't seen much of her since she married and went to San Diego," Mrs. Davis said. "I suppose she's gone to seed down there. She was a very, very pretty girl. But I suppose she's old now. When you're old you might as well be dead, don't you think?"

He didn't reply, and she mused on that for a while, then drank her milk distastefully. Finally Polly came back, wearing the black and blue dress and her hair done

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up the way he liked.

"Darling, you look terribly thin," Mrs. Davis said. "I suppose they made you work terribly, terribly hard in the Waves. But that's a lovely dress. Is it one you got in New York? It doesn't look like you could have got it in San Diego."

"It's terribly, terribly nice of you to like it, Mother," Polly said.

Joe got up and excused himself. As he left the room he heard Mrs. Davis say, "I think he's awfully nice, darling. Oh, I'm so glad you're back. Everything's been such a mess, and Daddy's been in an awful rage." He found a bedroom with their bags set neatly in it and went in and shut the door behind him.

He was standing before the mirror in a clean white shirt, shorts, and socks, tying his tie, when he heard a car drive up. He listened to the clatter of heels and, faintly, Polly's voice crying, "Daddy! Oh, Daddy!"

He finished the knot and pulled the tie up tight against his throat and sat down on the bed. He remained there for a long time, trying to get hold of himself, trying to get over the feeling of being a trespasser here. At last he put on his new suit and went back down the hall.

The three of them were sitting on the couch that faced the patio. Mrs. Davis turned her head, Polly jumped up, and then George Davis rose, big and hulking in a tan sport jacket without lapels and a dark brown sport shirt. Locks of his hair curved like short horns on either side of his red forehead. He came forward with his hand extended and on his face an expression of eager cordiality. As he pumped Joe's hand he put his other arm around Polly. "Hello, Joe," George Davis said.

"Hello," Joe said. Polly moved over to kiss him, which he recognized as a gesture designed to give him confidence. And when he sat down she took up a post on the arm of his chair, her hand resting on his shoulder.

Mrs. Davis said, "I think everybody needs another drink, George." He nodded and hurriedly collected the glasses, but she said, "Oh, why don't you call Chet, dear?" He replied that he wanted to make the drinks



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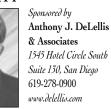
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himself; the back of his neck was red as he carried the glasses out. Mrs. Davis smiled at Polly and Joe. She still had her milk, very little of it gone. "Geejay and Julie are coming for dinner," she said.

"Oh, that's nice," Polly said.

"I wish Barty were here. Then we'd have our whole family together."

Polly asked what she'd heard from Barty, and Mrs. Davis began eagerly to tell of his last letter, stopping when her husband returned. "Thanks," Joe said as George Davis handed him his glass.

"Polly," Mrs. Davis said, "are you using pancake make-up? It makes your face look very hard. Don't you think it makes her face look hard, George?"

"I think she looks fine." "It's just a Quantico suntan," Polly said, and Joe added, "It's a poor quality sun back there. Not like California." Mrs. Davis smiled politely.

"You look fine, kid," George Davis said, kneading Polly's shoulder. "Has this husband of yours been good to you?"

"He's been terrific." "He'd better be." George Davis laughed huskily."That's the best daughter a man ever had, there, Joe. I want you

to treat her right." "Daddy," Polly broke in, "you've put on weight! You have!"

"Why, I'm just at my old football weight. One ninety-five." He sat down next to his wife, who was holding the glass of milk against her forehead as though she had a headache. "Did you play any ball in the corps, Joe? They had quite a team down at El Toro here."

"I didn't have much of

a chance," Joe said. "I had to leave that to the boys just out of college."

"Well, let's see now," George Davis said. "I'm trying to get this straight. You ran into Poll in Washington, is that right?"

Polly's hand tightened warningly on his shoulder. She said, "We met in the Statler bar. Have you ever been in the Statler bar, Daddy?"

"I sure have. Plenty of times."

"Oh, George!" Mrs. Davis said. "Don't tell me you go chasing after the chippies in those bars when you're back East!"

George Davis frowned a little, but he went on to ask Joe about Marshall Trask, and when Joe replied that he hadn't seen Marshall since college, George Davis said, "He's back in Modesto. He and a couple of brothers

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have started up a big gas station and garage. Maybe you saw it when you drove through there — on the highway at the north end of town."

Then he said, "That crazy kid. We'd have won that Stanford game if he'd been in there. He was the best —" He stopped, and Joe knew what was coming now. "Say, what happened to you in that Stanford game, Joe? That was another crazy thing." He got up and crouched in the fading squares of sunlight, as though he were about to receive a pass from the center. "I forget the number of the play, but it was the end of a sequence. Let's see — you'd gone through the line once, and then you ran to the right and threw a short pass to that end. And on the last one — didn't you run to the right again and then cut back?"

"Yes," Joe said. He watched George Davis go through the motions.

"The Stanford safety sucked in too. And the pass who was that receiver?"

"Jerry Butler."

"The pass was perfect," George Davis said. "Perfect. If Jerry Butler hadn't tripped—It may have been a little high, but he could have got it if he hadn't tripped."

Joe felt his breath suck in harshly and then tickle in his throat, as though he were going to laugh. His face felt hot, and he moved his shoulder under Polly's hand.

"And you just walked off the field," George Davis was saying, but then tires crunched on the gravel in front of the house and Mrs. Davis said, "There's Geejay now. George, will you please tell Mrs. Gunther we'll want

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dinner in an hour?"

Joe sat there dazedly, thinking of that pass. No one had ever said anything to him about Jerry Butler missing it. Maybe Jerry had really missed it. Why, damn you, Jerry! he thought, and closed his eyes and blew out his breath in a long silent whistle, grimacing at himself and shaking his head and feeling very foolish, as though someone had thrust a pistol in his face, but when the trigger was pressed a lighted cigarette had popped out of the breach.

"What's the matter, Joe?" Polly whispered, but he only shook his head again. He got to his feet and turned toward the door as someone called, "Hello, everybody!"

Geejay was short, pigeon-chested, and pompous looking in the dark gray suit. Polly had said

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Polly went to kiss them both, and Geejay gave Joe the Omega Alpha handclasp. "Well, Pauline," Julie

said. "Your family's getting larger. Barty will be getting married next."

"What are you going to do now you're out of the service, Joe?" Geejay asked. He had taken a cigar from his breast pocket, offered it silently to his father and then to Joe, and now was going through a little ceremony of lighting it.

"I don't know yet," Joe said.

George Davis leaned forward with his hand dangling between his knees. "When I got out of the last war I went to work in a planing mill. I used to come home at night with my ears full of sawdust. Remember that, honey?"

"Not with pleasure," Mrs. Davis said. "And you haven't got the sawdust out to this day, have you, dear?" She laughed lightly. "But I suppose the sawdust was better than this chasing after chippies in the bars whenever you're away from —"

"Oh, for God's sake, what's put that in your head?" George Davis cried. Joe looked up to see Polly biting her lip as her father went on doggedly, "Wife and threeyear-old kid to support on two and a half a day. But that was fair pay in those days. Now they've got this 52–20 club and all these damn —"

"Don't curse so, George," Mrs. Davis said.

There was a silence. unn George Davis sat with his wha head bent a little, the two locks of hair curving to either and

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side of his forehead, staring at his glass. Joe watched Mrs. Davis sipping her milk.

"Did you get overseas, Joe?" George Davis asked. "He was on Iwo Jima,"

Polly said too loudly. "Now that was a foolish thing," Geejay said. "All those lives wasted. What did they want that stupid little atoll for, anyway?"

Joe's sense of being a disinterested spectator snapped abruptly. "We had to have it for a bomber base. It —"

"Well, it seemed pretty unnecessary to me. Isn't that what you thought, Dad?" George Davis flushed

and made a twitching move-

ment with his shoulders.

Julie said, "That's a honey of a dress, Poll. Did they give that to you when they discharged you?"

"I bought it in New York. Don't you think I ought to make Daddy pay me back for the civilian wardrobe I had to get?" She laughed. Joe frowned and shook his head, and then he watched George Davis as Polly went on to say, "Look at all the clothes he got out of buying me while I was in the Waves."

But it came from Mrs. Davis, "Oh, now *really*, dear, that is awfully, awfully thick. George, did you hear that?"

"Listen, kid, you went in the Waves on your own hook. Don't forget that." "Did I say I didn't? Oh,

Daddy, I was just jok —"

"Well, don't come crying around to me if you didn't like it. I think I made that —"

"Who said I didn't like it, damn it!" Polly cried. "Oh, for God's sake, Dad. I'm out now!"

George Davis looked down at his hands. Joe saw that his ears were scarlet. "Did they teach you to curse like a deckhand while you were in?"

"Oh!" Polly said. Mrs. Davis rose. "I'm afraid I'll have to go and lie down for a while. It's been a terribly exciting day."

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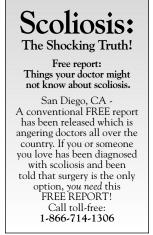
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(866) 8-TENDON or (866) 883-6366 All the men got up as she went out, carrying her glass of milk like a candle before her. Geejay looked at Polly accusingly when they sat down again.

"She can't take things like that, Poll," Geejay whispered. "She hasn't been at all well." Polly recrossed her legs, nervously pulling at the edges of the skirt of the New York dress.

Julie said, "Sara's had the flu."

"Has she?" George Davis said. They began to talk about the children, and then worked their way around to various other safe subjects. Joe found nothing to say, and Polly talked too much and laughed too much in a strained, nervous way. Mrs. Davis had not returned



when the man in the white coat appeared to announce dinner.

Dinner was very tense. Polly and Joe sat on one side of the table, Julie and Geejay on the other, the place at the foot was empty, and at the head George Davis silently carved the ham. After dinner they had coffee in the living room, Polly sitting on the arm of her father's chair and Geejay talking to George Davis about a deal in lumber, which was too technical for Joe to understand. He sat on the couch beside Julie and again refused the cigar Geejay offered him.

"Where did you and Polly live back there, Joe?" Julie said. "Wasn't it pretty difficult? While you were both in the service, I mean." "It was a weekend mar-

riage. Either I'd go up to Washington for the weekend or she'd come down to Quantico."

"How ghastly!"

Polly came over and sat on the floor at Joe's feet. "Oh, Julie, it was just awful," she said. "We were always..."

"It wasn't so happy around here either,"George Davis said loudly. "It was a little like getting kicked in the teeth. With size 12 cleats." "Yes, Poll,"Geejay said sadly. "It was —"

"You can keep out of it," Polly said.

"What did Mr. and Mrs. Bailey think about it?" George asked more quietly. The exchange between Geejay and Polly seemed to have calmed a little. "I guess it was a kick in the teeth to them too."

"No," Polly said. "They were happy for us, the way I thought you might be."

"I don't think you thought at all," Geejay said. "Now, did you, Poll?"

"Oh, leave her alone, Geejay," Julie said.

"Well, I've got two daughters," Geejay said. "I know how Dad must have felt. He was pretty hurt, Poll." Joe stirred. The effort

seemed immense, but he said hoarsely, "Now, wait a minute —"

"Please, Joe," Polly whispered. Joe met George Davis's hostile eyes. Polly said, "Yes, you were all fine and forgiving about it too. Daddy wouldn't write me at all, and all I got was one of mother's misty vagaries and a nice letter from Barty, who didn't hear about it for a month. You were all really fine."

"Now, I wrote you, Poll,"

Geejay said. "To tell me I'd driven mother to drink and made Daddy —"

"Now, Poll, I thought you ought to see Dad's position in this."

Polly turned to Julie. "Julie, if he doesn't shut up I'm going to throw something at him." Then she said, "Joe, I'm sorry we've all got such bad manners."

"Don't blame us for what your own bad manners caused, kid," George Davis said.

Polly rose. She stared at her father with wide, tearless eyes, turned, and walked quickly to the hallway that led to the east bedroom, her high heels jolting on the tiles, her shoulders held very straight. The knot of hair at the back of her head nodded with her steps.

Joe rose too. His knees felt weak; he could only turn and walk after Polly, and when he came to the bedroom where she was lying face down on the bed, it was all he could do to keep his rage from turning on her. He sat down and put his hand on her back.

"Oh, why did he have to act like that?" she murmured.

"We could take off right now," he said. "Do you want to do that?"

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"Oh no," she said. "It'll be all right in the morning. He didn't mean it, Joe. He's a wonderful guy. You'll see." "Sure," Joe said.

"He really is. It's Mother and Geejay. Damn that Geejay."

He wasn't listening, knowing the strength of the emotion she felt for her father and jealous of it, and thinking that they would have to stay here because of it, and then at the same moment swept defenseless by the outraged suspicion or conviction or maybe the realization that he would stay here not so much because of that as because of the scholarship, the head start up the long, slow, hazardous pull; the scholarship would be proffered and accepted, but there was the sop to himself of what Polly felt for her father, that by taking the scholarship, he would be making her happy-which, as a 60 percenter, he must take into consideration. There was that.

But now he was feeling an intense desire for her, here, now, in this bed, in this house. And then he had the wild thought that if she wouldn't or even showed the slightest sign that she didn't want to, he would leave her. He patted her behind. "How about it, honey?" he said roughly, but his heart seemed to swell and stick at the bottom of his throat as he said it.

"God, yes," Polly whispered. "Maybe that's all we need."

Chapter 19

i Joe had been working at George Davis's sash-anddoor factory in San Leandro for six months before he felt he was worth at least some of his pay. This was his fatherin-law's most important interest, and it had doubled in sized during the war, making blisters for PBYs and a number of other plastic aircraft parts. Now there was a scramble to convert back to civilian products chrome tube breakfast-room sets, unpainted furniture, experimental prefabricated houses, counter-weighted garage doors.

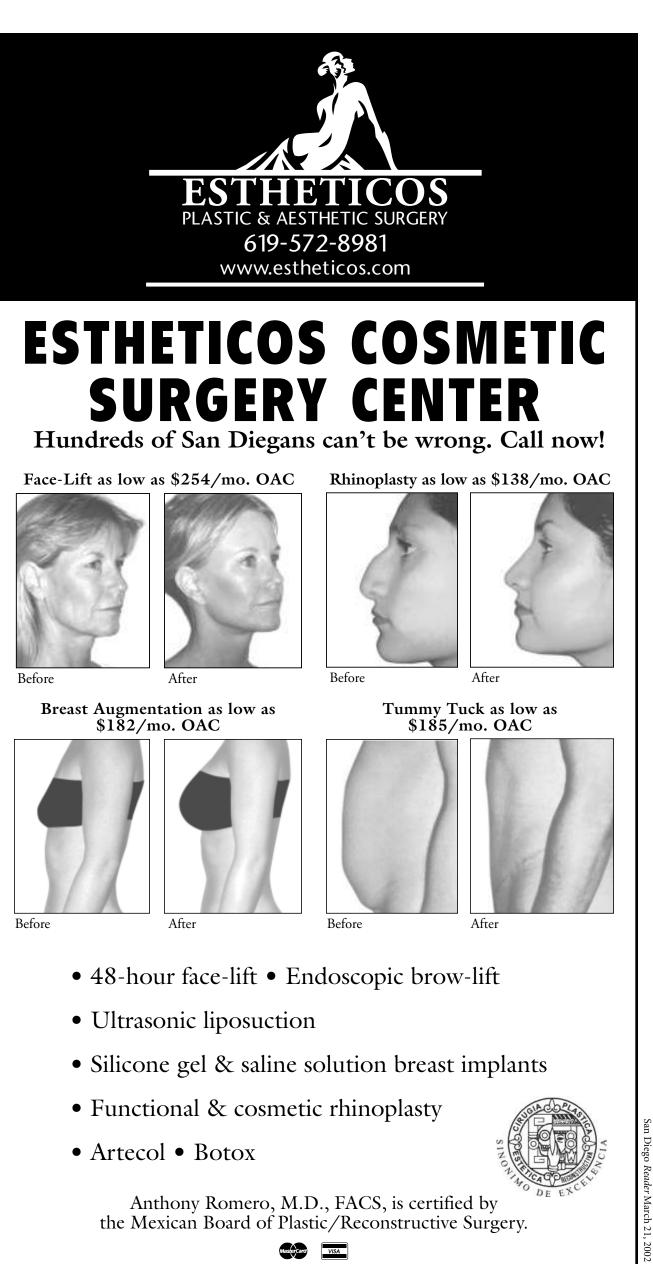
He and Polly had found an apartment in Oakland, and he spent his evenings studying a correspondence accounting course, while at the factory he was moved

from department to department, learning how everything was organized and getting acquainted with all the foremen and supervisors. After the first of the year he found himself working directly under Bert Grover, the superintendent, as a kind of office manager, with his own desk and a girl who was more or less his secretary.

Now he felt he had a definite function, though he had known all along what was being planned for him, even without George Davis's ever having mentioned it. He knew Polly knew too, although they had never talked about it either. He was doing what had been planned for her brother Barty, who had made it clear that he never intended to go to work for his father. He, Joe, was gaining the knowledge and experience necessary someday to take over Bert Grover's job as the superintendent of a little plant in San Leandro, just south of Oakland in the Bay Area, that made sashes and doors and cheap furniture and a few other items. Someday he would be in charge of this, at maybe \$10,000 a year, and probably he could never be fired because he was married to Polly Davis. Maybe it was what he had always wanted. Sometimes he thought it was.

Besides this plant George Davis had a lumber mill at Redding, several peach orchards in the Sacramento Valley, and the real-estate and insurance agency Geejay ran for him, but at least three days a week he would come to San Leandro, and one afternoon when Bert Grover had gone to Fresno on business, Joe accompanied him through the plant. There was a regular route George Davis followed on these tours, like Colonel Rock on his Saturday inspections at Quantico. As they entered the new building, which was separate from the old brick sash-and-door factory, it was impossible to talk above the screaming of the circular saws. A boy in Levis and a stocking cap, with sawdust-furred eyebrows, wheeled a hand truck past them, loaded with sidepieces for the bureau assembly.

"That's what I used to do!" George Davis shouted at Joe, indicating one of the



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circular saw operators. "Everything I ate tasted of sawdust."

Joe nodded silently; he had heard it before.

Where the drawers were fitted into the bureaus and the assembly line made a right angle toward the finishers, they passed another cart, this one with a rattling load of shaped chrome pipe, and now they could hear the regular, powerful crunch of the machine that bent the chrome. It was squat and black with a great upper jaw that came down on eight

lengths of pipe at once, bent them like spaghetti, pushed them forward and bit again, spat them out. The attendant stacked the shaped lengths on another cart. The machine had been broken down for a day, and they had just gotten it going again;

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George Davis listened, nodding, as Joe explained.

When they had finished the circuit of the plant and were walking toward the lumber yard past the two finished prefab houses chocked up on concrete blocks, he said to Joe, "Tell Grover he'd better fire that fellow on the pipe bender. That thing's been shut down too many times."

They stopped between two stacks of lumber. A heavy mist had floated in from the bay, and everything looked gray and vague."It's not his

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fault," Joe said. "The pivot that takes the wear from that upper jaw crystallizes all the time. You have to run a Yale truck in to lift off the jaw and let it cool down before you can replace the pivot. We had to get the pivot flown out from Cleveland."

George Davis looked at him. "He tell you that?"

"I've helped him fix it," Joe said. "All there is to do is keep some spare pivots on hand and hope the Yale truck doesn't get too far away."

George Davis raised an eyebrow and nodded and said, "Okay," quietly. Joe leaned back against a stack of two-by-twos. George Davis was looking off toward the two houses, which were visible only hazily far down the glistening asphalt road. "I suppose we might as well sell those two prefabs for what we can get," he said. "Damn things. Get that much of the investment back.

Joe stared at them too, trying to make himself feel at ease. He drew a deep breath; the wet wood smell was good. "No way to get a government loan?" he asked.

George Davis shook his head scornfully. He wore a brown sport suit and a bottle-green shirt buttoned at the throat. On his shoulders was a thin specking of sawdust, like a bad case of dandruff. "I'm not going back there to Washington to kiss tails for it," he said. "I know that much."

"They cost too much to put together," Joe said. "I





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don't see why they have to cost that much. I still think it could be done." Then he was disgusted with himself for talking too much about something he knew too little about. He closed his mouth tight.

'They're not going to be done by me," George Davis said. "I'm not going to fight the government and the trade unions and everybody else just to make a house I lose my shirt on. They've got it now so you have to have an office force half as big as your production force just to make out their forms and keep their taxes in order and deal with the unions." He kicked at the two-by-twos against which Joe was leaning, his hands in his own pockets. Then he looked at Joe closely. "What do you think of Bert Grover?"

"I think he's a good man."

"He's got to keep those costs down or I'll yank his tail out of there. Does he know that?"

"It looks to me like he's doing as well as anybody could."

"We're trying to make cheap furniture and keep out of the red. Both. Does he know that?"

"He knows it," Joe said. All right, he thought. "I'd say you were pretty lucky to have a man as good as he is."

"You don't get good men by being lucky. That's something for you to learn."

Joe felt himself flush painfully. It was his first direct rebuke from George Davis, but he could not dispute the fairness of it. "I guess you're right," he said. "You're damn right I'm

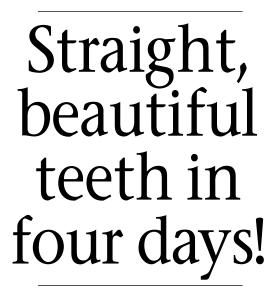
right. And there aren't many good ones. That's another thing you've got to learn." Joe didn't reply. He won-

dered what George Davis thought of him as an employee, who happened to be his son-in-law as well. "What's the matter with

that kid Barty?" George Davis said suddenly. "He's been out of the Air Corps a month; why doesn't he come home? He only had a couple of quarters to finish at Stanford for his degree, but now he says he's going to start at UCLA and change courses — what's the matter with a kid like that?"

> Joe shook his head. "When I got out of the

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last war I didn't mess around like that. I went right to work."He paused, then said, as though excusing Barty, "Ihad a wife and kid though." Joe shook his head

again. "You went right to

work," George Davis said accusingly.

"You offered me a job," Joe said. They looked at each other; like two strange dogs, he thought, and almost laughed as the tension he felt began to seem ridiculous. "Maybe Barty doesn't know what he wants to do."

"He knows what he wants to do. He wants to have the money you get by working your tail off all your life without working for it. I don't know what's wrong with the kids your age. When I came back from the war I didn't feel everybody owed me something." He got a pack of cigarettes from his shirt pocket, shook one out for Joe, and took one himself. Joe lit them.

"I don't know what the hell to think!" George Davis

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burst out. "You beat your head against a stone wall for 25 years to try to make a good living for your family, and they end up thinking you're something for them to wipe their feet on. Except Poll — you know I don't mean Poll."

His expression was at once long-suffering and frantically perplexed. He was another George Davis now, a pitifully helpless and unhappy one, saying, "To wipe their damn feet on, and what have I ever done but try to make money for them so they could be happy and have whatever they wanted?" And actually there were three George Davises, Joe thought. There was this one, this new one; there was the George Davis of Polly's homecoming, whom he hated both personally and abstractly. And there was the George Davis he had listened to talking to Bert Grover about the problems at the plant, whom he had to admire for his shrewdness, his common sense, and even for a kind of essential, impersonal ruthlessness. He would always remember the telephone conversation he had overheard between that George Davis and the manager of the lumber mill at Redding. "Okay, Marv," George Davis had said."But don't say there was just a mistake in that estimate. Somebody made it, and the way things are now we can't afford people who make that kind of mistake. That's your job. You've got to look at it and figure whether this guy's going to make any more like it, and if you think he isn't, forget it, and if you think he will, can him, and if you have to pay more to get somebody who doesn't make mistakes, pay it. If you keep him and he gets off again, that's your mistake, and I figure the same way on you. Have we got it straight?"

Afterward Joe had thought a lot about this, because it seemed to him

the attitude you had to have. You had to have brains and ability but this attitude as well. You were a business integer, and everybody else was an integer too, and if you didn't function you were canceled out, because only incidentally were you human beings with wives and children, mortgages and stomachs.

ii He was depressed and irritable when he got home that night. Polly met him at the door and kissed him. "Good day at the office, husband?" she asked, taking his arm as they went into the kitchen.

"Pretty good," he said. He got two beers from the refrigerator, and they sat

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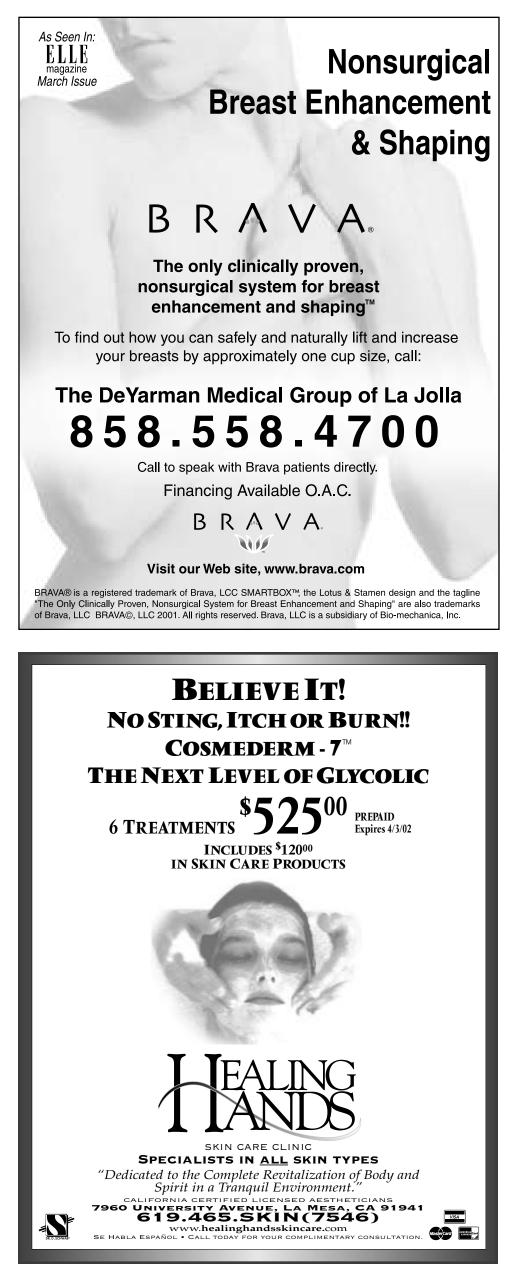
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down at the kitchen table. "All over the Bay Area husbands are coming home and grasping desperately at a can of beer," Polly said, "before they expire from the labors of the day. Did you have a good day, Joe?" "You already asked me that. It was all right. Why?"

that. It was all right. Why?" He looked up at her; she wore her brown house dress that was cut low to show her smooth shoulders and chest, and she had cut her hair short again. Her lipstick was smudged. He rubbed his hand over his mouth, which would also be smudged. She looked happy, and he wondered why.

"Do you want to eat pretty soon, Joe?"

"I don't care." "Well, I'm cooking the roast slow and easy. I'll tear that butcher's heart out if it goes tough. Three-fifty for that crummy little thing!" "You'd better not say anything like that to your

father." "What do you mean?" "I said something to him once about prices being so high, and he snapped my head off. Rising prices are great stuff. When they fall, then watch out."

"What were you complaining about, how much new Packards cost?" She bowed her head so he could not see her face. "You've got to expect to dig down when you go in for those Packards, Buck."

"I thought we'd had this out," he said, and he was holding himself in tightly. "It cost very little more than a new Mercury would have, and I'd saved the money while I was in the Marines. It's the cheapest model they make."

"Cheapest Packard convertible they make." "Damn sight cheaper

than a Cadillac." "I knew that was com-

ing." He cursed himself, wondering that she understood him enough to put up with him when he got started like this. Maybe she did understand what rode him so hard and so closely, and as though in opposite directions the pride and the need to feel some kind of meaning in himself, and the need for security and fear of failure. "You don't like him much, do you?" Polly said. "Who?" he said and

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flushed, because they both knew who. "I like him all right," he said. "I spent the whole party Saturday night defending him to that junior Commie, didn't I?"

"Oh, it was Daddy you were defending, was it? He's 'the Capitalist,' is he?"

"He's not Karl Marx." "He's my father," Polly said, and he cursed himself again. Then she said quietly,"He phoned a little while ago. He said you and he got a little acquainted today. He says he thinks you're a damn good man, but for me not to tell you so."

"Yes," he said, "we had quite a talk. He's not very happy, is he?"

"Has it taken you till today to see that?"

"Well, he's got a lot of money and the satisfaction of knowing he made it himself and can go on making it. He has all those Cadillacs."He grinned at her apologetically, and she raised her head and smiled a little in return.

"Man does not live by Cadillacs alone, Buck."

"And he's scared. He's scared of Harry Truman and the Democrats, and of socialism and communism and the A-bomb and —"

"Who isn't?" Polly demanded.

"And he's sore because your brother doesn't come up here, but he goes right on sending him money so he can stay down in L.A. Why?"

"Because of Mother. Because he's caught either way. Oh, darn that Barty! You *know* he's shacked up with some wench. Daddy says Mother's nearly frantic."

"He told me," Joe said. "So they all pick on him and he picks on you. That's it, isn't it?"

"We've been over this so

many times! I've never said he's perfect. But, Joe, he's my father."

He leaned back in his chair, staring at the mole on her cheek that made her face, which was certainly not a beautiful face, a very interesting and exciting one to him; at the level brows and sincere brown eyes; at her childish mouth with her swollen lower lip that could so easily have been sensual and spoiled but was not. He felt a helpless sadness, and he turned to look out the window. A wind had come up to drive away the fog, and on the clothesline towels and sheets and pillowcases were fluttering. Two garbage cans stood at the edge of the alley beside the yellow stucco garage. The lid had fallen from one of them.

"What's the matter, Joe? Ailing ego?" "I guess so, Polly. Will you excuse it again, please?" She came around the table to sit on his lap. "Is the world too much with you?"

"Sometimes." "Joe, are you not happy with me?"

"Yes," he said. He put his hands on her waist; squeezing, he could almost make his fingers and thumbs meet.

"Oufff" Polly said. "I've got a nice little waist, but I guess I'm not very pretty. Do you wish you'd married Con?"

"No."

"Joe, are you sure?" "Sure, I'm sure," he said irritably. He pushed her up and swatted her gently. "Go do something about the roast."

"Just so you don't ever wish you'd married her," Polly said. "Then Mommy can kiss it and make it well." That night in bed she said, "Joe, I want to have a baby. Joe, why not? Don't you want any kids?"

"Sometime. I don't think we're ready yet."

"I'm tired of waiting. I want a baby so much." Her voice was very intense. "Joe, we have to. What the hell good am I if we don't? Don't you see? I'll get like Mother." "What do you mean?

She's got three."

"I mean so there's no place for me. So I don't fit in. See, you have a function; you're the breadwinner. I'm just supercargo. I've got to have a function too."

He could have argued that, he thought bitterly, but he said nothing. And he could not tell Polly why he did not want to have a child — because of his fear that their marriage was not going to last much longer. That he could not tell her seemed as shameful as the fear itself, as though, not having confidence in himself, he could not have it in her. But maybe she felt it too, and maybe that was partly why she wanted the baby.

"Joe, I could cross you up. All I have to do is leave this damn thing out a few times."

"You wouldn't, though." "Joe, I'm begging you. I shouldn't have to do that."

He shook his head. Wretchedly he said, "Polly, please let's not talk about it now."

She was silent a long time. Finally she said, "Okay." She moved close, and he put his arm around her. "Oh, damn it, darling," she whispered shakily. "Are our quirks starting to bang together too badly? Say they're not."

Tightening his arm around her, he stared up



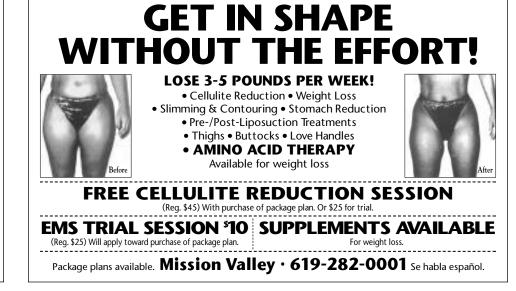
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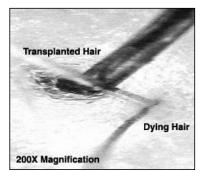
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into the darkness, where were Con and George Davis and so many other things that would not let him alone. He pressed Polly close to his chest. She felt very warm. "They're not," he said, but he wondered why she had wanted him to say what was so obviously a lie.

iii In March, Barty finally came up from Los Angeles, and on a Sunday Joe and Polly drove out to Walnut Creek to see him. Around the bay it was foggy and cold, but beyond the foothills, in Walnut Creek, the fog was gone and the sun was warm. They were on the terrace beside the pool - George Davis in swimming trunks, Barty in trunks and a maroon cashmere sweater, Mrs. Davis lounging in a deck chair in the shade of a yellow and blue segmented beach umbrella.

"Hi, Marine," Barty said to Joe after he had embraced Polly. They shook hands. The thin wide rims of his nostrils flared as he grinned. He had the same small highbridged nose as Polly, but his mouth was larger, the sensual and spoiled mouth Polly did not have, above a small chin. He looked as though he had gone to Stanford, Joe thought; he looked Stanford, rich-boy, Beta, and Army Air Corps, all of which he was.

George Davis came up and put his arm around Polly. His hair was plastered stringily over his forehead. "How about a swim, Joe?" "Fine. I'd like to."

"Oh, Barty," Polly said, "I can just see that airplanedriver's cap sitting on the back of your neck. Doesn't he look like a typical flyboy, Daddy?"

"Just retired," Barty said. "Back into a sweater that's got holes in the elbows." He showed the torn sleeve.

As Joe moved toward the dressing room he heard Mrs. Davis say, "Tell Polly about your starlet, Sis," Barty said.

Joe went into the dressing room and closed the door. He could not make out what was being said, but he could hear Polly's high forced laugh. It angered him — always it was the first thing that angered him when they were with her father. He sat on the white slatted bench feeling the coldness and indrawnness grow on

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him, not suddenly, but very gradually, as though he were letting himself down into an icy pool.

He was putting on a pair of trunks when George Davis entered.

"Well," George Davis said. "That water feels good."

"I'll bet." "How's everything

going?"

"Fine."

"Grover says you're right in there. He says you're really taking hold."

"I hope he means it." Joe moved uncertainly toward the door, then stopped. He sensed that this was an attempt to make friends with him, who was Polly's husband, and he knew he should make an effort too. "Well, I guess you're happy to see Barty again," he said.

"We sure are. That crazy kid! I thought he was never

coming home, and Pauline — well, sometimes I'm afraid she's a little too wrapped up in him. But it's good to see him home again, and I'm glad you kids could come out today. A man likes to see his family all together once in a while. Geejay and Julie ought to be by a little later."

"That's fine," Joe said. "A man really likes to see his family together," George Davis said again. "You've got a pretty big

family. There'll be a good many people here. With Geejay and Julie and the kids."

"Nice little kids," George Davis said. "Well, I suppose you and Poll'll be having some of your own one of these days." He turned and stood straddle-legged before the mirror to comb his hair.

Joe went outside. He wondered if George Davis had been asking Polly when

they were going to have children. Polly had disappeared, and Barty was squatting beside his mother, nodding impatiently to something she was whispering to him. Joe dove into the pool. The water felt soft and faintly warm. He swam a length, returned backstroke, went down again breast stroke, and then did a length under water. When he came up, panting and spitting into the slop trough, Barty was sitting almost above him.

"Hey," Barty said, "congratulations on staying married a year and a half, uh?"

"Thanks," Joe said, squinting up at him. "What was all this about your starlet? I didn't get to hear it."

Barty told about his starlet with some gusto, and Joe could almost hear Woody telling the same story, set in Washington instead of Hollywood, with Marine instead

of Air Corps terminology. But Barty certainly seemed no mother's boy, as Polly had described him. "Well, it's good in a way," Barty said. "But it's tough too. You got to be there when she wants it or she goes and gets it somewhere else. Keeps me on my toes, though."

"Toes?" Joe said, and Barty laughed, a short, rapid, sibilant sound, as though he were whistling through his teeth.

Polly was coming toward them in a brief white two-piece bathing suit, her legs long and tan below her small hips.

"Hub-bah, hub-bah!" Barty said. Polly flushed and sat

down beside her brother and thrust her feet into the water, where they looked white and slanted. She said, "You've got to be the great little lover-boy, haven't you?"

"Haven't I been telling you?"

She looked from Joe to Barty, then bent forward. "Barty," she whispered, "don't be like this. Mother's really ... "

"Stop!" Barty said with a dramatic gesture. He pulled up his sweater, stretched down the top of his shorts until his navel was revealed, and said, "See this, uh? Had it cut off." He stuck his finger into his navel, regarding it cheerfully. "See?" he said

"Yes, but Barty —"

"Solid silver too," Barty interrupted. "I've been giving pieces of it away in exchange for pieces. All gone now, uh?" He laughed and let his sweater fall back."My war wound," he said.

"Barty, Daddy feels terrible about —"

"Daddy does? Oh, that's a shame! Daddy feels terrible because Mummy hasn't got no little boy to play with no more." He looked down at Joe, nodding judiciously. "I guess you see where old Poll's sympathies lie. Everybody has to be on somebody's side in this family. Except Geejay. He hasn't got a side. Whose side are you on, Joe?"

"I'm trying to be neutral," Joe said, but as he turned and swam to the ladder he thought he could at least have said he was on Polly's side.

He went into the dressing room to dry himself and stayed there a long time. When he came out Polly, Barty, Pauline, and George Davis were all sitting in beach chairs. Polly rose and hurried toward him. "Please come help me, Joe," she whispered, taking his hand and pulling him toward the others.

He sat down next to



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"Hey, Sis," Barty said, "make Dad fix me up with a deal down in L.A. Doesn't he own a hunk of Transamerica and don't they own a hunk of some studio? You've got the drag around here."

"Oh, you don't want to stay down in that damn Los Angeles."

"I do! I swear I do. You don't know what they've got to offer a young guy down there."

George Davis's face reddened. Mrs. Davis's dark glasses slowly turned toward Barty.

"What about Barb Spurra, Barty?"Polly asked. "Aren't you going to look up Barb?"

"Nah! She doesn't live in L.A., that's her trouble." "Why don't you ask

your starlet to come up here, darling?" Mrs. Davis said. "I'd like very much to meet her." "I doubt that," Barty

said. "I'm inclined to doubt that very much."

Joe watched Mrs. Davis touch her glass to her cheek with a slow, formal gesture, as of someone crossing himself. He watched George Davis suffering. Polly stirred beside him, and he realized that if he himself felt for her father she must feel for him a thousand times more intensely.

Polly said, "Well, I don't see what's so good about Los Angeles."

Barty gave his soft whistling laugh. "It's 385 miles from here, Sis."

Mrs. Davis rose. "I think I'll have to go in and lie down for a while." She moved toward the glass door, the back seam of her lounging pajamas twisted over one slack hip.

"Oh, Barty!" Polly whispered.

At the door Pauline Davis half turned and snatched off the dark glasses. Her face was twisted and lined. She clutched at the edge of the door, the corners of her mouth twitching. "Paulinel" Coerro Davie

"Pauline!" George Davis cried. He knocked over his chair and jarred against the metal table, moving swiftly toward her. Joe rose too, but



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Barty did not, watching his mother obliquely as she pulled herself up straight and let go the door. George Davis stretched out a hand to help her.

"Get away from me, you clumsy oaf!" she cried. "You want me dead! You all want me dead!"

"Pauline!" George said, and Joe heard Polly whisper, "Oh, Daddy, Daddy,

can't you see?" Pauline Davis turned and disappeared, and just then the man came out with a beaded silver cocktail shaker and glasses on a tray. George Davis retreated and slowly picked up his chair, Joe sat down.

"Hey!" Barty said, rising and rubbing his hands. "Here's what I need." But his face was white as he picked up the shaker. The

ice rattled tinnily. "Joe?" he asked, and Joe nodded. "Dad?" George said nothing, lowering his head and rubbing his hands down over his face. "Sis?" Barty said jauntily.

"Oh, Barty," Polly whispered, "do you have to do it this way? Do you have to keep cutting it off in front of her? Deliberately to -"

"Goddam it!" George said into his hands. "Why?" He looked up. "What a litter," he said hoarsely, but he wasn't looking at Barty. "You're no one to talk about hurting people, young lady."

So now it would start again, Joe saw, and he felt no shock, even no surprise. The dam was strained to the limit again, and the contents would spill over on Polly, who would take it, although why, he could never understand or get her to explain. He only wondered that she had revolted against it that first night, because she would not now.

"Hey, here we go!" Barty said. "What a family! Why don't you get in on the fun, Joe? Kick Sis in the shins, call me a son-of-a-bitch, spit in Dad's eye. I'd sure spit in his eye if he got on any wife of mine the way he used to get on Sis. I'll bet he still does, uh?"

"Please, Barty!" Polly whispered.

Joe gripped his glass in his sweating hand, meeting George Davis's hard and furious eyes. He could not spit in them, because it would hurt Polly — just as George Davis could not take Barty over his knee because of Pauline. That was it. And his job; you coward, Con had said. He sat there sweat-

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ing, suddenly hating them all, whom Polly had to love.

"What's he been on you about lately, Sis?" Barty went on. He sounded almost hysterical."Remember that time you got carried away with that charge account at Magnin's? Come on, how've you been letting him down these days? Running off and getting married? Is he still on that Waves kick? She had to make up for Geejay crumping out on the late great conflict, Dad."

Joe watched George Davis's face contort, his hand



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rise and jerk back, palm open—he remembered the little slap across the mouth that Polly had told him about. But George Davis did not get up. "Shut your smartalec face!" he said hoarsely. "Stop it!" Polly cried.

"Please, please, stop it, Barty!" "Well, looky here," Barty

said, turning toward the living-room windows. "Well, my goodness, here comes Geejay. The old third baseman. Now we can really have it around the infield."

"Let's just stop right now.

Geejay and Julie came out on the terrace. Holding Julie's hand were two little girls, one a size smaller than the other, in identical starched dresses. They all called greetings to Barty, who didn't get up; suddenly, Joe saw, he looked exhausted and sick.

Almost immediately bickering started, but it was not so venomous now, the argument between Barty and Geejay. Barty was talking socialism, which infuriated his brother. Geejay kept appealing to George Davis, who, however, remained silent and brooding. Polly was sitting on the arm of her father's chair.

Joe went for another swim and then lay in the sun on the opposite side of the pool. "Polly," he whispered, "it's got to the point where you have to make up your mind. You have to come to San Diego with me or — "He shook his head; he could not say that to her. He could say, "Polly, I don't know how much more of it I can take," but he should not. He shook his head again wretchedly. One of the little girls

came to sit beside him, neatly tucking her skirt under her legs. It was a gesture that reminded him of Con, and of Thelma's little girl, asleep in the bed in the other bedroom, who had also reminded him of Con. She told him a long story about someone named Celestina, who turned out to be one of her dolls, and then abruptly asked if he had been in the war like Uncle Barty. He said he had, and when she continued to sit beside him, he turned over on his face and shut his eyes until she went away.

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continued from page 1 interest in the outcome, challenged its legality but lost in court.

One of the things which people are concerned about when the subject of voting by mail is brought up is the possibility of fraud by getting other people to vote a certain way through bribery or intimidation. Some of this will probably take place, but the larger the vote, the more difficult it would be to get enough votes through this illegal method, which will have a heavy fine if caught. The mail is pretty safe, as evidenced by the billions of dollars in contracts awarded from bids sent through the mail.

Conservatives are generally opposed to voting by mail because their experience has shown that the lower the turnout, the better their chances of winning. With all the time pressure working people have in their lives today, especially families with both parents working, it is understandable why there are low turnouts on voting day, which is on a Tuesday.

Bill Gorman University City

Meaningful Role

Thank you for "Why They Didn't Vote" by Robert Kumpel ("City Lights," March 14). It must be obvious to any reader of this article that too many people don't really take primary elections all that seriously. But now that the primary election results have been finalized by the Registrar of Voters, I think it's safe to say that the Reader was a major player in that process. Reporter Matt Potter and publisher/editor Jim Holman have to realize that without their informative piece "Stealth Candidate" about candidate Johnnie Perkins in the February 7 issue, the outcome of the District B primary race for the city Board of Education would probably have been significantly different.

I hope the Reader will continue to play a meaningful role in the city election story of 2002 by bringing stories to the San Diego voting public that are otherwise being ignored by the establishment press. Case in point: The recently launched recall movement against school board president Ron Ottinger and vice president Ed Lopez. This campaign (launched March 12 after the school board voted to remove magnet funds from four schools located south of I-8) will be a grassroots movement, devoid of big bucks, political consultants, expensive fliers, and

focus groups. It's a lead-pipe cinch that the Chamber of Commerce-connected electronic and print press will never cover this story because it might upset "their boy," Superintendent Alan D. Bersin. For information, e-mail info@ cityschoolsrecall.com or visit www.cityschoolsrecall.com.

Mike MacCarthy

Wants Proof

In your March 14 "City Lights" you say that some copies of the Union-Tribune's "Night & Day" with the word "shit" in Buddy Blue's column made it onto the street before the error was found. "Night & Day" is printed early Wednesday, and if the error was discovered during the press run Wednesday, how could some of the "shit" copies have made it to the street on Thursday? Once the presses were stopped and the error corrected, I seriously doubt that any of those copies ever made it into the hands of readers or subscribers. Does the Reader have proof to back up its claim?

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Matt Potter responds: Our source in the paper says the copies made it onto the street. We didn't "claim" they did. In any case, it's obvious they found their way out of the pressroom and into public hands.

No More Shadows

In response to Mark Giffin's letter (March 14). Of course there is a gay agenda, just like every other group/party/faction/religion., etc., has an agenda.

Now, we can mince words and each side take a holierthan-thou attitude, but why bother. Growing up gay here in San Diego was no picnic at the park. Being silenced at every turn, taught to feel ashamed, and schooled in self-hatred has given me and my fellow brothers and sisters plenty of reason to scream at the top of our lungs when blatant homophobia, once again, rears its uglv head. You can label it political correctness if you will; I like to refer to it as "realitybased thinking." Even now the Grossmont

Union School District is editing out any references to homosexuality in their teachings concerning respect and dignity for all their students. This does not surprise me; this I have come to realize is the status quo for indoctrinating yet another generation of denialists. The Boy Scouts of Amer-

ica can be as holy, upstanding, self-involving as they choose to be. I just have trouble sleeping at night thinking that the government is helping to sponsor bigotry.

We are not standing in the shadows anymore, watching our own be relegated to the back of the bus. We will no longer tolerate this or any other form of segregation due to one's sexual orientation. Just so you will know and be completely informed as to our agenda and goals. We will not cease until the very Constitution of these United States includes the words "sexual orientation" in one of its amendments. If this seems radical, out of the box, "Talibanish," well, so be it. The alternative is living in darkness, afraid to speak for fear of beatings and death. And we shall never return to this, never let these socalled enlightened groups dominate us again.

Can we all live with dignity and respect for everyone? Ask the Boy Scouts! Ask the Grossmont Union School District! Stephen Wade

Not Horse Friendly

It seems odd that you paid horse trainer Darlene Hopkins for her horse photos while you were also using her as one of the subjects of your article ("Horses and Their Women," March 7). Strange. More strange in light of her (I presume that it is hers) photo on your cover. The horse is a beautiful creature, but who would know it after looking at that most unattractive "portrait." It's like waiting until your political enemy is picking his nose before catching him on film.

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Suzanne Federico

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Taliban Sensibilities

On February 21 you published a letter from a reader who objected to Aunt Trudy's advice to a gay teenager. Name Withheld asserts that he or she "has had long clinical experience in dealing with matters of this kind." This shorthand means that the writer has absolutely no qualifications except for a willingness to ignore sound medical and psychological practice. The writer is adamant about the teenager's need to "change," completely ignoring the fact that the teenager is not interested in changing; the subject never came up in the original column. Nevertheless,

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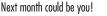
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this anonymous respondent insists that his way is God's way and no alternatives will be considered. The Taliban has similar sensibilities.

I have attended an informational workshop conducted by Exodus, the group the anonymous writer recommends. Their pathetic testimonials and efforts to "deprogram" young people would be comical if it weren't for the serious, potentially damaging effects they may have on a healthy young person.

I suppose we will never hear the end of these people. Nevertheless, I admire the Reader's policy of allowing equal editorial time to homophobic buttinskis.

Bryan Smith Tierrasanta

said. It is not who a person is in society and what titles and degrees he has - although I have those too — it is what is said and if it is logical and medically provable. None of the writers could impede on what I said except to state their indignation and their spurious knowledge of the Scriptures. My letter was meant to point out that no one had to believe that he or she is hopelessly caught in the homosexual trap.

I reiterate that numerous patients in reparative therapy are helped, and the work of Dr. Joseph Nicolosi here in Southern California is well known. Throughout the country, the reparative therapy has its advocates. But of course the homo-

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sexual organizations wish to recruit more and more people. This is quite understandable because the "homen thing," which is my name for the organized homosexual racket in the world, makes billions on its porn bars, resorts, and other lucrative schemes. Why should the homen thing remain silent when its very existence is threatened?

I expected a violent reaction, and I did not fear it, but for the sake of others associated with me, I did not want them to become targets of homosexual agitators and violent creeps. I've chosen to remain anonymous, although my name and position are known to many here in Southern California. Name Withheld

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Cops Laugh At Battered Wives

Re "Cops Question Database" ("City Lights," February 14). The public defender's office would do well to compile an extensive police database. Why? Backlash from women calling for help after their husbands and boyfriends clobber them has been to arrest the woman.

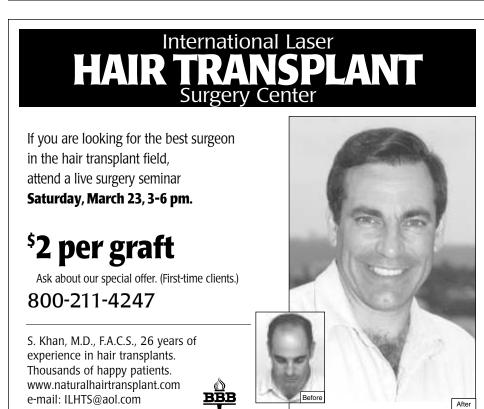
More than one person has mentioned overhearing cops laughing about this in cop bars after "work."

Click to http://www.familylawcourts.com/badcop.html and then raise your hand who's surprised.

I sometimes think San Diego is too far south to really be in California, judicial notice-wise.

Otherwise, why would the Commission on Judicial Performance vote to privately reprimand two San Diego judges, who later answered to "defendant" and are serving time for bribery - albeit reduced to their sudden alcohol problems, not mentioned at any time before? Bonnie Russell

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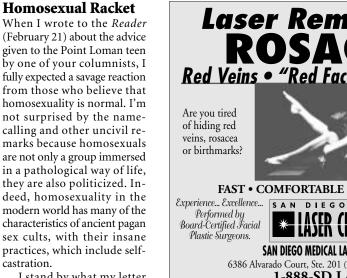


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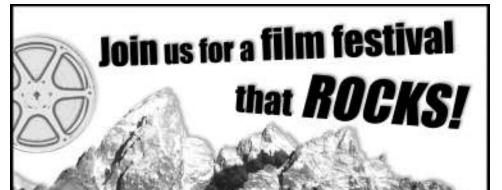
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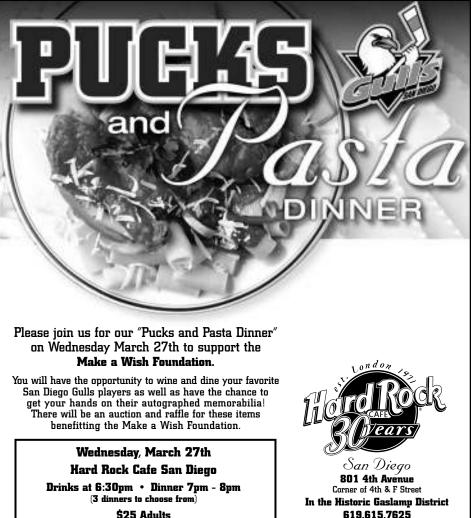
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Fourth Annual Desert Guide Tour

erhaps the most radical of the four dry-land gardens featured on the tour in Borrego Springs this weekend is the one with all the annuals. That's because it's so out of character for the desert. "Iceland poppies, alyssum, petunias, pansies - color spots, hundreds and hundreds of them are all over the back and front yard," says Valerie Lemke, who is on the tour's committee and has had a preview of this year's offerings.

Joan Putney, the tour's chairwoman, who selects the gardens each year, showed a local garden writer

who lives there loves flowers. It's just a

blast of color when you drive up to it. The garden writer is more into no turf at all. But this shows that, if that's not your

inclination, you don't have to have it. It's

of the bright color and fragrance with the

on a golf course, so you get the contrast

orange-flowered vines climbing up into

While the garden of native palms at

solid green. And she's got these huge

a Cliff May ranch house is the main

the dwelling seems to be the greater

horticultural attraction at the next stop,

marvel. You won't be able to go inside, but it has an "outdoor" room. "Cliff May

is considered the father of the California

ranch," says Putney. "He's built a lot of places in San Diego County. This one is

about 30 years old, with a shake roof, and

'nestled under Indian Head mountain,"

"large, gala gatherings." Lemke is asked

has been designed to accommodate

The press release says that the place,

the trees. It's a small garden but

spectacular."

it's all spread out."

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this place last

week. "She said,

'Well, now, this

is a San Diego

garden,' which

it is. The lady

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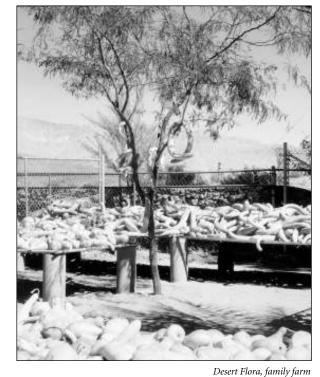
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what that means, exactly. "I think it means they have parties, with lots of people, and if they don't, they're equipped to do so." The interior patio has a pool, an outdoor fireplace, a fountain that "looks kind of Moorish," a long banquet table with "Mexicany leather chairs," and "big braziers that can be turned on to warm the place if the owners are having a party in January.²

Putney herself has seen the walledin patio's retractable roof both open and closed. In the daytime, it provides shade; at night, you can see the stars.

tour seem to have taken the concept of dry-land landscaping most seriously. Some cacti you'll see here are reportedly





Cactus garden



20 feet tall. "It takes a long time to grow

cacti as tall as these are," says Lemke.

One type she mentions is the saguaro.

ones with arms coming out from the

trunk. I had never seen them before in

This garden features plants of

things." Bobcats, covotes, antelope

squirrel, and pocket rats make their home there — "and lots of birds,

The last stop on this self-paced

tour is a public place — a commercial

enterprise. Just four years old, Desert

Flora is a 40-acre organic family farm

run by John Hogan and his wife. "It used to be barren," says Lemke. "It was

pure sand," says Putney. "Now they have the best peaches I've ever tasted.

The trees have already blossomed, and

the fruit's forming. They're the earliest

peaches in the nation. And they're not

all the same kind, so in season you can

horticulturist for Ellis Farms in Borrego

kinds, with chromatic names like Black

Springs, also grows dates — a dozen

Beauty, Blonde, and Ruby, as well as

find out which ones you like best and

which ones grow best out here.'

Hogan, a professional

because of those towering trees.

"You see them in Arizona — they're the

more exotic sounding ones, like Dayri, Zahibi, Abbada, and Barhi.

Dried gourds are for sale here, too. "There are hundreds and hundreds set out on tables. They grow all different kinds," says Lemke. "I took a photograph, and it shows two of them growing up into the trees — they look like pythons.'

"I don't know how they ever do it," says Putney, who notes that rainfall so far this year has been only 1.2 inches. "And if you could have seen some of the winds that we have had down in that area, where it's sandy, I don't know how the plants withstood it. Then they were hit with a freeze.'

Desert Flora's little sign on Palm Canyon Drive is more than unobtrusive. "It's so small that people really don't see it," says Putney, who is already scouting for next year's tour offerings. "But when I went in and saw the place, I said, 'Now, that's a garden.

- Ieanne Schinto

Fourth Annual Desert Garden Tour Sunday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Desert Nature Center** 652 Palm Canyon Drive **Borrego Springs** \$10, members of Anza-Borrego **Desert Natural History Association;** \$15, nonmembers Info and reservations: 760-767-3098

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BAJA

Astronomy Stars when the Tijuana Cultural Center hosts scientific projects, videos, and more today, Thursday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

The "Aranjuez Concerto" may be heard when the Orchestra of Baja California is joined by soloists Roberto Limín (guitar) and Katina Bezkrovnaina (violin) in concert today, Thursday, March 21, at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). The performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22 U.S. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for additional details. (TIJUANA)

Mexican Folkloric Dances are on tap when the Ticuán Company, Ehécatl Company, Yi-Ma Company, Toltécatl Company, Huehuecóyotl Company, and Chihuahua State Company gather for concerts Saturday, March 23. Performances begin at 4 and 7 p.m. at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets are \$8 U.S. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street; 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

A Concert is planned by Paquita la del Barrio on Saturday, March 23, at 9 p.m., at Palenque Caliente (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets range from \$17 to \$34 U.S. For information, call 011-52-664-631-1494. (TIJUANA)

Where Is Guadalupe Valley? Find out when Belle Marie Winery leads a Guadalupe Valley Vineyard Tour on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Organizers promise a vineyard tour, wine tasting, lunch, and transportation. The fee is \$50. To reserve a spot, call 760-796-7557. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

Join 8000 of Your Bicycling Bud-<u>dies</u> for the 16th annual spring Rosarito-Ensenada bike ride on Saturday, April 20. The 50-mile ride begins at 10 a.m. in front of the Festival Plaza Hotel and follows the scenic coastline route south before turning inland through the countryside; the course turns south for a two-mile climb up El Tigre (a.k.a. "the hill") and then winds through rolling hills before finishing just outside of Ensenada.

The ride is followed by the Finish Line Fiesta with music, food, and more, from 1 p.m. until sunset. Registration is \$20 per participant; \$25

G E T A W A Y S

after April 5. On-site registration running from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. For additional information, call 619-583-3001 (ROSARITO BEACH)

Omnimax Films, currently showing: Oasis in the Sea, featuring treasures of the Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Peninsula; Dolphins, 3-D Mania, and All Access — with concert footage of B.B. King, Carlos Santana, Sting, and others.

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

OUTDOORS

Yuccas of two varieties are in bloom in San Diego County from now through May. Year after year, the Mojave yucca (Yucca schidigera) sends up a blunt flower stalk of white, waxy blossoms from the same base - a rosette of dagger-like leaves. The shimmering white exclamation point that unfolds above "Our Lord's Candle" (Yucca whip*plei*), on the other hand, is a prelude to the plant's imminent death. Mojave yucca is widely distributed along San Diego County's coastal strip and throughout the higher elevations of the Anza-Borrego Desert. Our Lord's Candle prefers the scrubby coastal foothills and the drier slopes of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains. The two vuccas coexist with each other in a few areas like Torrey Pines State Reserve and Anza-Borrego's Culp Valley area.

Orchid Trees, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchid-like flowers in shades of pink, purple, and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, Southern California, and Arizona.

India Hawthorn, one of the most common flowering shrubs used in landscaping as hedges and dividers in San Diego, is blooming best right about now. The plant, which has several varieties, covers itself with blossoms ranging in hue from pinkish white to vivid pink.

Myrtle Warblers are often found mixed with lingering Audubon's warblers when the Audubon Society birders head out to Santee Lakes on Saturday, March 23. Bullock's and hooded orioles may be back, and Western kingbirds could be seen. Expect easy hiking on level ground. Join the group at 8 a.m. at the parking area between the first and second lakes within Santee Lakes Regional Park. For directions and information, call 619-692-3246. Bring a field guide and scope. Free; there is a vehicle day-use fee. (SANTEE)

Urban Foresters, Unite! Join People for Trees to plant trees from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 23, in Valencia Park (5514 Bonita Drive). Free. Bring drinking water, shovels, gloves, and sturdy shoes (if you have them). For information, call 619-222-8733. (VALENCIA PARK)

Whaddaya Know About Raptors? Wildlife conservation and adaptation will be discussed by ranger Paul Kucharczyk on Saturday, March 23, at 4 p.m., at Agua Caliente County Park (39555 Great Southern Stage Route S-2). The day-use fee is \$5. For information, call 858-694-3049. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Support Your Local Desert, the Anza-Borrego Foundation is hosting hikes on each weekend in March. The destinations are Rockhouse Canyon on Saturday, March 23, the slot canyons and caves of Carrizo Badlands on Sunday, March 24. The final weekend focuses on desert puma and the Lucky 5 Ranch.

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

Springtime Desert Butterflies will be seen when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts an adult field trip in the eastern mountain slopes and upper desert regions of San Diego County on Saturday, March 23, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$69 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Bring a Hand Lens or magnifying glass if possible to examine liverworts, mushrooms, lichen, and other smaller organisms (if it's rained lately) when naturalist Les Braund leads a moderately paced nature walk in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. Meet in the upper level of the Mercy Road parking-staging area, at the junction of Mercy and Black Mountain Roads. 858-484-3219. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Wear Comfortable Walking Shoes when the Back Country Land Trust leads a family hike in Wrights's Field/Mesa del Arroz Preserve on Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m. To reach the trailhead, take I-8 to Tavern Road; exit and head south approximately one mile to the new Joan MacQueen Middle School. Meet in the parking lot at 10 a.m. Free. For information, call 619-590-2258. (ALPINE)

Get Outside in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve this weekend. As you walk in the canyon, look for "Flora and Fauna" with naturalist Steve Black on Saturday, March 23. Naturalist David Kiser focuses on "Animal Tracking" on Sunday, March 24.

Both outings begin at 9 a.m. Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. For reservations and information, call 858-694-3049. Free. (POWAY)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk Back in Time, rediscover downtown Escondido during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Saturday, March 23. The outing starts at 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Hunker Down around the Campfire when the staff at Kumeyaay Campground presents a campfire program at the amphitheater on Saturday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. Find the campground at Two Father Junípero Serra Trail; noncampers should use the day-use parking lot. For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

For the Birds, head out to Tecolote Canyon Open-Space Park on the fourth Saturday of each month, including March 23, for an easy bird walk starting at 9 a.m. at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring water and binoculars and wear comfortable shoes. Commonly seen species: red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, Cassin's kingbirds, and common yellow-throats. Free. For information, call 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view the migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of the South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center continues on Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make the required

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Walk Back over 100 Years when Urban Safaris leads a three-mile walking tour of University Heights on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Monthly Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper is set for Saturday, March 23, at 9 a.m., at the south side of the Oceanside Pier (located at the western end of Mission Boulevard). Bags and gloves are provided for volunteers. For information and directions to the spot, call 619-758-7743. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Tidelands Tour, explore the San Diego Bay shore in search of salt marshes and beaches teeming with crabs, snails, and birds during an outing hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will enjoy a scavenger hunt, sweetwater safari, and collect plankton samples. The fee is \$24 per adult/child pair. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

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Oaks SDSU Field Station on Sunday. March 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will hike through mixedchaparral habitats characterized by high species diversity, make a loop through open chaparral, and eat lunch (bring your own). To reach the trailhead, drive from

I-15 and go east on Highway 79 for 27 miles to Chihuahua Valley Road. Go east 6.5 miles. When the road makes a sharp right turn, drive straight ahead, crossing the road; take the road to the right signed "Lost Valley Road" and also "Lost Valley Scout Camp, 11 miles." Travel 2.9 miles to the field station on the left. For information and directions, call 619-232-3821 x203. (WARNER SPRINGS)

Outdoor Enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary. Silverwood offers ten miles of hiking trails, a self-guided nature walk, an observation area filled with bird feeders, and many resident birds and wildlife to observe.

Silverwood is open to the public on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with guided nature walks conducted at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 619-443-2998. The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat

Canyon Road (five miles from the Ashwood-Mapleview turn). (LAKESIDE)

Scope Out Purple Sea Urchins in reef holes hidden by surf grass and lobsters in deep surge channels when a naturalist from the Birch Aquarium-Museum leads a tidepooling adventure at Hospital Point on Sunday, March 24, noon to 2 p.m. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 13. Advance registration is required; to make reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Moonlight Serenade, tune in to the sounds of evening when naturalist Larry Allen Tonar leads a moderate three-mile hike along the Boulder Loop trail in Daley Ranch on Tuesday, March 26. The outing starts at 5 p.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. For information, call 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Wildflowers in Bloom will be seen when Bob and Lynda lead a fourmile hike in San Dieguito River Park on Wednesday, March 27, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free, (ESCONDIDO)

Highest Tide this month. +6.2 feet. occurs at 8:02 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27. The lowest three tides of the month are as follows: a -1.1-foot tide at 1:16 p.m. on Monday, March 25, a -1.3-foot tide at 1:53 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, and a -1.2-foot tide at 2:29 p.m. on March 27. All three low-tide events occur at good times of the day for the purpose of tidepool discoveries.

DANCE

The Origins of Flamenco are uncertain, and they have been lost through the centuries in a web of influences and contributions from various civilizations. Enjoy a fine example of the form when Campañia de Espanola de Antonio Márquez performs today, Thursday, March 21, 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets range from \$20 to \$50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reserva tions (ESCONDIDO)

Caiun, Zvdeco, and Waltz will featured when the Bon Temps Social Club hosts its weekly "Thursday Club" get-togethers on March 21 and 28 at the Balboa Park Club (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard). There will be dance instruction by Pat Muller (7:15 p.m.) followed by lots of Cajun and Creole music from Louisiana and East Texas (8:15 to 10:30 p.m.). The requested donation is \$3; kids are free and welcome. Partners are not re quired. For more information, call 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Ballet on the Edge 2002, the season for City Ballet continues with performances March 22-24. These concerts of "nontraditional ballet works"

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(set to Japanese taiko drums), and the premieres of Jabala and Beethoven Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m.

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matinee on Sunday, at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets are \$20 and \$25; on Friday, those under 30 may enter for \$10. For reservations, call 858-272-8663 or 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Two Original Choreographic Works by Pascale Baron may be seen during her senior dance concerts on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, at 8 p.m., in the SDSU Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. The program includes Alteration Found and In Counterpoint. Tickets are \$7 general. For

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Contradance when Graham Hampel calls and Kevin Carr and Barbara Magone make the music on Saturday, March 23, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear softsoled shoes. For more information, dial 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

New and Experienced Dancers are invited to enjoy a dance party hosted by the North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club on Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m., at Dance North County Studio (in North Coast Business Park, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). This month's dance party features special exhibitions of showcase routines and a swing dance lesson taught by Mary Manzella. Admission is \$9 for nonmembers. 619-229-0141. (ENCINITAS)

to live drumming when Nikola Clay leads a class on Saturday, March 23. Class begins at 11 a.m. at Coast Athletics (613 Westlake Street). The fee is

Learn West African Dance Moves

\$15. For information, call 858-793-0178. (ENCINITAS)

Fumbling Toward Ecstasy, explore movement and dance with Michael and Joe, teachers of Gabrielle Roth's Five Rhythms, on Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). The fee is \$15. For information, call 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

Dance in a Day, this Lindy workshop for beginners is being offered by Jim Cruzen and Margie Adams on Sunday, March 24, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Premier Athletic Club (9370 Waples). Participants will get basic Lindy and swing Charleston steps The fee is \$25. Call 619-291-3775 for information. (SORRENTO MESA)

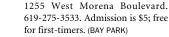
Neither Experience nor Partners Are Necessary for the Latin dance partner workshops planned by Sarita Streng on Sundays through April 14, 4 to 5:30 p.m., at Eight Elements West (6830 La Jolla Boulevard #201). Dance the American tango and Cuban-style salsa on March 24. The fee is \$15 per class. To reserve a space, dial 858-459-0899. (LA JOLLA)

Swing Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Sunday, March 24, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m.; the jitterbug and swing dance lesson starts at 8 p.m. Find the center at

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The Russians Are Coming! A Prokofiev Ballet Festival is promised when the Tchaikovsky Perm Ballet Theatre performs at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). The program includes Romeo and Juliet, a ballet in three acts at 8 p.m. on Sat urday, March 30; and Cinderella, also in three acts, set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 31. The 125-member company dances with a full symphony orchestra. Tickets range from \$30 to \$50, available by calling Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Dangerous - If Not Death-Defying! Yes, the dancers, gymnasts, and actors of the Los Angeles-based Diavolo Dance Theatre hit the stage at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble is said to use "surrealistic sets and everyday items to tell stories that use motion as metaphor for the wonder and absurdity of everyday life.'

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

FILM

The Ninth Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival continues through March 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 La Ciénega, Solo Por Hoy, The Blue Diner, 90 Miles, My Mother-in-Law Is a Zombie, Lucia, and Tres Noches, among many others.

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

Can You Name a Few of Your Favorite Things? Pull out your lederhosen and warm up your vocal chords, the "Sing-Along Sound of Music" concludes at the Ken Cinema today, Thursday, March 21. Each performance includes a costume contest and preshow festivities led by a guest host, followed by the 1965 Academy Award-winning film. Audiences are encouraged to sing along and to "act out" musical numbers.

The shows begins at 7 p.m. Find the theater at 4061 Adams Avenue.

Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$19.50 general, \$11.50 to \$13.50 for children (with discounts for seniors and military). For reservations, call 866-468-3399. (KENSINGTON)

Celebrate the Spirit of Adventure when the Banff Film Festival World Tour takes place on Sunday, March 24, at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Two different programs are screened, beginning at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (each set lasts about 2.5 hours). Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. For information, call 800-874-9925. (ENCINITAS)

Up for Some Magical Surrealism? Head to the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library when Gabbeh screens on Monday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. The film is set among the nomadic tribes of southeastern Iran and centers on the region's distinctive gabbeh carpets, on which the narratives of tribal life are inscribed. See this "epic fable of forbidden passion" at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5800. In Farsi with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Salt of the Earth" screens for the "Cesar Chávez: A Film Festival Celebrating the Legacy" series on Wednesday, March 27, 6 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). For more information, call 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Cuban Film Director Humberto Solis, in town for the San Diego Latino Film Festival, will screen clips from his films and answer questions on Wednesday, March 27, 4 to 6 p.m., in North Education 60 at San Diego State University. Solis's films include Lucia, Miel para Oshun, El Sigio de las luces, and Hombre de exito. Free. Call 619-594-6452 for information. (SDSU)

A Sneak Preview of an untitled new surf film by Poor Specimen Productions is scheduled for Thursday. March 28, at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Screenings begin at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For information, call 760-436-SHOW. (ENCINITAS)

"Doing Time, Doing Vipassana," two Israeli filmmakers made this film documenting the introduction of meditation in correctional facilities in India and the U.S. The film chronicles how a meditation program for inmates "transformed Tihar Jail, one of the world's largest correctional facilities." The screening will be followed by a talk and discussion by local students of Vipassana meditation.

The program starts at 7 p.m. next Thursday, March 28, in the thirdfloor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. For information, call 619-286-8365 (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

"American Indian Celebration: A Festival and Marketplace" is planned in April at the University of San Diego. In conjunction with the event, Navajo artist Elmer Charles Yazzie speaks on "Indian Art and Spirituality" today, Thursday, March 21. Talks begin at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Martin Link, former publisher of the Indian Trader, plans a talk entitled "Not Trinkets: The Increasing Value of Indian Art" on Friday March 22, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Both free talks may be heard in room 168/169 of USD's Joan B. Kroc In stitute for Peace and Justice; the campus is found at 5998 Alcalá Park. 619-260-4238. (LINDA VISTA)

Listen to the Art. Jacquelvne Silver will perform musical interpretations at the piano during a slide-illustrated program entitled "Both Sides of the Border" today, Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. This "cross-cultural program" highlights works from the current exhibit of "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)

"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.

"Born of the Same Womb: Poetry and Painting in Indian Art" is examined by Goswamy today, 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. To register, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Healthy Cookin' for Kids is the subject when Mindy Goldis leads a workshop for parents and their children today, Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m., at the School for Healing Arts (1001 Garnet Avenue #200; enter on

Garnet next to Buffalo Exchange). Free. 858-581-9429. (PACIFIC BEACH)

You've Heard of Birding, Now Try Butterflying! Have you heard about how great the butterflying is in the Rio Grande Valley? Guests at the Friday, March 22, Audubon Society meeting will hear Michael Klein and Claude Edwards talk about this spot, where they saw 77 species of butterflies last summer. The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. (following socializing at 7 p.m.) at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-275-0557. (CLAIREMONT)

What Are "The Psychological Roots of Adolescent Violence"? Find out when Jungian analyst and clinical psychologist Thomas Parker, Glen Slater, and trauma and emer gency department social worker B.J. Capistran focus on the subject for the Friends of Jung on Friday, March 22. The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. at Alliant University (6160 Cornerstone Court East). Admission is \$15 for non members. 858-587-4651. (MIRA MESA)

"The French Academy and Bouguereau" is the topic when Gay Nay, director of education at the Timken Museum of Art, speaks for the Docent Guest Lecture Series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, March 22, at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Get into Plein Air, professional artist Patrick Korch leads a three-day plein air oil landscape painting workshop Friday through Sunday, March 22-24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. All levels of painters are invited. Participants will paint at locations around the county. The fee is \$200. To make the required reservations, call 858-679-9339. (BALBOA PARK, LA JOLLA SHORES, RANCHO SANTA FE)

Basic Japanese Oral Communication is emphasized when Jaimi Fry offers a Japanese language class on Saturday, March 23, at 10:30 a.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The fee for nonmembers is \$15. Call 619-232-2721 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Protector del Agua, saving water in this semi-arid climate is the subject for this Agua residential landscape training series at the Water Conservation Garden. The four classes present a basic overview of landscape sprinkler systems, landscape maintenance, residential landscape design, and plant selection, with slides and hands-on demonstrations. The series begins on Saturday, March 23, at 9 a.m. (a second series starts on May 18).





Find Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. Free; to make the required reservations, call 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Learn About the Vista Conservancy when attorney David Larkin speaks for the Vista Historical Society at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at the Brengle Terrace Community Center (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Free. For information, call 760-630-0444. (VISTA)

"Science vs. Religion: Current Issues" provides the fodder when Mark Perakh speaks for the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, March 24. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). The requested donation is \$5. Dial 619-421-5844 for information. (LA JOLLA)

"South Asian Paintings" may be seen when Caron Smith leads tours of "The Way of Rama," a display of works from the collection at the San Diego Museum of Art. Smith is senior curator of Asian art at the museum. Talks begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, and at 6 p.m. next Thursday, March 28, and are included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Ask the Expert, this series hosted by the Bahá'i Community starts with a panel of three attorneys answering questions on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m., at the Unity Center (7090 Miramar Road). Free. Dial 858-537-0999 for details. (MRA MESA)

Examine Puccini's *Tosca* during the opera previews addressing the music, drama, and history of this upcoming San Diego Opera production at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, March 25. The speaker at 2 p.m. is vocal music specialist Ronald Shaheen; at 7:30 p.m., listen to Nicolas Reveles (education director at the San Diego Opera).

Admission to either talk is \$7. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall



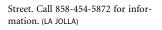
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"The Art of Ancient Greece and Rome" is the topic for Tim Adams at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The series concludes with a look at "Roman Architecture" on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. Highlighted buildings include the Pantheon, Colosseum, and Imperial Forums. The fee is \$12. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street. To reserve a spot, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"GLBT" — what does this cryptic acronym mean? The COVA Gallery hosts this group exhibition of multimedia works created by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender artists working in a variety of media. The artists will take part in a panel discussion led by Ric Todd on Tuesday, March 26, at 6 p.m., at the gallery (at 840 G Street, in the Arts College International Building). Free. 619-234-0928. (DOWNTOWN)

"Raising Nonviolent Children in a Violent World" is the subject when Michael Obatz speaks for the "Matters of Controversy" dialogue series on Tuesday, March 26. Events begin at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). For more information, call 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

"Passenger Arrival Records: Colonial to Present" is the topic when Elaine Alexander speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, March 26. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-723-1342. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"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 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)

Speakers of All Persuasions will be on hand to "discuss the need to bring peace to Israel and Palestine" on Tuesday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m., at the Church of the Good Samaritan (4321 Eastgate Mall). Expect to hear music too. Admission to "San Diegans Rallying for Peace in Israel and Palestine" is free. Call 619-223-8074 for information. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Writes of Spring," this writing workshop led by creativity coach/performance writer/improv comedian Jill Badonsky is slated for Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., at Bridge Way Books (162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30). The fee is \$15. For information, call 858-720-0050. (ENCINITAS)

Partake of Perennials when Fausto Palafox speaks for the Mission Hills Garden Club on Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., at the Mis-

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"Urban Ecologies: Beyond the Property Lines," this Dialogues in Art and Architecture series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library concludes when landscape architect James Corner talks about his recent urban and landscape design work on Wednesday, March 27. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Cook with Barbara when she leads a cooking class on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). The fee is \$20. To reserve a spot, call 858-488-9315. (LITTLE ITALY)

Take "A Look at Shakespearean Villains" when Judith Barney leads a sixweek discussion group at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito. Was Iago more evil than Richard III? Which of the history plays have villains? The discussion starts on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. Find the church at 1036 Solana Drive. Free. Questions? Call 858-755-5808 for answers. (SOLANA BEACH)

Stereo Glasses Are Provided when the San Diego Stereo Club meets on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m., in the Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent to and east of Spanish Village). The meeting includes a slide competition among the members, who will be happy to teach you to *use* a stereo (or 3-D) camera. For information, call 619-595-7856. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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America's past continue to resonate today" next 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)

Making a Difference Now, the 2002 African and African-American Community Summit on Education — themed "A New Millennium, the Same Mission" — continues with part two, running Thursday through Saturday, March 28-30, in the West Commons area at San Diego State University.

Each day a themed presentation will be followed by a town-hall format in the morning, with "focused small-group discussions designed to clarify issues and produce recommendations related to the topic of the day." Nationally prominent speakers will be featured. Participation is free. For further

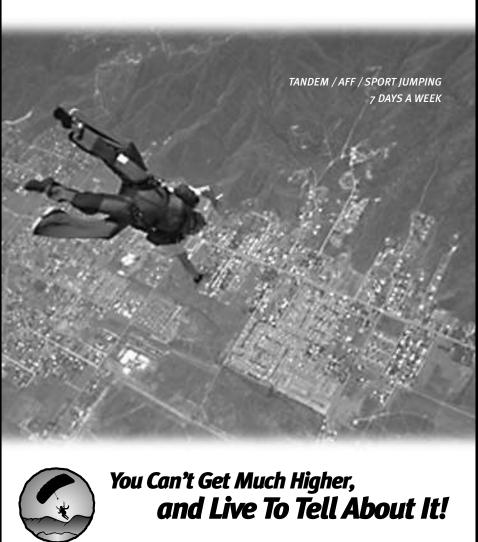
details, call 619-594-1193, (SDSU)

"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 Mandeville Auditorium. For more information, call 858-534-6270. (LA JOLLA)

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Beyond Nibbling Nasturtiums, gar-

den 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)

Focus on San Diego's Energy Future when the League of Women Voters hosts an educational program to inform the public about the range of opportunities for and issues involved in planning our energy future. Moderator Mark Bernstein will lead the talks on a variety of subjects on Saturday, April 13. The program runs from 9 a.m. to noon in the Recital Hall at Balboa Park. Free. For additional information, call 619-299-5944. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Backbone 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)

"The Latest Finds in the Turkana Basin" will be illuminated when paleontologist Louise Leakey speaks on Saturday, April 20. Leakey and her mother, Meave Leakey, have continued to recover important hominid and faunal remains, most notably the discovery of a 3.5 million-year-old skull and jaw. Louise Leakey represents the third generation of the

famed Leakey family. This lecture, hosted by the San Diego Museum of Man and the National Science Foundation, starts at 2 p.m. in UCSD's Warren Hall. Tickets are \$20. For reservations and information, call 619-239-2001. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Survivor, *Still Alive: A Holocaust Girlhood Remembered* will be signed and discussed by author Ruth Kluger today, Thursday, March 21, at 2 p.m., in the Tula Community Center (6126 Montezuma Road) at San Diego State University. Kluger has had an amazing life, complete with life in Nazi concentration camps and a subsequent escape. Free. Call 619-594-7528 for information. (SDSU)

Chicano Poet, Educator, and Author Francisco Alarcón plans two presentations today, Thursday, March 21, in the MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Born in Los Angeles, raised in Guadalajara, and educated at CSU Long Beach and Stanford University, Alarcón currently teaches Spanish and serves as director of the Spanish for Native Speakers program at UC Davis. He'll present "A Chicano Poet in

He'll present "A Chicano Poet in Search of His Meso-American Roots" at 1 p.m. and a poetry reading entitled "From the Bellybutton of the Moon" at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 760-795-6812. (OCEANSIDE)

The Dreams of Broadway Hopefuls are illuminated in 42nd Street, the next production at the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (2425 Dusk Drive). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. For tickets and information, call 619-470-0555 x232. (PARADISE HILLS) **Cultivate a Passionate** and powerful voice after Gayle Brandeis visits Esand discuss *Fruitflesh* today, Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Make the leap from reader to writer! Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307, and by dialing 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

meralda Books and Coffee to sign

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)

Hailing from Budapest, the Ökrös Ensemble from performs Hungarian and Transylvanian village music on Friday, March 22, 8 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited. The group will be joined by *cimbalom* (hammered dulcimer) virtuoso Kálmán Balogh and folk singer Ági Szalóki for the performance. Following the concert, the group will provide music for a traditional *táncház* (folk dance party) at 9:30 p.m.

Find the party at 4569 30th Street. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children. For reservations, call 858-259-5772. (NORMAL HEIGHTS

Friday Night Freeflow, local artists "share works-in-progress across performance disciplines in dialogue about art and its relationship to social improvement" on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m., at Eveoke Dance Theater. Admission is free. Danielle and the Masses perform at 10:30 p.m. (\$5). Find Eveoke at 644 Seventh Avenue (between Market and G Street) and by calling 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

Everybody's a Critic! Professional actors and the NewWorks Theatre are presenting "New Plays from New Works," wherein new plays are given dramatic staged readings by professional actors at Saint Paul's Cathedral. Audience feedback is recorded and presented to the playwrights.

The series continues with *O* Ye Daughters of Jerusalem by Jack Shea on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Find St. Paul's at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For information and reservations, call 619-262-6162. (MIDTOWN)

Local Poetic Lights Robert O'Sullivan Schleith, Kimberly Dark, Jennifer Joseph, Chris Vannoy, and Lizzie Wann will read their contributions to this year's *Drift Wood Highway* poetry anthology at D.G. Wills Books on Friday, March 22, 8 p.m. Find the shop at 7461 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Provocative? The innovative Muzik3 series is in 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 and Saturday, March 22 and 23. For these concerts, saxophonist Sam Rivers will be joined by trio members Doug Matthews (bass, bass guitar, bass clarinet) and Anthony Cole (drums, tenor saxophone).

Both concerts begin at 10:30 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 final concert for the season takes place on Sunday, March 24. This concert is co-sponsored by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society as part of its Discovery Series. "Felix Fan and Friends" features Fan and the Talujon Percussion Quartet presenting selections including David Lang's "Little Eye," "Music for Five" by John Cage, and Tan Dun's "Snow in June."

The concert begins at 3 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for students 6 to 18. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Feeling Cheery? American Cheer Power presents the West Coast Open Championship — the Best in the West — Cheerleading and Dance Competitions on Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Jenny Craig Arena at the University of San Diego. Over 1200 athletes on 60 teams are expected to compete in the event, highlighting their strength, dance, and gymnastic ability. Find the campus at 5998 Alcalá Park. For more information, call 800-500-0840. (LINDA VISTA)

"We Are Women" features soprano Kellie Evans-O'Connor, mezzo-soprano Martha Jane Weaver, and pianist Ilana Mysior. Enjoy the concert on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. Dial 619-434-2881 for details. (CARLSBAD)

Take Back Control of your life and get rid of your abusive relationships after Pamela Jayne discusses her book Ditch That Jerk: Dealing with Men Who Control and Abuse Women on Saturday, March 23, at 4 p.m., at Barnes and Noble in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

"India Beckons," enjoy an Indian classical music concert with performances by electric guitarist Prasanna and accompanist Lakshman Mahadevan on *mridangam* hosted by the Association for India's Development and the Center for World Music. Prasanna is a magna cum laude graduate from the Berklee School of Music in Boston.

The concert is slated for Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium at Challenger Middle School (10810 Parkdale Avenue). Tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25, with student discounts available. For reservations, call 858-695-0626. (MIRA MESA)

"The Process Concert" produced by students in MiraCosta College's Recording Arts program features six bands. The concert — slated for Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m. — includes performances by the L.A.-based band Smog, One Track Mind, Jack the Original, Black Swann, Shrike, and Another Emotion. Find the campus theater at College One Barnard Drive. For more information, call 760-757-2121 x8046. Admission is \$5. (OCEANSIDE)

Brooklyn Bluegrass Maestro Orrin Star boasts a repertoire with old time, Western swing, Celtic, and original songs, along with mainstream bluegrass and folk material. He'll perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$11. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

Subversive Latino Satirist, Editorial Cartoonist, and journalist Lalo Lopez Alcaraz plans a multimedia presentation and signing of his 2002 Cartoonista calendar and book *Latino USA: A Cartoon History* on Saturday, March 23. During the program, the San Diego native will bring along some of his favorite cartoons. The fun begins at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission is a \$5 donation. Questions? Call 619-231-1869 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fabulous Ladies of Song" are hitting the stage at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Saturday, March 23, at 8 p.m. The ladies in question include Florence Henderson, Gloria Loring, Betty Garrett, and Roberta Linn. Tickets range from \$18 to \$36; call 800-988-4253 for reservations. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). (ESCONDIDO)

Music Will "Attack Your Sensibilities and make you think" at the Spruce Street Forum on Sunday, March 24. Saxophonists Peter Brotzmann and Marco Eneidi and percussionist Jackson Krall will perform for the Fresh Sound series on Sunday, March 24, at 8 p.m. Find the Forum at 301 Spruce Street; 619-295-0301. Tickets are \$20 general. (HILLCREST)

The Survival of Five Siblings — Polish Jews — in Nazi Germany's death camps is recorded in journalist Suzan E. Hagstrom's book Sara's Children: The Destruction of Chmielnik. She'll discuss her book on Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m., at the San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Free. 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

Immerse Yourself in the Consciousness of Peace when Seaside Church hosts "An Evening of Story and Music with James Twyman" on Sunday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. Organizers describe Twyman as a "peace troubadour" and "teacher of peace"; he'll share insights from his new book *An Emissary of Love*. Tickets are \$20 per person, or \$35 per couple. Find the church at 1613 Lake Drive. For information and reservations, call 760-753-5786. (CARDIFF)

Crystal Vibrations, Elivia Melodey brings her "inspired world-music ensemble" to the Escondido Church of Religious Science for "an afternoon of healing, harmony, and heartfelt beauty" on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Listen while 22 "singing crystal bowls" are accompanied by performers on oud, Native American flutes, tribal drum, and didgeridoo. The church is located at 2065 Escondido Boulevard. Admission is a \$15 donation. 760-741-0873. (ESCONDIDO)

Have a "Bad Case of Vernal Disease"? It's the question being asked when Poetsperformance hosts an open reading of springtime poetry on Sunday, March 24, 4 to 6 p.m., in



An evening of traditional music, conversation and folkloric dance with Chunky Sanchez and Los Alacranes



An original and a man rooted in his culture. Whenever César Chávez came to San Diego, his first question was "Where's Chunky?" Come and see why.



SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 San Diego Museum of Art – Balboa Park For tickets call 619.220.TIXS, buy at the door or online at www.sdmart.org the new Red Room annex at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). Free. 619-523-5543. (POINT LOMA)

Thriller Author Jeffery Deaver will discuss his newest novel of suspense, *The Stone Monkey*, on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Point Loma Resident and Singer Frankie Laine celebrates his 89th birthday with a free birthday concert on Monday, March 25, at 1 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). He'll autograph his new CD *It Ain't Over Till It's Over*. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 10 p.m., on Monday, March 25, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups start at 7:30 p.m. Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Music and Dance from South India may be heard during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 25, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

A Tangled Web of Washington politics, ambition, passion and intrigue can be found in the debut novel by Richard Trackler entitled *The Roll Call Vote.* He'll read from and discuss his book at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at Barnes and Noble (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. Call 760-943-6400 for information. (ENCINITAS)

The Human Ability to Survive Adversity and move forward is revealed in Carol Wagner's *Soul Survivors: Stories of Women and Children in Cambodia*, a collection of personal narratives describing living through genocide, war, and the process of recovery. Wagner will discuss and sign her book at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. Call 858-454-0347 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Try Something New — head to Borders Books and Music for open-mike poetry hosted by Suki Stone on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. Selections must be suitable for all ages of listeners. Find the store at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive and by calling 858-618-1814. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Scorpions You Can Live With, expect an evening of traditional music, conversation, and folkloric dance when Chunky Sanchez and Los Alacranes ("scorpions") present a concert on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The concert is in conjunction with the current "José Clemente Orozco in the United States" exhibit. Admission to the concert is \$10 general. Call 619-696-1966 for details. (BALBOA PARK)

Expressions Unlimited, when this open-mike jam session takes place on March 27, local writer and pianist Bobbie Hearns will perform, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). All forms of spoken word and artistic expressions are welcome. Free. 619-527-3405. These forums take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. (ENCANTO)

History of Jazz Guitar II, head to the San Diego Museum of Art when the series continues next Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. Art Johnson explores the history of jazz guitar music in America during the program with guest Peter Sprague. Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK) **An "Eclectic Evening** of music and dance" is promised when Cal State University San Marcos faculty members Mtafiti Imara (musician) and Karen Schaffman (dancer) perform with guest artists from Lower Left and the CSU San Marcos Music and Dance Ensembles. The concert starts at 7 p.m. next Thursday, March 28, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Free. 760-750-4366. (ESCONDIDO)

Noted Jazz Trumpeter Bobby Shew joins San Diego State University's Jazz Ensemble #1 for a concert next Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Artists on the Cutting Edge X. the "Cross Fertilizations" literary and music series at the Museum of Contemporary 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 JOLA)

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 handbalancing, 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)

Two Funny Voices, Two Funny People, social satirist David Sedaris and comedic social observer Sarah Vowell present a "night of humor and sarcasm" at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Friday, April 19, at 8 p.m. They're often heard on NPR's always-intriguing *This American Life*.

Tickets range from \$18 to \$36. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

Take Me Out to Spring Training, the San Diego Padres have spring training games every day March 21-28 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.

The Largest Schooner Race on the West Coast is said to be the 16th annual America's Schooner Cup Charity Regatta, dipping into the waters of San Diego Bay on March 23 and 24. Schooners from as far away as Canada will be competing. Opening events include a boat parade and a preliminary round of competition on Saturday, at 11 a.m.; boats will sail past the *Star of India* and Seaport Village.

Two dozen schooners are expected to participate in the finals on Sunday; racing begins at noon in the basin near the *Star of India*, proceeds toward Harbor Island, and continues past Shelter Island and on to Point Loma. Spectating is free, with good vantage points around San Diego Bay. For more information, call 619-223-3138. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Vrrooom — The Season Starts! Cajon Speedway hosts the Coors Light 125 NASCAR Southwest Tour Cars and Legends racing for the season opener on Saturday, March 23. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, and use the Bradley exit. Drive left for two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to the track entrance. Adult admission: \$10 (west side) and \$12 (east side); \$5 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. For information, call 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

Gulls Ice Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Tacoma Sabercats on March 23 and 24. Games begin at the San Diego Sports Arena at 7 p.m. on Saturday and at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$5 to \$17.50, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Where Is "Mountain Biking Heaven"? Find the spot so described when the Knickerbikers head out on a ride on Saturday, March 23. The four-hour bicycling adventure for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at the entrance to School Camp and Park Headquarters in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park (on Highway 79). Participants will ride the Green Valley Fire Road, Soapstone Grade, Milk Ranch Fire Road, and other trails. Bring a sack lunch and two water bottles. 714-289-2855. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Walkin' the Dog, bring your (leashed) canine to the third annual Dog Diggin' Days Animal Walk hosted by the Escondido Humane Society on Saturday, March 23, beginning at 9 a.m. at Kit Carson Park. The event includes a one- or twomile scenic walk. There will also be police canine demonstrations, a dog obstacle course, and vendors' booths. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. Call 760-839-0293 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

Scope Out the La Jolla Sea Caves when Hike Bike Kayak San Diego hosts a guided kayak tour on Saturday, March 23, at 9 a.m. The \$55 fee includes kayak rental, paddle, and flotation device. Call 858-551-9510 to reserve a spot. (LA JOLLA)

Spring Break Special, take a 36-mile ride through Rancho Santa Fe, along the coast, and Fairbanks Ranch with Sierra Club bicyclists next Thursday, March 28, at 2 p.m. Fast riders may follow the trip sheet and move out at their own pace; the leader will "lead from the rear." For departure point and information, call 619-582-3334. Bring money for dinner. (NORTH COUNTY)

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 Wednesday, April 10. Find the circus at Plaza Bonita for performances through March 24. Then it's off to Balboa Park (at Presidents Way and Park Boulevard) from March 26-31. 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. (NATIONAL CITY, BALBOA PARK)

While Conflict Is Inevitable, It Is Manageable, according to the people at the San Diego Mediation Center, sponsoring "Day of Dialogue" events through March 22. Citizens are beckoned, at walk-in locations, to learn the basic lessons of conflict resolution, begin a dialogue, and fix a problem. Free. For specific walk-in locations and other details, call 619-238-2400. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Fishing Season Approaches, so it's time for the 28th Annual Fred Hall Tackle and Boat Show, continuing through March 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 7 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)

Recent Brush Works by Grace Chow and her students and guest artists are on exhibit through Friday, March 29, at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, call 858-748-0505. Free. (POWAY) **"Meeting Jesus Again"** is the theme for the 39th annual religious art festival hosted by St. Mark's Methodist Church. This year's art juror is Jose

at Titan Way). For viewing hours,

Church. This year's art juror is Jose Morales, with poetry judged by Jack Webb. The show is open for viewing Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 2 p.m., through March 30. Find St. Mark's at 3502 Clairemont Drive; 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Arts, Crafts, and Cultures of the American Southwest are celebrated during the 15th annual Santa Fe Market running March 22-24 at Bazaar del Mundo (2754 Calhoun Street). Craftsmen, artists, demonstrators, and entertainers will appear. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 619-296-3161. Admission is free. (OLD TOWN)

Meow! Folded ears, short tails, curly hair — all will be on display during the Americans West Cat Club cat show slated for March 23 and 24 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Organizers expect up to 450 of the "world's finest pedigreed cats" from 37 breeds. The show includes a tribute to the American shorthair cat, described as "America's native breed."

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$7 general; \$5 for seniors, free for children under 12. For information, call 619-475-2600. (DEL MAR)

Shumup Ko Hup, California Indian Arts hosts its second annual open house and marketplace on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Demonstrations are planned by members of the Luiseño, Cahuilla, Kumeyaay, and Paipai, among many other tribes. Find Shumup Ko Hup at 2720 1/2 Calhoun Street; 619-297-1930. (OLD TOWN STATE HISTORIC PARK)

"A Celebration of the Senses" is planned for adults at the Children's Museum of San Diego on Saturday, March 23, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The museum will be transformed into an Indian village with authentic food, an Indian bazaar, an on-hand henna tattoo artist, music by the Sacred 8 Tribe from London, belly dancing, stilt walking, poi dancing, shadow puppetry, and much more. Tickets are \$15. Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue; call 619-233-5437 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Ranunculus Rainbows Return, the 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming at the Flower Fields. Visitors may stroll on pathways through the fields from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. "Kids' days" activities are planned from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, with kite flying, musical entertainment, astro jump, games, face painting, and more.

Admission is \$5 general, with discounts 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)

Circle of Art, the dates for the 13th annual juried "Circle of Art Show and Sale" are March 23 and 24. Sixtyfive artists will exhibit their works in a variety of media in the grassy park known as Christmas Circle on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 760-767-7498. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

A Time to Drum, the San Diego Community Drum Circle convenes on Saturday, March 23, at the



Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; the circle runs from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$10 general, kids under ten half price. Drums are provided, or bring your own. 619-913-1089. (LA JOLLA)

Meet the "Machado Sisters – Women of Frontier San Diego" when Old Town San Diego State Historic Park hosts Women's History Month celebrations on Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests on these free tours will hear about healing arts, family raising, and more about life in the "old days." For information, call 619-220-5422. (OLD TOWN)

Hey, How About a Street Fair? The sixth annual Rolando Street Fair is set for Sunday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Organizers plan live music, vendors, and children's activities; juggling and clowning clinics will be offered at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Find the fun in the 6500 block of El Caion Boulevard and Rolando Boulevard. Admission is free. Call 619-583-7321 or 619-229-9016 for details. (ROLANDO)

Is Your Pooch a "Canine Good Citizen"? Take this six-week, intermediate-level class at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street), Classes meet on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and on Mondays at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The \$95 fee includes clicker training, tricks, offleash socialization, and more. To make the required reservations, call 619-299-7012 x244. (LINDA VISTA)

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)

Wear a Full Baseball Uniform and get in free when the Everything Baseball Expo takes place on Sunday,

Decorations **5113**

Disc Jockeys **5110**

Florists **5101**

Formal Wear **5103**

Gift Registries 5116

Health & Beauty **5119**

Honeymoon 5115

Jewelers 5100

Limos & Valet **5111**

Musicians 5109

March 24, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mission Valley Doubletree (7450 Hazard Center Drive). The expo promises over 75 exhibitors of baseball products, equipment, memorabilia, live batting cages, and more. For those without baseball togs, admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for those under 18. For more information, call 858-272-7054. (MISSION VALLEY)

Yoga at the Cove, enjoy an hour of voga at La Jolla Cove during a class hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Sunday, March 24, at 9 a.m. The fee is \$10; call 858-551-9510 for the required advance reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Take a Turn on the Bench, meet with pianists "of like skills" for an informal get-together at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, in the Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (found at the west end of Presidents Wav). Free. For information, call 858-483-3939. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Bridge to the Future: The Three Meditation Festivals of Spring 2002" are planned "during the heightened atmosphere of the spring full moons." Each full moon is a festival of light based on a powerful relationship between the Earth and the sun. At each gathering, a speaker sets the tone and the group holds the keynote with a period of silence, invocation, and music.

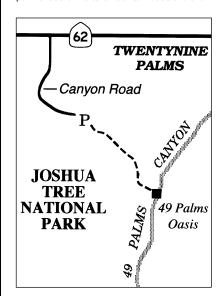
This year the festivals celebrate the potentials of "Awakening Humanity." The gathering on Wednesday, March 27, convenes for the festival of Aries with "A Call to New Light." The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 7380 Eads Avenue. For information, call 619-296-1373. Admission is free; donations will be accepted. (LA JOLLA)

"Funkalosophy," it's the title for the season 2002 premiere by Eveoke Dance Theater, and you can catch a sneak preview when Eveoke hosts its biannual open house and dessert reception next Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. Expect to see "snippet performances" from the group's education and performance programs and be treated to decadent desserts and wine. Admission is free. Find the fun at 644 Seventh Avenue (between Market and G Street). To RSVP, call 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)



A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Native California fan palms (Washingtonia filifera), familiar to Anza-Borrego and Baja visitors, can be found as well in scattered locations amid the rocky defiles of Joshua Tree National Park, which lies some 100 miles north of the border. The Mojave Desert town of Twentynine Palms was named after Twentynine Palms Oasis (a.k.a. the Oasis of Mara), and today that grove of native palms is occupied by the national park's Oasis Visitors' Center. Just a bit far-



Commemorating Girls' Day, the Japanese Friendship Garden hosts an exhibit of special handmade Japanese dolls known as kimekomi and special kimonos during the month of March. Garden admission is \$3 general, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. For more details, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

In Your Easter Bonnet, the Seventh Annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Hat Contest is slated for Saturday, March 30. Events begin at 11 a.m. in the 400 block of Island Avenue (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues) with a hatmaking workshop for

adults and children. Participants will later parade their bonnets during a sidewalk stroll to the William Heath Davis House (410 Island Avenue) with contest winners awarded there. Bring a basket in which to carry spoils from the traditional Easter egg hunt (for those 2 through 12 years old).

The advance fee is \$5 for children, \$10 for adults; day-of-event prices are \$6 for children, \$12 for adults, benefiting the UCSD Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department. For information, call 619-238-6026 or 619-239-4287. (DOWNTOWN)

ther afield from Twentynine Palms, you may hike a 1.5-mile trail to Fortynine Palms Oasis, where more than 49 palms - massive veterans plus young upstarts - huddle in a remote, rocky canyon bottom.

To find the way to Fortynine Palms trailhead, locate the obscure lane called Canyon Road, two miles east along Highway 62 from the entrance to Indian Cove, or four miles west along Highway 62 from "downtown" Twentynine Palms, Turn south on Canyon Road and drive straight to the trailhead parking lot. Then, on foot, walk uphill on a rough trail over crumbling rock and past sparse vegetation. Plant life is resurrected annually during the springtime bloom, which typically peaks in late March or early April. Despite this season's paucity of rain, you will likely see some barrel, hedgehog, and beavertail cacti in bloom, providing highlights of vellow and magenta. Mecca asters, with light-blue petals and yellow centers, plus daisy-like brittlebush plants, provide additional splashes of color.

The trail takes you up and along a ridge, then down steeply into the crease of Fortynine Palms Canvon, where a number of palms with fire-blackened trunks and abbreviated skirts of dead fronds stand statuesquely against the blue sky. Some of the palms cluster amid jumbled boulders and bushy, spiky vegetation. A few sycamores struggle upward into the sky, their roots drinking in water at the surface or not far underground. A few of the boulders are

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> seum (2300 Expedition Way). For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336 by March 26. (LA JOLLA)

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"Moonlight Sonata: A Tribute to Italo Scanga" is on exhibit through the year at the Carlsbad Sculpture Garden. The show includes seven Scanga pieces, including the very last piece he finished before his death, Moonlight Sonata. The artist's sculptures combine found and salvaged objects, telling tales "of the human existence."

Find the garden behind the Carlsbad Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to the Cole Library. 760-434-2920. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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Who Is Chet Gecko? Meet the author of this enjoyable private eye series when Bruce Hale signs and reads from his newest book, *The Hamster of the Baskervilles*, on Friday, March 22, at 3 p.m., at Bridge Way Books (162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30). A hamster and all of the required accessories will be given away. Free. 760-943-7875. (ENCINITAS)

Hale will also visit Barnes and Noble Bookstore to read and sign his work on Saturday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m. Find the store at 1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Here Comes Peter Cottontail, the current production for Theatre West Youth Theater. The show, written and directed by Randall Hickman, continues through March 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)

The Uplifting Mystery in poem form *Where Do Balloons Go?* by Jamie Lee Curtis may be heard during the story time at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway) on Saturday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, MiraCosta College students present "Chemistry for Kids" of all ages on Saturday, March 23, at 1 p.m. Expect an "interactive exploration of chemistry," and learn basic chemistry through demonstration and hands-on activities. The program is included in regular museum admission and repeats on March 31.

"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)

Bunny Hop Races and an Easter egg hunt are planned when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents "Children's Classics" on Saturday, March 23, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *The Mad Tea Party, Tortoise and the Hare, Green Eggs and Ham*, poetry and songs. 858-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Children's Museum of San Diego, "A Taste of India Family Celebration" is planned at the museum on Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum will be transformed into an Indian village with authentic food, an Indian bazaar, an on-hand henna tattoo artist, and traditional Indian music and dance performances. The festivities are included in regular museum admission (\$6).

"A Celebration of the Senses" for adults is slated to take place on the same day, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., with all the aforementioned delights, as well as music by the Sacred 8 Tribe from London, England, belly dancing, stilt walking, poi dancing, shadow puppetry, and much more. Tickets are \$15.

Indian art reflects the richness and vibrancy of its people, from raga music to the art of henna. "East Meets West," on view through March, spotlights traditional Indian art, music, and dance in exhibits with more than 150 authentic Indian instruments, textiles, and sculptures. Local artist Elizabeth Zaikowski contributes a collection of mandala paintings entitled "Awakenings" to the show. See "Grasshopper," a collection

see Grassnopper, a collection of works by local artist James Watts created in collaboration with students from Freese Elementary School and the VeVe 6 to 6 after-school program. The exhibit includes folk toys, puppets, and clay sculptures and continues through March. Explore exercises in theater and

estf-expression during the "Theatre Expressions" classes taught by local artists Kim Hagan and Ian Gunn on Tuesdays in March from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$5 per class.

Continuing exhibits include "The Book Stop," "Improv Theater," and "Cora's Rainhouse." Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

Happy (Belated) Birthday to Dr. Seuss and Spring, there's a story time planned by storyteller Mary Holma on Saturday, March 23, at 12:30 p.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Call 619-668-3275 for information. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Eggstra Special, the Easter Bunny hosts an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 23, in the park at the Viejas Outlet Center (5005 Willows Road). Toddlers to 4-year-olds begin hunting at 10 a.m., those 5 through 8 begin their search at 10:15 a.m., and children 9 through 12 will hunt at 10:30 a.m. Free. 619-445-5400. (ALPINE)

Marshmallow Roasting, Campfire Stories, arts and crafts, and a cookout are promised during "Kids' Night Out" at Mission Trails Regional Park. The program runs 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at Kumeyaay Campground (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). The fee is \$5. For information, call 619-668-3275. Rain cancels. (MISSION GORGE)

Theater Arts Workshops for children four to nine years old are conducted by the San Diego Actors Theatre on the fourth Saturday of every month, including March 23, at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino Del Mar). Workshops run from noon to 1 p.m., and reservations are required. The fee is \$10. Dial 858-268-4494 for registration. (DEL MAR)

"Dragons: Real or Fantasy?" It's the theme for a children's class (for those three to six years old with an adult) at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. Kids will meet some of the real dragons that inhabit the Earth, including two bearded dragons and a water dragon, and make a craft. The fee is \$10 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

The Microscopic Marine Organisms known as plankton fulfill a number of important roles in ocean ecosystems. When "Plankton-Palooza" convenes at Birch Aquarium-Museum on Saturday, March 23, participants will use microscopes to learn about the abundance and diversity of plankton found in seawater, and then build models and make a plankton net.

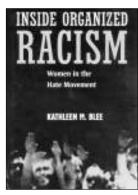
The class runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$20 for kids in grades one through three. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)



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Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement



University of California Press, 2002; 272 pages; \$35

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Kathleen M. Blee's disturbing and provocative look at the hidden world of organized racism focuses on women, the newest recruiting targets of racist groups and crucial to their campaign for racial supremacy. Through personal interviews with women active in the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazi groups, Christian Identity sects, and white-power skinhead gangs across the United States, Blee dis-

pels many misconceptions of organized racism. Women are seldom pushed into the racist movement by any compelling interest, belief, or need, she finds. Most are educated. Only the rare woman grew up poor. Most were not raised in abu-

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)

The Discovery Series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society continues with a performance by "Felix Fan and Friends" on Sunday, March 24. Fan will join with the Talujon Percussion Quartet for selections including David Lang's "Little Eye," "Music for Five" by John Cage, and Tan Dun's "Snow in June."

The concert begins at 3 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for students 6 to 18. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate Passover when Rabbi Mark Hurvitz discusses freedom stories at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Hurvitz will be joined by Rabbi Prinz to share children's stories at 2:30 p.m. Free. Call 858-618-1814 for details. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area and is run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; call



sive families. And most women did not follow men into the world of organized racism.

Inside Organized Racism examines the submerged social relations and the variety of racist identities that lie behind the apparent homogeneity of the movement. Following up her highly praised study of the women in the 1920s Ku Klux Klan, Blee discovers that many of today's racist women combine dangerous racist and anti-Semitic agendas with otherwise mainstream lives. Few of the women she interviews had strong racist or anti-Semitic views before becoming associated with racist groups. Rather, they learned a virulent hatred of racial minorities and anti-Semitic conspiratorial beliefs by being in racist groups. The only national sample of a broad spectrum of racist activists and the only major work on women racists, *Inside Organized Racism* also sheds light on how gender relationships shape participation in the movement as a whole.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Kathleen M. Blee, 48, was born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University. In 1982, she was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. Professor Blee has served as director of Women's Studies at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Kentucky and has also served as the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Kentucky. Since 1996 she has served as a professor of sociology at the University of Pittsburgh. According to Professor Blee's statement on the university's website: "My areas of interest are gender and race; women in social movements, including racist/anti-Semitic, and rightwing political movements; and regional poverty. I am currently studying the ways that social movements gain and transform

619-469-1480 for more information. (SPRING VALLEY)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, celebrate the season of the gray whale with educational whale activities, exhibits, and a variety of whale-watching experiences during "WhaleFest," continuing through Sunday, March 31. The aquarium's tidepool plaza, boasting a panoramic view of the La Jolla shoreline and the Pacific Ocean, is a great spot for informal whale watching.

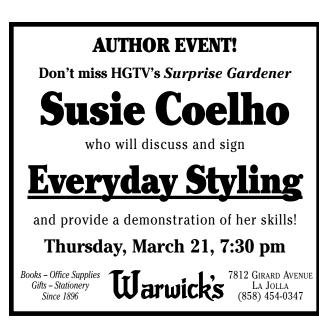
An aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For more information, call 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling the stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text. Many of the photographs, surfboards, and other artifacts have never been on public display before.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and that way-cool megastar from Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. The facility is home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the mud flats and marshes of San Diego Bay. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. At other exhibits, visitors can pet sharks and rays, see



community space. I teach courses in gender, inequalities, research methods, space & power, feminist theory, and gender/race/class."

Professor Blee is author of *Women of the Klan: Racism and Gender in the 1920s* (California, 1991), editor of *No Middle Ground: Women and Radical Protest* (1998), coauthor of *The Road to Poverty: The Making of Wealth and Hardship in Appalachia* (2000), and coeditor of *Feminism and Antiracism: International Struggles for Justice* (2001).

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the evening that we talked, Professor Blee was sitting in a Miami Beach hotel room. The next day she was to board a ship. On that ship, which would sail around the world, she and other University of Pittsburgh professors would lead what their university calls "a semester at sea." This semester at sea is no vacation; the classes are nononsense, serious academic courses.

I asked Professor Blee how she happened to get interested in women and racism.

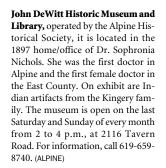
"Completely by accident," she said. "I was researching something totally different. But while doing this research, I came across a pamphlet printed by the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s, a pamphlet that favored women's suffrage. It was so interesting to me that the Klan would be in favor of this. A lot of the women who were involved in women's suffrage in Indiana were involved in the Klan. Indiana was a hotbed of Klan activity in the 1920s. They had very few people in Indiana at that time that the Klan considered their enemies — very few Catholics, very few Jews, very few African-Americans. That Klan in Indiana in the 1920s really was a Klan that kind of recruited people based on their insularity and their fears of the unknown rather than their fears of competition with people different from them. They recruited

burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. For more details, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America, Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" opens on Satur-day, March 23, exploring the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum, part of the National Security Agency, has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Visitors will learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)



Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 BC) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 AD) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China," on view through May. From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as proudly worn ornaments in life. Jades were symbols of dignity and rank (as early as the Late Stone Age) and were status symbols closely connected with the conviction that jade brought long life.

in cities and mostly in areas that were pretty homogeneous. The same happened in Oregon and Washington."

"I was always surprised," I said, "how strong the Klan was in Oregon and Washington during the 1920s."

'There was a Klan that was tailor-made for every situation. For instance, they were anti-Catholic and anti-Mormon in those states.

Inside Organized Racism's first section offers a helpful distinction between what Professor Blee calls "ordinary racism and extraordinary racism." I asked about that distinction.

"What I was thinking about there, there is a level of ordinary racism that is shared among many people in a society, a fear of and an antipathy for people of other races. What the Klan does is build on that, build extraordinary racism, which is a racism that is not only hostile to people of other races but mobilizes and commands people to act on that hostility, that makes the hatred of people of other races the main cause of their life, what they think about all the time, what they want to act upon. That is what I am thinking about as extraordinary racism, a racism that commands action, often terrible action, rather than thoughts only.'

Among the women interviewed by Professor Blee, a hatred of Jews was a commonplace. Some among these women complained about "ZOG," the "Zionist-occupied government."

Jewish men, Professor Blee writes, appear to women in white supremacist literature as "sexual harassers and sleazy abortionists who victimize Aryan women. That the Jews being stereotyped are in fact Jewish men is clear from the rarity with which Jewish women appear in white supremacist propaganda, showing up only occasionally as nurses at abortion clinics, man-hating feminists, supporters of African-American criminality and indolence, or, very rarely, seducers of Aryan men."

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. A mural by Mona Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist's extensive study of this ancient "City of the Gods" that was once home to 200,000 people in central Mexico. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art.

Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of History and Art, Monty Lewis (1907-1997) was the founder and director of the Coronado School of Fine Arts and a 1930 Guggenheim Fellow in fine arts and painting. Much of Lewis's work dates from the Depression era; under the WPA he worked collaboratively with other artists on large-scale murals depicting American life in the '30s. "Depression-Era Art of Monty Lewis" in-clude Lewis's oils, pen-and-ink drawings, and other work from his

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daughters' private collections. See the show through Tuesday, April 2.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. Women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. For more information, call 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

"How do you explain," I asked, "the extraordinary hatred of Jews that these women feel?"

"It's very interesting to me," she said, "because it's very much outside of their lives. When I talked to them about why they hate Jews, they had nothing in their past lives to rely upon - they had no stories, they had no anecdotes, they had no tales that would explain it. It's a hatred of Jews that's completely learned within these groups. It's 'the secret' they learn, 'the truth' they learn when they are in these groups, the idea of a conspiracy that explains everything about their lives that they see as in trouble. It explains the government, the world, even the very minutiae of their lives - why their boyfriends broke up with them, why they can't have certain courses in school or get a certain job. It explains everything. It's attached to Jews, but in a very conspiratorial sense. It is a very old-style anti-Semitism. But it has become again very common and very virulent in both the United States and worldwide. Anti-Semitism has always been part of United States racism, but it may be stronger now than it has been at almost at any other historical time.'

"It was my impression, reading your book, that your interview subjects actually knew no Jewish people."

"Right. This is a hatred of Jews that is very disembodied. People will not talk about Jews as people. It is very conspiratorial, it is about the hidden forces that govern their lives rather than an anti-Semitism that has attached to a particular person. For instance, I would ask the women for names [of Jewish people], and they really could give me no names of people they knew. Nor could they give me the names of any people in the news or of people from the past. It was completely disembodied. They might come up with a distortion of Alan Greenspan or something or Rothschild, but they would not be able to tell me who Rothschild was or give me a first name or location in

San Diego Aerospace Museum, two

exhibits commemorating the 60th

anniversary of the attack on Pearl

Harbor are currently on display. The

first exhibit presents a number of

paintings by noted aviation artists,

including R.G. Smith, along with

'some of the actual drafting tools

that Ed Heinemann, who is arguably

the nation's foremost designer of

naval aircraft, used to design many

of the aircraft depicted in Smith's

art"; and models of aircraft, flight

full-size representation of aviation

ordnanceman Chief John W. Finn.

Although wounded several times on

December 7, Finn kept firing his ma-

chine gun at the attacking aircraft

while directing his men to salvage

and fire whatever weapons they

could find. Finn, the oldest surviv-

ing Medal of Honor recipient, is a

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The museum offers exhibits of

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helmets, and more.

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San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. View four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, an interactive toy train, and a refur

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bished toy train gallery with a Lionel O gauge exhibit. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. For admission and

(BALBOA PARK)

"Sometimes I would just try to make myself into a tape recorder. Sometimes you just can't listen to this and try to make

sense of it. So sometimes I would just try to mentally remove

myself from all this. Sometimes I would feel myself as - along

San Diego Natural History Museum, Tyrannosaurus rex — predator or scavenger? Guests use scien-

museum hours, call 619-696-0199.

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history or tell me who the Rothschilds were. It really is a sense of forces in history that control us as being 'Jewish evil.' That is a very scary kind of anti-Semitism, that imagines Jews as a group of people who are an absolute evil that must be destroyed.

"A phrase I sometimes hear," I said, "on late night AM radio call-in shows is 'Jew media.'"

"Among these people, they would not say, for instance, that the New York Times is controlled by Jews. That is far more concrete a way of talking than

they would use. It would be "What the Klan does is 'all media is controlled by Jews.' build...a racism that is But all media and everything else is Jewish controlled. It is a frightening kind of antinot only hostile to Semitism. It is religious in the people of other races but sense that it is unbreakable. Not having any evidence does mobilizes and not bother them. That is a pretty scary thing. There is no commands people to evidence that can break this cycle; there is nothing that you act on that hostility." could show these women as proof that what they believe is not true." I asked how Professor Blee kept her mouth shut while some

of these women spewed their fury.

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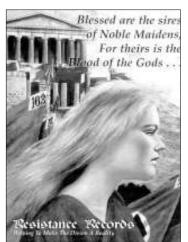


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(continued from page 75) with the tape recorder just taping, just taking down what they said. Because you cannot argue with them and with what they are saying. It does no good. You just cannot even get people to explain this kind of anti-Semitism because in a sense it really has no explanation. People just become agitated at your inability to understand it."

"The anti-Semitism these women express," I suggested, "seems quite

different from their feelings against African-Americans."

"Their racist thing against blacks is far more concrete, having to do with individual struggles over who got jobs and who married who. It's more personal. They have African-Americans in their lives or they know people who do or they can imagine this. So this is a far more intra-ethnic competition kind of racism. But, yes, anti-Semitism is quite different from the anti-black racism." I asked about the music to which many of these women lis-

ten. "The White Power music? It's truly awful. It's a hardcore

music with the most shocking, in-your-face racist lyrics. All that kind of music has shocking, in-your-face racist lyrics. It would

tific methods to recreate a "crime scene" to determine the meat-eater's guilt or innocence in "T. Rex on Trial." World-renowned paleontologist and T. rex expert Jack Horner weighs in, acting as judge in the case. Complete casts of fossil skeletons of Tyrannosaurus, Allosaurus, and Deinonychus are included in the exhibition. One series of exhibits shows how paleontologists uncover evidence, develop hypotheses, and excavate items at research sites. Guilty or innocent? You make the call through Monday, May 27. An assemblage of museum spec-

An assemblage of museum specimens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and animals tell stories about the region's prehistoric and current habitats in "Natural Treasures: Past and Present." The ongoing exhibition is said to "display old treasures most loved by the community and to introduce new fossils that have never been seen by the public," as well as highlighting the museum's extensive paleontological collections. Visitors will also be overt, positive descriptions of Nazi Germany, extremely, extremely crude and violent. It's kind of hard to understand the lyrics. But it would be more than racial epithets. It would be positive descriptions of violence against African-Americans. It would be really loud, really abrasive, with a really hardcore beat, similar in a way to other kinds of hardcore music but with a racist twist. And that is, in part, why some of this music is effective in recruiting kids. If this music were entirely different from other music, it would not be as effective, but it is similar in style to other kinds of hardcore music, but the lyrics hammer home this really violent racist and anti-Semitic message. They dance to it, they chant to it, they beat each other up over and with it. But it is not dancing as we think of dancing, it is more of a stomping. They stomp to it — stomp, stomp."

I asked what Professor Blee wore when she went to interview these women.

"I was very up-front about who I am. I would just wear my professor clothes. I never tried to deceive anyone or to pretend that I was part of that world. They almost always were polite to me, partly because people like to have their stories told. Particularly younger people, I think, like to have a professor pay attention to them. Also, I think, these people rarely have anyone come and sit with them and listen closely to them unless they are trying to intervene or to put them into jail or to have them committed. I tried to stress that I would give a fair rendition of what they were about. Not positive, but fair. Some had read my earlier book and thought it wasn't positive, but it was fair. So that was some credibility I had."

I said that I was interested in the observation that Ms. Blee makes in her book that many of these women own libraries packed with hate literature and yet they rarely if ever take down

in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the "giant-screen film" *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK) San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative dis-

plays on the unique history of the San Dieguito area at 561 South Vulcan Avenue. For more information, call 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS) Serra Museum, "Treasures Uncovered: Trade and Exchange at the San Diego Presidio" features artifacts recovered from the Presidio archaeological site, dating to the first European settlement in California (in 1769) when Father Junípero Serra established the Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. "Treasures" in the form of ceramics, religious, and personal goods representing just a fraction of the more than one-half million excavated to date at the Presidio site are on view. See the show through summer. or synagogue. People will be very committed to the teachings propounded in these churches and synagogues, and they might be pretty inarticulate about explaining those teachings. What's interesting, too, about these groups, is that in some ways they are like the rest of us, in that they may not be all that articulate about what they believe

The museum interprets the Na-

tive American, Spanish, and Mexi-

can periods of San Diego's history

and contains Spanish Colonial fur-

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first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258.

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seum, the museum features a work-

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these books and pamphlets and read them.

She laughed. "Isn't that amazing? There were people whom I

interviewed who had given their lives to these causes, and I could tell

you more about what their core beliefs are than they could. They could

hardly tell you what they believe even though their houses are filled

with this material. It's kind of sad, when you think about it. Really

sad. Part of it is that what brings people into these movements is not ideas. It's not that they find these ideas so compelling and then they

join this group. They join these groups and then over time they learn

these ideas. Sometimes they learn them well. More often they get these

ideas into their heads in a kind of half-baked way once they are com-

mitted. Also, however, I must say that if you listen to the general

population, that you will find that people are very committed to

groups whose ideas they cannot necessarily explain. Take any church

only learn to explain these beliefs, if at all, over time." I had thought, I said, that many of the women Ms. Blee interviewed would have become involved in these groups through men with whom they were involved. However, according to the women whom Ms. Blee interviewed, this was not necessarily so.

in, and in these groups, this is even more extreme, in that they get

committed without understanding at all any of their beliefs, and they

"Right. It's the converse of what one might think. Partly it is because a lot of them come when they are pretty young. Also, our stereotype is that these groups tend only to recruit men and that the women tend, passively, to follow along. But that is often not the case." — Judith Moore

> working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There's an audio-visual theater presenting short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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Good Is Not the Word

This is a musician who — terrific as he is, and artistically mature as he is — continues to grow.

as pianist Richard Goode ever performed under conductor Matthew Best? They might have played music by Irving Fine, with the Orchestre de Nice. Be that as it may, Goode — the most appropriately named pianist

ever — was all alone on the stage of Sherwood Auditorium, for his long-awaited concert in the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Piano Series," and no one in the

bedazzled audience could have wished things any different. The house was filled with music of the richest, subtlest, most exciting sort. "Good," in fact, was not the word — one would have to find an adjective several steps upward from "great."

This recital had been anticipated with special intensity because the pianist, afflicted by tendonitis, had been forced to cancel two earlier concerts scheduled by the LJCMS. One can imagine what Goode must have gone through during that troubled period. The loss of income was no doubt distressing. But for an artist of this sort, the most terrible thing must have been his inability to submerge himself in his art - an art which (as anyone seeing him perform can immediately perceive) is Goode's life's blood. When he sits down at the piano, he clearly enters another world; his own personal identity disappears, along with the trappings of everyday existence; his self is dissolved in the music. To be deprived of this...and, even worse, to face the threat of never again being able to enter that deeper mode of being - the



whole experience is too painful to contemplate. Now, however, Goode has recovered his powers — and (as with Murray Perahia, who recently underwent a similar trauma) his relationship to the music he plays has become even more inti-

mate and more profound. Behind the supple and powerful musicmaking at Sherwood, there was a sense of the fragility of the human

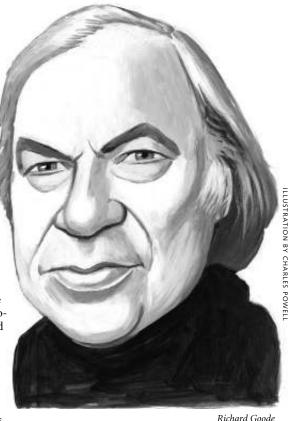
condition that made a work like Schubert's penultimate sonata, written only a few weeks before the composer's early death, sound

all the more poignant. Goode's recording of this work (D. 959, in A Major) dates from 17 years ago, when he was already one of the acknowledged great pianists of the age, with a special affinity for Schubert. It remains a superb performance - so emotionally balanced, so solid in structure, so fascinating in moment-by-moment details (Goode's realization of this music has always been able to obliterate the impression that the late Schubert sonatas are excessively long). But the recent performance here, while very much on the lines of the earlier one, was even more deeply moving. The quicksilver contrasts between tragic despair and lighthearted affirmation, which give D. 959 and other late Schubert works their unique character, were stranger, more gripping. The unmotivated explosions of rage or anguish in the slow movement were more inexplicable, more devastating. The noble radiance and serenity of the *finale*

seemed to have been achieved against greater odds. Above all, the quality of inner autobiography carried the listener's consciousness even further away from observation and reflection to an immediate participation in the composer's — and the performer's lived life.

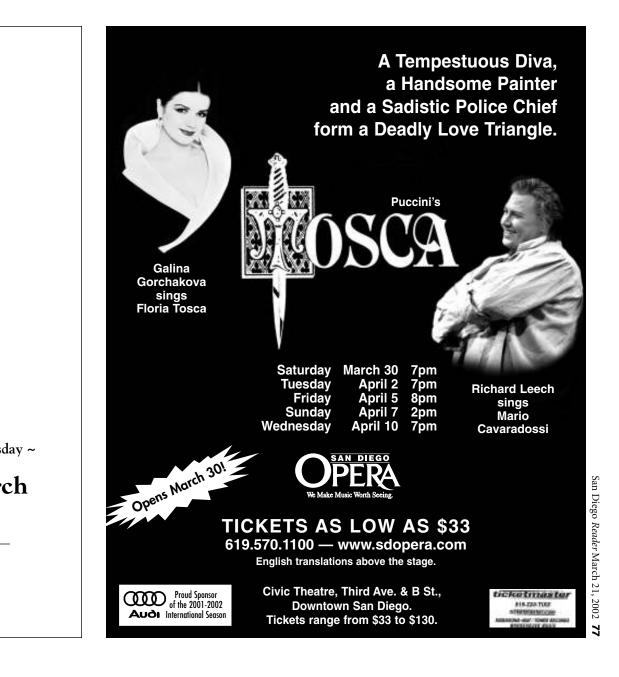
There was a similar enrichment in Goode's approach to Beethoven's "Les Adieux" Sonata (Opus 81a in E-flat). Here, too, the touchstone was the pianist's recording (part of his indispensable traversal of all the Beethoven sonatas, which for the past decade has been the one to get if you get only one). Beethoven, unlike Schubert, actually supplied programmatic titles to the movements of this work, and one of the notable characteristics of Goode's recorded performance was the way he balanced the depiction of those specific emotional states with the strong and clear delineation of the music's inventive formal structure. The clarity and balance are still there, but now the sadness and longing for the composer's absent friend are more touching, the joy at his return is more exuberant, and the contrast between the two is more dramatic. Goode remains, as always, guiltless of uncontrolled emotionalism and of supererogatory underlining of effects. But a lot of life has flowed under the bridge since his recording of "Les Adieux," and one could hear the result in the Sherwood performance of the work

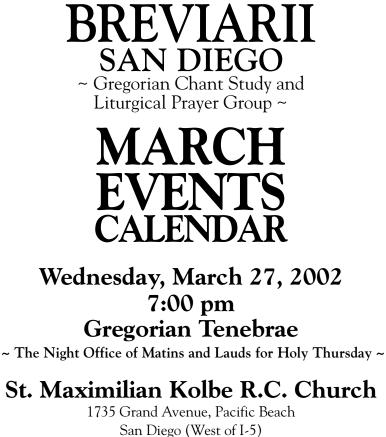
Goode is not known for promiscuity of repertoire. He is essentially a classicist, a Bach-Mozart-Beethoven-Schubert-Brahms man. (The Sherwood recital included an exquisitely shaped performance of Mozart's F Major Sonata, K. 533/494, and — as an encore — an extraor-



Richard Goode, piano Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Chamber Music Society) Mozart, Sonata in F, K. 533/494; Debussy, Four Préludes; Beethoven, Sonata No. 26 in E-flat, Opus 81a; Schubert, Sonata in A, D. 959.

dinarily poised and expressive reading of the *Sarabande* from Bach's D Major Partita.) He has not even been very closely associated with Romantic piano music, such as Schumann and Chopin, although he plays both beautifully. The only non-standard composer he has paid significant





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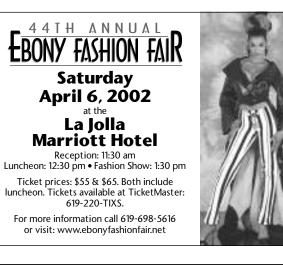
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attention to - at least on recordings — is the American Schoenbergian, George Perle (whom Goode plays with the same warm and chaste delicacy he bestows on Mozart). It was therefore surprising to encounter four of Debussy's Préludes on the Sherwood program. This is not Classical — or Romantic — music, but something distinctively different.

Of course, Goode played "La puerto del vino," "La danse de Puck," "La terrasse des audiences du clair de lune," and "Général Lavine — eccentric" with acute intelligence, colorful tone, and a wonderful lucidity of texture. How could one expect anything less from this superlative pianist? But, to tell the truth, I did not find the fit between composer and performer as tight in Goode's Debussy as it was in the other pieces on the program. De-

bussy's quirkiness — particularly in Book II of the Préludes (from which three of the excerpts were drawn) did not seem to suit Goode's temperament the way Bach or Schubert do. Balance, shapeliness, architectural form these admirable traits of Goode's artistry are not exactly what is wanted to convey the whimsy, the surprising shifts of style, and the intentional lack of balance that make a Debussyan character like General Lavine (not a military figure but a vaudeville comedian) eccentric. Even the more "impressionist" pieces, such as Debussy's evocation of nighttime, moonlight, and the orient, demand a sensibility liberated from the logic of Classicism, and with Richard Goode such a radical change of attitude seemed to go against the grain.

Nevertheless, this is a musician who — terrific as he is, and artistically mature as he is - continues to grow. I would not be at all surprised if one day he became my favorite Debussy pianist, as he now is for Beethoven and Schubert. ■

Events that are underlined occur after March 28.

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A Bach Birthday Bash is planned today, Thursday, March 21, at noon, in room M-113 at San Diego State University, Free, Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (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" today, 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)

Spend an "Evening with Beethoven" and Italian pianist Alessio Averone when he joins the San Diego Symphony, led by Matthew Garbutt, for a concert on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). The program boasts the "Egmont Overture," the "Symphony No. 8 in F-Major," and the "Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-Flat Major (The Emperor)." Tickets range from \$15 to \$55, available by calling 619-235-0804 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS), (DOWNTOWN)

Expect "Mostly Beethoven" when the Fortepiano-Cello Duo performs for the San Diego Early Music Societv on Saturday, March 22. What's on the program? Listen for Bach's "Cello Suite" and variations, bagatelles, and sonatas by Beethoven. Duo members are Tanya Tomkins on baroque and classical cello and Eric Zivian on fortepiano. The concert starts at 8 p.m. at St. James bythe-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$18 general. Dial 619-291-8246 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

American Soprano Renée Fleming presents a concert on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Fleming - named Musical America's vocalist of the year — will perform selections by Handel, Strauss, Golden/Puccini, Debussy, Gershwin, and Rachmaninoff. Tickets range from \$30 to \$60. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

He's Professor of Music at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and on Friday, March 22, cellist Anthony Elliott presents a concert at the La Mesa First United Methodist Church. He'll be accompanied by Lea Schmidt-Rogers on piano and organ in a program including the "Sonata in G Minor for Cello and Piano No. 2' by Beethoven, Astor Piazolla's "Le Grand Tango," "Danza" by Ronald McKean, and the "Sonata in E Minor for Cello and Piano" by Brahms.

Find the church at 4690 Palm Avenue. An offering will be collected. Child care is available on request. Dial 619-466-4163 for information. (LA MESA)

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Saturday Night Chamber Music, the series continues with a concert by the Hutchins Consort on March 23. This chamber group plays eight different acoustically matched violins designed and crafted by the famed luthier Carleen Hutchins. Works by Palestrina, Janáček, Kenton, Mozart, Gershwin, Ravel, and Walzyk.

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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 Varied Concert of Music and Dance

is promised when "Peter Gach and Friends" perform on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College. The concert opens with the "Barcarolle in F-Sharp Major' by Chopin. Patriceann Meade will dance to the music of "Impressoes Seresteiras" by Villa-Lobos, and Gach will perform a piece entitled "Northern Flight" by Madelyn Byrne. San Diego pianist Cynthia Darby will join Gach for a performance of the "Fantasy in F Minor" by Schubert, which is a work for four hands at one piano.

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Sweet-Smelling Gallery

Beuys was shot down over Crimea and rescued by Tatar nomads, who saved his life by wrapping him in layers of fat and felt.

lthough he had virtually abandoned art by 1923, Marcel Duchamp had an enormous influence on artists before and after World War II. All "found object" art derives from his readymades - a bicycle wheel, urinal, or bot-

tle rack simply put on exhibition, the *putting* being as much the art as the object is. He's the greatgrandfather of all those who believe that merely to call some-

thing art makes it art. Duchamp wanted to collapse all hierarchies of valuation and taste. In this and many other respects, his influence since the 1960s has been taken over by the West German Joseph Beuys, like Duchamp a provocateur, equalizer ("Every man an artist"), and showman. Beuys was trained as a sculptor but became famous for his "happenings," like the performance piece when for several days he shared a room with a coyote, which represented the indigenous cultures America conquered; an art prankster, he was cohabiting with the prankster figure of many Indian myths. Beuys detested postwar consumerism (the covote urinated daily on pages from the Wall Street Journal) and wanted artists. German artists in particular, to be shamans, teachers, visionary disrupters of bourgeois complacency.

Beuvs believed in art as a transformative process. He was interested in arcana, especially in the anthroposophist Rudolph Steiner's theories



about how bee colonies change the fluid, fatty matter of wax into crystallized honeycomb. An installation he constructed in 1963, "Filter Fat Corner," consisted of lumps of fat piled in a gauze filter. The ambient temperature created an in-

stability that could cause the fat to liquefy. Beuys also believed that artists become their art - a postmodern turn on Oscar Wilde's life-as-a-work-of-art doctrine-

and this belief, like his other ideas, was grounded in his experience. A Luftwaffe pilot during the war, Beuys was shot down over Crimea and rescued by Tatar nomads, who saved his life by wrapping him in layers of fat and felt.

Quite apart from Beuys's influence, there's been another, more conventional artistic practice flourishing in postwar Germany. The generation born in the 1930s that includes Gerhard Richter and Georg Baselitz, and artists born in the 1940s like Sigmar Polke and Anselm Kiefer, are painterly in traditional ways. Baselitz is best known for his "Heroes" series, single-figure pictures (often hung upside down) depicting various Germanic types. The vounger Anselm Kiefer, who takes on grandiose Wagnerian themes, makes huge oil canvasses lumpy with sand, wires, circuit boards, straw, and other debris.

I'm going on like this because it's very likely that German art will come to seem as crucial in



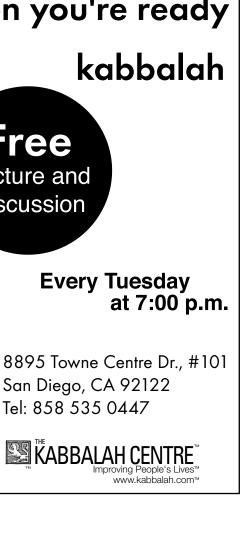
Milkstone, marble and milk, 1987-1989

'Wolfgang Laib: A Retrospective" Through Sunday, May 19 Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla; 700 Prospect Street (858-454-3541)

our time as French art early in the century and American art in the '40s and '50s. The most important exhibition of contemporary painting right now is the Gerhard Richter retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art, which you might catch when it comes to San Francisco next spring. I

also want to provide a context for the youngish Wolfgang Laib, born in 1950, who shares some of Beuys's ideas and whose work is the subject of a retrospective currently at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Beuys wanted art to change our political consciousness. Laib's work, too, much



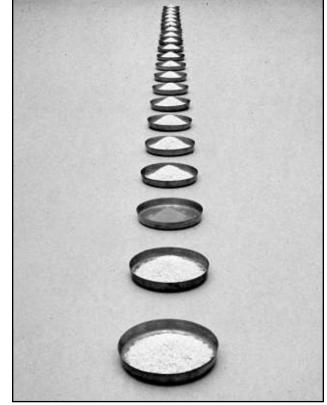


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of it one-time-only events, is about altering consciousness, but it has more to do with meditative seeking. As a boy he traveled frequently with his parents to Asia and all his life has returned to India (and Burma, Turkey, and Tibet) in pursuit of forms, suggestions, pieties, anything that teaches him to concentrate the energies of physical and nonmaterial realities. The influence running from Steiner through Beuys has resulted in the sweetestsmelling gallery I've ever been in, where Laib has installed an enormous 12-foot-tall ziggurat made of beeswax, one of his favorite materials. (He constructs wooden frames onto which he melts the wax.) The structure looks stable and solid, but the alluring fragrance — *it* seems to be inhaling us - reminds us of the beeswax's instability.

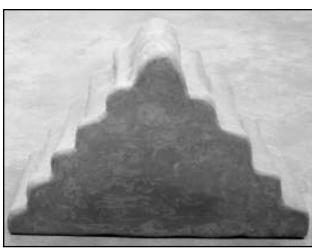
Laib doesn't teach for a living, pays scant attention to the art world, and performs his work as a spiritual practice. It's a monastic, ascetic art with precisely extravagant effects. (It's no surprise that he admires Brancusi, Mondrian, and the Russian Suprematist painter Kasimir Malevich.) The incandescent yellow rectangles he creates on floors by sifting pollen through muslin are each



The Rice Meals, 33 brass plates with rice, 1 plate with hazelnut pollen, 1983

a one-time-only event; they're also in process, since any stirring of the air changes the consistency of color and texture. Modern artists, at least since Corot, have tried not so much to represent nature as to bring over into image or abstraction a feeling for nature. Laib's art is more Asian than

sensuous circuitry between the phenomenal world and the actions of the artist. He harvests pollen from fields around his house, then stores it in jars that he sometimes exhibits. (One gallery show consisted entirely of several differently colored jars on a windowsill.) There are outdoor photographs of him, where his thin body, dressed in the pale yellow clothes he favors, looks like another tall



shoot, as if in using pollen he's

ing. As a young man he studied

Sanskrit and Eastern religions,

and although he attended and

completed medical school, he

chose to devote himself to mak-

ing art and studying Asian

culture. His first work was a

large stone he found near his

house that he carved into a per-

fect ovoid, a Brahmanda, which

in Hindu iconography repre-

sents the egg that produced the

Lord Brahma. Eight small Brah-

mandas lie on the floor in the

exhibition, their tight little dou-

ble shadows shifting with the

light. What's self-evident is

nonetheless true: the stones are

an extraordinary materializa-

tion of the quality of stillness.

In 1975 Laib made his first

"milkstone," a square marble

slab that he sands to create a

Laib has no formal art train-

harvesting his own self.

Untitled, ziggurat of beeswax, 1993

slight concavity, which he then fills with milk, creating out of liquid the illusion of solidity. The milkstones have an austere beauty, like all his work, and they entice you to blow on them, to alter them. Like the pollen rectangles, they involve ceremony: the surface is drained every night (by artist or dealer or museum staff) and replenished, engaging the material and its "servers" in a process of repetitive restoration that even involves us, since we can see our reflections in the milk. The curators have placed one in a western gallery such that rectangles of sunlight falling and changing on the floor enter into a diurnal dialogue with it.

Nearly all of Laib's forms are modeled after objects he has seen on his journeys to the East. Outside the room containing a

big pollen field --- its luminescence brightens the air and burnishes the walls — is a long row of identical brass plates like those used in India for serving food and making offerings. Each holds a nearly identical mound of rice (Laib says that repetition "is the most beautiful thing that exists") except for one with a cone of the same hazelnut pollen that composes the field. From the capstones of Islamic graveyards Laib took his "Rice House" form, a structure of varied shapes and proportions either containing rice or having small "foundational" rice mounds shored against its sides. Two of these on exhibit, made from red sealing wax still used in India, look solid and weighty. The form and materials are essential reductions; there's nothing incidental or superfluous. The simplicity can be breathtaking. Laib isn't any kind of traditional western European artist. He isn't really interested in creating beauty, though so many of his forms are sparely beautiful. He wants a participatory not presentational art. He considers himself not an interpreter or expresser but an intermediary in an open system where manifestations of life-in-death cycle through manifestations of death-in-life.

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GALLERIES

"Polar-Fish" — this exhibit of black-and-white fish-eye photographs of historic London sites and color Polaroid transfers of "eclectic imagery" by photographer Brett Ullman closes with a reception on Friday, March 22, at 6 p.m., at Chet Wooding Graphics. Regular hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gallery is found at 1733 University Avenue; 619-295-5993. (HILLCREST)

Check Out "The Book Arts Show" when the Next Door Gallery hosts its third show devoted to books by more than 20 gallery artists and members of San Diego Book Arts. The exhibit includes "one-of-a-kind pieces" and some of the artists' limited editions and blank books. Meet the participating artists when the gallery hosts an opening reception on Saturday, March 23, at 5 p.m.

The show closes on Saturday, May 18. Find the gallery at 2963 Beech Street (between 30th and Dale Streets). Call 619-233-6679 for details. Viewing hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. (GOLDEN HILL) A Fascination for the Legend and images of *The Iliad*, the epic poem attributed to Homer, have inspired Joe Nyiri in "The Dogs of Troy." This exhibition begins with a reception on Saturday, March 23, 4 to 8 p.m., at the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery. Nyiri is well known as the San Diego Zoo art teacher. Enjoy the show through Sunday,

April 28. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The gallery is found at 30352 Highway 78 (at the junction with Highway 79). For more information, call 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

Sound Sculptures, videos, and a presentation and discussion on sound sculpture is promised when Gallery Now hosts a closing reception for "Musique Mechanique" on Tuesday, March 26, at 8 p.m. Find the gallery at 8053 Broadway. Gallery hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and by appointment. 619-469-0775. (LEMON GROVE)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, site-specific installations by an international group of artists whose creative material is light are currently on view. "Light" examines subjects including "the nature of time, space and infinity, and the consequences, both positive and negative, of our increasingly intimate relationship with technology." The exhibition concludes on Sunday, May 5.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in "African Art — The Pulse of a Continent," continuing through Sunday, June 30. Highlights include a beaded chief's robe from Nigeria's Yoruba culture, a wedding costume from the Ndebele people of South Africa, feather hats, ivory hairpins, and stools carved from single pieces of wood.

The James L. Greaves Collection is a unique assemblage of more than 230 pre-Columbian objects dating from the First Century to about 1500 A.D. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. "Pre-Columbian Art — Marine Animal Forms" continues through Sunday, May 12.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, a collective vision of life in the United States through the experiences of citizens from diverse communities is offered in "Indivisible: Stories of American Community." Twelve accomplished photographers visited locations across the nation "and recorded the ways in which citizens have erased poverty, soothed racial tensions, and protected the environment." In each location, "the artists documented the ways residents work together to address crucial issues and create positive change." Be inspired through Sunday, April 21.

See "Renovation and Expansion: MCA in Downtown San Diego, Gluckman Mayner Architects in Association with Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson," an exhibit including architectural drawings, models, and photographs of projects by those creating an architectural renovation plan for the museum's proposed new downtown location. Check out the ideas through Sunday, April 21.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, the progression of Wolfgang Laib's career over the past 28 years is traced in "Wolfgang Laib: A Retrospective." The exhibition includes 24 sculptures and installations as well as 26 drawings. Laib is an artist whose work is said to deal with the spirituality of everyday materials and objects. Laib lives in a remote area of Germany's Black Forest. In his art, "Laib has gathered pollen to create glowing floor installations, has built rooms and other architectural elements from beeswax (which allude to antiquity), and explored the shamanistic role of the contemporary artist." Interested? View the retrospective through Sunday, May 19. Find the museum at 700 Prospect

Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, 35 photographers and 15 writers were commissioned to record their responses to culture at the end of the 20th Century. The work they produced addresses an array of issues including tradition, family, diversity, and immigration. The resulting exhibition, "Photographers, Writers, and the American Scene," opens on Sunday, March 24, with a large selection of the images and excerpts from the writings on display. See the show through Sunday, June 2.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado.

For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

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, fea turing over 120 paintings, prints, drawings, watercolors, and preparatory studies for murals. All of the pieces showcase Orozco's "revolu-tionary 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."

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.

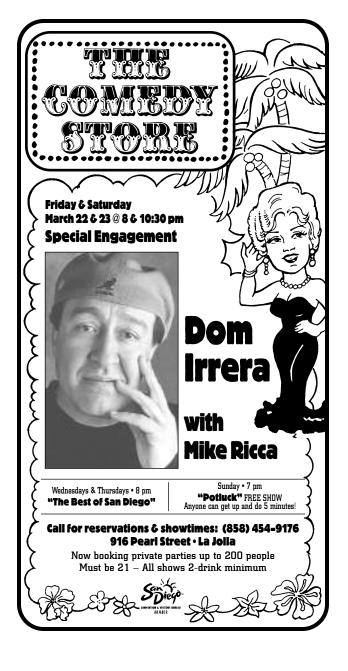
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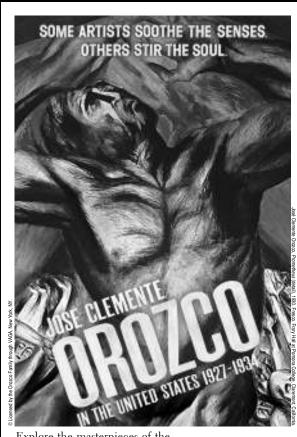
Timken Museum of Art, "Choices and Inspirations: The Temptation of Saint Anthony" is an instructive exhibition exploring how a work of art is brought into being. The exhibit traces the specific creative influences on 16th-Century Venetian painter Giovanni Savoldo's Temptation of Saint Anthony, a painting in the museum's permanent collection. Savoldo's painting is contrasted with Dutch master Hieronymus Bosch's three-panel Last Judgment, on loan from the Groeningemuseum in Bruges, Belgium. See the show through Sunday, March 31.

The museum's permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



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Strange Behavior

Why spend so much time with a lowlife whose best defense is an all-pervasive stench?

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wo brothers and a homeless guy. House in West London. Junk heap. They compete, above and below the surface, almost like a game of status, status, who's got the status.

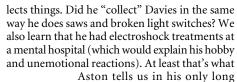
Harold Pinter's Caretaker is so spare, when it premiered in 1960, critics felt his characters couldn't stand by themselves; they had to represent something symbolic. The consensus: Freud's id (the simple-minded As-

ton); ego (Davies the "tramp"); and superego (Aston's sadistic younger brother Mick). But if that's what Pinter wanted, why didn't he give his people those names? After much critic squawk about hidden meanings, Pinter finally wrote that Aston, Davies, and Mick aren't "symbols of anything." But then how to account for their strange behavior?

As was often his wont, the critic Kenneth Tynan pointed in a useful direction: "Where most playwrights devote their technical efforts to making us wonder what will happen next, Mr. Pinter forces our wonder on what is happening now. Who are these people? How did they meet, and why?"

The Caretaker unfolds like a camera slowly coming into focus. The situation has an alibi. Aston pulled Davies (an "old man" whose job was cleaning floors and tables) from a fight and brought Davies to his junk-filled room to recuperate. Aston offers him tobacco, shoes, and a place to stay. Simple, Good Samaritan stuff?

But just who is Aston? As the play progresses and he comes into focus, we learn that Aston col-

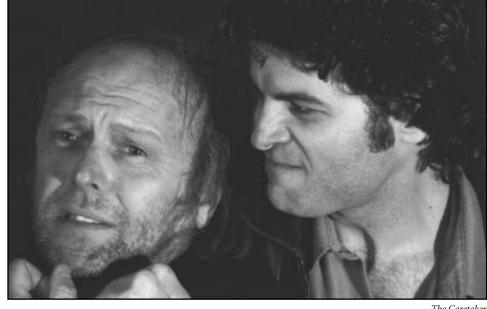


speech. Firm ground, finally. But in an interview, Pinter said, "It isn't necessary to conclude that everything Aston says about his

experiences in the mental hospital is true.' Same with Davies, which may, or may not, be his real name. He swears his "papers" - which "prove who I am" — are in Sidcup, south of London, but the rain prevents their retrieval. Davies also swears he's eaten dinner "off the best of plates" and was in the military ("spent half my life there...overseas...one of the first over there"). But it's soon clear he'll say anything to secure his place in this room and has a morbid fear of losing it.

But even here Davies bifurcates. He defends his nonexistent rights but starts to colonize his surroundings. When he gets a bed, he wants the window closed; then he needs a clock; then to switch beds. Soon he's giving Aston orders.

Aston's younger brother, Mick, may be the easiest to read. He has a trade, unspecified, even a van. Though he says few words to Aston, Mick's convinced he's in a "game" with Davies. Soon it becomes clear that Mick's a sadist determined to show Davies he's "out of his depth." But why? Mick's elegant vocabulary suggests higher edu-



The Caretaker

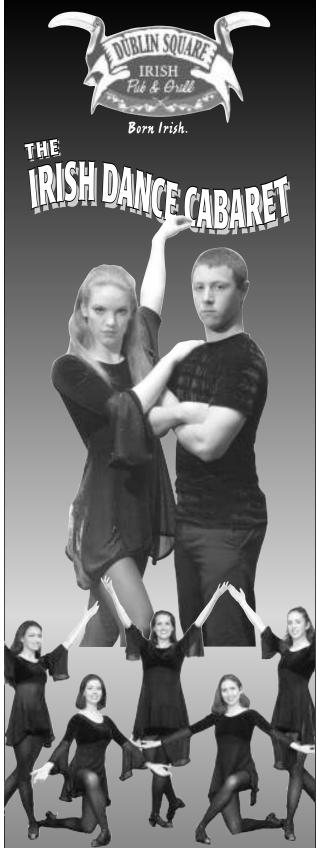
The Caretaker. by Harold Pinter

Renaissance Theatre Company, 6th@Penn Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest Directed by Rosina Reynolds; cast: Ron Choularton, Bryan Bevell, Jeffrey Jones; scenic design, Marty Burnett; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Karin Filijan; props and set dressing, Maggie Thompson Playing 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.

cation. Why spend so much time with a lowlife whose best defense is an all-pervasive stench?

In Act three, Mick yells at Davies: "I can take nothing you say at face value. Every word you speak is open to any number of different interpretations. Most of what you say is lies. You're violent, you're erratic, you're just completely unpredictable." Mick also speaks for Pinter's audience. The Caretaker's blurred camera-like focus never sharpens completely. We learn things, some of which make sense. But Davies and the brothers excel at disinformation. They need to, to keep ahead in the "game," where personal revelations show weakness. They're also the way Pinter sees





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Actors always want to be "in the moment." This is especially important for Pinter's plays, because the "moment" is all he gives you. Partial identities, transitory motivations, lies and masks concealing the truth — or blank nothingness: Alan Ayckbourn asked Pinter how to play these traits. Pinter replied, "Just do it." Director Rosina Reynolds and the Renaissance Theatre Company do just that with a gritty, intriguing, and at times quite funny staging of *The Caretaker*.

Marty Burnett's dank, moldy set and Maggie Thompson's props could qualify for the detritus hall of fame: piles of rusted stuff (even a kitchen sink); a gas stove from hell, dappled with creeping brown stains you wouldn't touch with a tenfoot shark prod (yet Davies has a fit because the stove doesn't work!); and, a Pinteresque comment, empty picture frames. Side walls, angling toward the center, add to the claustrophobic aura, as does Karin Filijan's excellent cavelike lighting.

In Caretaker, even the house has an identity problem. Some people live down the street, maybe even share a common commode. The rooms downstairs are closed, as are those on "the landing." Where or what the house is - condemned? a fixer-upper? - is anyone's guess, which Jeanne Reith's costumes complicate. Both brothers dress nattily: Aston in a dark suit and beige overcoat; Mick a (currently ubiquitous) black leather jacket. Their clothes suggest they could own the place, or are they homesteading too?

Once a year the Renaissance Theatre Company stages a 20th-century "classic," this year adding *Caretaker* to its *Waiting for Godot* (2000) and Long Day's Journey into Night (2001). First-class production values and quality acting are the company's hallmarks. As Aston and Mick, Bryan Bevell and Jeffrey Jones create a good cop/bad cop tandem. They "just do it," and do it well, leaving the "why" the brothers do it to the audience's imagination. And Ron Choularton is special as Davies, the everyman in no man's land. He's grimy, cantankerous, at times as off-putting as that evil stove, yet also human, assertive, and even quite comical. Choularton gets what Pinter was after. "The Caretaker is funny," he wrote, "up to a point. Beyond that point it ceases to be funny, and it was because of that point that I wrote it." \blacksquare

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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 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 Pavton-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 thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And

big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. Worth a try. THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-

ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

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, THROUGH MARCH 23; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Callas, La Divina

The Hispanic Theatre of San Diego presents a reading, in English, of Jesus Sierra Oliva's drama about Maria Callas, proceeds benefiting the Callas Museum in Athens, Greece. ACADEMY OF OPERA, 3554 KETTNER BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, SATURDAY, MARCH 23, AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY, MARCH 24, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 619-725-0777 OR 858-278-6139.

The Caretaker

Reviewed this issue. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION 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; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder

In HIT Productions newest mystery dinner-theater show, Texas Ranger Slate Montana must find the truth. Did Butch Spikehorn kill Hank Anderson, as people have long believed, or was it someone else? SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room." SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFOR-MATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Half the Sky

Sushi Performance & Visual Art presents Carla Kirkwood's workin-progress, in which "a multiracial group of women engage the an-

cient Chinese proverb 'Women hold up half the sky' and ask themselves, 'Only halft' " SUSHI PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ART, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, THROUGH MARCH 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MARCH 24 AT 2:00 P.M.

The Hank Show

The Pine Hills Lodge & Dinner Theater presents Jack Johnson's tribute to Hank Williams Sr., "a 1950-vintage replica." PINE HILLS LODGE DINNER THEATER, THROUGH MAY 11; MATINEE MARCH 24 AND APRIL 21, MEAL AT 12:30 P.M. CUR-TAIN AT 2:00 P.M.; MAY 10 AND 11, DIN-NER AT 6:30 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M.

Harlem Duets

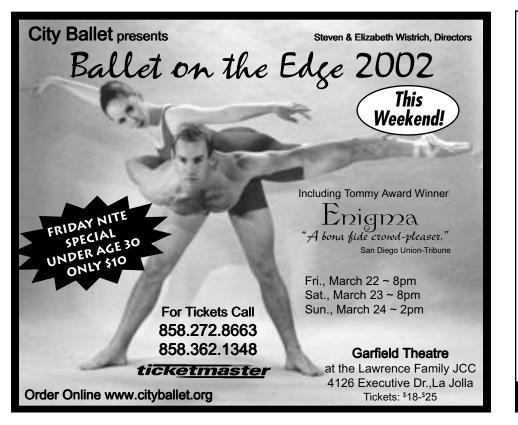
What if, prior to meeting the "fair" (skinned) Desdemona, Othello were married to a black woman? What hap pened to her? Dianet Sears' multi-lavered, poetic drama "explores the space where race and sex intersect." Sears splits the stage: two African-American couples, one from the 19th the other from the 20th century, divorce. In both cases, like Othello, the man opts for a white woman. Why? Sears uses the question as an analytical 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 shakey, 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 Worth a try. HIROSHI MACDONALD MORI PERFORM

ING ARTS CENTER, THROUGH MARCH 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR IN-FORMATION CALL 858-831-1931.

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, THROUGH MARCH 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. NOTE:



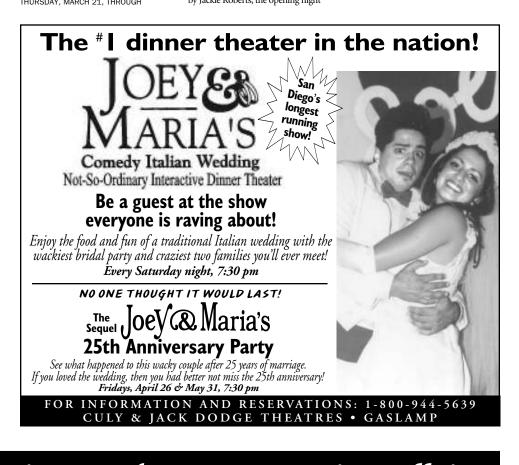
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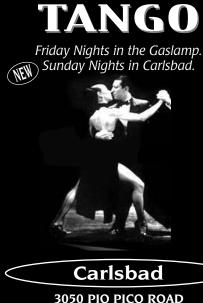


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It's My Party

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Joey and Maria's

Comedy Italian Wedding The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATER. 338 WEST SEVENTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

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 Scorcese'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-theslacker 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, seriocomical 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: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-

DAY 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 Padget directed. PATH AT THE MILL POND, 360 NORTH MIDWAY AVENUE, ESCONDIDO. THROUGH MARCH 24: FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-480-7595.

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A Majority of One

The Merchant of Venice Directing his first Shakespearean play, Sam Woodhouse turns Shakespeare's "comedy" inside-out. It's set in contemporary Venice, where class, gender, and racial differences are so prevalent, everyone is an "Other" to at least one other person. Xenophobia and hatred may be the one thing all have in common. 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. Amid this nexus of cross-thatched wants and needs, Ron Campbell's Shylock becomes a social critic. Much more vic tim than villain, he achieves almost tragic status. Campbell plays him with intense, though at times precious, feeling. Few in the cast reach

Foreman, Campbell, Douglas Roberts (an inward Antonio as closet homosexual), and Linda Libby's (a hoot as Nerissa) level. Several actors are "doing" Shakespeare, substituting energy and ornate gestures for verbal precision. Merchant's like a waterbed: push down one side and another rises. Having Shylock the central focus, and the opposite of a villain, shines much-needed light on bigotry. At the same time, though, it warps Shakespeare's comic scenes, which feel forced, at times gratuitous. But while Woodhouse's stress distorts parts of the text, it also has merit. To

save Antonio from losing a pound of flesh, Portia performs legal homeopathy: she uses Venetian law to cure itself. By foregrounding ingrained bias, the Rep's production performs a similar function with religious and racial intolerance. Worth a try.

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National Comedy Theatre

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O Yea Daughters of Jerusalem Newworks Theatre, in association with St. Paul's Cathedral, presents a reader's theater performance of Sandra Fox's drama about women of the Bible, including Rachel, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary Magdalene.

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Pageant

Beauty pageants rank among the safest of targets. Robert Longbottom's satire tears into the genre but raises the stakes twice. While his contestants send up the various competitions - talent show, Q&A, swimsuit - the actors are in their own contest, "Miss Glamouresse," judged each 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 baroque hoopla of pageants. On the Grand Scale of Cosmic 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, sounds that note with all they've got. Pageant's a hoot. Worth a try. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

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Shylock

The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages Mark Leiren-Young's "controversial, witty, evocative, necessary" drama about Shakespeare's Shylock and an actor playing him as a villain. Ron Campbell, playing Shylock in the Rep's Merchant of Venice plays the actor. Todd Salovev directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, TUES-DAY, MARCH 26, THROUGH APRIL 14.

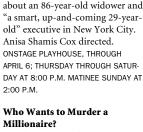
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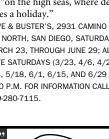
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"There was a faulty CNN website that said Mark [Hoppus] got shot in the trachea [at his home in Florida]. All these fans were



flipping out. A lot of them called here [to blink-182's management office in Encinitas]. I told them if you're a true blue blink fan, you know that Mark does not live in Florida. A lot of radio stations called here. He went on the air with [KROQ's] Kevin and Bean to say it wasn't true."

Also not true, apparently, is that Hoppus is gay. "I know I'm not gay

because I slept with 100 men, and I really didn't enjoy it that much" is what Mark

Hoppus told Q, a glossy monthly that calls itself "Britain's Biggest Musical Magazine."

He was also quoted as saying, "Our band used to be really physically involved with each other, and it got really awkward.... We stopped it because it started interfering...like, I'd turn up

to do a show and we're not

cuddle. Anyway, I'm

Hoppus turned 30 last

April 25 at Coors

Ampitheatre.

married."

Friday.

really talking because I didn't

What is true is that Mark

blink-182, Green Day,

and Jimmy Eat World appear

"I don't know what

an E chord is, but I'll

figure it out by next week.²

Chris Cote of the band

— Ken Leighton

Atticus is the Carlsbadbased clothing company coowned by blink-182's

name band.'

Kut U Up, gloats. "Puddle of

Mudd was really pissed when

It being the 48 dates of

the blink-182/Green Day "Pop Disaster Tour 2002"

that Kut U Up gets to play.

"The main reason for us

going on tour is for Atticus to

film a documentary on a no-

they heard about it.'

Mark Hoppus and Tom DeLonge. Kut U Up will plug in and play next to the Atticus promotional booth, which will greet concertgoers at every stop of the tour. Kut U Up does not get

to play on the main stage, but Atticus is giving them a van, accommodations, and traveling cash. A two-man Atticus camera crew will tag along. All this, and Kut U Up doesn't have a CD, a website, a manager, an agent, or a video.

"Eventually they'll release [the documentary] on DVD,' says Cote optimistically.

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This tour is the latest twist on the marriage of rock bands and action sports. Tony Hawk is developing his Boom Boom Huckiam rockand-skate tour, and Hurley International (manufacturers of skate clothes and wetsuits) is launching its own record label with Warner Bros.

KUT U UP GETS THE NOD FROM BLINK

Records.

Atticus sponsors a stable of bands including American Nightmare, H2O, Midtown, Bane, the Alkaline Trio, and Movielife. Dylan Anderson of Atticus says, "We're not as big as Hurley," but still each band gets Atticus shirts, caps,

and jackets, and Atticus in turn helps the bands with promotion and radio airplay. An Atticus compilation CD is planned for

release in May. Cote says he has no guilt over benefiting from Mark's and Tom's good will. 'Fenix TX were friends with them. That's how they got started.

Jimmy Eat World was unheard of until blink begged them to go out and tour. They finally did. Look at them now.

Jimmy Eat World has two national radio hits with "The Middle" and "Sweetness."

Kut U Up appears tomorrow at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad and April 12 at the Casbah. They appear live tonight from 8 to 9 p.m. on Night Talk on AM 1000 KCEO.

— Ken Leighton

"I have 70 employees and I've had to [temporarily] lay off 35," said Gregg Oggel, general manager of Neiman's in Carlsbad, about their recent 15-day alcohol suspension. "The real tragedy



IT TAKES JUST ONE BARTENDER TO TURN WINE INTO WATER

is they are penalizing the rest of us because one bartender made a stupid mistake." That "mistake" was the sale of alcohol to an under-21 decoy sent into Neiman's last August. "She got off scot free," said Oggel about the bartender. "She's currently in Idaho making money.

Meanwhile, Oggel is not against pointing fingers at Brian Mangen and his DFH production company. DFH presented a "pimp and ho" party at Neiman's and subsequently posted a website that showed photos of men touching young women who

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were dancing onstage. Neiman's ended a four-year relationship with DFH following that event.

"We don't have problems anymore now that he's gone," said Oggel of Mangen. "Meanwhile, over at Boar's Crossing, they have police there every Wednesday night."

Mangen moved his DFH dance night to nearby Boar's Crossing on Wednesdays.

"Everyone comes to my stuff," Mangen responds. "I heard Neiman's hasn't paid its rent in six months and that they are out of there.... I heard the whole block is in escrow and the new owners don't want them there anymore. I heard they want to be more like the old Twin Inns."

Neiman's is housed in a historically valuable 114-year-old building. It was home to the famous Twin Inns restaurant for more than 50 years.

Oggel said the rent issue is part of a dispute Neiman's has with the owners over improvements that were not made. He would not go into detail. He said his father, Stephen Oggel, has a 30-year lease and that Neiman's is not going away. ACF Property

Management company of Sherman Oaks oversaw Neiman's for the old owners (LaCaze Development) and for the new owners (Village Fair LLC). ACF's Lonnie Grant did not return a request for comment. Small Town Heroes

(R&B) appear Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. followed by oldies band the Yacht Lizard. Swing combo the Tim Gill Band performs 8:30 to 11 p.m. Monday at Neiman's. — Ken Leighton

"A lot of the bands that are popular

now — Saves the Day, BRMC, Dashboard Confessional, and Sigor Ross — we've been playing for years. But no one knows it."

Student Andrew Alacante is in charge of the on-air staff at UCSD's student-run radio station. He says KSDT is the only local station that really is on the cutting edge of rock. "We played the Strokes long before 92/1 or 91X." But he's frustrated because "it's the best radio station no one has heard of."

While SDSU's telecom department turns out more media professionals, KSDT keeps the spirit of free-form college radio alive in San Diego. "We are truly alternative," says Alacante. "As soon as we hear a song that we play on 92/1 or 91X, we drop it."

The 25 DJs on KSDT pick their own music, which runs from indie rock to death metal to Mediterranean. They can play anything as long as it

hasn't made the mainstream. As for swearing, Alacante says, "We try to stay away from the objectionable stuff

[on air], but we can say 'fuck' as much as we want," said

promotions director Rishi

air who made some racist

comments about Mexicans,"

says Shaw. "Our bylaws say

homophobic. This one DJ

was making comments about

you can't be racist or

by the FCC at all."

radio.

Shaw. "We're not regulated

But it's not anything-goes

"We kicked a guy off the

Mexicans. There were some Hispanics outside the station and they heard it. They knocked on the door, but he locked himself in."

"We had to intervene," says Alacante. "We kicked him off."

KSDT's zero tolerance of racism conflicts with the *Koala*, UCSD's irreverent humor tabloid that is full of racial slurs and crude sexual jokes.

"We don't associate with



KSDT - THE BEST RADIO STATION NO ONE HAS HEARD OF

the *Koala* staff," says Alacante. "Nobody at the station gets along with the *Koala*." "They are a bunch of

flakes," says Shaw. "All they do is shock people. They use words like 'chink.' Their whole reason for being is to piss people off."

KSDT has no FCC oversight because it isn't broadcast on the airwaves: "We're on Internet radio at

www.ksdtradio.org," says Shaw. "We're looking for an FM signal to use in San Diego, but Clear Channel and another big company have monopolized the market. In L.A. there are a whole bunch of college stations with FM signals. We want to get a lowpower [FM] signal so we could at least cover the campus. Low-power FM was going to be approved, but it fell through.... Right now we're looking to put up an experimental transmitter and test it for a year."

It's not clear how this would come about, and without an FM frequency, KSDT struggles to get CDs to play and concert tickets to give away.

"None of the five major labels service us," says Alacante. "The indie labels are good to us. A lot of the DJs bring their own CDs."

Regarding concert tickets, Alacante says 4th & B, 'Canes, and Fineline Entertainment are good to KSDT. "House of Blues [Concerts] cut us off. [HoB employee] Kira said she doesn't want to deal with us anymore," says Shaw. "She said we're too much trouble. She accused us of giving tickets to our friends because one of the winners happened to know our DJ."

— Ken Leighton

"It's bad business," says Vince Petrucci about Pala Casino firing his band Breez'n "for no apparent reason. They sent us a letter saying, 'Please consider this letter as ample notification and formal termination of previously contracted and discussed future dates....' I got an e-mail that said it was due to numerous complaints. So far I don't know what those numerous complaints are."

Petrucci said the written termination came in January. "If it was a business

decision, fine, let me know. We had our shot. But everybody in the band wanted to know what we did wrong."

He said the canceled dates were worth \$1000 a night.

"If we weren't good enough to play there, why did they extend our dates after we'd been there for six months? And why did they tell us it was because of complaints? I wanted to find out what those complaints were. Linda Repsher, who is the special events supervisor, told me she would get back to me. She never did."

A call to Repsher was not returned.

David Patrone, who fronts a Frank Sinatra tribute, said he was also jilted out of \$10,000 when Pala abruptly canceled ten engagements in September in spite of a written contract. Patrone found he could not go to court over the broken contract because, being an

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Indian reservation, Pala claimed sovereign immunity and cannot be sued in a California court. Patrone said he was told he could plead his case before the Pala tribal council.

"I contacted [Pala general manger] David Fendrick so I could get an appointment with the tribal council. This was a month ago. I haven't heard back. They don't have good faith to do business in California.

Breez'n appears Sunday at an all-ages, free-admission show at Redfish in the Gaslamp and March 29 at Etta's Place near SDSU. - Ken Leighton

A 16-year veteran of the post office, Vince Stevens had a route in La Jolla that included 92.5 the Flash's DJ Ross — Rossman, as he called himself. According to Vince, Rossman would occasionally come outside and talk to him as he brought the mail. When Vince told Ross he played guitar, Ross asked to hear some tapes.

"I brought him tapes a few days later, and he said he loved them. He asked me to come into the station and play the songs live. I knew he went from 91X to 92.5 because he showed me his contract, with a big bonus he got for joining the new station. I think it was \$30,000.

As for appearing on the station, Vince says, "The first time I went on the air with Ross was around 8 p.m. I only played one song, 'My Sweet Valentine,' since it was in February [1993]." The second time Ross asked Vince back was two weeks later. "He brought me back again to perform on the air.

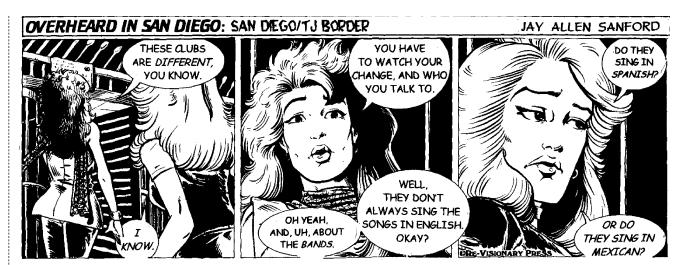
Vince says that Ross "asked me a few different times, 'What other famous people do you deliver mail to?'

"He had given me his phone number, and when I ĥadn't seen him in almost a month, I gave him a call. His response surprised me.... He answered the phone, and I told him I hadn't seen him in a while. He yelled, 'What the hell is this? You're calling me at home? You're my mailman, for Christ's sake!' " "I apologized, hung up, and never talked to him

— Josh Board

CD review: wONKA **bAR**, Sidewalk Camper (Suckie Records, 2001)

again."



For a band that plays light acoustic pop (though they describe it as "aggressive acoustic rock"), wONKA bAR has some high-calorie affiliations. A Wonka Bar has

percent of your

oatmeal cookie made with Jägermeister — with whom the band has a marketing partnership (Jägermeister "does to music" what "it does to a good time") — has 123



WONKA bAR - THE JAGERMEISTER BAND 22 grams of fat (that's 33 calories. And Guinness, which the band members recommended daily value) drink, has 54 calories a and 39 grams of sugars. One serving and is listed as "not

the Australian Vegetarian Network. And as the band admits in "The Note," pretty, orchestrated ballad, Your body is older now. In sum: "Too many times

upon the well / Splits the gut of those who drink their blood as wine.

suitable" for vegetarians by

From the Colorado mountain town of Frisco. wONKA bAR moved to PB in 1999. Knowing where they would find the most willing audience, the band started out playing on the corner of Cass and Garnet in front of the Washington Mutual Bank, where they presumably deposited their average daily intake of \$10.

They make more than that now (as does the Dave Matthews Band, whom they cite as the standard-bearer of

their genre) playing regularly at Tavern on the Beach on Garnet.

Two names you'll find in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory but not on the same bill?

wONKA bAR and Veruca Salt

The band plays tomorrow at the Hard Rock in La Jolla and in April at the Tavern at the Beach in PB.

— Iustin Wolff

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Her parents' friends dress up a poodle in her mom's underwear.

meet Mary Fleener at her art opening right after a guy leans against a wall and knocks over three of her pots, each selling for about \$200. Two break. There's a silence. Later, as the party resumes, people keep repeating, "Did you notice how the music stopped?

Fleener kind of shrugs and seems unruffled by the *cha-ching* of money being flushed down the toilet. I don't talk to her immedi-

ately, just watch from the sidelines of Ducky Waddle's bookstore (next to Lou's Records in Leucadia). She has the feeling of calmness — a couple of pots are nothing compared to some of the stories in her comic novel, Life of the Party. There events are bigger: Slugs all over her kitchen floor, a party where her parents' friends dress up a poodle in her mom's underwear, and being mistaken for someone's lover while playing bass at a gay bar.

The ceramics are a new venue for Fleener, more known as a comic book illustrator. Later at her kitsch-laden home in Encinitas, I see some of her bowls holding paper clips, pens, and the remote control - expensive knick-knack holders.

As for her art opening, I'm a little late. There's no wine left. The hors d'oeuvres look as if someone has fallen into them as well. I look at Fleener's art. The stuff that's still left on the walls. The pots and plates all have the same bold lines and similar nose/face/eve distortions melded with geometrical shapes that animate Fleener's work. But on these curved surfaces, the cartoons are all woven into an M.C. Escher-esque tiling of the plane.

I wanted to meet Mary because I know that she's also in a North County band called the Wig Titans. She plays bass. Her husband's in it too-Paul Therrio. He plays guitar and is a computer programmer. The drummer is Rebecca Olachea, and Thom Gardner does guitar and vocals.

As we're talking at Fleener's art opening, the pot-knocker-over's significant other comes up and says, "We'll make it up to you.'

"Nah, that's okay."

"No, really."

"Forget it."

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I thought it was a guy who was in her band. But when I ask her, she tells me it's a guy in another band that the Wig Titans often play with -Lo-Fi Nipple. This band comes with go-go girls I'm told

Shortly after I arrange to interview her, Mary tells me that she's going to be on NPR's Talk of the Nation. They're just going to call her up on

the phone, six minutes before 1:00 in the afternoon. The show ends at one. She'll have to talk quickly.

"From her home in Encinitas, California, Mary Fleener joins us. She's the creator of — among

other things — the underground comic *The Life of the Party* and recently edited an issue of the Comics Journal that was dedicated to women cartoonists, and well...

"Hi, Neal." "Can you tell us what the Comics Journal is

about and what comics can do to become more girl-friendly. It's kind of a guy thing." He says the word "guy" in a fake TV way. Mary has already warned me that interviewers always ask her the same questions every interview.

"All right. Well, there's two trade magazines in the comic business. There's the Comic Book Artist, and they mostly focus on the golden age of the super heroes. And then there's the Comics Journal, which comes out of Seattle ... and it's more geared toward the alternative, underground comics. And the reason I decided to edit an allwoman's issue is there's been one woman, Trina Robbins, who seems to have written every book and done every panel that has to do with women cartoonists, and I felt it was time for somebody else who came from maybe another end of the political spectrum — I'm a big fan of Robert Crumb, and I love the old Mad magazines, and Lenny Bruce — I'm more of a tomboy I suppose, and so I wanted to put my spin on it and I proposed the idea...and they said yes.'

"Now..." Neal starts to interrupt. "Go ahead, I'm sorry."

"Okay, well, there are some groups trying to attract more women and girls into the comic field. Friends of Lulu's, a nonprofit organization, has been actively having art shows and panels...they're very visible at the San Diego Comic Convention...but I think the retailers could really help by having nice stores that don't seem like you're walking into a boy's club that smells like your socks.

Neal laughs a little nervously.

"That's one step," Fleener adds in the pause. The clock's ticking. "Do you look both ways before you go into

the comic store to make sure maybe your friends don't see you?"

"More that that, they often think that I'm a mom looking for one of my kids." "Did you grow up reading comic books?"

"Well, no, not exactly. My mother worked at

Disney, and so we had a lot of books about Walt Disney. One of the few TV shows I was allowed to watch was the Disney cartoons. But [I read] the beautiful 24-page Sunday funny section in the Herald Examiner and the L.A. Times.... I was really influenced by Al Capp and 'Li'l Abner'...[and] Tracy.'" **'**Dick "So, Mary Fleener,

what's your next project?' "Way-ll," Fleener

drawls. "I think I'm going to start doing autobiographical stories again. I took a break from that I did an all-ages comic that went over like a lead balloon.

Hollow laugh from both.

"So I'm going to work on that -

Neal wraps it up, "Mary Fleener is a writer, illustrator, painter, and cartoonist In Washington, I'm Neal Conan, NPR news.' He doesn't list cerami-

cist and bass player.

At her home, Mary shows me a new oil painting that she did. She tells me later that it got accepted into La Luz in L.A.

"I had a solo show there in 1994 and actually sold a \$4000 painting.... If you look at www.laluzdejesus.com vou can see their entire gallery online, including one of my paintings."

When she shows me this painting in her living room, she admits that it's still wet and could smear. She's already had to fix it a couple of times. I don't want to get near it. I've seen how easily her work can be destroyed.

I look around the place as she safeguards the picture. Two Christmas trees, one adorned with plastic cooties from that old game, are still up. It's the second week of January. When I tell her the cootie one could stay year-round, she agrees but says, "That one has to go."

I ask about all the sheet music hanging on the walls.

"I worked at a music store in Torrance," she tells me. "And one day someone wanted 'Hawaiian War Chant' or something. And so I'm looking through there, and all of a sudden I see 'Subter-



Mary Fleener

ranean Homesick Blues,' and I go, 'What the f... There's sheet music?' The more I started looking at it, I just started taking them out. There was 'Teddy Bear.' And you know, I'm ashamed as an ex-framer - I've worked in frame places haven't archivally framed them."

I tell Fleener that I have sheet music from my grandmother, from the '20s through the '40s. She tells me of an old one she gave to local musician Buddy Siegal. "It said 'Little Black Buddy.' This guy had a little black boy, a little friend, but he can't be friends with him anymore, and he goes, 'But I knew you were white at heart,' The lyrics are way bad.

In Fleener's stark black-and-white drawings, there are many depictions of bands playing at bars. Fleener started playing the bass in 1974 -







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she thinks. "We were taking so many drugs back then, it's kind of hard, the years kind of blend.... I wanted to learn to play bass. All my boyfriends were always guitar players. This one guy — his friend either

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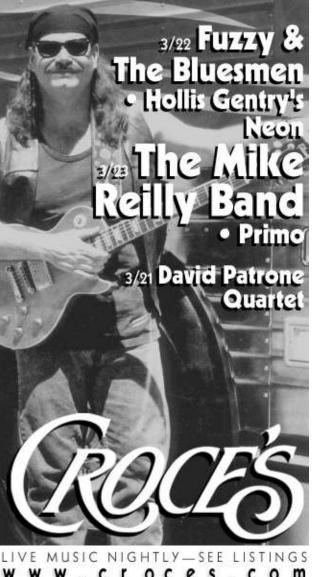
stole a bass or something - I don't know. I ended up with this turquoise Mustang threequarter-neck bass. I wish I still had it. I traded it to get a Precision. And I hated the Precision because the neck was real thick and everything, and I just didn't like the way it sounded. And a friend of mine was selling his Rickenbacker 'cause he wanted a Flying V. Because it was the '70s. This is what everybody played. Danelectros and the Flying Vs and all that. So I sold the Precision and bought this Rickenbacker." Which she still has.

"When I first started playing, there were no women. There was Danielle Faye in the Zippers, there was Diane Chai in the Alley Cats, there was a girl bass player in the Dogs. There were a few guitar players here and there, but whenever you wanted to play with people, the first thing they'd say is, 'How long you been playing?' I'd always lie. It took me about three years to really get good at it. I practiced a lot I got gigs right away because I was a girl...and I can harmonize."

Being pressed to think of musical relatives, Fleener offers up, "On my dad's side there was some uncle who no one likes to talk about who played instruments....

"My mother played the piano.... My mother was also a child dancer with this little kiddie group called the Meglin Kiddies. I found her little tambourine. It's around here somewhere."

"This was on TV?" "No, this was back in the days of vaudeville...1924, 1925.... This lady, a matron, had 20 little girls, and they'd do little dances, and they'd open before a movie....Judy Garland started with the Gumm Sisters in the Meglin Kiddies group.... My grandmother was the seamstress and made all the costumes. That was real big, those kiddie revues, it's kind of like borderline child porn." ■



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Grand Finales

"A Requiem is a thing one writes for oneself."

he day after September 11 I took a long walk. Stunners like that usually register with me a day or two after the event: your basic delayed reaction. I feel enervated and my attention scattered. In short, I'm next to useless. Had I had friends in the Towers or the

Pentagon, my feelings would have been deeper and more troubling still. Given the "degree of separation" formula, I'm sure friends of mine lost people dear to them. I still find it odd, keeping in mind my experiences of the World Trade Center: viewing it from Jersey or Brooklyn or from a plane banking into or out of Kennedy or Newark airports; or of viewing it from the windows of offices and apartments in Manhattan and from the street; and from walking around the damn thing while

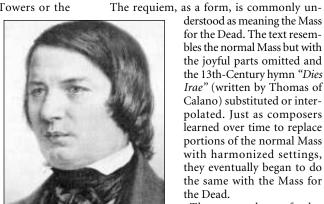
in the financial district and being inside it. I remember going to the observation deck not long after it was completed. I have writer friends in the Battery City complex just a nine-iron away from the towers. In order to visit them I have to pass through the Trade Center. After the bomb-

ings of several years back, the lobby of the place looked like an armed camp. And it stayed that way. It wasn't very pleasant. And then there's that experience of

watching it burn and topple over on TV, again and again. The two experiences- - the remembered and TV images — coexist in a troubling fashion. In fact, they don't coexist; they struggle against one another, one trying to gain precedence over the other.

But it's gone, along with the thousands who perished inside and around it. We mourn in our respective ways, communally and individually. There is music for mourning, a large body of it. Much of it is beautiful, some of it comforting, some disturbing. One of the first stops on my walk was the local music emporium. In the jazz and classical section they were playing Fauré's Requiem, a piece the composer wrote in 1886 upon

march 23rd



Schumann

that moment in time.

perhaps the earliest, or among them, written by Palestrina in 1571. The composers Victoria and Cavalli composed requiems in the 17th Century: Jommelli, Gossec, and Mozart in the 18th Centuries, the last composed

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the death of his father, a work that is not at all

tragic or grand in the heroic 19th-Century man-

ner but, rather, somber and contained. It is a

lovely piece of music and was most welcome at

the Dead.

brated requiems,

Mozart's

deathbed and com-

Cherubini, Berlioz,

derstood as meaning the Mass

for the Dead. The text resem-

bles the normal Mass but with

the joyful parts omitted and

the 13th-Century hymn "Dies

Irae" (written by Thomas of

Calano) substituted or inter-

polated. Just as composers

learned over time to replace

portions of the normal Mass

with harmonized settings,

they eventually began to do

the same with the Mass for



Schumann, Dvořák, Bruckner, Verdi, and Britten all composed requiems. A number of them were the composers' final work, and Schumann was quoted, "A Requiem is a thing one writes for oneself."

There are other musical ways of mourning. A dirge is a funeral song, usually for chorus a cappella. The word is a corruption of the opening of the Matin of the Office of the Dead: "Dirige Domine Deus Meus in conspectu tuo viam meam. Stravinsky wrote a dirge: In Memoriam by Dylan Thomas.

A lament is a dirge chanted upon the death of an important person or dear friend. Laments

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date all the way back to Charlemagne in 814. Couperin le Grand, who wrote a lament for the composer Lully, was himself commemorated two centuries later by Ravel in his magnificent Le Tombeau de Couperin.

An elegy, which we usually identify with poetry, in music is a song of lament or an instrumental composition along those lines. A lacrimosa or lacrymosa is drawn from the Requiem. A threnody is a dirge. One of the most celebrated and powerful contemporary threnodies is Penderecki's Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima for Orchestra.

A funèbre is a funeral march. There is a moving piece another Pole, Lutoslawski, wrote for Béla Bartók: Funeral Music for String Orchestra. The Hungarian Sándor Veress wrote a piece also commemorating Bartók, entitled Threnos (Threnody), written upon receiving the news of Bartók's death on 26

September 1945. Ligeti, a student of Veress, composed a significant Requiem of his own and a related piece entitled Lux aeterna for 16-part choir.

The Russians, like the Poles, are Slavs. By tem-

perament and history it is no accident that they have produced a significant body of music that involves memorializing and grief. Chief among the Russians would be Dimitri Shostakovich. Any Russian born in 1906 and surviving until 1975 would have witnessed plenty of horror, and Shostakovich saw more than most. On top of all that, he is one of Western music's great clinical depressives, along with being one of the last century's

greatest composers. One might choose to start with his final string quartet, #15, made up of six slow movements, including an Elegy, a Nocturne, and a Funeral March. In this piece, written near the end of his life, the composer is saying goodbye. It is a kind of self-eulogy. If you take to his music, and you're in a mournful mood, you might want to try his 9th Symphony, written in 1954, in which he mourns his first wife; or the 8th Symphony, commemorating the victims of fascism

and war but, Shostakovich said privately, really dedicated to himself. His 14th and 15th Symphonies are meditations on death. And his E-minor *piano trio* from 1944 was inspired by his feelings for the Jews slaughtered in the Holocaust.

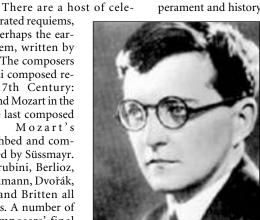


If you're still upright, the music of Alfred Schnittke (b. 1934) will finish you off. His Piano Quintet, transcribed for orchestra and titled In Memoriam, is a lament for his mother: a complex, disturbing, heartbreaking piece. Singular: not at all sentimental. Schnittke commemorated the memory of his great predecessor

and guiding light in 1975: Prelude in memorium Dmitri Shostakovich, another powerful piece, if less harrowing.

Even when Slavic composers are not necessarily trying to be gloomy, they are often dark. But perhaps the most often played music for grieving is by an American, Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings. The Adagio, in fact, is extracted from Barber's String Quartet of 1931. It is the second movement arranged for string orchestra. Over time it became perhaps the most popular American composition of serious music and a great favorite at state funerals. The very antique among you may remember it as the background music at Roosevelt's commemorative service in 1945. Those of you middle-aged will probably recall hearing the Adagio countless times in the wake of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Most of us weren't in Monaco at the time, but the piece was also played at Princess Grace's funeral in 1982. For all its familiarity, I find it a beautiful, moving piece of music.

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Alejandra Guzman and Mikel Erentxun: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Pinback (398), the Black Heart Procession (179), and Threnody Ensemble: The Casbah, Saturday, March 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220:4355 or 619-220:4497.

SUNDAY

Pinback (398), the Black Heart Procession (179), and Maquiladora (139): The Scene, Sunday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Brotzmann, Marco Eneidi, and Jackson Krall: Spruce Street Forum, Sunday, March 24, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

TUESDAY

The Pat Metheny Group: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497. "Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring the Geri Allen Trio: Tuesday, March 26, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.

WEDNESDAY

Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young [507]: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Moody Blues [537]: California Center for the Arts, Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James (934) and Billy Watson: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"Snocore" featuring Alien Ant Farm (435), Adema, and Glassjaw: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or

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Bad Religion (151), Less Than Jake (132), and Hot Water Music (545): Cox Arena, Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Charlie Musselwhite and John Hammond (961); Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Natalie Merchant / 532 /: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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"Music for Life Leukemia Benefit" featuring the MacAnanys [577], the Hatchet Brothers, and the Hilt: The Casbah, Saturday, March 30, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Enrique Iglesias: Civic Theatre, Sunday, March 31, Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Folds and the Divine Comedy: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Mannheim Steamroller (992): San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

"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.

The Supersuckers (367) and Jesse Dayton (769): The Casbah, Monday, April 1, and Tuesday, April 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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The Rugburns (263), Berkley Hart (880), and Cindy Lee Berryhill: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 5, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497

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Harry Connick Jr. [675]: Cople Symphony Hall, Sunday, April 7, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Soullive (654) and N'Dambi: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 11, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497

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Imperial Teen [556]: The Casbah, Thursday, April 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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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 [692]: 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 [687]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497

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The Strokes [104]: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 23, 345 B Street, downt 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

NOFX [109], Rancid [163], and the Real McKenzies /5581: '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 [1.34]

Nashville Pussy (154), and Tiger Army: 4th & B, Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

The Shins, the Fruit Bats [855], and Busy Signals: The Casbah, Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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Motörhead and Morbid Angel: 4th & B, Sunday, May 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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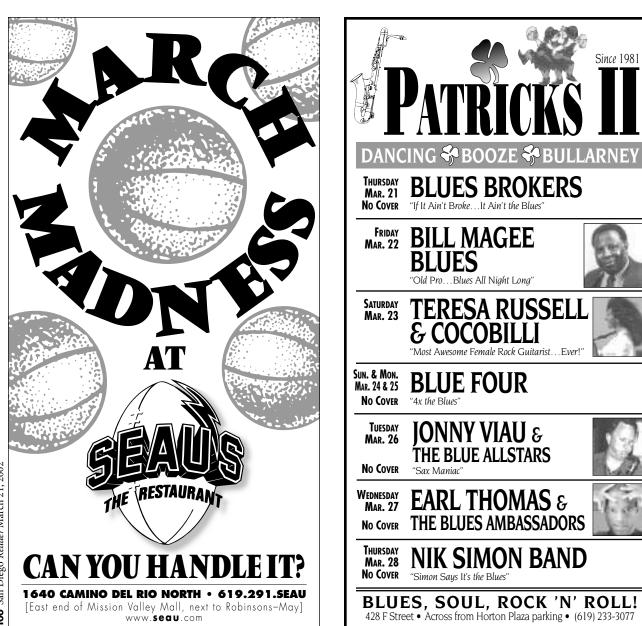
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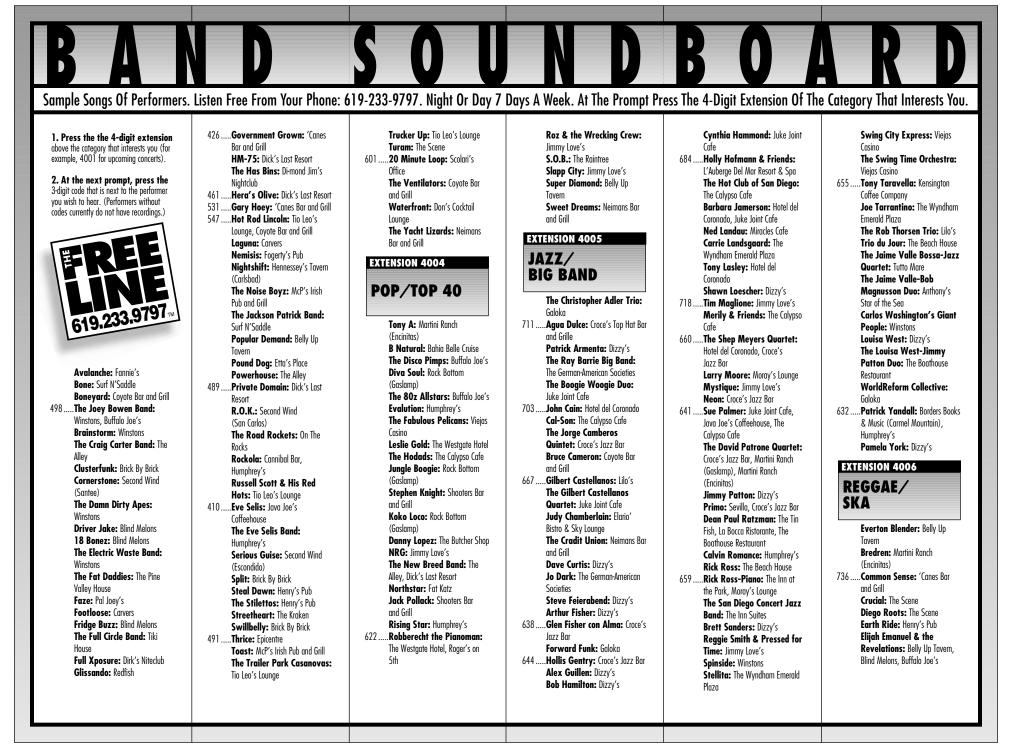
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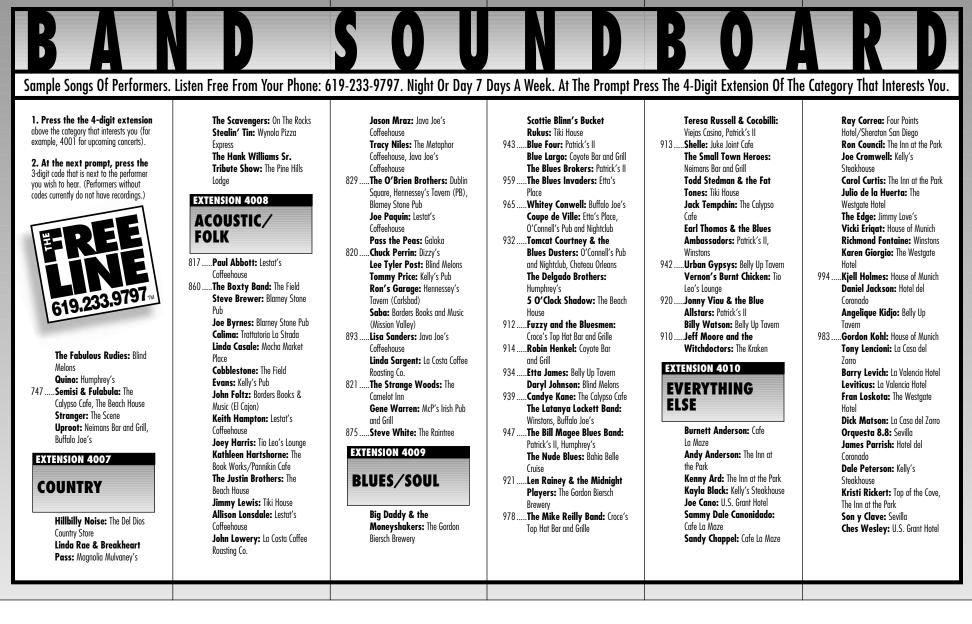
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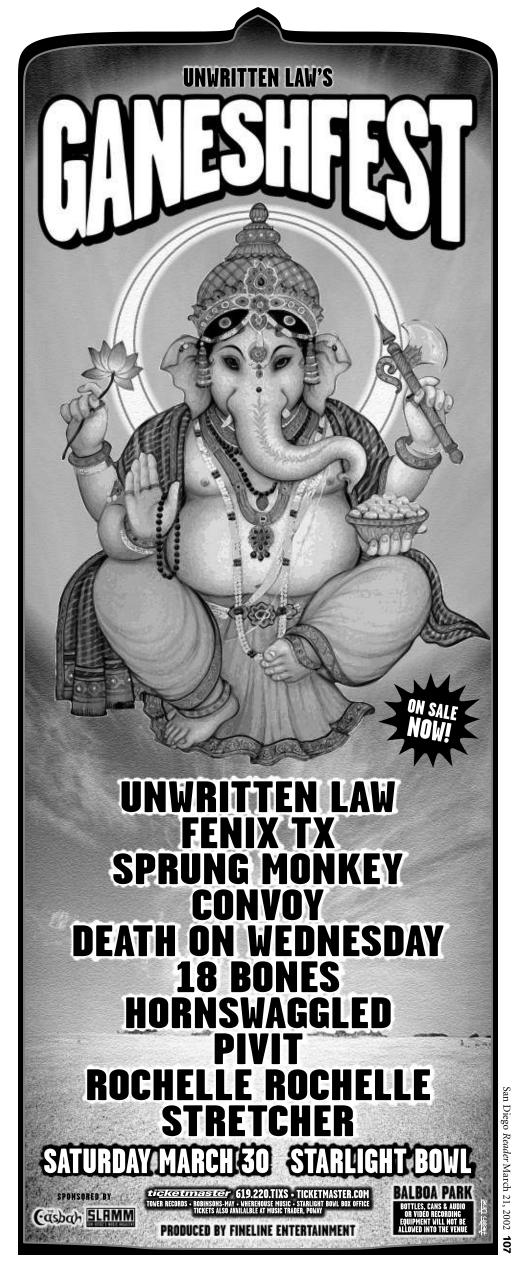




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Club '80s: Thursdays, DIs Bryan Pollard, Richard D, and BCZAR spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; recorded information: 619-465-5827. www.klubs.com. Club Flow: Thursdays, the ultimate

hip-hop experience with DJ Tova. 9 p.m., no cover. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163, www.theflamesandiego.com/weekly.htm.

Club Flux: Thursdays. No cover before 9:30 p.m.; 21 and up. Dress code strictly enforced. The Blue Tattoo, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-7191; recorded information: 619-333-2000

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, house, and trance. 2000+ capacity multi-level venue; 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Recorded information: 619-441-1800.

Club Pulse: Saturdays, local and nationally known DJs spin the best in house, trance, jungle, drum 'n' bass, and hip-hop. Room 1: ages 18 and up Room 2: ages 21 and up. 'Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. Recorded information: 858-488-1780.

Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T and guests spin hip-hop, reggae, R&B, and dirty South. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-9402.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

My report cards in school helped me decide early on that I was a creative words person and not a methodical numbers person. It still surprises me when I meet creative numbers people or methodical words people. It really confused me a few years ago when I first heard of something called math rock. It seemed like an oxymoron. It made more sense when I realized that the term is little more than an indie-rock euphemism for what used to be called progressive rock.

Prog has a bad reputation now, but in the '70s a jazz/rock fusion act like Return to Forever could make it into the Top 40. were also the days when Those classical/rock hybrids were popular, and prog

sound, and a "mastodonic" 7000-square-foot dance floor. 4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343. www.4thandb.com.

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bands like Yes would make double albums full of extremely long, complex songs divided into suites and movements.

Most of today's math rockers have the sense to avoid that kind of pretension, but the idea is similar: to give classical music some of rock's sonic wallop, and to give rock some of classical music's weirder time signatures and creative freedom. I don't know if it works any better this time around.

When the Bay Area math-rock band A Minor

(across from La Costa Theater). 760-438-3373.

dfh: Saturdays, hip-hop and techno in two rooms at Squid Joe's, Tamarack and I-5, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996.

Wednesdays, DJs Jalil, the Prophet, and Bob One spin nonstop hip-hop at the Boars Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.

www.dfhpresents.com.

Forest broke up, guitarist Erik Hoverston and cellist **Dominique Davison** apparently gave up math rock and turned to their more purely classical project, the Threnody Ensemble, with guitarist Dave Cerf. The ensemble writes its own scores and plays relatively quiet music on mostly acoustic instruments. Just a scraping guitar string

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here or there might alert you to the fact that

Hoverston and Davison used to play in a

band that had song titles like "Jacking Off

THRENODY ENSEMBLE, The Casbah, Sat-

urday, March 23, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497. \$15.

619-226-9019. Fresh: Mondays, weekly residents Chad Fortin, Eric Diaz, and Jared Joseph. No cover before 10 p.m. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue,

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Ice House Young Adult Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D and guest DJs spin hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJs Battle and Shakes spin trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Thursday, March 28 and April 4, Spring Break Jam 2002. All ages; high school ID required for admittance. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Karma: Thursdays, house music from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590. www.clubmontage.com.

Klub Kaos: Wednesdays, weekly guest DJs spinning trance, house, and hard house. No dress code. Large outdoor area with fire pit. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 680 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-4120.

Luminal: Tuesdays, industrial and gothic; 21 and up. Kickers (inside Hamburger Mary's), 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-491-0400.

Moondoggies: Thursdays and Sundays, DJ R.I.O. spins hip-hop 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Olé Madrid: Fridays, *Biba Club*, cutting-edge electronic rhythms and

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Over the Border: Fridays, DJ Luis Armas mixes the best of rock and *pop en español* and house; alternating with *rock en español* bands. 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, *Milkcrate*, hip-hop breaks and reggae. Fridays, *Funky House*. Saturdays, *Deep Soulful House*. Tuesdays, mellow house. No cover. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown (beneath Alambres). 619-233-2830.

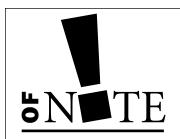
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Right Minded: Fridays, hip-hop and jazzy downtempo. DJs Jersan, Sae-What?, Insite, Danny Massure, and guests. 21 and up; no dress code. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Loma Portal. 619-801-FUNK (3865).

The Room: Thursdays, *Club 909, rock* en español, DJ Dove Paris spinning the best of world grooves. Fridays, *Absinthe*, featuring the newest Eurodance mix. Saturdays, *Ibiza*, heating up La Jolla with Euro-Latin dance mix. Wednesdays, *Substance*, '80s glamour British pop. Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-459-5010. www.ilfornobistro.com./theroom.htm.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. www.clubsabbat.net.

Sasha and Digweed: Friday, May 3. 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.; 18 and up. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena



BY DAVE GOOD

Pat Metheny made his first instrument of choice the French horn. He didn't go near a guitar until he was in his teens; odd, because he is a virtuoso. In the larger picture, though, the fact that Metheny is a guitarist makes almost no difference. His use of guitar synthesizer and the Synclavier guitar has allowed him to produce fat, brassy tones (not unlike French horn, now that I think of it) that are nothing like guitar playing. His liquid solos sound more like something that should come out of a keyboard, not a fretboard. No one performs like Pat Metheny, and I'd wager even money that there are casual listeners who have never seen him in concert and have no idea what instrument it is that he plays.

After a well-received apprenticeship with Gary Burton, in 1978 the guitarist

Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Shay's Lounge: Fridays, 5 p.m. to midnight, and Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Open turntables, DJs wanted. 740 Broadway, downtown. Information: 619-501-3513.

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Sweet Dreams: Thursdays, hip-hop and house with DJs Carr, Sal, and Trend. Lasers. Room one: 18 and up.



formed what would be his most popular creative platform — the Pat Methenv Group, with artistic input from the pianist Lyle Mays. For a performer with such high status among guitarists, Metheny is no ball of fire. Rather, his deliberate fingerings tend to probe the sense of melody and subtle drama upon which he has fashioned a career. Metheny's arguably at his best with older straight-ahead dudes. Listen to his picking on 80/81 or on Question and Answer from 1990. This is not said to diminish

Metheny's Bill Evans–Ornette Coleman– tinged fusion efforts with the likes of the late Jaco Pastorius and others, but the seasoned players seem to drive him deeper into his own talent. I'd also like to think that Manfred Eicher

and his ECM label in Oslo had something to do with Metheny's success. At the time of Metheny's signing in the late '70s, nobody was getting the breathy sounds on record

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Performances are from 9 pm to 1:30 am. Thursday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop. Friday, *the Craig Carter Band*. The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321.

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 pm, Everton Blender and Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae. Friday, 9:15 pm, Super Diamond and Popular Demand. Saturday, 9:15 pm, Super Diamond and Urban Gypsys. Monday, 7:30 pm, Angelique Kidjo and guest. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Etta James and Billy Watson.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. 1-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *Kathleen Harshorne*, Irish lever harp.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday,

8 pm, Jason & Jane, acoustic pop. Saturday, 8 pm, Patrick Yandall, jazz.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *the Lobster Tank Divers*, alternative. Saturday, *Palace*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Music is blues and jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Hot Club of San Diego. Friday, Cal-Son. Saturday, Semisi & Fulabula, reggae. Sunday, Merily & Friends. Monday, the Hodads, pop. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, blues. Wednesday, Candye Kane and Sue Palmer.

The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Friday, *the Strange Woods*, Celtic folk. Saturday, call club for information.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *Footloose*, rock and roll.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Boneyard*, rock. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Robin Henkel*, blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *the Ventilators*, rock, blues, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Hot Rod* *Lincoln*, rockabilly. Sunday, 2 pm to 4:30 pm, *Blue Largo*, blues, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Bruce Cameron*, jazz.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, *Hillbilly Noise*, country.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-943-7768. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Northstar*, pop

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *Nemisis*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic. Saturday, *Nightshift*, rock.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Friday, Amherst, Saturday's Child, RDG and Atcor, alternative. Saturday, Symptoms, Blue Spring and Alvanche Brothers.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*, blues, rock. Friday and Saturday, *Streetheart*, classic rock.

L'Auberge Del Mar Resort & Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-793-6460. Friday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Holly Hofmann & Friends*, jazz.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Lencioni*. Sunday and Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson*, piano and vocals.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Linda Sargent*, folk. Saturday, *John Lowery*, acoustic folk.

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Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, Bredren. Saturday, Tony A. Tuesday, David Patrone Quartet. McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont. Oceanside. 760-439-6646.

Call club for information. **The Metaphor Coffeehouse**, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Saturday, *Tracy Niles*, acoustic.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue. Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Ned Landau*, jazz.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Linda Casale*, folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, *Sweet Dreams*. Friday, 10 pm, *Uproot*, reggae.

The Pine Hills Lodge, 2960 La Posada Way, Julian. 760-765-1100. Sunday, 2 pm, *the Hank Williams Sr. Tribute Show* featuring *Jack Johnson*, country.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *S.O.B.*, contemporary. Saturday, *Steve White*, folk, blues.

The Roadhouse, 2102 Main Street, Ramona. 760-788-1944. Friday and Saturday, live rock and roll. Wednesday, 5 pm to 8 pm, Dixieland jazz band.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock. Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, open mike. Friday, *the Jackson Patrick Band*, rock. Saturday, *Bone*, rock.

Wynola Pizza Express, 4355 Highway 78, Julian. 760-765-1004. Saturday, *Stealin' Tin*, country.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, 18 Bonez, Either, and Acid Nine, rock/alternative. Friday, Mower, the Shot Out Hoods, and Crawl Space, alternative. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, Lee Tyler Post, acoustic, 8 pm, Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae. Sunday, 8 pm, the Fabulous Rudies, ska. Monday, Fridge Buzz, rock. Tuesday, Daryl Johnson, blues. Wednesday, Driver Jake and Bedhead Blonde, rock/blues.

⁹Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Business, One Man Army, Union 13 and Pistol Grip. Friday, Common Sense, reggae, and Government Grown. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, Mest, Inspection 12, and Whippersnapper. Wednesday, Alien Ant Farm, Adema, and Glass Jaw.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, call club for information.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Music is alternative. Thursday, *Wick, Modesto, Stolen,* and *All City Glass.* Friday, the *Bears, Backyard, G.F.I.*, and *Dogmatic.* Saturday, Downpour, Lucidia, Lizardfish, and Heavyosity. Wednesday, Sender Receiver, Jolly Llamas, Cryin' Blue Wine and J.H.C.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Judy Chamberlain*, jazz.

Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, the Christopher Adler Trio, jazz. Friday, Forward Funk. Saturday, WorldReform Collective. Sunday, call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 619-454-5101. Friday, call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk. Monday, 9 pm, open mike.

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La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Call club for information.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8:30 pm to midnight, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry Moore*, piano and vocals.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors, call club for information.

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, Scottie Blinn's Bucket Ruckus, blues. Friday, Surf Report, rock. Saturday, Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones and the Full Circle Band, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night. Wednesday, Jimmy Lewis.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Richmond Fontaine*. Friday, *Superunloader* and the Damn Dirty Apes. alternative/rock. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, Brainstorm, 8 pm, Carlos Washington's Giant People, jazz, with Iota. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors, 9 pm, the Joey Bowen Band, rock, soul. Monday, the Electric Waste, jazz. Wednesday, Spinsde, jazz.

San Diego

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

The Boathouse Restaurant, 2040 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego. 619-231-0489. Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *the Louisa West-Jimmy Patton Duo*, jazz. Sunday, 1 pm to 4 pm, *Dean Paul Ratzman*, jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Saba*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Cockpit, the Jolly Llamas, Cryin' Blue Wine, and the American Plague. Friday, Sweet Relish, Halo Complex and Ilya. Saturday, System Decay, Purim, 801, Elseworth Dragon and the Brothers from Another Planet. Tuesday, Heavy Trevys, Losing Balance, the Shooters and Seven Hills. Wednesday, Swillbelly, Split, Clusterfunk, and Adamite.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 pm, *the Israelites*. Saturday, 8:30 pm, *the Over-Reactors*.

Club Hollywood, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Call club for information.

Club Xanth, 6179 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-584-2720. Thursday, 7 pm, *Drive Pin, Rage*, and *Fortress*, alternative. Saturday, midnight, *Cathedral*, gothic.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Saturday, *Hot Rod Circuit, Further Seems Forever, Rufio*, and *Thrice*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *Coupe de Ville*, blues. Saturday, 9 pm, *Pound Dog*, rock, R&B. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Blues Invaders*.

Four Points Hotel/Sheraton San Diego, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. 858-277-8888. Skies Lounge: Friday and Saturday, disco, funk, pop, and Latin music. Sunday and Wednesday, *Rav Correa*, variety.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, blues. Saturday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, blues.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stilettos*, rock. Wednesday, *Earth Ride*, reggae.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Rockola*, classic rock. Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Evalution*, 9:30 pm, *Rising Star*, pop. Saturday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *The Delgado Brothers*, 9:30 pm, *the Eve Selis Band*, rock. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Patrick* *Yandall*, jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Quino*, reggae.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

The Inn at the Park, 3167 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-296-0057. Music is piano/vocals. Thursday, *Karen Giorgio*. Friday, *Kenny Ard*. Saturday, *Carol Curtis*. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, vocals. Tuesday, Kristi Rickert. Wednesday, Andy Anderson and Ron Council.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Friday, *Zone* 4 and 15 Minutes. Saturday, Milissa's Bitch.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, *Evans*, acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

Kelly's Steakhouse, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-291-7131. All music is piano. Music hours are from 7 pm to midnight. Thursday and Wednesday, Joe Cromwell. Friday, Dale Peterson. Saturday, Kayla Black.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, Sin Sin 77, Diablo 44, and the White Trash Debutantes. Saturday, Watch It Burn.

Kensington Coffee Company, 4141 Adams Avenue, San Diego. 619-280-9114. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Tony Taravella*, jazz.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Paul Abbott*. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Allison Lonsdale*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Keith Hampton*. Tuesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Jason & Jane*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Joe Paquin*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Saturday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues. **Pal Joey's,** 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Faze*, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. All music is alternative. Friday, 10 pm, *Pit Boss*, 11 pm, *Fallen Fire*, midnight, *Baseball*. Saturday, 9 pm, *Modessa*, 10 pm, *Clarity*, 11 pm, *Dramabomb*, midnight, *Explicit*.

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Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, *John Foltz*, pianist.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, Waterfront, rock.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Avalanche*, classic rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

Magnolia Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, *Linda Rae & Breakheart Pass*, country.

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, *the* Scavengers, country, rock. Saturday, the Road Rockets, rock.

Pine Valley House, 28841 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-473-8708. Saturday, the Fat Daddies, blues, rock.

Plum Crazy East, 1678 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. 619-442-7676. Saturday, 9 pm, *Kolob, Threefoot, the Classified, the Scotch Greens*, and Tiltwheel, alternative. Wednesday, the Mice.

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A Sea Change

"We'll start with a bottle of Entre Deux Mers," I said, choosing a sauvignon/semillion blend from a little-known corner of Bordeaux. "Excellent choice," answered John, the restaurant manager, looking genuinely delighted even though I'd chosen one of the lowest-priced bottles on the list. "Very few people know about Entre Deux Mers. It's perfect with fish and shellfish --- clean, crisp, food-friendly."

It was ideal for what we'd be ordering - a lighthearted quaff to accompany the Mediterranean-style seafood that dominates the menu at the 3rd Corner. My friends - Marty and Dave and Sang, zesty eaters one and all - were amazed that a \$15 bottle could stand so proud. Ed Moore owns this new restaurant, as well as Thee Bungalow across the street. Although the wine list here is shorter than the one at its sister restaurant, it's just as smart, and the user-friendly pricing structure applies on both corners.

The restaurant occupies the former site of the Belgian Lion, but the cluttered Old World gemütlichkeit has been transformed into lebensraum, all airy open spaces. The long, dim entry hallway has become a handsome archway framing the main dining room as a portrait in Tuscan red, beige, and aqua. A once off-limits private room now holds the bar and another dining room. The chairs are queen-size, the white-napped tables are large and widely spaced (keeping the sound level down), and cool jazz plays softly in the background.

The menu changes frequently, following the seasons, the chef's flow of ideas, and the turns of the tide. Despite this, don't expect the usual recitation of nightly specials. They're inserted into the menu as a daily printout, so the most you can expect to hear from the server is the soup du jour. When I asked why, the waiter said, "When we offered specials, most people ordered them and never tried the rest of the menu." That foggy evening, the soup du jour sounded good and tasted good - a warming potato-leek purée with a clever little mound of rock shrimp in the center.

"Chartreuse" here is not the bilious wall paint color of the '50s or a weird herbal liqueur made by French monks, it's the masterpiece of the appetizers - a translucent layer of tender Savoy cabbage shaped into a round purse, cradling a precious cargo of tender rock shrimps and scallops. Usually, chartreuses are made with game-bird meat, but the substitution of shells for feathers was a



knockout, enhanced by a shallow pool of coralcolor lobster cream sauce.

"Did we eat this sauce in France, Dave?" asked Marty, newly returned from a week in Paris. Dave shook his head. "I've had it somewhere, the name is on the tip of my tongue...

'No, you've got sauce on the tip of your tongue sauce Nantua," I said. "They serve it with seafood dumplings in Lyon.'

'But that's usually so heavy! This one is lighter, somehow," Marty reflected. Indeed, it was a most ethereal chartreuse with the silkiest Nantua, one of the finest dishes I've eaten in a year.

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Another appetizer we found irresistible was a wild-mushroom strudel. A collaboration of various mushroom species tucked between puffpastry layers, its flavors were accented by a shot of white truffle oil and a little wash of faintly sweet, creamy sauce based mainly on puréed onion.. There's also an elegant salad of lightly crisped "ducky" duck confit with strips of toothsome sun-dried tomatoes on a bed of baby

spinach, scattered with toasted pine nuts.

'Where have I tasted this before?" asked my sweetie as he dug into a plateful of baked stuffed mussels. "Umm - Tomasso's, of course! That North Beach pizzeria where Francis Coppola hangs out!" I answered. Topped with a soft, moist breadcrumb stuffing, the mussels reminded us of Sicilian 'clams Casino," minus the garlic OD. Our least successful appetizer was "scallops 3rd Corner," fea-

turing large but tasteless sea scallops (probably wet-pack), their blandness only partly disguised by a thin sauce of tomato, capers, white wine, and pitted kalamata olives. (The

same sauce reappeared later on an entrée of swordfish, where it's actually detracted from the fillet's near-sweetness, although a dreamy cream-saturated potato gratin saved the dish.)

Then came the entrées — but stop! — first, a salad course, which comes automatically to all who eat, like it or not. I liked it plenty. After so much rooty "comfort food" in recent weeks I was simply overjoyed to dive into a plate of crisp young greens in a subtle rice-wine vinaigrette.

The 3rd Corner $\star \star \frac{1}{2}$ (very, very good)

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CUISINE AND WINE LIST: Mediterraneanstyle seafood is the focus; some meat and poultry for dedicated carnivores. About 200 food-friendly wines specifically chosen to complement the cuisine, available at below-normal markups (no more than double wholesale price).

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The salad course gives the kitchen a little extra time to cook the entrées - and here they come. The table favorite involved Atlantic salmon. Most farmraised salmon spend their lives in pens and turn out as soft and mushy as couch potatoes. The salmon served here start their lives on a farm in Canada, but then they're set loose into the cold open ocean to grow firm, muscular, and fine-flavored. When they get ready to spawn, they return to their birthplace like cows trotting home to their barn, and a selected number are harvested then.

'Salmon in Sorrel Sauce" is a must-have entrée under any name, and its name is probably about to change to something more accurate - say, "Potato-Crusted Salmon." It began as a "holdover" dish from the Belgian Lion but has gradually evolved into something wholly different and, to my tastes, better. The thick fillet is now encased in a moist-

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crisp crust of shoestring potatoes (not the thin "scales" of upscale restaurants, which turn into potato chips in a hot pan). Sautéed under the skinless surface of the fillet, the "shaved" spuds seal in the moisture: then the fish is flipped and briefly baked, and when the potatoes turn soft and lightly browned, the fish is cooked just right, too. The garnishes included a crisp multicolor sprinkling of raw bell pepper shreds, a handful of baby asparagus spears, and a few discreet snips of unidentifiable green herbage - as likely basil as sorrel, as it's not especially sour.

"Have you ever seen a whole monkfish?" Sang asked. "It's monstrous. A huge, hideous black head with a mouthful of nasty teeth."

We delved into our fillet of the felonious-looking monkfish. A lightly crisped golden garlic crust suited it so well, it played a chorus of "Straight, No Chaser' in our mouths. "They call it 'poor man's lobster' — at least before the price shot up — but it doesn't taste like lobster to me," said Marty. "The texture is a little like scallops, though delicate, but solid with no flakiness." Alongside was a finely diced Provençale-style vegetable sauté and some not-quite-new potatoes aptly sprinkled with Fleurs de Sel, the fascinating sea

salt from Southern France that's not just a salt but a flavor.

A third fillet completed the trinity of crusted fish species (after salmon and monkfish), this one a bluenose bass wearing a highly fashionable "dust" of dry porcini mushrooms. Bluenose has recently started showing up as a similarly firm-fleshed substitute for the nearly fished-out Chilean sea bass. This cold-water deep sea diver (Hyperoglypat antarctica is its real name, as if you care) is from New Zealand, where they call it "bluenose groper." Its sprightly companion on the plate was a small heap of capellini dressed with fresh tomato sauce, brightened by tiny clams; well-tamed, gently cooked garlic cloves; and a nice little nip of hot pepper.

You can't go to a Mediterranean seafood restaurant and not try the bouillabaisse, and 3rd Corner makes an interesting one. An alluring aroma of fennel arose when the tureen hit the table. There was less broth in it than I'm used to, but what there was was intense - resembling a creamless lobster bisque with a throat-nipping touch of hot pepper. Sinking into the sauce was the customary baguette slice coated with rouille, along with an assortment of scallops, clams, mussels, spiny lobster, and various fish species, all still tender and just about cooked.

Several entrées will feed the fish-haters in the crowd, including lemon roast chicken and steak with Stilton cheese and *frites*. We tried a lamb loin, prettily presented as a rosette of silver-dollar-size medallions, cooked precisely to our order of rare. In the center was a heap of new potatoes set atop a small pool of olive tapenade made with the same pitted kalamatas we'd tasted in the scallop sauce. These particular olives, however, make a somewhat bland tapenade (compared to, say, Niçoise which unfortunately come with their pits intact). The dish wasn't bad, but none of us would order it again.

My favorite dessert looked like a Leonardo da Vinci drawing of a flying machine — two crunchy, cookielike discs of almond Florentine sandwiching a tart-sweet blend of creamy goat cheese and mascarpone lightly touched with lavender honey sauce. (No wonder the machine never got off the ground - nuts aren't aerodynamic.) This "Napoleon" is a great dessert for people (including me) who prefer an after-dinner sweet that's not too sweet. A poached pear "tarte" has similar virtues - it's a simplified tarte tatin, a round of evanescent puff paste that shatters at the touch of a fork to reveal a layer of lightly sweetened Bosc pears. Instead of a drenching of syrup, the caramel comes as a scoop of Gelato Vero caramel ice cream. (This dessert takes about 20 minutes to cook to order, so request it while you're working on your entrée or else enjoy a little breather between courses.)

Among the heftier sweets, ricotta cake isn't a cheesecake, but a sponge cake made with ricotta, layered with orange zest and mascarpone cheese, topped with strawberries macerated in Grand Marnier. A light-textured fig pound cake has fruit pieces (figs, pears, plums, etc.) baked into the cake and poached dried fruit dotting a gentle, plummy, cinnamon-touched syrup that surrounds it. There's also a molten chocolate cake that is emphatically not light but reaches the normal heights of gooeyness for its genre.

"It's surprisingly hard to find really good fish like this in this town," said Sang as we all sat back replete, "especially within easy driving distance." And we all said amen to that.

ABOUT THE 3RD CORNER

'In 1983, directly across from the 3rd Corner [on the west side of West Point Loma] stood Livingston's Chicken Kitchen," says Ed Moore. "That was my first venture into the restaurant arena -and that was the '1st Corner.' In 1987 I purchased Thee Bungalow Restaurant, across the street therefore the '2nd Corner.' In May of 2001, Don Coulon, owner of the Belgian Lion, retired and sold me what was to become the 3rd Corner. And there, for the first time in recent history, I've had total freedom to design the menu from scratch ..

"The chef at 3rd Corner is Juan Flores, who was my sous chef at Thee Bungalow almost from the beginning. When I bought Thee Bungalow 15 years ago, he had just started there as a dishwasher. Once I was able to analyze all the different people who worked there, he immediately came to the forefront because he wanted to learn and he showed an acumen for not only repetitive tasks but for asking questions. When I brought him into the kitchen, there was one guy that had already been there for 12 years, and Juan just flew by him and became my number-two person.

"There's a gentleman by the name of Marcel Perin, he's now in his late 80s, who at one time was one of the top chefs in San Francisco at a restaurant called La Bourgogne. He mentored Juan for ten years, showed him the quenelles and pâtés, the sauces, the basic French cooking. Marcel would come in from about 6:00 to 9:00 in the morning when there was nobody there, and it was very quiet. He had his own key to the restaurant. He'd go through the walk-ins, and whatever needed to be done, he'd just do it. He wouldn't accept money for it. He introduced the bouillabaisse, showed us the lamb shanks the way we do them at Thee Bungalow. He was an encyclopedia of food, and Juan just took it all in.

"We have a consulting chef, Derek Ridgeway, who showed up at my back door about a month before we opened. Originally Derek had a little restaurant in Kensington that was so far ahead of its time, it never had a chance in San Diego — San Diego is San Diego. Then he became the executive chef at the Sheraton Harbor Island, and eventually

got hooked in with Charley's up in Cardiff. About seven or eight months ago he finally left - he wasn't doing the kind of food he wanted to do there. He'd just come back from Europe, so I said, 'Hey, what are you doing for the next few months?' and I nabbed him! He brought a fresh, new outlook - I had just come back from the south of France, and mine was more steeped in the old traditional methods. So he and I have been constantly playing with the menu - as long as the products are good, that makes it kind of fun.

"The kitchen at 3rd Corner is fully collaborative between Juan and me, with Derek throwing in a lot of two-cents' worths... The menu has been known to change four times in one week to highlight all the fresh fishes that we have. Derek has free rein to run some specials, and he makes those with Juan.

"We're trying to be a reasonably priced restaurant. It comes back to a basic philosophy of long-term existence: Get people in a couple of times a month, build a base that starts within three miles or so around the restaurant, keep looking at what you can do to offer value and still offer quality. I'm not going to try and stack lobster, foie gras, and white truffles on one dish. I can't afford to do that. But I want dishes that will bring people back. I don't necessarily emphasize the visual appeal of food — I want people to taste food and say, 'That was yummy! And it was affordable. And we'll be back.' "■







Blessed Hound

"It's loaded with butter, but that's what exercise is for!"

look at my watch. 11:30 p.m. Freezing. I check the bus timetables. Only one bus is still running. The number 1 at 11:41, heading downtown. Everything else has come and gone.

I'm up in Hillcrest, at Fourth and University. A guy comes into the bus shelter. He's

gnawing on something. "Goddamn it!" It's a sandwich wrapped in plastic. He can't get the plastic off.

"Ggggnnnnnrrrraahhh!" He rips away the covering.

Boy, better your teeth than mine, brother. He punishes the sandwich with a mighty chomp.

It's only then that he looks up, sees me standing there. "Say, man, what you doing out there in the fog? Ain't you freezing cold?"

"Not really." Actually, I'm centrally heated, still stoked by the hottest burger I've ever downed: the Crest Cafe's Butter Burger (\$7.75).

This was one hot burger, not just hot hot, but pepper hot hot. I was on my way back downtown around 10:30, heading for the bus stop at Robinson and Fourth, when I see this sign in the window of the Crest Cafe: "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food." I was supposed to meet Hank here last week. The building looks like it's been around since the 1920s. And wouldn't you know, this late the place is open, alive and kickin'. Tables are filled with people. And folks are still eating. I can hear laughter, some music, and



the clink of knives on plates. Retro decorations are everywhere, with lazy ceiling fans, long hanging blue lights, and art prints. Like "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dalí, and Frida Kahlo, mustache and all.

So who can resist? Out here it is c-c-cold. Through the door, blessed warmth.

> Steve, the waiter, leads me around the L-shaped room to a corner table with a kind of church pew seat. The place isn't huge. Maybe 15 tables. The kitchen seems to take up the bulk of the restaurant.

He leaves me with a four-page menu. Appetizers look interesting. They have an "Onion Loaf" ("Bud beer–battered, deep-fried onions") for

\$3.75. And in the "Home Cookin" section, Sloppy Joes (ground beef on a bun, \$6.25). Talk about comfort food. And for health freaks, there's a "Vegetable Steam Basket": broccoli, carrots, zucchini, mushrooms, and cauliflower all steamed in a bamboo basket and served with a "zesty sauce" (\$7.25). Uh, call you back on that one.

Steve has already poured me a second coffee (\$1.75 with refills) by the time I stop trying to fool myself. No point in looking dreamily at the big entrées, like honey-glazed pork chops (\$10.75). So I cut to the chase and hit the "Famous Crest Burgers" section. They have 11 different kinds, starting with the Fifth Avenue Burger (\$5.25) and ending up with the Fresh Salmon Burger (with capers, horseradish, and avocado, \$7.75). I'm tempted by the \$6.75 Oui Oui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") because I love bleu. But "Billy's Burger" (\$6.95) sounds good because it's stuffed with sautéed mushrooms, onions, and Swiss cheese. And what the heck's a "Butter Burger"? For starters, it's \$7.75, so it'd better be interesting. "Half-pound of fresh lean ground beef," says the menu, "stuffed with a garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter... Then we broil the burger and top it with a little more of the butter ... Then we top it with some cheddar cheese and melt it ... Then we top the cheese with a garlic mayonnaise made with a dash of paprika, cayenne, and cumin."

All this for a burger? I have to order it. "It's a little bit hot," says Steve. I laugh. A fiery hamburger? Whoever heard?

'Course what I didn't take into account was Cecelia. She and her dad Luis Moreno took over this place back in 1985. "A year and a half ago Dad and Cousin Ruben were playing round. They came up with this as a special. And it took off so well, we put it on the menu. Men like it most, and yeah, it's loaded with butter, but that's what exercise is for!" The red plate comes loaded with lettuce, red onion, pickle, and a pile of french fries. But it's this big, evil slurring burger with pink lava oozing out of it that grabs your eye. The ooze looks like a squashed tomato, but it ain't. Take a bite, crunch through the grilled half-pound patty, and slurp up some of that pink stuff and...threealarm fire! Bring out the hoses! Okay, it's not *that* hot, but it is peppery, it never lets up, and man, do you taste that cayenne!

The burger's great. Still, the biggest luxury is just being able to eat at this time of night. "We kind of specialize in that," says Cecelia. "We're busiest when others are not. We get lots of shift people, cooks, people who work funny hours. Gay, straight, rich, poor, elderly, kids, people who saw our website [*www.crestcafe.com*]. But the base is locals. Some are in every day." She has a list of her most loyal customers on the wall. She also has a gallery of her staff. And loyal? How about William Cruz? He's been working here since 1961. "Isabella too," she says. "Been with us since 1961. We're family."

"So why aren't you shivering?" says my bus stop buddy. He's finished his sandwich now. Better frame of mind. "Oops. Tell me on the bus. Here it comes. Don't want to blow this one."

The Place: Crest Cafe, 425 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (619-295-2510) Type of Food: American

Prices: Honey-wheat breakfast hotcakes, \$4.25; artichoke and cheese omelet, \$6.25; turkey spears (turkey wrapped around asparagus with melted cheese), \$6.95; Fifth Avenue Burger (with fries, chips, or salad), \$5.25; Balboa Burger (with bacon, cheese), \$6.75; Butter Burger (with cayenne, other spices — hot!), \$7.75; vegetable steam basket (with broccoli, carrots, zucchini, mushrooms, cauliflower), \$7.25. Ask about half-off early-bird breakfasts. Similar deals on other meals.

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to midnight, seven days Buses: 1, 3, 25

Nearest Bus Stop: Fourth or Fifth and Robinson





Burgundy Hound

"Burghound *is never going to be* Wine Spectator *there aren't that many people who care that much about Burgundy.*"

feople want to get into Burgundy," advises local wine agent (and Burgundy lover) Sean Fisher, "they've got to start reading the right sources. The really important people who are

heavily into Burgundy, they follow Clive Coates, Stephen Tanzer — and there's another guy out there right now, who's getting a lot of recognition, by the name of Burghound."

One of these things is not like the others. Clive Coates: Master of Wine, former longtime wine merchant, editor of the well-regarded wine magazine *The Vine*.

Stephen Tanzer: former senior editor and columnist at *Food & Wine*, editor of the similarly well-regarded *International Wine Cellar*. Burghound: fervent Burgundy believer Allen Meadows, a guy who decided to turn his proclivity for posting reviews and opinions on Internet bulletin boards into an online publication, *Burghound.com.* (A print version is available for an additional charge.)

The Vine and International Wine Cellar have both been around since 1985; Burghound.com, based in the Los Angeles suburb of Woodland Hills, was born in January of 2001. But while Meadows is new to the wine media, he is not new to Burgundy. "My first visit there was in 1979," he recalls, "and I just fell in love with the place. I started going every year." Meadows's job as head of a Southern California bank's mergers and acquisitions unit allowed him sizable chunks of travel time, time he spent touring the tiny French region's wineries. And "in 1994, I worked over there for three weeks…it was a real eye-opener in terms of the way Burgundians make wine."

Wine is a social beverage. This means not only that it tends to make people sociable and that its pleasures benefit from being shared but also that people who love wine often love to talk about it. There is endless material for discussion — regions, wineries, winemaking, prices, vintages, cellaring, tasting, and on and on. The rise of Internet bulletin boards in the '90s, such as Brad Harrington's La Jolla–based West Coast Wine Network, satis-



fied the longings of many wine lovers for a community of fellow aficionados happy to hear (and respond to) their latest musings, anecdotes, and tasting notes. America Online provided one of the first of these forums, and Meadows was eager to

sign on and share the fruits of his experience, but it seemed that every variation of "Allen" had already been snapped up. Hence, Burghound — one who hunts Burgundy.

Meadows's expertise gained him considerable recognition among the cognoscenti. In a 1997

Wine Spectator profile of Meadows, David Russell, a buyer for Santa Barbara's Burgundy-rich Wine Cask restaurant and wine store, said that " 'his knowledge of Burgundy is, as the French would say, *stupéfiant*.'"

The profile also explained Meadows's tactic for gaining access to the cellars of high-level producers. "Before each trip [to Burgundy], he faxes producers, explaining that he is an ardent collector of their wines and asking for a meeting to 'discuss' their production methods and vineyards, almost never asking to taste. Once inside, he says, it usually takes just a few minutes for winemakers to realize that they are dealing with a serious student of their wines." Soon after, they're dipping into the barrels, and Meadows gets an inside look at what's coming. Small wonder his tasting notes and vintage summaries became so popular.

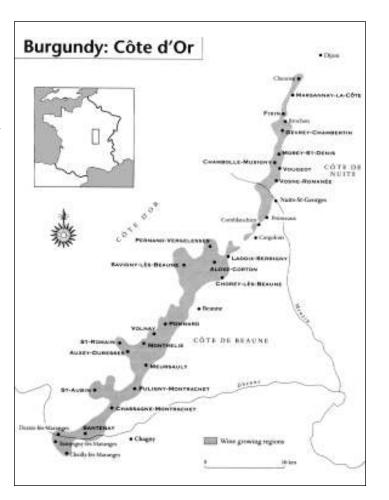
Meadows eventually "made enough money as the CFO for a big insurance company that I could afford to choose something that wouldn't necessarily pay me as much as I was making before. I was tired of the corporate rat race." So, he left his job and began work on a book about something he loved — Burgundy. While he was at it, he decided to capitalize on his reputation and create a magazine devoted exclusively to the region. "After having responded to literally thousands of e-mails over the years, gauging the level of sophistication and detail that people were looking for, I decided that there was sufficient interest to launch this thing." In an effort to keep things familiar, he named it after his AOL tagline. Another online wine forum, Robin Garr's Wine Lover's Page, agreed to serve as his host, and Meadows was in business. Usually, he says, "if

you're going to start a business, you have to appeal to more than just a narrow segment. But I decided to stand that on its head. I thought, 'If there is a wine region in the world that is sufficiently complex and tends to be a universe within itself, it's Burgundy. You've got 4000 different producers. Burghound is never going to be Wine Spectator there aren't that many people who care that much about Burgundy, and it's not that big a region." Rather, "It's the same sort of approach" as that taken by the online magazine Riesling Report. "You find one grape [Pinot Noir] that's been superbly adapted to one region [Burgundy]...that gives you a crystal-clear sense of place. Burgundy,

much like Riesling, is a wine where typicity matters."

"Typicity," an admittedly controversial term, here refers to the quality of transparency, a wine's ability to communicate the place where the grapes that made it were grown, be it the limestone hilltops of Volnay or the more clay-heavy soils of Bonnes-Mares. Controversial or no, Meadows was confident that enough people believed in typicity (as he did), and in his ability to discern it along with other minuscule variations, to make such a specialized publication worthwhile.

The strategy worked. "I now have readers in 21 different countries. In the first quarter, roughly 225 people signed up" for the \$110-a-year quarterly. (Expensive? Yes. But as Meadows notes on his website, "One bottle of bad grand cru avoided, and you've paid for an entire year.") Five issues later, "There are over 600 subscribers. To the



Burgundy lover, I'm sort of bringing water to the desert," he says in an effort to explain his success, "because there isn't anybody, in my view, that has done a really comprehensive job [with Burgundy]. What I tried to do was respond to what I perceived to be a hole in the market.' Other critics - Coates and Tanzer, for instance — may have written fine reviews, but nobody was providing the exhaustive regional attention that characterizes both Burghound.com and its readership. "The guys who signed up in the first six months were hard-core, experienced Burgundy lovers," thirsty for Meadows's informed and nuanced commentary. "Now, I'm getting more people who want to learn about Burgundy and view it as extremely complicated, difficult, and expensive to learn about." Meadows thinks this view is correct, and if it weren't, "There wouldn't be much use for me."

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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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reservations.

ANTHONY'S FISH GROTTO For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368; 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. — *E.W.*

BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — *E.W.*

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — *E.W.*

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy ever-multiplying restaurants —namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Prepara-tions are generally simple and consis-tent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most super-markets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding - and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oys-ters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and din-ner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley — N.W. (9/01)

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-youcan-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Bach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

ROCKIN' BAIA 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, mar-inated chicken, grilled *carne asada*, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and oriental dressing in a "cilantro tortilla." Open seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggs, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — E.B. (9/01)

SAMMY'S CALIFORNIA WOOD-FIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee, Costa



Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 858-456-5222. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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 upstanding. 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

BIRD HOUSE GRILL 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill

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O indicates at least one North County location.



and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab, or the house special *Iskender* kebab, a pile of very fine-grained halved sausages (resembling soft-skinned hot dogs with Middle Eastern seasonings) dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W*.

CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table. Dogs are welcome. Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indooroutdoor eatery a really pleasant kickback place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

DEL MAR PIZZA 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EPAZOTE SOUTHWEST RESTAU-RANT 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spitroasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LE BAMBOU 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Closed Monday. Lunch Tuesday to Firday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (corner of Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-youcan-eat buffet brunch with all-you-candrink champagne, mimosa, orange juice, and coffee. Traditional offerings include fried chicken. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

PACIFICA DEL MAR 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Select the fresh fish prepared in the simplest manner and you'll do fine here. The setting and view remain delightful and the service excellent. Wok items available. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

ROSANNA'S 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. The original Rosanna's across the street from the Lumberyard is under renovations to become a full-service Italian dinner house. Meanwhile, Rosanna's Deli, 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546 (open daily 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) is the town's secret Italian weapon, furnishing fresh-baked breads (and who knows what else?) to some of the best local eateries. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarse-ground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork, and the bright green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the *sfogiliatelle*, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-layered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, and deli sandwiches. In-expensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca Cola signs, "Dewy-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

SBICCA AMERICAN BISTRO 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001.The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (9/98)* TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio deco rated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it . But this is Hawai ian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dim-ner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 640-A Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-7234. Opt for Irish rather than American dishes. Recommended are the stew, shepherd's pie, and fish and chips. Boxty dishes added to the menu. A brown bread, baked on the premises, is available for takeout daily. Inexpensive. — E.W. (3/99)

VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.*

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., dinners only. Expensive. — E.W.

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, and burgers. The new chef adds luster to the new menu. Loving and attentive service. Open daily. Inexpensive to lowmoderate. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza (close to Rancho Bernardo) off I-15, 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisseried chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is "Cajun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), *dolmades, tyropita*, and good gooey *spanakopita*. Although the salad dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for livtle money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang's creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there's a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stonewalled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada







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covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and eggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. -N.W. (5/01)

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will, everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road (Country Plaza Shopping Cen-ter), North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. Elegance describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Serv-ice is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. - E.W.

ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, North County Fair, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, sal-ads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. - E.W.

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beau-tifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are

ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la 858-454-7373 Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, entrées. Lively atmosphere. Bib salad and Max's pizza outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W. (3/00)

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Cen ter Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with in-fluences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beauti-ful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scal-lops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

DAILY'S Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP **HOUSE** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relax-ing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular "in" spot. Closed Sunday. Dinner, Monday through Saturday. Expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's, University Towne Centre), La Jolla, 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego

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The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W. MAITRE D' 5523 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-456-2111. Two separate dining rooms, an elegant ambiance, and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half-lobster appetizer is a house spe-cialty, and the rack of lamb or fresh fish are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian special-ties when available. Closed Sunday and Monday. Dinners only, Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. - E.W. MARRAKESH 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroc-can restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dra matic - tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly dancing interludes, servers in fezzes (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can re-quest the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Din ner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The ex tensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and its 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. In-expensive to expensive. — E.W.

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as bev erages and sweets are served. It is a well known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ROY'S 8670 Genesee (Costa Verde Center, across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silli-ness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Cool out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which make all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu *ahi poke*) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant. (Try the "Loess is More" with seafood.) The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Ka-hana" *shutome* (swordfish), or the chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vege-tarian meals. Open nightly. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SADAF 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry - those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expen-sive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large

sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Per-sians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typ-ical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (10/00)

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.* (7/98)

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THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The nuc, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. Ine menu offers omelets, gourmet pan-cakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Good value here. Open approximately 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In-expensive. — *E.W.*

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAU-**RANT** Hazard Village, 9340-B Claire-mont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastro-nomically a treat. Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Triday, uni pensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional man-doo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban, or raw crab, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like gul *bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (9/98)

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele, be-cause their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the inge-nious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eat-ing hall with off-white walls, black and red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like pho (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) is all here. The *Chao Long* (pork storach norridge) is putting. De porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant with a mission: Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lac-





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tose-free cheesecakes and that ev erybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a yarmulke to feel comfortable here. But it's comforting to know ev-erything down to the least lettuce leaf has gotten extra-careful preparation. Closed Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and welldecorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate -EW

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557 This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. - E.W.

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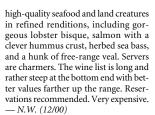
BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham), Mis-sion Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chan-deliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features

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HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577, www.humphreysbythebay.com. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features topquality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie gar-nishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. -N.W.(11/01)

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists ome looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scram-bled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB burger (chicken breast, green chili, pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Inexpensive, breakfast and lunch only. — E.B. (10/00)

QWIIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. -E.W.

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAU-**RANT** 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals. Particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other spe-cials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables and a swag of rice. Open seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (9/01)

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Saska's is the perfect spot for insomniacs Hearty breakfasts, which can include meat and eggs, are served Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m; the dinner hour extends to 2:00 a.m. as well. Saturday and Sunday brunches offer Mexican specialties. Beachcomber atmosphere. Open daily. Breakfast inexpensive; dinner moderate. - E.W.

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea-snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (uni, toro, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the ama-ebi, with crisp shrimp-heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas,

when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar-seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the mas-ter is most likely to be present. Disabled-access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street. Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bar-gain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is marvelous. For entrées, try shrimp scampi over linguine or eggplant parmigiana. One dining room is partially outdoors. Complete menu to go. Reservations taken for parties of six or more. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Inexpensive (pasta, pizza) to moderate. -E.W.

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor din-ing. Food preparation is straightforward - nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large por-tions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. -E.W

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FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet avail-able at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing

Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W. JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN **RESTAURANT** 2391 San Diego Ave-nue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restau-rant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. -E.W.

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and wellinformed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. -N.W. (4/01)

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ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef over, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early bird din-ner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Saturday, din-ner nightly. Brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

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ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, Suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and gyoza dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is out-standing. Closed Sunday. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — É.W.

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERI-CAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, www.nativegrill.com. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of California Live Oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create a pretty interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S Alvarado Plaza, 6930 Alvarado Road, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sand-wiches, especially the corned beef. The knishes and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In-expensive to moderate. — E.W.

EFFIN'S PUB AND GRILL 6164 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9800. Come here after a hard day's hittin' the books at nearby State It's a brass-on-the-fan-blades, wild west-looking place where things can get pretty lively. The surprise is, they have some pretty good food, especially the pizzas. Check the house specials: Monday Madness (an "x-large pizza with domestic draft pitcher"), Taco Tues-

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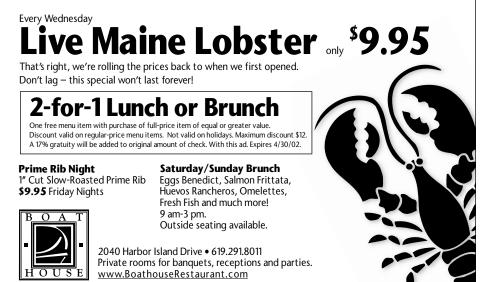
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THE LIVING ROOM COFFEE-HOUSE 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434. With deepdraft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Later in the day, try their turkey lasagna with fruit and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/00)

LY'S GARDEN 6011 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-1885. Al-though the extensive menu offers Chinese as well as Cambodian specials, it's best to order the Cambodian food. Be sure to ask Mr. Ly for suggestions. Live crab and lobster as well as fresh ovsters and shrimp available. Open daily. In-expensive to moderate. — E.W.

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of way-outthere downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. Makes a great Sunday drive destination. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. So naturally the food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, kitchen closed from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/01)



RAMON'S SMOKEHOUSE BBO 1730

TION 9330 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-938-1511. Maybe it's the clean country air, but Rocky Mountain Junction's food tastes sharp and fresh in the mornings. Check out the "Macho Man" breakfast: three eggs, two bacon strips, two sausages, two pancakes, country potatoes or fries, and toast. Or the "Big Honkin' Omelet": six eggs, ham, turkey, bacon, sausage, bell pepper, mushroom, tomato, onion, country potatoes or French fries, and toast. On the lunch menu: the Junction Burger — with or without cheese — big and juicy. Also good: "old fash-ioned" BLT sandwich and chunky chicken breast salad. Early breakfast through lunch, Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sis-ters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-cov-ered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the Bside offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue

beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her spe-cial Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Inex-pensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/00) TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Caion Boule vard, College Area, 619-287-3536. 17 appetizers, 20 items of sushi, 19 spe-cialty rolls — all excellent and excit-ing — are served in a modest premise that seats 10 at the sushi bar and holds. 12 tables. The hot mushroom special, the "3 of a kind roll," and the Toshi tempura roll are all worth the trip. Din-ners are modestly priced, but watch cost of rolls. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinners nightly. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (11/99)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), 619-563-3666, www.asmara-sd.com. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch tsebhi derho (known as ye-doro wat on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zilzil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pan-cake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Open

daily; vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Inexpensive. — N.W. (11/00)

IMPERIAL HOUSE 505 Kalmia Street, North Park, 619-234-3525. If you are close to Balboa Park, this is an excellent place for lunch. The special, which costs \$8.95, includes soup or salad plus hot entrée. For dinner try steak, fresh fish, Anna potatoes. Tableside service and a charming view of the park. In a sepa-rate room is the Mystery Dinner Theatre which includes dinner plus theater on Friday and Saturday. (Call for prices.) Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Saturday; dinner theater, Friday and Saturday in separate room. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a sim-ple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), tom yum soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAU-RANT 3983 54th Street, corner of University in K-Mart Shopping Mall, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

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chitectural students, diesel mechanics. and guys off the street hang out at this restaurant-market in one of Center City's more knockabout neighborhoods. Don't worry. Max is South Korean, a lifelong sea captain. He can handle any little problems. Fact is, this is real neighborhood. Some customers have been coming in 10, 15 years for a sandwich and a beer. Best buys are Max's thick homemade soups and his Max s thick homenade soups and his sandwiches. And at least one regular swears Max serves up the "best hot dogs this side of Coney Island." Breakfast and lunch. Closed Sunday. Inexpen-sive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis), North Park, 619-291-4090. Is that Cher pulling up a chair? There's a definite *Moonstruck* atmosphere about this place. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 Univer sity Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese Park, eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pic-tures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant - the longest

running eatery on Adams Avenue look for a window featuring a cedar tree, an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and Eng-lish. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the kafta kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the kibbeh neyeh, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for \$6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams University Heights, Avenue, 619-298-8440. The frequently chang-ing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featur-ing Asian spice — where are the Ries-lings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes





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COTTAGE CAFE 2321 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071, *www.cottagecafesandiego.com*. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. But you can eat American if you want. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. But maybe the most Polish is the allyou-can-eat buffet. Expect items like stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful — it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. If you've been searching for a place to have dessert after a movie or other cultural event, keep this dessert café in mind. Baker-owner Karen Krasne prepares sensuous cakes, tarts, cookies, and all manner of chocolate goodies. Teas and coffees are uniformly good. In summer, the patio is especially charming. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend lunch, and until late evening: Sunday through Thursday to 11:00 p.m. and weekends until midnight. — *E.W.*

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619–544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. À la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *E.W*.

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue, Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054; sandiego.citysearch.com/EV//SANCA/00 04/13/05/1.html. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasyfried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," *nam pla*. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the poi at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to order a feast for a large party (give at least four hours notice). Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in pepper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W. THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10.00. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (7/98)* **THE PARKHOUSE EATERY** 4574

The PARKINOUSE EATERT 45/4 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays, three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W. (10/99)

PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town, named after the most revered writer you've never read. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01) WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better, and faster, than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

A LA CARTE ON SIXTH AVENUE 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-8100, www.aubergineon4th.com. You'll think you've stepped into a chic Manhattan supper club, but the gorgeous young staff— clad in Calvin Klein, no less are sweet and skillful. The fare is a puzzling melange of Mediterranean roasting, American grilling, and pan-Asian wokking, aimed to satisfy all appetites. Preparations vary unpredictably safest choices are grilled meats (especially the succulent pork slab) and wok dishes. Slightly dressy; noisy weekends with loud live music; long and busy bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (8/01) **THE BLARNEY STONE** 502 Fifth Ave-

nue, Gaslamp District, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8:00 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to downtown. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

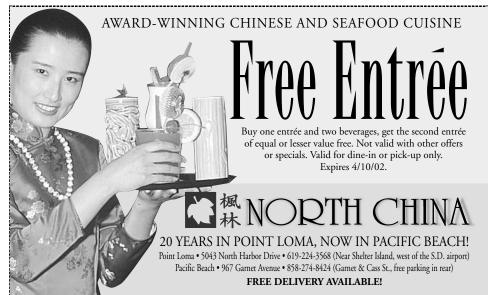
CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crusted chicken salad, similarly well-conceived,









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is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared, sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (5/01)

DEMEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — at tentive but utterly unobtrusive — and — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hol-lywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Din-ner nightly, moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. N.W. (8/01)

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01) **EL COMAL** 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slicces with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

GYROSCOPE GREEK CAFE 926 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-235-4635. You want cheap *and* interesting food in the Gaslamp? Gyroscope's one of the few that make that list. They have the usual mediumpriced beef kabob, moussaka, *spanakopita, dolmades*, tiger shrimps, and steak. But you can also get amply filling "sandwich" size plates for just a few bucks: beef kabob, lamb, chicken breast, and of course the gyro (marinated lamb and beef slices in pita bread). Get one of these, a glass of burgundy, and a table with a view of the passing parade, and you'll be feeling like a king. Even cheaper at lunchtime. Open seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue, downtown, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammed Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread. Or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, to 3 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, downtown, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try *tortilla española* (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.* (1/99)

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at Fifth and G), Gaslamp District, 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp District, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a oneand-a-half-or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)* PETE'S QUALITY MEATS 1742-1/2 India, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a *fin de siècle* brasserie — but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — *escargots*, frogs' legs, *charcuterie*, et al. with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio, reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W*. SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street). Gaslamp District, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with vari-ous savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach borani, sieved vogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy -- try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or bamieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate.

TOP OF THE MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal firepit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

VINCENZO RISTORANTE ITALIANO 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181, www.vincenzoristoranteitaliano.com. The specialty at this tourist favorite (Texans are rife) is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hardsurfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Easy parking a block east in lot on Columbia. Moderate. — N.W. (8/01)

THE WESTGATE GOURMET DELI-CATESSEN Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The

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SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue, Coron ado, 619-522-0612. This little roundthe-corner café has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. -E.B. (11/00)

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmos-phere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Break-fasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634, Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation ork loin with fruit and nut chutney baked fish with lemon sauce.... Break fasts are forgettable - lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. earlv E.B. (12/00)

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the *Kalua* pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *Haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

THE HUDDLE BY THE PARK 333 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-425-0335. Run by Janet, daughter of Ruth Henricks, famous for her com-munity work, who started the original Huddle up in Mission Hills. Like mom's place, Janet's has good, robust, homey, easy-on-the-wallet food, and waitresses you can actually talk to. Omelets, like the three-egg "truly veg-etarian" omelet, come stuffed with everything from mushrooms to gua-camole. Daily specials like the biscuits, sausage, and gravy are real deals. But don't leave without slopping some of their marmalade on your toast - mom makes it. Breakfast and lunch seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

IL FORNAIO 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed - the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Land-ing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for

bread, "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh sal ads, and everyday Italian dishes rang-ing from Sfilatino Con Bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy lijon and salad) to a giant mesquite grilled 22-ounce Bistecca Alla *Fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *Penne* Alla Sorrentina — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *Puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesttoo, if you re into anchovies. Interest-ing regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Oh, and then there's that view. Go at sunset or on a Friday lunchtime when Navy ships are coming home, sliding right past your table. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

MCDINI'S 105 East 8th Street, Na tional City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chattaining scene — an ages, an faces, chat-ting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chow-ing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corr beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (4/01)

MCP'S IRISH PUB & GRILL 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meatfest breakfast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. -N.W. (4/01)

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. (Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, 619-224-2401.) Cached inside the

courtvard of a "Spanish Colonial" minimall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

SWADDEE THAI 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the satay, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing co-conut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender farang tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (9/00)

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are homecooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Viet-nam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

TIJUANA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

ANTOIITOS DEL PAIS Gobernador Balarezo, 9750 Fraccionamente Amer-ica, near Azteca hotel, 686-2424. Open 24/7 except from midnight on Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday. Hit at lunch hour, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and you'll find 22 waitresses and cooks serving you on the street, stirring huge steaming pots of soup, foot-high clay pots simmering with frijoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This isn't TJ, it's Central Mex-ico. Some great choices include *bistek* ahumada (smoked beef) or costilla de res (beef ribs), pollo en mole, lengua de res (ox tongue), and carne de cerdo (pork), all around \$3, including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

BOTANICA EL PARAISO Avenida Niños Heroes, between 1st and 2nd streets, Tijuana. Health food? This place has everything from healing herbs to curative roots to love amulets. They serve drinks for livers, kidneys, choles-terol. Diabetics can down cactus concoctions. And they also make a good lunch. Start with a blood-red *jugo de verdura*, a vegetable drink of carrots, beet root, celery, and orange. Then try a thick brown-bread tuna sandwich with avocado, cucumber, ham, and tomato, and end with a fresh fruit salad. So healthy, you won't need a potion (unless you still need that love potion). Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

CHIKI JAI 1388 Avenida Revolución (corner of 7th Street), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. The new dining room, constructed from the ground up, is lovely to behold and offers old favorites as well as new Spanish dishes. Best bets are fresh cod, fresh nightly fish, paella. All dinners served with hot rolls, Roquefort cheese, soup or salad, dessert. Superb service, loving atmosphere. Open seven days, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (6/98)* CIEN ANOS Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262; www.cien-a.com; e-mail: altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, com-

fortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of specifically Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, al-ligator-meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also wel-come to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone, e-mail, or web) are strongly advised; ask then for street directions. Low-moderate. -N.W. (7/01)

EL RINCON DEL OSO Location 47, Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an ac-quired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

EL RODEO 1647 Blvd. Salinas, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accom-paniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. Vaquero decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again, onto the one-way street, Blvd. Salinas. El Rodeo is on the right side of the street. Highly visible and easy to find. Moderate. -E.W.



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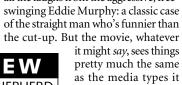
t's that month of the year again, when I have, if not more *impor-tant* things to do than to see movies, then at any rate more *entertaining* things. Namely, March Madness, a/k/a the NCAA basketball tournament.

(Notwithstanding the local CBS affiliate's lemming-like decision on opening day to show us what we could have

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seen on several other channels — the preliminary hearing in the Danielle van Dam murder trial — rather than show us what CBS alone could show. And they call it a service to the community!) Here's what I could spare the time for

Showtime. Genial spoof, too innocuous and lazy-minded to be construed as satire, of "reality television." A no-nonsense LAPD detective, in the departmental doghouse after putting a bullet in a TV news camera ("He's Dirty Harry, he's real... and we've got him by the balls"), is compelled to co-operate on a new vérité cop show, partnered with a camera-conscious uniformed patrolman and wannabe actor. In a just-for-the-money



mulaic buddy relationship, stereotyped ball-busting career woman), so that the laughs, such as they are, dwindle as the plot rolls along, in clear contradiction of De Niro. William Shatner and Johnnie Cochran show up in small parts as themselves, perfectly happy to enter into the spirit of avaricious cynicism. In sum, entertaining in spots, but nothing like the sustained and escalating excitement of UNC-Wilmington versus USC.

Harrison's Flowers. Photojournalists in the early days of the civil strife in Yugoslavia. A Pulitzer winner from Newsweek, trapped inside a collapsed building, is presumed dead, but his wife, who afterwards receives an inaudible long-distance call and tentatively

recognizes him (from behind) in news footage on CNN, believes he's still alive. So strong is her belief that she abandons her two children in the care of her unlovable mother, and drives a rental car straight into the heart of the chaos. French filmmaker Elie Chouraqui (not well known over here) invests recent history with some deep 19th-century

romanticism, verging even on l'amour fou. Or in the vernacular, "She's off her rocker, for God's sake." Andie MacDowell, with all her hair if not all her marbles, doesn't do much more in the role than knit her brows and look askance, but perhaps her very opacity speaks to the fathomless mysteries of the human heart. The portrayal of the

Resident Evi

war itself, in vivid color and crystalline focus, is so scarily convincing that it convinces us as well of the improbability — no, impossibility — of her adventure, however powerful her incentive. Not as hot and heavy as the double-overtime heart-stopper between Creighton and Florida

Ice Age. Three mammals and a baby.



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Resident Evil. A brand-new brainstorm from the maker of *Mortal Kombat*, Paul W.S. Anderson (not to be confused with the maker of *Boogie Nights*, Paul Thomas Anderson): back to the video-game shelf for an ugly, ultraviolent, live-action dramatization, set somewhere called the Hive, underground headquarters of something called the Umbrella Corporation, sometime in the far future. It keeps you in an extended state of not knowing what the hell is going on - extended, to be more exact, well past the point of caring. Befuddlement tends to nullify suspense, no matter how many lethal laser beams and flesh-eating zombies are coming at you. Michelle Rodriguez, as a second-banana commando, again demonstrates her rightness and readiness for a tough-chick role ("Blow me"), if ever one should come along in a decent movie. Uncompetitive even with Illinois's manhandling of SDSU.

Big Bad Love. The long-sought answer to the question of what ever became of Debra Winger, absent from the screen these seven years since the forgettable Forget Paris. Seems she married Arliss Howard, her co-star in the little-seen and badly named Wilder Napalm, and consented to play a part — unflamboyantly — in this vanity project directed and co-written by, as well as starring, her husband. The latter-plays a divorced (from Winger), scurrilous, scrofulous, hard-drinking, part-time housepainter, who piles up mountains of rejected manuscripts, entitled White Girls with Black Asses and the like, in his quest to become an Emergent Southern Writer with a Distinctive Voice. (An excuse, of sorts, for the whimsically punctuated opening credits: the random comma, semicolon, hyphen, period, asterisk, what-have-you.) The soundtrack offers musical cues as to what's being aimed at: Steve Earle, Tom Verlaine,

Tom Waits (but of course). The songs themselves, Earle's especially, get to the target in shorter order, and nearer the bull's-eye, and without the lethargy. A distant second, too, to Kent State's upset of second-seeded Alabama.

Kissing Jessica Stein. More vanity. An alternative-lifestyle romantic comedy starring and co-written by two unknowns, Jennifer Westfeldt (reminiscent of Lisa Kudrow around the mouth) and Heather Juergensen (reminiscent, for those with longer memories, of Suzanne Pleshette around the eyes). Their characters are, in their separate ways, thwarted heterosexuals - a routine dates-from-hell montage is entered in evidence - who are primed to switch teams. One of them, a SoHo art dealer, is gung-ho from the get-go. The other, a copy editor at the fictitious New York Tribune, and hence attracted by the first one's citation of Rilke in her women-seeking-women ad and by her use of the word "marinate" in a fresh context, is more hesitant: indeed, "the Jewish Sandra Dee." The two writers and actresses, as distinct from the two characters, achieve a certain level of perception and personal chemistry, dragged down a bit by their proneness to preen and boast, but nudged up again by the seeming honesty of the ending. Hardly as earth-shaking as UCLA over top-seeded Cincinnati.

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All about the Benjamins - Light-

bounty hunter, a con artist, some dia-

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hearted, ham-handed caper film about a

monds, and a lottery ticket. Too brutal to

be seen as funny, too shticky to be taken

straight. With Ice Cube and Mike Epps; di-

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Amélie — Cutesy art-house item looks at

the world (at Paris, more precisely) through

the primrose-colored glasses of Jean-Pierre

And Now My Love, Sleepless in Seattle, et al.,

Jeunet: a delayed-meeting romance à la

and a fashionable juggling act of fate,

chance, coincidence, etc. The dementedly

conspiratorial glances at the camera, and

egged on by a waggish narrator, is a self-

denying do-gooder whose secret mission

winsome heroine (Audrey Tatou), prone to

E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial

seems to be the spiritual enlightenment of others, often by the most devious means: reprogramming a speed-dial button from "Mother" to "Psychiatric Helpline." The boundless, bounding imagination tends to be grounded, however, by the air of effortfulness. The best of it — the broad omniscient view of humanity combined with an eye for random trivial detail — was done better, and funnier, in Jane Campion's apprentice work, *Passionless Moments*, and at about one-tenth the length. With Mathieu Kassovitz. 2001. ★ (HILCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; LA

PALOMA)

A Beautiful Mind — Laundered biography of the Nobel Prize-winning mathematician, and madman, John Forbes Nash, Jr. It's his madness, of course, and not his math, that makes him a viable screen subject, and director Ron Howard nurtures it with care. (And with more taste and re-





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straint than are his custom.) But between the West Virginia accent and the nerdish introversion, much of what he says - or rather, what an emasculated Russell Crowe — is lost in transmission. With Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Christopher Plummer, Paul Bettany. 2001.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 3/25; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Big Bad Love — Reviewed this issue. With Arliss Howard, Debra Winger, Paul Le Mat, Rosanna Arquette, and Angie Dickinson; directed by Howard. ★ (KEN, 3/22 THROUGH 28)

Big Fat Liar — A ruthless film producer steals a kid's English composition and transforms it into his next blockbuster: a dose of Hollywood self-loathing for the whole family. There's no harm in it, surely, and plenty of pep. Paul Giamatti, in the part of the producer, slathers the relish on the hot dog. And two TV teens, Frankie Muniz and Amanda Bynes, evoke (yet



scarcely eclipse) memories of a young Mickey Rooney and Hayley Mills (or else a pre-possession Linda Blair). Directed by Shawn Levy. 2002. ★ (HARBOR DRIVE IN; PALM PROMENADE 24;

PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

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Black Hawk Down — Faithful re-enactment of a 1993 incident in Somalia: the eighteen-hour urban firefight that ensues when an intended neat, clean, in-and-out raid into the heart of Mogadishu (colloquially called "the Mogue," or just "Mogue") goes bad. It delivers a mixed experience, even, you might say, a mixed message: harrowing yet spectacular action, unglamorous yet gorgeous, rugged yet slick. The director is Ridley Scott (Alien, Blade Runner, and on down through G.I. Jane and Gladiator), so



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the spectacular, the gorgeous, the slick are givens; the harrowing, the unglamorous, and the rugged must be counted as bonuses, neither to be taken for granted nor taken lightly. (The damage done to the bodies of some of the soldiers goes well beyond indignity.) Though some of the faces — Josh Hartnett, William Fichtner, Ewan McGregor, Ron Eldard, and that latter-day Aldo Ray, Tom Sizemore — are more familiar than others, there has been a concerted effort to steer clear of big stars, and to spread the dramatic interest evenly among the sizable cast: no one-manarmies, 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

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Blade II — Wesley Snipes resurrects his vampire-hunter role, directed by Guillermo del Toro.

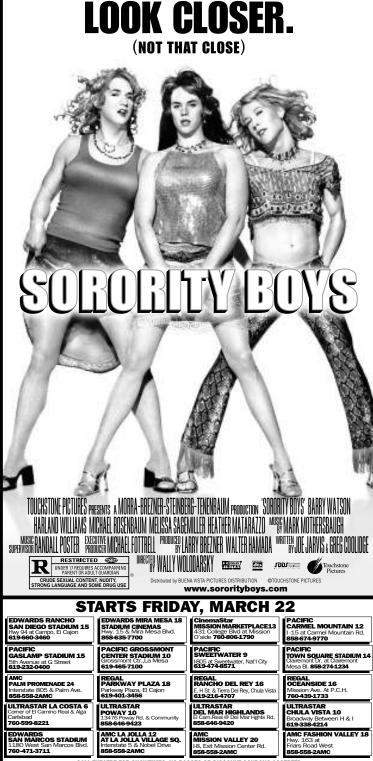
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Clockwatchers — Four temps form a square of friendship in a hostile office environment. Some well-observed minutiae, but the minutes do indeed crawl. Toni Collette, Parker Posey, Lisa Kudrow, Alanna Ubach, Bob Balaban; directed by Jill Sprecher. 1998. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/26, 7 P.M.)

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 Revnolds. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; VOGUE)

Dragonfly - Communication-frombeyond-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 (funnystrange, 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.

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(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 selfpity. Just pop a Costner tape into the VCR and embarrass them into bucking up. Kathy Bates, Linda Hunt, Joe Morton, Ron Rifkin. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Election — The depiction of dirty politics in an Omaha high school, and by extension dirtiness in the national politics, or dirtiness in the national character, observes the time-tested satirical strategy of making a big deal out of a little deal, namely a campaign for the presidency of the student council. It manages to be modishly "dark" without a pileup of corpses (the unimagi-native 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 comprehen-sion, 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 Pol-

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isher. And of course the grownups. A further reservation: the employment of multi-ple 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, 3/22, 1:30 AND 9 P.M.)

E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial - Nothing more ought to be required to dismiss Steven Spielberg's pretense of sweetness and innocence, or to dismiss the movie in toto from respectful consideration, than a glance at the death-scene of the monogrammatic spaceman. This sickroom spectacle is milked for all it is worth, with the normally cigar-colored creature having turned to the color of ash, his full-moon

eyes narrowing to mere crescents, and the ten-year-old boy who has befriended him, and who is symbiotically wedded to him, at first wasting away in tandem, then regaining sufficient strength to wail in protest when the selfless little alien severs all ties. For cruelty to characters and audience alike, the expiration of E.T. bears comparison to Dickens's polishing-off of Little Nell. No one but a card-carrying masochist would want actually to carry out such a comparison, and, in any event, the relevance of the comparison is very soon squelched. For sheer manipulativeness, for utter shamelessness in pursuit of popular approval, Spielberg leaves Dickens choking in his exhaust when, once having shut E.T. away in his coffin, he arbitrarily brings him back to life again. The threshold of shamelessness is crossed over at many other points as well, particularly in Spielberg's courtship of the under-twelve viewer, or of

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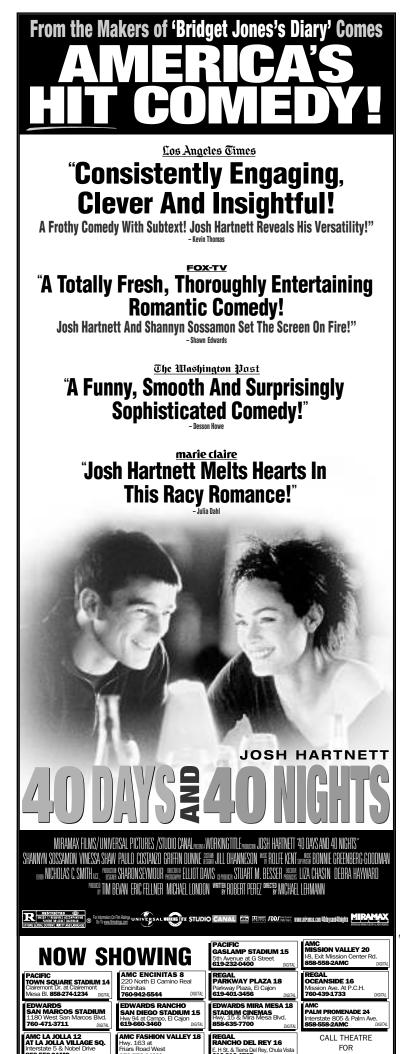
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any other viewer willing to switch off his brain in an effort to feel that young again. With Henry Thomas and Dee Wallace. 1982.

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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 youthy, 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



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Gabbeh — Iranian director Mohsen Makhmalbaf forms a perfect cyclical enclosure in which a Persian carpet begets a dreamlike folk tale that begat the carpet in the first place. The animistic world in which this unfolds is a similar enclosure: the sheep and goats of the nomadic clan, the grasslands around them, the flowers, the grains, all go into the carpet literally as well as figuratively. (It is a magic carpet in the sense of the "magic" of storytelling, the power of conjuring, the ability to transport.) Some of the cultural arcana, some of the personal peculiarities of Makhmalbaf, may be a bit unwelcoming to the wayfaring stranger, but not the voluptuous outward beauty of the thing: striking effects from the parroty and peacocky gaudiness of the women's raiment against the muted tones of the natural landscape; a mesmerizing rippling motif (a creek burbling over the submerged carpet, a flock of sheep in undulating motion over a hillside, a field of

tall grass ruffled in the wind); one especially lovely and long-held image of the blowing grass in deep space beyond the horizon line of the tapestry loom in the foreground. 1996. ★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/25, 6:30 P.M.)

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: GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 3/25; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Harrison's Flowers — Reviewed this issue. With Andie MacDowell, Adrien Brody, Brendan Gleeson, Elias Koteas, and David Strathairn; directed by Elie Chouraqui. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone — The children's book by J.K. Rowling, now a movie by Chris Columbus - maker of, among others, Adventures in Babysitting, Home Alone, Mrs. Doubtfire, Nine Months, Stepmom, and Bicentennial Man, chief rival of Steven Spielberg for his in-touchness with the Inner Child. No longer applicable, quite plainly, will be the line of defense to the effect that, however good or bad it might be, the kids at least are reading it, reading something. Even if you haven't read it yourself, you can infer a slavish fidelity to the text on the grounds that no special-effects movie, no "event" movie, no movie scored by John

Williams, would otherwise keep so leisurely

and strung-out a schedule of dramatic inci-

dent. 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 vou didn't know, is a putupon orphan who, on reaching his eleventh birthday, and despite the interference of an abusive adoptive family of Dickensian grossness, discovers that he is a naturalborn 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

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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)

I Am Sam — Queasy-making entertainment. And not only, or even largely, because of the jiggly, jostly, zoomy, freezeframe-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. (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Ice Age — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary; co-directed by Chris Wedge and Carlos Saldanha. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HAZARD CEN TER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9: TOWN SOUARE 14)

In the Bedroom — A dealing-withtragedy 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, 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.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 3/22; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/22; GASLAMP 15, FROM 3/22; GROSSMONT TROLLEY)

stract, almost hypothetical proposition concerning a couple of mid-level corporate pricks — a stiff one and a limp one — who, on an out-of-town assignment, form a pact to avenge themselves on the opposite sex (i.e., "restore a little dignity to our lives"; i.e., "payback"). To that end, the plan is to woo and then dump some needy wallflower, and their selected pigeon, who hardly looks to fill the bill, is the lovely Stacy Edwards, a stone-deaf secretary, with consequently a slight and heart-melting speech impediment. It turns out, in a "surprise twist," that there is another agenda al-together. The dialogue is stagy, but not the carefully thought-out, strategized, geometrized visuals: lots of long shots for literal "distancing," and lots of door-and-window framing devices for additional separation. Aaron Eckhart as the aggressive, venomous, bullying one (joke: "What's the difference between a golf ball and a G spot? I'll spend twenty minutes looking for a golf ball") is revoltingly convincing. With Matt Malloy; written and directed by Neil LaBute. 1997. ★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/27, 9 P.M.)

Iris - Dramatization of John Bayley's two tributes to his novelist wife, Iris Murdoch: Iris: A Memoir and Elegy for Iris. The backand-forth between early Iris (Kate Winslet) and Alzheimer's Iris (Judi Dench) keeps the

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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 Evre. 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 in door, 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; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Kissing Jessica Stein — Reviewed this issue. With Jennifer Westfeldt, Heather Juergensen, Scott Cohen, and Tovah Feldshuh; directed by Charles Herman-Wurm feld.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/22)

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)

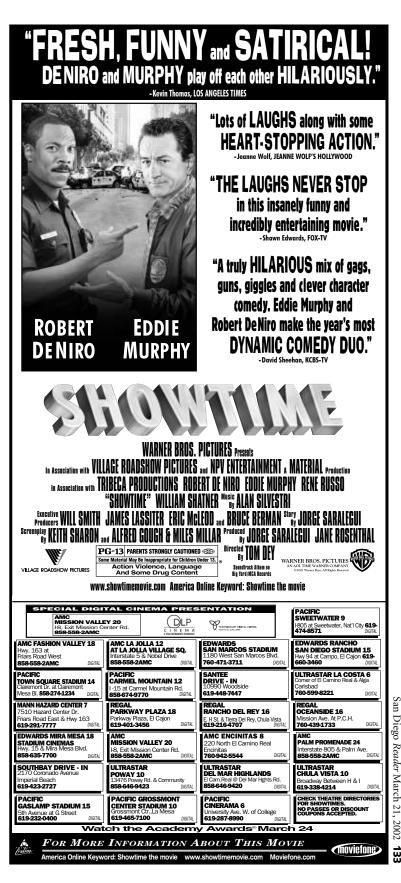
Last Orders — An elegy on an entire generation — the one that came of age during the Second World War — but narrowly fo-cussed on four East London drinking buddies, and most particularly on the two whose friendship dates to the North African theater of the war. The title, from the Booker Prize-winning book by Graham Swift, refers not to any commands issued at

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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: 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. 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. 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. Directed by Fred Schepisi. 2001. ★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring — Dr. Tolkien's homecooked myth. First course only. All manner of visual invention, photographic trickery, computer marie etc. cannot alter what is

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; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 3/25; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Monsoon Wedding — A gathering of 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



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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. Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Vasundhara Das, Parvin Dabas, Vijay Raaz. 2002. ★★ (COVE)

Monster's Ball — Swiss-born filmmaker Marc Forster focuses on the middle man (Billy Bob Thornton) in three generations of Georgia corrections officers. The film starts right out throwing haymakers first-thing-in-the-morning vomit, whambam-thank-you-ma'am sodomy, good-oleboy 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.

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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-androll. 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 takeme-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.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Resident Evil — Reviewed this issue. With Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez, Eric Mabius, and James Purefoy; written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 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; MIS SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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-ofyouth 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.

• (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10)

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)

Showtime — Reviewed this issue. With Robert De Niro, Eddie Murphy, Rene Russo, Frankie Faison, and William Shatner: directed by Tom Dev. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-

ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;

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Sorority Boys — Cross-dressing collegiate comedy with Barry Watson, Harland Williams, and Michael Rosenbaum, directed by Wallace Wolodarsky. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: 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: SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/22)

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 optimism. Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer. 1965. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/21)

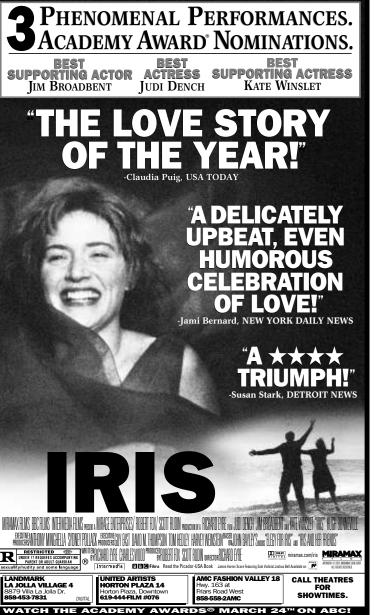
The Time Machine — Remake of the

H.G. Wells classic, directed by the novelist's great-grandson, Simon Wells, whose 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 widen-











ing 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 intellect will take you only so far; eventually push must come to shove.

Samantha Mumba, Orlando Jones, Jeremy Irons. 2002.

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Trees Lounge — Steve Buscemi's debut as a writer and director, an almost shrinkingly 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 reli-giously 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

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4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **40 Days and 40 Nights** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (5:10) 10:25; **A Beautiful** Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:10) 7:05, 9:55; **Blade II** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:55) 5:25, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:25) 8:00, 10:30; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:30, 2:45) 4:15, 5:35, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:35) 7:00, 8:30, 9:45; Harri-son's Flowers (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:45) 7:35; Ice **Age** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 1:10, 2:25, 3:25) 4:40, 5:45, 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 1:10, 2:25, 3:25, 4:40, 5:45) 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 9:55; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:25) 7:25, 10:10; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:35; Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:50, 8:10, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15, 5:50) 8:10, 10:35; **Sorority Boys** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50; The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 4:35, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 4:35) 8:20; The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:00, 5:20) 8:05, 10:25; We Were Soldiers (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:15, 10:15; Y Tu Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) 40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:45) 8:15, 10:30; All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:35, 8:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:35) 8:20, 10:20; **E.T.**, the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 2:05, 3:20) 4:20, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:25; March Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:05, 3:20, 4:20, 5:40) 7:00. 8:00, 9:20, 10:25; Gosford Park (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, Reader 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; Harrison's Flowers (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 7:20; In the Bedroom (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:40, 10:20; John Q (PG-13) ⁶ Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Tm ⁶⁰ (2:10, 4:50) 7:40, 10:20; John Q (PG-13) ⁷¹ Fri.-Thu. (1:20) 7:30; Monster's Ball (R) ⁷² [1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. ⁷³ (1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 9:55; Queen of the Dami (1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 9:55; Queen of the Damned **(**R) Fri.-Thu. (3:50) 10:00; **Showtime** (PG-13)

Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 2:15, 3:15) 4:25, 5:25, 7:25, 8:05, 9:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 2:15, 3:15, 4:25, 5:25) 7:25, 8:05, 9:50, 10:05; **Sorority** Boys (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:15, 7:50, 9:55 Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:15) 7:50, 9:55; **The Count** of Monte Cristo (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:10, 9:50; or Monte Cristo (PC-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 9:50; The Lord of the **Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 5:00, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:00) 8:30; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:30) 7:45, 10:10; **We**

Were Soldiers (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:15, 10:15

Horton Plaza 14

475 Horton Plaza (619-234-8602) A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 12:00, 3.15, 6.15, 9.20; Black Hawk Down (R) Fri.-Wed. 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30; Blade II (R) Fri.-Wed, 11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30; Escaflowne (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 11:25, 1:45, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10; Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG) Fri.-Wed, 10:50, 2:05, 5:20, 8:35; I Am Sam (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 6:55, 10:00; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Wed. 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.-Wed. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30; **Lantana** (R) Fri.-Wed. 11:05 2:16, 11:05, 7:35, 10:25; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Wed. 11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10, 7:05, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15; **Return** to Never Land (G) Fri.-Wed. 11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:05; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Wed. 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10

LA JOLLA

Cove

730 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) E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial; Blade II; Sorority Boys; Amelie; Ice Age; Resident Evil; Show-time; Harrison's Flowers; The Time Machine; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; The Count of Monte Cristo; A Beautiful Mind

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831) **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:25) 4:20, 8:00; **Iris** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu (1:45) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; Y Tu Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 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) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial; Blade II; Sorority Boys; In the Bedroom; Ice Age; Resident Evil: Showtime: The Time Machine: All about the Benjamins; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Iris; Dragonfly; John Q; Monster's Ball; The Count of Monte Cristo: Black Hawk Down: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring; A Beautiful Mind

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777) A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Mon.-Thu, 12:45, 7:20; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri. 1:00 (4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (4:15) 7:00, 10:00; **Gos-ford Park** (R) Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 10:15; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri. 12:45, 3:00 (5:05) 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:05, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:40, 3:00 (5:05) 7:15, 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** Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) Mon.-Thu. 12:30 (4:05) 7:45; The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri, 12:30, 2:50 (5:10) 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu, 12:30, 2:50 (5:10) 7:30 9:55; We Were Soldiers (R) Mon.-Thu. 12:50 (4:00) 7:05, 10:10

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial; Blade II; Sorority Boys; Ice Age; Resident Evil; Showtime; Harrison's Flowers; The Time Machine; All about the Benjamins; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Queen of the Damned; John Q; 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) Blade II (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. 3:20, 5:40) 8:00; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:25) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:55, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 7:55; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:10, 7:45, 9:40; Sun. (1:25, 3:40) 5:45, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:50) 7:40; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:05; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:00; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:25, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:40, 5:35) 7:30; The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:30) 7:45

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) **Big Bad Love** (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100) Amelie (R) Fri. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Italian for Beginners** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 9:55; **Kissing** Jessica Stein (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Last Or**ders** (R) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Y Tu Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Election, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Trees Lounge, Friday, 7 p.m.; Clockwatchers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; In the Company of Men, Tuesday, 9 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Amazing Journeys Sat.-Thu. 12:00; Bears (Not Rated) Fri.-Wed. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; 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.-Wed, 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00

EAST COUNTY EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) 40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:20; All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Thu, 7:45. 10:10; Big Fat Liar (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:00, 5:25); Blade II (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 1:20, 3:40, 4:15) 6:50, 7:30, 9:40, 10:15; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:50) 7:05, 9:40; **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **J Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:05, 10:25; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:40, 2:20, 2:50, 4:45, 5:15) 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:05; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:30; **Return to** Never Land (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:10, 4:40);

Showtime (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:25, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20; Sorority Boys (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 4:15) 8:00: The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 4:55, 5:25) 7:30, 7:55, 10:00, 10:25; We Were Soldiers (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:45) 7:00, 10:05

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100) All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:45) 7:50, 10:05; Blade II (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:15) 7:40, 10:30; Sat. (12:30) 4:15, 7:40, 10:30; Sun. (12:30) 4:15, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:25) 7:05, 10:10; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri. (12:30, 3:10) 7:10, 10:10; Sat. (12:00, 3:00) 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 4:15) 7:00, 9:55; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:45) 5:45, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 5:45, 7:55, 10:15; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:50) 7:35, 10:25; Sat. (1:00, 3:50) 7:35, 10:25; Sun. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:15, 9:40; Sat. (11:25, 1:50) 4:40, 7:15, 9:40; Sun. (11:25, 1:50) 4:40, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:40) 7:20, 9:45; Showtime (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:45) 4:35, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu, (1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 9:50; **Sorority Boys** (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; Sat. (11:15, 1:55) 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:30, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:35) 7:25, 9:40; **The Time** Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:25, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (1:10) 4:25, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:35, 10:05; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Sat. (12:35, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (12:35, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:15, 10:10

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 5:00) 7:45, 10:35; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30; Gosford Park (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 5:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 5:55); Harrison's Flowers (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 5:05) 7:40, 10:20; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:15) 4:40, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:15, 4:40) 7:00, 9:15; In the Bedroom (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:25; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu (11:25, 1:55, 4:25) 7:05, 9:35; **Return to Never**

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 understandable if, around closing time, Buscemi felt he had not said quite enough about his character, and forgivable if he attempted all at once to make up for it. With Mark Boone Junior, Anthony LaPaglia, Elizabeth Bracco, Carol Kane, Daniel Baldwin, Mimi Rogers, Chloe Sevigny. 1996. ★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/22, 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

Land (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:35, 3:35) 5:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:35, 3:35, 5:35); The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 8:55; Y Tu Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 10:00

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Blade II; The Time Machine; We Were Soldiers: Showtime

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

555 Broadway (619-338-4214) All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Blade II (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri. 10:15, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Ce Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Resident Evil (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Return to Never Land (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15; Showtime (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 12:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Sorority Boys (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:230, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Y Tu Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24

70 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial; Blade II; Sorority Boys; 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; John Q; Return to Never Land; Big Fat Liar; I Am Sam; 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, 4:35) 9:50; A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; Blade II (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:30, 2:45, 4:25) 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; Dragonfly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:05) 7:00, 9:45; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:35, 2:25, 3:00, 4:30, 5:10) 0:50, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00; Resident Evil (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 12:10, 2:00, 2:30, 4:40, 5:05) 7:05, 7:50, 9:35, 10:05; 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; Sorority Boys (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 2:10, 9:45; The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 4:10) 8:00; The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:0, 2:10, 2:20, 4:45) 7:00, 7:30, 9:25; We Were Soldiers (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20

Vogue

 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

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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In 32nd and D (619-477-1392) E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial; Big Fat Liar

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:20) 7:30; Blade II (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:05; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:20, 9:50; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:05) 5:05, 7:05, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:05, 5:05) 7:05, 9:10; Resident Evil (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu, (2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:15; Showtime (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50, 3:55) 5:55, 8:20, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:55, 5:55) 8:15, 10:20; **Sorority Boys** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:10, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:05, 10:10; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:40) 7:50, 9:55; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Y Tu Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 5:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 5:20) 9:35

NORTH INLAND

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Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **lce 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, 12:45, 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, 10:45; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 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, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30; 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30, 4:30, 7:30,

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Viet Cong commander: "Kill all they send,

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Blade II (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 2:15) 4:30, 5:20, 7:15, 8:00, 9:55; Sat (12:10, 1:15, 2:45) 4:30, 5:20, 7:15, 8:00, 9:55; Sun. (12:10, 1:15, 2:45) 4:30, 5:20, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:15, 4:30, 5:20) 7:15, 8:00, 9:45; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:15, 7:20, 10:25; Sun. (1:05) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 2:15, 3:15) 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15) 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:40, 5:30) 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 9:45; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri. (2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 10:10; Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55: Resident **Evil** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:35; Sat. (12:45, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:35; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:15) 7:25, 9:40; Showtime (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (12:40, 3:25) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:25, 5:40) 7:50, 10:00; Sorority Boys (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:50) 7:55, 10:05; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:15; Sat. (12:50, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:25) 7:35, 9:50; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:20; Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu (1:25, 4:25) 7:10, 10:00

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Blade II (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri. 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; Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 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; **Re-**turn to Never Land (G) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15; Sun. 11:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5.45, 7.15, 8.15, 9.45, 10.15; Sun - Thu 10.00, 12:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15; Sorority Boys (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30: The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; We Were Soldiers (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

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2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri. 4:15, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:30; 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, 7:20; Resident Evil (R) Fri. 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:50; 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

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420) Blade II (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 1:00, 0; Resident Evil (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Showtime (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sorority Boys (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Flower Hill 4

2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425) A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Harrison's Flowers (R) Fri.-Wed. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; In the Bedroom (R) Fri.-Wed. 11:15, 5:15, 10:45; Monster's Ball (R) Fri.-Wed. 2:30, 8:15; We Were Soldiers (R) Fri.-Wed. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8 220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)

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; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4: GALAXY 6: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT

HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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 TROLLEY; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:45, 4:10, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. 2:10 (5:10) 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:10, 8:00; **Blade II** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40; Sun. 1:50 (5:00) 7:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:40, 4:30, 7:00; **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50; Sun. 1:55 (5:05) 8:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 4:20, 7:15; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:25; Sun. 2:00 (5:25) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30; **Resident Evil** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. 2:25 (5:15) 8:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:20, 5:10, 7:45; **Showtime** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30; Sun. 2:30 (5:35) 8:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:45, 7:20; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. 2:20 (5:45) 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 5:40, 7:55; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:250, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00; Sun. 1:45 (4:45) 7:45;

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469) Amelie (R) Fri. 6:30, 9:05; Sat. 4:00, 6:30, 9:05; Mon.-Wed. 6:30, 9:05; **The Rocky Horror Pic**ture Show, Friday, midnight

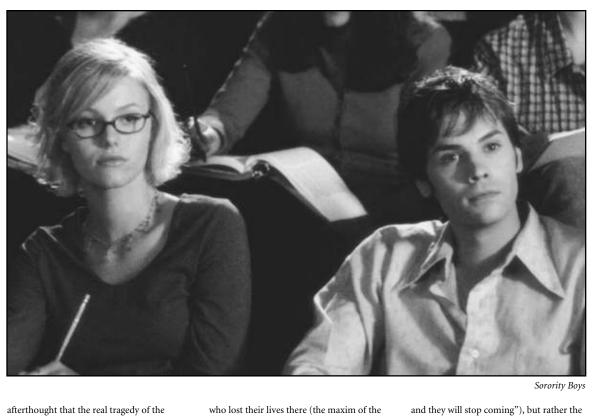
OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

All College Boulevard (760-806-1790) All about the Benjamins (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40; Blade II (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 12:20, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40; E.T., the Extra-Terestrial (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 2:05, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 11:30, 12:45, 1:50, 2:50, 4:05, 5:00, 6:35, 7:30, 9:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 12:45, 1:50, 2:50, 4:05, 5:00, 6:35, 7:30, 9:20, 10:00; Resident Evil (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Showtime (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 12:30, 1:50, 2:45, 4:10, 5:15, 6:35, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10; Sorority Boys (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; The Time Machine (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50; We Were Soldiers (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30; Y Tu Mama Tambien (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial; Blade II; Sorority Boys; The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring; Ice Age; Resident Evil; Showtime; A Beautiful Mind; The Time Machine; All about the Benjamins; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Dragonfly



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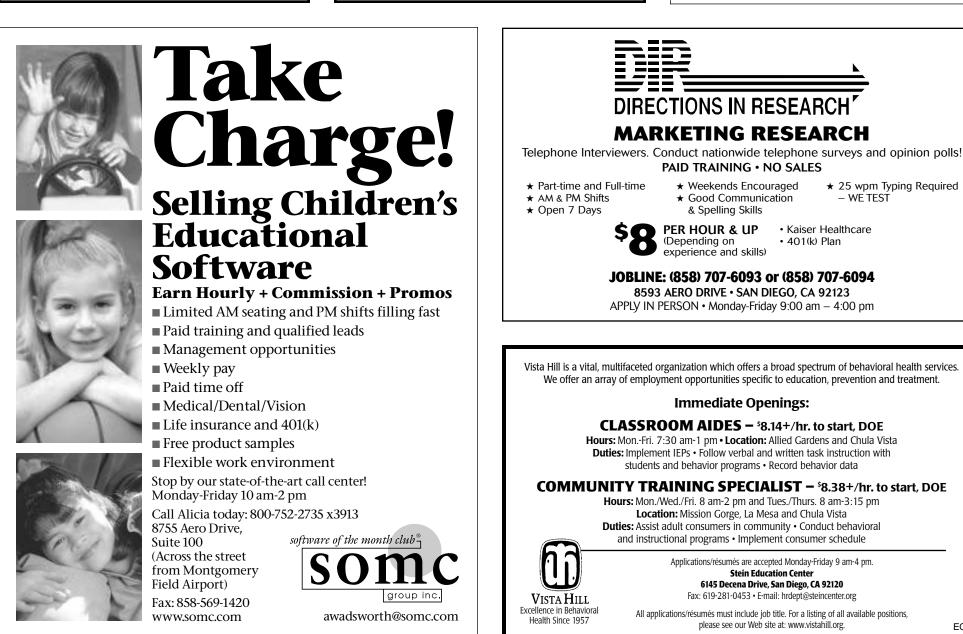
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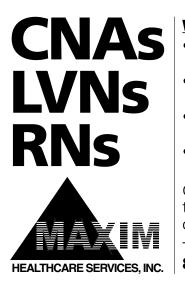
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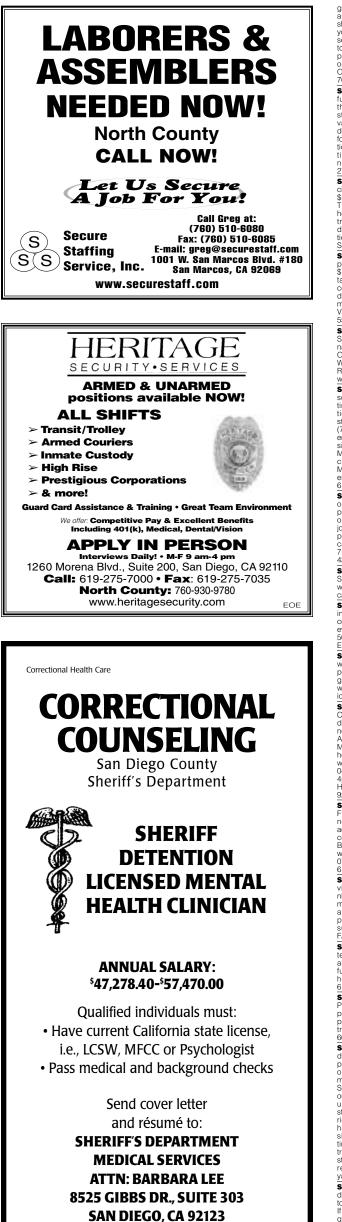
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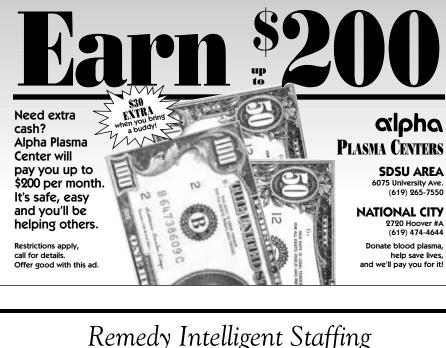


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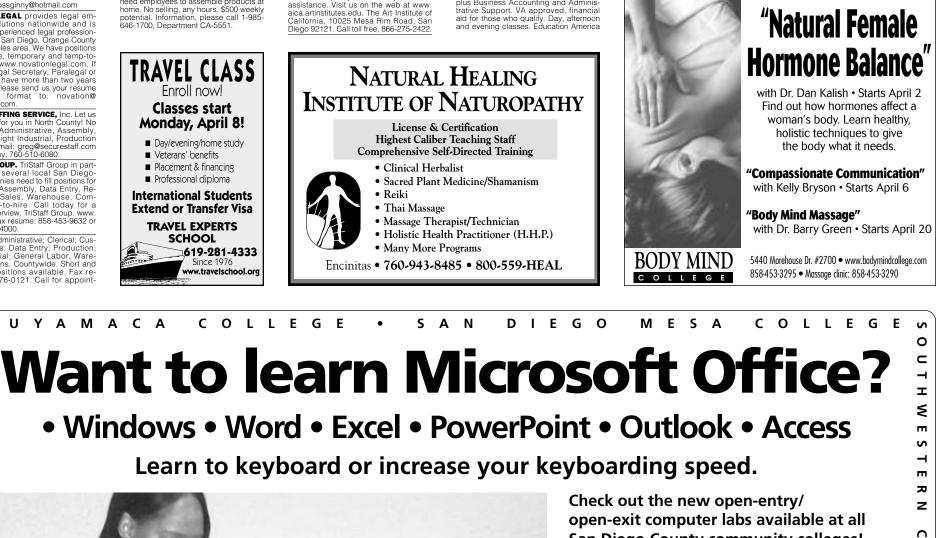
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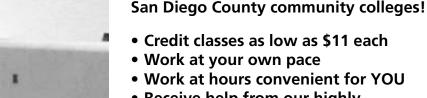
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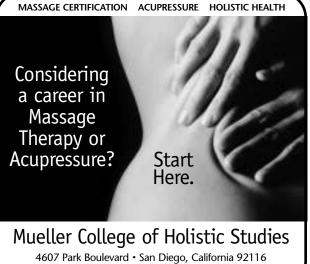
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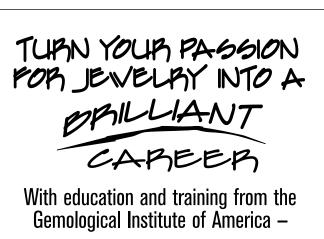
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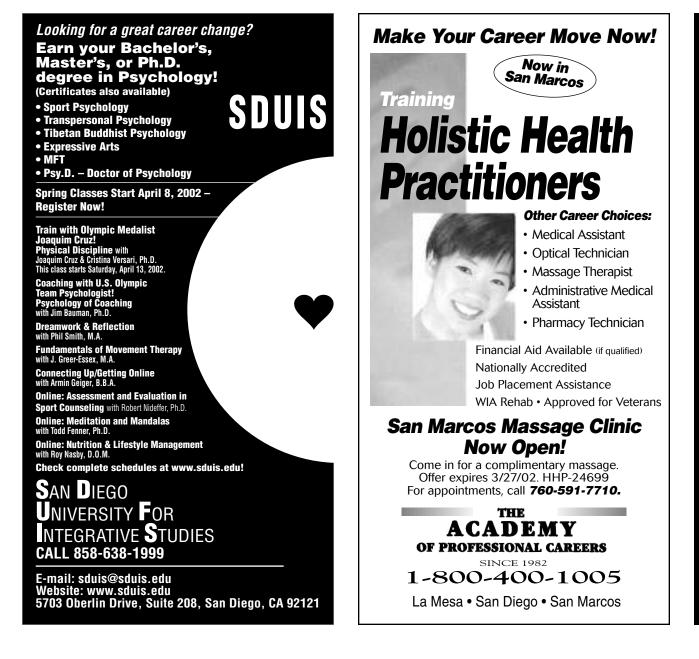
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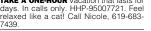
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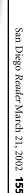
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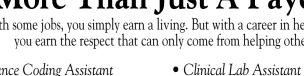


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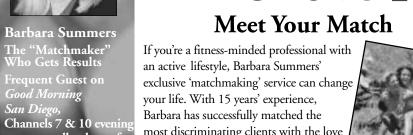
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ATTRACTIVE WHITE FEMALE, 46, looking for an attractive white male for dating. I'm 5'4-1/2", brown hair, blue eyes, medium length hair. Enjoy dining, movies, travel-ing. (4/3) **2**23297

BEAUTIFUL, BRAINY, athletic blonde/blue, 40, enjoys road and moun-tain biking, snowboarding, camping and kids. Seeking handsome, tall, athletic, in-telligent man with similar interests. Encini-tas. (3/27) 27 23223 ASIAN MORPHONE ASIAN MOONCHILD INTO movies, dining

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getic? Let's create/share friend/ship/part-nership, community, personal growth/de-velopment, relationship forums, seminars, expansion, love, self-expression, free-dom, fun, adventure. I'm 43, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". (3/27) 23247

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DOWN-TO-EARTH, NEW YORK transplant, Jewish, 55, tall, fit, attractive, nonsmoker, enjoys outdoors, walking. Seeking similar man who is warm, open, honest, for com-panionship. (4/3) 223263

SEEKING RANCHER, FARMER, cowboy 55+; retired OK; calloused hands, crusty

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ate blonde, green, 57", very attective, youthful 50, seeks younger male, non-smoker, social drinker, stable, secure, metaphysics, travel, romance, sincere, committed relationship. (3/27) \$23217

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**TAKE ME OUT FOR THE REST** of my life. 33, blonde, 5'9", 145lbs. Seeking tall, handsome Prince Charming type. Smoker OK. (4/3) 223279

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**GOT NAVY MEN?** White single parent, 28, full-figured, attractive, seeks white male, 28-40, for serious relationship; play no games, serious minded, likes kids. Peace. (4/3) **T** 23257

Peace. (4/3) 223257 BIG WITH SEXY CURVES! Voluptuous!

Hungry for love, thirsty for adventure! Love life! Want to share? You: 28-42. Ready to take a chance! Now! (3/27)

LOVABLE, TRADITIONAL ebony lady, 47,

5'4", 130lbs., who's lovely, intelligent, at-fectionate, kind and witty, seeks serious-minded, mature gentleman for compan-ionship or long-term relationship. (4/3) 72 23/26

FUN AND PRETTY, very witty. Sweet and petite. Want more than a date, maybe a mate? If you're around 60, that would be nifty. Nonsmoker. (4/3) 223313

SENSUAL, HONEST, INTELLIGENT, 53.

long blonde/blue, 5'2", curvy, seeks hon-est, confident, degreed, successful, over 5'8", selective, special man for our best relationship ever! (4/3) 223300

DAZZLE THIS BLUE-EYED blonde with your wit and humor. Seeking 5'10"-6'1", single white guy in the 60s who appreci-ates a fine lady. (3/27) ☎23204

EXCEPTIONALLY GORGEOUS, loving EXCEPTIONALLY GORGEOUS, IOVING lady, English accent, seeks handsome, young senior gentleman, nonsmöker, healthy, financially secure. Love Jesus, movies, music, laughing, walking, inter-national foods, dancing. (4/3) 223261

SENSUAL, ADVENTURE-LOVING white

lady, 5'6", trim, attractive, no dependents, enjoys cooking, outdoors; seeks tall, healthy 55-63 who wants to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relation-ship. (4/3) **2**23274

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**39, GOT HAIR,** 6', got brains, 165lbs., got humor, got skills; cooking, cleaning, dancing, athletics, coffee and sunsets, warm cider and snow; got career. (3/27)

ATTRACTIVE, African-American male, 43 years, 5'6", 1551bs., honest, condo Amkacine, russen years, 5'6", 155lbs., honest, condo owner. Bowling, walking, bike, movies, etc. Looking for petite lady, 30-50. Race open. (4/3) 330449

CLEAN, SOBER, HANDSOME! Quality tall, dark handsome man looking for soul mate, wife. I'm 39. You: Pretty, petite blonde? Healthy lifestyle. Wanting de-cent, loving man. (4/3) **2**30492

BLUE-COLLAR TYPE, STABLE, depend-able and faithful. Seeking a nice woman for dating and romantic moonlit walks. (3/27) 30345

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EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY and financially healthy white male, 5'10", 18 and green eyes. Need a lady w tegrity, fit; enjoys the outdoors, an movies and more! (3/27) **2**30382 with in-

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male. (4/3) \$\$30495 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

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LOVING, TOUCHING, SQUEEZING. Shall

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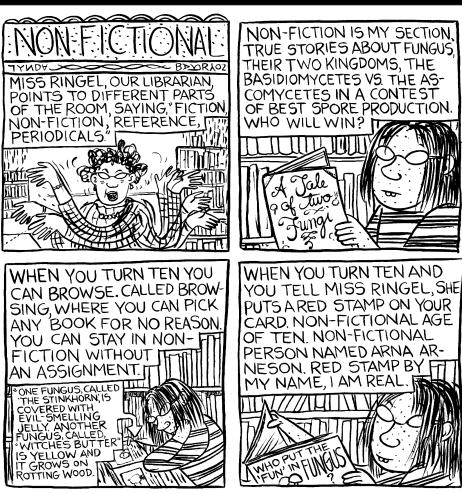
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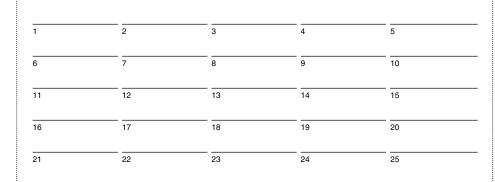
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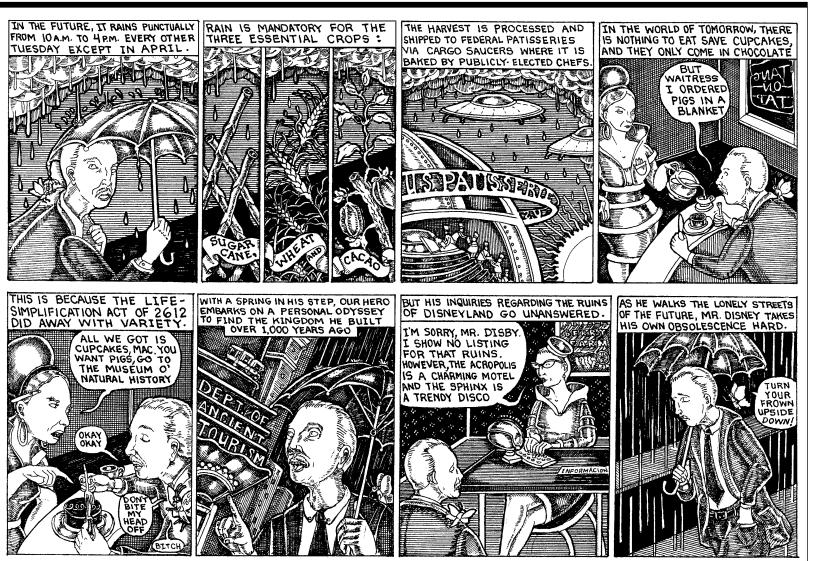
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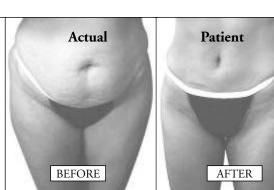
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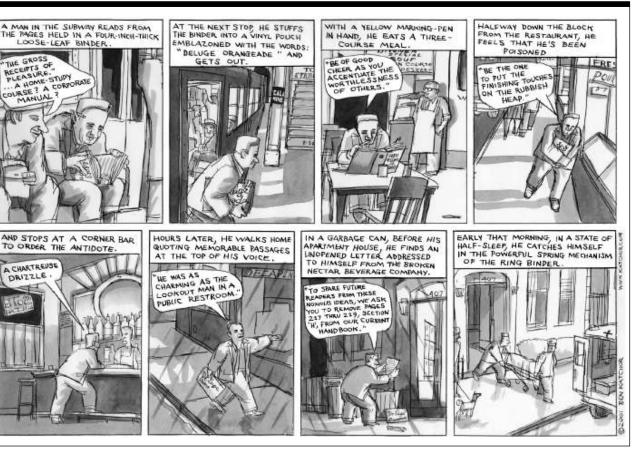
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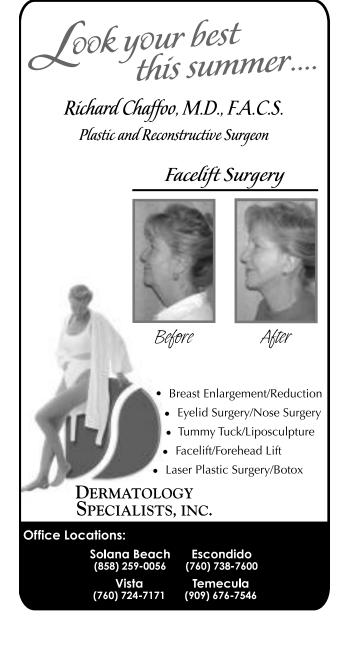
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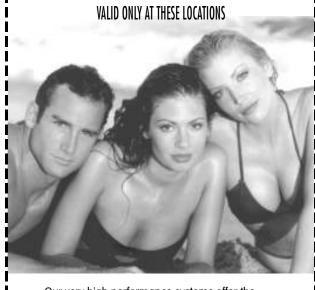
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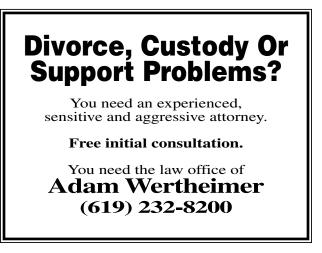
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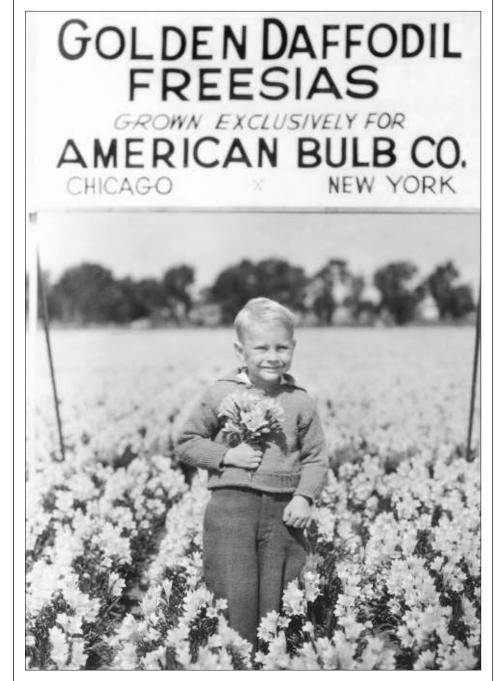
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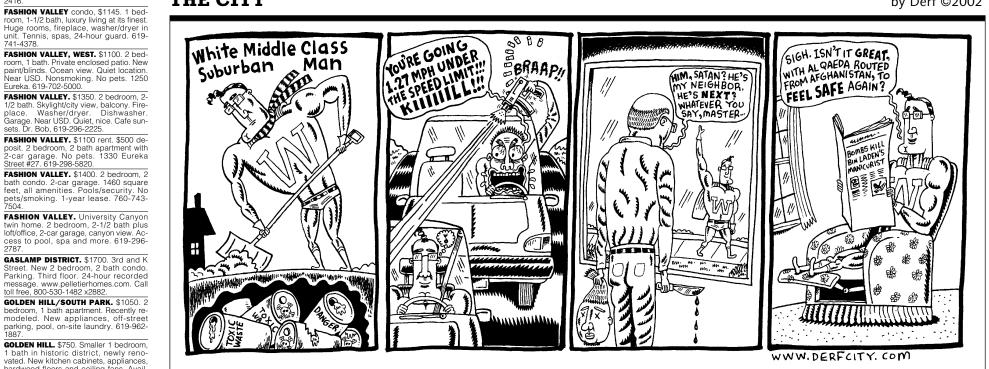
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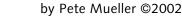
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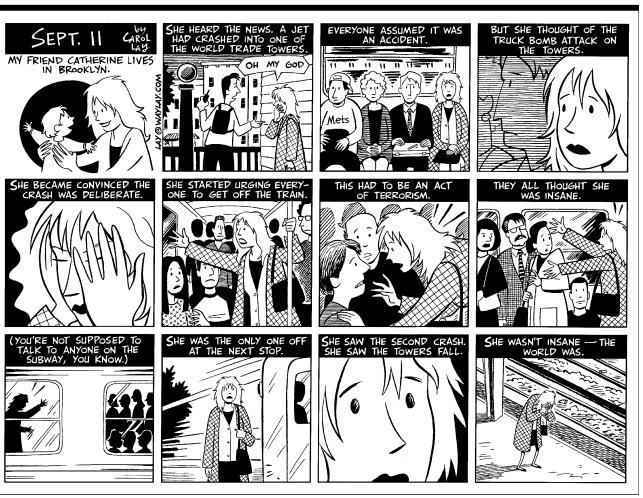
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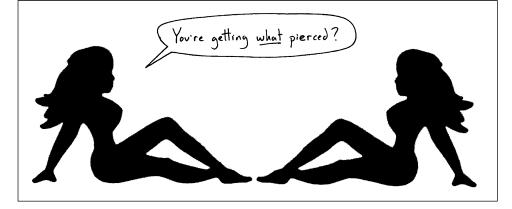
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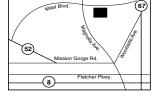


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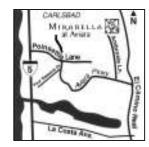


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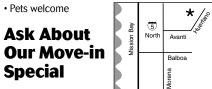
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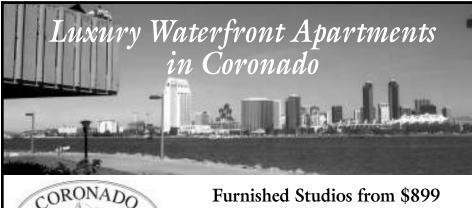
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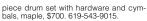
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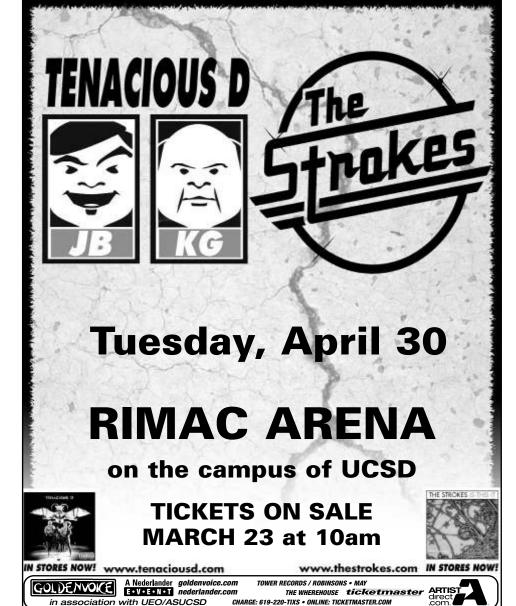
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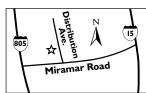
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#### GARAGE SALES

ALPINE. Estate sale. Saturday, 3/23. Fur-niture, collectibles, books, videos. 2916 Firebrand Drive (Tavern Road, south to South Grade Road, left to Rancho Palo

BalBoA PARK. Huge rummage sale. 9am-4pm, Saturday, 3/23 and 10am-2pm, Sunday, 3/24. Presented by the Thursday Club. All proceeds benefit local charities. Balboa Park Municipal Gym. CLADEMONT, Yord cale. 9am Japo Sun. CLAIREMONT. Yard sale. 8am-1pm, Sun-day, 3/24. Lots of good stuff! 4917 Sun-line Averue

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HILLCREST, Yard/moving sale. 8am-5pm, Sunday, 3/24. Bed, TV, VCR, dishes, Tupperware, decorations, videos, etc. 3440 Wilshire Terrace (cross street Cypress). 619-294-9754. KENSINGTON, Multifamily sale. 8am-

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day, 3/22; 7:30pm-1pm, Saturday, 3/23. 3323 #170 Caminito Eastbluff. LA JOLLA. Multifamily garage sale. 9am, Saturday, 3/23. Lots of stuff: Antiques to zarfs. Something for everyone. No early birds. La Jolla Blvd. at Dunemere. LINDA VISTA. One-hour sale. 4pm, Saturday, 3/23. Vacuum cleaner, stereo turntable, amplifier, wok, NordicTrak, keyboard case, more. Cheap. Call for address. 858-560-6638.

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NORTH PARK. Garage/remodel sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 3/23. Electronics, appliances, clothes, furniture. 3727 Utah

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. Garage sale. 7am-noon, Saturday, 3/23. Furniture, electronics, household, etc. In alley west of Temecula off West Point Loma. 4441 Temecula Street. OCEAN BEACH. Garage sale. 9am, Satur-

OCEAN BEACH. Garage sale. 9am, Saturday, 3/23. Love seat, end tables, lamp, near new queen mattress/box spring, miscellaneous household furnishings. 5052 Brighton. 619-794-6712. PACIFIC BEACH. Huge sale. 7:30am-?, Saturday, 3/23. Moving after 22 years. Furniture, armoire, couch, electronics,

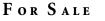
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urday, 3/23. Futon, beach cruiser, vacuum cleaner, etc. Everything must sell, moving to Hawaii. 1119 Oliver (in alley). 858-274-5364. PACIFIC BEACH. Huge sale! 9am-2pm,

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 Guimby Street (off Rosecrans).
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Evenings, 613-001-1600. SERRA MESA. Garage sale. Saturday only, 3/23. Everything must go cheap! 2914 Mobley Street. 92123. UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Moving sale. 8am-12pm, Saturday, 3/23. Furniture, speakers, kitchen, office, decor. 1530 Van Buren (163, Washington East, left Cleveland, left Buren). UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Garage sale, 8am-12pm, 3/23. Several sellers, lots of stuff. 1906 Carmelina Drive behind Trolley Barn Park.



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9490. CLOTHES. Men's gray suit, YSL, never worn, 44R, cost \$800, now \$150. 2 new leather jackets, cost \$300 each, now \$85. New miscellaneous items. 760-944-3655. COAT, brown suede with fur collar, \$60 Black seal fur coat, \$100. 619-296-7070.

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#### I would employ a lot of adjectives to a writing career before I got to "natural."

<u>By Iohn Brizzolara</u>

"Your zip code contains a hidden meaning which you will never discover." This is my horoscope for today and is a perfect example of why I find astrology so interesting, or curious, and, though often close to some kind of truth (I've always suspected my zip code), in the end, frustrating.

On Friday, February 8, at the Joyce Beers Center in Hillcrest, somewhere between 24 and 30 stargazers have gathered to hear art historian Douglas Barker from Palomar College speak about "astrology's role and influence on human culture." This is how it's presented in the newsletter of the San Diego Astrology Society, the Uranian. And "...ways in which astrology is tightly woven into the fabric of the many forms of human expression through the ages." Barker knows his art and his history and is a confident speaker. Presumably, he knows his astrology as well, citing examples of astrological allusions and symbols in medieval and gothic architecture, for example. But his references to astronomy's sometimes embarrassing predecessor seem almost obligatory, just enough to justify the gig in front of the society. Barker leans on the art and the history rather than the cosmic or, at least, planetary articles of faith.

The relationships he describes between, say, the Imperial Roman government and the proliferation of astrologers throughout the empire is interesting (like Christianity, more of a nuisance than threat — but the Romans were Italian and prone to overreact). The Islamic faith juggles the problem of free will, Allah, and the stars with practicality, perceiving "predictive astrology" as revelation of God's will. It drove the Christians nuts and was the target of a concerted campaign of ridicule, debunking, and equation with Satanism. Trying to remember the results of a horoscope or chart done for me in 1969 in San Francisco, I imagine I can smell patchouli wafting into the Joyce Beers Center, bringing sense memories of Berkeley and the Haight in the overripe days of "the Autumn of Love." Of course, since this is Hillcrest, I probably really do smell patchouli. The sudden itching in my groin area, as if I were reliving that plague of crabs rampant in the Bay Area that year, I cannot so readily explain. But I am accessing memories, all right. I'm a Sagittarius with, ah, Scorpio rising, moon, I think, in Capricorn, and there was something about Saturn and Libra. The only other bit I can remember from that chart deal was the prediction that I would come into a tremendous amount of power when I was 21 years old (I was 18 at the time) and abuse it.

This proved uncannily accurate as three years later I was playing bass through an Acoustic 360 amplifier at a free concert in Sacramento; two other bassists on the bill (one of them was with It's a Beautiful Day - remember them? Bunch of freakin' Libras) were using the same gear. I hijacked the other two amps, wired them all together, and during our tribute to Vanilla Fudge and the song "You Keep Me Hangin' On," just as the mescaline was kicking in, I cranked. One by one the speakers rended themselves to cardboard rags. First the 10-inch, high-end speakers, like six pistol cracks in quick succession, and then all three of the 15-inchers, almost simultaneously leaving only the horns intact, producing, in concert with the shredded 15s, a sound not unlike, I would imagine, that of a wounded and constipated rhino in an orgy of mindless rage. Good times, leaving me with a \$1200 debt and a conditional respect for astrology but assigning the business to the back burners of nostalgia.

Thirty-three years later, I'm hearing some vaguely familiar sounding terms coming from Jules Braden, the corresponding secretary of the astrological society. "You were born at 3:02 a.m." She didn't get that supernaturally, I told her. 'So the first house is four to six, so your sun could be in the second house. With your Mercury in Capricorn it would be natural for you to go into a career of writing. The third house is about writing and communicating." Natural? I'm thinking. I would employ a lot of adjectives to a writing career before I got to "natural." "The third house is also about siblings and your immediate neighborhood.

You have a lot of energy here; you need to write. Capricorn is the house of career. Capricorn is very, very practical, and you're very tough on yourself." Of course, Braden may be a Virgo, I suspect, which would explain much, if you know what I mean.

A buzz is in evidence at the center this night in anticipation of the March 15 guest speaker, author and chairman of the National Council for Geocosmic Research Rob Hand. Meanwhile, Barker is doing a first-rate job up there with slides, pointing out the symbolism in the frescoes on the cathedral at St. Chartres. Erudite and interesting as Barker is, I feel for him. Although Hand doesn't speak for several weeks, it is clear that booking him has been somewhat of a coup for vice president



Douglas Barker

Deborah Parker, who, in introducing the professor from Palomar, seemed to get all swirly at the prospect of Rob's talk on "Fate, Free Will, and Astrology" or possibly his workshop on "Dealing with Difficult Chart Combinations." Hand is, apparently, the Elvis of astrologers, and, in a way, Barker is opening for him.

I can relate, as my hard rock and blues band once opened for the Grateful Dead in Novato, California, which was Deadhead central at the time, with brown rice and lobelia tea everywhere as side dishes to psilocybin and Panama Red. We were much better than the Dead, if you ask me, with our riff-heavy, near-metal versions of Chicago blues classics. But the crowd booed us, chanting, "Dead, Dead, Dead..." until our singer walked offstage and had to be treated in one of the medical tents for a case of bad vibes and a deviated aura. Well, the guy was sensitive, a Pisces as I recall.

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Dad said he already had too many gray hairs. Mom didn't have the stomach for it. Finally big brother Greg came to the rescue, offering his driving-instruction services. In Connecticut, where I spent my teenage years, professional lessons were not required and my folks, penny pinchers of the first order, were happy to have Greg take up the gauntlet. On our first excursion down our private drive, I drove as if I could feel the curvature of the earth, veering off the road. "Maybe this will cause premature graying for me too," laughed Greg. Despite this rough beginning, I passed my driving test; though, mercifully, I was not asked to parallel park. I have never been a strong parallel parker and have considered taking a brush up course.

"We do individual lessons behind the wheel for **\$75** for two hours," explained Buck Matoushek, owner of La Mesa

Driving & Traffic Schools, Inc. "Parallel parking is not required by DMV, at least here, but we do offer individual lessons for whatever people might want to brush up on."

Is parallel parking one of the harder things to learn with driving? "I don't think so," Matoushek continued. "It takes a little bit

of practice but it is quite simple. You pull up next to the car in front of the space that you want to park in. You pull up even with it. As you start to back up, start to turn the wheel before your front wheels meet their back wheels. Another way to tell is when your back wheels pass the parked car, then start turning. When you get to where you're looking right down the left side of the car in "They are driving a lethal

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front of you, when you are even with the edge there, then you turn the wheel left and start swinging in. You have to make sure you are within 18 inches of the curb, that is the law."

Matoushek's business is both a driving and a traffic school. "DMV requirement [for minors] is 30 hours of classroom and 6 hours behind the wheel with a professional

school, and they are also required to do 50 hours behind the wheel with a parent. The parent just certifies that they have given them 50 hours. We offer teen-driving programs, 30 hours in the classroom for \$80. 6 hours behind the wheel for \$200. We have a package deal, if you pre-pay. For both classroom and behind the wheel it is **\$260**. We offer Adult Driving Pro-

grams, \$75 per 2-hour lesson in the car. We also offer an Adult

Theory class, which has two 2-hour classes, 6 hours behind the wheel, and the DMV road test. That costs \$350. We are also a Traffic School and the 8-hour class with the certificate costs \$25. Parents will send their kids to driving school, and later on the parent will get a ticket. The parent will come in to traffic school here and will say, 'I got some good infor-I mation out of this class, it is a good brush up for me.' Matoushek tells me the parents will

want to send their kids to traffic school for some brushing up as well. "I always recommend to the parents

that the kids have some driving experience first," continues Matoushek. "Because just to come in and sit in traffic school and learn how to be defensive drivers if they are not

familiar with driving is not worthwhile. Wait until they get six months' up to a year's experience and then send them back and brush them up.

Is the price the same for learning to drive on a stick or an automatic?

"The price is the same for both. It is a little bit harder to teach the stick, but we don't get that many people wanting to learn on the stick compared to the automatic. Appointments are available every day of the week from 9:00 a.m., sometimes as early as 7:00 a.m., to 6:00 p.m.'

Matoushek added, "We have late model cars, our cars are serviced regularly, and we have more than one car. Our instructors are mature; I have seniors that are retired, a housewife, good quality instructors. We are all certified by the DMV, and the instructors are also certified La Mesa Drivi by me. I go over and above to train them to my standards.'

Can most kids learn to drive a car properly in 6 hours? "No, lets face it, 6 hours isn't

**2** enough time behind the wheel. How long is a typing lesson in school? A whole semester. You need a whole lot more than 6 hours to learn how to type, and we are telling the students that all they need for DMV's requirements is 6 hours in the car with us. Thirty to 50 hours would be a good recommendation, the same amount of time that they put in to learn how to type or do math, something that isn't dangerous. They are driving a lethal weapon out there, and we are letting them go with potentially as little as 6 hours behind the wheel. Because what if mom and dad don't take them out for their 50 driving hours? They take them out for a little bit here and there when they get a chance. I cannot hold their certificate back after 6 hours even if they are not a good driver. I can see that they are not a good driver, they are not going to pass their DMV test, but once they have completed their 6 hours, I have to give them their certificate.

"An important thing to note also, something that many people are not aware of, is that the law says the student has to have their first lesson at a professional school. And then the instructor of that school validates their permit so they can then drive with some mature adult. They can't drive before that class."

Some other prices of driving classes around town: Express Driving School in Lemon Grove offers drivers' education classes for \$59 for 30 hours. Behind-the-wheel price is \$135 for 6 hours for teenagers. Adult behind-thewheel price is \$155 for 6 hours. A 2-hour brush up behind the wheel is **\$60**.

A Aaaffordable Driving School in Normal Heights charges \$140 for 6 hours at the wheel and \$60 for the 30 hours of classroom learning. They offer 2-hour classes at the wheel for \$75.

> United Driving School in Mission Valley offers 30 hours of drivers' education classes for \$80. They charge \$119 for 6 hours

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turned 40 yesterday. My husband Jack tried to make the day as easy as possible for me. When seven-year-old Angela woke up at 6:15, Jack rolled out of bed and went downstairs with her. When our other four children awoke and traipsed one by one into Jack's and my bedroom, I murmured, without even opening my eyes, "Daddy's down-stairs." Each child turned around, traipsed out of the room, and ran downstairs to see Jack.

Later in the morning, Jack took Rebecca, Lucy, and Johnny, aged nine, five, and three, respectively, to Angela's T-ball game. I stayed home with 18-monthold Ben. Ben followed me around the quiet house while I made the

beds and straightened up the kitchen. We sat on the living room couch, and I read his favorite Bob the Builder book four times in a row. At the end of the fourth reading, Ben's hazel eves drooped and his head grew limp against my shoulder. I set down Bob the Builder and picked up The Fellowship of the Ring, which I'm working my way through for the first time in 20 years. For a long delicious hour, I sat on the couch with my baby boy in my arms and read. No one ran through the room screaming or bickering. No one demanded a snack or to be accompanied to the bathroom. I listened to the birds in the tree outside our back window and lost myself in Middle Earth.

When Jack and the kids came home, Ben woke up. I fixed lunch, made a quick trip to the grocery store, went for a run, then got the house and the kids ready for a babysitter. "Why are we taking a bath when it's daytime?" Johnny asked as I filled the tub with warm water.

"Because Mommy and Daddy are going out tonight," I explained. "I don't want Nicolette to have to give you all baths."

"Are we gonna ride in the limo?" Johnny continued.

"Yup.

A couple of months ago, we refinanced our house. I squirreled away some of the proceeds to buy myself a 40th birthday present. Jack and I invited three of our best couple friends to dinner at Peohe's in Coronado. So no one would have to worry about a long drive home after a wine-soaked dinner, we rented a limousine to take us all there and back again. To give the kids a little treat. I asked the limousine to arrive a half-hour before Jack and I had to leave. "They can take the kids to Burger King to pick up dinner," I told Jack. "You and Nicolette can ride with them. They'll have a ball."

When the kids were all bathed and dressed, Jack disappeared into the bathroom. I laid out the kids' pajamas and closed the blinds in their rooms so the upstairs would be ready for bedtime. "When will the limo be here?" Rebecca asked every two or three minutes.

"Soon," I answered each time. "Soon."

Twenty minutes before the limousine was scheduled to arrive, Jack emerged from our room. "You're up," he told me. "We'll go to Burger King while you finish getting ready." 'Ooh, Daddy," I heard Angela tell Jack.

"You look handsome." I shut the door behind me and stepped into the shower. When I stepped out of the shower 15 minutes later, I heard Jack calling up the

stairs. "The limo's here. We're going." "I'll be ready when you get back," I answered.

Standing in front of the mirror, after I'd dried myself off, put on my makeup, blown my hair dry, and gotten dressed, I tried to look at my reflection with an objective eye. As though I could. A year ago when I turned 39, I was still carrying around a lot of extra weight from my pregnancy with Ben. I was in the process of growing out my hair and always wore a navy

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blue hair band that pulled my hair straight back from my face. I never worked out. I vowed I would be fabulous and 40.

I joined Weight Watchers and lost 40 pounds. I started working out four or five days a week. When my hair got long enough last summer, I got a new cut with soft bangs that frame my face. When I walked down the stairs late yesterday afternoon in my little black dress and my high heels, Jack walked in the front door. He held a loaded Burger King drink carrier in one hand and Ben in the other. He clutched the tops of four Kid Meal bags between his teeth. He looked up at me and tried to smile around the bags.

A moment later, the kids came crashing around Jack like a wave engulfing a pier piling. "The limo was SOOOO COOOOL," Rebecca shouted.

"Mommy, we got to walk around inside while the limo was driving," Angela chimed in.

They disappeared around the corner into the kitchen with Johnny and Lucy. I followed Jack into the fray. Nicolette started handing out meals. Rebecca dropped her Dr Pepper. Soda and ice splashed across the tile floor up onto the lower cabinets. Jack turned around and looked at me.

'You did it," he said. "You're fabulous." I smiled and bent down as best I could in my little dress to help Rebecca clean up the spill. Just maybe he's right.

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