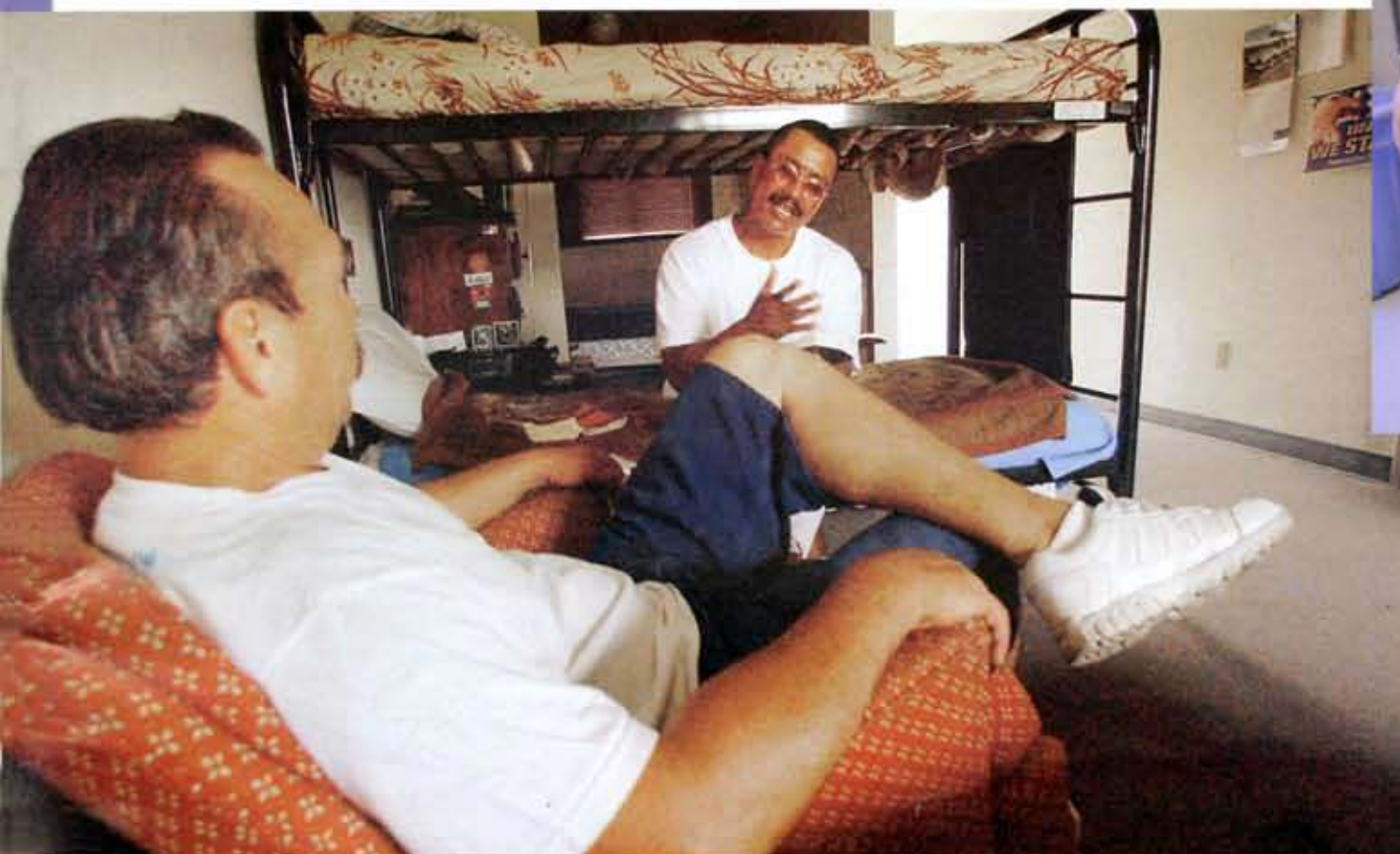


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Residents in dorm



Joek, chef at Casa Raphael

John's eyes were red and unfocused. He couldn't stand still but took a few steps into the parking lot, then kicked the railing of the stairs

## Down and Out

leading to the second floor. "They set me up, man," he told me. "I swear I'm clean. I didn't do nothing. I didn't take nothing. I'm scared even to take aspirin!" The man had just flunked a urine test that showed cocaine in his system.



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**Just plain Osama** That La Mesa-based Saudi Arabian who reportedly got thousands of dollars from Saudi Princess **Haifa al Faisal** prior to the World Trade Center attacks owes the U.S. government some back taxes. According to county records, the Internal Revenue Service filed a tax lien against **Osama Y. Bassnan** for \$5638 on February 2 of this year. Congressional investigators say they discovered that the princess, wife of Prince **Bandar bin Sultan**, the Saudi ambassador to the



Bandar bin Sultan

U.S., began sending monthly \$2000 checks to Bassnan's wife, **Majeda Dweikat**, in January 1999. And the ambassador himself reportedly gave Bassnan \$15,000, all supposedly because he needed assistance for his kids and ailing spouse, who underwent thyroid surgery. After 9/11, Bassnan was linked to another San Diego-based Saudi national, **Omar al-Bayoumi**, who had befriended two of the men who wound up hijacking Flight 77 and flying it into the Pentagon. At least one of the checks the Bassnans got from the princess was signed over to al-Bayoumi's wife, and the money ultimately made its way to the hijackers. Al-Bayoumi subsequently left the country and, after being arrested and released in London, disappeared back into Saudi Arabia. Will the IRS ever collect the taxes it says are owed by Bassnan? Unlikely, since the government charged him and his wife with visa fraud and deported them back to Saudi Arabia two months ago. Their six children are reportedly U.S. citizens.

**Speed rocker** Thai princess **Ubol Ratana**, onetime Del Mar resident and friend of ex-con **Dick Silberman**, has returned to her homeland, where she has become a rock star with a cause. The eldest child of King **Bhumibol Adulyadej**, Ratana, 51, was once married to La Jolla's **Peter Jensen**, who along with Silberman, one-time husband of ex-San Diego mayor



Ubol Ratana

**Susan Golding**, ran the ill-fated Yuba Natural Resources gold-mining venture back in the 1970s. In 1999, Ratana got into a nasty divorce spat with Jensen involving custody of their three children in which she charged that Jensen was using them as a "bargaining chip." After that, she moved back to Thailand. These days the great-great-granddaughter of King Mongkut of Siam is campaigning against her country's methamphetamine dealers by donning "skin-tight jeans" and singing anti-drug songs at local rock con-

certs. According to an interview she recently gave to the *Sunday Times* of London, her two daughters live with Jensen and a son with her in Thailand. "I'm a single mum now. I've got nobody to look after me, apart from my three children, who are the best thing in my life. Now I'm back in Thailand; I am going to make a difference. I can't be ordinary anymore. In America I was just a person. Here I am the princess."

**Fatherly intervention** Just before the city council elections last month, Monsignor **"Father Joe" Carroll**, the homeless



"Father Joe" Carroll

housing czar, dispatched a letter to his charity mailing list. "I am writing — for once — not to ask for a donation, but for a favor," the letter began. "I have wasted too much time in recent years fighting politicians who fail to recognize the causes I believe in. I fought a valiant and successful battle to be placed in City Council District 2. Now that the District 2 seat has come up for election, I believe **Kevin Faulconer** will provide the most balanced, realistic, and compassionate support for the causes to which I have dedicated my life." On election day, Faulconer went down to defeat at the hands of **Michael Zucchetto** ... Attorney **Mike Aguirre**, the bane of San Diego mayor **Dick Murphy**, is hosting a weekend get-together of some of the city's biggest dissidents to map out plans to effect policies and practices ranging from use of city-owned land to the Chargers' stadium deal to the coming airport imbroglio ... **John Walton**, the Wal-Mart billionaire who once lived in Bonita but now hails from Wyoming's Jackson Hole, contributed \$6 million last year to School Futures, the San Diego-based charter-school management operation. Walton is also a big backer of San Diego Unified School District superintendent **Alan Bersin**, having given more than \$20,000 this year in an effort to elect Bersin-backed school-board candidates ... The widow of **Tsunao Saito**, the UCSD Alzheimer's researcher gunned down along with his 13-year-old daughter on the night of May 9, 1996, as they arrived at their La Jolla home, has finally won her legal battle with a Japanese magazine publisher over suggestions she had something to do with the killings — which San Diego police have never solved. Last week the supreme court of Japan upheld a 350,000-yen defamation verdict for **Shizue Saito** against **Shukan Bunshun**.

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## Fuller's Bitter E-Mail Trail

By Matt Potter

**C**lyde Fuller says he's through with politics. He doesn't want to discuss his failed race for the San Diego Unified

school board against John de Beck ever again, period. "It's over, it's over, it's over," Fuller repeats over and over into the

left behind an e-mail chronicle of his maiden bid for public office, complete with candidly graphic characteriza-



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Clyde Fuller

phone. "Once and for all. It's over!"

Well, not quite. First-time candidate Fuller, it appears,

tions of his foes and perceived injustices committed by a newspaper reporter. The e-mails were reportedly sent to

a small inner circle of Fuller backers during the final two months of the campaign. After being read their content last week during a telephone interview, Fuller would neither confirm nor deny that he had authored them. "I write a lot of e-mails," he said. "I'm not going to talk about any of them. The election is over, it's all over, and that's all I have to say."

John de Beck appeared poised to run unopposed for reelection until Fuller emerged as a surprise candidate just days before the filing deadline in the first week of December 2001. Hardly a household name before his ill-fated school-board campaign, Fuller's brief appearances in the pages of the *Union-Tribune* over the years had been limited to mentions in society writer Burl Stiff's column. A retired FBI agent and Pacific Beach resident with a lantern jaw and a flowing mane of blond hair, Fuller has close ties to the middle-aged beach-area party culture; his biggest public role before his school-board race was as chairman of the 2002 National Life-guard Championship.

Thus his sudden entry into the District C race against Democrat de Beck — an ex-teacher closely tied to the San Diego Education Association, the teachers' union — provoked easy speculation that Fuller had

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## Neal Obermeyer





## Young Euros Take Peculiar Vacations

By Ernie Grimm

Tijuana is becoming a destination for European youth looking to spend long-term stints in a new culture. But they're not coming to the border city for great weather, nightlife, or proximity to San Diego. Five Austrian, one French, and two Spanish volunteers are doing mission work under the direction of seven Mexican priests of the Salesian order. They work in Tijuana within a system of seven *oratorios* — oratories — each of which combines the roles

of traditional parish church, trade school for adults, elementary school for children, and athletic leagues for both children and adults. Spread around Tijuana, the oratories are collectively known as *proyecto salesiano*, the Salesian Project.

Erwin Hintirholzer, 26, grew up in the "very small village" of Ertl between the

cities of Vienna and Salzburg in Austria. When he was done with his university studies, a choice confronted him. "In Austria," he explains in careful, school-learned English, "you are required to do 8 months of military service. But you can choose to do 12 months of social service instead. For me, social service was a more — how do you say it? — sensible choice. So I was intending to do a year of social service in Austria when I found out you could also choose to do 14 months of social service outside of Austria."

Deciding on the foreign service option, Hintirholzer made contact with the Salesian order in Austria. "They gave me three choices of



Monika Spitaler at Salesian oratory in El Florido

countries I could go to: Ghana in Africa, Ecuador, and Mexico. The most sensible choice for me was Mexico."

Asked what made Mexico the best choice, Hintirholzer replies, "Well, in Ghana, I would have been working strictly in trade schools the Salesians have there. In Ecuador I would have been working with street kids. Mexico offered a variety of things: teaching, sports, and physical labor. And here we work with both children and adults."

For Monika Spitaler, 20, also from Austria, mission work ran in the family. While she was a teenager living in suburban Vienna, her older

sister worked a year in a Salesian mission in Africa. "She told me that this experience was the best time of her life," Spitaler recalls, "and she encouraged me to try it, so I did. But I didn't want to stay a whole year. I intended to stay for only one summer. I came the second of July this year planning to be back in Austria by now. But I was so impressed with how they attend to the children who are out of the educational system here. Kids who have fallen out of the public school system can come here and go to school and learn, and they have a chance to improve. So I decided to stay for a year."

Spitaler works in an ora-



Erwin Hintirholzer

tory in an eastern Tijuana *colonia* known as El Florido. But there's nothing florid about this neighborhood, just a kilometer or two north of the foreign maquiladoras. Though it's on Tijuana's elec-

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El Florido

## Edible City

By Robert Kumpel

San Diegans who refer panhandlers to St. Vincent de Paul Village or the Rescue Mission may not know about San Diego's third option for free food: the local canyons.

Jon Rebman, Ph.D., the curator of botany at San Diego's Natural History Museum, says that much of the plant life that grows in San Diego's canyons and back yards is perfectly edible. "I'm not saying it would be easy to live off the plant life here. It's not just the public areas but private too. Think of all the different things that are planted, the different types of trees. You can grow just

about anything here. All the citrus...then you've got things like loquats and all sorts of edible fruits that produce throughout the year."

Rebman, 37, works in the taxonomy of plant species and specializes in the deserts of Baja California, where he leads research expeditions every two years. When discussing edible plants, his fascination with cacti is apparent. "Most of them have edible fruits. The pads are edible. In Mexico, they call that

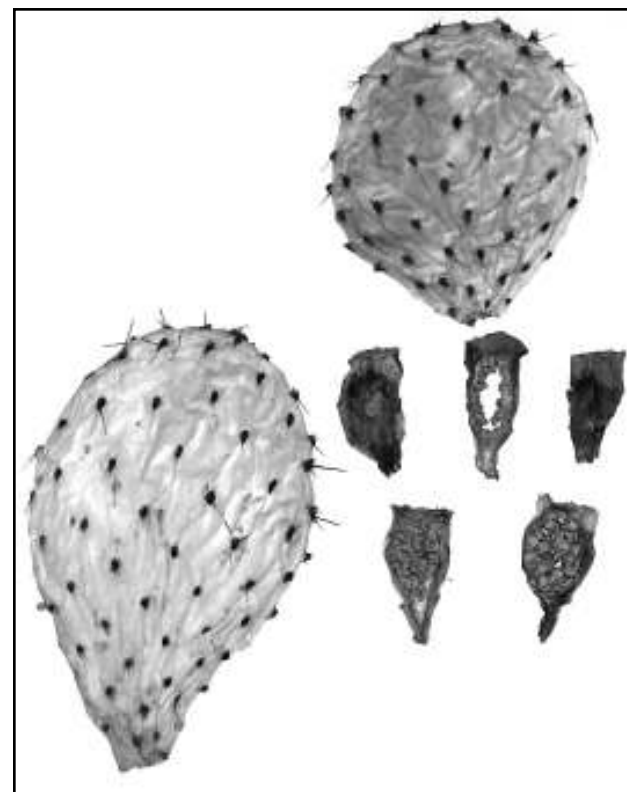
the *nopalitos*. And the fruits, or *tunas*, are extremely edible. *Nopalitos* are the pads on a couple of species of prickly pears, and they are a major food in Mexico. You can boil them, dice them up and use them with eggs, or eat them alone as a side dish. They're supposed to be good for diabetics."

Cactus pads may be mainstream food for Mexico, but Rebman admits that their taste probably wouldn't appeal to the average American's palate, although the fruits would. "They are really important. I always go back to Illinois and tell them, 'I just had *tuna* ice cream and it's fantastic!' And they just cringe, thinking I mean the fish!" he laughs. "But you can make juices out of it, or you can eat it straight. It's a big,

large fruit, and it tastes kind of like a watermelon. It's very sweet and tasty, and they're producing a lot. It's a major industry for Mexico."

Another cactus species Rebman recommends as edible is the agave. "There's a lot of them in Balboa Park, on the desert side. There used to be agave-roasting pits, where the indigenous people used them extensively. That's where tequila, mescal, miel, pulque, and all those other beverages come from. It's an edible stem portion. You take off all the leaves and roast this rounded stem-like thing. It looks like a pineapple without the leaves, so they call it a *piña* in Mexico. That starch then becomes available after it's roasted, kind of like a

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Prickly pear



## Bitter e-mail

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been recruited by the city's anti-union, pro-business lobby. During the campaign, Fuller, a supporter of school

superintendent Alan Bersin, benefited from hundreds of thousands of dollars funneled into the race on his behalf by the county's GOP Central Committee and the Lincoln Club, a Republican campaign-funding organization.

The largest Republican donations to the Fuller cause came from downtown real estate mogul Malin Burnham and Wal-Mart heir John Walton, a champion of charter schools. Billionaire Eli Broad, a Los Angeles Democrat and

close friend and supporter of school district superintendent Bersin, also contributed more than \$30,000.

The intervention of big business and development interests was used by the teachers' union as a campaign is-

sue against both Fuller and Katherine Nakamura, the pro-Bersin candidate in District B, who, like Fuller, was the beneficiary of the money spent by Broad, Burnham, and the city's other financial

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## Bitter e-mail

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interests. "I don't want to get into that," Fuller said repeatedly when asked about the motives of his backers during

a telephone interview last week. "The election is over. I lost. We should move beyond whatever it is you're trying to say. It's over."

But whatever Fuller's current druthers, his campaign lives on in the e-mails. Signed

"Clyde" or "C," they are full of attacks on the teachers' union and other Fuller detractors. They also say that, like many politicians — especially those who suffer at the hands of voters — Fuller blamed the media for many of his woes.

Ironically, the memos suggest, he took particular umbrage at *U-T* education writer Maureen Magee, who covered the two school-board campaigns for the paper.

In August, Magee had broken the story that many ob-

servers feel ultimately led to the demise of Jeff Lee, the anti-Bersin, pro-teachers' union candidate running against Nakamura in District B. According to Magee's account, attributed to documents provided by an anony-

mous source, Lee, while an officer in the Navy, had abused sailors on a Navy frigate under his command. The piece, which ran under the headline "School board candidate's military past checkered," was repeatedly cited by *Union-Tribune* editorial writer Robert Kittle during various appearances he made on KPBS and Cox Cable television attacking Lee's reputation. The information also made its way into *U-T* editorials, op-ed pieces, letters to the editor, radio spots, and direct mail hit pieces paid for by the pro-Nakamura business interests. Lee declined to return fire and was edged out by Nakamura.

But Fuller, according to the following unedited e-mail memos — some humorous, some written in obvious frustration — apparently thought Magee was out to get him and Nakamura. The memos say he also found a variety of other conspiracies lurking around every bend of his rocky campaign trail.

October 15

OK, is it me or do I understand that the Sec. of Ed. for the U.S. and the Cal. State Superintendent for Education can now be added to the giant conspiracy along with the "builders and developers" that are trying to take over the school system.

I'm surprised she [*Ed: the memo apparently refers to a reporter*] hasn't mentioned the world wide Jewish banking cartel (I need to get their number because we may need to use their meeting hall as our "group" is growing)

I will have to say for being such a poor and lazy writer, the thought of writing something derogatory seems to spur her creative juices.

It was pretty difficult to write something derogatory about what I thought was a positive visit, but she did it.

The Sec. of Ed. visits and she writes up an interview of the Pres. of the SDEA.

FYI someone with the large SDEA button asked last night how many years I spent in the CIA and why did the CIA want to be involved in our local school system.

(I told them that they were always looking for well educated students).

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Conspirator Clyde

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The forum was put on by the Latino Coalition on Education.

A group created out of thin air by [a former school-district employee], recently fired from SD schools and very disgruntled, and several other long time Bersin critics who are openly supportive of deBeck and Lee.

[Editor's note: During a recent telephone interview, the former employee cited in the memo denied he was fired by the district and produced a letter of recommendation on his behalf signed by all five members of the board of education. He added that the coalition had been active for many years before the 2002 elections.]

The concern was that the entire panel of questioners was made up of Bersin critics and it would be a complete set-up. Furthermore, Maureen Magee had stated that she would only be going to this forum and the League of Women Voters forum.

So the concern was that she would be writing a not too nice story about myself and Nakamura — especially aided by the fact it was a complete set-up to make us look bad.

As we walked in every single person involved in the forum — the person directing traffic to the hall, the people providing refreshments, the ushers at the door, the people filming, etc., all had on Lee buttons and SDEA buttons.

Then just before we are ushered up to the podium the moderator gets N and I aside and tells us that out of fairness he must tell us that he is [school-board member] Frances Zimmerman's son-in-law.

At this N bursts out in tears (after a few minutes and prior to the podium she gathers herself together). I have to say he was a very nice young man who had probably never had this experience before and he was completely befuddled as to what to do.

I hate to sound cold-hearted, but it was pretty entertaining watching them both begin to disenigrate. N

recovered and then all was OK.

We go up to the podium and [the organizer] begins with a very a long-winded supposedly statistical tearing down of the Blueprint on a PowerPoint demo.

Tom has seen the data and it is ludicrous.

Then the panel begins to ask us questions that [the organizer] has assured me no one has seen before the questioning.

As soon as the question-

ing begins both D and L take out typed, prepared notes for each question and read their answers for every question asked (AH, nothing like honest competition).

The questions were very mild and were very fair and

to top it off, even though they had obviously spent a great deal of time preparing answers — their answers were terrible.

Then at the end, even though we had all been told that there would be no final

statement, the moderator (Fran's son-in-law) said he was going to make an executive decision and allow a one-minute statement.

Both D and L immediately take out typed prepared

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## Bitter e-mail

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statements (you'll love this — they were so long that they both had to be stopped short of their conclusion,

leaving a confusing and muddled ending).

DeBeck told the audience that they should not vote for a "want to be school board member" but that they should only vote for someone who is already a school board

member. I retorted that not only was that the most absurd thing I had ever heard him say on the campaign trail, but that apparently it is a burr under Mr. deBeck's saddle that he is in America where any citizen can run for office.

I then went on to say that to counter his remarks that all my endorsers were politicians and that the further you got from education the closer you get to my endorsers.

I said I would turn that argument on its head and point

out that all these people had worked with John during his years on the board and that now not one of them endorsed him. This shows that the closer you get to people who have worked with him the further you get from peo-

ple who support him.

(Even old John liked it and told me he would have to agree. He likes to think of himself as a cranky old man).

All in all it was not too bad.

Also Channel 6 (Fox) seems to follow me everywhere and asked for an interview afterwards. They did and as they were leaving Lee demanded they do him, so the cameraman put his stuff back up and did a quick interview of he and N (I got odds they don't show it).

Then outside KUSI got me aside and did an interview about the DC killings. Lee demanded they interview him and they told him it had nothing to do with the race and basically told him to pound sand.

Then we went to Barrio Logan and Ben Hueso (community activist) took us door to door of known voters in the area for 4 hours.

Nice day all in all.

Hope you all have a good weekend.

C

October 20

About a week ago a number of my friends in La Jolla called to ask for more yard signs because their signs had been removed from their yard — often within hours of putting it up. Another friend of mine had put up a sign at Costco on Moreno and had used tie straps to attach it and it was cut down within hours. Last night I returned home, and my wife told me that a friend of mine was in the Sports Arena area and saw a man get out of his car and remove a yard sign of mine. He yelled at the man and he got in his car and ran off.

This morning I awoke to find not only my yard sign gone, but also at least 10 signs in my neighborhood removed (and that's just with a short cursory look). deBeck signs are up across the street from some of the places where my signs were removed, and Faulkenor signs were removed from some, but not others.

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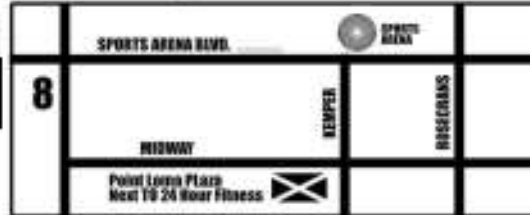


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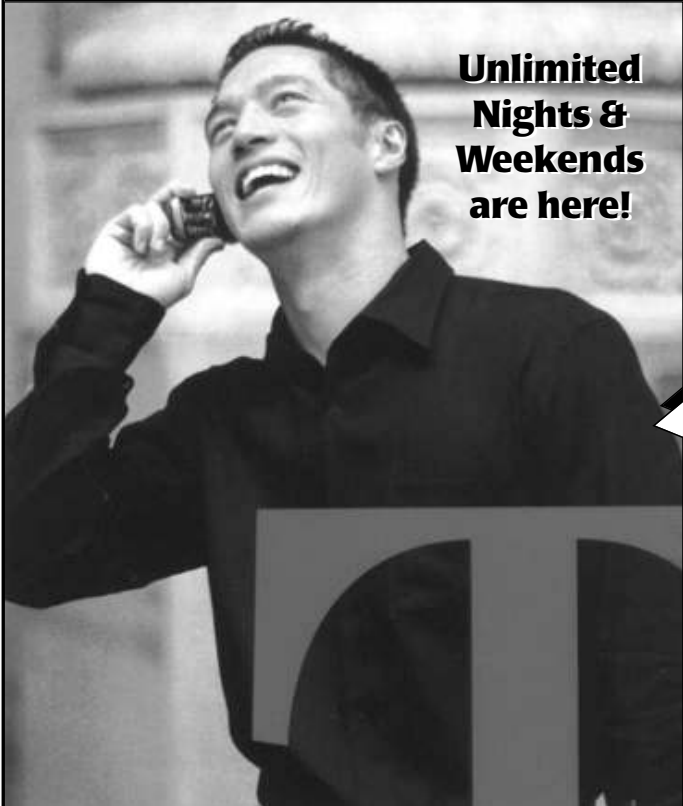
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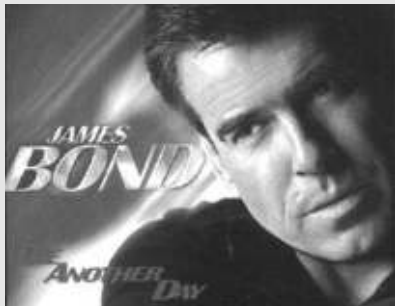
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shop teacher and full-time horses ass).

I know this happens all the time, but is there a way I could

call a news conference and ask deBeck to ask his supporters to stop removing signs.

I could add that the sign removals really started to accelerate after his comments at yesterday's forum where he stated that no one should be

allowed to be elected but incumbents ("You shouldn't vote for a want to be school board member — you should only elect someone who is already there.")

This matches nicely with his comments reported in the

UT where he has often stated that this is his seat until he dies or he decides to give it up).

I know this is petty, but there is no way I can afford to go around and replace yard signs this close to the end.

Plus it might be a nice story about the trials of running in a high-profile race.

C

October 24

Well, tonight was the worst thing we have been to.

30 or so people and every single one of them a SDEA and/Lee supporter.

The moderator (Jim Vandover, an endorser) did a poor job, and the crowd yelled and got out of hand.

More questions than we have ever had, and they all were about real estate and bad mgt. and low teacher morale. Lee said that he would never impugn K's integrity, BUT it was merely a matter of conflict of interest. She would have to put vote for her husbands multimillion \$ business interest and against the children.

He was awful.

D said the same about me and my developer friends. He said they made up the vast majority of my donors. He said it wouldn't necessarily be anything illegal — it's just that I would put their interest ahead of the children. He said that the developers were licking their lips in anticipation of the potential windfall they were to receive.

He said that as to the Commercial St. property — the person who provided the info on the potential illegal activity of I. (which he pronounced Imza) was none other than Ron Roberts. Ron R. had called to warn D. about the conflict. (What the heck is that all about?) He then went on to say I. was in deep trouble about some library deal in SE SD.

He then went on to attack Ron Ottinger (the attack can be seen tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. on KPBS TV where he first surfaced it). He said to show you how much faith Ron has in the Blueprint and the teachers, the Pres. of the school board has taken his child out of a SD school and placed him in a Coronado HS.

D was very much more vocal than he has ever been. He said he is going to fire everybody and give the classroom back to teacher and teachers aides. He was vicious about everybody.

It was an awful crowd. Several people came up and yelled at me about the Lincoln Club flyer and how I had brought racism in the race. They said his record spoke for itself that he was not a racist and that this was way over the top.

How could I talk about reconciliation and then print this up. I was pretty tired by

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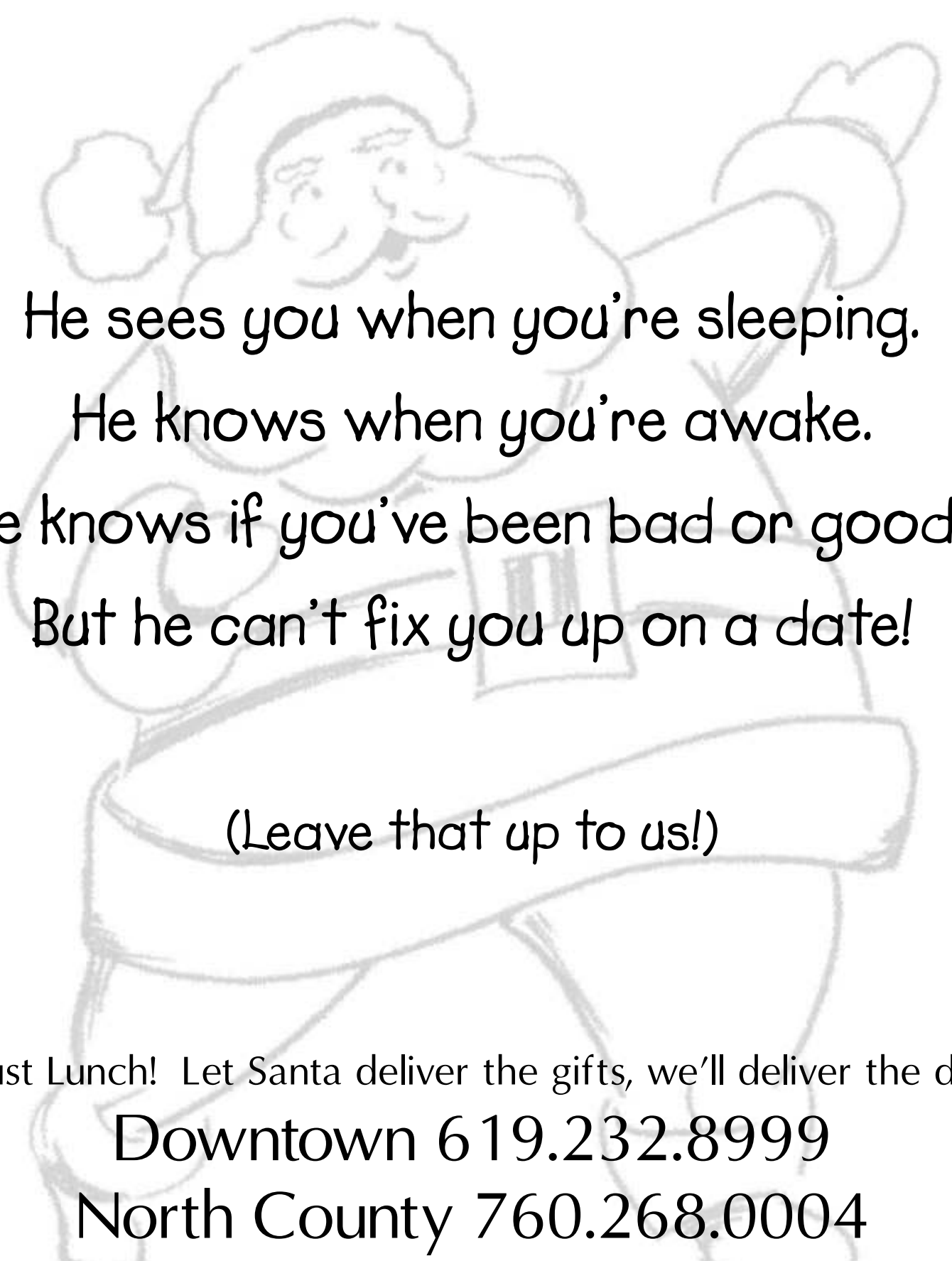
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this time, so I told her (1) I had nothing to do with the flyer (2) I wasn't there to take sh-t off her. I was there to an-

swer questions from people with legitimate questions. I then excused myself as she yelled at me as I left — with my head held high.

As I went out in the parking lot there was Pesta (the SDEA Pres.) and almost the

entire crowd from the forum. He was giving them instructions for questions to ask at the upcoming forums. They stacked the questions at this one even though they did not have any competition.

They each wrote 4-5 ques-

tions each. Interesting tactic — surprised it took them this long to figure it out.

I know Laurie does not agree — and I have absolutely no knowledge to the contrary — I got a call today “reminding” me that the mod-

erator tomorrow and John have a “special relationship” and not to be expecting to be treated fairly at the League of Women forums tomorrow or on Monday.

I did see the moderator at the Latino forum ask ques-

tions and allow a closing — which he specifically said he would not do. I also notice that the moderator almost always selects the questions.

But the truth is, I am very comfortable answering anything anyone wants to ask.

Sometimes these rumors gather a life of their own. Maybe after I'm elected the word will be that she and I have a "special relationship." At least with us it will be a little more believable.

Thanks for continuing the support

October 29

This morning an old lady (80s) who lives down the street came over and handed me two \$100 bills.

She said she was disgusted by the TV ad with the puppet theme.

She said she had never given before but felt the kids scores were getting better, etc.

Then a few minutes ago I received a call from a person downtown who asked for 30 remit envelopes. He said he was so disgusted by the TV ads he's been seeing he's going to see if he can get his friends and office mates to donate.

I also just got an e-mail from a supporter whose opinion (which he is quick to point out is worth what I am paying for it) is that this race is very close and that the vast majority of people have their mind made up and will not be influenced by the ads one way or the other.

He says everyone he speaks to about this race already has a strong opinion about Bersin (pro and con) and the Blueprint and have little feelings one way or the other about the candidates.

I just wanted to point out some positive information about how elegant the dining room here in the Titanic is when the light reflects off the water. I also hope you appreciate all the trouble I had to go to get down off the chair and untie this knot to reach the keyboard.

C

November 5

No matter the results I want to thank all of you for all you have done. It has been a great pleasure getting to know you. Don't ever think I am unaware of how much you have put into this effort.

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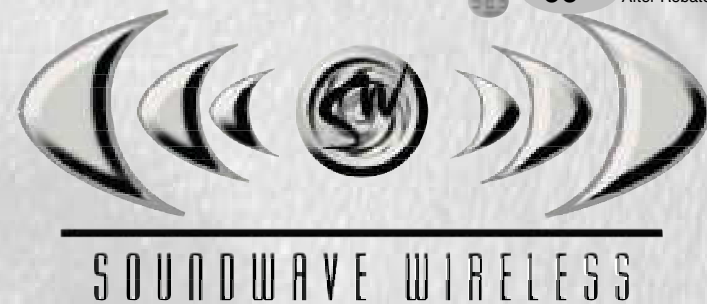
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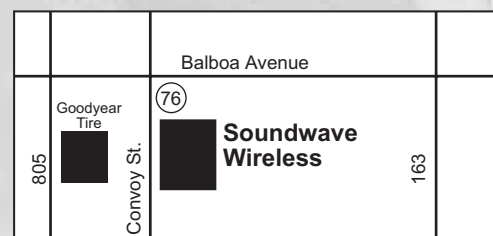


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Bitter e-mail

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I am very humbled that people who, in December, couldn't pick me out of a lineup (old FBI expression by an old

FBI man) did as much as you all did. I hope I have earned your efforts.

We have done a great job, and I think we can all hold our heads high in an era when not many people involved in political races can.

The fact that we can hold on to our integrity during a very stressful period is a victory in and of itself. In the game of life we are big winners.

Many of you have been vilified in the press, which has questioned your motives.

I can honestly say after having spent a lifetime interviewing people from all walks of life I have never met a finer group of people with better motives. And, after a lifetime of reading, I finally understand the term "Noblesse

Oblige." You are truly the nobility of San Diego, and it has my great honor to briefly move in your circles.

Now go vote as many times as you can.  
Thank you again  
Clyde ■

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trical grid — a claim that can't be made by some of the eastern *colonias* — only the major boulevard that runs through El Florido is paved. All of the side streets are unpaved, and tires have beaten the white sandstone into a fine powder, which the breeze blows around the neighborhood. Vacant lots and the middle of some streets are piled high with refuse. Occupying five hillside acres above this semichaos is the oratory where Spitaler works. It consists of a school, soccer fields, basketball courts, workshops, and a church under construction.

Spitaler — blonde, roundfaced, and soft-spoken — teaches in school before noon and, in the afternoon, monitors the fields and playgrounds, "Playing with the kids and getting them to watch their language. And then I give a short presentation of spiritual reflections at the end of the afternoon."

Spitaler adds, "I love it here. The kids are great, and there are so many activities."

She says the worst part of the job, aside from missing home, is "when the kids won't accept me because their Spanish is better than mine and because I'm not Mexican." She laughs, "Sometimes, they get up out of their desks and run outside. It's getting better, but we're still working on it."

Things may be getting easier for Spitaler soon, if she picks up Spanish the way Hintirholzer did. "Mi nombre es Erwin is about all I could say when I came," he recalls with a laugh. "But after about three months I found I could keep up with all the conversations. And now, after ten months, I'm actually thinking in Spanish. But I could use to study the language formally to learn the grammar a bit better."

Hintirholzer works at an oratory in an area of southeast Tijuana called Canyon del Sainz. "To get there," he says, "you have to travel about ten kilometers on dirt roads after the paved roads end. You go past what seems like an endless graveyard of

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cars, thousands of them. There are no services out there, no sewer, no streets. It's like a lost corner of the city."

Both the El Florido and Canyon del Sainz oratories sit in areas populated almost exclusively by migrants. Serving the migrant community presents a challenge to the oratories. "Particularly from a church standpoint," says Father Raul Curiel, who runs the El Florido oratory, "because of the migration of people, there are a lot of indigents and people who don't follow any order. There's less sense of family. It's a lot of disorder and chaos. Our mission is also difficult here because of the many Protestant sects that have grown up in the region, the New Age movement that exists in the area. And people seem to have put religion to the side. They don't see a need for it. The border region is very different from central Mexico, where people are much more traditional and more spiritual."

Another difference Father Curiel has noticed between the border area and central Mexico is in the level of interest in the trade education the Salesians offer. "We've been kind of a failure with our workshops," he admits. "Even though we have pretty well set up workshops, we haven't been very successful at all in attracting students. The sewing shop has had a maximum of 10 people. That's the most we've ever had in a class. The most we've had in the wood shop was five people. The hairstyling class had 15 at one time. And I wanted to set up a machine shop — someone donated all of the equipment — and I even hired a teacher. But nobody showed up. There's such a high demand for low-qualification labor in Tijuana that nobody wants to pay to get skills for a skilled-labor job. That's peculiar to the border area. If these classes were offered in southern Mexico, they would be full."

But the lack of success of the adult-education programs in Proyecto Salesiano isn't stopping Spitaler and Hintirholzer from enjoying themselves. "I really like having the opportunity to work

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with the kids," Hintirholzer says. "It's great when they come running up to me shouting, 'Erwin! Erwin!' It kind of makes me feel like a hero. Also, I've found the Mexican people to be very warm and very giving. I've dined in many families' homes because they're always inviting me. The people are so open, unlike in Austria, where people are closed. You'll know people for years there and never be invited into their homes. In Mexico, there's a lot more emphasis placed on human relationships."

"I love the mentality of the Mexican people," Spitaler adds. "They have more passion, more feeling. It's a very, very warm people." ■

### Edible city

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potato."

There's a lot more to eat growing around San Diego than just cacti. Native elderberries are found in most of the urban canyons. Live oak acorns are edible but require more effort than most people would be willing to exert. "You have to keep them in bags of water for a long period of time. You have to leach them like olives, to get the tannins out, a type of chemical that is real tart and nasty."

There is a native buckwheat, but it has little in common with the grain used for buckwheat flour. "You always hear about buckwheat in the health-food stores, but that's not the native kind from around here. That's an old-world species."

Other edible species include yucca flowers and amaranth seed. "The local indigenous people used to harvest the seeds and crush it into a meal. It's still used as a grain source, and you can find it in some health-food stores. I believe it's still popular in Mexico."

Part of Rebman's work with the museum includes leading nature walks, a place where he makes it a point not to mention the edible plant life, as some different plant species look quite similar, and a mistake can be lethal. "We have so much diversity here in San Diego County that it's easy to get confused. Things can look very much alike. One of the

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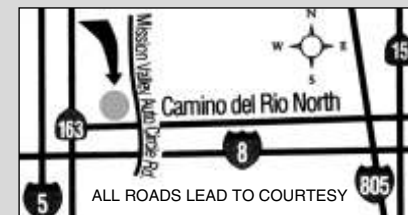
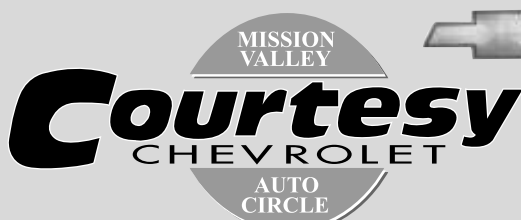
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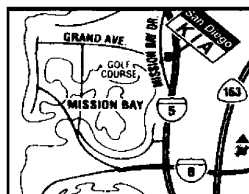
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### Edible city

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common things we have in our area are these white, umbelliferous plants that have these white flowers. The wild carrot looks like that, but once every few years, you'll see an article where somebody confused hemlock for the carrot and dies. It's that toxic. Think about Socrates!"

Milkweed is another local poisonous plant, but no one has ever been known to eat it. Castor beans are extremely lethal. "That's a common weed species that we have in most urban canyons. In fact, a chemical came in vogue that is derived from the seed called ricin, and it's one of these powders that is tasteless and has no smell. About ten years ago, there was a story about somebody putting it on the end of an umbrella and jabbing someone. Once it gets into the bloodstream and breaks down, you can't even tell what killed the person."

Offroaders in San Diego's backcountry often find leafy vines with a green hanging fruit covered with long, soft needles. "That's wild cucumber. I don't think the fruits are edible, but underneath the ground is a huge tuber, or stem body. It's basically one of these things where you'll see the vines coming up after a fire. They come from this huge underground starchy reserve, and it is edible. It's kind of like a potato. You'd have to roast it."

While aware of the many books used as guides to eating native plants, Rebman is reluctant to recommend any because of the danger of misidentifying plants. "There's a lot of them like *Eat the Weeds* [by Charles Harris], for example. We're in an age where people want to get back to nature. Some books are all right, but a lot of them... I'll give you a warning: I don't suggest them because of the diversity of our region and the confusion you can have with things that are edible and things that are not. A lot of these books are done by amateurs, and they use common names, which are misleading. Sometimes they're for regions other than Southern California — maybe something from back East that doesn't occur in our area, and you'll find some-

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thing that looks similar and think it's edible. And common names are very misleading. One species can have many different common names, or you can be using the common name for many different species that are not related at all. Those books can be real dangerous.

"A lot of the edible stuff is derived from indigenous cultures, but most of ours are gone. And most of the information on what was used has been lost. So that knowledge is not readily available. The kinds of places where you would find that information would be in scientific texts."

Poison oak is an example of a nonedible plant that Rebman uses to show how easily one can be confused by the similar-looking plants. "There's a lot of other things like it that are not poisonous but are native and have the three leaflets. We might think they're poisonous because of how they look, but they're not."

Just how diverse is San Diego's plant life? Besides having the most diverse terrain of any county in the United States, San Diego is the most diverse county in native plants as well. "Because of this mild climate, we can grow a lot of tropical things like fruits. Guavas and papayas can actually grow in our yards because we don't get the freezes. We have to be at the top in our ability to grow things that are edible, as far as horticulture is concerned. I'm not a horticulturist; I'm more interested in plant taxonomy. But the percentage of plants that are edible is going to be a lot higher here than in most other places. But that cuts both ways — we might also have the highest percentage of poisonous plants! I can't say that for sure, but it's a possibility."

Next to Rebman's office on the top floor of the old section of the museum is the San Diego botanist's holy of holies: The Synoptic Collection, a vast room filled with sample specimens of virtually every native plant in San Diego County. Some of the specimens date back to the 1920s. As he opens one of the lockers, Rebman finds a file with samples of wild carrot from 1938. He opens another file with a sample of

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hemlock. To the untrained eye, they look identical. "These are both white and have a flower. When dissected, they look a lot alike. You can see the similarity in the leaves. The wild carrot is not always big like this." He pulls out a sample with smaller flowers.

Pulling some more files, Rebman proffers a flattened-looking cactus with its fruit looking like an exploded prune. The sample is dated from 1939, labeled "Mission Prickly Pear." "This is edible as well. You'll see them getting those bright red flowers on them. The fruit has been cut and splayed. A lot of people refer to them as 'Indian figs.' This comes from a higher elevation, but you can see some of the red is still in there. It is very pulpy when fresh." He opens another file with a similar, thinner-looking sample. "Here's another prickly pear species, and it's edible as well. It's not a native plant, but it ended up in a lot of our canyons. People just kind of threw a pad over the fence, and it soon became a forest."

Probably no park in San Diego offers as much horticultural diversity as Balboa Park, but using the park as a source for food would not only taste bad, it would also be illegal. Michael Ruiz, the senior park ranger at Balboa Park, says that plant- and seed-gathering permits are issued rarely. "We do have them, but it's very strict. It would be primarily for entities like the Natural History Museum, who would use it for educational or research purposes. We just don't want anyone coming in here and gathering plants. What happens is that they gather them for their own profit or to save a trip to the nursery to buy cactus. We don't set the fines for that, and they change quite often. That's established by the courts. If a citation is issued, then the fine is established by the judge."

Plant life is not the only wild urban food source. Most of the local species of rabbits, gophers, rats, and pigeons are edible, but Rebman does not suggest anyone satiate their appetite by hunting in the city. "Don't ever think I suggested any of that! You could eat them if you were really desperate, but I don't recommend it." ■



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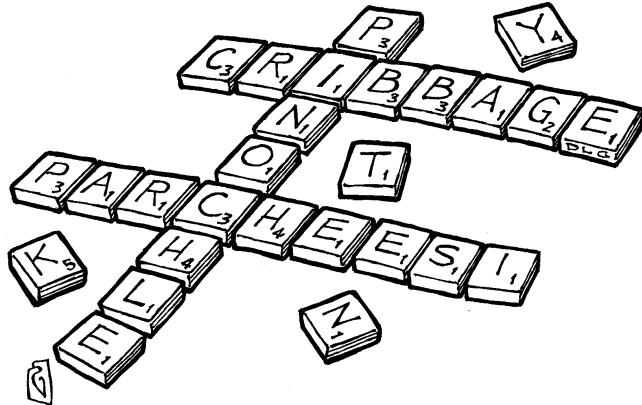
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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Dear Matt:

Where did all those funky names for games — *parcheesi*, *keno*, *Yahtzee*, *pinochle*, *craps* — come from?

— A Gamester of Triskelion

From what I hear on the news, we're all in a toys and games kinda mood, so I guess this question fits right in. Did we really spend \$1.4 billion at Wal-Mart the day after Thanksgiving? Whew. That's a lot of Chicken Dance Elmos. Guess the nation's got its shopping chops back. The Founding Fathers are smiling. So's Grandma Alice. She can answer some of Gamester's questions. Well, one anyway. She knows where craps comes from. It started out as crabs, meaning the lowest roll of the dice or more generally something that doesn't work out the way it's planned. Goes back to England, but it morphed into the dice game name probably in New Orleans in the mid-1800s. Grandma doesn't want to say any more about how she knows this.

Parcheesi. A.k.a. pachisi. Back, back, back to sixth-century India. The name comes from the Sanskrit word for 25, the highest roll of the shell dice originally used in the game. Pinochle? A.k.a. pinocle, penuchle, peanukle, binocle, and pinocle? It's the German name for the French card game bezique. Pinochle is the spawn of bezique, apparently. If the Germans know why they changed the name to pinochle, they're not telling. Sorry.

Keno starts out in ancient China. Legend has it that the first large-scale lotto game was used to raise money to pay for an army. Why does that sound familiar? Anyway, when the game came to the U.S. it was called Chinese lottery. When lotteries were made illegal, the name (but not the game) was changed: horse race keno, eventually losing the horse part, which never figured into the game at all. It's just that horse betting was legal, lotteries weren't. The keno part came from a French name for a lottery-style game.

Yahtzee? It was actually invented on a yacht. By a rich Canadian yacht-owning couple in their copious spare time. They invite their other yacht-y friends aboard their yacht and play the "yacht game," basically poker with dice. Maybe the salt air makes the cards all funky. Who knows. Anyway, one Christmas they decide they want a few personalized sets of the yacht game to give as gifts. When their game maker offers to buy the rights, the rich folks wave him away, saying he can take the "yacht game" idea if he likes, they just want their gifts...the rich (and Canadians) are different from you and me. The game maker used to be like you and me, but once he named the game Yahtzee and set it afloat on the great sea of merchandise, he became different from you and me too.

Yahtzee was launched in 1956, a golden year for toys, what with Play-Doh and the Original Ant Farm debuting as well. Play-Doh began life as a wallpaper stain remover. Other significant gleanings from the Toy Manufacturers of America: Mattel sells a Barbie every second and is one of the world's largest clothing manufacturers. The first toy advertised on TV (1952) was Mr. Potato Head. And today TV is just loaded with Barbies and potato heads of all races and creeds. The Founding Fathers are smiling.

Matt:

I have some friends who live in the Frozen North. They claim that when they close up all the windows for winter, flies collect on the windowsill and lie dormant for the rest of the season. Then when they open the windows in spring, these same flies are revived and eventually fly away. Is this possible?

— Bzzzzzzz, someplace warmer

So Buzz, I'll reserve comment on folks who leave comatose flies all over the windowsills for an entire winter. Even a small effort with a Dustbuster, and I wouldn't have to waste my time answering this. Your friends would not know and you would not care that flies can doze away for months, then wake up fully refreshed. It's fully possible that your untidy Frozen Northerners have all manner of flies, mosquitoes, spiders, and other insects hiding in many cozy crevices inside and outside the house. The correct term for this midwinter nap is facultative diapause, a physiological mechanism for surviving under temporarily adverse conditions, like when you're freezing your wings off. Come to think of it, by that definition, sleeping through biology class is a sort of diapause too.

Hey, Matt:

If I wanted to own the moon or Mars or Neptune or some comets or something, who would I have to see to take care of the paperwork?

— J.G., San Diego

I hear Neptune is riddled with termites and has big plumbing problems. But I do have a sweet little fixer-upper near all bus lines and downtown Pluto. Well, maybe not, come to think of it. The only paperwork that applies in this case is the Moon Treaty drawn up in 1979 by the United Nations. It declares the solar system to be the property of "all mankind." The U.S. helped draw up the treaty, but last I heard, we hadn't signed it. Has something to do with business interests that want to see us plunder space for the presumed mineral wealth in flying rocks. If they belong to everybody, then they can't make a profit from them.

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





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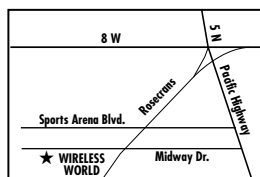
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## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

# Super Bowl Headquarters

As I watched Steve Christie kick a 27-yard field goal in overtime to beat Denver, two thoughts came to mind. This marks the third OT game San Diego has won, as opposed to no losses, which means luck is on their side. Although the Chargers are nowhere near a great team — they've lost games they should have won and won games they should have lost. Still, looking around the NFL, I don't see any other team that much better and no other team that's luckier.

Therefore, if luck holds, the Chargers will play in Super Bowl XXXVII, which, most fortuitously, will be held in San Diego on January 26. This may actually happen.

Therefore, number two. It's time to see what the San Diego Super Bowl Host Committee has planned, since having the Chargers in the Super Bowl and the Super Bowl in San Diego ups the stakes for every local resident. The amount and quality of civic hoopla surrounding Super Bowl XXXVII may well decide whether or not one million more visitors march into our tourist-infested city.

I'll skip the festive events of November and December and jump into the meat of it. January 2003. Events marked "HC" are Super Bowl Host Committee events, "HCS" are Host Committee Sanctioned events, "NFL" are NFL events, and "NFLS" are NFL Sanctioned events.

January 11. HC. Volunteer Orientation. "Volunteers prepare for Super Bowl through educational and team building exercises." I'm sure you'll be as pleased as I was to learn that the HC filled its quota of 12,000 volunteer shifts.

January 17. HCS. Celebrating San Diego's Sports Legacy. \$250 per person. "...black tie gala celebrates the legacy of San Diego's contributions to Super Bowl history from players and coaches to the games we have hosted." Let's see, San Diego has lost one Super Bowl and, until now, hosted two Super Bowls. A legacy, yes, but is it a \$250 legacy?

January 18. HCS. Grape St. and West Harbor Drive. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. Free. "An officially sanctioned Host Committee event, this public parade in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. consists of bands, drill teams, marching units, floats, and more." Very nice, but I ...don't...see...the connection.

January 18. HC. All-Star Salute to San Diego. \$500 to \$1,000 per person. "...Host Committee Kick-off Gala and Benefit will raise awareness and financial support for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society... Jay Leno is the featured entertainment."

January 18. HCS. Free. City Heights Park. Operation Blessing's Supper Bowl 2003. "...community festival has live music, sports clinics, games for children and free grocery food distribution."

January 18. HCS. Free. 5th Annual Downtown San Diego Multicultural Festival. "...features representatives from communities which reflect the rich cultural heritage of San Diego County." I think I spot a trend here. The free stuff is outside in the weather.

January 18. HCS. \$3,000 and up per table. NFLPA San Diego Chapter Gala Dinner and Auction. "...proceeds benefit the West Coast Resource Center of Boundless Playgrounds." Never heard of it.

January 19. HCS. \$2,000 per foursome. NFLPA San Diego Chapter Golf Tournament.

"...proceeds benefit the West Coast Resource Center of Boundless Playgrounds." Double hit for Boundless Playgrounds.

January 21. HCS. \$2,800 per foursome, \$175 per dinner ticket. Wayne Sevier Memorial Golf Tournament & Tribute Dinner. "...will honor Wayne Sevier both on and off the football field and raise funds for the Boys & Girls Club of National City." Who is Wayne Sevier and is he alive? If alive, will Wayne be a speaker? If Wayne speaks, will he tell jokes?

January 21. HCS. The Bowl Food Distribution held at Dave and Buster's Restaurant in San Diego. "Mike Gallagher and the listeners of his nationally syndicated radio show are proud to partner with Intercept Hunger and Feed the Children to distribute approximately 40,000 pounds of food and hygiene products to hungry children and their families in the San Diego area." This, I want to see.

January 22. HCS. \$10,000 per foursome,

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Philadelphia	3	37 1/2	SEATTLE
New Orleans	1 1/2	41 1/2	BALTIMORE
ARIZONA	1 1/2	40	Detroit
Denver	1 1/2	44	N.Y. JETS
Oakland	3	46	SAN DIEGO
GREEN BAY	9 1/2	44	Minnesota
<i>Monday</i>			
MIAMI	9	7 1/2	Chicago

\$3,000 per person. La Costa. "Pro Kids/San Diego Junior Golf Super Bowl Celebrity Golf Tournament fundraiser."

January 23. NFLS. \$7,500 per foursome. "...NFL Alumni Legends Golf Tournament serves as a major funding vehicle for the youth oriented programs of the NFL Alumni..." Seems to be a lot of golf going on.

January 23. HC. \$1,000-\$1,500 per table. "Big Game, Big Business: The Evolution of the Super Bowl." "...The official lunch of the Host Committee..." They golf afterwards.

January 24. NFLS. \$10,000 per foursome. "6th Annual NFL Alumni Super Bowl of Golf Showcase. Fund raiser for NFL Alumni." Time for golf.

Look, I'm not trying to trash Wayne Sevier, Multiple Sclerosis, Martin Luther King, Jr., or golf. I am merely noting what's on the table. You can tell when an event makes too much money and becomes bloated beyond all reason. That's when unaffiliated groupsglom onto it in hopes of catching shake from the tree.

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**Weekly giving:** \$38,000

**Singles program:** yes

**Diversity:** white, African-American, Hispanic

**Services:** Sunday worship, 11:00 a.m.

"It's sort of like the love Jesus had for Israel. He loved everyone, but he had a special understanding of his people. That's sort of how I feel about the military. It's not that I think military folks are better than anyone else. It's just that we have shared experiences. I understand the life they lead. I understand their loneliness. Military life can be very lonely."

Early last week I spoke with 31-year-old Brent Joslin, who heads Lighthouse Baptist Church's military ministry. I told him that after calling around town, I was surprised by how few churches in San Diego made an effort to reach out to soldiers and sailors.

"It's an enormous need," he told me. "I'm often amazed by the number of people who are willing to go to Africa, to Asia, to the ends of the earth, in order to spread the Gospel, when there are so many military men and women in this county who need the Lord."

"I myself was saved while I was in the military. Eight years ago in Sicily while on deployment with the Seabees."

"Here at our church we've got about 40 military people who attend. Sometimes we have more. Sometimes less. We pass out flyers on all the bases. We tell folks to spread the word. We try and make sure they get home-cooked meals. Fellowship with families. We try to create an atmosphere that's conducive to spiritual growth. We have a core group of families that are always willing to invite the folks from our ministry into their homes. They also make sure to send packages of homemade goodies to the folks on deployment. Believe me, those packages mean a lot. Guys literally shout out loud when they get one."

At the end of our conversation, Joslin invited me to attend last Wednesday evening's Thanksgiving service at Lighthouse. When I arrived, I was amazed to see that 200 or so people had put their holiday preparations on hold in order to attend church. Not only had they sacrificed valuable prep time, they'd dressed for the occasion. Lighthouse is an old-fashioned Baptist congregation where the King James Version is the only acceptable translation of the Bible, and where men wear suits, or at least dress slacks, and women wear Sunday-best dresses.

These are the sort of unapologetic Protestant fundamentalists whom some have started

referring to as "America's al Qaeda." (As if a penchant for 19th century hymns signaled a desire to overthrow the Constitution and install a Baptist junta in the White House.) But many Protestant fundamentalists, like the folks at Lighthouse, are suspicious of any organization larger than their own church. They disdain mass movements. They believe in absolute separation of church and state. (Anabaptists dated the Fall of the Church at 313 A.D., when Christianity received government recognition and acceptance.) They accept politics as a necessary evil. They believe that salvation should be humanity's sole preoccupation.

Last Wednesday evening, after we sang a half-dozen old-time hymns, senior pastor Doug Fisher told us that "we ought to be grateful to God tonight that we're not on our way to hell."

Pastor Fisher told us that he didn't believe that human memory died in hell, that the damned were well aware of why they were being punished. He said that the very idea of hell should make us want to reach out to others.

"On Thanksgiving morning two of our families are heading out to Joshua Tree to minister to a group of Marines. And believe me, that's the most important thing about this time of year. It gives us an opportunity to witness to others. God willing, a number of those 60 or so Marines who show up for the service and Thanksgiving dinner will also come to God."

At the end of the service, the congregation knelt for five minutes in silent prayer for the salvation of the Marines attending the Joshua Tree Thanksgiving dinner. As everyone rose to leave, Brent Joslin found me and introduced me to 22-year-old Navy quartermaster Thomas Metcalf. This soft-spoken Wisconsin native explained to me that two years ago he walked into Lighthouse Baptist Church and "everything just exploded inside me. Before I'd been the type of guy who'd side with

the atheists whenever there was a debate about religion."

Metcalf told me he felt that churches like Lighthouse played an important role. "Military chaplains, you see, are supposed to tend to members of their own denominations. They're not supposed to try and convert people. So, there's not much outreach to nonbelievers."

He told me, too, that he felt his conversion had made him a better sailor.

"I quit drinking. I have a better attitude toward authority and doing my work. I'm more at peace with myself. And I think that contributes to the overall morale, which is so important in the military. Faced with the prospect of death, I know where I'll be going."

"I don't hope for war. And I'm not sure if we'll be going to war. But I do know that if there is a war, the people around me will be confronted with questions about life and death. And a situation like that will give me an opportunity to talk with them about God."

— Abe Opincar



BRENT JOSLIN

### Lighthouse Baptist Church Lemon Grove

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#### Sermon

content .....★★

delivery .....★★★

**Liturgy** .....no liturgy

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### Dear Aunt Trudy,

Help!! My younger brother, who's 25, got a woman pregnant. They'd only dated a few times. Now this young woman insists she's having a baby no matter what my brother says or does. My brother doesn't want to be a Da, and isn't in love with this woman. He's told her so, but she says she doesn't care about his opinions or feelings on the matter. "Paul" says that if she has this baby he will contribute to its financial upkeep and spend time with the child as it grows up because that's the decent thing to do. But he's not happy about this and is horribly ashamed. Now the woman has started sending him all her bills, saying Paul must pay for her food, rent, and clothes. I say he doesn't have to pay for this stuff — the kid isn't even born yet. What do you say?

IRATE SISTER IN ESCONDIDO

### Dear Irate,

Paul needs to see a family-practice lawyer who specializes in father's rights, pronto. He will want to find out what his legal rights and responsibilities are and perhaps work out in writing the details of some of his arrangements with the mother of his child about money, visitation, etc. And with the holidays coming up, Paul may want to get himself a present — a good supply of reliable condoms.

### Dear Aunt Trudy,

I just read your column with the letter from the Linda Vista mom about her experience with her son's preschool teacher. The teacher talked negatively about the boy as though he wasn't standing right there. My situation is somewhat similar, but I'm not sure if I am out of line. I picked up my daughter after school, and as soon as we got into the car she said her teacher told her she might have to repeat second grade because she isn't doing well in her reading. She said the teacher told her if she wants to pass, she has to try hard and be a busy bee like the others. When my daughter was sharing this with me, her tone and expressions were very sad. It made me upset knowing that she carried this stress with her all day. My daughter has attention deficit disorder (ADD), and her teacher is aware of this. I even printed out information on ADD and gave it to her. I don't think the teacher's intentions were to hurt my daughter's feelings, but it just seemed to me that you would not say that to a child whether they had ADD or not. The teacher should've called me! It's only three months into the school year, and my daughter still has plenty of time to improve. Doesn't the teacher realize she's only knocking down her confidence? My husband says I'm being too protective. I can't help but think there is not

enough awareness in our schools regarding kids with ADD. ADD is a disability and so when a child with ADD is told to try harder or stop being lazy, it's the same thing as telling a child who is in a wheelchair to stand up and walk. I wrote a letter explaining to the teacher how I felt, and it was clear I had no ill feelings. I just want my child to have the patience and individualized teaching she's entitled to by law. Should I give her teacher this letter? Or am I over-doing it?

SENSITIVE ROLANDO MOM

### Dear Sensitive,

Your daughter is lucky to have a mother who's so concerned about her education. How about scheduling a conference with her teacher? I bet you'll accomplish much more and learn more about where the teacher is "coming from" from a face-to-face discussion than from sending a letter. Ideally, you and this teacher could exchange ideas about being partners, working together at home and at school to help your child progress academically and develop self-esteem. Does the teacher have suggestions about tutoring or doing extra work at home to help your daughter keep up? Does this teacher think your child should be in a different class where she could get the individualized attention you mentioned? Do you have some things you've discovered about the ways your daughter learns that you want to share with her teacher? Let the teacher know in a polite and respectful way that if your child is having problems or lagging behind, you'd really welcome a call or a note or an invitation to meet so you can tackle the problem. Hearing about such difficulties secondhand from your little girl is disheartening for everyone. The point is to get on the same page with this teacher, to unite in an effort to get your daughter whatever help she needs to learn and thrive.

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

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Aunt Azelda has always run with an eccentric, Anglophile sort of crowd, a few of whom are English. Recently, one of her cronies died and left her a snooker table. She offered it to me. “Is snooker some sort of card game?” I asked. “No, darling,” she laughed, “it’s a billiards game.” I was tempted, but fear of inheriting a white elephant drove me to do some poking around for rules and instructions.

Mike Longmire, a pool instructor in Escondido (760-743-7528), gave me some basics. “It’s played on a larger table than pool. Most home pool tables are 4 feet by 8 feet, but a regulation tournament snooker table is 6 feet by 12 feet. The balls and the pockets are smaller. The ball is 2 1/8 inches; a pool ball is 2 1/4 inches. That’s a huge difference.” And unlike pool, “you can’t fit two snooker balls in a pocket at the same time.” You have to be super-accurate. “Snooker players get down so low on the shot, you can actually see their chins touching the cue as they stroke.”

Snooker is a game of point accumulation. “You’ve got 21 balls, 15 red and 6 different colored balls, which are worth various points. The red balls are racked in a triangle, and the colored balls are placed in certain spots on the table. You break the red balls, and you have to at least make the cue ball and I think one red ball go to a cushion. You’re slightly opening the pack, but you don’t want to leave your opponent a shot. Then you have to pocket a red ball and then a colored ball, alternating all the way through.”

“When you hit a red ball in, that’s one point. Then, when you hit a colored ball in, you get whatever point value that ball has. Say you hit a red ball and then the black ball, which is worth eight points. You’d get nine points, and then that black ball would come out of the pocket and go back to the same spot where it had been. The red ball would stay down. So a player might shoot the black ball five or six times during the game.

“When all the red balls are down, you go on to shoot in rotation at the colored balls, starting with the two ball and going through the eight ball. Then the game is over.” Like pool, “if you miss a shot while playing, it’s the opponent’s turn to come to the table.”

While Longmire knows the rules of snooker, he isn’t expert enough to give lessons. He does, however, give pool instruction, and the two games require many of the same skills. Longmire can teach you about “the basic stroke, the stance, the bridge — it’s all fundamental.” With the stance, “you want to face the shot before you bend over. You line up your chin over the cue, as well as your eyes and your right

*“The object ball will receive 100 percent of the energy — if it’s a dead-straight shot.”*

foot — if you’re right-handed. Also, your arm and your elbow of your cue hand are in line with the cue.”

For the bridge, Longmire said that “the open bridge is mostly used in snooker. That’s where you’re putting your hand flat on the table, pressing firmly, then cupping up. You slide your fingers up and bring your thumb up to your knuckle to form a V. That V is where the cue slides. It’s tight against your finger, and you can adjust the height of the bridge depending on the shot.” Longmire charges \$50 for a 90-minute lesson, and he works with beginners and advanced players. He has a studio with a pool table, or he will travel to you.

Roy Yamane in Orange County (714-539-7707) is “a master-certified instructor through the Billiard Congress of America.” He teaches all billiards games, including snooker. He said that the small pockets are the toughest part of snooker, but “more than that, you need to be positioning the cue ball so that you have another shot.”

It’s a matter of physics, as Yamane explained. “If you were to have two spheres of equal mass in space, one stationary and one moving at 30 mph, and the moving sphere hit the other one dead center, it would transfer 100 percent of its energy.” On an earthly billiards table, “other factors get involved. When you shoot a ball on the table, the spherical ball slides a certain amount from

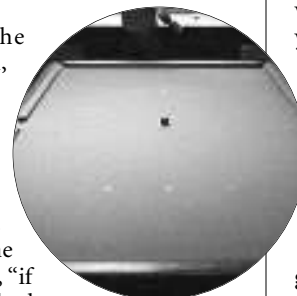
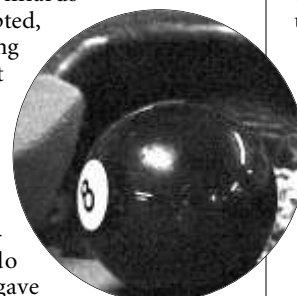
the force of the cue stick. If you hit the cue ball with enough force to combat gravity and friction, the cue ball will stop dead upon contact and the object ball will receive 100 percent of the energy — if it’s a dead-straight shot.” But most of the time, “there’s gravity involved, and that creates a roll in the cue ball. When the cue ball hits the object ball, it has forward spin. If it hits the object ball dead center, you have 100 percent energy transfer, but the cue ball is still rotating forward.”

“If you hit higher or lower on the cue ball, it entails another generating force. A very low hit puts backspin on the cue ball” — you can actually make the cue ball roll backwards after contact.

Most shots aren’t dead-on; most come in at an angle. The greater the angle, the more energy the cue ball retains. “A very thin cut on a cue ball that’s traveling 30 mph might transfer only 5 mph to the object ball. The cue ball would still be traveling at 25 mph, and so it would go five times the distance of the object ball.”

Yamane’s fee is \$100 for a 90-minute session if you come to him. If you want him to come to San Diego and teach you on your inherited snooker table, the fee goes up another \$250 to cover traveling expenses. He will also meet you at a public snooker table, like the one at College Billiards on El Cajon Boulevard (619-583-6361).

And if it’s book learning you want, check out *Snooker and Billiards: Technique, Tactics, Training*, by Clive Everton — \$16.07 at Amazon.com.



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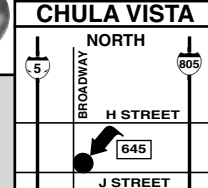
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On a Saturday in mid-June, the auditorium in the student-union building at CSU Sacramento was filled with over a thousand people. Everyone rose for a prayer, the "Pledge of Allegiance," and "The Star-Spangled Banner." After, silence. One of the elderly men onstage wearing an American Legion hat approached the podium. He adjusted the microphone, scanned the audience, and said, "There are two things you'll remember in your young lives: Boys' State and your honeymoon" — he paused, turned his head so the audience could catch his profile, then turned back to the microphone — "and I still remember my honeymoon."

The American Legion created Boys' State in 1935 to counter fascist-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The California Boys' State is held on CSU Sacramento's campus for about a week, and the delegates live in dorms. Boys are nominated by teachers and interviewed by members of the American Legion. Usually there is one boy from each high school. Past Boys' Staters include Dick Cheney, Bill Clinton, Tom Brokaw, Neil Armstrong, Michael Jordan, and Roger Ebert.

When Boys' State convenes, a mock state government is created. Delegates run for offices at city, county, and state levels. Everyone is a member of Boys' State parties: the Feder-



Boys' Staters take a break between duties in Sacramento

alists and the Whigs. To be the governor of Boys' State is a big deal — the most coveted achievement. One of the legionnaires told us that San Diego County has produced the most governors. The Whig Party candidate for the governorship of Boys' State this year (and one of the following interviews) is from La Costa Canyon High School.

**Trevor Brownell, Clairemont High School**

*What politicians did you see?* "[State Assemblymember] Howard Wayne and the chief of staff of [Senator] Dede Alpert."

*Did the office winners seem like future politicians?* "No, not many of them did, but a few of them seemed like they could be future politicians."

*What was the winning formula for office holders?* "It depended on how well you riled up the audience. It wasn't so much what you said, but how you said it. And if you could be interesting, you won. It seemed like the most qualified didn't win."

*What stands were taken by the parties, and how did the delegates vote?* "The stands taken seemed kind of generic,



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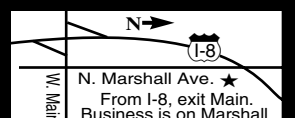


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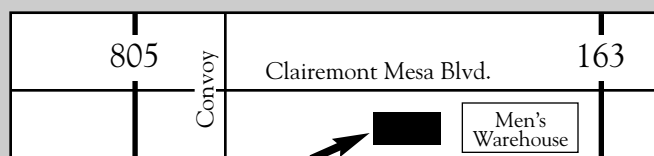
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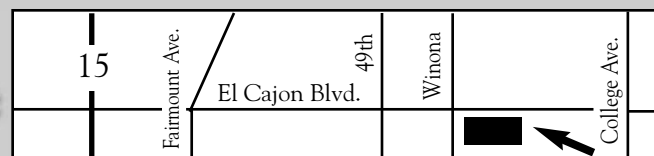
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kinda like what you hear in the media. It seemed like, basically, what the major parties' platforms are now in the real political arena.... The candidates weren't even aware of the platforms until the night of the speeches, when the platforms were read, and then the candidates gave their speech. So the delegates voted more on the candidate than on the issues."

**Any hijinks?** "No. Sorry."

**What did you gain from the experience?** "In real politics, state government will do more than a county government. So I couldn't gain any true experience. But I [learned] how to get into politics, where to start, how to work your way up, that was from speakers at the capitol and at Boys' State."

**What opinions about government or military have changed?** "Well, for the government, I still feel that it's dominated by two parties that are in the spotlight, and the views of minor parties are still not represented. The military kind of felt free to come in and endorse themselves and kinda make you feel as if you not joining the military [is] not being the best American you can be, which I don't agree [with] at all. It made me think less of the military than I used to, just because they were just trying to push so hard on all of us."

**Any disappointments?** "It was really kind of a disappointment to see that the city government was doing [more] at Boys' State than the state government. It wasn't



Boys' State counselor

exactly pure to what it was trying to simulate."

**What types of people did you meet?** "There were all different types of people. There were a lot of people who seemed conservative, some who

seemed arrogant, and people who had a lot of views on different things."

**In what ways has Boys' State influenced you?** "Well, it's kinda made me think that to get into

the government, to change things, you almost have to go on one of the major-party tickets to get in."

**Joshua Sugar, Mission Bay High School**  
**Is it considered cool to go to Boys' State? What kinds of people go?** "Everyone considers it a real honor. No one really knows what it's like up there, so everyone just figures it's just cool if you were one of the 2 people picked [out] of a class of 500."

**What politicians did you see?** "I got to see Dede Alpert's chief of staff — she was back in San Diego — and Howard Wayne. They were pretty straight-up and interesting."

**What was the winning formula for office holders?** "Definitely one of them was humor. One of the winning formulas were a couple guys [who] literally just made fun of Boys' State and some of the stupid stuff that happened there, and a lot of them got elected. One guy got elected...because the assembly was running late and everyone was tired and he said, 'You know, I'm the last person. You vote for me, I won't give a ten-minute speech' and just hopped offstage, and I think that guy won. That was for

the lower office. The higher offices, like governor, people were actually very serious about it."


**What stands did the parties take this year? How did the delegates vote?** "People really didn't care. A lot of the counselors and candidates tried to get our cities and counties, dorms and such, to do block voting."

**Any hijinks?** "Oh, my God. They ranged. Some of them were really lame. In my city, one of our councilmen — this real fat guy we all called Trumpet Boy. And Trumpet Boy thought it was hilarious 'cause he did that reveille in the morning — that *doot doo-doo, doot doo-doo* — that thing he would do every morning to wake us up. So he thought it was hilarious and he would go do that to other cities and you were allowed to 'assassinate' and 'kill' people, so he got killed four or five times by other cities."

"Some of the best hijinks occurred on the last day. No one really cared what was happening, and when I went over to my friends' city they took about nine or ten mattresses off beds, strung them up around a room, made a big wrestling ring, and everyone was wrestling this one huge guy who

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kept kicking everyone's ass. There was a bunch of crazy stuff that went on, and I'm sure there's a lot more that I don't even know about."

**What did you gain from the experience?** "It did give me a better idea of how local government works."

**Any disappointments?** "I was disappointed greatly with the rooming accommodations. The dorms were some of the worst I have ever seen. I've toured about five or six colleges, and these were the saddest, most pathetic dorms I have ever seen in my entire life. The air conditioning worked about ten percent of the time in my room, we weren't allowed to open the windows, the lights were dim to dark, and it was very musty. And there also was a whole lot of graffiti in my room. The food was absolutely horrible. I was disappointed with the counselors' level of respect for a lot of the Boys' Staters. Some of them were very bitter and obviously didn't want to be there, which is strange because it's volunteer work. Other than that, I really liked the experience."

**What types of people did you meet?** "I met an entire range of people. One thing I will give Boys' State is that it had the nicest people I have ever met. I met goth guys, I met fellow punkers, I met nerds, there were jocks, there was just the most amazing range of people I have ever seen. There were stupid people, smart people, people real interested in politics, people up there that just wanted to chill and just put it on their college app. But everyone up there was pretty cool."

**In what ways has Boys' State influenced you?** "Well, I definitely will not think of government the same ever again. I know a lot more now and I'll be able to understand a lot more when I'm reading something,

or when I see a school-board meeting. You don't realize how many other people out there are better than you, so it was definitely a humbling experience."

**Mike Minicilli, Vista High School**  
**Is Boys' State considered cool? What kinds of people go?** "Yeah, pretty much it is considered pretty cool to go up there. Pretty much just mainly people from the top of their class or athletes that pretty much excelled in their sport and people who are pretty much involved with school activities and ASB and that sort of thing."

**What politicians did you see?** "I think we heard from a couple senators, and we also got to go visit the capitol. And that was a lot of fun to go see. I thought they got the chance to talk straight to the children, which was pretty much the main point. And it was nice to actually meet them instead of just seeing them on TV."

**Did the office winners seem like future politicians?** "Oh, yeah. Of the people that were in the higher offices, it seemed like they had the right skills to be later on in life politicians. Spoke well in front of a big audience, and, you know, they tried to communicate with a lot of the individuals of their city and then later on their own county."

**What was the winning formula for office winners?** "I think during the debates is where they pretty much focused on and got support from a lot of the citizens of the cities, because they pretty much related their speeches to the actual individuals and didn't just do patriotic speeches; they just said what their job would be and how they would accomplish their job."

**What stands did the parties take this year?** "Actually, many Federalists voted for the Whig

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Party because they actually favored their platform. I think it was the Federalists that wanted less immigration, more of closing the borders. It seems like most people voted for the Whig Party.”

**Any hijinks?** “I forgot to wake up for a meeting and I was maybe 20 minutes late, and a few of the guys from the city came into my room and they put shaving cream on my head and all that.”

**What did you gain from the experience?** “I pretty much learned that in order to become a successful politician it’s not just being intelligent; you also have to be very skilled in communications with the public.”

**What opinions about government or military have changed?** “Boys’ State kinda rallied all our patriotism — especially after 9/11, it helped us to look at America and what it means to be an American and to show pride in your country.”

**Any disappointments?** “My only position was being appointed to the election committee, which was just basically tallying votes and double-checking who won the election. No disappointments except that our election board miscounted a couple elec-

tions. I think it was our sheriff or district attorney in the county — we miscounted and there was a guy who won, but then after a recount he didn’t win. So there were a couple disappointments in that aspect.”

**What types of people did you meet?** “There’s a diverse group at Boys’ State. You learned about people from Northern California, Central California, and how they differ in their lives. I met a farmer who farmed, like, 200 acres, and I also met a kid straight from the inner city that was a great athlete. Just a bunch of different people that you could meet up there.”

**In what ways has Boys’ State influenced you?** “It had a positive influence on me even though it made me see that I don’t want to go into politics. It helped me focus more on a career.”

**Brian Sisk, University High School**  
**Is Boys’ State considered cool? What kinds of people go?** “Yeah. It was definitely interesting. I learned a lot of stuff about how the state government works. I really didn’t know how our state government ran till I went there. A lot of the people I met there, they’re a lot like leaders at their school; a lot of

them were presidents of the ASB.”

**What politicians did you see?** “The ones I went to look for were from my district here, but they weren’t there, so I really didn’t get to speak to any. But that — I don’t remember his name — that one who talked to us before we went to the capitol, I remember listening to him, but I don’t remember exactly what he said. I thought it was cool, even though they were busy and I knew it was a busy time for them, that he still had time to come and talk to us.”

**Did the office winners seem like future politicians?** “I’m not sure about future presidents, but I know a lot of them, the way they talked, the ideas that they had, you could definitely tell that they were going to be big in politics.”

**What was the winning formula for office winners?** “I guess it was always some catchy slogan, like ‘Shout me a holler’ or ‘Give me a holler.’ It seemed, like, because you really didn’t know the people and it really wasn’t a true government, a lot of people sounded like they weren’t goin’ off of true ideas.”

**What stands did the parties take this year?**

**How did the delegates vote?** “They were really big on school and education in my city. We started a college, and everyone in the city...just earned a degree. So education was big in our city. Some people voted because it was a cool guy, but I think a lot of people voted for who they would actually think in real life would be a good candidate.”

**Any hijinks?** “The city down the hall, when you use the restroom, you could only use the urinal. My roommate, he hurt his foot and he was on crutches, so he had to use the handicap stall, and they tried to put him in jail for using the stall. So we went through three days of a trial and he got found guilty. Then I guess they countersued him because the rules were unfair. So that was a big joke around our city.”

**Any disappointments?** “I thought we would hear from the governor. That was a disappointment.”

**What types of people did you meet?** “It seemed a lot of them were really well educated. A lot of the people I talked to were...the top 1 percent of their schools. As they kept saying, ‘Cream of the crop.’”

**In what ways has Boys’**

**State influenced you?** “It made me start thinkin’ that maybe I might want to try politics. Before, I never really thought of it.”

**Hua Feng Kuan, Calexico High School**  
**Is Boys’ State considered cool? What kinds of people go?** “Yeah. I got to learn a lot about the government. Without Boys’ State I wouldn’t have had that opportunity to get hands-on experience. I don’t even know who went last year.”

**Did the office winners seem like future politicians?** “Some of them did. The governor did. Most of them had this charisma, and they knew what they were doing when they put a lot of effort into it.”

**What was the winning formula for office winners? Any specific technique?** “It’s mostly about the speeches, and it depends how much effort you put into it, what you’re going to get out of it. Some people didn’t try as hard as others and that’s probably the reason they lost.”

**What stands did the parties take this year? How did the delegates vote?** “The issues that they were talking about were what’s happening now. They talked about OPEC and things like

that. Some voted for their party, but I think most of them just voted for what they thought was best for them, the people.”

**Any hijinks?** “This one time there was a meeting and I kinda slept and the counselor came in and he says, ‘Oh, what’s up?’ you know. And after that he talked to me for a while, then I guess he made me realize why I was there. That’s when I started to interact and do things. It was really embarrassing when he caught me sleeping.”

**What opinions about government or military have changed?** “Before, I saw the military just wasting money. Then, after Boys’ State, I realized that there’s more that they do. They do a lot for us.”

**Any disappointments?** “At the beginning I think things started kinda slow. Maybe that could be changed.”

**What types of people did you meet?** “I met some conservative people and some more liberal types. Most of them had different opinions and things to say. There was a lot of variety.”

**In what ways has Boys’ State influenced you?** “Well, after Boys’ State, I was inspired; and I’m

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running for school government. I'm ASB treasurer, and I'm involved in my community now. I go to the council meetings and board meetings, just to find out and have a voice."

**Craig Kessler, La Costa Canyon High School**  
*Is Boys' State considered cool? What kinds of people go?* "At my school it's thought of as a very big honor. Kids each year compete to go to Boys' State, so, yeah. Because kids realize the potential of a Boys' State candidate. We go through government classes and United States history classes, and I think one of the greatest things about Boys' State is that we're learning about [it] in action.... The kid who gets to go is the kid most involved, who has shown commitment to his community."

*Did the office winners seem like future politicians?* "I won the primary election for governor from my party, which is out of 500 kids, so I got to run in the general election, so I was against one other kid and the kid who won for governor was one of the most amazing speakers I've ever heard in my entire life. He really didn't have much to speak about, but the kid had such a following because he was such an amazing speaker and had the ability to rally the crowd, which I guess is half the battle in politics. So I'd say yes, some of the best of the best absolutely have potential to become future politicians."

*What was the winning formula for office winners? Any specific technique?* "Well, I could tell ya, at one point I had about 20 guys in my room and in a line, donating money, helping spread the word, spread my campaign. I think that was one of the keys of success, because the way things work at Boys' State, everyone's divided into cities and counties; together we make the state of Cali-

fornia. At one point I was standing out in front of a lunch line shaking every single Boys' Stater's hand. I was in different counties, city meetings, talking to people, and to be honest, too, I think one of the most effective ways to campaign at Boys' State was even through the sports program because kids at 17 years old look up to good athletes and it's an easy setting to talk to kids in. So, occasionally I'd go out to the baseball field, pick up a glove, and just start to throw the ball around with the team that I wasn't even participating on. Just to know those kids and hopefully gain some support."

*What stands did the parties take this year? How did the delegates vote?* "Well, my party decided to talk about Israel, for one. They said they supported a two-state solution. The other party didn't really care about that at all; they just backed out and said they wanted a peaceful solution. They talked about education; they talked about how teachers should go through proficiency tests, just as their students do. Things like this. I won the primary election with only 93 votes out of 500. The kid who won for the other party won the primary election with 273 votes. So, going in the general election, a lot of kids voted [along] party lines. But I think kids truthfully look for the most qualified candidate based on the way they spoke, the way they handled themselves."

*Any hijinks?* "Each city was responsible for coming up with their own cheer. I just remember a couple creative cheers, which I think is something funny. I remember during the Supreme Court speeches there was one kid who got up and he made a reference to squirrels that were making out or getting on each other in the tree tops and said something to the effect of 'Boys, I

want you to take a look at [that], because that's about as much action we're gonna see in the next week and a half.' And the next 43 speeches all made reference to the two squirrels getting on each other in the tree."

*What did you gain from the experience?* "Well, truthfully, it's been one of my goals, one of my dreams, since eighth grade to run for governor of California, and I went in there with an agenda and, truthfully, I wasn't sure when I got to Boys' State if I was gonna have any shot, because I met some amazing speakers, some very talented politicians. I gained the knowledge that I think I have some potential now, and confidence is something I definitely gained. I'm still looking towards my dream of becoming president of the United States. I think I realized I have some potential now."

*What opinions about government or military have changed?* "I gained a new respect for the United States government. I actually understand now firsthand somewhat of how it works, and I think that it's a pretty powerful system. I know that it must have taken a long time to get where we are today, but I was absolutely amazed when we went to the capitol and stuff. It's a really, really interesting process. As far as military service, I was blown away when the head of Boys' State asked all the students in a big forum how many of them were interested in going into the military, and I'd say about 95 percent of the body raised their hands. And I think that especially after September 11 the unity at Boys' State was tremendous. So, many times we found ourselves just sitting in a big forum singing patriotic songs, waving American flags, and talking about defending our country. So that was absolutely one of the most powerful experiences."

*Any disappointments?* "I'm disappointed that a lot of kids didn't get out there and run, like they said they wanted to. They just gave up or they ran for a position they didn't really desire. They just wanted a position, because there was a lot of potential at Boys' State, and I know some kids got intimidated. I was also disappointed by — sometimes — the lack of respect that was seen at Boys' State, because some kids really had amazing things to say, they had great speeches to give, they just weren't the best speech givers and kids didn't give them a chance, especially in the primary elections with 15 kids running for the position of governor."

*What types of people did you meet?* "I met kids from all ends of the spectrum. I met kids at Boys' State who went there because they had nothing else to do and their teacher told them to go, and I met kids who had dreamed to go to Boys' State for probably three or four years. Some amazing speakers, some ASB presidents, some kids who had never given a speech in their life. But for the most part, one thing I think everyone contained was that drive, that everyone had a little bit of a spark, wanted to do something with their life."

*In what ways has Boys' State influenced you?* "Again, Boys' State has actually shown me that if I put my mind to something, I will have a chance of getting there. It all starts with one person — that's how I started my campaign at Boys' State: I got one person to help me out, he got another person who got three more people, and it just showed me that rapport with people is so important in the United States. It's people that make the difference, people that are the politicians, so why not me?" ■  
— Matthew de Lira,  
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He was about 40, with a tanned, craggy face and a ponytail, jeans, and a red T-shirt. More importantly, he was scared and furious. He ran into the parking lot again to shout at another man walking down the drive carefully carrying a paper cup of urine for a second test. “Hey, man, you set me up!”

John had already spent 20 weeks here at Casa Raphael, a transitional housing program providing substance-abuse rehabilitation in Vista. The program requires a commitment of 9 to 12 months and can take up to 120 men. But for John, failing his urine test meant immediate expulsion, then 2 more months in jail for violating the terms of his probation. This was his second visit to Casa Raphael, and before coming this time, he’d spent 4 months in jail. “But I’m clean, I swear it. They’re setting me up!”

Even so, he seemed high. His red and bleary eyes, his shaking hands seemed to be evidence of drugs. In California 70,000 people, 75 percent of the state’s total parolees, are sent back to prison each year for parole violations — such as failing a drug test — for an average of five and a half months. They take up 20 percent of the prison beds and cost the state one billion a year. More than half the men at Casa Raphael — clients, they’re called — come from the prison system; either they are paroled directly to Casa Raphael or they are already on probation or they receive what is referred to as a nudge from the judge: the choice between jail and Casa Raphael.

So I thought John would be headed back to jail, but 15 minutes later everything had changed. The parole department test on his urine had turned out negative. He was happy, his hands weren’t shaking, he was walking straight, and even his eyes seemed less red. “I told ’em,” John said cheerfully. “I told them all along.”

A minute later I saw Mark Gregory, intake coordinator and case manager at Casa Raphael. He was nearly as upset as John had been. “I’d hate to exit someone over a fucked-up test. I’d have nightmares about it. And I was that close to it. He really looked like he’d been using.”

Located on a hill above Postal Way in Vista, the buildings of Casa Raphael began life as a motel — a two-story L-shaped arrangement with a parking lot in the center. Down the hill is Casa Base, a grouping of small buildings where men spend the first six weeks. Casa Raphael opened in 1993 and then was



totally restructured in 1999. It is part of the Alpha Project in downtown San Diego, which assists homeless men and women throughout the county in a “work-to-recovery program” and runs the Neil Good Day Center on 17th Street and provides over 700 units of affordable housing. Ninety-seven percent of the staff of Alpha Project is made up of recovering addicts and alcoholics, and many began as clients at Casa Raphael.

To be accepted by Casa Raphael, the men have to have a history of addic-



# OUT

Hundreds of hours are spent doing what they call “giving back,” volunteering for community service and working at Casa.



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tion and homelessness, be unemployed, and have no source of income, other than unemployment and/or veterans' benefits. They must be between 18 and 62, have two to three days clean and sober, be able to work, and have no prior convictions for sex offenses or arson. The program is broken into three steps. In the first, men spend six weeks at Casa Base in a rigorous “hawking program”; that is, they get up at 4:00 a.m., and by 5:30 they are out on busy intersections in Vista, Encinitas, Carlsbad, San Marcos, and Escondido selling the

*North County Times*, about 10,000 copies a week. In the afternoon they take journaling and AIDS-awareness workshops and a 25-hour video course entitled *Framework for Recovery*, created by Gordon Graham and aimed at men and women with a substance-abuse problem. Graham himself had spent 22 years in prison, and the course is high on building self-esteem, a sense of personal responsibility, and, most of all, instilling a sense of hope. The men also have to write a full-page journal entry each evening. They are allowed no visi-

tors in the first six weeks, though they can make phone calls. They are also restricted to the property except for work assignments. At the end of Step I, the men are tested on what they have learned, and if they pass, they move on to Step II, which also entails moving into a room up the hill at Casa Raphael.

In the 14 weeks of Step II the men are assigned either to an outside work project or some work at Casa Raphael — working in the kitchen, doing building and grounds maintenance, or working in security. Casa Raphael has its own construction crew that takes outside jobs, and they have teams that work for the City of San Diego in cutting brush, removing graffiti, and picking up trash. Those men without a high school diploma work for their GED, and all take 12

hours in basic computer training. They can also take extension classes from Palomar College. And they must take a two-week workshop in anger management. At the end of the step is another test.

In Step III the men have an outside job paying at least \$8 an hour, which they must have a minimum of 90 days before they can apply for graduation. Thirty percent of their salary goes into a savings account, and they must save \$1500 before they can leave. Also during Step III they attend weekly team meetings and self-help counseling meetings. And hundreds of hours are spent doing what they call “giving back,” volunteering for community service and working at Casa. The money earned by the men pays 80 percent of Casa Raphael’s expenses, though it operates on a shoestring and is always



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in need of money.

When a man feels ready to graduate, he fills out a seven-page application that includes such questions as “What

is the most dangerous trigger which could...lead to a relapse?” and “What are your short-term and long-term goals after

graduating, and how do you plan to achieve them?” Step Up ceremonies and graduations are held every two weeks, and it is not uncommon for someone to be held back. About 25 percent of the men graduate, but the number has been increasing. Before the program was restructured in 1999, only 12 percent graduated.

Throughout the entire program the men have to undergo random drug and/or alcohol testing. A bad test gets a man exited immediately. Violence or threats of violence also get a person discharged, as does continuous violation of rules and policies.

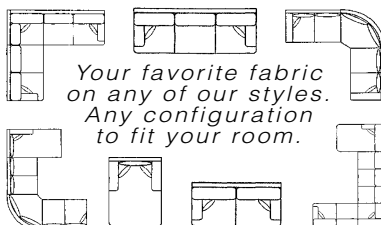
This is a simplified description of the program. What is left out and what receives intense emphasis all the way through is a commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous and Nar-

cotics Anonymous, which begins with embracing the first of the programs’ 12 steps: to admit you are powerless over drugs and/or alcohol and your life is unmanageable. The men attend AA/NA meetings almost daily, and each man must get a sponsor right away, an experienced member of AA or NA who will help him do the 12 steps to recovery. Before a man can leave Casa Raphael, he has to have studied the first 9 steps of AA/NA and worked the 5th step with his sponsor.

Casa Raphael’s director of operations, Margaret Larson, is the only person on the staff who doesn’t have a history of addiction. She is also the only woman at Casa Raphael, apart from a psychological counselor who comes in three or four days a week. Larson’s eight staff members are all recovering alcoholics and

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addicts, and all but one came originally to Casa Raphael as a client. All have no doubt that AA and NA are the only ways to recover from addiction, and statistics bear them out. So by the third step of AA/NA, the men have to surrender their will to a higher power — mostly this is God, but for some it can be simply the group itself. The point, as AA's founder Bill Wilson once wrote, is to admit that one is not God oneself, that there is something higher and more important than oneself. And the driving idea of AA/NA is that it is not

enough to put down the drink or drug, but you must change yourself as a human being, and that begins with self-knowledge and self-acceptance, coming to terms with who you are, what you have done, and eventually forgiving yourself. It would seem that a 25 percent graduation rate isn't very high, but it is far higher than any other program's, and it is the success rate that AA itself points to. Men who don't make it through the first time have two more chances to try, and many come back. I spent two weeks in

May at Casa Raphael, talking to the staff and many of the clients, watching the hawkers and work crews, and attending a Step Up ceremony and graduation. What is impressive is that the men are able to come out after nine months to a year not with a minimum-wage job but a job earning at least \$11 or \$12 an hour. A number continue in college or go into different trades. As Margaret Larson told me, "It's amazing how many of our program participants never completed even elementary school or high school. And now

they're challenging themselves by getting their high school diplomas and moving on to regional occupation and program-training classes at Palomar College. About 15 clients each year go on to get certificates in refrigeration, heating, air conditioning, computers, electrical, welding, and in other areas. Palomar has two-year programs, and the men get financial aid. I wanted them to have the opportunity not to go back to a work environment of working in McDonald's or digging ditches or washing dishes. I wanted them to

really challenge themselves and give them the opportunity to open doors for better-paying jobs, and without an education and some basic skills, that's not going to happen. It doesn't break the cycle of homelessness and criminality. You can't survive on \$6 an hour, not even up here in Vista." What else is remarkable at Casa Raphael is the commitment the men make to their recovery from alcohol and narcotics addiction and their understanding that to relapse means returning

to the wreckage of their lives with no future except homelessness and jail. I asked Mark Gregory, who as intake coordinator is the first person men see when applying to the program, about the effect of having a staff made up of recovering addicts and alcoholics. "I think it means everything because you can totally relate. For the staff, we know exactly what they've been through. We can really empathize with them. For the client, they know we're not bullshitting them, that we've been there. We know

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what we're talking about, and we really care."

Gregory is 46, muscular, blond with short receding hair, a gun-fighter mustache, and a general look of surprise on his oval face. He stoops when he walks, and when he sits he likes to lean forward with his hands folded and his arms on his knees. Around his neck is a silver chain with a religious medallion. He exudes compassion the way a fire gives warmth. I thought of him interviewing guys who had suffered serious addic-

tions, had been homeless and in jail. What kind of history did Gregory have to set up against theirs?

"I'm from Northern California, San Jose," he told me. "At the age of 12 I started drinking and using drugs. By 12½ I was hooked. I never completed high school. I was married in 1972. I was in the military in 1974. Divorced in '75. I was out of the military in '77 due to drugs. I came down to San Diego in 1980 and was homeless from '80 to '93. I lived under a lot of bridges. In 1983 I was

diagnosed with pancreatitis. I couldn't stop drinking. In '83 I had my third pancreatic attack; a cyst burst on my pancreas. Emergency operation, it was drained. I got my first contact with AA at that time, but for the next six years I just couldn't stop drinking. I had 27 pancreatic attacks, three major surgeries. They removed part of my pancreas, my spleen, part of my stomach, large intestine. I would drink until the pain started, would really drink to cover the pain. It got to a point where I

could just about have it timed by the time I hit the emergency room, and an hour and a half later I was getting 150 milligrams of Demerol. That would last a while, and then I would come out of the hospital with a bunch of pain pills, and when they were gone I started drinking. And that cycle just went on for six fucking years till I just couldn't drink anymore. One drink and I'd go right back in the hospital. I finally quit in '88, but I was really hooked on drugs at that time — methamphetamines. I was taking

a lot of pills, a lot of painkillers, and then I started shooting methamphetamines in 1989 and had two heart attacks, and I finally was done in '93, living on the streets. I just couldn't walk anymore. The Veterans Outreach Program put me in crisis house for mentals for 30 days, and then for a year and a half I was in a recovery home in south San Diego. In 1995 I came up here to Vista to work for a detox program. Then in '99 I came to work for Casa Raphael. And I'm still claiming wreckage of

the past, physically, from those days. In '97 I lost my gall bladder, and they had to do just a bunch of work again. If I can get two solid bowel movements a week, I'm blessed. They're doing a lot of tests right now to see if there's something they can do for it, but it's probably something I'll just have to live with because of all the work that's been done down there and the lack of organs. My heart's fine now. Once I stopped drinking and using drugs, my heart healed. Right now my life's fantastic. I'm married. Four

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Perhaps the oddest thing about Gregory’s story is that it isn’t unique. At least 15 men I talked to had similar stories. The details might differ, but in general it was the same: a life of wreckage from alcohol and drug abuse. However, to someone applying to the program, Gregory is a miracle. He is proof that the program works, as are the other staff members. And it is very hard for a new applicant to tell him, “Oh, you’d just never understand the trouble I’ve been through.” For an addict or alcoholic to talk to Gregory is like having Mark McGwire as your batting coach. He has credibility.

Gregory interviews applicants Mondays and Tuesdays, but state parolees are given priority for bed space, so a parole officer can call any time and immediately get a bed. I asked Gregory what sort of people he saw.

“Some people are just coming out of the bush, homeless, they have nothing. Some people can’t read or write, but they can listen to a video and so can learn the Framework for Recovery program, and we can work with them on that. People come here straight out of

prison or from a parole officer, or the courts, or out of jail, or referred from a substance-assessment unit. People off the street have been sent here by the sheriff’s department’s methamphetamine task force. Part of that program is called House Call, and they’ve identified homeless methamphetamine users and they send them to do this program

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One afternoon I walked down the drive to Casa Base at the cor-

ner of Postal Way. On one side of Postal Way are a hundred or so units of low-cost housing and on the other the back of a strip mall. But the area is neat and peo-

"In the last ten years I never had an apartment. I was living with someone else or living in a shelter or living on the streets."

ple are friendly. Gregory had told me this was a big change from how things used to be. "Nine years ago Postal had shootings and stabbings every night, and every

night cops had their helicopters flying around looking for someone. Since Casa moved in, it's like night and day."

Bob McElroy, direc-

tor of Alpha Project, had given me a similar description of the street. "There was the highest crime rate in the county on this street. You'd drive up, and people would jump on the lid of your car and say, 'Hey, you want to buy a bag of dope?' When the city asked us if we'd buy this place and take it over — and they helped us buy it — then the

crime rate went to zero. It dropped off the map." Along with offices and classrooms, the small buildings at Casa Base contain three units, each holding 12 men in bunk beds. A group of 12 is admitted every two weeks and assigned to a case manager who sees them through Casa's Step I. Although the first two weeks constitutes a qualification period, the men start hawking papers right away. Saturday is the only day off; on Sunday they sell papers again. Usually 8 or 9 of the 12 make it to Step II. This afternoon men are sitting around talking or writing in their journals or waiting to see a counselor. Tattoos, earrings, rock-and-roll T-shirts, many of the men resemble what my mother would have called "a rough lot," but again and again, talking to different men, I'm struck by how gentle

and compassionate they are and that the difficulty lies more with my own perception than with the men themselves. At the moment there are 112 men in the entire program, 18 Hispanic, 18 black, and the rest white. Sometimes they have Asians, 5 in the past year.

I sought out J.D. Robinson, program manager in charge of case management, in addition to having the job of overseeing Step I. Originally from Idaho, he has a thick Western accent as if his mouth was full of a chaw of tobacco. Thin, gray-haired, mustached, 58, Robinson entered the program as a client in September 1998, graduated after nine months, and then stayed on. We sat in his office, and he told me his own background with addiction.

"Well, I started drinking at a real early age. There was a lot of alcohol in my household. But I didn't get involved with drugs that

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much until my later teens and started fooling around with psychedelic-type stuff, marijuana, things of that nature. Then I discovered heroin. I tried it, and I became a heroin addict probably in my early 20s and been that off and on until I was in my early 50s. And I drank an awful lot during that time too. An awful lot. But I also held a lot of jobs. I was a cable splicer for a num-

ber of years. I was a chef for a number of years. I'd work until I got to the point where I needed the drugs too bad, then I'd do other things, criminal acts. And most of the time I was homeless, in the latter years, yes. In the last ten years I never had an apartment. I was living with someone else or living in a shelter or living on the streets. Then one time I went into a detox down in San

Diego — Volunteers of America — and they had some brochures about Alpha Project, and I started reading about it. I filled out an application and got accepted to Casa Raphael. And now I mean to stay here. [He laughed.] I've never enjoyed a job as much as I've enjoyed this one." I asked Robinson what the men were like when they first came in. "Most of those that

are court-ordered or their parole officer tells them they need to come here, when they first get here they don't want to be here. I think one of the biggest difficulties is staying focused on just themselves and what they need to do to change their lives. It's difficult to say, 'Okay, I'm not going to have any contact with my parents or my girlfriend or my children for six weeks' and remain

focused on themselves. We tell them when they get here: 'This is your opportunity to look at the program and see if you like it, and it's our opportunity to look at you and see if you're suited for this program.' Not very often does someone not meet the qualifications, but occasionally there're some that just absolutely do not want to be here. It's not what they had in mind when they come

into a long-term residential facility. They're thinking more of getting up at eight or nine o'clock in the morning, versus four o'clock in the morning. It's just not their cup of tea. For the most part we don't say, 'Okay, you don't meet the qualifications, you gotta leave.' We let them know this is not appropriate for them, and if they like, we'll find them a suitable program or they can

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choose something on their own. Understand, too, that some of these guys are still in the stages of withdrawal or detox. They might have some clean time, but there's still a lot of detoxing left to be done before their minds clear and they can make any sort of judgment on whether this is what they want to do or do they want to run. That's where a lot of the doubt and suspicion comes in, when they say, 'Do I really want to be here? Is this for me?' Because they don't know.

"I believe for me personally that when I arrived I didn't want to be here. I was restrictively motivated to be here for the simple reason that I didn't want to sleep on the streets anymore and I didn't want to go back to prison anymore. So I had to do something. I got started in Framework for Recovery, listening to

Gordy Graham, and he said, 'The one thing that I want to encourage you guys to learn is that there is hope for you.' I thought, 'Wow.' He's got a similar background to mine. He spent 22 years in prison and he changed his life, and the way he did it is by saying, 'There is hope. There's a way to do this, and the first thing I gotta do is change me.' That was my turning point, my little window of opportunity. Somebody telling me there was hope, because all my life I'd been told that I was worthless, hopeless, would never amount to anything. I heard it so much that I believed it, you know? It just happens in different ways with different people. They get a chance to hear some of these guys that have anywhere from a year to 15 years in AA or NA, and they say, 'Whoa, you've been reading my mail. That's

exactly what's happened in my life.' And they see the possibility of change. We get people that come to us and say, 'I've had it, man, I'm taking off.' And some of them, there's no talking them out of it. Their addiction screams at them so loud, and they've never had any way to shut that scream-

**"Addicts of my caliber, we're not supposed to get clean. We're supposed to die or go to prison."**

ing off except by drugs or alcohol, and that's what they run to, because they don't know there's a way to change. Fortunately, I can't remember what that scream is like today, but I know that many times, for me, when it happened, that's all I knew to do — get more drugs

or get alcohol.

"But one of the biggest things that takes them out is their girlfriends. They call and say, 'Oh, honey, I'm so lonely, won't you come and see me?' So they pack their bags and they're off down the street. Or a guy may leave because he doesn't like the schedule. A lot

of times a guy will get about six months in the program and he starts getting the acceptance from the wife or girlfriend or the family and they say, 'Yeah, you can come back home. You been doing well.' Well, they bail out, and mostly they end up coming back to us. In a few rare

cases they're able to succeed and change their life. And we've had a few that the wreckage of their past catches up with them and they find there's a warrant for them and they end up going to jail. Some of them get opportunities when they get jobs to get a real good job someplace else, and if they don't take it then, three months later that job's going to be full; so they leave for that. There's numerous reasons for them leaving. But for those with any length of time, the resistance to being here begins to break down. They open up. They become a little bit more willing to make that change. They see there's opportunities to develop a good strong relationship with their families, and they know that 9 to 12 months of structured environment is nothing compared to a lifetime of misery.

"You look at these

guys when they first come in and how they look six weeks later, and that attitude of change is definitely there. Again, you look at where a lot of these guys came from in their lifestyles, it's something totally different for them to go out and hawk papers and be friendly and say good morning and things like that, because in the environment they came from, those sort of things just didn't happen. And there's a certain fear that's involved — 'How are these people going to accept me? They're going to know as soon as they see me that I'm an ex-convict.' That's the perception these guys have. And as soon as they find out that the majority of the people may not buy a paper but for the most part are always smiling and waving at these guys, especially after they've been out there for a while,

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then they begin to get some self-confidence. That's when the attitude starts to change. They've got some self-confidence, and they say, 'I can be a productive member of society. People do care about me.' I mean, certainly nobody wants to be out there being a paperboy for the rest of their life, and we have no intentions of doing that with them, but it does teach them how to get up and go to work every day."

The next day I went out in the van with

Chris, who is in charge of the hawkers. There are 42 at the moment, most in Step I but also a dozen in Step II. Chris is 34 and entered the program in March 2000 and graduated in March 2001. He described himself as cross-addicted: a blackout drinker at 13 and hooked on methamphetamines at 14.

"The last D.A. wanted to give me 15 years. Needless to say, that was an eye-opener. I knew I had to do something. That was in

February 2000, so I walked up the hill and applied to the Casa. The first four months were pretty stressful, and I didn't think I was going to make it. I had six court dates, but they saw the change in me and gave me 64 days served and three years' probation. I had two residential burglary charges and ten other felony charges. The judge said it was my last chance and if he saw me again or if I didn't graduate, I'd be doing 15 years with two strikes. So I got the mes-

sage. When I came in the program, it was a real high, like the high I experienced when I first tried drugs. But for me the hawking was the most difficult part. For years I never talked to people, I hated people. Now I had to talk. I had to be friendly and cheerful and talk to people buying the papers. I had to get up at four. Everything in my head was telling me to run, but I was tired of being tired, tired of being sick."

It was midmorning and Chris was driving

through Vista seeing how his hawkers were doing. They wear bright blue vests with the words *North County Times* and matching blue Alpha Project caps. At large intersections there can be four men; at some corners there is only one. Chris stopped at Escondido and El Norte to talk to Dennis, the corner leader in charge of sending guys on breaks. Dennis explained that one of the men, an 18-year-old, wasn't doing very well. Three girls had visited

him earlier, and it would mean problems for him when he returned to Casa Base.

"That young guy was by himself before," Chris told me, "and got in a little trouble. He needed guidance so we put him with Dennis. He was sleeping under the underpass on his papers! So he got the nickname Sleepy. Then yesterday we found him in McDonald's with his head on the table sleeping. He was sent here by the courts, but it's hard to be here for an 18-

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year-old.”

The rule of having no visitors is easiest to break while a man is hawking papers, Chris told me. “I had to chew out another guy for having visitors this morning while he was hawking papers. His wife and kids came, and they know better. They know better.”

Then Chris pointed to a young man selling at another corner, waving at the cars going by. “See that guy over there? He’s goosed, he’s really goosed. He’s a real hustler. He’s sold 30 papers already. He’s really built that corner up.”

Soon Chris pulled up at the intersection at Ash and Valley Parkway and got out to talk to a rather small golden-haired woman in her 60s who had just given two of the hawkers paper bags, each with a sandwich, a drink, and chips. This was Paula Johnson, known as the

hawker mom, who comes around three to five days a week to give “her boys” a bag with a snack. “Several years ago,” she said, “I stopped and bought a paper here from the most disreputable person you’ve ever seen, and I’ve been stopping ever since. I’m retired and I’ve got the time.”

Johnson also attends the Step Up and graduation ceremonies, where she gives the men flowers. She described a time to me two years earlier when she had kept Chris from running. He had recently entered the program and was doing badly.

“I could see he was meaning to do it. I looked in his eyes and saw he was scared stiff. I said, ‘Where do you think you’re going?’ That stopped him. I talk to all the boys. Chris opened up; some of them don’t. If I feel one faltering or sad or losing

hope, I spend more time with him. I ask what the problem is and keep it up until they tell me, and I try to help them.”

As we talked, there was a steady stream of traffic. Some people bought papers, some others just honked or waved.

“She loves us,” said

everything changed. I graduated. And addicts of my caliber, we’re not supposed to get clean. We’re supposed to die or go to prison. What helps me now is working with these alcoholics and addicts and focusing on other people’s problems, their needs. It’s hard not getting close to these

**“After high school my life was drugs. That’s pretty much all I’ve done my whole life.”**

Chris. “Somehow she saw I was going to run, so she came out of her car yelling at me — this woman I hadn’t even known for two weeks. ‘Where do you think you’re going?’ Something really clicked in my head. No one had ever cared before, and what reason did she have to? After that,

guys, so when one of them goes back out it hurts. One went out six months ago — first time he stuck a needle in his arm, he was dead. Guys going back on the street or back to prison — you’d think I’d get used to it, but I never do. Of the 14 guys I came in with, I’m the only one who made it. My best

friend went out drinking the day after his graduation. I was an emotional wreck and couldn’t do anything for him. I told him, ‘When you’re done, you call me.’ I sat in the parking lot for a half hour in tears. I’ve gotten two calls from him since then, and you know he’s hammered off his ass. For years I covered my emotions with drugs and alcohol, and now the full effect of my emotions I can’t even describe. I did a lot of crying in the first six months. I’m still doing it.”

While Chris dealt with the newspapers, I talked to a young man named Jerry who had been in the program for nearly five weeks and had come down to Casa Raphael from Humboldt County.

“I was sent here by the courts. They told me it was either this or go to prison. So I chose this

and it’s been the best decision I’ve made in my life. I’d gotten in trouble, I had drug-related charges, and I came down here because I wouldn’t have gotten clean in Humboldt County. I was athletic in high school, I wrestled and played football, ran cross-country. I even managed to graduate, but after high school my life was drugs. That’s pretty much all I’ve done my whole life. Methamphetamines, crystal. I’ve done all kinds of drugs, but my drug of choice was methamphetamines. I’ve done LSD, mushrooms, smoked weed, drink. I tried heroin but didn’t like it. Done cocaine. My drug of choice was speed. I haven’t honestly held a job for, like, ten years. I started cooking dope and making it and selling it and stealing from people and stealing from stores. It didn’t

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matter, everything I had I took. I felt that's how you got things in life. And being around the people I was hanging out with was bad, because every time I got out of jail, I'd go and hang around with them again and they'd all be doing the same thing. So coming down here was probably the best thing I've ever done because I don't know those people now, and I've gotten a little clarity of mind. I was in jail for three months, then I came down here and got into the program, and they've been supportive of me. I've had my ups and downs, but I'm still here. The downs were just the emotional downs. I'm feeling feelings I've never felt before. Dealing with life on life's terms — I've never, ever done that.

"My first week here

was rough. I was told it was a multimillion-dollar complex and a multimillion-dollar neighborhood, then I got here and it wasn't what I expected. It was hard getting up at four o'clock in the morning and doing something new that I'd never done before, being in society. That's something I never did — those type of hours was when I was just going to bed. But I stuck it out. And the counselors and staff are all guys who have been there and done that. It's not like somebody that's been to school and read it from a book and says, 'Well, this is how you should be feeling.' They've all been there and they feel with you. They can tell whether you're trying or not. You can't fool a drug addict. You might get over them for a little while, but

you're not getting over on nobody but yourself. So hawking papers has been the most therapeutic thing I've done. It makes me interact with the public, and that was something I never did when I was using. The only people I interacted

down mood and I went and talked to her and I just gave her a paper and, you know, that put a smile on her face and that made me feel good. And there's days I'm down and people will say, 'Keep your head up. You're doing good. We

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with were other dope fiends, drug users. So it's been good to have contact with society on a daily basis and realize that society isn't that bad — Jerry was bad, society wasn't. You meet all kinds of people. Like today, one lady was in a

know why you're out here and we're proud of you.' I never allowed myself to feel good before, I always felt like a dirty scumbag because I was out there doing things I knew I shouldn't be doing. And now I'm doing things

that I know that I should be doing, and I'm getting correct results on a daily basis, whether it's from the community at Casa or from the people out here.

"Sometimes you have to go up to people and tell them what you're doing on this corner. They don't know what you're doing — just selling a paper. And I tell them, 'No, you're helping 120 drug addicts stay clean and sober, off the streets, out of jails, and learn to lead a clean and sober life, and can we count on your support today?' And most of the time people are just, 'Wow, that's what you're doing here?' They're amazed. And often they'll either give you 35 cents, or if they say they don't have the money right now, I'll just give them a paper

and say, 'Catch me tomorrow or the next day, whatever.' And people come by with dollars the next day and say, 'Oh, I owe you for yesterday.' So it's great. When I first started, there was only, like, 50 papers being sold on my corner, and I sell about 100 a day. And that's just from communicating, and that makes me feel good that the public has responded like that. It gives me the courage to go out and do it every day, because there are some days that I don't want to get up at four o'clock. Oh, man! But when I make that first sale or make that first person smile and he says, 'Have a good day,' that makes it all worth getting up at four o'clock in the morning to hawk papers."

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apply the tools and principles of Step I, attending workshops, meeting with their counselors, taking classes, doing AA/NA work as they maintain a job either at Casa Raphael or outside. Each man earns a weekly stipend of \$20 to \$45, depending on the work project.

In charge of Alpha Works is 27-year-old Jason Rodriguez, who first came to Casa Raphael as a client in

March 1998, relapsed, then came again in March of 1999.

"I'm in charge of basically everything that has to do with work," he told me. "I have two work crews down in San Diego — one that works at the Miramar Landfill and another that does jobs for the city — clearing brush, picking up trash, graffiti removal, all sorts of stuff. I also oversee all the hawkers and hawker supervisors. I handle all

the scheduling, transportation, donations. Everything that has to do with work, except the work in Step III, and Mark handles that. But I get a lot of calls from people looking for workers, and I'll pass that on to Mark if it fits the Step III description. These would be businesses looking for people. I have someone right now working for Collins Plumbing in North County. I also have someone working

for the Vista Tree Service. Sometimes someone will need someone short-term for a couple of weeks, so I'll send them a guy, like a Step II guy, and I'll staff them out at an hourly rate and the money funnels back into the program. I've been dealing with Collins' Plumbing for about two and a half years, and they just love our guys. They get clean and sober workers, and they get people who work hard. And, of

course, sometimes it doesn't work out, so they'll call me up and I'll send them somebody else. The guy I have there now has been there about three weeks, and they like him, they want to continue to use him, so when he gets to Step III he's going to get a full-time job. That's the whole plan when I staff somebody out. I hope they will like him and that when he hits Step III he'll continue to work there full-time."

I asked Rodriguez why he had originally come to Casa Raphael and why it hadn't worked for him the first time.

"The first time here I was sent by the courts. I was here about eight months, came up through the program, went to Step III, got my own job, ended up relapsing about two weeks before graduation, caught another case and did some jail time and came straight

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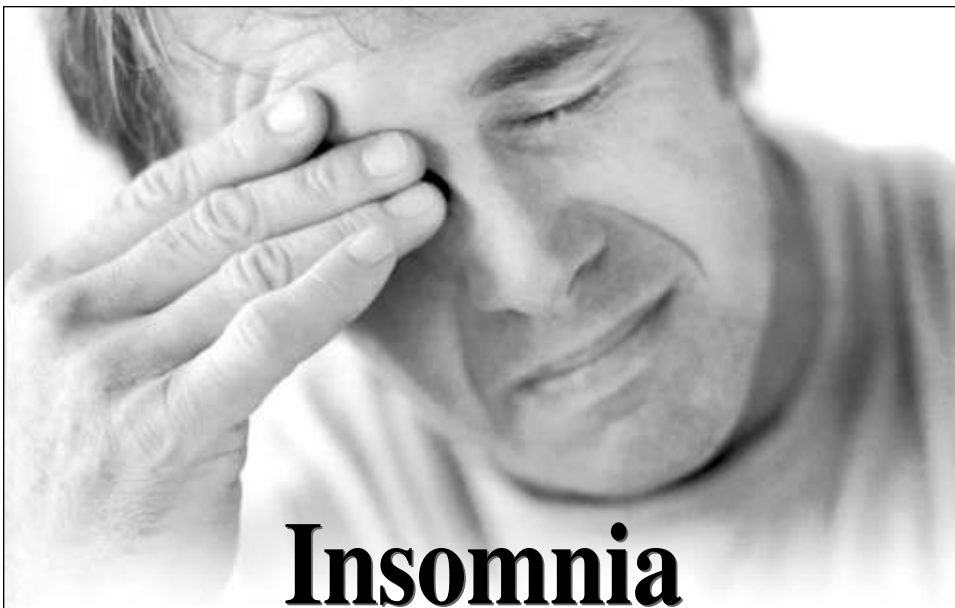
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back and started over. I was into heroin and alcohol. I've done it all, but heroin was really what took me down. I started using it when I was 17, still in high school. And I started using alcohol when I was about 12, drinking with the guys on the weekends, messing around. That was definitely my first addiction. It came where I was drinking sometimes before school, during lunch I'd leave and drink, and definitely after school. I probably

started doing that when I was about 14, drinking on a regular basis every day. "What went wrong the first time? Casa can only give you so much. I didn't grasp the concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. That's why my recovery is based definitely today in my higher power. The first time, I didn't grasp that. I was here, I was real compliant, I followed the rules, but I just didn't grasp that whole concept. And one

day, I just said, 'You know what, I just feel like drinking.' It was that simple. I had a sponsor, but I didn't use him, didn't call him. I ended up getting arrested the same day I relapsed. It was a big mess. I had a weekend pass, and I was drinking all day with a guy in a bar in Ocean-

side. We went back to his hotel room, and he asked if I could cop some heroin, and I said, 'No problem.' And he ended up overdosing. I called 911, did that whole thing. I was on probation, so of course I caught a possession case, under the influence, that type of thing,

and ended up going back to jail that same night. I really thank God for it happening that way, because when I woke up that next morning, I said to myself, 'This is what happens when I drink and use, and I can't do it anymore. I'm an addict and alcoholic.' And, you know, the light turned on. I had a spiritual awakening, is what I had. I knew I couldn't drink or use again. So I did five months and begged for another chance. I was looking at

five years from a prior burglary conviction that I violated, and I begged to come back to Casa Raphael, because I knew in my heart I wanted to stay sober. And the judge gave me that second chance. I came back, and I've been sober ever since. And it amazed me that it all happened in one day, it was so fast. I saw myself transforming back into the alcoholic and addicted mind. Once I took that first drink, I was totally in that lifestyle again. And

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when I woke up over here in Vista County Jail, I was just going, 'I can't believe it. I had a great job, had sobriety.'

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One of the men I talked to in Step II had spent 28 years as a heroin and methadone addict before coming to Casa Raphael, living like a hermit in his family's avocado groves near Vista. He asked that I wouldn't use his real name, so I'll call him Stanley. He's 48, thin, and five foot six, with very light blue eyes, long blond hair, and a blond beard. His skin is darkly tanned, almost leathery, and lined from the sun.

"When I was living in the avocado groves, I just didn't talk to too many people. I liked living out in the bushes and stuff. Though I had a house to sleep in, I didn't really want to sleep in it. We had TVs and tents, and this and that, and I liked living out in the air. My sister

and half-brother would come out, but nobody usually stayed there at night except me. Ever since I was 15, I've been sleeping out in this little garage spot, or out in a tent or something. I mean, I just liked living like that. I'm kind of like a wild man. I just lived out in the wild all of my life. And I've been a hermit, you know? That's why I worried about coming here. All of these people. My family had an avocado business, so once in a while I worked there. But I never had a regular job. If I wanted money, I'd sell some fruit, anything. I grew a lot of stuff, vegetables, fruits, and that kind of thing and sell a little here and there to make money. Before I got hooked on heroin when I was 19, I grew my own opium. I had two types of opium, and I was growing tons of marijuana. I'm really good at growing things. I didn't even care for money, even though I had a lot of it. I inherited money, several inheritances, three different inheritances, and I'd just trade for things. If I needed something, I'd trade. And the money I had, I spent on drugs. Incredible, hundreds of thousands of dollars. An insane amount, and that's just the money I inherited. I had a whole bunch of Coca-Cola stock, twice, and a whole bunch of San Diego Gas and Electric. I sold it all for cocaine and heroin, large sums of money. Yes, I shot it all up. See,

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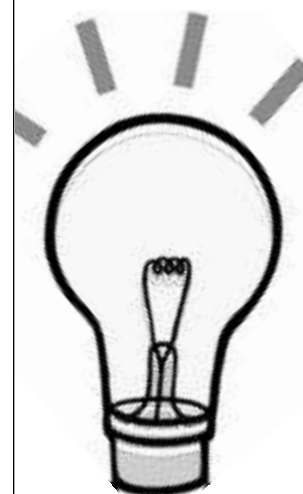
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my mother died when I was 18, and my dad died when I was about 21. I was living wild when I was 15. I used to sneak out by myself when I was 8 years old with a .22 pistol. I've been shooting guns since I was 5. Bows, arrows, guns, I'm very safe with it. I liked the way I lived. I should have been born in the 1800s."

But a month before Stanley came to Casa Raphael, he was busted for heroin possession. Before that he had had almost no money and constantly worried about how he would buy drugs. He said he didn't want to steal. He was scared but had no way to stop. He went into a detox close to

Casa Raphael, then came to Casa Raphael to get out of the detox. "They came and picked me up. I didn't want to come here. They picked me up on a Monday, and then they took me to that Step Up meeting thing. I was sitting there in the front looking at the door going, 'I'm out of here. I can't handle all of these people.' I was all agitated. I couldn't sleep for a month and a half. My legs were aching so bad. They wanted me to sell papers. I go, 'I can't sell papers, I'll get hit by a car. I'm too dinged out from too many years of being strung out.' So it took me a couple of weeks to start, but I was still really weak and stuff. And after about a

month and a half I could sleep a little bit. If it wasn't for the good people, I would have left, but after a couple of weeks, a month, I thought, man, these people are really nice

**"Manufacturing meth when I was 15 years old, I found myself intrigued by chemistry."**

and good. If they'd been cranky, I would have skedaddled a long time ago. I would have run for the hills. I thought of it almost every day. Because I was just, like, I've had enough of this. It's time to move on. But

if it wasn't for the good people I wouldn't have stayed. And now I feel excellent, I feel really good. But of course I still think about heroin occasionally. But I don't want to do it, because I

of this stuff. I can't totally change my wild nature. It's in my genes. At first being here was like an experiment to me. I wondered how long could I stay. And I was scared because for a month and a half I was so sick. And even after that I was like, whoa, man, I don't know how long I can stay. I mean, I'd hear the birds, the hawks flying over and stuff. I was, like, whoa, I've got to get home, you know? See the trees. But I can go hiking there anytime, so it's no big thing. Sometimes I miss sleeping out by myself somewhere. With all of these people around it's kind of different. But to a certain degree I've adapted to it. I guess you

adapt to everything. I'm amazed I'm still here. And I guess I'll graduate. I mean, I sure haven't done any drugs since I've been here. I'm the kind of person, if I go and do some heroin, I'd call up and say, 'Hey, I just shot some dope. I'm not coming back. I'm gone.' I don't try to fool nobody. I don't play no games. But I haven't felt this good since I was probably 18. That's definitely a miracle."

For his job in Step II, Stanley worked in Clean Corps.

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offices — a big building where they do fabrics, computers, and electronic parts. But after I graduate I'd like to work in a nursery or something. That's more my style because I'm really good at growing things. I can make the plants grow better, that's for sure. I've just got a gift for it, and it's something I've always liked. And I've been around trees and stuff all of my life. And before Vista was big, you know, it was really nice, and peaceful and calm. Now there's all of this traffic, and phew, boy, too many people. Concrete jungle."

Of the other men I talked to in Step II, one was Matt, a tall, thin 50-year-old Southern Californian who is a California state-licensed plumbing contractor with over 20 years of experience. At Casa Raphael he is property maintenance supervisor with five to ten other men working under him. Matt had lost his family, friends, jobs, and possessions from alcohol, and when he came to Casa Raphael it was at the end of a four-month binge. "I was pretty scrambled. It was one minute, one day at a time, at best. So coming here was good from where I was going, which had been to some bush somewhere, you know? So it was excellent. In fact, it probably saved my life. I was already having convulsions, any of which I could have died from. Having an addiction is like having an internal disease. You've got to fight it every day, and that includes everything. Good nutrition, going to meetings, everything. So it's a constant battle. I mean, you either get busy living, or you get busy dying. There is no middle ground there. If you're drinking, you're getting busy dying. If you're even complacent,

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it's up to the individual whether they're going to change or not. I don't think you just walk across the threshold and your behavior is suddenly modified. I mean,

people are kicked out of here every day because their behavior wasn't modified, you know?" Another member of Step II, Jimmy, had begun making metham-

phetamine at home at 15. Though, at 32, he had held various jobs, most recently as a heavy-equipment operator, his addiction had sent him to jail, and

then he had been court-ordered to Casa Raphael. When I talked to him, he had just been named Hawker of the Month. "I've been to six dif-

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ferent high schools and never graduated. I want to get involved in business, professional business, research. I like science. You know, manufacturing meth when I was 15 years old, I found myself intrigued by chemistry. Intrigued! Chemistry is just so cool, although it's a helluva way to get introduced to it. Coming into Casa was, I was all positive. I wasn't intimidated. I wasn't made to feel uncomfortable. I filled out an application and talked to Mark. He treated me very respectfully. He made me feel good and showed me what was going on around here. And there's been a big change. It's making me a better person. I'm more calm. I'm learning, I'm healing. Some people don't like it here, but they don't walk around showing it, because you're weeded

out. You'll mess up. You'll be in noncompliance and have a bad attitude. My stepmom used to tell me, 'If you're going to do something, you do it right and you don't carry a lazy man's load.' So you only last so long with a bad attitude. And if you don't change your ways and talk to them, you're going to do one more thing and start slipping and you'll be gone. You get involved or you get out. As for me, this program gave me a chance. I have an office where I take care of hawker clothes. I turned it into an office, basically. It was an office when I got there, but it was a shambles. I took out four bags of trash. I put a lock on the door, a lock on the desk. I organized boxes, labeled them, sorted everything out, washed things. So the thing is operational without hassle. You need

something, *bing*, here it is. This program has given me a chance to be me, to see what I can do, show what I can do, see where I can go."

I asked Gregory about what they did about people leaving or being asked to leave.

**"Didn't take long before I was drinking a handlebar of vodka a day, plus a pint to another quart — morning, noon, and night."**

"If somebody is going to leave, it's going to be in Step II, because it's 14 weeks long, and in that period they're going to have to learn how to use everything they've been given at Casa Base to relieve stress on certain situations they might run into. Things

aren't going to go their way. How are they going to deal with that? At times, they can't. We try to help them, of course. There is a process here we call 'staffing people.' So if a client is having trouble in a certain area, staff will talk to him and

to bend over backwards to do everything we can to keep a client here. If someone leaves and has been court-ordered to Casa Raphael, has a probation officer or parole officer, then it's our policy to notify them immediately, within 24 hours, with a phone call and a letter, if so needed. That's our policy. We don't pursue anybody ourselves. The doors here are open; there're no locks. They come here freely, and they can leave freely."

One man whose skills make him especially valuable at Casa Raphael is Jock, a master chef, who runs the kitchen and who graduated from the program while I was visiting. Jock is 51, small and slender, with electric blond hair brushed back over his head and a deeply tanned face, bright blue eyes, and a mustache.

He has four earrings and two studs in his left ear and wears two silver chains around his neck. When he walks, he keeps his back ramrod straight and moves with great dignity. We spoke in his tiny office off the kitchen. I asked him if it was difficult when he first came to Casa Raphael.

"No. I know that for some of the guys it is difficult. But before I got here I tried to commit suicide and was in an institution for about a week. I had gone out and bought a quart-size of vodka and had 15 Seconals. I wanted to make sure nobody found me, so I hiked about ten miles out into the country, and I sat down and drank the vodka, ate the pills, and passed out. Some hiker came walking by and found me and had a cell phone, and they life-

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flighted me out. Then I woke up in the hospital four days later. After I got out of the hospital I stayed sober for two weeks. I knew I was an alcoholic; I didn't know what to do about it. Then, like by accident, I met a guy downtown selling papers — one of the hawkers — and he explained the program to me, and I came up and put in an application. So when I got here I was more than ready. I really didn't know what I needed, but I knew I needed something, so I figured, shit, after that escapade out in the hills I'd just go into a program. It wasn't like I took sleeping pills and drugs and got drunk at home or a place where you're gonna be found. I was seven to ten miles off any highway, on a little path, but I had no idea anybody would be out there. So I just kind of figured somebody wants me alive — for what, I'm going to try to find out."

I asked him about his drinking history. "Well, in high school I drank a little bit, but I mostly smoked pot most of my life, did a lot of cocaine for 20-something years, drank behind it, but I was more into drug use. I used to run coke, and I grew pot too, for 12 years, indoors. I never realized what kind of alcoholic I was until I got busted and they told me I was lucky I didn't have to go to prison, because I'd never gotten into any trouble before I was 42 years old. They took away smoking pot, doing any kind of drugs at all. If I had one dirty piss test — this was in Santa Barbara County — I would do 5 years in the state pen. So that was a big deterrent for me. Because I didn't want to go to the pen, I started drinking. In no time I was full-blown, drinking every day by noon. Didn't take long

before I was drinking a handlebar of vodka a day, plus a pint to another quart — morning, noon, and night. During all that time I worked as a chef — the Sheraton, different, real nice gourmet restaurants in Newport Beach, a country club. I've been cooking all my life. I've been actually a chef for 19 years and cooking over 30. The job loss and all that kind of bad end of the story started happening when I was 42. I started losing jobs, losing friends, drinking became the most important thing in my life. I just lived to drink. I didn't need a reason. I drank if I was mad. I drank when I was happy, drank when I was sad. I just drank because I liked to drink. I liked the effect it gave me. And drinking is notorious at restaurants. Management's drinking and giving you drinks. Most people in the back are drinking or using, smoking pot. I never got behind the crystal, never used speed or nothing, didn't like it, I'm already hyper enough. But all that goes on in the restaurants, especially here in San Diego, more than up there in, like, Orange County and L.A. Lot of drug use throughout the kitchen, lot of pot smoking, but mostly drinking."

As head of the kitchen at Casa Raphael, Jock comes in every morning at seven. He does all the ordering, arranges the menus, and has seven men working under him.

"I do private parties too. I'm having one tomorrow, just for a small party of 15, a little catering we do every once in a while, like for the school board, trying to get it out there in the public. We'll make some flyers and put them in the stores for small catering. In the kitchen, I oversee everything that goes on. I basically cook



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all the soups, sauces, main parts of the meal. My helpers help me cut the salads, lettuce, do prep work and things, but I cook every day for the guys. I'm good at what I do. I've had write-ups in different papers on my work, on soups and sauces and things. I try to make everything really, really good for everybody, and I eat the same food as everybody else. It's about 110 to 130 dinners a day, depending on how many people they have. I've lowered their food bill quite a bit. They used to do \$2200 to \$2300 a week. I had it down to \$1500 for a while, serving way better food."

I asked Jock how Casa Raphael had helped him.

"They taught me about what triggers me to drink and how to turn that around. I

know how to face those things that make me want to drink, and because of the knowledge I've gotten, all those desires have basically dissipated. I don't have any urges to drink anymore. I used to think alcohol brought me out of myself, but now I think it put me further back in a shell, because I'm more myself now—days than I ever was before. I don't fight any of the feelings I have, they just happen no matter if I'm crying or sad or whatever the feeling may be. I just go with what's going on with my life and don't try to run from it, and that's what really changed the most, that and God in my life. Everybody believes in their higher power and I believe in Jesus Christ, and you've got to have faith in that belief, and by having faith I mean I

know God wants me to be happy; He doesn't want me to be sad. I don't have a punishing God. He wants me to have all the good things in my life that I want, and not necessarily material things, but just the peace of mind that I have today."

At Casa Raphael great emphasis is placed on self-analysis, working with the men to help them discover who they are and why they do what they do. This starts in their first week with journaling. I asked Robinson what effect he thought journaling had on the men.

"It's huge. These guys have spent years closed within themselves, never telling anybody how they felt or what was going on in their head. Journaling gives them the chance to share and explore these new feelings they don't

know how to deal with. I still have trouble dealing with feelings today, four years clean. And if I don't write about it and think about it and go talk to my sponsor and say, 'This is what I was feeling the other night,' it will hurt me. Once the guys get used to journaling, they start getting in touch with how they feel about different things. When they start writing about what's going on in their heart, they're starting to get in touch with who they are as human beings. It gives them the opportunity to understand that anger is okay too. Anger is a healthy feeling. It's just how you go about it. If you express it on paper—that's fine. If you react to that anger and lash out, that's bad. And, fortunately, in the little over three years at Casa Base, as far as I know, we've only had two fistfights.

And that's an awful lot of people."

The half-dozen journals that I read dealt with the frustrations and rewards of the day, expressions of hope and good intentions, and, generally, surprise that they were enjoying themselves as much as they were. One man wrote,

"Today I woke up still pretty tired. For some reason I always think it won't be a very good day working at hawking, then it ends up being fine, especially after I get going. Anyhow, today was something special. This girl came by who also came by on the first day that I was there. Well, I had tried to sell her a paper and she told me to shut the hell up. So the last four days I don't even acknowledge her when she drives by. Well, today she stopped and bought

a paper for a dollar even though I was not paying attention to her. She yelled at me, and I ran up to her and sold her one. Made my day."

The 12 steps of AA and NA insist on the need of the recovering alcoholic and addict to look at who he is, take responsibility for the trouble he caused in the past, and to try to change himself for the better. But also at Casa Raphael there are regular group meetings where the men are asked to write out and/or discuss definitions of certain words—spirituality, personality, change, responsibility, resentment, weakness, strength, dozens of words. The effect of defining an abstraction and then relating it to oneself and how one lives allows the men to take different perspectives of themselves and

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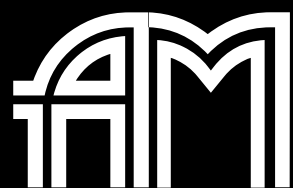
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also to see themselves more clearly in relation to others and to the world.

I attended several of these meetings with Gregory. The first was a Step III resident staff team meeting with five men, three white, two black, between the ages of 30 and 50. Gregory was thoughtful and spoke slowly, at times almost as if he were in pain. This group had just been formed, and Gregory talked about the men's role.

"You are like the cream of the cream," he began. "Not everyone can take a commitment to Step III. You are between the staff and the residents. We use you as the resident staff to know what's going on. We see you as the elite, though some of the residents will see you as chickenshit, as rats. But we need you. The whole deal is communication, sharing the information about what happens around here. Cover your ass. Don't assume crap. Because they'll work you, they'll give all sorts of excuses."

The men asked questions about what needed to be done. There were general chores like cleanup and store runs. Resident staff, Gregory said, would do the weekend inspection, then clean again on Monday.

"It's not punishment. It's just that time of year when we clean everything up. We should probably do it every quarter. When Corporate came through last week, the rooms were just a mess. It's totally unacceptable. It's not about germs. You got to take pride in stuff."

After spring-cleaning was discussed, Gregory went on to start what he called the "definition exercises."

"Every exercise that you do points you forward toward your recovery.

In Step III there are lots of distractions from the world, and the recovery process doesn't become as important to us anymore. So to define these words is to again relate them to recovery and the program. You'll have a week to do it. I learn from you. I learn nothing from me. I learn from other people. So every time I do this with you guys I learn something new. The recovery process is nothing but change, never-ending change. But the biggest change, where does it occur?"

A tattooed bodybuilder with scars from fistfights on his face asked mildly, "Within yourself?"

"Right," said Gregory. "Reflect on what has changed in your lives. Everybody here understands what the recovery process is, right? The recovery process here at Casa is the steps of AA and NA. It's the only successful recovery process in the world."

The second meeting was a Step III team meeting — Gregory and 13 guys in a room at Casa Base. The men had been working all day and were tired, sweaty, and dirty. Still, they were cheerful. Gregory spoke about the spring-cleaning over the weekend. There would be no passes to leave Casa. The men would do their regular jobs on Saturday and then come back. They could leave to go to AA/NA meetings, but that was all.

"If you need stuff from the store," said Gregory, "go Friday. It's not punishment. We do this every year. If you finish early, go help someone else."

At last Gregory asked, "How did you find this exercise?"

Most said they found it helpful; one hadn't liked it, three men hadn't done it. The men went around the

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circle defining their words — surrender, powerlessness, acceptance. Some definitions were rudimentary, some very articulate. Some men clearly wanted to move their lives forward positively; some were confused about how that might happen; some still kept blaming others or the world for what had happened to them.

“The big problem is surrendering the will and not taking it back,” said one man. “When I get angry over something that I can’t do anything about, then I’m taking it back. I can’t become empowered until I give up that power.”

“When I’m doing all right,” said another man, “I’m happy, things are going okay, then I’ve turned my will over; when I’m tense, things start going bad, I get irritated, then I’m taking my will back.”

Gregory was a good teacher; he carefully kept himself equal to the group while not relinquishing authority. Everyone seemed to listen very hard.

“Change will occur,” said Gregory. “You cannot work the steps with-

out change occurring. It’s absolutely impossible. What else did you get out of this exercise?”

“To be true to myself,” said one man. “It forced me to reflect. I know if things get out of control, I’ll say, ‘Fuck it.’ I’ll start using, I won’t care if I live or die. But that’s taking my will back. If I don’t pick up, I’ll get through it.”

One young man described how his mother had died in a car wreck while he was here. An older man talked about how his daughter had died after two years in a coma — both were able to deal with it because they were at Casa Raphael.

“I just let it go out of my hands if I can’t deal with it,” said the older man. “I don’t drink over it.”

“When you leave,” said Gregory, “what are you going to take with you to stay clean? Just because you leave, it’s not over. You can call, you can come over, you can come to my house. Casa will always be here for you. If you get out there and your head starts playing games with you, come back here, call, you’re never alone.”

The biggest event at Casa Raphael are the Step Up and graduation ceremonies held every other Monday evening at a rather seedy Veterans Hall in Vista. The emotions swing between what one might find at church and a pro basketball game. More than half a dozen of the staff described it to me as their payday — the day that makes up for the difficulties of all the rest. Many former graduates

filming Alpha Project activities since dawn, beginning with the demolition of a building. King was making a short film for his 13-part series of documentaries focusing on the lives of ordinary people, *Wisdom of Dreams*, on the Wisdom Cable Network. It was very hot, and fans had to be brought down from Casa Base. The film crew had a polite officiousness, bordering on the

Wayne variety. He spoke of King’s series of documentaries and his decision to come to San Diego. “They chose this program because of your efforts, because of your triumphs and struggles and courage. That every day when you want to run, you stay one more day. And word’s getting out that this is where dreams are made and where miracles happen.”

King is probably about 50, solidly built with a round face, short hair, and a neatly trimmed beard. He spoke very briefly. “In our lives we are the ones who must choose. No one can make us do anything. But if we choose, then we can create a change and fulfill a dream within our lives. This ceremony is about those of you this night who are graduating, maybe in a real sense starting anew.” Men cheered. The lights for the filming made the room even hotter.

McElroy got up again. He is a charismatic speaker with a deep voice and a Western accent with a burr in it. As he speaks, men from the audience cheer and call out — “You tell

’em, Bob” and “That’s right, Bob.” He is clearly someone the men look up to. He described spending the day with King and had been asked if he ever got burned out doing what he did and why he kept coming back.

“Sometimes I might think of picking up a fishing rod, roll me a big hooter, or grab me a bottle of Jack Daniel’s and say, ‘Ef it.’ But what keeps me coming back is the fact that I get to hang out with you, that I get to come out and see people who have the courage not to quit, those of you who stand up there every day, get up at four o’clock, get on that van — you don’t want to go out there, especially your first time out, you don’t want to sling that paper, nobody wants to be a paperboy. But most of you, weeks into the program, see that people out there in the community, little kids waving at you, giving you the thumbs-up, encourage you to keep going. You guys are kicking ass. You earned everything here, folks. You men up here tonight, those of you who have been up here as graduates and have a

“I robbed, I stole, and I didn’t care what anybody thought about it, and I sure didn’t care how they felt about it.”

show up to cheer the men on. And men’s families are there, especially the families of the graduates. Right in front of the stage are seated the 12 new men who have just entered Casa Base, looking somewhat confused, defiant, frightened, eager, and trying to be hopeful.

On this evening Martin Luther King III was there with a camera crew, which had been

pushy, as they adjusted their lights and poked their cameras into people’s faces like a dentist preparing for a root canal.

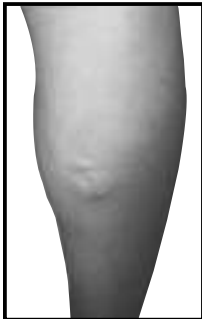
The evening began with Bob McElroy, head of Alpha Project, introducing Martin Luther King III. McElroy is a large, dark-haired, handsome man who looks part football player and part Hollywood actor of the John

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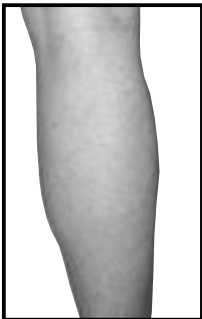
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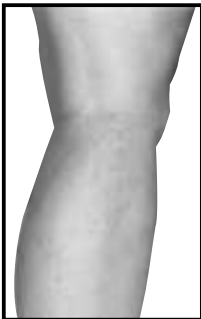


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concern to come back and welcome new graduates into the brotherhood, the alumni, you're what it's all about."

The Step Up ceremonies award and recognize the men moving from Step I to II and from Step II to III. The men were brought up on the stage and introduced by their supervisors or case managers. What they had to do in the step was carefully described. Something was said about each, and they received diplomas. And the men spoke: reading portions of their step exams. For instance, at the end of Step I, the men are asked to write six pages about what their lives were like before they came to Casa Raphael, what they learned from hawking, what they learned in the Framework for Recovery workshop, and how they are using what they learned in their lives today, how do they know they are totally powerless over alcohol or other drugs, how do they show they have surrendered their will, why they feel they are ready for the challenges of Step II, and, finally, what message would they like to leave behind for future residents of Step I.

The men were extremely earnest, somewhat embarrassed, quite a few wept and dashed away tears with the backs of their hands. Their writing was very simple, full of slogans and stock phrases, but seemed sincere. There was a lot of laughter and good humor. Still, only nine men moved on to Step II, four moved to Step III, and there were only three graduates. Some who had come into the program with these men had been held back, but others had dropped out.

A young man named John, passing on to Step II, introduced

himself as an addict and read, "Before I came to Casa Raphael, my life was unmanageable no matter what I did to try to make myself happy, and the fact of the matter was that nobody else's life didn't mean nothing to me. I robbed, I stole, and I didn't care what anybody thought about it, and I sure didn't care how they felt about it. I was just living for the day, until one day I scared myself and realized there was something definitely wrong with me, and then I finally got busted again. To me it was a prayer answered. Even though I didn't want to go back to prison, I felt it was the only thing I could do to be safe from myself and for others. And then came these programs and I thought, Wow,

**"I have my two kids here, and they never knew that their daddy was a drug addict until right now."**

there is something else to help me aim my life, to better myself, and that's how I found Casa Raphael."

Rich, the Step II case manager, introduced the four men going on to Step III. "I do a complete sheet, tracking all the things these guys have to do in 14 weeks, and believe me, each and every one of them have done an excellent job, otherwise they wouldn't be standing up here tonight. Just to give you an example of some of the hard work they've put in: Jason had 81 AA or NA meetings, 21 sponsor contacts, 583 hours' work, 42 journals, 28 team and resident meetings, 12 hours in the computer lab. He did anger management and completed steps four, five, and six. Good job, Jason." Rich went on to

say that in the application to Step III, the men had to answer seven questions, and the fourth question was to review their journals, pick out the most significant, and write about how they had changed in Step II, using the journals as a guide to what had happened to them. Tonight they were going to read their answers to this question.

A tall black man who worked in security began. "My name is Kirk, and I'm recovering from multiple addictions. While reviewing my journals I recognize the fact that I was and am internalizing the steps of AA and NA. I made them a living part of my daily life."

What was striking, apart from the very idea of ruined lives being

recovered, was how increasingly articulate the men became as they moved through the program and how much the program focused on language — the constant defining of abstractions, trying to become increasingly precise in describing behavior and the reasons for that behavior. And the men were becoming calmer in relation to their addictions. They might weep in gratitude over what they had received and the change in their lives, but they no longer felt overwhelmed by the world and their addictions. This too had come through language. Its increasingly precise usage had given them a major tool in thinking more clearly, which helped them define themselves in relation to the world and to begin



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to discover who they were. As someone who has taught creative writing workshops for nearly 40 years, I was impressed by how what happens in a workshop was similar to what the men were doing — that you don't really know something until you can articulate it, and the more precisely you are able to articulate it, the better you are able to know and understand it.

The most moving part of the program is the graduation ceremony itself. The work of the three graduates was described and praised by their case managers. One was Jock, the master chef to whom I had spoken before. Another was Joel, a thin Georgia

native in his 50s who had come to Casa Raphael after serving six years in prison on a manslaughter conviction. The third was Mickey, handsome, blond, in his late 20s, whose entire family had come to watch him graduate.

Mickey could barely speak because of his emotion. "You know, this has not been easy, but when I went to the third step, I said that I was going to graduate this program, and I did it!" There were cheers from the audience as Mickey wiped his eyes. "This is the first thing in my life I've ever accomplished, and it feels really good. I have my two kids here, and they

never knew that their daddy was a drug addict until right now, but I'm telling you guys I love you from the bottom of my heart. And I'm changing my life, you guys." And again he broke down as men applauded him.

Joel, who was staying on at Casa as an assistant case manager, was almost as emotional. Speaking in a heavy Georgia accent, he said, "I'm so fortunate now that there ain't no way I'm gonna not be able to cry, so y'all get ready for it. My momma and my sister and my brother came all the way from Georgia just for this. This is the only thing my mother has ever witnessed me

accomplish in my life." He paused to wipe his eyes, and a man from the audience shouted, "We love you, Joel!" Then Joel resumed with tears running down his cheeks. "So Casa gave me that to give to my momma. What a great gift that is to give somebody."

Then Jock spoke. "I'm Jock and I'm an alcoholic. And I'm a very grateful alcoholic today. You know, before I came here I was, like, desperate, I was lonely, I was at the end of my life. I had nothing going on. I was just a low-bottom drunk. I was living in the bushes. I couldn't keep a job for over a month, sometimes I couldn't keep a job over

a day. The last month before I came into the program, I think I had, like, seven jobs. I needed help, and I didn't really know where to turn." He went on to describe finding Casa Raphael and his first weeks in the program. "I couldn't think right, I could barely make it past a sentence, but by the end of the month, the fog started to lift, and as the fog lifted and I was out hawking newspapers, I started getting into talking with the community and I realized I wanted to do things for the community. And because of that today, next week I'll have a year sober. Because of my hard work and wanting to do this so bad, I'm actually hired on as kitchen manager and supervisor and paid staff member. I'm so proud of that that it's

unbelievable."

Not only were the graduates weeping, but many of the men in the audience were weeping as well, rough-looking guys who looked as if they were on their way to a Hell's Angels' convention.

The last part of the evening consisted of welcoming the 12 new men into the community. They were brought up on the stage and introduced. Then they formed a small circle, while everyone else in the room formed a huge circle with their arms over each other's shoulders. The three graduates again talked about their own experiences and described to the new men what they could look forward to and the tools they needed to deal with the things that might happen. The new men

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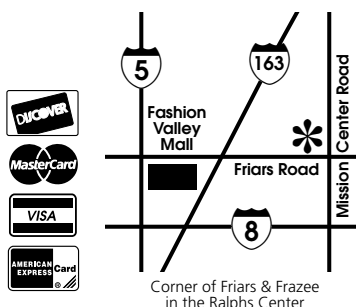
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### CHAPTER 5

While the bells played songs about Christ, Hickey sat out front in his Chevy, sorting through what he'd learned, trying to give it some order, maybe draw a hypothesis or two.

Every day for months Cynthia Tucker Moon had ridden the bus out here to visit her father,



North Park, 1955

dressed in the business suits Dolores Ganguish thought she wore to a job with an attorney. Hickey wondered about the lies, why Cynthia had told

nobody at Rudy's or the Ganguish house about her family. She could be a pathological liar; she might want mystery to become part of her image;

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It seemed her mother and father, who used to be Theosophists, had split apart and the mother gone to live up north. The older daughter, Laurel, who might be living at Tucker's home in North Park, was probably on Venus's side, while Cynthia doted on the father. An attractive woman named Emma Vidal — the Miss V in Cynthia's book? — had visited Henry Tucker through the summer, then stopped. About a month ago Henry Tucker received in the mail a ring, maybe from Venus — or Emma Vidal? — which Tucker petitioned Father McCullough to hide from Cynthia and to place on his wedding-ring finger when they laid him away. A couple weeks later he suffered a relapse. On account of the ring? Because Cynthia disappeared? Or told him something before she left?

Or Cynthia might've run off because of his relapse, fled to the mother for solace or to bring the mother back in a desperate attempt to resurrect Henry Tucker's spirit. If Venus didn't want to come back, if Cynthia loved her daddy as much as it appeared, with only a little strain Hickey could imagine her cornering whichever woman Henry Tucker needed — Cynthia might be wild enough with passion and fear for Daddy, deranged enough to persuade the woman with a gun.

Aggravated because his theory was nothing but guesswork that might lead him nowhere but astray, he drove off in the middle of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" to look for Laurel Tucker.

He passed the college, rows of cafés, hardware stores, crowded motels, a half dozen tracts where carpenters pounded together cheap bungalows. Farther west along El Cajon Boulevard, about every fourth retail space — a car lot, appliance outlet, furniture shop — was boarded up or makeshift into a recruiting office or a thrift store. The factories were thriving on war production. Nobody made cars, vacuum cleaners, or sofas

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On the porch, about

a dozen newspapers lay in a heap. Hickey rapped on the door and waited. He noticed two old women staring from across the street, one on each side of a rose garden that separated their yards. The older of the two, hardly over four feet tall, gripped a trickling hose. She turned it away from the roses, pointed it in Hickey's direction like a rifle in position for a hip shot. He knocked again, waited a few seconds, then squatted beside the newspapers and shuffled through them. The oldest, on the bottom, headlined STALINGRAD OFFEN-

SIVE KILLS 169,000 GERMANS. 74,500 PRISONERS, was dated December 10. The day after Cynthia's last night at Rudy's.

A heavy blue curtain was drawn over the porch

*At 40th and University, he stopped in the Piggly Wiggly market for gum, a sack of peanuts and to use the phone booth.*

window. Peering along the side, Hickey saw envelopes and handbills lying on the entryway floor where they'd been

dropped through the front-door mail slot. He wanted a look at that mail. Maybe there'd be a card from Cynthia or Venus.

The old dames still gaped at him, and a man

jimmying the lock or snooping around back for a window to crawl through, one of these vigilantes would hobble to her phone; the others would memorize his license plate number.

He crossed the street, pulling out his billfold and unfolding the photostat of his investigator's license. He greeted them cheerily, gave his name, passed the license to the first outreached hand, which belonged to the dame with the hose. The others squinted over her shoulder.

"I'm looking for Laurel Tucker, or Cynthia."

The one with the hose asked, "They in a mess?" Her voice sounded filtered through a whistle.

"Could be. Cynthia's missing."

The taller, younger woman with dyed black hair and scarlet rouge made a humming noise. The older one laid down her hose at the base of a rosebush, adjusted her spectacles.

"Cindy ain't been around since June," the man croaked.

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"Gadabout," the black-haired lady added. "She comes to home maybe half the time. Goes on long trips. She had men in to stay the night, a couple of sailors."

The man waved his hands to cancel her statement. "One sailor, and a marine. Can't you tell a marine?"

"Laurel got a job?" Hickey asked.

"You bet. Thinks she's the queen of real estate. Got one of them signs on the side of Henry's DeSoto. Somebody and Associates."

"Murphy," the small lady whistled.

"And Associates."

Hickey dealt them each a business card, asked for a phone call if either of the sisters showed, and drove off. At 40th and University, he stopped in the Piggly Wiggly market for gum, a sack of peanuts, and to use the phone booth. No Emma Vidal was listed by the directory or information line. The only Vidal was Joaquin, and he didn't answer his phone. Murphy and Associates was listed, with an address less than a mile away, on the 3600 block of Adams Avenue.

Dark clouds were massing over the coast like the shield of a devilish army. Airplanes swarmed in and out of them. The atmosphere and traffic got Hickey distracted. He passed Murphy and Associates, parked down the street, and walked back. The office window was papered with photos of houses, estates, farms, hotels, bank buildings, each priced about triple what they might've asked last year. Most of them bought and sold by investors, Hickey knew. It wasn't a time for working people to buy a piece of earth and settle down. Everybody had gotten upturned by the war. Some fought. Many worked two jobs, volun-

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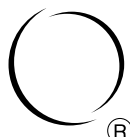
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As he stepped into the office, a bell attached to the door clanged, yet

the receptionist didn't look up from her dime romance until Hickey'd gazed around at the gray walls blighted with diplomas and plaques, and at the four steel desks cluttered as if a bomb scare had chased everybody else away, and drummed his fingers on the counter for a minute.

Like somebody too busy carousing to sleep except daytimes on weekends, she creaked out of the chair, stretched her puffy eyes open. Her legs were short, hips sprawling as though molded to fit the chair. On the way to the counter she smeared on lipstick, smooched it around, and gave a smile she might've learned at gunpoint.

"You're an investor, I bet."

"Yep," Hickey said. "You're a broker?"

"Naw, Mr. Murphy's the broker. I like your tie."

"Be nice. I'll buy you one like it for Christmas. Murphy in?" He gave her

a business card from Rudy's.

"I'll go see." She swished between the desks to a rear office, poked her head in, and delivered the card, then stepped out and beckoned Hickey with a finger. As she blockaded half the doorway, he had to brush her arm and skirt to get by. The door shut and left Hickey facing a blond man aged 30 or less,

### *The receptionist didn't look up from her dime romance.*

whose bulky shoulders, in a tan woolen suit coat, slumped as if they each carried a bag of cement. He was behind an oak desk, sitting in a wheelchair.

Hickey reached across the desk. The man either grimaced or smiled. Everything about him looked woeful. His firm handshake seemed to require mighty effort. "Chet Murphy." He

plucked off his tortoise shell glasses and set them atop a stack of legal papers. "This morning's been a rush. We've taken on several new properties." He didn't talk with the brash prattle of most salesmen. His pitch seemed to imply: buy something, see if you can make me less miserable. "We have some exquisite harbor view lots in the South Bay and Coronado."

Hickey decided to play along, see if it got him more than the truth had gleaned from the Catholics. "I'm looking farther north. A lake, a river, mountains. Tahoe. Maybe Shasta."

"I can help you there."

"Tell you what. I got a referral to Laurel Tucker."

Murphy's eyes narrowed and his hands rose

stiffly from his lap to splay out flat on the desk. "Laurel," he snapped, "is bright, competent. Unfortunately, she's out of town, on business."

Hickey would've bet his share of Rudy's against an ice-cream pushcart that this fellow's grudge against Laurel cut far deeper than professional jealousy. "She up north?"

Murphy's hands folded around a pencil, as though to squeeze the lead out. "You're looking for a resort? Residence? Development property?" "I'm a skeptic," Hickey said. "I figure, when you're in the market for something like stocks or land and you aren't that familiar with the territory, you gotta trust your agent. You know Laurel Tucker long?"

"Yes."

"Ah, you're family?"

"We were both raised at Otherworld. Mr. Hickey, I could show you our listings. When Laurel returns, if you'd rather

be in her hands, fine."

"Otherworld. You a Theosophist?"

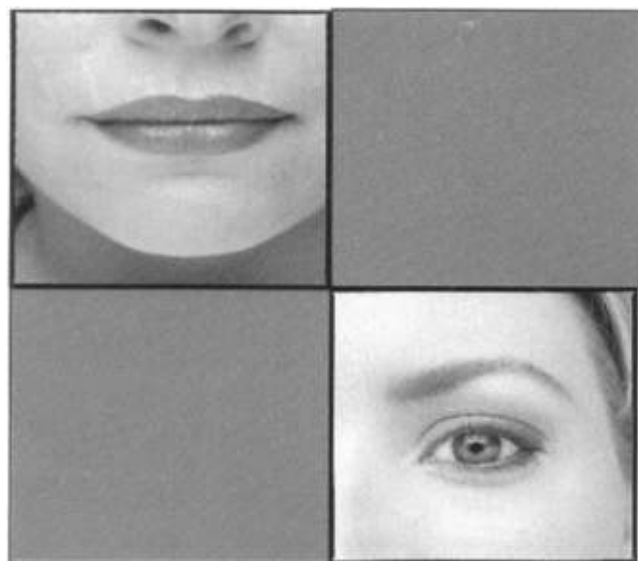
"Not any longer. Excuse me, I'll call Mary to bring us the upstate listings."

"Whoa," Hickey said. "I'm not in a hurry. Let me ask — where I got the referral to Laurel was from her sister, Cynthia. She sings at my nightclub. I guess you know her, too."

Only his paralysis kept Murphy in the chair. It looked like he'd suddenly bound over the desk and bash walls or people to splinters. Even his ears were crimson, and he spoke with an accent on every word. "I know the whole family, but I'm not going to talk about them, Mr. Hickey, except to assure you that Laurel is a good agent. You can trust her with your money. Personally...to speak of Laurel, her family, or Otherworld revives memories I'm in no mood for. Especially not now. A dear friend has

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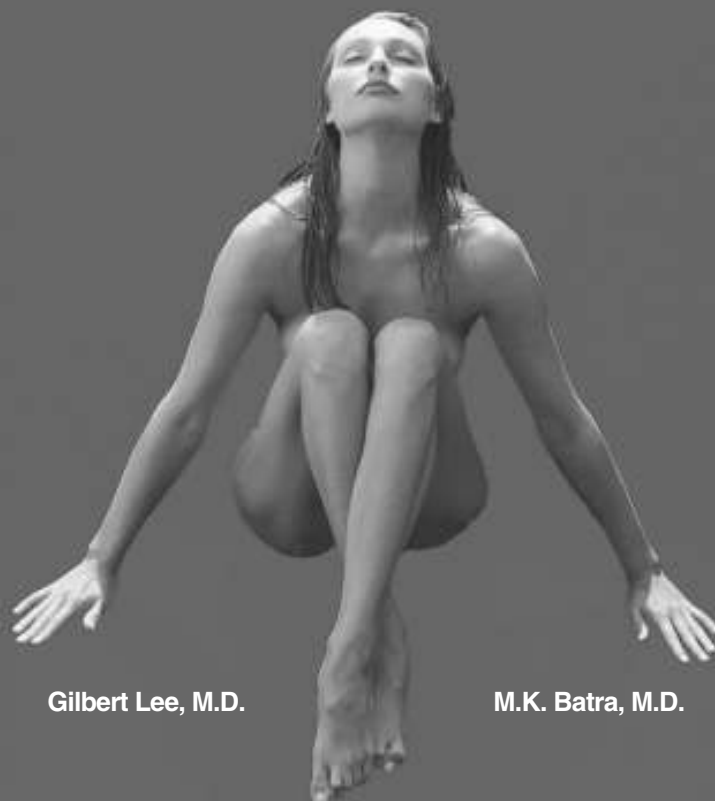
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died."

"Sorry," Hickey mumbled, honestly grieved to be pestering the man.

"You didn't know better." Murphy loosed his hands and wiped them on opposite sleeves, watching Hickey rise.

"Sorry anyway. One question, though. I might find Laurel around Mount Shasta?"

"Dunsmuir."

"With her mother?"

"Yes."

As Hickey weaved between the desks past the receptionist, lost in her novel, he brooded on the apparent coincidence that today he'd found, in the vicinity of Cynthia and the Tuckers, two strong men who'd both lived at Otherworld, both been Theosophists, and both gotten broken so cruelly it'd take an age full of miracles to fix them.

He followed Adams Avenue through Hillcrest and down off the mesa. Harbor mist and smoke from the Consolidated Aircraft factory blended into a haze that turned the sun cherry red and shot rosy streaks at the new moon. He turned off the Coast Highway into Pacific Beach hoping to get home and find a message waiting, from Clyde or Leo, about the girl turning up. Otherwise, he'd be driving all night. Which seemed painless compared to telling Madeline he had to leave.

He turned in to the alley and parked in the carport, noting that he should feel lucky the carport wasn't inhabited by Castillo's El Dorado or the sports coupe of some rich kid Elizabeth had met. He wasn't keen on Madeline's allowing boys to hang around. Though Elizabeth looked and acted older, she was only 14, until January. Going beyond your age could get dangerous, like it might've for Cynthia Tucker Moon. The couple times he and Madeline had argued about Elizabeth's boyfriends, she'd patronized him, left him feeling like a doting wretch afraid to let his precious fly out of the nest.

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the kitchen door. A half dozen chicken drumsticks wrapped in butcher paper lay on the sinkboard. The shower was spraying, not loud enough to cover Madeline's song. A number she used to sing with the orchestra Hickey led, years ago, about a guy who says he's busy, but she thinks he's out making whoopee.

He laid the manila envelope on the counter beside the drumsticks and stepped into the living room. The phone was on the coffee table. He sat and called Leo at home, where you could always reach him around supertime.

"Weiss here."

"Leonardo. What'd you learn?"

"That Bobby Wisdom's a hophead, for one thing. You ever go to that flophouse of his, wear your gas mask."

"Anything about Cynthia?"

"All he knows about her is what he saw one night at Rudy's. Why'd

you let the bum through the door? Only issue he'd address is which part of her he'd nibble first, given the opportunity. The other guy, the old painter, he's never heard of anybody named Moon."

"The girl's real name's Tucker," Hickey said. "I found her daddy in a rest home. He's not talking, but I got an idea where she went. I'll be gone a day or two. A couple things you could do for me. See if you can locate an Emma Vidal."

"Spell."

"V-I-D-A-L. She's not listed. And call Thrapp or somebody, tell him we got a missing person. File a report, then wheedle him into getting a warrant and escorting you into the Tucker house. Three sixty-six Wisteria Court. Got it?"

"Yep."

"Snoop around in there. Look for stuff on the mother, Venus. She might go by Tucker or a different name. She lives in Dunsmuir, near Mount

Shasta. I'm on my way up there." Madeline padded in, barefoot, tying her red silk bathrobe. "I'll call you tomorrow at breakfasttime. Bye."

He hung up and kissed his wife on the forehead and dry lips. Her hair smelled like a jungle in the rain. He glanced into her wide brown eyes and smiled, thinking how animated they always looked, as if besides being a part of somebody, they had lives all their own. She backed off a step, folded her arms.

"Mount Shasta?"

"Yeah. I'm going for a drive. I got a feeling."

"Oh. What feeling's that?"

"Like the girl's too screwy to be running around the state with a loaded gun."

Madeline's cheeks puffed out slowly as if they were filling with words she could spit at him. "Day after tomorrow, wasn't it, we were taking the train to L.A.? The Beverly Wilshire, you

remember?"

"Maybe I'll get back in time. If not, we can go next Saturday, or during the week."

"Fine." With a bitter smile, she turned and padded into the kitchen. "You want me to be a good little wife, pack you a bag of sandwiches for the trip?"

As long as you don't lace them with rat poison, he wanted to say. But she'd make a comeback. He'd retaliate and finally leave her with some crack he'd regret. It was the damndest thing, how words were always riskiest with the people you loved.

He followed her into the kitchen, where she'd picked the photo of Cynthia and the drawing out of their manila envelope. He stepped closer to intercept her if she started tearing them into confetti.

Elizabeth threw open the back door from the sun deck, ran through the sleeping porch and living room. She'd been

out in the boat; you could tell by the way her hair kinked and glistened with mist, by her parched lips and rosy cheeks.

At 14 she looked like a woman — a starlet, the way her mom used to. A couple inches taller than Madeline, otherwise the same figure. High, modest breasts. A waist made tiny by the swell of her hips. Long, thin legs and long, narrow feet. Walking like a dancer, she tiptoed up to Hickey and kissed him on the nose.

"Daddy, my friends are going to the Cove Theater tomorrow night. Could you drop me there and pick me up at Gwen's house on your way home? I don't care if it's late. Gwen's folks will let us stay up. Please. Mom won't let me ride with the kids after dark."

"I won't be here, babe. I'm going up north on business."

"Oh." She sighed, then an idea twinkled her eyes. "San Francisco?"

"Nope. To Mount

Shasta, up past Sacramento."

"There's snow, huh? Daddy, can I go? We could take the toboggan and..."

"Forget it, Lizzie," Madeline snapped.

Hickey petted his daughter's hair. "It wouldn't be much fun, kiddo. Mostly driving; I'm not staying long."

"Jesus, Tom, you don't need to talk her out of it. She's just not going anyplace where you or anybody is carrying a gun."

With a sneer at her mother, Elizabeth rushed off to her bedroom. Something heavy smacked the ground. "Got your temper," Madeline said.

"Why don't you pack a few things, go along for the ride?" Hickey offered. "There's a ski resort at Mount Lassen. I could drop you two there. If things work out, on the way home we could swing over to the coast, finish the weekend in San Francisco."

"Aw, Tom, listen to yourself. If things work

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out. When did they ever?" She turned to the sink-board, where the pictures she'd taken out of the manila envelope lay, picked Cynthia Moon's publicity photo, and held it out in front of him. "You think Lizzie and I want to hold your hand while you're chasing this slut all over the state?"

"Slut? You think that's what she is?"

"You bet she is." Madeline laid down the photo, picked up the drawing, and displayed it before Hickey's eyes. "Exhibit number two."

"It's not her, Madeline. Look at the dark hair."

"Oh, she drew it of somebody else?"

"I don't know, babe," Hickey sighed. "I'm going to find out."

"It's Cynthia. Look, she's as big as the man."

"What if it is? You think I oughta only work for somebody if they're a virgin?"

"Who's paying you to work for her?"

"Every man that walks into Rudy's."

Madeline wheeled, grabbed the water faucet and cranked it on full, snatched up a drumstick and scrubbed it viciously. Hickey went to their bedroom and bath, packed a few things and stepped into Elizabeth's room to say good-bye. She lay on her bed, propped against the headboard, her lips in a pout, shoulders hunched. There was a pencil in her hand and a drawing pad on her lap. In a few minutes she'd already sketched pine trees and the outline of a horse pulling a sleigh.

"You're tops," Hickey said. He got out his billfold and handed her a ten. "Your mom'll probably let you go meet your friends in a taxi."

"Thanks, Daddy." It took a minute for her to fashion a smile. "Be careful," she said, urgently as if he were shipping off to war. ■

— Ken Kuhlken

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And near the Orpheum, the dumpy old Mission, in which played (unbelievably!) *African Queen!*

And all for building just another grandiose bank! Art is long and money is fleeting.

Joseph V. Dzajic  
Golden Hill

Duncan Shepherd responds:

I "missed" them in the sense that they were already gone before I got to town.

### Cop Story

In response to the article "Fatal Shore" ("City Lights," November 21), I lived on the corner of El Carmel Place and Ocean Front Walk for a dozen years in the '70s. At that time, the ocean side of North Mission Boulevard was the wild party side; the bay side was nice, quiet, and boring.

Things change, but evidently not everything. It's still safer and sometimes easier for our local law enforcement to bust white kids for smoking pot than to arrest criminals.

One day in about '75, about noon, I called the SDPD to report "a robbery." SDPD was there to "Protect and to Serve," they had said. They showed up near sunset and told me that they would have been there sooner if I'd said "burglary

in progress" ("in progress" being the key words). I guess people usually report robberies later in the week. They told me that what I had witnessed — from my seat on the stairs of the seawall — at the house on the corner of El Carmel and Mission Boulevard had been a typical "channel lock twist" burglary. I told them that although I had used the wrong words, I had informed the lady on the phone that it had just hap-

pened — and it took less than a minute — and had given her a description of the car and the two guys, who were obviously not from the beach, and the advice to seal off each end of the boulevard, *quick*. So, at sunset, the two late cops gave me a bad time about my attitude, etc., and left (not into the sunset, the other way).

I had a beer in my hand and the best bird dog of my life beside me at the time on "sit/stay," but...he was not

perfect. He liked to retrieve, and when he brought the stick back to the seawall, if someone did not throw it again soon enough for him, he would play with it and dig a hole around it, which got longer and deeper, from the base of the seawall 90 degrees toward the ocean, and became a ditch. Shortly thereafter, the cops got the money for a new four-wheel-drive truck in which to "protect us." So they'd patrol/cruise the seawall on the sand, looking for someone smoking pot. After a while, they realized the reason for their lack of success was that we, and everyone up and down the boardwalk, could see their headlights coming a long way down the beach and get rid of the joint before they got there to "harass," not "serve."

In the period of time it took them to come up with a new plan, the ditch in the sand got bigger and deeper. Then one evening, shortly after sunset, they appeared too close, driving north on the sand right next to the wall with no lights on — under-cover, so to speak. A dozen or so of us were watching them, and they had their eyes on "the crowd" as they dropped both front wheels into the ditch, hit their heads on the windshield, hopelessly stuck the four-by-four, and had to call for a tow truck, over all the laughter.

After that, they had one man walking 50 yards or so in front of the truck, and some nights he actually caught a few people further south smoking pot, because they thought they had another minute before the truck would be there. Busted: he got 'em! Smart cops, with a newer plan.

I still think he was out in front of the truck, walking alone in the dark, looking for another ditch in the sand.

Wally Sutherland  
Cardiff

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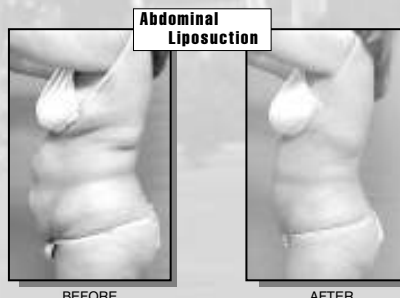
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### Son Tag?

What's up with this week's Xword (Reader Puzzle, November 21)? I'm no whiz, but since I seem to quickly get David's meaning and references, I usually spend an enjoyable 20 minutes or so whipping through the thing. Pretty quick, considering it takes me around two hours to do a Thursday *New York Times* puzzle. (Wednesday is usually the

hardest I attempt. That's why it's nice to have yours on Thursday.)

So here's the question, finally: the long, cutsie theme clue for the bottom right corner has the answer "pricesontag" (November 27). If this is wrong, forgive me. But if it's right, what the heck does son-tag have to do with "Illness as Metaphor"?

Bill Hastings

Illness as Metaphor is the ti-

tle of a book written by Susan Sontag. — Editor

**Hamsterdance Christmas**

Re "Blurt" November 27.

"I haven't heard a new novelty Christmas song since "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," says local producer/performer Steve Vaus. Vaus has just released *Carols by Campfire*, an 11-song collection on his own Prairie Dog label performed by his singing cow-

boy alter ego Buck Howdy."

I'm not sure if Steve Vaus has been shopping at Tower Records and on the Internet, where he could find a few novelty Christmas albums each year, instead of depending on commercial radio and Wal-Mart, which prefer to push only whatever sounds contemporary and mainstream.

Steve, check out my holiday comedy CDs webpage <http://www.davesfunstuff.com/3090main.html>, where I

have documented all kinds of novelty Christmas and holiday songs that have been produced since "Grandma Got Run Over" back in 1979. For example, there are singing cats, dogs, frogs, and other animals with whole albums dedicated to them.

Two of my favorite new Christmas CDs are *Cledus Navidad* by country comedian Cledus T. Judd, and the fifth comedy and novelty holiday CD by Bob Rivers, *White Trash Christmas*, do-

ing a knockoff of the Bing Crosby album art. I also recommend American Comedy Network's *Christmas Comedy Vol. 1*.

Other recent comedy holiday albums include *I Saw Hanukkah Harry Beat Up Santa*, *Hamsterdance Christmas*, *Merry Christmas from the Space-Age*, *Kazoo Christmas*, Woody Phillips's *A Toolbox Christmas*, Slim Spincter's *Christmas Gas*, *Christmas Comedy Classics* volumes 1 and 2, *Bah! Hum-*

*bug!*, *Sleighed: The Other Side of Christmas*, Ren & Stimpy's *Crock o' Christmas*, and *Dr. Demento Presents the Greatest Christmas Novelty CD of All Time and Holidays in Dementia*.

As for novelty alternative rock style, *Just Can't Get Enough* — *New Wave Christmas* features some novelty tunes you heard on 91X as well as *Punk Rock Xmas*, and *The Edge of Christmas* has the Waitresses' "Christmas Wrapping," among the other hol-

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iday novelty gems.

And there are more of the single-act holiday albums such as the Arrogant Worms' hard-to-find album *Christmas Turkey*, the Asylum Street Spankers' *A Christmas Spanking* with a cool jazzy country-style band, Bob and Tom, John Boy and Billy, the Del Rubio Triplets (only one of which is still with us), Dr. Elmo (of Elmo and Patsy fame), Bill Engvall's *Here's Your Christmas Album*, Ray Stevens's *Through a Different Window*, Radio Disney (has the Macarena Christmas song to remind you of an old fad from the past), South Park's *Mr. Hankey's Christmas Classics*, even a transvestite RuPaul put out a Christmas CD titled for some reason you can figure out, *Ho Ho Ho! And yes, even our other San Diego native, Mojo Nixon, put out a holiday album, Horny Holidays!*

And finally, there are singers that put out about one or two novelty songs on their regular albums, such as Weird Al Yankovic ("Christ-

mas at Ground Zero" and "The Night Santa Went Crazy"), Jeff Foxworthy ("Redneck 12 Days of Christmas"), the aforementioned Bob Rivers Comedy Corp., Bob and Doug McKenzie's own version of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" (from SCTV fame), Bill Mumy (*Lost in Space*) plays a delicious guitar lick-ing while Sarah Taylor sings to "Presents for Santa," and, of course, Adam Sandler's third Hanukkah song in nine years.

I think Clear Channel could have done better than turning KOOL 95.7 into a contemporary Christmas radio station playing relaxing holiday songs that put you to sleep. How about an all-comedy holiday radio station? Well, I created one. Just go to <http://dfsx.netfirms.com> and you can listen to over eight crazy decades of holiday fun on the Internet powered by live365.com! Maybe our number-one morning radio show team, Jeff and Jer, will play some of these on their show during the next three weeks.

Anyway, that's my contribution to the knowledge pool of music designed to help the people get through the stressful holiday weeks by making them laugh it all away. Good luck, Vaus, with your new novelty album. Happy holidays.

David Tanny

### Terror Reign

So, Katherine Nakamura beat out Jeff Lee for the most crucial seat on the city's board of education. Unbelievable. How could this happen? I felt the *Reader* did a nice job of showing the conflict of interest ("What the Blueprints Don't Show," September 12) that underlies Nakamura's candidacy (i.e., her husband's back-scratching relationship with Superintendent Alan Bersin), and there can be little doubt that she will cast her votes in favor of anything Bersin brings to the table. Hence, instead of finally liberating our schools from the Bersin/Alvarado reign of terror — for the two of them would surely have been handed their hats if Lee had won — the district

is in for more years of demoralized teachers, frustrated students and parents, and a bitterly divided school board. Who, outside of the businessmen that benefit from his maneuverings, could possibly be happy with the way things have been going in the school district since Bersin arrived? An important opportunity was squandered this past election. San Diego, what were you thinking?

Jeff Harrington

### Water Hypocrisy

In your lead article, "Does the City Care How Much Water You Use?" (October 3), Thomas Larson answers his own question with an excellent illustration of yet another example of broken campaign promises made by Mayor Dick Murphy. Of course, as everyone already knows, the monopolistic San Diego Water Department and the Metropolitan Wastewater Department have no vested interest in water conservation. However, it is unfortunate that the author missed the real

issues of this story, which include the regressive tax policy of the mayor and city council water-rate increases, requiring the enormous need for reform of the water-rate pricing structure; the fallacy that the millions of dollars spent for conservation are really reducing water usage; and the hypocritical assumption by large water users that it is less expensive to provide water to one large user than to many small users.

Unfortunately, the comparison of Toni Atkins's bill to Scott Peters's was not the most revealing way to show how the water-rate hikes benefit large users. A much more illustrative example of how the mayor and city council use the water-rate pricing structure as a regressive tax policy that disdains water conservation would have been the comparison of big consumers of water to those single-family residents that profoundly conserve, such as myself. The article stated that the average yearly single-family usage of water was 168 HCF, with Toni Atkins billed \$511.57 for 88 HCF (\$5.80 per HCF) while Scott Peters paid \$2603.21 for 1134 HCF (\$2.29 per HCF).

In comparison with my most recent one-year period of water bills, I spent \$272.42 for 11 HCF (\$24.77 per HCF). To add insult to injury, my cost per HCF is actually understated and my actual water usage is overstated due to the fact that the San Diego Water Department's residential water meters aren't calibrated to read less than my bimonthly water consumption

of 1 HCF. Water amounts are always rounded up to the next HCF. In other words, every two months I consume less than 748 gallons (1 HCF) of water but get billed this minimum amount.

A further analysis of my latest water bill for the 62-day period from July 19 to September 19 is the best example of the enormous need for reform of the water-rate pricing structure. I was billed \$47.83 for this period in which I supposedly consumed 2 HCF and was charged \$2.68 for 1496 gallons of water, with the remainder going to fixed base fees for water service. In other words, if I had shut off the water completely, I would still have been charged \$45.15 for fixed base fees for water service. Since 2000, I have reduced my yearly water consumption from 25 HCF to approximately 9 HCF while my cost per HCF has risen from \$12.22 to approximately \$30.15. At the very least, city government officials need to restructure water-rate pricing so that water bills are reduced for low-income households, like the programs that SDG&E and Pacific Bell have.

Even more alarming is the fallacy that the millions of dollars spent for conservation are really reducing water usage. This is more a case of single-family residential water users' money literally going down the drain. The San Diego Water Department claims that its programs, like the rebates for low-flush toilets, reduce water demand to bring about permanent water savings. These claims are theoretical, based on the fact that a low-

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flush toilet uses only 1.5 gallons per flush rather than the 5 gallons required by a regular toilet. In reality, the consumption rate of these fixtures is based solely on their state of functionality. A continuously running low-flush toilet in need of repair will waste as much water as a regular toilet because both fixtures are dependent upon the water tank filling to capacity in order for water to stop being consumed.

The same thing applies to other plumbing-maintenance problems. These water conservation programs haven't brought about the decline in per capita water use even while San Diego's population has grown in the past decade. The real reason why water usage has been reduced is because all water users, especially large water users such as San Diego State University, have voluntarily reduced their water consumption as water costs have risen dramatically. To truly conserve water usage, better calibrated water meters need to be installed, municipal codes need to be modified so that landlords can pass on to their tenants the true cost of the water that they consume, and the cost per HCF should be drastically increased while at the same time, fixed base fees for water service should be reduced as they are implemented for all water users.

Finally, the San Diego *Reader* needs to do more feature articles that dispel the hypocritical assumption

by large water users that it is less expensive to provide water to one large user than to many small users. This is relatively easy to do with the advent of the Internet. The *San Diego Union-Tribune's* on-line *Book of Facts* regarding San Diego County is an excellent example. According to this source, there are approximately one million housing units in San Diego County, 600,000 single-family resident units and 400,000 multifamily units. High water users are defined by the San Diego Water Department as multifamily, commercial, and industrial customers. This means that almost two-thirds of the total housing units in the county pay more disproportionately for water than the little more than one-third that consume 67 percent of the freshwater consumed. The only reason why it is more expensive to bring water to many small users rather than one large user is because each small user requires the installation of a water meter. But what about the wastewater that needs to be disposed of after that less expensive water provided to large water users has been used? The infrastructure required for disposal and water sewage treatment is far greater based on sheer volume for large water users.

The bottom line is that San Diego residents are increasingly required by our local government to sub-

dize the tourists that frequent our city. Besides the inequitable increases for the delivery and disposal of water, we have the nonexistent parking spaces, the overcrowded beaches that need to be cleaned up and dredged for sand replacement, the extra lifeguards to pay for rescues, the extra police officers for law enforcement, the traffic congestion on the highways, the extra street maintenance caused by this congestion, the increased air and water pollution, the increased noise pollution at the airport, and the high cost of housing. Not only does the water faucet appear to be stuck open, but it has become increasingly clear that San Diego is a great place to visit, but who would want to be the poor fool that has to pay for it all by living here!

Robert J. Neuman  
Hillcrest

### Outstanding Board

I am online and read an article by Josh Board. He is an outstanding writer. You are lucky to have him on board.  
Kathleen Williams

### Corn-Fed Reader?

Is there a *Reader* in Iowa? I live there and this SD *Reader* is great!

Michael Pullum

### Cueball Pride

It is beginning to sicken me to look through the *Reader*.

I don't think I can stand one more ad for plastic surgery, hair replacement, liposuction, hair removal, or breast augmentation. The shallowness of our society is so sad. Are there really that many people in San Diego who are so unhappy with their bodies? By the number of ads in the *Reader* that appear weekly for body-tweaking, it would seem that half of the population is going for some kind of unnecessary surgery or enhancement. With so much trouble in the world — starvation, malnutrition, environmental degradation, on and on — it is very disturbing to me how many of us are only concerned about "perfection" of our personal appearance. In America, where there is so much wealth and abundance, I am disgusted that this is how many of us spend our money. I have put this week's *Reader* in the recycling bin without getting through it, and I don't think I'll pick one up for a while. I'll instead spend a little time contemplating the beauty of my balding head and my soft, fuzzy belly.

Mychael McNeeley  
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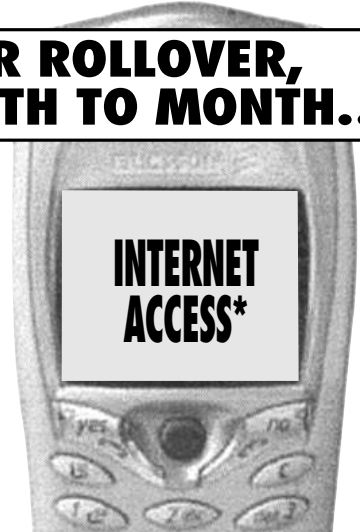
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## Sun Finale

### San Diego's Stonehenge

It's a simple enough question: why isn't the earliest sunset of the year on the same day as the winter solstice — the year's shortest day?

"To fully explain it, you need diagrams," says Jerry Schad, professor of physical science and astronomy at San Diego Mesa College. "I wish I could show it to you on a chalkboard." But he's speaking by phone from his office.

Schad is right. The reasons are multiple, technically complex, and best explained by using at least one diagram, an analemma.

#### LOCAL EVENTS

The analemma is, roughly, a figure eight, its top smaller

than its bottom. If it were three-dimensional, it would look somewhat like a bowling pin.

"You'll often see them on globes," says Schad. "They are superimposed over the Pacific Ocean, or used to be. Most people don't know what they are, so if they aren't there, they aren't missed."

Astronomers like to say that if a photo were taken of the sun at the same time and from the same location over a period of a year, the cumulative result would be a shape that corresponds to the analemma.

In fact, a photographer has taken such a photo. Dennis di Cicco, an editor at *Sky & Telescope* magazine, recorded on a single piece of film the sun's position in the sky at the same time of day on 45 different occasions throughout a year. Since its publication in 1979, the photograph has become famous in the astronomy world.

The analemma is the result of two factors, says Schad. One, the earth orbits the sun in an elliptical path rather than in a perfect circle, and two, the earth's axis is tilted with respect to its orbit.

"If the orbit were perfectly circular and if the earth's axis weren't tilted, there would be no analemma," says Schad.

And the classic di Cicco photo would be an image of a single bright fuzzy dot instead of a figure-eight necklace.

More to the point, there would be no differing lengths of days, no equinoxes, solstices, or seasons.

"There also wouldn't be the peculiar time shifts that determine the

exact middle of the daylight period during the various parts of the year," says Schad.

What it means in ordinary terms is that the days are getting shorter, as we've always been taught. But the earliest sunset is two weeks before the winter solstice, and the latest sunrise is two weeks after it.

As sunset gets earlier each day, the sunrise gets later — except that the sunrise gets later faster. So the nights lengthen and the days shorten until the grand finale, which this year falls on December 21.

On winter solstice, for a couple of years now, a group has gathered at

sunset on the Silver Strand. They go to a place on the bay side, adjacent to the Naval Amphibious Base. The Silver Strand Beautification Project christened it "Nature's Bridge to Discovery." It consists of a path 1.4 miles long, punctuated by four "nodes" or points for rest and reflection.

The gatherings are at what's unofficially the "solstice node." There is no signage. As a result, at least so far, there have been no crowds, like those that converge on England's Stonehenge. This is San Diego's Stonehenge, on a minuscule scale.

The Schmidt Design Group designed the path and its nodes in

collaboration with artist Paul Hobson. The solstice node was Glen Schmidt's idea, says Hobson. It consists of a low concrete wall with circular seating, its diameter less than 20 feet. At intervals the wall has spaces, like a donut with pieces cut out. On its deck are four chevrons — compass points — as well as inlaid bands of brass. At sunset on both winter and summer solstice, the sun's rays shine through the openings in the donut and line up with the bands.

"It works," Schmidt said recently and offered a photo to prove the fact. "The sun slides along the horizon, and the benches create a shadow pattern on the pavement. As the sun gets low, lines of sunlight beam through the slits in the benches."

Schad, who hasn't yet been to the solstice node, says "right now" is the time to see San Diego's best sunsets. "We get our clear air and high clouds coming through." His current favorite place to watch the show is his living room, where there's no danger of crowding.

"I live in a condominium overlooking Lake Murray, and for a period of two and a half months centered on the winter solstice, I see the most magnificent sunsets over the Lake Murray Dam. I get to see all the sunset phenomena — the refraction, the flattening, the inversion layers, the green flash — and, oftentimes, the high clouds will light up after the sun goes down."

One more question: winter solstice is not at sunset. Why?

This time Schad can easily state the answer: "The solstice is the exact moment when the sun shines down on the most southerly latitude of earth."

— Jeanne Schinto

**Earliest sunset:**  
**Saturday, December 7, 4:42 p.m.**

**Winter solstice:**  
**Saturday, December 21, 5:14 p.m.**

**Latest sunrise:**  
**Sunday, January 5, 6:52 a.m.**

**Parking for the solstice node:**  
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**about 1.5 miles south of the**  
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**Cost: free**



Solstice bench during winter solstice, Silver Strand

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BAJA

“Deseo y Mirada del Laberinto” will be signed by Carlos Oliva Mendoza on Thursday, December 5, at 7 p.m., at

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the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission is free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for information. (TIJUANA)

**Author** Cristina Rivera-Garza will sign *Ningun Reloj Cuenta Esto* on Friday, December 6, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). For details, dial 011-52-664-687-9600. Free. (TIJUANA)

**Eat Up!** Thirty Mexicali restaurants will show off their signature dishes during the food fair planned on Saturday, December 7, from 1 to 7 p.m., at the FEX Fairgrounds (on Avenida Independencia and Rio Nuevo). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, which includes food samples and beverages. For further information, call 011-52-686-554-5222. (MEXICALI)

**Rock Music** may be heard when Lucybell and Ovalo perform on Saturday, December 7, at 9 p.m., at the Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Call 011-52-664-683-2938 for further information. (TIJUANA)

**Tecate Baja Grand Prix**, there’s off-road racing for motorcycles scheduled on Sunday, December 8. The compe-

tition begins at 8 p.m. at Rancho Navajo Grande. For details, dial 011-52-665-654-1095. (TECATE)

**Running for Fun**, the 10k Christmas Run slated for Sunday, December 8, is a tribute to Erik “Terrible” Morales, starting and finishing at Periódico Frontera, Via Poniente, in the Zona Río. The runs steps off at 8:30 a.m. Call 011-52-664-622-9900 for further information. (TIJUANA)

**Venture Into** *Amazing Caves* when the film screens at the Omnimax Tijuana Cultural Center Monday through Friday at 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., with an additional screening at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 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 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

**Shorebird-Watching** enters its most agreeable season this month, with migrant and resident birds sharing common winter grounds. Egrets, herons, terns, and a variety of other species provide endless entertainmen555t as they go about the business of fishing and feeding in San Diego County’s remaining coastal wetlands.

Publicly accessible wetlands include the following (listed north to south): San Luis Rey River mouth, Buena Vista Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, Sago River flood channel (south of Sea World Drive), Sweetwater River marsh, southwest San Diego Bay, and Tijuana River Estuary. The same birds can also be seen on the shores of inland reservoirs such as Lake Murray and Lake Miramar.

**Ripening Palm Fruit**, hanging in great clusters on California’s native fan palms (*Washingtonia filifera*), can be seen (and tasted) this month. The black, pea-sized fruit consists of a deliciously sweet but almost paper-thin skin surrounding a hard seed. (These are not “California dates” — the fruit of cultivated palms introduced into California’s deserts from northern Africa.) Our native fan palms can be seen in their natural habitat in about two dozen canyons within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. They have also been planted widely elsewhere in California, including along the main streets of Palm Springs.

**Spectacular Sunsets and Sunrises** are characteristic of late fall and early winter’s dry pells. You can drive up to Soledad Park in La Jolla or Mount Helix near La Mesa for an all-encom-

passing view. Or try hiking up to vantage points such as Cowles Mountain in the San Carlos area and Woodson Mountain near Ramona. Don’t forget to bring a flashlight for the trip up or down.#13>@bold:Cross-Country Skiers are in for a short-lived treat this month and next if winter storms intense enough to drop several inches to two feet of snow hit San Diego County’s higher mountains. As the clouds are clearing, you may be able to take advantage of good skiing conditions along Highway 79 through Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and along Sunrise Highway through the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area. More limited opportunities exist on Palomar Mountain and on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation (home of San Diego’s highest peak, the 6533-foot Hot Springs Mountain).

**Glittering Christmas Lobbies** will be sought by Walkabout explorers on Friday, December 6. The 1.5-hour moderately paced walk starts at 10:30 a.m. at the old Balboa Theatre (at Fourth Avenue and E Street). There’s an optional lunch afterwards (bring money). 619-231-7463. (DOWNTOWN)

**Earliest Sunset** (4:43 p.m. from San Diego) occurs Friday, December 6, a date that is not coincident with the shortest day (winter solstice — December 21) because of factors relating

to the noncircular shape of the earth’s orbit around the sun and the tilt of earth’s axis. Early December is a good time to view the setting sun from the spectacular vantage point of Cabrillo National Monument at the tip of Point Loma. During most of the year, you can’t do that since sunset occurs well after the park’s closing time.

**Clean-Up Time**, grab your gloves and help clean up some of the great outdoors this weekend. You’re invited to “Team Up and Clean Up Rose Canyon with Karl Strauss” on Saturday, December 7. Check-in runs 9 to 11 a.m. at 5985 Santa Fe Street, with work parties from 9 a.m. to noon. To RSVP, call 858-273-2739 x0. (PACIFIC BEACH)

There’s a San Luis Rey River cleanup planned on Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at various locations along the river. For more details, call 760-435-5807. (OCEANSIDE)

The San Dieguito River Park’s Trail Maintenance Team will work to improve the drainage surface on the heavily used raptor section of the Mule Hill/San Pasqual Trail on Sunday, December 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. Participants will work up a half-mile section of the trail to the viewpoint. For directions and to RSVP, call 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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**Sapsuckers and Raptors** are usually in evidence when Audubon Society birders head out for the annual Lake Henshaw/Mesa Grande Road outing on Saturday, December 7. Other sighting possibilities: golden eagle, bald eagle, ferruginous hawk, red-naped and red-breasted sapsuckers, and others.

Meet the leader at 8:15 a.m. at Dudley's Bakery (at the intersection of Highways 78 and 79). Bring a scope and lunch; there will be minimal hiking. Free. For information, dial 619-280-7710. (SANTA YSABEL)

**Botany for Beginners** is dispensed when Coastal Sage hosts a native plant walk at the Point Loma Native Plant Preserve on Saturday, December 7. The walk starts at 9 a.m. at the corner of Greene Street and Mendocino Boulevard. Free. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

**"Trails in the 21st Century,"** tour and evaluate four different examples of urban trail systems, such as the Embarcadero Park and Cabrillo National Monument during the programs sponsored by the San Diego Natural History Museum on December 7 and 8. On the second day, participants will head to the foothills of the county to "learn the tricks, techniques, and tribulations of trail maintenance in a natural environment."

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The \$69 fee for nonmembers includes van transportation on Saturday. Call 619-255-0203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

**Explore Old Escondido East** during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Saturday, December 7. 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)

**A Guided Nature Walk** takes place at 9:30 a.m. on December 7 (and on the first Saturday of each month), in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through the oak and sycamore trees and chaparral, pointing out the birds and wildlife who call the park home. To reach the staging area, take the Regents Road exit off Highway 52 and look for a parking lot and restroom on the west side of Regents Road. 858-525-8219. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

**Birding the Marsh,** the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on December 7 and 8. Saturday's outing starts at 8 a.m., with the Sunday adventure beginning at 11 a.m. For reser-

vations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

**Boots and Paws,** take a ranger-led interpretive walk with your dog and learn about the importance of dog care when in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, December 7, at 8 a.m. Bring water for yourself and your canine friend, along with a bag to pick up after your pet. Join the group in the Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

**Explore the Plant World** around the Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger during a native plant walk on Saturday, December 7, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Many native plants from different habitats around Southern California are found in the park. Meet at the visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

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To reach the trailhead, take I-15 to

the West Bernardo Drive/Pomerado Road exit, and head south on West Bernardo Drive; within one-quarter mile, turn right into the signed Bernardo Bay Natural Area. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Star Party,** check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, December 7, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Find the park at Two Father Junipero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

**Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble** is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. There are two orientations planned on Saturday, December 7, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (in the gray building at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue) and at the Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

**Enjoy the Birds, Beasts, and Wildflowers** of López Canyon in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve during a nature walk led by *Walking San Diego* author Barbara Moore on Sunday,

December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. Join the group in the west-end staging area off Sorrento Valley Boulevard, one-half mile east of its intersection with Vista Sorrento Parkway. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Get Outside,** outdoor enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, open September through July. 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)

**Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo,** the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts this bilingual nature walk on December 8, at 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, the walks introduce visitors to the wonders of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find the center at 1000 Gunpowder

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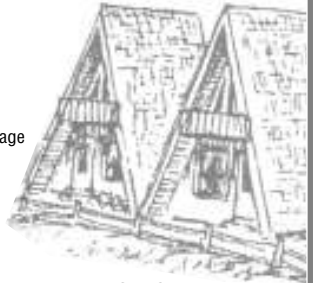
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desserts for the turkey potluck dinner planned by the Bon Temps Social Club on Thursday, December 5, 7 to 8 p.m., at the Balboa Park Club (next to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater). Dinner is followed by a dance with live music by the San Diego Cajun Playboys from 8 to 10 p.m. You're encouraged to bring a wrapped white elephant gift exchange item. Admission to the party is \$8. No partners necessary. For information, call 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

**Nuts to You**, the Super Kids of the Scripps Performing Arts Centre offer

their 13th annual production of *The Nutcracker* December 5-8 at the Scripps Ranch High School Theater (10410 Trenea Street). This production is billed as "the only all-children production of this classic Tchaikovsky ballet in all of San Diego," danced by kids ranging in age from two and a half to sixteen years old. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$16. Call 858-586-7834 for reservations. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Young Clara enters the world of dreams and saves the Nutcracker prince when the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet presents its fourth annual production of *The Nutcracker*, directed by Xavier Hicks, at the Casa del Prado Theater. Performances begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 8; at 7 p.m. on

Friday, December 13; at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 14; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. Tickets are \$10 or \$12. Call 619-233-3060 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Dancers from the California Ballet Company present a "Nutcracker Snow Kingdom Brunch" on Sunday, December 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Copper Room at the San Diego Civic Concourse (202 C Street). Guests will enjoy a performance of the "Snow Pas de Deux" from the first act of the *Nutcracker*. Tickets are \$20 for those 12 and under, \$35 for adults. For space availability, call 858-560-6761. (DOWNTOWN)

The Moscow Classical Ballet's lavish production of the *Nutcracker* is being presented December 12-15 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Directors Natalia Kasatkina and Vladimir Vasilyov have drawn heavily from the original story by E.T.A. Hoffman for their production. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$33 to \$53. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

**Au Contraire** presents the music and Steve Barlow calls during the dance planned on Friday, December 6, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**"Dimensions and Directions,"** a wide variety of dance styles are featured when MiraCosta's Dance Arts Ensemble presents its fall dance concerts December 6-8. The performances showcase choreography by MiraCosta faculty as well as by several advanced dance students.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, in the MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Tickets are \$10 general. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Pictures Without Words,"** explore the worlds of modern, jazz, Latin, and hip-hop dance when the visual and performing arts department at San Diego City College presents dance concerts of student works on December 6 and 7 in Saville Theater (at 15th and C Streets). Performances start at 8 p.m. on Friday and at 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$7 general. 619-388-3676. (EAST VILLAGE)

**"Rhythm in Motion"** brings together the rhythms of drums and traditional dancing from Africa. Under the direction of Akayaa Atule and Todd Caschetta, this African music and dance concert begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 6, in Mayan Hall Theatre at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Admission is \$10 general. Call 619-482-6367 for reservations. (CHULA VISTA)

**SDSU Faculty Members** have work showcased when the SDSU University Dance Company performs in concert Friday through Sunday, December 6-8, in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. David Boyd, dance alumnus of the year, will give a performance showcasing the work of New York choreographer Randy James; in a duet entitled *Moonlight Sonata*, Boyd and Sarah Wagner perform to the music of Beethoven.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$10 general, available by calling 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**The Five-Point Star Lanterns** from the Philippines known as *parols* give their name to the "Parol Festival" planned by PASACAT from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, in St. Rita's School Annex auditorium (5115 Churchward Avenue). Organizers promise Filipino folk songs and dances and performances by the PASACAT Harana Singers and Dancers, Filipino foods (for sale), *parol* demonstrations, workshops, and exhibitions, and more. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children. Call 619-477-3383 for information. (ENCANTO)

**"Bellydancing Fusion"** is promised when the Urban Tribal Dance Company performs on December 7, at the Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Performances begin at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The cover is \$5. For information, call 619-234-1344. These shows take place on the first Saturday of each month. (LITTLE ITALY)

**The Monthly West African Dance** workshop is slated for Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Coast Athletics (613 Westlake Drive). Live drumming will be provided by Los Angeles-based Jason Hann and other guest artists. The fee is \$15. For information, call 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

**Zydeco Dances** with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including December 10, at Tio Lio's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons start at 6:30 p.m., with open dancing to recorded tunes from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Call 619-857-8409 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

**Dance Jam!** Organizers of this free-form dance party welcome all ages onto the 2500-square-foot dance floor at the Center for the Moving Arts. The event takes place at 9 p.m. most Fridays (call to confirm) and at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue; 619-298-2687. The donation ranges from \$5 to \$7. (HILLCREST)

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**Scottish Country Dancing** lessons are offered by the San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. A mixed-level class takes place each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Twin Oaks High School (158 Cassou Road). Beginners may join up on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at Pomerado Elementary School (12321 Ninth Street). Fees are \$3 or \$4. For information, call 858-549-8879. (SAN MARCOS, POWAY)

**Dance Argentine Tango** every Wednesday night, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Admission is \$5. There's an introductory dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 for no additional charge. Call 619-970-6620 for details. (HILLCREST)

**Care for Salsa?** Hajji Baba hosts salsa dancing to DJ music every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Find the spot at 1065 Fourth Avenue. Call 619-595-7887 for more

information. The cover charge is \$4. (DOWNTOWN)

**Addictive, Sexy, and Sultry...** it's a description for West Coast swing dancing, according to instructor Ken Boozer, who leads classes every Thursday night in the Coral Point Lounge at Quality Inn (2901 Nimitz Boulevard). DJ music begins at 8:15 p.m.; dance lessons for beginners start at 6:30 p.m., intermediates start at 7:30 p.m. The fee for lessons is \$7 per person. Bring a partner or come alone. For more information, call 619-957-1090. (POINT LOMA)

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**FILM**

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**"The Men in the Tree:** Revisiting the RSS and Hindu Fundamentalism" — this documentary film by Lalit Vachani screens on Thursday, December 5, at 4 p.m., at the UCSD

Cross Cultural Center. Filmmaker Vachani will be on hand for discussion. Admission is free. Call 858-534-7329 for more information. In English, Hindi, Marathi, and Sanskrit, with English subtitles. (LA JOLLA)

**The Storm Hits,** it's time for *Warren Miller's Storm*, hitting theaters for skiing and other vicarious winter adventures. The engagement continues with screenings on December 5, at 6 and 9 p.m., at the La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). (ENCINITAS)

Catch the film on December 6 and 7 in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. See the flick at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday. (LA JOLLA)

Finally, the film coasts into the Carlsbad Village Theatre for screenings at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 8. Find the theater at 2822 State

Street. (CARLSBAD)

All tickets are \$16, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

**"The Eel,"** a 1998 film from Japan, screens for the International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, December 6, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus, at One Barnard Drive. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. In Japanese with English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

**The Quietly Lyrical Tale** *Baran* "probes the ambiguous welcome extended by Iran to the Afghan refugees who streamed across its borders, desperate for work and food." See this film, in Farsi with English subtitles, when it's featured for the Film Forum on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**American Movie Classics** are being screened at the San Diego Museum of Art. Each evening includes a classic film, an actual newsreel, and cartoon from the same time period as the featured film. *From Here to Eternity*, set on the military base in Honolulu in the days before the Pearl Harbor attack, screens on Wednesday, December 11, beginning at 7 p.m.

This week's newsreel is *Lowell Thomas Remembers 1941*; the featured cartoon is *When Mousehood Was in Flower* (1953). Call 619-232-7931 for information. Tickets are \$7. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Holiday Cinema"** provides the theme for the Carlsbad Library's film series this month. See Barbra Streisand's *Yentl* on Wednesday, December 11, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Au-

ditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,** visit Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park in *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees*. Within the 20-square-mile park, Goodall established what has become the longest continuously running study of animals in the wild. In her studies, Goodall has revolutionized our understanding of chimps, and of human behavior itself. The film continues through April 2003.

National Geographic's IMAX film *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West* dramatizes the first perilous three-year, 8000-mile expedition into the unknown west of America 200 years ago, from the Missouri River overland to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. The film reveals how the suc-

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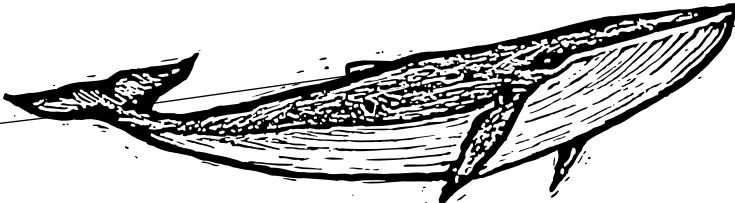


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The in-orbit construction of the International Space Station is chronicled in *Space Station*. The IMAX cameras filmed seven shuttle crews and two resident station crews as they transformed the station from a tiny outpost to a permanently inhabited scientific research station. Take this

trip to outer space through December. For ticket prices and showtimes, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Interactive Stories, Artificial Intelligence, and Computational Ethical Systems" is the subject when animator, researcher, and media artist Bill Tomlinson from the MIT Media Lab speaks on Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m., at UCSD's Center for Research in Computing and the Arts. Tomlinson will show a selection of past work including a virtual wolf pack, some real-time autonomous cinematography, and more.

The event will be held in the main event hall in building #408 on the campus of UCSD and is free and open to the public; call 858-534-4383 for further information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

Born in Slovenia and a resident of Paris for the last 30 years, Jozse Ciuha has his newest art, which he created this year in Croatia, on view at Galle-

ria Jan (7863 Girard Avenue, suite 201). Ciuha presents a lecture on "Buddhist Philosophy" and will explain his artwork on Thursday, December 5, at 6 p.m. Free. 858-551-2053. (LA JOLLA)

"Ancient Egyptian Trade with India" is the topic when UCLA Egyptologist Willeke Wendrich describes how the port of Berenike on the Red Sea flourished during the Roman Period, handling a brisk trade of elephants, when speaking for the Archaeological Institute of America on Friday, December 6. The talk begins at 7:15 p.m. in room J-203 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 619-295-0238. (KEARNY MESA)

"The Golden Age of Painting in Spain and Its New World Colonies" is examined when Arizona State University in Tempe associate professor Emily Umberger focuses on the achievements of 17th-Century Spanish painters including Ribera, Velázquez, and Zurbarán. This docent guest lecture begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 6, at the San Diego Museum of Art. Admission is \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Livestock Grazing Has Caused More Damage in the arid West than chain-

saw and bulldozer combined, according to A.J. Schneller. The Center for Biological Diversity and Schneller hit the Otto Center at the San Diego Zoo for a "Public Lands Grazing Road Show" on Friday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. Schneller will be on hand to discuss George Wuerthner's book, *Welfare Ranching: The Subsidized Destruction of the American West* and present the new video *Desert or Pasture? Cattle and the American Southwest*. Free. For more details, dial 520-623-5252. (BALBOA PARK)

"Producing a Short Film: Pre-Production" is the subject for the workshop hosted by the Media Arts Center San Diego and media arts professional Doug Bania on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$80 for nonmembers. Find the Media Arts Center at 921 25th Street (between Broadway and E Street). To reserve a spot, dial 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

Commemorate a "Day of Infamy" during the program planned on Saturday, December 7, from 1 to 3 p.m., in room P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). History professor emeritus Charles J. Hanlen will detail the events of December 7, 1941, the day after the attack on Pearl

Harbor, after which survivors of the attack will share their stories and answer questions from the audience. Free. Call 760-744-1150 x2420 for details. (SAN MARCOS)

"Malibu: Ritz, Glitz, and Ego" is the subject when designer Sandro Alberti speaks for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, December 7. The talk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

The Largest Collection of Genealogical Materials in the world are gathered at the Family History Library of the Church of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City. Panelists will focus on "Preparing for a Research Trip to Salt Lake City" during the lecture hosted by the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Saturday, December 7. The talk starts at 10 a.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

Whaddaya Know About Silver and Silk? Increase your knowledge when Gina Corrigan, British author of the *Odyssey Illustrated Guide to*

Guizhou, speaks on Sunday, December 8, at 3:30 p.m., at the Mingei International Museum. The talk is in conjunction with the current exhibit, "Silver and SilkTextiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China." Tickets are \$15; call 619-239-0003 x113 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Beyond Rugs and Carpets, floor mats and cloths are said to be very popular now as an alternative to traditional floor coverings. Make a durable vinyl floor cloth when the Arts College International presents a workshop on Sunday, December 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find the college at 840 G Street; call 619-231-3900 to reserve a spot. The \$87 fee includes materials. (DOWNTOWN)

Will the Blue Bottles Hold Samples and Recipes? The San Diego Horticultural Society convenes for its annual cookie meeting on Monday, December 9. Better yet, floral designer and stylist René van Rems will demonstrate "floral décor concepts for the entertaining season," and all the pieces created during his presentation will be auctioned off.

The group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Surfside Race Place at Del Mar on

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**“The Nature Conservancy: Working to Save San Diego’s Last Great Places”** is the topic when senior ecologist Scott Morrison presents this lecture on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Admission is \$8 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

**“From Prison to Paycheck,”** are you HIV positive or living with AIDS and searching for employment? California Department of Correction’s ex-offender specialist Jim Sanders and transitional case manager Ben Burnette will present this seminar for HIV case managers, peer advocates, and consumers on Monday, December 9, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). For reservations, call 619-515-2544. (HILLCREST)

**Perspectives on Ocean Science,** the lecture series at the Birch Aquarium-Museum continues when Peter Franks explores “New Tools, New Discoveries: Thin Layers of Phytoplankton in the Ocean” on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:30 a.m. Admission is \$8. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**Problems with Immigration?** How about the landlord? The Southwest Center for Asian Pacific American Law and the Legal Aid Society host a legal clinic on Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the jury rooms at the San Diego Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans (7750 Dagget Street, suite 207B). Attorneys will be on hand to help with legal issues. Free. To sign up, call 619-336-0290. (LINDA VISTA)

**“American Watercolors”** provide the fodder when curator D. Scott Atkinson speaks for the Insight Gallery talk series at the San Diego Museum Art at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 12 (and again on December 15). The lecture is included in regular admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**Architects and Designers** speak for the lecture series hosted by the American Institute of Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, seeking to “improve the quality of the built environment and promote fellowship within the architectural community.” Architects Marion Weiss and Michael Manfredi speak for the series on Thursday, December 12, at 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. For more information, call 619-232-0109 or 858-454-3541. Admission is \$7 general. (LA JOLLA)

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## IN PERSON

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**The San Francisco Artists** — described as “leaders in improvised music” — making up the Rova Saxophone Quartet perform for the Fresh Sound concert series on Saturday, December 6. Musicians include Jon Raskin, Larry Ochs, Steve Adams, and Bruce Ackley. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Spruce Street Forum, 301 Spruce Street. Tickets: \$20. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-295-0301. (HILLCREST)

**A Really Big Sho-o-o-ow,** a young boy’s wish is granted in *Big: The Musical*, based on the 1988 comedy *Big* (starring Tom Hanks). The play is the next production at the Coronado School of the Arts. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 6, and at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 7 (and at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, December 12-14).

Find the Coronado High School Theater at 650 D Avenue. Call 619-522-8969 for reservations. (CORONADO)

**The Pastorela Tradition** was brought to Mexico by Franciscan priests in the 16th Century; the narrative focuses on the conflict between good and evil as experienced by the *pastores* (shepherds) who witness the events on the evening of the journey of Mary and Joseph before the birth of Jesus.

*La Pastorela*, an original work by Tijuana playwright Ursula Tania based on the traditional Mexican nativity story, is being presented December 6 and 8 as a co-production of CSU-SM and the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and at 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$10. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. In Spanish with English supertitles. (ESCONDIDO)

**Laugh Out Loud** when the Comedy Codependents perform at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street) on Friday, December 6, at 8 p.m. The group depends upon suggestions from the audience to fuel the improv fun. 619-280-5177. Free. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**A Saga of 1840s San Diego** is offered in the novel *The Indian Lover*, which author Garth Murphy will read from and discuss on Friday, December 6, at 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Call 858-456-1800 for further information on this free event. (LA JOLLA)

**Hard-Boiled Mystery Author** Charlie Stella signs his latest crime novel, *Jimmy Bench-Press*, on Friday, December 6, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). It’s the follow-up to Stella’s debut novel *Eddie’s World*. For more details, dial 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**Promising “Healing, Harmony,** and heartfelt beauty,” the Crystal Vibrations Ensemble performs at Bliss-woman on Friday, December 6, at 8 p.m. At this yoga studio, guests are invited to lie down and “fully absorb this sacred healing music”; bring a mat if you have one. Find the studio at 4839 Newport Avenue. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$25 at the door. 619-523-5543. (OCEAN BEACH)

**The First Binational Theater Collaboration** of *Don Juan Tenorio* by Jose Zorrilla in Spanish is slated for December 6 and 7 at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). The program is presented by the Hispanic Theatre of San Diego and the Mexican Actors Association. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$10. For information, call 619-641-6123. Free. (CITY HEIGHTS)

The troupe of actors from Mexico and the U.S. will take the show to the stage of the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library on Sunday, December 8, at 2 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street. Admission to this Spanish-language presentation is free. Call 619-236-5821 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

**An Electronic Music Marathon** begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 6, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$5 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

**Bring on the Holiday Cheer!** You’ll have to work pretty hard to avoid taking in a holiday concert this week. The Trinity Church Festival Choir explores “Colors of Christmas” on Friday, December 6, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, December 8, at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is free. Find Trinity Presbyterian at 3902 Kenwood Drive; 619-465-3011. (SPRING VALLEY)

There’s a “Cider Celebration” planned on Friday, December 6, in the Nicholson Commons dining room at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). The Concert Choir and Chorale will perform holi-

day favorites such as “Go Tell It on the Mountain” and “O Holy Night” and many others, accompanied by a live orchestra. Doors open at 7:20 p.m. Questions? Call 619-849-2325 for answers. (POINT LOMA)

He’s written the music “for 70 television shows, films, and Broadway plays,” and on Friday, December 6, pianist Peter Kater will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Admission is \$20; child care is provided. For information, call 760-753-5786. (CARDIFF)

“Come Out for the Holidays: The Decembers We Remember” is the theme for the Gay Men’s Chorus of San Diego’s annual holiday productions. Accompanied by a live orchestra and flamenco guitarist Diego Corriente, performances begin at 8 p.m. on

Saturday, December 7, and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets range \$15 and \$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Call 619-275-ARTS for more details. (DOWNTOWN)

“A Ceremony of Carols” by Benjamin Britten may be heard when the San Diego Choral Arts Ensemble presents a holiday concert on Saturday, December 7, at 7 p.m., at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church (11451 Blue Cypress Drive). The program includes selections of contemporary and sacred music for unaccompanied mixed voices. The requested donation is \$10. Dial 858-653-3540 for details. (POWAY)

A “Winter Choral Concert” begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, in Smith Recital Hall at San

Diego State University, with singing by the 80-voice SDSU Aztec Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. The program includes seasonal sacred and secular choral works, culminating in the “Misa Criolla” by Ariel Ramirez. The Abaa Koma African ensemble will also appear. Tickets are \$8 general. Call 619-594-6060 for information. (SDSU)

“Reflected Light,” featuring the North Coast Chorale performing a program of holiday music composed centuries, is slated for December 7 and 8. These oldies will be followed by the modern renditions of the same songs. The Chamber Chorale will present popular holiday music. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday at the Ocean-side First Presbyterian Church (2001 El Camino Real) and again at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Admission to

either concert is \$7 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

“Holiday Delights” are promised when the Palomar Chorale and the Palomar Symphony Orchestra present concerts on December 7 and 8 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College. The program boasts “Messe de Minuit de Noel (Midnight Mass for Christmas)” by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, one of the best-known composers of the French Renaissance, using themes from French carols of the day. “Estampie Natales” by Vaclav Nelhybel is described as “a short contemporary work for soloists and orchestra” using a fiery and exciting dance form from the 13th Century. All of this will be followed by audience carol sing-alongs. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general. Find

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the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Ring in the holidays with the combined voices of the Pacificaires and the Cedar Center choruses on Sunday, December 8, at 2 p.m., at Pacific Beach Middle School (4676 Ingraham Street). “Sound the Merry Bells” promises traditional carols, well-known holiday music, and solos, duets, and small ensembles from the choruses. The Silver Bells Handbell Choir will also perform. 619-582-4349. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Harmony for Christmas” — the Palomar Pacific Music Men barber-shop harmony chorus present a concert on Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m., at the Fallbrook Performing Arts Center (at Mission Road and Stage Coach Lane). The MiraCosta Chamber Chorale, Motif, the Bakers Dozen, and quartets from the Music Men will also perform. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 13. 760-726-2678. (FALLBROOK)

You’ll be in a joyous holiday spirit when the Holiday Choral Concert takes place at Southwestern College on Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m., in Mayan Hall. The roster includes the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, the Chamber Singers, and the Concert Choir. Tickets are \$20 general. For reservations, call 619-482-6367. Find the campus at 900 Otay Lakes Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Share in the joys of caroling when the Mira Mesa Presbyterian Chancel Choir and Celebration Bells present a community carol sing on Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m. Find the church at 8081 Mira Mesa Boulevard (at Reagan Road). An offering will be received. 858-578-2150. (MIRA MESA)

Explore the “Many Moods of Christmas” in concerts planned at 5 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue, at Lomas Santa Fe Drive). The Chancel Choir, Children’s Choirs, and full symphony orchestra will perform Christmas favorites including “Gloria,” a commissioned work by Ocean-side composer John Michael Luther. Other works on the program are by J.S. Bach, Mannheim Steamroller, and more. An offering will be received. Call 760-591-4988 for further information. (SOLANA BEACH)

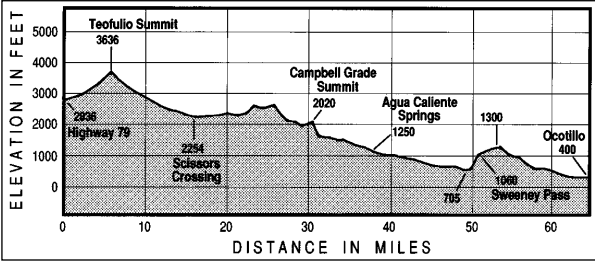
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Road-biking doesn’t get any better than on San Diego County’s remote mountain and desert rural highways — especially those beyond Palomar and Julian, where traffic thins considerably and the roads themselves are often accompanied by generously wide shoulders.

The bicycle ride down the whole length of County Highway S-2 is one of the easiest, most carefree, and exhilarating experiences you can have. The route, when followed from Highway 79 near Warner Springs to Ocotillo at Interstate 8, drops 2400 feet in 64 miles. There are a couple of nontrivial climbs, to be sure — but mostly you’ll descend in a leisurely stair-step fashion, just as the elevation profile printed here shows. The wind, typically from the west or northwest, will likely be in your favor.



For such a long, one-way, down-hill bike trip, you’ll want to arrange for someone to drop you off at the start and pick you up at the end. Ideally, you can recruit a driver with a “sag wagon” who can rendezvous with you at various spots along the way and potentially rescue you (or your companions) if you run out of steam along the way.

Highway S-2’s alignment, which bridges a gap between the hot desert floor and the cooler mountains, was an important link in the mid-19th-century Southern Emigrant Trail, an all-season route into coastal California. In just four or five hours of pedaling and coasting, you’ll travel (on pavement and in the opposite direction, of course) the final dreaded passage faced by ragtag settlers on their way to Los Angeles and points north.

The section of S-2 5 to 15 miles into the ride (roughly from Teofulio Summit to Scissors Crossing) was partially singed by summer’s mammoth Pines fire. You’ll



View at Carrizo Badlands Overlook

see where firefighters succeeded and failed in their efforts to stop the fire from jumping east across the highway.

Only a few outposts of civilization punctuate the lonely S-2 route: a tiny store at San Felipe, just past Teofulio Summit; Shelter Valley and its store, past Scissors Crossing (Highway 78 crossing); the Butterfield Ranch resort, just before the frightening drop of Campbell Grade; the Vallecito Stage Station; and Agua Caliente Springs County Park, where you can stop for a timely and welcome soak. Beyond Agua Caliente, you face 26 waterless miles of open road. Keep your water bottle filled. Even in winter the high temperature out there can reach into the 80s.

Sunday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m., at the Bethel Memorial AME Church (3085 K Street). The concert features Tom Braxton and Arlington Jones. Free. For more details, call 619-232-0510. (SAN DIEGO)

“Holiday Swing!” is on tap when the 17-member Rancho Santa Fe Big Band performs on Sunday, December 8, at 6 p.m., at the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club (at the corner of Avenida de Acacias and La Granada). Tickets are \$20 general, \$10 for those under 18. 858-756-4542. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

There’s a holiday concert planned by the Pacific Coast Concert Band and the Pacific Coast Singers on Sunday, December 8. Selections include Holst’s “Jupiter” from *The Planets*, “Cowboys” by John Williams, the Pachelbel “Canon,” Prokofiev’s “Troika,” and other seasonal and classical favorites, including a medley of Christmas carols. Tickets are \$8 general, \$5 for children and seniors, \$20 for families of four. The music starts at

7:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center, 3557 Monroe Street. Questions? Call 760-390-2990 for answers. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate “Christmas Around the World” at La Mesa First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m. The program boasts Benjamin Britten’s “Ceremony of Carols” performed by the combined choirs, as well as carols from Africa, South America, and the Ukraine. The Peace Ringers Bell Choir directed by Flo Conrad and the children’s choir will perform as well. An offering will be received. Find the church at 4690 Palm Avenue. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

“Living Room Music” will be presented by the Palomar College Performing Arts Department on Friday, December 6, beginning at 8 p.m. in Howard Brubeck Theatre. The concert features the school’s Electronic Music Ensemble, led by Madelyn Byrne, sharing their latest compositions created with computer and other

new media sources.

Find Palomar College campus at 1140 West Mission Road. For reservations and information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. Tickets are \$10 general. (SAN MARCOS)

**Poetic License** reigns at Gallery 504 North on Friday, December 6. The featured artist is spoken-word performer Theresa F. Open mike follows. Doors open at 8 p.m., the show runs 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Find the club at 3041 University Avenue. For more information, call 619-515-3930. (NORTH PARK)

“Taikoza: Traditional Drums of Japan,” led by Marco Lienhard, takes place on Friday, December 6, at 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Tickets are \$12 general. Call 619-260-2280 for further details. (LINDA VISTA)

**Fantasy Author** James Clemens visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss *Witch Star*, the fifth volume of

the “Banned and the Banished” series. The signing and discussion begins at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**The Rich History and Fertile Permutations** of Spanish Revival architecture are explored in *Red Tile Style: America’s Spanish Revival Architecture*, the new book by Arrol Gellner with photographs by Douglas Keister. One Cliff May-designed home featured prominently in the book is the home of Lee and Barbara Roper, and it’s the site for two programs on Saturday, December 7.

Programs begin at 4 and 6 p.m., when the authors will present slide-illustrated lectures, a book signing, and a home tour. Tickets are \$30 general. To make the required reservations, call 619-297-7511. (TALMADGE)

The Book Works is hosting an anniversary party on Sunday, December 8, from 3 to 6 p.m., which will include a signing of *Red Tile Style*

by Keister. Find the shop in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle. Free. Call 858-755-3735 for information. (DEL MAR)

**Compare and Contrast!** The Point Loma Nazarene College Concert Band and Jazz Band plan an unusual concert on Saturday, December 7. The Concert Band will perform the first eight movements from a suite based on Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker* ballet; between each movement, the jazz band will play Duke Ellington’s arrangement of each movement. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Call 619-849-2413 for details. (POINT LOMA)

**Rubble on Spruce**, the series concludes with lowercase-sound on Saturday, December 7, at 8 p.m., at the Spruce Street Forum (301 Spruce Street). This “disparate group of musics, sound art, and listening experiences” curated by Josh Russell includes work by Tucker Dulin, civyiu kklui, Ilya Monosov, and Russell. Tickets are \$10. Call 619-295-0301 for reservations. (HILLCREST)

“The Art of Dr. Seuss” is being celebrated during events this month at the Fingerhut Gallery. Professional actors will present readings on Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21, at 11:30 a.m. each day. A lecture focusing on the artistic legacy of Dr. Seuss is slated for Sunday, December 8, at 1 p.m. Free. Find the gallery at 1205 Prospect Street. Call 858-456-9912 to reserve a spot. (LA JOLLA)

**The “Best in Hawaiian Music”** is on offer when the Makaha Sons, Darlene Ahuna, and Leokane Ryder perform on Sunday, December 8, at 7 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets in advance are \$22.50 general, \$25 reserved; \$25 general at the door. Call 619-426-1953 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

**Who’s Known as the “Stradivarius Voice”?** The answer is Maureen McGovern, veteran of pop, jazz, musical theater, and film. McGovern will perform songs from her latest release *With a Song in My Heart: The Great Songs of Richard Rodgers* and from *Christmas with Maureen McGovern* on concert on Sunday, December 8. Young singers from Painted Rock Elementary School in Poway will join her onstage for two numbers.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Poway Center for Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). Tickets are \$43 and \$45, available by dialing 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

“Pleasures of Poetry” workshop members will read from their work on Sunday, December 8, 5 to 8 p.m., in Founders Hall at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Diego (1036 Solana Drive). The workshop has met since early October “and includes poets from novice to well-published.” Photographs by workshop leader Harry Griswold will be on exhibit. Free. 858-569-1248. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Fiesta Navidad**, Mariachi los Camperos de Nati Cano and Linda Ronstadt (singing in Spanish) team up to present a holiday concert on Monday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Guests will be treated to “energized mariachi music and folklorico dancing.” Tickets are \$56 and \$66, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

**Music of Java** may be heard during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 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)

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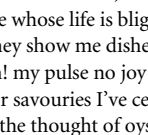
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**Matters of Controversy** — the monthly dialogue series continues

How strange is Love: I am not one  
Who Cupid's power belittles,  
For Cupid 'tis who makes me shun  
My customary victuals.  
Of, Effie, since that painful scene  
That left me broken-hearted,  
My appetite, erstwhile so keen,  
Has utterly departed.  
My form, my friends observe with pain.  
Is growing daily thinner.  
Love only occupies the brain  
That once could think of dinner.  
Around me myriad waiters flit,  
With meat and drink to ply men;  
Alone, disconsolate, I sit,  
And feed on thoughts of Hymen.  
The kindly waiters hear my groan,  
They strive to charm with curry;  
They tempt me with a devilled bone —  
I beg them not to worry.  
Soup, whitebait, entrées, fricasees,



They bring me uninvited.  
 I need them not, for what are these  
 To one whose life is blighted?  
 They show me dishes rich and rare,  
 But ah! my pulse no joy stirs,  
 For savouries I've ceased to care,  
 I hate the thought of oysters.  
 They bring me roast, they bring me boiled,  
 But all in vain they woo me;  
 The waiters softly mutter, "Foiled!"  
 The chef, poor man, looks gloomy.  
 So, Effie, turn that shell-like ear,  
 Nor to my sighing close it,  
 You cannot doubt that I'm sincere —  
 This ballad surely shows it.  
 No longer spurn the suit I press,  
 Respect my agitation,  
 Do change your mind, and answer, "Yes,"  
 And save me from starvation.  
 — P.G. Wodehouse



**Two Challenging Uphill Climbs** and long stretches without traffic lights are just part of the fun when Sierra Club bicyclists make a Scripps-Lake-side express ride on Sunday, December 8. This challenging 40-mile ride starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Miramar

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**Sick of Christianity This Week?** There's a Festival of Hindu Arts and Culture planned at the Shi-ho Center for Creative and Healing Arts. View ancient sacred Hindu artifacts from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 6, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and

# READING

## From Here, You Can't See Paris: Seasons of a French Village and Its Restaurant



Michael S. Sanders

Harper/Collins, 2002; 322 pages; \$24.95

**FROM THE DUST JACKET:** *From Here, You Can't See Paris* is a sweet, leisurely exploration of the life of Les Arques (population 159), a hill-top village in a remote corner of France, untouched by the modern era. It is a story of a dying village's struggle to survive, of a dead artist whose legacy began its rebirth, and of chef Jacques Ratier and his wife, Noëlle, whose bustling restaurant — the village's sole business — has helped ensure its future.

The author set out to explore the inner workings of a French restaurant kitchen but ended up stumbling onto a wider, much richer world. Whether uncovering the darker secrets of making foie gras, hearing a chef confess his doubts about the Michelin star system, or absorbing the lore of the land around a farmhouse kitchen table after a boar hunt, Michael S. Sanders learned that life in Les Arques was anything but sleepy. Through the eyes of

the author, an American fluent in French, and his family, the reader enters this world, discovers its still-vibrant traditions of food, cooking, and rural living, and comes to know the village's history, sharing along the way an American family's adventures as they find their way in a place that is sometimes lonely, often wondrous, and always fascinating.

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: With his wife and young daughter, Sanders spent a year in southwestern France, in the village of Les Arques, tracing the rhythm of rural life and the restaurant at the town's heart. As in his first book, *The Yard: Building a Destroyer at the Bath Iron Works* (which followed the construction of the USS *Donald Cook* at a shipyard struggling against modernization), Sanders explores a threatened way of life: before 1988 (the year citizens founded the Zadkine Museum), Les Arques struggled to barely survive. Inspired by Ossip Zadkine, the Russian sculptor who summered in the town until his death in 1967, the museum attracts resident students and tourists year-round. Now, the local restaurant, La Récréation, not only feeds the locals, it draws an international clientele. Chef Jacques Ratier and his wife, Noëlle, established what is locally called La Récréation (French for "recess") in the town's abandoned schoolhouse in 1993 and this is Les Arques' sole business. Sanders affectionately observes the restaurant in action, from morning prep to full-swing service. As he contemplates a bid for star status in the Michelin guide, Mr. Ratier personifies Les Arques' struggle to stay in the game. Sanders also investigates French country ways, devoting entire chapters to foie gras and truffles and explaining the history of a region where every house has a name and children grow up on four-course school lunches. He unveils a culture wholly at odds with fast-food America. The book's back matter offers advice for travelers, but Sanders' account is so lovely, and Les Arques so sensuous and ripe with magic, to visit seems vaguely sacrilegious.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we

talked, Michael S. Sanders said that he was born in 1961 in Germany, where his father was serving as a physician in the U.S. Army. Mr. Sanders, the third of his parents' six children, grew up outside Philadelphia, near Valley Forge.

His parents, Mr. Sanders said, "were readers. In fact, we did not have a television for most of my youth. If you walked into our living room on any night you would have seen two parents and six kids sitting around reading books."

Mr. Sanders attended public schools through ninth grade, transferring in tenth grade to a Quaker school. He attended McGill University in Montreal and the Sorbonne in Paris. He majored in psychology and modern languages — French and German.

Mr. Sanders and his wife met at McGill, "the absolute first day of school, the first class, the first moment." They were together again, in Paris, when Mr. Sanders attended the Sorbonne. "Paris, that's where we fell in love. I had a little apartment near l'Arc de Triomphe. She lived all the way across town. She had a little apartment in the 13th. We always had the struggle of catching the last métro because if you missed the last métro that was an awful long way to walk. Our line usually stopped about one in the morning, so you had to make this mad dash if you wanted to get to the other person's apartment or get to your own. We ended up getting married in France."

After graduation from college, Mr. Sanders said, "I went to New York, where I worked for book-publishing companies, the last of which was Simon and Schuster. Eventually, after enough manuscripts had crossed my desk, I said, 'This is crazy; I can do this.' I had always been writing. I was the kind of person who would work until five o'clock and then stay at the office for three hours working on my own short stories. Also, I was taking writing classes."

Mr. Sanders worked for a time as a ghostwriter. "I did several books that I can't talk about. And then at the very end of my corporate publishing stint, I grew breasts and wrote a book about women's sexual health. I worked with an internist. I learned an enormous amount. It was right in the midst of the first huge breaking of AIDS in New York City, and since I was pretty much left to

Sunday, December 7 and 8. There will be lectures on a variety of topics and dancing throughout the three days.

Admission is free, but call 858-724-0773 to make the suggested reservations. Find Shi-ho in the Del Mar Sculpture Gardens at 2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Holiday Parades Are Marching In!** Coronado's parade gets underway on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. at Orange Avenue and 8th Street and ends at Dana Place. Fireworks begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Ferry Landing Marketplace. 619-437-8788. (CORONADO)

Spirited community groups, marching bands, horses, and many more participants are taking part in the Vista Holiday Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 7, beginning at 11 a.m. at South Santa Fe and Pala. 760-726-1122. (VISTA)

"Teddy Bears on Parade" is the theme for the 36th annual Oceanside Children's Parade, slated for Saturday, December 7. The parade steps off at 3 p.m. and runs north along Coast Highway, from Wisconsin Street to Civic Center Drive. Expect marching bands, floats, and appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

Fallbrook's 21st annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade starts

at Main Street and Ammunition Road at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. There will be marching bands, floats, equestrians, and clowns. 760-728-5845. (FALLBROOK)

The Ocean Beach Holiday Parade and tree lighting takes place on Saturday, December 7, starting at 5:05 p.m., finishing with the lighting of the 60-foot community tree located in the sand at the foot of Newport Avenue. The parade begins at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Newport Avenue and moves west on Newport to the ocean. Free. For further information, call 619-846-6269. (OCEAN BEACH)

The 40th annual Starlight Yule Parade — with bands and drill teams, floats, classic cars, and Santa — traverses Third Avenue from H Street to E Street on Saturday, December 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Hoping for "A Sparkling Season of Peace"? It's the theme for the annual Encinitas Holiday Parade, slated for Saturday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m., running along Coast Highway 101 from D Street south. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)

Marching bands and floats will be taking part in the La Jolla Christmas Parade, boasting the theme "Home for the Holidays" on Sunday, Decem-

ber 8, beginning at 2 p.m. on Girard Street, finishing at the corner of Prospect and Draper. 858-454-1444. (LA JOLLA)

**The 1915 Wood Lath Botanical Building** is the site for the 16th annual poinsettia display, running Friday through Wednesday, December 6-January 8, 2003. Over 300 poinsettia plants will decorate the historic building, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Wednesday. Free. For more information, call 619-239-0512 or 619-235-1100. (BALBOA PARK)

**Ale, Ale, the Gang's All Here**, the sixth annual San Diego Strong Ale Festival is set for December 6 and 7 at Pizza Port (571 Carlsbad Village Drive). More than 60 beers with over eight percent alcohol from S.D. breweries and many prominent regional breweries will be tapped.

Festivities begin at 4 p.m. on Friday and at 11 a.m. on Saturday, continuing until 11 p.m. each night. The \$15 fee includes commemorative tasting glass and four tasting tickets; additional tastes set will set you back \$1 each. For more information, call 760-720-7007. (CARLSBAD)

**They'll Be Walking on Water** when the 12th annual Walk-on-Water Competition takes place on Saturday,

December 7, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the University of San Diego Aquatic Center. Local high school and college students design the shoes to defy gravity and stay afloat during their races across the water. Viewing is free for spectators. USD is found at 5998 Alcalá Park. Call 619-260-4659 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

**All You'll Need Is Gift Wrap** when the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library hosts a holiday book and craft sale on Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sheet music, books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, and art periodicals are among the items on offer. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Art in the Valley**, the Carmel Valley Artists host their 39th annual winter show and sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, at the Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens (9675 Scranton Road). Thirty-eight artists will exhibit work in a variety of media. Admission is free. Dial 760-945-6922 for details. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**All Aboard!** The Great American Train Show steams into the Del Mar Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8. The show features

eight operating model railroads, hundreds of tables, over 10,000 trains, 34 free workshops, and more. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is \$7 for adults, free for those under 12 with an adult. Call 702-252-0334 for information. (DEL MAR)

**English Historian** Edward Gibbon gained renown for his masterpiece *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Discuss a selection from the work with the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, December 7, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

**Book Sale**, the San Carlos branch library holds its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

**Celebrate Local Cowboy Heritage** during the tenth annual Vaquero Days, running from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, at the Merigan Ranch (the meadow in the center of Descanso). Expect cowboy music and poetry; roping competitions and team cattle sort-

ing; horsemanship demonstrations by Leslie Desmond, Jerry Tindell, Pat Puckett, and Len Judd; crafts and art, pit barbecue, and kids' activities.

The admission fee to "La Fiesta de los Californios" is \$7 for adults, free for kids with parents. For directions and details, dial 619-445-3946. (DESCANSO)

**An Artful Garage Sale**, many of the items that once costumed the Children's Museum of San Diego will be available during the sale planned at the museum on Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two- and three-dimensional art, an airplane, one-half of a Mercedes-Benz, small exhibits, furniture, and "lots of artsy junk" will be on offer. Items will be sold by the piece. What you won't find for sale: the painted truck, the double-decker bus, and Cora's House.

Admission is \$3 for adults, free for children 18 and younger. Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

**Dressed Up for the Holidays**, the sixth annual holiday home tour slated for December 7 and 8 includes tours inside homes on Seventh Avenue at the northwest corner of Balboa Park designed by architects including Frank Mead, Richard Requa, and Irving Gill.

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my own devices to do the AIDS/HIV chapter, I had some very interesting experiences with gay men’s health and also with the women’s group that was based in Brooklyn at that time. It was very sobering.”

Doing books like that on women’s sexual health, Mr. Sanders said, teaches the writer “structure, structure, structure, and, how to present material in a way that people understand it. From how much you put on the page to how you break things up to what belongs in the sidebar. There are a lot of tricks.”

Mr. Sanders’s first book, *The Yard: Building a Destroyer at the Bath Iron Works*, described the building of a naval destroyer. I asked about this book.

“This was something that appealed to me for a number of reasons. The first was, it was right there, and it was this huge icon, this huge figure, that invades every part of your life up here, from the whistle to the workers to the 3:30 traffic jam. If you live anywhere near Bath, you hear the yard whistle. I knew immediately that I was going to have fun writing this book. It’s such a boy-toy kind of place, the iron works is — the biggest, the largest, the loudest, the fastest, the brightest. You cannot escape being assaulted on all sides by every manner of wonderful things happening, whether it’s a crane or a router or just the sheer size of the parts of the ship. It’s not on a human scale. I was constantly having to go through my writing and strip out adjectives, and I had to be very, very careful about superlatives and letting the reader come to their own conclusions about things instead of letting my own awestruck river of adjectives flow over the page.

“My mother, the first thing she said to me is, ‘I can tell that obviously this French book is much closer to your heart and there’s much more of you in it than in your first book.’ I think that’s true. France has been, since I was 13 years old, a really big part of my life, even though my parents didn’t always have the money so that we could go there as often as we liked. There’s something in that culture which spawns a different thing in me, and part of it is the way they live. There is a kind of intimacy to life that we do not have here. The only way to describe it is to describe your relationships

with people and come through it that way.”

Why Mr. Sanders chose this part of France as a place about which to write, he said, was that it was “not Provence and it was not Paris. And it was therefore relatively undiscovered and not written about and virgin territory if you were looking for something different. And of course when I began to try to find our chef and a restaurant, that narrowed the search considerably. In that choice, I was so fortunate. I knew the moment I walked into that restaurant and the moment I met Jacques and Noëlle that this was going to be a lot of fun.”

“You had endless notebooks.”

“Yes, I’m definitely an endless notebook kind of person from the moment I start a project to the moment I finish.”

“Did you write part of the book while you were still living in France?”

“Oh, yes. I wrote about half of it. But when I got home, I ended up throwing most of that out. I was just too close to it when I was there. It took me a while to realize how much of myself I wanted to put in the book because I find most often that I’m the least interesting person on the page. When I’m in this kind of situation, when you’re in a rich, rich environment with so much to learn and so much to see, just to talk about what you, the writer, are experiencing, and to take everything from your point of view when you have this expert, this person whose life this is right in front of you, seems egregious. I mean, why do that? It’s not necessary. You don’t need to do that.

“You want to be a minimalist; you want to have the reader participate with the least amount of intrusion. No one really needs to know what I think of the food. They need to know what the people eating there think of the food. And they need to know what Jacques and Noëlle think of the food. But that’s really it. I’m there as an interpreter, and it’s certainly through my vision that all of this is seen, but that’s why I’m the writer, because this is one thing in which I’m an expert. I think I do it well. If you do not observe well, then you’re never going to be a great writer.”

I said that not only was Mr. Sanders a close observer, he also

had a great nose.

“I have a very sensitive nose. One of the things I remember from my youth is my mother scolding me because when she would set a plate of food in front of me, the first thing I would do would be lean down and smell it. I mean, I was rude. Whereas in France that’s not rude. It’s part of the dining experience.”

One at least small dilemma was the French phrases that Mr. Sanders wished to use in the book. “We no longer have the 19th-century classical English or American education. So I get in trouble with my editor for using references that he thinks people won’t understand, some of which I consider rather innocuous, but he makes me consider whether or not I want to do that. Particularly in this book, finding a balance between using French phrases and using a translation was tricky. It’s definitely possible to do, even if you do use a French word, to make sure that the reader knows, if not instantaneously, then very immediately, what the meaning of that is from the context. I don’t find that a huge problem. There are certain places where you have to use a French word and where it’s the right thing to do, even if it’s the chef cursing and saying ‘*putain*.’ The reader may not know what *putain* is, but he or she certainly will get the gist of it very quickly. This is something that you think about. You definitely try to keep people with you at all times.”

Why did Mr. Sanders think that Americans often feel disliked by the French? And why did he think that some Americans rather vehemently dislike the French?

“We have a stereotype of French men being one way and French women being another, and I think some of that’s

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The homes are decorated by the homeowners and teams of interior and floral designers.

Tour hours are 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets for the four-home tour are \$20, benefiting the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children’s Center. Pay an ad-

ditional \$5 for refreshments and tours of the George White and Anna Gunn Marston House. For information, call 858-571-1818 x100. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Holiday Pottery Sale and Chili Cook-Off** takes place on December 7 and 8 at the San Diego Ceramic Con-

nection. Local Japanese potter Kouta Shimazaki will demonstrate wedging, throwing, and trimming on both days. Handmade pottery will be offered for sale. During Sunday’s chili cook-off (free for competitors), anyone who buys a “gorgeous handmade bowl” may sample all the different chilis.

Find the studio/gallery at 3216 Thorn Street. Call 619-281-2529 for details. (NORTH PARK)

**Omnivores Are Welcome** — as are vegans, vegetarians, and raw foodists — when EarthSave San Diego hosts its monthly vegan potluck on

Saturday, December 7. The potluck starts at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Women’s Club (2160 Bacon Street), followed with a discussion of “nonviolent communication” by Beth Banning and Neill Gibson.

The suggested donation is \$5, or free for those on fixed income or any-

one who brings a dish (*sans* meat, dairy, eggs, honey) to feed six people. For additional information, call 619-701-7172. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Relax Under the Oak Trees** when the Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association hosts a psychic fair on Saturday,

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changing. I hope some of that’s changing. I don’t know where it comes from. Part of it might just be plain old envy and misunderstanding.”

We talked a bit about how, in the past century, garlic was often thought of as a filthy foreign addition to food. “It was quite the racy thing,” Mr. Sanders said, “to cook with garlic.”

For people in Mr. Sanders’s generation and younger, however, there’s nothing racy about garlic. “I think,” he said, “that we’ve moved on. When you think about what French cuisine has wrought in the United States! We’re now in the midst, probably, of the end of the second decade of rediscovering our own food, or discovering it for the first time, or somehow remaking American cuisine. But for so long it was French, French, French, French. And even if what we ate here thinking it was French wasn’t actually French — still, that was our impression.

“You know, it was fancy, it was snails, it was Bordeaux, it was truffles because there were more truffles back then, it was what you did for your 20th wedding anniversary. You went and spent an awful lot of money and had a rude maître d’ and all that. And then the media image of the French is so tied in with what’s going on now in food and cooking. Open any magazine, open this month’s *Gourmet*, and they’re talking about one more French chef in San Francisco. What goes around comes around and around and around and around. And we’re much more part of that than we were. I don’t think we feel so excluded, people of my generation. French cuisine is just another cuisine. And French people are just another people, even if they do have good wine and wonderful food.”

“How much time did you spend in the kitchen at La Récréation?”

“When I was doing my observing stint, I would spend at least two weeks for every season. And then in the fall, I actually worked there because they needed help, and I figured it was time for me to buckle down and learn some things.”

“Did you get good with a knife?”

“That takes time. I would say, ‘No.’”

About chopping onions, Mr. Sanders said, “I think if you watch the way Jacques Pepin or Julia Child or any 14-year-old French boy going through one of the culinary schools attacks an onion, you’ll understand the key to that system. They all do it exactly the same way, because according to the French, there is only one way to do it. You skin the onion and you cut the top end off, leaving the root end on. And then you cut the onion in half. If you’re making *brunoise* [defined as the cutting of vegetables into very small dice, approximately 2mm x 2mm x 2mm], you make horizontal cuts all the way up to the root end. When those are done you should have four or five cuts in a big onion. And when those are done, then you take the knife and you point it 90 degrees, and then you begin to slice down. And then you turn it once more and then you cut down and across. And you end up with this beautiful dice.

“It’s difficult to comprehend on the page. Yet when you see them do it, you say, ‘Oh, yes, I realize now.’ But you have to have a very sharp knife too. And if you cut off the root end it won’t work, because it comes apart. It’s not rocket science, it’s just something if you do it 40 times, you know how to do it. After you clean 150 red mullets, it’s just lift off the fin, take the guts out, and remove the two little fillets. The 151st is no mystery.”

I asked Mr. Sanders if he’d talk about the amazing school lunches offered at French public schools.

He said, “Americans wonder where the French come by their food culture. And how is it that they have this incredible richness and we don’t. And you know what? It starts at age three. It may even start earlier if you go to Crèche, the state-run day care. Crèche is a very ingenious way of, number one, keeping people employed in small villages and, number two, feeding the kids well. Every school has its own canteen. Lily’s school had perhaps 60 kids in it. And it had its own canteen. A woman came every day and prepared the lunches. And that’s why they’re fresh. She has a budget. She goes and buys the food. That’s her job. It’s what she does for a living. She probably only makes the French minimum wage, which is not that shabby, when you consider all the extras.

“The French deploy the schools in these villages in what I guess we would call a consolidated district. They do it at one school in this village and one school in that village, because they want to keep the buildings kept up, occupied, used; they want to keep people coming in and out of the villages. They want to keep some life there. When you have kids in a school, you have life. You can’t avoid it.”

Geese and ducks are force-fed corn to produce *foie gras*. The force-feeding process is called “*gavage*,” and its goal is to produce a liver that is five to six times as large as the norm for the bird. Mr. Sanders offers excellent descriptions of this process, which is still performed by small farmers and their wives.

*Gavage*, Mr. Sanders explained, “is a family tradition. When you pass many of these rural farmyards, still, you will see there is a pen, and in the pen there are 15 or 20 geese or ducks. It is very common. One of the reasons why it is so common is because it is very hard to do *gavage* successfully on a large scale. It just is very, very difficult. And when you see how it’s done, you can only imagine how much more inhumane factory *gavage* is. I don’t think that you can put a rosy face on *foie gras*, except for on the plate, freshly sautéed. That’s the best way to eat it.”

I asked Mr. Sanders what the little old ladies, *les granmeres*, used to stuff the corn down the throats of the ducks and geese.

“A funnel. A big tin funnel. There’s a classic French photograph which is a grandma in a big flower dress, and she’s enormous, and she has this goose between her knees, and you see her enormous fat calves, and in between those thighs is this goose. She’s straightened the goose’s neck out and she’s holding the beak just open and she has this huge tin funnel stuck in the goose’s mouth, and there is a bucket with the measure of cooked corn right next to her.”

A woman who performs *gavage* is called *une gaveuse*. Mothers teach daughters to perform *gavage*. “This is not,” said Mr. Sanders, “some relic of history. I can’t tell you the number of back yards you pass that have ducks and geese in them, and they’re not there for decoration. This is still very much a country practice. I think one of the things that we are seeing now is people have some-

December 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Psychics, mediums, and spiritual readers “of the highest caliber” will offer their services; 15-minute readings are \$20. Find the grove at 2975 Washington Circle (at the south end of Country Club Lane). 760-745-9176. (ESCONDIDO)

**Psychic Times**, a metaphysical conference and psychic fair is scheduled at Alexandra’s Book Store noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, December 7. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

**“Remembering Their Light,”** on the second Sunday in December at 7 p.m. in every time zone around the world, candle-lighting ceremonies are held to honor the lives of the infants, children, and young adults who’ve died. The San Diego Hospice Tribute Garden commemorates National Children’s Memorial Day on Sunday, December 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Find the campus at 4311 Third Avenue. For information and to RSVP, call 619-278-6371. (HILLCREST)

**Battle Day**, commemorate the Battle of San Pasqual when the San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park hosts its annual Battle Day on Sunday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Battle reenactments begin at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and there will be Native American storytelling, period music, period crafts, demonstrations, military encampments, equestrian demonstrations, and children’s activities. Free. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-489-0076. (ESCONDIDO)

**“Christmas Around the World”** is the theme for the 31st annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. The first parade around the harbor takes place on Sunday, December 8, repeating on December 15. Both parades begin at 5:30 p.m. at Shelter Island, passing Harbor Island, cruising parallel to the Embarcadero, Seaport Village, Marina Park, across the bay to Coronado, ending near the Coronado Ferry Landing. Viewing is free. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

**Garden of Lights**, the seventh annual event at Quail Botanical Gardens features the gardens decorated with thou-

sands of sparkling lights on the plants and trees. The Holiday Garden of Lights can be enjoyed nightly from 5 to 9 p.m. December 8-23 (and December 26-30). There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday music, children’s activities, and food for sale.

The gardens are located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers, free for those 5 and under; additional fees apply to some activities. Call 760-436-3036 for more information. (ENCINITAS)

**Home for the Holidays**, tour four professionally decorated homes when the Vista Community Clinic’s 16th annual Holiday Homes Tour takes place on Sunday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The newly renovated Rancho Buena Vista Adobe is included in the tour. Tickets are \$20 per person, benefiting the clinic. For reservations, call 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

**“Walk for Human Rights,”** Amnesty International’s 14th Annual International Walk for Human Rights is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, beginning at 5 p.m. There’s information, live music, speakers, and food planned. A brief candlelight walk follows, on behalf of prisoners of conscience around the world. Dress warmly and meet at the Oceanside Pier and Amphitheater, 300 North the Strand. 760-731-0735. (OCEANSIDE)

**Have a Passion for Things Made of Wood?** Head to the 17th annual holiday woodcraft show and sale at Cut and Dried Hardwood on Sunday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All manner of items will be on display and offered for sale by the more than 50 woodworkers participating. Find the shop at 241 South Cedros Avenue; 858-481-0442. Admission is free. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Zapotec and Atzeca Indians** and “other Mexican groups” will lead a procession for the Virgin of Guadalupe slated for Sunday, December 8, beginning at noon in the San Diego City College parking lot at 16th and B Streets (ending at the Community Concourse, Third Avenue and B Street). Over 3000 people are expected to participate. Free. 619-233-3838. (DOWNTOWN)

**The Loves, Lives, and Work of Latino Families** in the United States

and Latin America are examined in the bilingual book discussion series planned in the Turrentine Room of the Escondido Public Library. Multiple copies of the books are provided in both English and Spanish.

Led by journalist Miriam Ruvinakis, the series gets underway at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, with a look at Esmeralda Santiago’s *When I Was Puerto Rican*. Free. For information, call 760-839-4329. Next up: *Odyssey to the North* by Mario Ben- castro on January 9, 2003. (ESCONDIDO)

**Read and Critique**, join members of the Grand Avenue Writers’ Collective of Escondido for a read and critique group for writers of fiction, memoir, and any form of prose. The group gathers on the second and fourth Wednesday each month, including December 11, at 7 p.m., at the Fountain Estates apartments clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

**“Las Posadas,”** the 47th annual reenactment of Joseph and Mary’s search for shelter is slated for Wednesday, December 11, beginning at 7 p.m. The pageant dates from the 16th Century in Mexico, where it is known as *el diablo y pastores*. The first celebration in San Diego was held in Old Town in 1838 at the Old Town home of Pio Pico.

Youth and adult choirs and costumed principal singers (with Mary on a donkey) will lead the public in a procession around Old Town State Park, making nine stops, ending at Old Town Plaza. It begins at the corner of Juan and Harney Streets. Bring a flashlight or candles so you can read your music and sing along with the carols. Free. 858-459-2880. (OLD TOWN)

**“Fantastic Futures:** Celebrating 25 Years of the Elizabeth Chater Collection of Science Fiction and Fantasy” is an exhibit continuing through Friday, December 13, in the browsing and special collections areas of the San Diego State University Library. Significant items on display include a 1795 American printing of *Memoirs of the Year Two Thousand Five Hundred* and copies of short story publications. For information and viewing hours, call 619-594-4991 or 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

**The Light Time of the Year**, organizers of the Holiday of Lights at the Del

Mar Fairgrounds boast of “the largest drive-through holiday light show on the West Coast,” with holiday-themed displays continuing through Wednesday, January 1, 2003.

Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$10 per vehicle (up to five people), \$15 per vehicle with six or more people. For information, call 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

**Nestled on the Edge** of the natural reserve of rugged hills and protected wildlife at the Lux Art Institute site stands three lifelike deer gazing over the San Elijo Lagoon. The deer were created by Los Angeles sculptor Gwynn Murrill. Ali Acerol’s *Home* installation is a suite of nine sculptures made of red brick and mortar inviting “viewers to enjoy the Southern California landscape.”

Find Lux at 1550 South El Camino Real (just north of Manchester Drive). Viewed the sculptures from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through January 2003. For information, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

**Colorful Work** by the Pacific Quilt Artists is on view through December at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). These quilts are created by members of a local juried group of studio quilt artists. Free. For information, call 760-434-7491. (LA COSTA)

**Ice Is Always Impermanent Here**, and so is the “only outside ice rink”! The ice rink at Horton Square is open for skating daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sunday, January 26, 2003. Find the square at 225 Broadway (adjacent to Horton Plaza). Admission is \$6, and skate rentals are \$2. Questions? Call 619-234-1031 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

**Back in the USSR**, the American Institute of Graphic Arts exhibits “Poster Art of the Soviet Union” through Sunday, December 22. The exhibit showcases approximately 50 graphic posters designed in the 1970s and 1980s offering a glimpse into the cultural, social, and political realities of what once was the modern-day USSR. For information, call 619-233-5470. Find the San Diego Center for Design at 344 Seventh Avenue. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**Choo-Choo!** The All-Gauge Toy Train Association’s annual show runs through Monday, December 30, at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). For viewing hours and other information, call 858-573-5007. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

## FOR KIDS

**“Happy Holidays”** provide the theme when the Balboa Park Puppet Guild Players present free shows for December Nights on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. The theater is dark December 5 and 8. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble explores the *Toy Store* December 11-15.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

**“The Little Match Girl”** by Hans Christian Andersen has been adapted for the stage by Joe Powers and will be presented the North Coast Repertory Theatre at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, and at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 9 (and again at 11 a.m. on December 14, 15, and 21). Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for children. Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe. For tickets, dial 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

**“Miss Spider’s Tea Party”** by David Kirk will be read during the story time planned on Saturday, December 7, at 11:30 a.m. (for those four to ten years old) at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road). Participants will decorate a teacup for the following tea party. Free. 619-562-6791. (SANTÉE)

**Take a Trip to Santa’s Magical Village** on December 7 and 8. The village for children and their families promises cookie decoration, ornament creation, puppets, carnival games, arts and crafts, and entertainment. Tickets are 25 cents each.

The fun runs from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the San Marcos Civic Center (3

Civic Center Drive). 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

**On a Quest to Make Kids’ Music Cool**, Dan Zanes has traded leadership of the rocking Del Fuegos to creating “rollicking 21st-Century folk and pop music” for the whole family to enjoy. Dan Zanes and Friends perform on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, at the La Jolla Playhouse Forum (on La Jolla Village Drive at Torrey Pines Road, on the UCSD campus). Concerts begin at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$7 for kids 2 to 10, \$10 for adults, free for those under 2. For reservations, call 858-550-1010. (LA JOLLA)

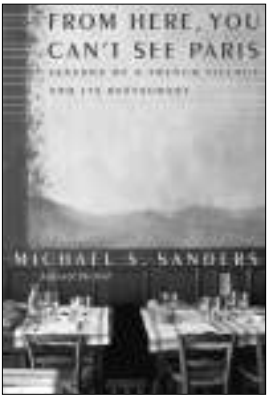
**The Pancake Claus**, head to Stelzer Park for the “Breakfast in the Park with Santa” for those seven and younger (with an adult) on Saturday, December 7, from 10 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$2.50 per person. Find the park at 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. To make the required reservations, call 619- 561-0580. (LAKESIDE)

**Teddy Bear Teas**, bring your family and teddy bear to the Westgate Hotel’s teddy bear teas, taking place December 7 and 8, and 14-25, beginning at 2:30 p.m. each day. There will be storytelling, food and beverages, and a visit from Santa Claus. The fee is \$18.50 for adults, \$12.50 for children. Find the hotel at 1055 Second Avenue. For reservations, call 619-557-3650. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Wonder Kids Workshop — Birds, Art, and Music”** is being offered on Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to noon, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Kids (three to five) will explore nature and play, while parents are taught “how to facilitate the learning process.” The fee is \$22 per non-member child/adult pair. To register, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Children’s Discovery Museum of North County**, there’s a “Magic Rainforest Party” planned at the museum on Sunday, December 8, from noon to 5 p.m. Wild Wonders will bring live jungle animals, fun, games, and the release of the new book *The Magic Seed* by Sharon Price. The events are included in regular museum admission.

The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for chil-



body else raise their geese, and they make their own *foie gras*. So they’ll go in October, and they’ll do their own canning, make their own *confit*, have their own duck bone supper. They carry on the tradition that way.”

I said that I didn’t particularly like what I think of as “personal growth abroad” books and that what in part I liked about Mr. Sanders’s book is that it’s about the area in which he and his wife and child are living and about the people who normally live there, rather than all about the Sanders family.

Mr. Sanders laughed. “I couldn’t have come up with three better words to describe what I was trying to describe. If you read my notebooks from our first weeks there, you would have a good giggle because they’re fatuous. Everything is larger than life. And everything is so darn picturesque. You have to get all that out of your system, and if you actually live there, and if you enter into it, your day’s experiences do not begin and end at the grocery store and the bakery; you work your way into local life, and you have experiences like you would have in your other life, where you have friends and where there are crises.”

“And where,” I said, interrupting Mr. Sanders, “as in your case, your wife wrecks the car.”

“Yes, where your wife wrecks the car. The whole subtext of my wife wrecking the car was very serious, indeed. The father of the family of goat-cheese makers had gone off with a whole load of his pals hunting that morning. And that afternoon, the afternoon of that horrible day, they found him dead. He’d fallen into a ravine and cracked his skull. As soon as the tow truck pulled up for my wife’s car, the tow truck was followed by about 15 police cars and ambulances, and the search was off, and the whole

town got together. And everybody searched for him.”

I asked what French sirens sound like.

“Like in every French film you’ve ever seen.”

The last chapter in *From Here, You Can’t See Paris* is titled “How to Eat Well in a Restaurant in France.” In this chapter, Mr. Sanders advises the reader on proper behavior in a restaurant in France. I asked how he happened to do this chapter.

“If you sit in a restaurant as I did, either in the kitchen or in the dining room, and you see these things happening, over and over and over again, after a while you say, ‘We think we’re sophisticated, and we think we know what’s going on.’ But for the most part, we don’t. It’s not that we are stupid, it’s that we are ignorant, ignorant in the real sense of the word, which means ‘not knowing.’ And we are often assuming that we are doing the right thing when we are doing the wrong thing.

“Much of what’s in there, it’s not rocket science. It’s very simple. It’s about expectations, cultural expectations. I have never been more embarrassed than when I was sitting there in La Récréation and was surrounded by all these stunned French people when this party of 12 American cyclists came through and didn’t leave a centime of a tip. Not only that, they left the bathroom a mess. They were really rude and demanding, and then they just kind of walked out. It was really unpleasant.”

The Sanderses — the author, his wife, and their daughter Lily — after their year in France returned home to Maine. “After the year in France,” I asked, “how did Maine seem?”

“We were a bit shell-shocked. I could not stand to look at those photographs for months. It was too hard. And our life changed so enormously when we came home. One of the first things that you notice is that day in, day out, all around us, you are hit on the head by commercialism. I don’t think until you leave this environment that you realize the numbing effect it has on your consciousness. Where we were in France was great. It was lovely. You could see the landscape. There was not somebody, or something, an ad telling you to buy something every ten minutes. So the return was hard. It was very hard to come home. It was hard

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” explores 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)

**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 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**, handcrafted, bejeweled, and dazzling Christmas ornaments created by the late artist Florence Hord (1904-1995) are on display at the museum through Thursday, February 20, 2003. While many of the 50-plus ornaments are Christmas-themed, the museum has also incorporated some of her Valentine’s Day ornaments into the display. Hord used corsage pins, seed pearls, ribbon, metallic beading, velvet, satin, and semi-precious stones to make her one-of-a-kind creations contained in this “Curtis and Ilene Swartz Family Collection” of ornaments.

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**, “From the Other Side of the Glass,” opening on Friday, December 6, is a collection of “behind the scenes” photographs taken by Eddie Kramer, the recording engineer known for his work with Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones, Santana, Frank Zappa, and Jimi Hendrix. Kramer’s photographs are described as “candid and casual.” The exhibit concludes on Friday, February 28, 2003.

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)

**San Diego Aerospace Museum**, known for his aviation art and miniature three-dimensional sculptures, Robert Karr also produced artwork for the bands Fleetwood Mac and Cheap Trick in the 1970s. An exhibit of his two- and three-dimensional aircraft nose art sculptures, in addition to his calendar work, book covers, and private commissions, is on view through December.

The U.S. Air Force and the Boeing Corporation have donated a global positioning satellite (GPS) for the permanent “GPS Satellite” exhibit. This GPS is “the only one of its kind on display in the world.” Members of the

for Lily, our daughter, to come home too. School lunch here is 20 minutes. She would come home and she’d have almost a full lunchbox. I’d always make her lunch. I’d say, ‘Lily, you didn’t eat your lunch.’ And she’d say, ‘Daddy, there’s just not enough time.’ ”

“What do you put in Lily’s lunchbox?”

“She gets carrots and celery and half a peanut butter and honey sandwich. And she gets some kind of fruit. She likes grapes. She likes apples. She likes mango. And then, some little treat if I happen to have one lying around. She is quite partial to a tiny piece of chocolate.”

I asked how Lily felt about her father writing about her.

“The first time I read from this book in public, I was reading at a benefit at our local public library. I read the chapter in which I talk about Lily at school. Afterwards, as I was taking Lily to the car, it was late, and she was kind of sleepy, and I said, ‘So, Lil, did you like what I read tonight?’ She looked at me and she said, ‘Dad, I didn’t really hear much of it.’ I said, ‘Why?’ She said, ‘I had my fingers in my ears.’ ‘Why?’ I asked. ‘Dad, you were reading about me. I was embarrassed.’ ”

Mr. Sanders ended our conversation by saying that in several minutes he was leaving his house and heading off to Lily’s school. “I help out at my daughter’s school; I teach French to third, fourth, and fifth graders once a week in the winter and the spring. The most exciting part of the class for them, which is an hour and 15 minutes, is the snack. I always bring great stuff — excellent baguettes, which they’ve never had before. I’ll bring in one or two kinds of cheese or fig jam. One afternoon, I brought in some St. André and a hard goat. I had a devil of a time persuading them to taste the cheese. So finally I got this one kid to try a slice with baguette with some St. André on it, and he puts it in his mouth, and he says, ‘This is great. This is like butter.’ And immediately all these other kids come crowding around and make me write the name down, so they can tell their parents to go to the store and buy some. I figure I’m corrupting a whole generation here.”

— Judith Moore

## 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 619-469-1480 for more information. (SPRING VALLEY)

**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 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

dren 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)

**Cookies with Santa** are on offer at Macy’s Mission Valley on Sunday, December 8, at 11 a.m. Participants will decorate festive cookies to take home and meet Santa and the elves. Find the store at 1555 Camino de la Reina. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-9811. The fee is \$19.95 for adults, \$11.95 for kids. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Bake Off!** The Escondido Public Library hosts a teen bake-off on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m., in the library’s Turrentine Room. Teens in grades 7 through 12 will bring their pre-baked goods to the library to compete in four categories: cakes, cookies, decorated gingerbread houses, or miscellaneous. Register by calling 760-839-4828. Find the library at 239 South Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

**Saving Wilbur**, over 50 local children bring this plucky pig and his lovely arachnid friend to the stage in the J\*Company’s production of *Charlotte’s Web*. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, December 12 and 14, and at 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Tickets range from \$11 to \$15.50 for non-members. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

**A Poor but Kind Hatmaker Walks Home** after failing to sell a single hat on a cold and snowy night in *The Stone Statues*. Enjoy the tale when it’s told for the Japanese Friendship Garden’s Momotaro Preschool Story Time on Saturday, December 14. Children three to seven years old will make a Japanese-style farmer hat. Children under six are free with a paying adult (\$3). For reservations, call 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

sion and museum hours, call 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Natural History Museum**, Tyrannosaurus rex — predator or scavenger? Guests use scientific 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? Make the call through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Do dogs see in color? Do cats see what we see? Find out in the exhibit “Animal Eyes,” on display through Tuesday, December 31. The exhibition explores what is known about human and animal vision and the ongoing quest to understand what animals actually see.

The traveling exhibition “California’s Native Grandeur: Preserving Vanishing Landscapes” features more than 40 oil paintings of California landscapes from the late 19th and early 20th Centuries by artists whose works inspired early environmentalists. See this show through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

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 discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the “giant-screen films” *Lost Worlds: Life in the Balance* and *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico’s Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

# Why Not Try Something New?

*I learned a great deal from the performance, though I didn't enjoy it much.*

Joshua Bell, undoubtedly one of the world's great violinists, has the admirable quality of always seeking new challenges. Having mastered most of the standard Classical and Romantic violin concertos early in his career, he could have been content to go on playing nothing but them forever. Instead, he has ventured into contemporary works (the Nicholas Maw Concerto, John Corigliano's score for *The Red Violin*) and crossover collaborations (such as the quasi-bluegrass music he has performed with Edgar Meyer). Only last year, when he filled in for Anne-Sophie Mutter in the concert of the Trondheim Soloists at the Civic Theatre, he presented himself to San Diego audiences in a new light — doubly so: he led the chamber orchestra (with tremendous energy and authority), and he himself played — with dazzling zest and fascinating originality — one of the masterpieces of the Baroque era (Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*).

This season, Bell's appearance in the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Celebrity Series" once again featured him as soloist-conductor with a chamber orchestra (this time the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields), and once again the program included violin concertos that have not been heretofore associated with this artist. He began with another famous Baroque work, J.S. Bach's A Minor Violin Concerto, which — as had been the case with *The Four Seasons* — he played in a distinctive manner. Fully aware of historical performance practices of Baroque music, though not mindlessly subservient to them, he lightened his bow pressure, minimized *vibrato*, and sought a cooler, smaller, purer violin tone than what we are used to hearing from him in Bruch or Tchaikovsky, Chausson or Kreisler. Unchanged was Bell's astonishing subtlety of phrasing, which constantly illuminates familiar music with minuscule darting flashes of the unexpected — and he communicated this vividness and spontaneity to the orchestra as well. There were no eccentricities here, no shocking innova-

tions of tempo or articulation, but everywhere Bell put his own unmistakable stamp on the music, so that it was as though one were hearing it for the first time.

If one could hear it. I do not mean that the performance was inaudible. But a soloist and chamber orchestra playing Bach with such lightness and such subtlety of effect ought to be heard in a more intimate space than the vast emptiness of the Civic Theatre. The listener should be able to savor those refined turns of phrase to the fullest, rather than catching mere "glimpses" of them. Neither vigor nor vision was in any way lacking, but in that venue there was something disappointingly *small* about the Bach performance.

The same criticism applies to the performance of Haydn's Violin Concerto No. 1, which followed. This is more unfamiliar music than the Bach, and — while full of charm and invention, and artfully composed — it is by no means at the level of the Bach masterpiece. To convince an audience that it deserves to be appreciated in its own right, rather than be taken as a slight and obscure example of a style that Mozart handled better, the Haydn work needs to be played very much up front — something Bell and the ASMF certainly attempted to do, but without quite the necessary effect. The concerto would have made a considerably stronger impression in a concert hall like that of the East County Performing Arts Center, a third as big as the Civic Theatre.

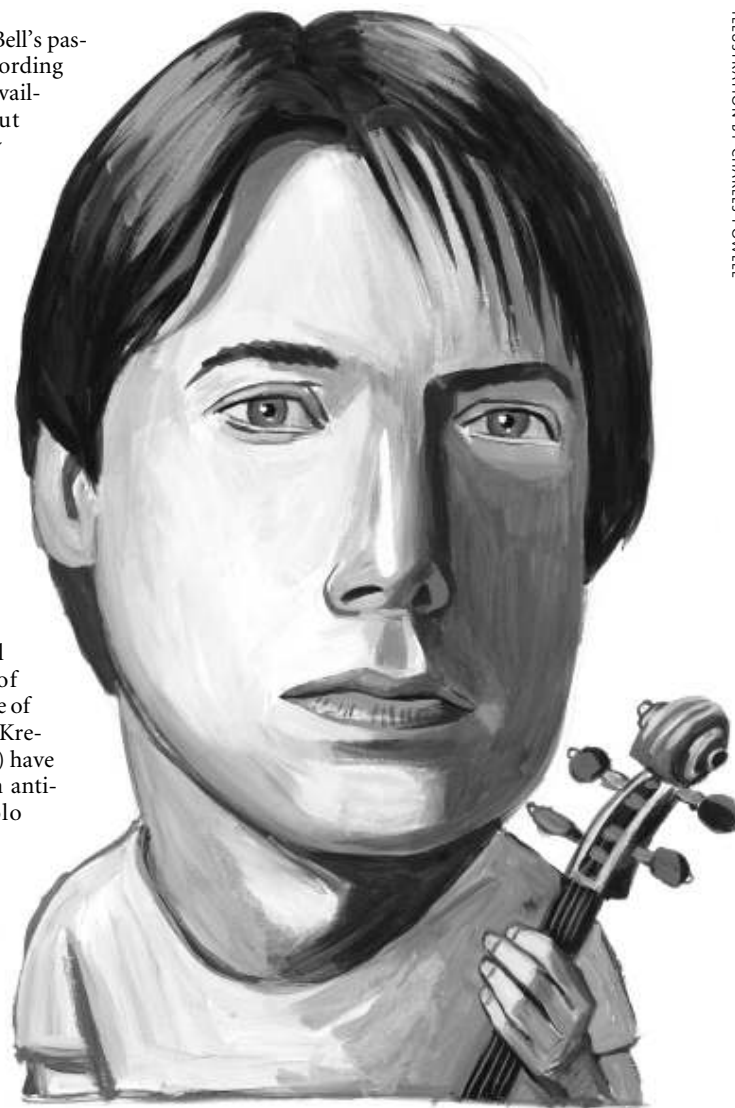
An intriguing feature of the Haydn performance was the use of the violinist's own cadenzas: a long one in the first movement, a short one in the second. This is another innovation in Bell's career — one which we have also encountered in his recent CD of the Beethoven and Mendelssohn Concertos. Sony 89505 is indispensable for Bell fans, for it offers his only recording of the Beethoven Concerto, in a performance that is magically fresh and beautiful. (The new Mendelssohn, while quite wonderful, does not

efface the memory of Bell's passionately youthful recording of 14 years ago, still available on London.) But whether one really wants to hear the Bell cadenzas every time one plays the CD is another question, and the cadenzas for the Haydn Concerto were pretty much of the same ilk.

Cadenzas, which (if the composer has not supplied them) are supposed to be improvised by the performer, admittedly constitute a problem. Few violinists have had a real knack for this sort of composition, and some of them (such as Gidon Kremer or Nigel Kennedy) have what we might call an anti-knack. A good solo cadenza should be based on themes or figures from the movement; it should explore these elements with inventiveness and in a suitable style; its episodes should seem to lead logically from one to the next; it should have a perceptible shape and direction; at its best, it should actually add something to what the composer himself has done with the movement's ideas; and, of course, it should offer the soloist opportunities for musically relevant virtuosity. Bell's cadenzas (so far) have been tasteful, sensitive, imaginative, and unostentatious — and, of course,

they have been exquisitely played (as they were in the recent Haydn performance). What they lack — and the first Haydn cadenza was a prime example — is meaningful structure. They tend to

## REVIEW JONATHAN SAVILLE



Joshua Bell

### Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Joshua Bell, guest director and violin soloist Civic Theatre (La Jolla Chamber Music Society)

J.S. Bach, Violin Concerto No. 1 in A Minor, BWV 1041; Haydn, Violin Concerto No. 1 in C, Hob. VIIa:1; Schubert, arr. Mahler, String Quartet No. 14 in D Minor, D. 810 "Death and the Maiden"

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slide from idea to idea in a disconcertingly arbitrary way; they ramble; they pile too much on; and they fail to provide the satisfying experience of seeming to lead up inevitably to the cadence (written by the composer) that is the sign for the orchestra to come back in.

This is not to say that Bell should give up composing, but simply to point out that up to this point most audiences would probably be happier with cadenzas other than his. For the Haydn C Major Concerto, there exist nice cadenzas by Franco Tamponi; they are no great shakes as music, but they work better than Bell's. The Beethoven Concerto gave rise to an unsurpassable first movement cadenza by Fritz Kreisler, who was not just a brilliant violinist but also an accomplished composer, and who saw things in the thematic relationships that even Beethoven didn't see; and as for the Mendelssohn, the superb cadenza we are familiar with was written out by the composer himself! Does anyone think these familiar compositions are crying out to be replaced?

There was a similarly equivocal innovation in the second half of the program: Mahler's arrangement for string orchestra of Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" String Quartet. This odd travesty has been recorded at least six times (who knows why?), but the advantage of hearing it live was the

vivid proof the ASMF concert provided that Schubert knew what he was doing in the first place, and that in every respect the arrangement is inferior to the original. I in fact learned a great deal from the performance, though I didn't enjoy it much.

I learned, for example, about balance in a string quartet. As the ASMF played the work, there were six each of first and second violins; four violas; and three cellos and a double bass playing the cello part — which meant that the violins outnumbered the lower instruments by three to two. This made for a pleasing, well-balanced orchestral sound. But the string quartet for which the music was composed has a different balance — two to two — and the sonorities so produced are more vigorous and pointed. What might seem off-balance in a string orchestra is exactly what the composer intended, and for good reason.

I also learned how much the individuality of the players counts in a string quartet. You can hear each instrument, and the style and sound of each musician play significant roles in giving the performance its distinctive color and personality. Nicholas Kitchen does not sound like Norbert Brainin; Kazuhide Isomura does not sound like Lawrence Dutton. All this makes a difference, just as it makes a difference whether Joshua Bell or Itzhak Perlman

is playing a concerto, or whether Callas or Tebaldi is singing Cio-Cio San. In the orchestral version, individual personality disappears; the players dissolve into the anonymity of each section's sound; and an important component of the performance — and hence of the music — is lost.

Finally, I learned how crucially expressive the sound of a single bow on a single string can be: the abruptness of an attack, the buzz of a string under pressure, the swell that changes not just the volume but also the timbre. These are not trivial matters, especially in a dramatic quartet like "Death and the Maiden." The massed strings of the orchestral version inevitably smoothed things out; there were no initial chuffs; the sound was always lovely, rounded, creamy; and there was little left of the sensual harshness and tension in this dramatic and death-haunted work.

Why do we have these futile transcriptions? Is there a scarcity of authentic music for string orchestras? Conductors of deep intelligence and musicianship have succumbed to the temptation to dabble in such things. Look at Mahler himself! Leonard Bernstein conducted Beethoven's Opus 131 and 135 Quartets with the Vienna Philharmonic. Arturo Toscanini — who also did the Opus 135 — had a weakness for an orches-

tral version of Mendelssohn's Octet (the scherzo of which was played at the ASMF concert as an encore, its sound deprived of the bubble and fizz the composer had orchestrated with such perfection). Why? Not one of these experiments works.

And speaking about conductors: how well did Joshua Bell do in that role? In the first half of the concert, he led the orchestra from his standing position as soloist, almost never using his bow as a baton, but conducting with incisive and graceful movements of his whole body, both while playing and in between (we can sense the body language of the tennis player Bell once was). The ASMF musicians are a seasoned ensemble, one of the best in the world, and they have no need of intrusive leadership. They know how to respond to the slightest of signs; and their own instincts for interpretation are exemplary to begin with. Nevertheless, they seemed to be in special rapport with their violinist-leader (one of their own, so to speak), and — as he had done with the Trondheim Soloists — Bell managed to impose his characteristic interpretive idiom on the orchestra. In the Bach, for instance, the ASMF played with much of the same delicacy and suppleness as Bell himself.

In the Schubert, Bell took the concertmaster's seat and conducted from there. The sense of authority he projected

remained, and so did his incisive communicative skills. Yet there was a general blandness about the performance as a whole, which Bell's energy did not seem able to overcome. The tarantella-like theme of the final movement (to take one example) lacked the explosive little accents that can bring out the music's quality of desperation. Curiously — or maybe not so curiously — the performance took fire only in the G Major fourth variation of the slow movement. Here, presumably following an inspired idea of Mahler's, the orchestra fell silent, and the music was carried by the four first-desk players alone. In short, we were back where we belonged, in a string quartet — and suddenly, in these graceful, rippling, quite undramatic triplets, with their flickering half-flights of serenity and sadness, the music was vibrant with life. And we also got to hear, for a moment, how gloriously expressive and characterful Joshua Bell would be as a quartet's first violinist. ■

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**Baroque at the Museum**, the San Diego Baroque Ensemble and curator Steven Kern join forces for a slide-illustrated lecture and concert focusing on "Development: The Bach Boys, Bellotto, and Beyond!" on Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. For information and reservations, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**Courtly Noyse** will perform Renaissance, medieval, and baroque music from Germany, England, Spain, Flanders, and Italy for the Escondido Library's First Thursday series on December 5. The ensemble performs on traditional instruments including krummhorns, cittern, racket, a bowed psaltery, and others. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4329 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

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# Slab of Reality

*It's an image of nature overseen by a New Order, policed maybe by the Stasi.*

An art fair, like any other trade show, is an opportunity for an industry to show its wares, pump products, and promote ideas with a chummy self-confidence. Dealers don't serve the artists they represent by being shy and modest. There's always too much for a visitor to take in at such events. I remember as a kid going to car shows and losing sleep because my unconscious kept flashing on lacquered fenders and cockpit dazzlements. When I went to the Art Forum in Berlin, where I'm spending a few months, and the wares began to wash across my field of view, it took a kind of scanning concentration not to miss things worth noticing.

Checking out exhibitors from northern Europe, the British Isles, the U.S., and South America, I saw a full range of contemporary commonplaces. The uniformity and derivativeness were pretty stupefying: overdetermined installation pieces working too hard to outrage bourgeois sensibilities (as if bourgeois sensibilities were in heavy supply that day: I saw a Euro-trashy tyke dressed all in black, like a midget Johnny Cash); large-format photography of household banalities, ecological predations, and elaborately staged dramatic setups, printed in heavily saturated color that gave them a meatiness they didn't really merit; and tired spin-offs of Pop, Abstract Expressionism, Minimalism, color-field painting, and the expressionistic figuration popular in the 1980s.

But I also saw fresh, inventive work. Tucked inside one of the honeycombed exhibition spaces were images by the Berlin photographer Christoph Keller. His "rundum" (i.e., round) photography is still photography's equivalent of the motion picture panning shot, if, that is, the shot's *duration* could also be contained in a single frame. Keller runs a film strip through a specially adapted camera, pulling it along a fixed exposure slit, while the camera "scans" cityscapes, trains, and other scenes from a moving car. The finished image records not just the content of the scene; it records the relative speed and location of the exposure. It's not panoramic photography because panoramas are perceptual agglomerates from a fixed point of view. Rundum photography enacts and fixes continuity of motion. Keller's subject is not just the object being photographed but also time's passage and relation to space. The visual information is stretched or pinched or crunched depending on the speed of the camera relative to the scene. These very wide, narrow, bannerlike pic-

tures are derived, Keller explains, from theoretical physics; he adduces the Heisenberg uncertainty principle and the Lorentz transformations to explain how he arrived at his method. The physics isn't quite as compelling as the sensation the images create of watching space pass through time.

A Leipzig painter, David Schnell, in his eccentric way stands in the tradition of 19th-century Germany's Romantic Sublime. (You see it in the paintings of Caspar David Friedrich at the beautifully restored Alte Nationalgalerie on Museum Island.) Schnell's vision, though, is of a denatured sublime. Many of his pictures splice together — or slice one into another — two orders of being: the given world of trees, clouds, and fields; and the constructed world of powerline poles, spectator stands, and watchtowers. He represents the natural order as hyperreal, a slab of reality cut into by history and human ambition. Fields and foliage blaze with acidic reds — persimmon, pomegranate, blood orange — thick-cut and trimmed like reams of paper. Spruce trees that look like folded construction paper sometimes hover trunkless above the ground. The most unsettling of Schnell's pictures, *Schwarm*, is of flat red farmland from which rise watchtowers that recede into the picture's vanishing point. Around them, unsupported, against a serene blue sky, hover other towers, suspended yet still rigorously part of the perspective plan. It's an image of nature overseen by a New Order, policed by the Stasi.

The Art Forum coughed up some contemporary classics, like Larry Clark's photos from his book *Tulsa*: a boy plays with a gun; a pregnant girl shoots junk while mounted on her boyfriend; gawky teens (Clark's movie *Kids* stirred things up several years ago) try too hard to act tough. I saw a crispy-colored rural landscape by the American William Eggleston and a monochrome painting by the German Günther Förg, whose work has influenced younger American artists. Some good painters, mostly from northern Europe, are a little less familiar. Rainer Fetting had a big male portrait that builds on early-20th-century figurative painters like Lovis Corinth and Max Beckmann. Without dropping a stitch, the Belgian Vincent Geyskens moves from roughly painted figuration to abstract dots and splotches to classical Northern still life and pornish portraits of floozies.

The farthest one gets from a trade show is an artist's studio. I've been to a few and got interested in Frank Nitsche, a youngish abstractionist



*Schwarm, by David Schnell*

who makes big, harmonious pictures using one or two bulky swooping forms, distorted rhomboids and crimped ovals painted in sensuous flat tonalities, roped into their space by ribbons and hoops that create oddly spherical effects. This "caging" of solid forms creates illusionist space, which most abstractionists argue cannot (or shouldn't be allowed to) exist. What I especially like about Nitsche's work is the play between the stabilized color-field elements and the plentiful

brushy flourishes, feathered or popped or dragged brushstrokes that release a counter-energy to the colorist rigor.

In that broad zone of venues between an art fair and an artist's studio is the private collection, and I had the good fortune to get a personal tour of Erika Hoffmann's, one of the most significant accumulations of postwar art in northern Europe. Her "gallery" is actually a collector's equivalent of an artist's studio, a series of high-

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ceilinged industrial spaces that once housed a medical instruments factory, where she and her late husband, Rolf, lived and worked. Every piece is a narrative woven into the material of their lives and the development of their tastes.

The collection is as eclectic as they come. In one gigantic room a Frank Stella wall sculpture from his "Moby Dick" series licks the air with its sharp, carnival-colored sheet-metal tongues. In a smaller room hangs a painting by Gerhard Richter based on a photo of Mao Zedong; Richter shades and textures Mao's face to an almost unrecognizable opacity that yet has a disconcertingly Jewish cast. Sigmar Polke, whose work is usually full of tricky ironies and cartoonish expressionism, has done a series of what he calls "Indigo Paintings," which he makes by pouring or dripping bleach onto an indigo canvas. The one the Hoffmanns own is special: pale blue butterfly-ish wings float on a blue-black ground. I always feel Polke's pictures pinching my arm with school-boy sass or sardonic glee. Not

this one. The Hoffmanns' indigo picture is expressive without trying to explain or send up or deflate the purpose of its expressiveness.

The surprise act, for me, hung along a corridor: several identical but differently colored pictures of a sunset. Andy Warhol made 200 of them for some hotel, which later sold them off. They have a tender excitability, a sweetness and dash of melancholy that I've never seen in Warhol's work. I think I understand why he made the kind of art he did, but the work has never really reached me. The sunsets revealed an artist who took pleasure in giving pleasure without cynical shock tactics or kitschy loop-de-loops. They've prepared me to look at the rest of his work with a fresher, less presumptuous, regard.

For the interested and traveling reader: Sammlung Hoffmann, Sophienstrasse 21, in the Hackescher Markt district, is open Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., to a limited number of visitors. Reservations recommended and tours by docents only. ■

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## GALLERIES

**"Beyond Botanica,"** this exhibit features seven artists from the U.S. and "around the world" exploring the geometry, symbolism, and interpretation of botanicals. The show opens with a reception on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m., at Scott White Contemporary Art, and concludes on Saturday, January 11, 2003. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-551-5821. Regular viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (LA JOLLA)

**New and Improved!** The Joseph Belows Gallery is expanding into its Little Gallery and celebrating with an

opening reception on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. The "Gallery Selections" show features work by Tom Baril, Jane Hinds Bidaut, Henri-Cartier Bresson, Paul Caponigro, Brett Weston, and others. The show closes on Saturday, February 22, 2003.

Opening with a simultaneous reception in the "big" gallery: Chip Hooper's "Revealing Tranquility." Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery is located at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

**"Digital Visions by D5"** — an exhibit of digital fine art images by Stephen Burns, Joan Everds, Greg Klamt, Tiger Lee, and Michael Peters — opens with a reception on Friday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m., at the Photographer's Gallery (located in the North County Camera Center, 945 West Valley Parkway).

Call 760-737-6002 for more information. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. See the show through Saturday, January 4, 2003. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Gourds, Gourds, and More Gourds,"** this show highlighting work by gourd artist Robert Rivera features receptions on Friday, December 6, 2 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Four Winds Trading (in the Whaley House Courtyard, 2476-B San Diego Av-

enue). For information, call 619-683-3214. (OLD TOWN)

**"Symbols and Surfaces,"** this exhibit of paintings and mixed-media works by Don Strandberg opens with a reception on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m., at the Frame Maker Gallery (3102 Reynard Way; 619-260-2600). The show closes on Friday, January 31, 2003. (HILLCREST)

**"Light Renderings and City Views"** may be enjoyed at the Lumina Gallery through Saturday, January 18, 2003. "Light Renderings" is a series of photographs of people seeking healing in the waters at ancient sites by San Francisco photographer Jillien Doroan. Vintage and contemporary photographs of the world's great cities by "masters of the medium" are on offer in "City Views."

The show opens with a reception for Doroan on Friday, December 6, at 7 p.m. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and by appointment. Find the gallery at 2330 30th Street (between Juniper and Kalmia). 619-284-5250. (NORTH PARK)

**"Improvisation: Images of Jazz"** by artist Byron Wooden are on exhibit through Saturday, December 21, at the Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). Meet Wooden when the gallery hosts a reception on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. View the work from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on

weekends by appointment. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

**"Christmas at Thirty"** is on exhibit through December in Gallery/Studio 30. Guest artist silversmith Linda Nishimura joins pastelist Susan E. Roden and Gloria Cassady (working in clay and wax) for this show. Meet the artists during receptions planned Friday through Sunday, December 6-8, from 5 to 9 p.m. each night, during "December Nights at Balboa" festivities.

Find the gallery in the Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place; 619-702-7006 or 619-702-7007. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. (BALBOA PARK)

**The First Video Exhibition** at the Tasende Gallery is *Fear Not*, a collection of taped interviews with public and private individuals discussing the topic of courage by Susan Kleinberg. Meet Kleinberg during a reception scheduled for Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Find the gallery at 820 Prospect Street. To RSVP for the reception, call 858-454-3691. (LA JOLLA)

**"Memoria Technica,"** the master of fine arts thesis exhibition by Leigh Cotnoir, is on view through Thursday, December 12, in the Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University. Meet Cotnoir during the reception slated for Saturday, December 7, at 6 p.m. Viewing hours

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**“Drawn In,”** the MFA thesis exhibition by Steven M. Donnelly, opens with a reception on Saturday, December 7, 6 to 9 p.m., in the Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. See the show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday through December 12. The gallery is found in the lobby of the fifth floor of the art department building. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

**Many Artists Will Be on Hand** when the Next Door Gallery and Studio Maureen host their annual holiday open house and sale on December 7 and 8. All manner of paintings, mixed-media collage work, and arts and crafts will be on offer. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Find the gallery at 2963 Beech Street (between 30th and Dale Streets); 619-233-6679. (GOLDEN HILL)

**Modifying and Breaking Traditional Rules!** Susanne Flowers uses commercial cotton fabric and hand-dyed cotton to push “the basic concept of four-block fabric squares cut at angles and recombined to form a design.” Flowers exhibits her resulting “Angle Effects” quilts through December at the Brandon Gallery. Meet the artist during a reception planned on Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m.

The gallery is located at 105 North Main Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call 760-723-1330 for information. (FALLBROOK)

ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts Museum,** “Everything Can Be Different” presents a new trend in contemporary art practice that features optimism and experimentation. The artists included in the exhibition are said to use personal relationships as a means of addressing art, society, and how we organize our lives within both. The show — a traveling exhibition organized by Independent Curators International — demonstrates art being used to create something new out of the plasticity and malleability of social situations and settings. This exhibit closes on Sunday, December 8.

“Public Projects” is a series of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center’s 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, 2003, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

In “the playground,” the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. “the instruments,” on display in the museum’s Tower Gallery, is a swing and a seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum of Folk Art,** “Fantasy and Play: Dolls, Toys, and Objects of Amusement” is a new show continuing through the end of the year. Featured are examples of the fine carousel animals carved by the Dentzel family of Pennsylvania, considered classics of their kind. Also on view are an oversized American toy train, Japanese toys, international dolls, and a five-foot-tall Italian

Pinocchio.

“Jack Lenor Larsen — The Company and the Cloth” is on exhibit through Sunday, January 12, 2003. The included items are from the renowned textile designer’s company archives, made up of more than 100 textiles, including some samples meant to be touched. Larsen is described as a gardener, designer, colorist, author, and the “consummate collector of decorative, primitive, design, and folk arts.”

Few Westerners have explored Guizhou, the last province opened to tourism by the People’s Republic of China. Guest curator Phila McDaniel was the first American to escort a group from America to this “mysterious and terraced land”; she’s made 49 visits to China. “Silver and Silk — Textiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China” is an exhibition of intricately embroidered, handwoven textiles, and silver headresses, necklaces, and bracelets. View these artifacts through Sunday, March 16, 2003.

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,** native New Yorker Roger Ballen has lived in South Africa since the 1970s, creating “startling, confrontational, and intensely personal photographs.” Ballen’s art is said to blur “the boundaries between documentary photography and constructed installations.” “Roger Ballen: Photographs,” explores “themes as diverse as the doomed apartheid system, the nature of contemporary photographic practice, and the artist’s intensely introspective nature.” The exhibition closes on Sunday, February 16, 2003.

“Cerca” is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It’s also the title for a year-long series of exhibitions at the museum presenting works created by regional artists — specifically from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Baja, California — and to create a forum in which artists explore common cultural issues.

Helen Altman explores the rela-

tionship between humans and nature, reality, and fiction by using familiar imagery in “Natural Inclinations,” opening on Thursday, December 12. This exhibition features delicate torch drawings of animals, moving blankets painted with illustrations from schoolbooks and field guides, and pyramids of artificial fireplace logs. Altman’s show closes on Sunday, February 16, 2003.

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,** some of the most visually breathtaking works of art in the 20th Century are on exhibit in “Christo and Jeanne-Claude in the Vogel Collection from the National Gallery of Art.” The artists have used fabric to transcend the traditional bounds of painting, drawing, sculpture, and architecture. Spanning 40 years in the artists’ joint career, the exhibition features 61 objects, including several early wrapped packages, models for large-scale public works, preparatory drawings and collages for projects in urban and rural sites, and photographs of completed projects. This show closes on Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Los Angeles-based sculptor Peter Shelton has unveiled his newest work, *ghandiG*, cast in bronze and standing nearly 30 feet high. The work’s elongated appendages and truncated torso exemplify the playful anthropomorphic qualities of Shelton’s organic creations. The piece, inspired in part by the physique and clothing of Indian statesman Mahatma Gandhi, will remain in the museum’s plaza for at least two years.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Museum of Photographic Arts,** Sir John Herschel was a prominent mathematician, astronomer, and scientist of the 19th Century and a friend of William Henry Fox Talbot. Herschel began experimenting with the camera lucida, an optical device used for exact drawing, in 1816. “Sir John Herschel’s Camera Lucida Drawings,” continuing through Sunday, January 5, 2003,

features a number of his drawings, as well as a camera lucida.

Photojournalist James Nachtwey has spent over 20 years photographing regions in turmoil throughout the world; his work has brought him close to war, racial conflict, famine, and all manner of human rights abuses. The 140-print retrospective “James Nachtwey: Testimony” covers Nachtwey’s long career on the front lines of suffering. View the horrors through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Several large- and medium-format photographs by contemporary South Korean photographer Bohnchang Koo are on exhibit through Sunday, January 12, 2003. Taken from two of his most inspired and minimalist photographic sequences, the “Pencil of Nature” and “White” series, Koo is said to draw heavily from the natural world.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Oceanside Museum of Art,** the biennial juried international exhibition “Quilt Visions 2002” continues through Sunday, January 5, 2003. The 45 featured art quilts from seven countries were selected from nearly 900 submissions. Take in the exhibit at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art,** postwar designs in America were dominated by curvilinear forms inspired by nature. Just how ubiquitous organic form evolved and made its way into almost every facet of American life during the 1940s and 1950s is explored in “Vital Forms: American Art and Design in the Atomic Age, 1940-1960.” With more than 265 items, this exhibition organized by the Brooklyn Museum of Art includes painting, sculpture, architectural photography, fashion, textiles, ceramics, jewelry, furniture, glass, toys, and graphic design. The show, closing on Sunday, January 26, 2003, boasts paintings by Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning, furniture and sculpture by Charles and Ray Eames and Isamu Noguchi, and ceramics by Eva Zeisel, among many other items.

Significant works by the current

generation of Mexican artists are included in “Axis Mexico: Common Objects and Cosmopolitan Actions,” on view through Sunday, March 9, 2003. Nineteen artists are included in the show, including Francis Alÿs, Sylvia Gruner, Monica Castillo, Rubén Ortiz Torres, Eduardo Aboroa, and Daniela Rossell, working in a variety of media. “Axis Mexico” is said to reveal the impact of Mexican art on the evolving global art scene while highlighting Mexico as an axis for the circulation and exchange of art and ideas.

Surveying 100 years of American watercolor, more than 65 works from the museum’s collection representing a diverse group of important artists who excelled at the medium are featured in “Mastering the Medium: American Watercolors from the Museum’s Collection, 1870-1970.” The artists include Winslow Homer, Mary Cassatt, John Marin, Charles Burchfield, Childe Hassam, and Stuart Davis, with a special focus on California artists. The show closes on Sunday, January 19, 2003.

Jean-Honoré Fragonard’s masterwork *A Young Girl Reading* (circa 1776) serves as the focal point of “Painting Women: From Fragonard to Bouguereau,” a gallery installation of 12 paintings of women from the museum’s collection. On loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Fragonard’s painting presents an image of bravura brush-

work and rich color that embodies the painting aesthetics of his time, particularly in how they were applied to the depiction of women. Enjoy these women through Sunday, April 27, 2003.

At once erotic and ascetic, both supreme god and intoxicated recluse, the figure of Shiva is one of the most compelling and contrary in Indian mythology. Images of Shiva and his family exploring Shiva’s many forms and manifestations are included in “Shiva: Destroyer of Time,” concluding on Sunday, January 12, 2003. The images are from the museum’s Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings.

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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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Angels Among Us

6th @ Penn Theatre presents Leigh Scarritt's "holiday treat for all ages" — a musical about a nontraditional family that endures the most tragic event of all. Scarritt directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; MONTAU THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT 2:00 P.M.

Available Space

Sushi Performance & Visual Art and the Lower Left Collective present an evening of "spontaneous art-making" that "crosses the borders of the art world." SUSHI PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ART, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, THROUGH DECEMBER 7; THURSDAY THROUGH 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 Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

A Christmas Carol

The San Diego Repertory's annual holiday production returns to Victorian England, featuring traditional music. Todd Salovey directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Corn Is Green

Grossmont College Theatre Arts presents Emlyn Williams's tale about a young man's journey into adulthood. Henry J. Jordan directed. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, THROUGH DECEMBER 14; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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 INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Don Juan Tenorio

A binational production: Teatro Hispano of San Diego and Actores del Noroeste de Mexico present Jose Zorilla's drama about the famous lover, performed in Spanish. Raul Cota directed. THEATER ANNEX, 3795 FAIRMONT AVENUE, CITY HEIGHTS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, AT 7:00 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 5:00 P.M. SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-278-6139.



Beehive

Downtown Christmas

The City of San Marcos Community Services and Theatre West present a holiday celebration, written and directed by Randall Hickman. HEARTH THEATER, SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER, 3 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SAN MARCOS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-744-9000.

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Fault Line Players: Christmas Comedies

The Fault Line Theatre stages *Conager Jones and the Search for Claus* by T. Falagan, *Therapy* by Deborah Fabiano, and *'Twas the Night Before Christmas at the Starbrite Diner* by Falagan. FAULT LINE THEATRE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, THROUGH DECEMBER 14; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Heartbreak and Friendship

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UCSD Theatre presents Pierre Marivaux's romantic comedy in a new translation by Jim Carmody, who also directed. GALBRAITH HALL STUDIO 157, UCSD, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Holiday Memories

La Jolla Stage Company offers a "family friendly" Christmas production, based on two of Truman Capote's memoirs of early childhood. Tim Heitman directed. LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THROUGH DECEMBER 22; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-

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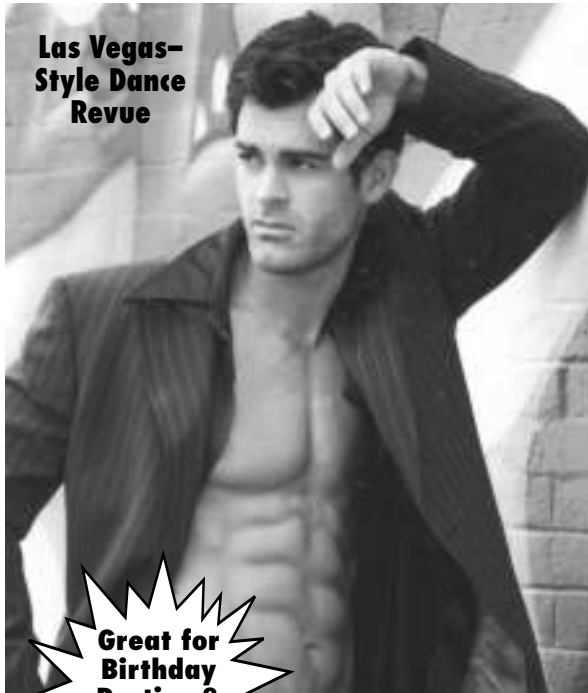
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The Globe Theatre presents its annual Christmas show — book and lyrics by Timothy Mason, music by Mel Marvin — in which the Green Meanie discovers his humanity. Jack O'Brien directed.  
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## Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Tom Mula's new play about Jacob Marley's side of the Scrooge story. James Saba directed.  
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 2:00 P.M.

## Jesus Christ Superstar

Broadway/San Diego presents the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical retelling of the last seven days of the Nazarene's life.  
SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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Lamb's Players Theatre offers a new script for its annual holiday show. Kerry Meads writes about four people brought together by downtown redevelopment; romance and reconciliation ensue.  
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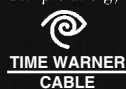
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### The Little Match Girl

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### Love Letters

As a fundraiser, Poway Performing Arts Company presents A.R. Gurney Jr.'s romantic comedy, starring Hal and Patty Clement.

POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 7:00 P.M.

### Measure for Measure

Poor Players stage William Shakespeare's fascinating "problem comedy." Richard Baird directed.

SAN DIEGO ACTOR'S ALLIANCE, 3535 ADAMS AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, THROUGH DECEMBER 15; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### The Mystery of Irma Vep

Charles Ludlam wrote a funny homage to things dark and stormy — werewolves, mummies, bumps in the night — for two actors. At Diversionary Theatre, David McBean and Farhang Pernoon excel in multiple roles, including Lord Edgar and Lady Enid Hillcrest. They perform in a stylistic homage to 19th-century acting (their characters are serious; they just express themselves ornately). Part of the fun, along with trying to follow Ludlam's circumlocutory plot, comes from watching McBean and Pernoon drift offstage, as one person, then roar back, in seconds, as another — often a different gender, usually a different emotional state (the actors' backstage schizophrenia must verge on hall-of-mirrors proportions). Aided by three dressers, they make the changes so crisply the show never wanes. Credit for the pace, and much else, including Ludlam's rich ear for allusions (which range from Francois Villon to B movies) must go to director James Saba, whose deft touch shows that, along with being one of San Diego's better actors, he's found a second, much-needed calling. All the designers contribute: David Weiner's wood-paneled set, Shulamit Nelson's H. Ryder Haggard costumes, Chris Rynne's spooky lighting, and, especially George Ye's sounds, be they rhapsodic 1940s Hollywood violins or fright-flick mood music, which often intrudes like a third actor onstage.

### Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

### National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams

wear uniforms and compete on AcroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

### Not Now, Darling

The Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Ray Cooney and John Chapman's broad British farce, set in the upscale fur salon of Bodley and Crouch, where "everyone seems to be having affairs." Jim Caputo directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### The Only Game in Town

New Village Arts presents Frank D. Gilroy's gritty romance. It's set in 1960s Las Vegas, where "if you're not risking what you can't afford, you're not really gambling." NEW VILLAGE ARTS, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

### La Posada Magica

South Coast Repertory Theatre's ninth annual holiday production — by Octavio Solis, music by Marcos Loya — follows Joseph and Mary's search for lodging. Diane Rodriguez directed. ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 12:30 P.M. AND 4:30 P.M.

### Reckless

6th @ Penn Theatre stages Craig Lucas's "Christmas show" comedy-drama about Rachel, whose guilty husband hired a hit man to murder her. Kevin Burk directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, THROUGH JANUARY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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#### The Santaland Diaries

The Globe Theatre offers David Sedaris's "irreverent antidote" to

Christmas shows, an "elfin stand-up routine" about his work at Macy's as an elf. Brendon Fox directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: THE GLOBE OFFERS 6:00 P.M. SHOWS; FOR INFORMATION CALL THE THEATER, 619-123-1941.)

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to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they ad-mit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid*

problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept char-acters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficul-ties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

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**"She was driving** back from Tijuana on Sunday, November 24. At about 4 a.m. her car went off the road, turned over at least

in San Diego," continues Klecker. "There are a lot of people with some pretty hard grief issues. A lot of people are having a really tough time. This is my first experience with grief. It hasn't hit me yet."

Klecker and Shitgiveits drummer Shongo have organized a fundraiser to

of 100 percent of the expenses. I might end up hocking one of my basses."

The memorial fundraiser show will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, at



TOUGH AND TENDER  
NANCY MORTA

Club Xanth in north Park. Admission is \$6.

"She was in the [SDSU] Aztec marching band. She played saxophone.... She was going to beauty school when she died."

Klecker, a social worker by day, said Morta was both tough and tender.

"She was a punk purist singing the most organic version of punk. She was real, not a poseur. She had an ominous stage presence and a

very powerful voice, but she was a very shy, insecure, sensitive person. She was looking for validation. She had a depth of emotion."

Klecker said those wishing to contribute to the memorial fund can do so via Maria Morta, P.O. Box 291, National City CA 91951.

— Ken Leighton

**"It was like a backyard barbecue** with Rocket [from the Crypt] performing for a few close friends on an epic sound stage." Longtime RFTC fan Adam Decker, 32, and his wife saw their favorite local band play November 15 at Grossmont College. He said the stage and the sound system were massive. "Guns 'N' Roses could have played on this thing."

But the turnout was not huge.

"You see this mammoth stage," said Decker, "and there were maybe 100 people there. It was comical."

It was the first time that the school's west soccer field was used for a rock show.

The field, close to nearby homes, probably won't be used again, said Trish Fisher, director of publicity for

Associated Students of Grossmont College, which produced the event.

"The police told us they had 500 sound complaints," said Fisher. Police ordered the show to end an hour



PULL THE PLUG ON THIS?!  
WHAT?!

earlier than planned. "We were all upset. We had to rush Rocket onstage. They didn't even have time to put their costumes on."

Decker said there were a number of police there to make sure the plug was pulled on the nine-band show.

"At 10:50 John [Reis,

RFTC leader] comes out and says they have to play as much as possible before 11," said Decker. "I wondered if he was being Speedo [Reis's RFTC alter ego] or if he was being serious."

Reis was serious. After three songs, Rocket was done. Now Decker is serious about his refund.

"The thing was billed from 5:30 to midnight.... I'm sorry that the [Associated Students] lost their asses and their credibility, but in the meantime, I'm out \$30." Tickets were \$15 each. "I have been trying to reach them by e-mail, but they did not get back to me."

Fisher said that four people had asked for and received refunds, but since some people were also let in for free, refunds were only being given to people who bought them in advance from Tix.com. Decker said he has his Tix.com ticket stubs.

"I heard John onstage saying that they needed to make it right for the people, meaning they had to give refunds. I am still waiting."

— Ken Leighton

**"That's cool** that other bands are getting into our lifestyle. It's a good thing."

# the inside track blurt

once, and collided with a tree. She survived the initial impact. But then she got out of the car. She must have been very disoriented. She walked onto the freeway and got struck by at least three cars. It was hard to identify the body."

John Klecker played guitar in Open Trench with lead singer Nancy Morta, who was 22. She died on northbound 805, near Highway 94.

"She was an icon in the local gutter/crust punk scene

cover Morta's funeral expenses. He said Open Trench will play its last concert with a fill-in lead singer. Morta's previous band, Noise God, will also play with Inciting Riot, Societies Victim, the Shitgiveits, Bumbklaatt, Solis, Danny Tanner, and Mercury Legion.

"Nancy was very responsible. She was helping to take care of her mom," says Klecker. "There is no money for a funeral. That's why we are going to take care

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Chris Cote of Kut U Up says he's not bummed that Warner/Reprise band the Used appears to be borrowing from Kut U Up's upcoming DVD *Riding in Vans with Boys*. That 45-minute documentary, set for release February 3, shows life on the road with Kut U Up, which toured with blink-182 and Green Day on their two-month spring tour this year. Kut U Up played on side stages at each venue of the 56-date tour. A video crew recorded offstage Kut U Up antics. Cote says the DVD shows his band administering the "official Kut U Up entrance exam" to other musicians on the tour.

"That's where we hold you down and pour hot wax on your nipples and you get kissed on the mouth by a man."

The music video for the Used's "Box Full of Sharp Objects" (in rotation on MTV2) shows Used members

giving the same hot-wax baptism and one band member biting another on the cheek.

"Actually, Madonna did it first," said Cote. "She dropped hot candle wax on somebody. How can we say another band is copying us when Mötley Crüe and Guns 'N' Roses told us how to act? We're not the first band to get fucked up and play rock.... We have nothing against the Used. I heard they



KUT U UP GIVES PROPS TO MADONNA

are, like, rap metal, Rock 105-style music. But they are nice guys. I met one of them before."

*Riding in Vans with Boys* is the first release from Rising Bird Entertainment, a division of Atticus Clothing, which is partially owned by blink's Mark Hoppus and Tom DeLonge. One of the

scenes in the DVD shows Cote receiving second-degree buttocks burns while being branded by a heated billiard bridge.

I asked Cote if he was being gracious over copycat issues because his video might be compared to the *Jackass* movie.

"We didn't go out and do it for the cameras," Cote explains. "That's how we are. Nothing was planned. Besides, our self-destruction is based on music."

Cote said his band's DVD will cost "\$15 to \$20" and be distributed in clothing and music retail chains.

Jim Baltutis of Warner/Reprise Records said the similarities between the Used video and Kut U Up's DVD is "coincidence."

Kut U Up appears at a Toys for Tots fundraiser December 17 at the Casbah with the After Party, Evilado, and Caution.

— Ken Leighton

**"One of the main things** we focus on is to try and let people understand what reggae is," says Prince Charles about his weekly *Yard Sound* reggae radio show. *Yard Sound* airs 8–10 p.m. Thursdays on KKSM (AM 1320), the student-run radio station based on the San Marcos campus of Palomar College.

"In Jamaica, 'yard' is like your home," says Charles,

who moved here from Jamaica in 1986. "We like to play a lot of roots and ska. We play conscious reggae by Burning Spear, Luciano, and Dennis Brown. We don't play mainstream reggae." He says local bands like Vegetation and the Roots Rockers also get spins on his show.

*Yard Sound* isn't KKSM's only music specialty music show. There's also a goth show, a *Cool Breeze* pop jazz show, and the Deadhead-inspired *Improvisational Rock Show*. The hosts of those shows get to go on the air for free. Prince Charles has been billed \$600 a month by KKSM for the eight months he's been on the air.

Why does Prince Charles pay when the other DJs don't?

One KKSM DJ who did not want to be named said he thought it was because Prince Charles was not a student at Palomar.

"No one ever told me about that," said Charles. "If I had known that, I would have taken the class."

"I thought he knew it," said KKSM program director Rich Clements about the fee waiver for students. "I don't know why he didn't know.

This is something we'll have to work out. It was not our intention to make it difficult for him to go on.... I'll have



THE PRINCE PAYS TO PLAY

to see if he wants to be a student."

"Tell people we're looking for sponsors to help us pay for the show," said Charles. "We are still thankful the station lets us do it."

KKSM is the only college student-run radio station in the county that broadcasts over the airwaves. Big-band/swing era musicologist Doug Best is the only other KKSM DJ who has to pay to play. He said he would just as soon not become a student again at age 77. But since he does pay, Best says he's not shy about kvetching over KKSM.

"It would be nice if we had a direct phone line to give away tickets to Lawrence Welk [the resort in

Escondido].... Most of the other music on that station is complete garbage."

*Doug Best Swings* airs 6 to 11 a.m. Saturday mornings on 1320 AM.

— Ken Leighton

**Jack Tempchin**, possibly San Diego's best-compensated songwriter, is gracious when it comes to playing live. The 25-year resident of Encinitas performs Tuesday at the free-admission Calypso in Leucadia. But when it comes to talking shop with other songwriters who may want career tips, the singer/songwriter/guitarist is not so open.

"I don't encourage that....



TEMPCHIN'S SATISFIED

I avoid giving advice to songwriters."

Tempchin has a lot to talk about. He wrote "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and cowrote "Already Gone," two songs that appear on the Eagles'



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album *Their Greatest Hits 1971–1974*. That best-of package, released in 1975, has sold 27 million copies, making it the biggest-selling record of all time, according to the Recording Industry Association of America. But Tempchin always wondered about the two-cent-per-song royalty rate he and two other non-Eagles (Jackson Browne and J.D. Souther) received for the repackaged disc.

"They [publisher Warner-Chappell] gave the record company [Elektra] a good deal at my expense," Tempchin said six months ago. Warner-Chappell and Elektra are both owned by the Warner Brothers music conglomerate. In the late '90s he launched a two-year investigation into the deal. With the information he uncovered, he filed a lawsuit in February, claiming the three songwriters were underpaid \$10 million.

On November 22, the suit was settled out of court. No details were given.

"I'm satisfied with the whole thing" is the only thing

Tempchin would say about the settlement. He said a confidentiality agreement forbids him from saying anything else.

Tempchin said he just released a new folk CD called *Live on Highway*, using a nine-year-old recording he rediscovered. "I found it in my archive. We made it at the [defunct] Studio 101 in Solana Beach."

Jack Tempchin appears 7–10 p.m. Tuesday at the Calypso in Leucadia.

— Ken Leighton

**"There has never been a day** when people have been too high to do their job," said singer/rapper Cootdog about his ganja-friendly band Mystic Roots. "But there has definitely been occasions where someone has been too drunk to perform."

Cootdog says celebrating the herb has helped his seven-piece reggae/rock/ska/hip-hop band build a worldwide promotional team.

"We've got a song called 'Pass the Marijuana.' Fans of ours posted the song on file-sharing sites like Napster back when Napster was big and on current sites like Kazaa or Drumbeat. People type in the word 'marijuana' and they find the Mystic Roots song 'Pass the Marijuana.' They download it, listen to it, and fall in love with the band. Then they go to our website

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Cootdog said the band has learned how to use Internet friends in the U.S. as promo field reps.

"Since we don't have major-label tour support, we'll just send out a package of CDs, T-shirts, and flyers to this new fan in St. Louis and work with him or her to spread the vibes. We'll have a sold-out crowd waiting for us

by the time we get to St. Louis."

After six years in Chico,



MYSTIC ROOTS: GANJA-FRIENDLY

Mystic Roots came to San Diego County two months ago. "There is very little chance that a record scout for Interscope is going to be hanging out anywhere in the Bay Area. We were maxed out up there. There was very little room for growth in

NorCal."

And some of Northern California isn't as liberal as one might expect.

"We played a couple shows at UC Davis, and some of the administrators told us to tone down the pot references," said Cootdog, who mentioned that San Diego embraces reggae.

"I think when you are closer to the water, you like reggae more. Bob Marley Day [an annual multi-band reggae concert] is five times bigger down here."

"The herb smoker is one of the last groups of people who are legally discriminated against," said lead singer Nikki Sierra. "A lot of bands are not talking about justice. If you turn on MTV, a lot of the bands are just talking about what kind of car you

drive or how well you handle fame."

Cootdog said the band moved to Oceanside two months ago because it is "halfway between San Diego and L.A.... That's why we're here. We're ready to get signed to a major label. We say to No Doubt, Shaggy, and Sublime, 'Thank you for opening the door. Now we're going to help show the world what reggae is all about.'"

Mystic Roots appears at 9 p.m., Thursday, December 12, at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad.

— Ken Leighton

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Cultures, cities, art forms, neighborhoods—they all have their moments, or most of them: if they're large entities like Italy, Paris, Greenwich Village, they will enjoy a number of moments over time. San Francisco and its North Beach neighborhood had its moment in the late 1950s. They city has never gotten over it. Raymond Chandler, from his perch in La Jolla, dismissed his Northern California neighbor as a "museum town." He wasn't speaking of San Francisco's art museums, which, apart from its Asian Arts collection, are mediocre. He was speaking of a city that was trapped in its own self-regard, its sense of sophistication and otherness that engendered a kind of paralysis. Quite opposite, in fact, to its huge vulgar neighbor to the south, with its careening, ceaseless, ahistorical reimaginings of itself.

But San Francisco enjoyed a patch of real vigor in the arts in the '50s and into the early '60s. There were some good painters around, a number of them teaching at the S.F. Art Institute. There was a handful of talented writers. There was some good music to be heard, chiefly jazz. The late '50s were a golden moment for jazz in America, as it had been in the '20s. The other arts looked to it as a model, a metaphor, even a collaborative medium. Especially poets, especially in San Francisco:

See, the great problem is that to do a thing really well in the first place, the poet has to know a great deal about music, either play an instrument or be able to write music or both. He should have some idea about what is happening. Then the band has to rehearse. You don't just get up and blow. And if you lived in San Francisco, the better bands were not available, because they were on tour. The musicians were moving around all the time. That's why we started in the Cellar, because the owners were the band. The piano player (Bill Weisjahn) and the

drummer (Sonny Wayne) were the owners. And Bruce Lippincott on tenor...they were the house band. Other musicians came and went and played with the band. (Mingus and I did something a long time ago in the Black Cat during the war, just for fun one night.) As soon as Ferlinghetti did it, then Patchen brought out his record with a highly trained group. Mingus and Langston Hughes played the Five Spot in New York after I did, and I understand it was very successful.



John Cage

but I doubt it. Mingus would have been around 20 then but active and accomplished as a bass player. In fact, during this period he was touring with Louis Armstrong and Kid Ory. Kenneth Patchen, a

This is Kenneth Rexroth in an interview. Even if you didn't know it was Rexroth, you would figure it out soon enough by its self-serving tone and problematic chronology. It's possible Rexroth hooked up with Mingus for a jam session in the early to mid-'40s,

## REVIEW

AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

provided by the Los Angeles-born John Cage. It's an interesting recording and currently available on the Cortical Foundation label in Malibu (23715 West Malibu Road #419, Malibu CA 90265-4602). The disc is called *The City Wears a Slouch Hat*. The text is very '40s, an amalgam of *noir*, social realism, percussion, street sounds. It never occurred to me that *noir* is probably the morbid, violent offspring of social realism.

It's unlikely that Rexroth would have credited the Patchen-Cage adventure. He was ungenerous to his fellow poets, especially in S.F., where he regarded himself as the godfather of the scene. And he was routinely despised by his contemporaries.

The younger writers, like the Beats, initially exhibited a curiosity about him, but he turned on them as well. Especially Kerouac; Rexroth couldn't abide the younger man's success, and when Kerouac began performing his work to jazz accompaniment and on national TV, Rexroth went ballistic. Here he is, responding to Kerouac's famous collaboration with Steve Allen:

I don't know how he [Steve Allen] formed his relationship with Kerouac. I was booked into the Village Vanguard, and Kerouac recruited the gig. They throw you out of the Musicians' Union for doing something like that, but he went to Max Gordon and recruited the gig. He said it would help build up my show. Well, he was pissy-assed drunk every night, vomited on the piano, and made a general ass of himself.... Well, this started a thing so that in every Greenwich Village coffee shop and bar for about two years, all kinds of bums with pawnshop saxophones put together with scotch tape, and some other guy with something called poetry, were, like, you know, blowing poetry, man, dig? And it was absolutely unmitigated crap. It killed the whole thing. It had a terribly bad effect. There wasn't anything like it in San Francisco, because we had done the thing in San Francisco.... People knew it, people knew all about it, even though there was an awful lot of trash at the Coffee Gallery, but by and large the music was better, and the poetry



Kenneth Patchen

was better, too. But the stuff in New York was ridiculous; and, of course, it's that whole New York commercial scene. That was all it was for. To make the tourists go to Greenwich Village. You went down there where the first miniskirts were worn, and the miniskirted chicks were waitresses, and you got yourself a free grope, and you listened to free jazz and poetry done by a couple of stumblebums who weren't being paid anything, and it killed the whole thing.

You can hear Kerouac and Steve Allen doing their thing on a three-CD set from Rhino called *The Beat Generation*. I recommend it. Only a fraction of it contains poetry/jazz collaborations, a small fraction. Much of it is campy social commentary from the time: campy now, not then. But most everybody's on board: Rexroth, insufferable as usual; Patchen reading with the Chamber Jazz Sextet; Langston Hughes with Leonard Feather, Ginsberg, Burroughs (a marvelous reader of his own work);

Ginsberg, et al. King Pleasure is on board with his vocalese, in which he invents and sings lyrics made to fit bop instrumental solos. He more or less ripped off the style from Eddie Jefferson and figured out how to make it pay off, but he's very good. And the collection contains plenty of straight



Kenneth Rexroth

instrumental jazz, from performers like Gerry Mulligan, Lee Konitz, Charlie Parker, Hank Jones, and others. Even Rod McKuen puts in an appearance. Lest we forget, McKuen is an authentic Bay Area native (b. Oakland, 1933) and launched his career in San Francisco at a local nightclub. McKuen, if remembered at all, is much reviled now, as he has been by anyone with any taste at all from the beginning.

But he was around with the rest, easily spotted at the corner of Broadway and Columbus in North Beach; and if his music and lyrics were crap, so was 95 percent of the rest being cranked out in bars, clubs, and coffeehouses. At least McKuen made some money off his deck.

Comedy was part of this scene as well, this North Beach hip scene. Lenny Bruce and Lord Buckley are also on the *Beat Generation* collection, doing their *shtick*, which was *shtick* of a very high order. The comics, too, had been altered and provoked by jazz: none of that Myron Cohen one-liner crap. Instead, they were to develop extended, semi-improvisational pieces, often laced with political and social critique. They, too, had become outsiders. In the war between the hipsters and the squares, there was to be no mistake about which side they came down on. Most of the good comedy available in 2002—the Jerry Seinfeld variety notwithstanding—is a descendant of the irreverent hip club comedy of the '50s.

Regrettably, the underground club scene of the '50s came and went while I was too young to really get a taste. The scene, such as it was in places like San Francisco and New York, lasted into the early '60s, just around the time jazz's last great bloom was finished, coincidentally or not. But it wasn't through everywhere; it migrated. Next week to London! ■

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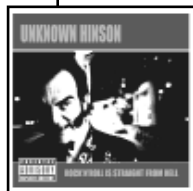
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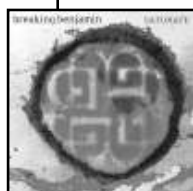
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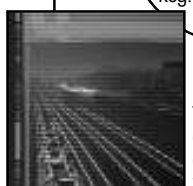
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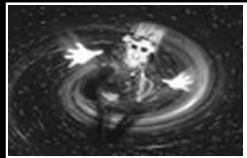
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**The Kottonmouth Kings /129/**, **Ill Kid**, **Last Laugh**, and **Mower**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, December 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

### TUESDAY

**Altan /998/**: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, December 10, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**The Ataris /474/**, **Sugarcult /421/**, **Rufio**, and the **Go Reflex**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, December 10, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

### EXTENSION 4001

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

### DECEMBER

**The Trans-Siberian Orchestra**: Cox Arena, Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

**Venice /432/**: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 12, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**Lisle Ellis /525/**, **Joëlle Léandre**, and **William Winant**: Spruce Street Forum, Thursday, December 12, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

**Tori Amos /485/** and **Howie Day**: RIMAC Arena, Friday, December 13, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

**Counting Crows and Toad the Wet Sprocket**: Cox Arena, Friday, December 13, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

**Joan Osborne, Carlos Washington's Giant People**: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 13, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**Fu Manchu**: The Casbah, Friday, December 13, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

**Kevin Burke /857/** and **Gerry O'Beirne**: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday, December 15, 7:30 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 858-689-2266.

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**The and/or's [227], Sin Sin '77, and A.M. Vibe:** The Casbah, Friday, December 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

**Ozomatli [228]:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**“El Vez [834]: The Christmas Show”:**  
The Casbah, Monday, December 23,  
8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard,  
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**Billy Idol** [488]: 4th & B, Thursday, December 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Guns 'N' Roses :** San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, December 27, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**“Steve Poltz & Friends” [815] with  
A.M. Vibe and Vertibird [169]:** The  
Casbah, Tuesday, December 31,  
8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard,  
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**Rob Halford:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, December 31, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

## JANUARY

**Reverend Horton Heat** [134]: Belly  
Up Tavern, Thursday, January 2,  
9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,  
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**Dokken and Sirens Wail:** 4th & B, Sunday, January 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Hank Williams III [775]:** The Casbah,  
Sunday, January 12, 8:30 p.m., 2501  
Kettner Boulevard, midtown.  
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**Erykah Badu:** Belly Up Tavern,  
Wednesday, January 15, 9 p.m., 143  
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.  
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**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [647]:** Viejas Dream Catcher Show Room, Saturday, January 18, 9 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

**The Wallflowers:** 4th & B,  
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**FEBRUARY**

**Joe Satriani:** 4th & B, Wednesday, February 5, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**The Blind Boys of Alabama [927]:**  
Mandeville Auditorium, Wednesday,  
February 5, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus,  
La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or  
619-220-8497.

**Neil Finn:** 4th & B, Monday, February 10, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Blue Oyster Cult [458]:** 4th & B,  
Wednesday, February 12, 345 B Street,  
downtown. 619-231-4343 or  
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**Shawn Colvin [854]:** East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**"Brazil Carnaval":** 4th & B, Saturday, February 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**The Pretenders [436]:** 4th & B, Sunday, February 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Keiko Matsui:** East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.



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**Atreyu:** The Scene  
**Avenge Sevenfold:** The Scene  
**Bad Credit:** Soma  
**Bad Religion [226]:** 4th & B  
**Big Fellas:** Dream Street  
**Big Vinnie:** Brick By Brick  
**Big Wheel Wipeout:** The Casbah  
**Blender:** Soma  
**The Blow:** Club Xanth  
**Bouncing Souls [332]:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**Breakdance Vietnam:** Epicentre  
**The Bronx:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**Buckfast Superbee [119]:** Soma  
**Canyon:** The Casbah  
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**The Furious IV [107]:** The Casbah  
**Goldfish [262]:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Goodbye Forever:** Epicentre  
**Gunfighter:** The Kensington Club  
**Hopesfall:** The Scene  
**Hot Like a Robot:** Soma  
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**Larger Than Life:** The Scene  
**Last Laugh:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
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**One Track Mind:** Brick By Brick  
**Organix:** Blind Melons, Blind Melons  
**Gregory Page [186]:** The Ould Sod  
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#### ALTERNATIVE

- Tabularasa:** Blind Melons  
**Tainted Love:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**The Tarts:** The Casbah  
**Tender Buttons:** Club Xanth  
**The Thought Experiment:** Brick By Brick  
**Throw Rag:** The Casbah  
**Tori Cobras:** The Kensington Club, 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**Tragic Ritual:** Brick By Brick  
**The Trash Brats:** The Kensington Club  
**Trite:** The Scene  
**Undecided:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**Underminded** [272]: The Scene  
**Wanted Dead:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**Watch It Burn:** The Kensington Club, The Casbah  
**West 78:** The Playhouse  
**What Lies Within:** Epicentre  
**XstandX:** Epicentre  
**Zero Point:** Dream Street  
**Zone 4:** Brick By Brick

### EXTENSION 4003

#### ROCK

- The Abuse** [441]: Brick By Brick  
**Alcazar:** Flick's  
**Altered Time** [514]: Dream Street  
**Carol Ames:** Humphrey's  
**The Ataris** [474]: 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**Avalanche:** On The Rocks  
**Baywolf** [460]: Fannie's  
**Bon Jovi:** 4th & B  
**Bootleg:** Humphrey's  
**Bordertown:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**Bottomline** [597]: Fogerty's Pub  
**The Kathy Burg Band:** Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp)  
**Rip Carson:** Tio Leo's Lounge  
**China Clippers:** The Casbah  
**Collage Menage** [403]: Dream Street  
**Concord:** Surf N'Saddle  
**Daemos** [428]: 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**D.J. Rio:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB)  
**Detroit Underground:** Humphrey's  
**Frosty the Show Man:** 4th & B  
**Futyle:** Blind Melons  
**Fuzzy Waldorf:** Winstons

- Ghost Town Deputies:** Tio Leo's Lounge  
**Dana Glover:** 4th & B  
**Goat Roaper:** Tio Leo's Lounge  
**The Go Reflex:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**Neil Michael Hagerty:** The Casbah  
**The Heaving Grooves:** Blind Melons  
**Hera's Olive** [461]: Dick's Last Resort  
**John Hogan:** The Casbah  
**Hot Rod Lincoln** [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge  
**Inciting Riots:** Brick By Brick  
**Irradio** [464]: The Casbah  
**The Jackson 3:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Jiggawatt:** Brick By Brick  
**Jerry Joseph & the Jack Mormons:** Winstons  
**Jumpstart:** Island Sports & Spirits  
**Kemosabe:** On The Rocks  
**The Last Exit Band:** Winstons
- Lighter:** Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain), Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)  
**The Love Rangers:** The Alley  
**Magni:** Brick By Brick  
**The McNallys:** Carvers  
**Meatwagon:** Brick By Brick  
**Nemesis:** Second Wind (Santee)  
**Physul:** Blind Melons  
**Pink Floyd:** Cannibal Bar, Winstons  
**Private Domain** [489]: Second Wind (Escondido), Dick's Last Resort  
**Rabbi Gimbel's Chanukah Time Revue:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
**The Janet Ricci Band:** Surf N'Saddle  
**Rickacka:** Chuey's Numero Uno  
**Ricksha:** Dream Street  
**The Rockaholics:** Dirk's Niteclub  
**Rufio:** 'Canes Bar and Grill  
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**Sven-Erik Seaholm:** Humphrey's

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## EXTENSION 4003

## ROCK

- Season of Decay:** Brick By Brick
- The Sensations:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
- Serious Guise:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- The Shambles /454/:** The Casbah
- Smooth Unit:** Pal Joey's
- Soul Camp:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Straight Six:** Dick's Last Resort

- Sugarcult /421/:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- 3 Against 1 /456/:** Blind Melons
- Josh Todd:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Tower of Power:** Belly Up Tavern
- Tubby:** Winstons
- Vamp:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Vampire!** Brick By Brick
- Dave Wakeling:** Buffalo Joe's
- Wonka Bar:** Moondoggies

## EXTENSION 4004

## POP / TOP 40

- James Bianchi:** Bahia Hotel
- The Disco Pimps:** Buffalo Joe's
- The 80z Allstars:** Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
- Leslie Gold:** The Westgate Hotel
- Koko Loco:** Dick's Last Resort
- Danny Lopez:** The Butcher Shop
- Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House
- The New Breed Band:** The Alley
- Peter Robberecht/Pianoman /622/:** The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and Spirits
- The San Diego Island Boys:** Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
- Uptown Groove:** Boar Cross'n

## EXTENSION 4005

## JAZZ / BIG BAND

- Afinity:** Il Forno
- Agua Dulce /711/:** Winstons
- Frank Alves:** Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina
- Tom Azarello:** Hotel del Coronado

- The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies
- Black Mambo:** Humphrey's
- Brazil Soul:** Dizzy's
- Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado
- Susie Burns:** Danato's Ristorante
- John Cain /703/:** Hotel del Coronado
- Cal-Son:** The Calypso Cafe
- The Jorge Camberos Quintet:** Croce's Jazz Bar
- The Cradit Union:** Neimans Bar and Grill
- Jo Dark:** The German-American Societies
- Fattburger:** Humphrey's
- Aubrey Fay:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
- The Aubrey Fay Band:** The New Bristol Hotel
- Glen Fisher con Alma /638/:** Croce's Jazz Bar
- 5 O'Clock Shadow:** Mocha Market Place
- Larry Fogle:** Moray's Lounge
- Dora Hall:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
- Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra:** Blind Melons
- Inner Voyage:** Ole Madrid
- Barbara Jamerson:** Hotel del Coronado
- The Jazz Allstars:** Jimmy Love's
- Norah Jones:** 4th & B
- The Mikole Kaar Duo:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
- Brian Koehler:** Miracles Cafe
- Tony Lasley:** Hotel del Coronado
- Tim Maglione /718/:** Danato's Ristorante
- Masterpiece:** Jimmy Love's
- The Mesa College Concert Jazz Band:** Dizzy's
- The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/:** Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar



- Mystique:** Jimmy Love's
- The New Breed Orchestra:** Belly Up Tavern
- Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice:** Loew's Coronado Bay Resort
- The David Patrone Quartet:** Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Primo:** Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern
- Quiet Storm /682/:** Humphrey's
- Rick Ross:** The Beach House
- Rick Ross-Piano /659/:** Moray's Lounge
- Salsumba:** Sevilla
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- The San Diego Legacy Big Band:** Dizzy's
- Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time:** Coyote Bar and Grill
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- Trio du Jour:** The Beach House
- The Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo:** Anthony's Star of the Sea

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- Walter II y Rumbaney:** Sevilla
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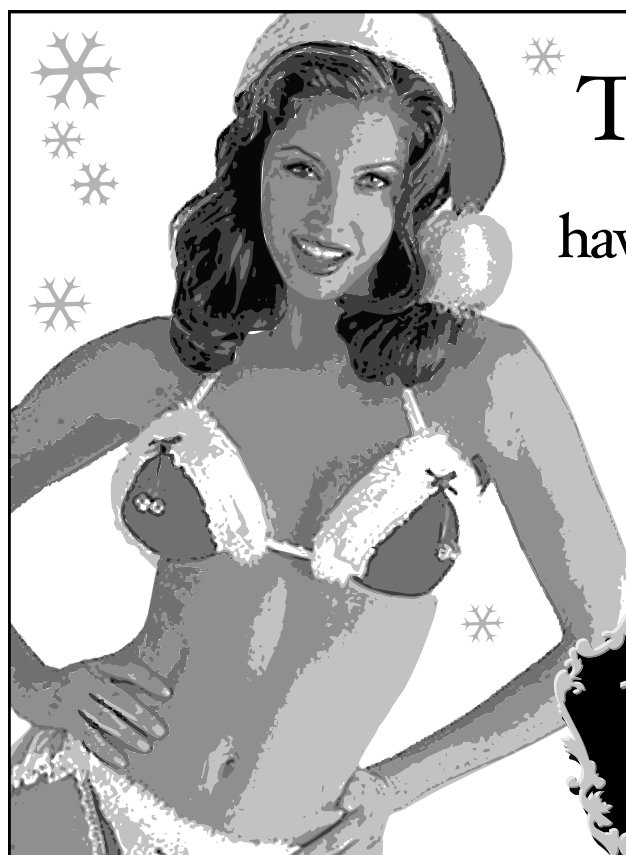
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<b>Sat. 12/7</b> O.B. Christmas parade 5 pm - with funk & jazz performance by <b>CARLOS WASHINGTON'S GIANT PEOPLE</b>				<b>Sat. 12/7</b> Tigers Temple Collective with <b>SUN RU • ORGANIX</b>			
<b>Sun. 12/8</b> Sunday Afternoon Football Home of the <b>DOLPHINS &amp; CHARGERS FAN CLUBS</b>		<b>Sun. 12/8</b> Live Blues & Soul 5-8 pm <b>EARL THOMAS</b>		<b>TONIGHT</b> Enjoy a night of <b>STU</b> with <b>JAH BLOOD &amp; FIRE ANGELS</b>		<b>TONIGHT</b> Nic Braa presents <b>JOSEPH SCOTT G. WILLIAMS KO-2</b>	
<b>Mon. 12/9</b> An evening with <b>THE LAST EXIT BAND</b>				<b>Mon. 12/9</b> Come one - "DO-IT-YOURSELF MONDAY" Come all! <b>OPEN MIC NIGHT</b> Sign-ups start @ 8 pm All styles of musicians welcome. Show us what ya got! Instrument and lesson giveaways weekly!			
<b>Tues. 12/10</b> <b>TUBBY &amp; FUZZY WALDORF</b>				<b>Tues. 12/10</b> "ROCK STAR KARAOKE" Hosted by Brian & Coreena 9 pm-close Pro-sound • Great music selection Wardrobe • Props You could be the next big star!			
<b>Wed. 12/11</b> An evening with <b>PINK FLOYD</b> "A Pink Floyd tribute"				<b>Wed. 12/11</b> Enjoy a night of <b>STU</b> with Melons' Hip-Hop night <b>AL HOWARD &amp; THE K-23 ORCHESTRA</b> also AL HOWARD'S "BOOK RELEASE PARTY"			
<b>Thurs. 12/12</b> An evening of Latin salsa with <b>PRIMO</b>				<b>Thurs. 12/12</b> An evening of rock with an edge <b>GOOGALOO</b> with <b>ANIMAL 32</b>			
<b>UPCOMING: 12/13: Xmas Blues Bash with KIM WILSON</b> <b>12/31: New Year's Eve with PSYDECAR</b> 1921 bacon street • 619-222-6822 • ocean beach							
<b>UPCOMING: 12/14: IR (CD Release Party)</b> <b>12/31: New Year's Eve with SUPERUNLEADED</b> 710 garnet avenue • 858-483-7844 • pacific beach by crystal pier							



# Calendar

## CLUBS

## UNDERGROUND DANCE CLUBS

If you would like to have your underground dance club or event included, fax information to 619-881-2401, attention Scott Ellis; e-mail sellis@nethere.com; or call 619-235-3000, ext. 261, night or day by 5:00 p.m., Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

**Acapulco:** Saturdays, DJ OneSlippa spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggae. 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-578-6390.

**Bar Dynamite:** Thursdays, *Ladies' Nights*, DJ Iron Mike spins hip-hop, soul, breaks, and dancehall. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-8743.

**BK Lounge:** Fridays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

**The Brass Rail:** Thursdays, *Noche Latino*, the finest in Latin pop, dance, cumbia, merengue, and salsa. Fridays, *Brown Sugar*, good vibes and urban music. Saturdays, *Noche Latino Americano*, Latin and American dance music. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2233.

**Cathedral:** Saturdays, cyberpunk, future pop, tribal, neo-folk, dark techno, Goth, industrial, and more. Open midnight; 18 and up with ID. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720.

**Club '80s:** Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

**Club '80s II:** Fridays (except the first of the month), DJs Bryan Pollard, Adam Z, and Kurt Heilige spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 18 and up. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720. Information, 619-465-5827.

**Club 911:** Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," San Diego's most powerful sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

**Club Tropics:** Thursdays, DJ Kool T spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402.

**Darkwave Garden:** Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

**Fabrique:** Saturday, December 14, DJ Mack & the Beat Sci bring you filtered house, big beats, and exotic classics, plus a live set by Rotator. 9 p.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, San Diego, 619-284-2848.

**Fluid:** Saturdays, dance, hip-hop, and house. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

**Freeform:** Saturdays, atmospheric beats with DJ Sum and special guests. Seven-17, 717 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-232-4440. Information, 858-635-1255.

**Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

**Hi Ball:** Fridays, old skool and funk with DJ Mo. 626 E Street, Chula Vista, 619-425-3800.

**Neon Beat:** Mondays, DJ Eternalux and Abe spin '80s new wave, hits, misses, and obscure. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

**The Pompeii Room:** Fridays and Saturdays, world-class DJs spin house, hip-hop, and dance classics. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040.

**Pure:** Saturdays, *Clectic*, upbeat dance music, dirty breaks, techstep, drum 'n' bass, no two nights the same. Sundays, *Late Session*, funky, deep house DJs. 2 am to close; 21 and up. 8125 Balboa Avenue (at Highway 163), Kearny Mesa. 858-538-PURE (7873).

**The Room:** Thursdays, house DJs spin hip-hop, Euro, Latin, and international beats. Fridays, *Forbidden*

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

When I was 10 or 11 years old, my parents rented a cheap alto saxophone from Ozzie's Music in La Mesa. It was to be my instrument for school band. Clarinet, tuba, snare drum — I wanted to play anything but the saxophone. It was a heavy, loopy chrome thing that deformed my lower lip when I blew it. By seventh grade, though, surf rock had shown me the soul of the thing, and I was in a band. By junior high, I was in the marching band and still playing out front in little rock bands. I was developing serious chops, or at least I thought so until Hollis Gentry moved to our school. Gentry was a jaw-dropping talent on sax even then, and he brought with him a new language: jazz. I made the cut in Crawford High's award-winning jazz ensemble by putting my alto sax away for-

ever and taking up the baritone sax, a comic monster of a horn. I was terrible at it, but they let me stay in because I was big enough to actually hold the thing and make noise come out of its brassy bowels. I coasted along behind Mr. Gentry's talent for years.

Imagine four genius saxophone talents on a par with Hollis Gentry, and you have the **Rova Saxophone Quartet** out of San Francisco. For the past 25 years, the members of Rova have gigged, composed, re-hearsed, and recorded at a ferocious pace. They are considered something of an experimental improvisational outlet, but in fact much of their music is tightly scripted (if wack) stuff. They've earned awards — *Meet the Composer* has honored Rova most frequently. This year, the quartet aired four commissions at *Meet the Composer's* two-day fest in Minneapolis. The best sax players, Rova members included, have tapped into the fact



ROVA SAXOPHONE QUARTET

that no other instrument mimics the human voice so perfectly as does the saxophone. But there's just such a cartoon feel to the tonality that it's sometimes hard to take the saxophone seriously. I never really did, until I met Hollis Gentry.

**ROVA SAXOPHONE QUARTET, Spruce Street Forum, Friday, December 6, 8 p.m. 619-295-0301. \$20; \$15 students.**

*Fridays*, house, Euro, and Latin. Saturdays, your favorite grooves. Sundays, *Industry Lounge*. Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-459-5010.

**Sabbat:** Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

**Soul Cellar:** Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

**Studio West:** Three Saturdays per month, hip-hop, old skool, R&B, and NYC house with DJ Bob One and DJ Van; 21 and up. Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.

**Therapy:** Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. The first Friday of every month at the Blue Agave, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.,

6608 Mission Gorge Road, Allied Gardens, 619-521-3194. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

**Underworld:** Sundays, dark-electro and industrial noise with DJs Bryan Pollard, Franck H-Bomb, and Grendel Prime; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2233. Information, 619-465-5827.

## CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 pm Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to Lynne Houts at 760-788-0329 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Upcoming concerts, underground club listings, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; faxed to 619-881-2401; or e-

mailed to sellis@nethere.com.

## NORTH COUNTY

**The Alley,** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, *the Love Rangers*, rock and roll. Friday, *Dirk Debonair & Yacht Losers*, blues. Saturday and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz.

**The Beach House,** 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Friday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic pop rock.

**Belly Up Tavern,** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 7:30 pm, *Tower of Power* and guests. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Goldfish*, funk, with the *New Breed Orchestra*, pop, jazz. Wednesday, 8 pm, *Psydecar*, reggae, funk.

**Boar Cross'n,** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, pop, jazz.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm,

*the Int'l Silver Strings Submarine Band* featuring *Billy Watson*, blues.

**Borders Books and Music,** 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *Lighter*, rock.

**The Calypso Cafe,** 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, *Cal-Son*, salsa. Saturday, call club for information.

**The Camelot Inn,** 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Friday, *the Strange Woods*, Celtic folk. Saturday, *Glenfinian*, folk.

**Carvers,** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the McNallys*, rock. Saturday, *Jeff Lee*, acoustic.

**Coyote Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Red Lane*, blues. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Bordertown*, rock, blues, folk. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Billy Thompson*, blues. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm,

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Billy Watson, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Johnny "B" Blues*.

**Danato's Ristorante**, 1280 East Vista Way, Vista. 760-724-7242. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Susie Burns* and *Tim Maglione*, jazz.

**Fogerty's Pub**, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Bottomline*, classic rock. Wednesday, *the Working Cowboy Band*.

**Greek Village Restaurant & Taverna**, 6030 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad. 760-603-9672. Friday and Saturday, 7 pm, *Leonidas Kogias, Roumiana*, and *John Bilezikjian*, traditional Greek and international music.

**Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)**, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron & Gonzo*, acoustic. Saturday, *Fish & the Seaweeds*, funk, blues.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *Tommy Budd & Windy City*, blues. Saturday, *the Backwater Blues Band*.

**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, *Sonny & the Rumble Tones*, blues. Saturday, *Linda Sargent*, folk.

**Martini Ranch**, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Tuesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

**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. Friday, *Ed Eastwood* and guests. Saturday, *See Spot Run*, alternative.

**Miracles Cafe**, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 pm, to 10:30 pm, *John Foltz*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Brian Koehler*, jazz. Tuesday, open mike.

**Mocha Marketplace**, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, 5 O'Clock Shadow, jazz, swing.

**Neimans Bar and Grill**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, *the Cradit Union*, swing. Friday and Sunday, salsa *rock en español*. Saturday, 9:30 pm, hip-hop, live band.

**Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina**, 5256 South Mission Road, Bonsall. 760-945-1250. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *Frank Alves*, contemporary jazz.

**Second Wind (Escondido)**, 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll.

**Surf N'Saddle**, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *Concord*, rock. Saturday, *the Janet Ricci Band*, rock.

## BEACHES

**Bahia Hotel**, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

**Blind Melons**, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Physul, the Heaving Grooves*, and 3 *Against 1*, rock. Friday, *Tabularasa, Spoken Gun*, and *Futyle*, rock, hip-hop. Saturday, *Sun Ru* and *Organix*, alternative. Sunday, *Joseph Scott, G. Williams*, and *KO-2*, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz.

**'Canes Bar and Grill**, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Bouncing Souls, Anti-Flag, Wanted Dead, and the Code*. Friday, *Shots Fired, Josh Todd, My Ruin, Daemos*, and *Innocent*. Saturday, *Tainted Love and Rabbi Gimbel's Chanukah Time Revue*. Sunday, *Rocket from the Crypt, the Bronx*, and *Tori Cobras*. Monday, *the Kottonmouth Kings, Mower, Ill Kidd, and Last Laugh*. Tuesday, *the Ataris, Sugarcult, Rufio*, and *the Go Reflex*. Wednesday, *Across the Room, Agave, Undecided*, and *Zone 4*.

**Cannibal Bar**, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Pink Floyd*, rock. Saturday, call club for information.

**Chateau Orleans**, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The rock 'n' roll junkie mystique only looks cool if you don't think about it too much. You know: Live fast, die young, leave a good-looking corpse. The flaws in this line of thinking aren't hard to find. For starters: Ever see a picture of Johnny Thunders from late in his life? He made a shockingly ugly corpse even when he was still alive.

Neil Michael Hagerty spent the '90s as half of the underground rock world's most famously intoxicated couple, with Jennifer Herrema, in their band Royal Trux. Hagerty had been a member of Pussy Galore, the band that also spawned the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion. But when he found his

Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

**Dream Street**, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Kuatro Viente, Canary, Side Pocket, and Critical Me*. Friday, *JHC, Latigo, Snapt*, and *Zero Point*. Saturday, *Ricksha, Altered Time, Killing Floor*, and *Collage Menage*. Wednesday, *Dirty Sanchez, Big Fellas, Pants On Fire*, and *Jason Howell*.

**Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge** (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablu with Kymberlee Maxine*. Friday, *Aubrey Fay*. Saturday, *Dora Hall & Mixed Company*. Tuesday, *the Mikole Kaar Duo*. Wednesday, *Torre & Novelli*.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB)**, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *D.J. Rio*, rock.

**Il Forno**, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Friday, *Afinity*, rumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday and Wednesday, *the Wagnertorre & Cristiano Novelli Duo*, Brazilian rhythm.

**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. Friday, *Wonka Bar*, rock.

**Moray's Lounge**, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogle*, singer, pianist.

**Pacific Beach Bar & Grill**, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 1 pm to close, live bands on the patio.

**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, blues, swing. Saturday, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues. Sunday, open acoustic.

**Victor's Restaurant & Bar**, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 8 pm, *David Arkenstone*.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Jerry*

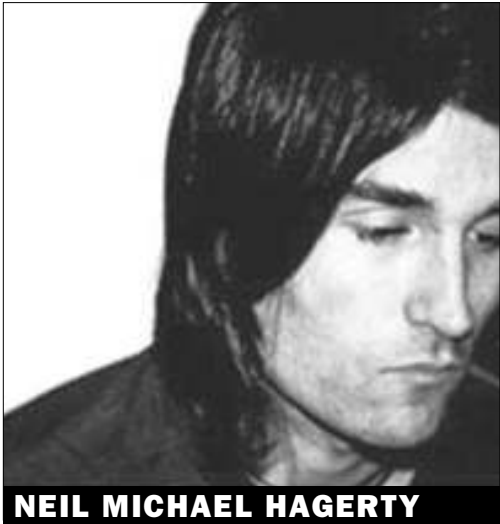
*Joseph & the Jack Mormons*, rock. Friday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *Carlos Washington's Giant People*, jazz. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, blues. 8:30 pm, *Jah Blood & the Fiyah Angels*, reggae. Monday, *the Last Exit Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Tubby and Fuzzy Waldorf*, rock. Wednesday, *Pink Floyd*, rock.

## SAN DIEGO

**Anthony's Star of the Sea**, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

**Borders Books and Music**, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Lighter*, rock.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Zone 4, One Track Mind*, and *Allotic*. Saturday, *Life Hates Me, Swan, the Thought Experiment, Hung Donkey, the Abuse, Divided by Zero, Tragic Ritual, Lodus, Turam*, and *Big Vinnie*. Tuesday, *Meatwagon and Inciting Riots*. Wednesday, *Vampire!, Jiggawatt, Magni*, and *Season of Decay*.



NEIL MICHAEL HAGERTY, *The Casbah*, Friday, December 6, 8 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

**Club Xanth**, 4225 30th Street, San Diego. 619-584-2720. Music is hard core/punk. Thursday, 8 pm, *Calvin Johnson, Little Wings, the Blow*, and *Tender Buttons*.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Fixt, Croydon, Stolen*, and *Driver Jake*. Saturday, *XstandX, Impact, Matoe, What Lies Within*, and *Stars of Tomorrow*. Monday, *Antifreeze, Rudiger, Sunblind, Breakdance Vietnam*, and *Playing for Keeps*.

**Flick's**, 10717 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-297-2056. Thursday, 10:30 pm, *Alcazar*, rock.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery**, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *the Boogiemen*, blues. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, blues, swing. Sunday, noon to 3 pm, *Svoboda & Benedetti*, Flamenco/jazz guitar.

**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 pm, *Carol Ames, Lisa Sanders, Sven-Erik Seaholm, Chuck Schiele & Mysterious Ways*, and *Bootleg*, rock. Friday, 6 pm, *Full Effect Band*, 9:30 pm, *Detroit Underground*,

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**The Imperial House**, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

**In Cahoots**, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

**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*.

**Kelly's Pub**, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday and Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, *Watch It Burn*, *Congress of the Cow*, and *Gunfighter*. Saturday, *the Tori Cobras*, *Buckfast Superbee*, and *the Trash Brats*.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blue Dusters*.

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**San Diego Sports Club**, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Call club for information.

**The Scene**, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Playing For Keeps*, *Luminaire*, and *Falling For Alba*. Friday, *Atreyu*, *Avenge Sevenfold*, *Hopesfall*, and *Underminded*. Saturday, *Trite*, *Larger Than Life*, *F.O.N.*, *Offset*, and *No Way Out*.

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**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Vamp*, *Goat Roaper*, and *Soul Camp*. Saturday, *Rip Carson* and *the Ghost Town Deputies*, rockabilly.

**Tutto Mare**, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

**Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company**, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Thursday, *Andy Lohr*, folk. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 pm, *Jason & Jane*, acoustic pop rock. Also, Sunday, 4 pm, *the Celtic Ensemble*, folk. Wednesday, open mike.

## DOWNTOWN

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**Borders Books & Music** (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 pm, *the Kathy Burg Band*, rock.

**Buffalo Joe's**, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Friday, *Dave Wakeling*. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*. Sunday, *Whitey Conwell*. Wednesday, *the B-Side Players*.

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**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Henry Rollins Band*, *Watch It Burn*, and *Maudlin*. Friday, *the Supersuckers*, *Throw Rag*, and *the Mice*. Saturday, *the Furious IV*, *Agent 51*, *the Lovelight Shine*, and *Jon Cougar Concentration Camp*. Sunday, *Glen Tilbrook* and *Jim Bianco*. Monday, *Canyon*, *Roots of Orchis*, and *the Anchors*. Tuesday, *Neil Michael Hagerty*, *China Clippers*, and *John Hogan*. Wednesday, *the Tarts*, *Irradio*, *the Shambles*, and *the Dempsey Project*.

**Chuey's Numero Uno**, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, *Rikacka*.

**Club Montage**, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

**Croce's Jazz Bar**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Friday and Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday and Monday, *Glen Fisher con Alma*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*.



**Album Name:** *Boogie Woogie Christmas* (2002)

**Artist:** The Brian Setzer Orchestra

**Label:** Surfdog Records

**Songs:** 1) Jingle Bells 2) Boogie Woogie Santa Claus 3) Winter Wonderland 4) Blue Christmas 5) Santa Claus Is Back in Town 6) Baby, It's Cold Outside (duet with Ann-Margret???) 7) The Nutcracker Suite 8) (Everybody's Waitin' For) The Man with the Bag 9) Sleigh Ride 10) So They Say It's Christmas 11) O Holy Night 12) The Amens

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**Band Members:** Brian Setzer (guitar, lead vocals), Mark W.

Winchester (bassist, supporting vocals), Bernie Dresel (drummer)

**Extra Info:** On December 12, the Brian Setzer Orchestra will be in New York taping an appearance on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* in which the trio will perform a track from *Boogie Woogie Christmas*.

**Website:** *briansetzer.net*

Wednesday, *the Jorge Comberos Quintet*.

**Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*, blues. Saturday, *the Shelltown Horns*, blues.

**Dakota Grill and Spirits**, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*, pop/Top 40.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, *Koko Loco*, pop. Friday, *Martha's Kitchen*, blues, rock. Saturday, *Straight Six*. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Wednesday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll.

**Dizzy's**, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 7:30 pm, *the Mesa College Concert Jazz Band*. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Brazil Soul*. Saturday, 7 pm, *Laura Zambo*, *Tom Griesgraber*, *Jim Earp*, *William Stern*, and *Jeff Faymen*. Sunday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Broken Hills* featuring *Peter Boland*. Tuesday, 8 pm, *Stephanie Nakasian* with *Hod O'Brien*, vocals/piano. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *the San Diego Legacy Big Band*.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Sunday, 7 pm, *the Makaha Sons* and *Darlene Ahuna*, island sounds, with *Leokane Pryor*.

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In addition to the Brian Setzer Orchestra's renditions of holiday favorites, the album includes an original composition by Setzer entitled "So They Say It's Christmas." In a voice that sounds like he's channeling Dean Mar-



Brian Setzer

tin, Setzer sings, "So you know when Christmas rolls around/ I just can't help but feeling kinda down/ 'cause you're my Christmastime/ the one I'm thinking of/ when they say it's Christmastime, my love."

Oh, Dean-o.

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**Rock Bottom,** 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Thursday, *the San Diego Island Boys*, pop. Friday, *the 80z Allstars*, pop.

**Sevilla,** 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Tuesday, *Salsumba.* Wednesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney.*

**Starbucks,** 511 F Street, Gaslamp. 858-274-7605. Friday, 8 pm, *B.D. Katz*, folk.

**U.S. Grant Hotel,** 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

**The Westgate Hotel,** 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

The Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman.*

**The Wyndham Emerald Plaza,** 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, pop.

## SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

**The Butcher Shop,** 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

**Cafe LaMaze,** 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring *Sandy Chappel*, *Sammy Canonizado*, and *Burnett Anderson.*

**Di-mond Jim's Nightclub,** 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *the Sensations*, classic rock.

**Edelweiss Restaurant,** 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

**The Hi-Ball Lounge,** 626 E Street, Chula Vista. 619-425-3800. Friday, funk. Saturday, special guests.

**Hotel del Coronado,** 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 5:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*. Monday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Prince of Wales. Thursday, Monday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, 6:30 pm to 10 pm, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz. Sunday, 9 am to 1 pm, *Tom Azarello*.

**Island Sports & Spirits,** 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Jumpstart*, classic rock. Saturday, *Sonny & the Rumble Tones*, blues.

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## EAST COUNTY

**Borders Books & Music,** 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, *Andrew Hull*, acoustic.

**Dirk's Niteclub,** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *the Rockaholics*, classic rock.



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**DRESS** ► Is there a word for less than casual? A few punk shirts (Ramones, Clash), a few ripped shirts, and 20 guys without shirts  
**DANCE FLOOR** ► none; during sets, a mosh pit of about 20 gets going in front of the stage  
**BATHROOMS** ► very big; men's has three urinals, three stalls, two sinks, and two paper-towel dispensers; women's had four stalls and was clean  
**CAPACITY** ► main stage: 2400; lobby: 400; side stage: 400  
**SPECIAL AREAS** ► smoking area outside was about 6 feet wide and 40 feet long (and packed)  
**FURNISHINGS** ► the box office, lobby, and side stage still look very much like the old movie theater it

once was ("Where's the popcorn?" a smart-mouthed kid asks)  
**DECIBEL LEVEL** ► 113 during a song by Hornswaggled about 25 feet from speakers (a coincidental 113 at Dirk's in Lemon Grove last week)  
**WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH** ► The Kidney Thieves  
**QUOTABLE** ► "What's the age of consent?" asked one guy. His friend asked "What do you mean?" The first guy continued, "To have sex with a girl — is it 16 or 18 years old?" His buddy replied, "Eighteen — doesn't that suck?"

Soma was the first all-age music venue I remember. On opening night I told owner Len Paul I liked the fact that it didn't seem as hot as the old place. Paul smiled and said, "Two of the air-conditioning units actually broke earlier tonight. We're trying to fix them.... I used to see movies here once a week in the '70s."

Although there was moshing near the stage, it didn't seem to get out of hand. They had tight security at the door (and their website says they won't allow racist tattoos or symbols, or gang clothing). They had a few security guards patrolling the parking lot. I asked the guy near my car if they were just there for opening night.

"No. There will be security like this every time a show is going on."

The shows that will be going on consist mostly of local bands, but — like the old Soma (which had Stone Temple Pilots, blink-182, Smashing Pumpkins, and Hole) — they will book the big acts. And this place is twice the size.

I told Paul it was kind to do the opening night for charity and asking people to donate clothing. He said, "Any charity that is doing something for kids, we will let use this venue for free."

— Josh Board

**Don's Cocktail Lounge,** 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Kennard & Miller*, country.

**Fannie's,** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Baywolf*, 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*.

**The Golden Goose Coffeehouse,** 10001 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-390-1990. Tuesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Benchmark*.

**Magnolia Mulvaney's,** 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, live country music.

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# Hunka Hunka Burnin' Beef

The Strip Club stands on the site that used to be Tupelo — an upscale restaurant that never managed to find a distinct culinary identity beyond its specialty martinis. Even more problematic, the tone-setter for this block, near the bottom of the Gaslamp, is the aggressively raucous indoor-outdoor pub next door, Dick's Last Resort. Owners David and Lesley Cohn finally gave up on Tupelo and, putting their heads together, decided that the surest route to success in the space would be an affordable, low-maintenance eatery that could attract roving Dick's-heads and their like. The Turf Supper Club's do-it-yourself steak grill provided the inspiration, but this being the Gaslamp and not Golden Hill, the style and the customer base would be wholly different.

After a year of renovations, the sexy-looking Strip Club emerged — named after its signature New York strip steaks, of course, though the tall front windows are etched with the logo of a curvy, silhouetted female figure off the mudflaps of a semi. A crimson canopy overhangs them, while the window frames, painted the same vivid shade, echo the red glow of the gas grills inside. It adds up to a cute little hint of Hell and catches a lot of street attention. Just inside the door, a glass cupboard displays logoed caps, T-shirts, and other souvenir paraphernalia. One of the historic brick walls displays a framed collection of Alberto Vargas pinups (from 1940 to 1970), while the opposite wall is occupied by the brightly lit bar, still specializing in fancy martinis (although Tupelo's popular bartender left the building when that restaurant closed). Open rafters, high vaulted ceilings, shiny polished floors, and oldies playing loudly on the sound system raise the volume to a party. Outside, there's a well-heated street patio with several tables offering good people-watching — if you don't mind being eyed in turn by passersby wondering just what a Strip Club might offer.

Our waitress was movie-star beautiful and buff in black shorts, her muscles rippling as she delivered wooden boards topped with meats swathed in shrink-wrap. Entrées come with house salad and "grill-ready" garlic bread. The bread has the lamentable texture of a double-wide hamburger bun, its cut sides sprinkled with a little olive oil and garlic powder. The salad (iceberg and green-leaf lettuce, tomato chunks, red onion rings — just like Turf's) is served family-style (and sized to match the number of



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entrées at the table). It's dressed with a house-made vinaigrette that tasted to our palates like Good Seasons. You can get blue cheese crumbles for \$1.50 extra, a worthwhile investment.

Dinner choices consist of five cuts of USDA Choice aged, Midwestern corn-fed steak (per the menu), or a burger, a whole chicken breast, or an eight-ounce ahi tuna steak. You can also get kabobs of beef, chicken, pork, ahi, shrimp, or veggies. And you can buy veggies on the side, also served "family style" in large bowls. Looking around, it seemed that about half the tables ordered sides, half didn't.

Along the edges of each of the gas grills are racks holding packaged towelettes and numerous seasoning mixtures, including shakers of lemon-pepper, cumin-garlic, "Montreal Seasoning" for beef, and, for chicken, cayenne and dried red chiles. We were eating with our friends Dave and Marty, who've never been to the Turf Supper Club but who love a good hunka hunka burnin' beef. (They head for Donovan's when they're craving steaks.) Dave was a little nervous about cooking on a strange grill. "It's two

minutes per side, right?" No, my sweetie told him, you just have to do it by feel — when it feels like your left inner elbow (if you're a rightie), it's rare; when it feels like your inner forearm, it's medium, when it feels like your wrist, use it for a wallet.

The steaks are sprinkled, like Turf's, with a garlic-oil mixture. (Balsamic vinegar supposedly plays a part in the marinade, but none of us could taste it.) Our favorite steak here was the signature cut, a thick ten-ounce New York strip (from the loin). Dave rubbed it liberally with the cumin-garlic mixture, and together the flesh and its seasoning produced a rich, bright flavor. Marty virtuously took a "dieter's choice," a small, thick, lean, nearly unmarbled eight-ounce top sirloin, cut from the part of the steer behind the "hollow" of the back. Unlike the rib and short loin, the sirloin muscles get some workout when the steer takes a walk; that's why it's a leaner, tougher cut than rib or New York. Even with the same spice rub, the sirloin just didn't have much *oomph*. My choice was the 12-ounce bone-in rib eye. It seemed slightly thinner than Turf's rib eye, and although tender,

## REVIEW NAOMI WISE

### The Gaslamp Strip Club (no rating possible)

340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp District; 619-231-3140

**HOURS:** Open nightly Tuesday through Sunday from 5:00 p.m. until about 10:00 p.m. (later on weekends).

**PRICES:** Entrées \$7–\$16. À la carte kabobs, \$3. Side dishes, \$5. Dessert (ice cream), \$2.50

**CUISINE & BEVERAGES:** Grill-it-yourself USDA Choice steaks, burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, meat or seafood kabobs. Entrées come with salad and cook-it-yourself garlic bread. Six starch or veg side dishes available. Full bar: fancy martinis, good beer list (tap and bottled), short, shallow wine list mainly of familiar California supermarket selections, few choices by the glass.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Gas grills. Over 21 only, no minors even with parents. No reservations. Can be noisy inside. Sidewalk patio dining available. Casual ambience. One vegetarian entrée.

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it lacked the big, beefy flavor I expect from this cut.

My boyfriend went for three of the six kabob choices. The shrimp proved our favorite, with red and green peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom interspersed with okay-quality medium-size prawns. The "spiced pork," with Granny Smith apple, new potato, and red onion, proved considerably less than spicy, although the apple was a nice touch. (But it was impossible to fully cook the potatoes at the heart of the spit without overcooking the pork.) The "Tex-Mex" chicken, with a tangy marinade (neither "Tex" nor "Mex,"

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## RESTAURANTS

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but pleasing) came with the same peppers and potatoes, plus corn on the cob. The corn must have been lightly parboiled; it came off the grill tender, smoky, and sweet, one of the highlights

of the meal.

Kabobs come with your choice of three sauces. Our favorite was “Asian,” a glutinous, honey-sweet, black colloid based on soy sauce and sesame oil. There was a “spicy ranch dressing,” which didn’t add much to the meats but proved a good amendment to the salad. And there was a harsh, sour, and simple barbecue sauce,

which tasted only of vinegar, ketchup, and liquid smoke.

The one objection I’ve always had to the eccentric minimalism of the Turf Supper Club is that a good steak really cries out for potato, and they don’t offer a single spud. The Strip Club hasn’t duplicated that deficiency—it offers six side dishes, including two potato concoctions. “Red Bliss Cheddar

Smashed Potatoes” proved neither blissful nor smashed. They’d been whirled in a Hobart (a commercial-size blending machine) to a glutinous mush. There’s another mashed potato dish among the sides (roasted garlic mashed Yukon golds); I’m told that it’s Hobarted even longer, to a purée. Can’t they just do a simple baked potato?

The Strip Club’s best side

(and best dish) turned out to be its absolutely sensational onion rings. The light, well-seasoned, crunchy batter surrounded onions that were sweet and still crisp in the center. Not a crumb was left at the end of the meal. The creamed spinach isn’t quite what we expected—it proved rougher-textured than normal “steakhouse style” creamy purée, with coarsely chopped leaves and just enough very thick cream to bind them.

Since the wine list didn’t knock my socks off, I decided to taste the Cosmopolitan, before the drink falls so far out of style that I won’t be able to order one without a Cosmo-pink blush. It was ravishing—balanced and mouth filling. (The Turf Supper Club makes a nice Cosmo, too, but not this luscious.) Speaking of sweet flavors, if you want dessert, the Strip Club pragmatically offers ready-made ice cream novelties (Chocolate Drumsticks, Nestle Crunch ice cream bars, etc.).

I took half my rib eye home; waiting in the fridge was more than half a Turf Supper Club Delmonico rib eye, from the previous evening’s venture. The next afternoon, I let both doggie-bagged steaks come to room temperature and did a bite-by-bite comparison. Then I had my sweetie do a blind tasting of the two. The result was the same: The Gaslamp’s rib eye didn’t win one for the Stripper; the Turf’s splendid Delmonico was ahead by several lengths.

The next step, right after phoning Turf and then phoning the latter’s meat seller, was to call the Strip Club. I asked general manager and chef James Stephenson the same questions I’d asked a staffer at the Turf: where does the restaurant get its meat, what grade is it, and how has been aged? Stephenson told me that the Strip Club’s steaks are dry-aged Choice Angus. Since the written menu doesn’t boast of Certified Angus (a premium breed), I decided to check further. I phoned Central Meat, the Strip Club’s wholesale meat jobber. Once again, I pretended to be an enthusiastic restaurant patron who just wanted to know what kind of beef I’d eaten at Strip Club and why it was so much better than Safeway Select. Central Meats connected me to the man who handles the Cohn Restaurant Group’s account.

“The beef at the Strip Club—it’s really nothing spe-

cial,” he said. “It’s not Prime, not Silver, not Certified Angus. It’s just good, corn-fed Midwestern USDA Choice. We do take care to wet-age our meats for 21 days, so of course it’s better than supermarket beef. Supermarkets mainly sell USDA Select, which is a lower grade—and there’s no way to know whether it’s corn-fed or grass-fed or even where it came from.” (Hearing this, I envisioned scrawny cows chomping up the Brazilian rain forest on their way to Vons.)

He told me that he couldn’t sell any meat retail but that if I was looking for good Choice or even Prime grade beef, I could buy it at Jonathan’s in La Jolla, Siesel’s Meats in Bay Park, or, of course, at Iowa Meat Farms on Mission Gorge Road, the meat suppliers to the Turf Supper Club. Ironically, Iowa Meat is owned by none other than David and Lesley Cohn, proprietors of the Gaslamp Strip Club (plus Prado, Indigo Grill, Kemo Sabe, Blue Point, Dakota Grill, Corvette Diner, et al.). With so many restaurants to supply, the Cohns can’t use their own fine little butcher shop—their restaurants’ daily needs would leave Iowa stripped to the rafters and still short several cows.

When I checked back with Dave and Marty, they confessed to feeling a little anxious about the whole do-it-yourself side of things. “When I go to a restaurant, it’s because I want somebody else to do the cooking,” Dave said. I think he may have felt somewhat on the spot, having to cook in so public a place. And to tell the truth, even with nearly as many grills as there were customers that night (at the hour we were there), our fellow cooks did seem somewhat more territorial about grill-top space than the Turf’s laid-back crowd. But then, the Strip Club is really a very different story: It’s not so much an imitation of the Turf as an homage to it—like a big-budget Hollywood remake of a cultish Euro art film. And I’m sure it’s also going to do big box office. It’s as well a fit for the bottom of the Gaslamp as the Turf is for Golden Hill.

With that, we’re off to Fat City with Marty and Dave, to see how their grilled-for-you steaks stack up against grill-your-own. Stay tuned for part 3 of the Cheap Steaks Sweepstakes. ■

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# Frog Taco

*Here, on some parking lot, in some secondhand catering van, a Wolfgang Puck is alive and well.*

**D**usk. I'm standing at the Iris Avenue trolley stop. Heading south. Cigarette run for my border-fearing buddy Frankie. Figure I'll pick up something to eat while I'm there.

Then out of the corner of my eye I spot a distant word.

"Mariscos."

I start towards it. Idle curiosity. I finally make out a catering van parked in a lot behind barbed-wire-topped hurricane fencing. On one side the van says "Royal Catering." On the front, it says "Mariscos El Paysa." On the other side it's "Mariscos Los Paisas."

Whatever. Its side flaps are up and a bunch of people hover underneath them, chomping from plates they hold in their hands. The fluorescent light from the van's kitchen interior casts a ghostly light on them. I come in under the flap. About half a dozen guys stand around leaning against the quilted stainless-steel sides, eating. The food is Mexican seafood, the language is Spanish. The side is all displays of soda drinks and Snapples and piles of paper napkins. Two large plastic garbage bins at either end are almost full. Along a narrow ledge, a bunch of chili sauce bottles stand open. Tamazula, Guacamaya, Habañera, Tapatio, and even big plastic bottles of Heinz ketchup.

"¡Paisano!" calls this guy, Robert, to the cook through the one tiny window. "Cóctel de pulpo, por

favor." The octopus cocktail doesn't take long coming. Robert shakes a little Tamazula into the tall glass and starts to drink and spoon out and chew. And coo. "So good," he says, "and so great for a hangover. Seven dollars. Worth it. That's what half the people come here for. You should see this lot on Saturday morning. It's crowded!"

"¿Qué quiere, paisano?" says the cook to me.

D'aagh. Look back to the lights of Iris Avenue. Bells clang. My trolley's just taking off, headed south right past us. So, what the heck.

I look at a list painted down the side of the truck: *camarón, almeja, ostión, pulpo, callo* (shrimp, clams, oysters, octopus, pinna clam), *caldo 3 rios* ("three-rivers broth"), *tacos de pescado* (fish tacos), *tacos de camarón* (shrimp), *tostadas de ceviche* (marinated raw fish), *camarón, pescado. Aguachile al estilo Culiacán.*

I make an obvious choice. "Tacos de camarón," I say. Shrimp taco. They're \$1.25 each. The man quickly slides out two of them on a red plastic plate. I take a Snapple (\$1.00) — not sure what flavor — and grab some paper napkins. Have a feeling I'll be using them.

I shake some drops of Habañera on the tacos and bite into — Lord! — what has to be the most beautiful taco of my life. It's the lush shrimp, the onions, the garlic, the actual cream, the lettuce

shreds, the tomato — whatever it is, it's to die for. Here, on some parking lot, in some secondhand catering van, a Wolfgang Puck is alive and well.

Robert finishes his octopus *cóctel*. "¡Paisano!" He calls to the owner. "Taco de rana, por favor."

It means "frog taco," Robert says, and it has a bit of everything that's on the menu. "It's my favorite," he says. "I have to have it two, three times a week."

I'm thinking about asking for one of these frog tacos myself. I lay my plate down on the narrow ledge to see how much cash I have. I'm just hauling out my wallet when, *splot!* The plate tips off and lands face down on the ground.

"You must be a first-timer," says Robert. "They all do that, once."

The owner's name is Salomón Cebreros. Salomón is a hardworking man. He's here at 6:00 in the morning, opens at 8:00, stays open till 7:00 p.m. every day except Tuesday. He's been open here for 3 years and before that spent 15 years cooking in Culiacán, his hometown. He says everything he makes is Sinaloa-style. Like, hot. I ask him about the "Royal Catering" label on the other side. "Oh, that's just the previous owner," he says. "I've got to paint it out."

Three guys jump out of a car and head for the window. Carlos, Carlos, and Fernando. Construction workers. Drove all the way down from

their project in Little Italy. "We have a food truck on-site up there," says the first Carlos, "but...no way. Not when we have this. Every three days I come here. ¡Paisano!" he calls. "Give me an *aguachile, caldo, and taco de rana.*"

"You've got to try the *aguachile*," he says when his arrives. "It's the onions, shrimp, pepper, garlic, lemon, cream if you want, and prepared *estilo Culiacán!* Plenty of heat."

So I do. My *aguachile* (\$2.00) is a crisp tostada with raw everything on it, including onions, and hot! I even end up ordering a *taco de rana* (\$2.00). And it is *rico suave* but somehow doesn't cap that taste of my *camarón* taco. That was first love.

An older guy, Samuel, comes by. He dives his arm down into the garbage containers, looking for cans and bottles. Turns out he's Salomón's greatest fan. "Everybody will tell you, Salomón is the best seafood cook in the area," he says. "Better than Anthony's! And better prices too."

'Course, I never did discover what the "*caldo 3 rios*" was all about, or the cocktails. But one, I'm full; two, I'm out of eating money; three, I've got to get down to TJ.

By the time I come back up on the trolley two hours later, the gates are shut, the lot's empty. You'd never know Salomón was ever there. I'm suddenly wondering: the perfect taco, was it just a dream? ■

**The Place:** *Mariscos Los Paisas, 3267 Iris Avenue (at trolley crossroads), San Ysidro*

**Type of Food:** *Mexican (Sinaloa) seafood*

**Prices:** *Fish taco, \$1.25; shrimp taco, \$1.25; ceviche tostada, \$1.25; caldo (broth) "3 rios," \$3.00 to \$5.00, depending on size; aguachile Culiacán-style, \$2.00; octopus cocktail, \$7.00; shrimp cocktail, \$5.00*

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# Glass Faces

*"I like to drink wine from a jelly glass" is a sentence I once read; the writer was seeking to establish himself as a vinous rebel.*

Tra Vigne founding chef and *Season by Season* cooking show host Michael Chiarello also runs a retail operation, NapaStyle. Among the items I found in the company catalog was the biggest wine glass I had ever laid eyes on. From the catalog's description of the "Vintner's Wine Glass": "We first saw this *enorme* glass at Charlie Trotter's restaurant; the entire room went quiet when it was carried in. After months of searching, we tracked it down and imported all we could get. This dramatic glass is more rare than the finest wines." The specs: 40-oz. bowl; Crystal, by Riedel; 12 3/4" high; \$199.

"Oh-ho," I thought when I saw the photo of a man sniffing from a bowl almost as big as his head. "Riedel Crystal, after all these years of insisting that its expensive and beautiful stemware is not simply a luxury showpiece but a serious tool for the enhancement of wine, has thrown in the towel. They've gone in for the bigger-is-better line — 40-ounce bowl, indeed." I simply refused to believe that any wine — even one that actually cost more than the glass itself — could derive additional benefit from the increase in size over Riedel's already-gigantic "Sommelier" series. This wasn't wine appreciation; this was a fashion statement. At long last, I found myself on the side of the wine-snob snobs, people whose distaste for hierarchy and distinction leads them to question the possibility that there is any real point to differences of things like vintage, vineyard location, and yes, stemware. ("I like to drink wine from a jelly glass" is a sentence I once read; the writer was seeking to establish himself as a vinous rebel, unbound by the stuffy "rules" that have grown up around wine.)

It turns out I was half-right. Maximilian Riedel, vice president of administration for Riedel Crystal of America, says that the "*enorme*" glass is "an amazing thing to look at, a showpiece. But," he adds, "personally, I would not suggest it, because we have not ourselves approved and tried it out

to see if it is doing anything good or bad for your wine." So yes, Riedel threw the luxury-mongers a 40-ounce bone, but that doesn't mean they're backing off the claim that their glasses improve wine. "For the World Championship of Sommeliers in Austria a couple of years ago," Max Riedel tells me, "we asked the sommeliers a tricky question. We lined up different glasses and poured red wine into those glasses. The question was, 'How many different wines did we pour into those glasses?' Not one of those sommeliers could

find out that it was the same wine poured into all the different glasses. That's how a glass can influence the taste of wine."

So much for the experts — but then, the wine-snob crowd has long prided itself on not paying much attention to "experts." I decided to put my own relatively inexperienced self to the test, and to drag my dear wife Deirdre along for the ride.

I already had the Sommelier glass, a gift from Deirdre. I also had the bargain-priced Riedel Overture red wine glass. I went out and picked up Riedel's second- and third-tier Burgundy glasses, the Vinum and Riedel wine, along with a Burgundy glass from the less expensive producer Spiegelau. I left out the Riedel Vinum Extreme — Max told me it was designed for New World Pinot Noir, and I was interested in Old World Burgundy. To these five, I added four more glasses: a highball tumbler, a basic balloon-bowled red wine glass, a Vinum Red Bordeaux glass, and a Sommelier knockoff that I had purchased at a fancy restaurant's gift shop.

Before I got busy sniffing and sipping, I asked Riedel PR rep Margaret Stern to give some account of the Burgundy glasses' shape as opposed to the narrower Bordeaux glass. "Because Pinot Noir has a lot of up-front fruit and sweetness," she said, "the glasses are designed with wide rims and bowls to direct flow to the underside and edges of the tongue, where the acidity receptors are lo-

cated. This accentuates the mineral, vegetal, earthy, and tannic elements of the wine rather than its fruit, which balances the wine. Otherwise, it could taste flabby. The red Bordeaux glass needs a smaller breathing space — the bowl — to collect and emphasize fruit, de-emphasize aging aromas, and so present a balance of fruit and structure."

About the outward-curving lip on the Sommelier Burgundy glass, she had this to offer: The Sommelier glass is designed for mature Grand Cru Burgundy — the biggest and the best. "Because Grand Cru Burgundies have more structure — deeper tannins and minerals and higher acidity and alcohol — the rolled-out rim directs the wine to the tip of the tongue first," where the sweetness receptors are located. "This is to balance the greater structure."

My test wine was a 2000 Morey St.-Denis Premiere Cru from Olivier Jouan — \$24.99 at Vintage Wines. We started by smelling, which is at least half the pleasure of Burgundy. Max had given me the following advice: "You need to dive into the glass. When we do tastings, we like to joke that if you are wearing glasses, you want to hear the click sound — that's how deep you have to dive into the glass. It's also important not to overpour the glass, because then you will start to snorkel." So we dove in.

Deirdre's account of our results proved more colorful, so I'll let her take over. The tumbler: "Just wine. Fruity, winery." The balloon-bowl: "I can feel the alcohol in my nose — it's a sort of heat. I can tell it's Pinot Noir. Tart cherries." The Riedel Overture: "Alcohol heat, maybe chocolate, but waxy chocolate." (I picked up a slight fusel oil smell.) The Riedel Vinum Bordeaux: "More chocolate, more flesh. Fuller in my nose." The Riedel Wine Burgundy: "A lot more in my nose! Mint. No burn — it wafts the smell into my nose." The Spiegelau: "Comparable to the last one — maybe a little softer." The Riedel Vinum Burgundy: "Mint, plus leather and cherries. Chocolate, but not waxy." The knockoff: "Weak. Everything is watery and diffuse." The Sommelier: "Yogurt and cherries. Bitter chocolate. Wet wood — maybe cedar. No burn."

She was stunned by the differences. The water glass had given us almost nothing, and the balloon-bowl, only slightly more. The two Bordeaux-style glasses had singed our nostrils with alcohol. The three mid-range Burgundy glasses



had given an entirely different face to the wine, and the Sommelier, whatever it was designed for, had opened things still further. The knockoff, with its narrow bowl and out-curving lip, had left us sorely disappointed.

We let the wine sit in the glasses for a couple of hours and tried again. Again, Deirdre's account. Water glass: "A little smoke. If anything, less winery. No bright fruit." Balloon bowl: "Slight mushroom. Slight alcohol burn." Riedel Overture: "Little mint, more alcohol, more lively fruit." Vinum Bordeaux: "More fruit..." Riedel Wine: "Dark, fleshy fruit. Astringency without burn." Spiegelau: "Fruit, but also fusel oil; a kind of Band-Aid tanginess." Vinum Burgundy: "Prettier. More floral, softer. No Band-Aid, no burn." Knockoff: "Barely anything. Kool-Aid." Sommelier: "Roasted carrots. Cherries. Cinnamon. Amazing."

Of course, no test is perfect. We didn't taste the wine for a couple of hours, and when we did, it was tart as all get out. It was still tart the next morning, though less so in the Burgundy glasses. But the smelling was enough — the rebels may use jelly glasses if they like, but they're going to miss out on a lot of the things that make wine interesting. ■



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### NORTH COASTAL

**THE BRASSERIE** La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is \$32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — E.W.

**D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL** 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really rocks. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

**FIRENZE** 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

**HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE** 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**JOHNNY MANANA'S** 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a

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**KIM'S RESTAURANT** 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (10/01)

**KNOCKOUT PIZZA** 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. All our pies are 18-inch. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and flavors like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "Whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

**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.*

## NORTH INLAND

**ASHOKA THE GREAT** 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this

splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

**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 Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

**THE FIRESIDE** 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French-Continental — think duck à l'orange, tournedos Rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. All steaks and prime rib are USDA Choice or better, dry-aged for maximum flavor, cooked to your preference. You can taste the difference. Sometimes an octogenarian pianist tinkles out old show tunes. Isn't it romantic? It is. Dinners nightly, with bargain-priced weeknight twilight dinners, champagne brunch Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

**HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY** Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain-priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**THE WAYSIDE CAFE** 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

## What the Chef Eats

### CORIANDER-CRUSTED SEA SCALLOPS WITH QUINOA SALAD

BY JASON SHAEFFER

*Executive chef, Laurel Restaurant, Banker's Hill*

A common question asked by patrons and friends is, "What kind of food do you cook at home?" They expect that I put in lengthy hours of preparation for a meal. I like to do quick and simple dishes that allow more time for relaxation. Ingredients from work and local markets influence my ideas. I tend to avoid tedious techniques.

Quinoa is a grain originating from South America that is not com-

monly used in the U.S. It is known as the "super grain." Quinoa is a complete protein and contains all eight essential amino acids. I like it because it's easy to prepare, takes on many different flavors, and can be used with sweet as well as savory dishes.

This meal was made for my girlfriend and I about four months ago. We both love scallops, which are very easy to cook. The citrus in the

vinaigrette acts as the acid, so no vinegar is needed. This gives the dish bright, clean flavors that go well with a Sauvignon Blanc or Sancerre.

#### HOW TO DO IT

Start by mincing the garlic and shallots. Sauté them in two tablespoons of olive oil for about two minutes without browning. Add the cold water, quinoa, and a couple pinches of salt. Bring to a boil, reduce



heat, and cover. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes until water is absorbed and grain is translucent. Let cool for 30 minutes.

Zest the citrus fruits, cut into slivers, and set the

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**TONY'S GIANT PIZZA** 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (5/01)

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neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy,

but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bitter-sweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W.* (4/02)

**HIDE AWAY CAFE** 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and Jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL, AND BAKERY** 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on

the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

**RED TRACTON'S** 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

## LA JOLLA

**AESOP'S TABLES** 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**BARBARELLA** 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373.

Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max's Pizza are outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (3/00)

**FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR** 8970 University Center Lane, Aventura Complex, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open nightly for dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (1/00)

**FOREVER FONDUE** 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**LA JOLLA CANTINA** 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three

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eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and *machaca* (*carne asada*, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**THE MARINE ROOM** 2000 Spindrifft Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrifft. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

**MICHELE COULON PASTRIES** 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. At lunch there are European-style salads, house-made paté, fresh vegetables, and two or three substantial entrées — often including the family's famed cassoulet and a se-

ductive quiche Lorraine featuring a light, satiny cheese custard in a crumbly crust. Wine and Belgian ales available. Open daily, breakfast through late afternoon; during the summer, dinners available on Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**BACI RISTORANTE** 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

**KING'S FISH HOUSE** 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

## What the Chef Eats

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zests aside in mixing bowl. Juice the citrus and strain into same mixing bowl. Add the mustard and oils, whisk together, and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Peel the jicama and julienne. Slice the tomatoes in half and chop the cilantro. Mix the vegetables, cilantro, quinoa, and ¾ cup of the vinaigrette.

Dry the scallops on a paper towel and season

with salt and pepper. Dredge in coriander on both sides and place into a hot pan with three tablespoons of cooking oil. With the heat on high, scallops should cook for two minutes on each side for a medium-rare center.

Place the quinoa in the center of the plate. Arrange the scallops around the quinoa and drizzle on remaining vinaigrette. Approximate

preparation time is 45 minutes. This recipe serves four.

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 cloves garlic  
1 shallot  
2 Tablespoons olive oil  
1 cup quinoa (from Henry's or Whole Foods)  
2 cups cold water  
1 lemon  
1 lime  
1 orange  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

½ cup canola oil  
¼ cup olive oil  
salt and fresh-ground pepper to taste  
1 basket grape or cherry tomatoes  
1 jicama, medium-sized  
¼ cup cilantro  
12 large scallops (can be found at a retail fish shop, or any white fish can be substituted)  
¼ cup ground coriander  
3 Tablespoons cooking oil of your choice

**PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT** 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**SAM WOO BAR-B-Q RESTAURANT** 7330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #A103, Clairemont Mesa, 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies — without busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Delicacy" Combination will fill you nicely. *Tung kong* salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honey-glazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably *jook*, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork organs, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House

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### THE BEACHES

**CAFE ATHENA** Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont Street), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. The food is uneven but basically pleasant at this popular Greek destination. Good soups and appetizers (but skip the *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting desserts. Rather noisy when crowded. Reserve for dinner, especially weekends

(or risk an hour-long wait). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**GO GREEK CAFE AND GRILL** 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *taramasalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Satur-

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## RESTAURANTS

day, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**KAISERHOF** 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

**LAMONT STREET GRILL** 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.W.*

**REUBEN E. LEE** 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

**THE THIRD CORNER** 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. On the former site of The Belgian Lion, Ed Moore and his long-time chef from The Bungalow (across the street) focus on Mediterranean-style seasonal seafood, with some meat and poultry entrées for dedicated carnivores. The house style is creative but rational — try the ethereal (not an oxymoron) cabbage-wrapped seafood “chartreuse” with sauce Nantua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crust ed salmon, or the lake whitefish in any preparation. A huge wine list offers food-friendly bottlings chosen to complement the cuisine at below-normal markups. To request a specific wine from Thee Bungalow's larger cellar, call ahead. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**THEE BUNGALOW** 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic “cottage,” where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W. (11/00)*

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**BALE'S CAFE** 3926 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-293-0772. This bare-bones café offers some of the best Vietnamese-Chinese and American food prices in San Diego County. Owner Mr. Pham and his family are trying a formula that has worked in the Vietnamese community in Santa Ana, offering meals as low as \$1.99. Try the steak-and-egg breakfast with hash browns or toast. Or BBQ pork chop, egg, and shredded pork

with rice. Mr. Pham knows what Americans like — before the fall of Saigon he supplied food to the U.S. military there, so you can trust his good, basic burgers. Also good: spicy lemon grass chicken, half a fried Cornish hen with fried rice, or *kung pao* shrimp, *pho tai* (rice noodle beef soup), curry chicken or *chow fun* (thick noodles, beef, shrimp, chicken, with black mushrooms). Decor is sparse, but at these prices, who's complaining? Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**EL MORELENSE** 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

**ISLAND SPICE** 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE** 4090 Adams Avenue (at I-15), Kensington, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday through Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

**SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD** 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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**MARIO'S DE LA MESA** 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any



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direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgen of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the “machaca sonora style” (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studied with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

**SHERMAN'S CAJUN AND CREOLE BUFFET** 7353 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-8797. According to Sherman Hargrave, the owner-chef, the difference between Cajun and Creole is that Cajuns were country French and Creoles were mixed-race town sophisticates. And their food reflects this background. Must-know: “Gumbo’s a soup and Cajun,” says Hargrave, “jam-balaya’s a casserole and Creole. But onions and peppers and celery are the base of both traditions.” His all-you-can-eat lunch buffet (including a salad bar) is the best on-the-job way to get educated. His long center table has everything, from Louisiana gumbo, vegetable gumbo, fried catfish, barbecued chicken, and jambalaya, to beef hot links, baked and Southern-fried chicken, candied yams, collard greens, dirty rice, macaroni and cheese, crawfish étouffée, and really good, crumbly corn bread. And do not leave without a bite of (dangerously addictive) coconut coffee bar. Price includes a choice of soda or coffee. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT** 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises “all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients.” Everything is prepared under the supervision of the “Va’ad Harabbonim of San Diego” — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include “Felaful, California Style,” balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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**THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE** 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bull-fighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner’s mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as “Mano-

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**EL FANDANGO** 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8 a.m., and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

**GELATO VERO CAFFE** 3753 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbetto and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

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## DOWNTOWN

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**HENRY'S BBQ** 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

**MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD** 1157 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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**OLD WORLD RESTAURANT** 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their “Great Grilled Gruben” — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, “gemütlich.” Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

**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 on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W.*

**SEVILLA** 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**THE SNACK GALLEY** Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don’t expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it’s open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast

sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage, or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**STAR OF THE SEA** 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father’s Star of the Sea. In a chic new setting with the same romantic view, a talented new chef offers superb sea catch in fresh flavor combinations that are bold but sane. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef’s tasting menu, which can include a cleverly paired wine flight. À la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy; reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO** 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — *E.W.*

**THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PANCAKES** 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its “Grandma’s” buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**FLAMINGO CAFE** 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or

lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there’s always a “Sundowner” special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**GRANDMA’S PANTRY RESTAURANT AND BAKERY** 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma’s notice — pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says “Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First.” The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to “Hot Juan” frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their “All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat” special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB’s pier. Breakfast and early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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# Waterworld

*The science-fiction fan of today may be out of shape for such ruminative rigors.*

Steven Soderbergh needed *Solaris* in the worst way. Although his *Full Frontal* earlier this year proved to everyone including Soderbergh that neither the public nor the critics would follow him blindly down any self-indulgent path, that act of Inside Hollywood navel-gazing hardly served as penance for the crass commercialism of *Ocean's Eleven*. (Or, in lesser degrees of crassness, *Traffic* and *Erin Brockovich*.) It could serve only as a monument to his run-amuck ego.

*Solaris* is different. Certainly it is not without self-indulgence — a fifty-million-dollar science-fiction film devoid of action and sparse in special effects — yet the self-indulgence in this instance is balanced, as it was not in *Full Frontal*, by intelligence, by generosity (beyond the glimpses, for interested parties, of George Clooney's tush), and by a genuine urge to engage and to stimulate.

Part of the enjoyment of it, then, is the anticipation of the feelings of outrage, bewilderment, even outright derision on the part of the multiplex crowd unaccustomed to demands on their patience, their attention, their

willingness actually to think about what they are seeing and to talk about it afterwards. And not only the anticipation of it, but (to go by my own experience at the preview screening) the awareness of it in the crowd around you. In the demands on the spectator, as well as in things like the Resnaisian nonse-

quential editing and the Godardian muting of sound, Soderbergh summons up the art film of yore (similar, in that sense, to his First Career Mistake, *Kafka*), so that the time frame of the film almost seems less futuristic than historical.

Of course, the Andrei Tarkovsky film of the same name, adapted from a cult novel by Stanislaw Lem, was a bona fide art film of yore — the Russian answer to *2001*, carrying the upmanship spirit of the Space Race onto the movie screen — and indeed much of the Soderbergh intelligence comes down to knowledgeability in place of originality. He knows enough about movies to select a Tarkovsky film for remake. But then, too, he knows enough about moviemaking to make some improvements. The viewer who is wriggling out of his skin at the Soder-



*Solaris*

bergh version might be astonished to find out how far Soderbergh has streamlined it, shaving a full hour off Tarkovsky's running time. Truthfully, after thirty years, I could not (till I watched it again last weekend on TCM) recall much of the original. More truthfully, I don't think I could have recalled much of it after thirty

days. The Soderbergh, without the test of time, seems somehow more vivid, more (believe it or not) concentrated and communicative.

It gets off to a quiet but efficient start. In an undated future, a going-through-the-motions psychotherapist (Clooney, who for the occasion has stilled his head-wagging cockiness)

receives a personal appeal from an old friend on a space station in orbit over the water-blanketed planet of Solaris. He — the therapist — is the ideal man to deal with an undisclosed problem aboard the ship: "I wish I could be more specific, but, you know, people are listening." A twofold mystery has thus been set up: What's the problem?



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And why is the therapist the ideal detective to investigate it? He arrives at the station to find blood stains all over the sleek metallic surfaces, and his friend in a body bag. The first of the two survivors he encounters is no help, and not merely because he is played by one of our most annoying young actors, Jeremy Davies, a mumbly murmury Methody parody of a Marlon Brando wannabe, a Scott Marlowe, a Vic Morrow. "Can you tell me what's happening here?" is the obvious question. The answer is: "I could tell you, but that wouldn't really tell you what's happening."

When the therapist lies down to catch up on his sleep, a series of dream-flashbacks recounts his meeting and courtship of his wife (the saucer-eyed Natascha McElhone); and when he awakens from his reverie, his wife is lying beside him. But his wife, as we realize soon enough, is long dead. More mysteries: Who, or what, is this simulacrum, and where did she come from? "I don't know what's happening," she submits at one point, both echoing and challenging the viewer: "What do *you* think is happening?"

To tell more of the story, maybe even to tell this much, is *verboden* in the unwritten critical rulebook. I could only, after you have sat through it for yourself, and if you need a little push, start the conversational ball rolling by reminding you that Solaris is a planet of water, and that in the language of dreams, so they say, water represents emotion. (On Earth, the water motif is kept going in the form of a steady rain.) The film, from whatever angle you approach it, offers much to mull over on the subject of human relationships: the mental element, the creative element, of romantic love; the extent to

which the beloved is a projection of desire and a construction of fantasy; the extent to which he or she remains independent and unruly; the extent to which an individual is deficient and needs another for completion.

The science-fiction fan of today may be out of shape for such ruminative rigors. (Certain plot points, concerning the materialization of memory, took me back to *Journey to the Seventh Planet*, not a designated egghead film like *2001* and *Solaris*, but a grade-Z quickie from the time — early Sixties — when SF was not simply a synonym for FX.) And the fans are not the only ones who might be out of shape. It would not be improper, not be ill-bred, to suggest that Soderbergh leaves too much to conjecture at the end; that a few more questions could have been answered, or least *asked*, without quashing all discussion; and that the ending itself, while it leaves room for ambiguity and irony, invites the kind of mushy, muddy feel-goodism that John Edward and James Van Praagh hold out to the bereaved on daily television.

Give Soderbergh credit, in any event, for guts: for risking his "gains," for reversing his field, for restoring his honor. And not just guts. The film has what every fictional world should have, a climate, an atmosphere, a gravitational pull; its photography (credited

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to one of Soderbergh's pseudonyms, Peter Andrews) is classically clean and controlled, a refreshing change from the delirium tremens in whose grips he has been since *Out of Sight*; and the two zones of action — present and past, outer space and Earth — are differentiated not by the skin-deep tints of *Traffic* or the contrasting film stocks of *Full Frontal*, but by the lighting, the décor, the color scheme *inside* the settings: cold, silvery, pewtery, gun-metallic vs. warm, goldeny, ambery, umbery. If in the final analysis the film still seems overlong and overdeliberate (a director cannot be expected to shed his sense of self-importance all at once), it is nonetheless a respectable effort. The word has been selected with care. Deserving of, permitting of, enabling of, respect. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

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**All or Nothing** — Mike Leigh comes back from his change of pace and change of scene in *Topsy-Turvy*, back to his normal pace and his old stomping ground, a working-class milieu in modern-day London, more exactly a utilitarian housing complex and three downtrodden families therein. He gives us (among other things) over a dozen vividly drawn characters, of varying degrees of grotesquerie and gruesomeness without ever losing their touch with reality, each one fully fleshed out from top to toe. And he gives the pivotal female role to Lesley Manville, a Leigh regular who tends to get lost in the shuffle, but who asserts herself here as one of the great actresses of the English-speaking world. (Meryl Streep great, Judy Davis great, Tracey Ullman great.) A tiny sparrow of a woman next to the overfed pigeons of her mate and offspring, a twenty-four-hour-a-day worrywart, a doormat who ought to wear a

sign around her neck, “Tread on me,” she has all of the armor-piercing, heart-skewering pathos of a D.W. Griffith heroine and none of the drummed-up melodrama. A Lillian Gish, a Carol Dempster, as photographed by a Lewis Hine, a Dorothea Lange. Her picture could be put in *Webster’s* beside the word *woe*. And yet she is almost matched by Ruth Sheen as the single mum, and free-lance laundress, who alone among the principal characters maintains a glimmer of warmth, a twinkle of humor, without a jot of encouragement or reciprocation, the neighborhood’s leading candidate for canonization. To fully appreciate how great these two performances are, how completely the performers inhabit their roles, you’d need to have seen these same actresses in the same filmmaker’s *High Hopes* — provided, that is, you could recognize them in it. Timothy Spall, Alison Garland, James Corden, Marion Bailey, Sally Hawkins, Helen Coker. 2002.

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 12/5)

**Analyze That** — Sequel to *Analyze This*, starring Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal as a mobster and his therapist, directed by Harold Ramis.  
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER;

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SQUARE 14; FROM 12/6)

**Baran** — Another controlled outpouring of lyricism, a dribble here, a splash there, from the maker of *The Color of Paradise*, Majid Majidi. The first half — or more — is filled with the sights and sounds of a construction site in urban Iran, with no gussying-up through photographic frill or musical mood: a bare shell of a building around an open courtyard, a hive of puttery activity almost dreamlike in its lack of purpose and accomplishment, each worker (sometimes a pair) on an individual assignment, shovelling debris, laying bricks, lugging sacks of cement. The unsmiling, gruff, harried, but fundamentally decent foreman on the project is a rich repository of sights and sounds unto himself. And needless to add, it is next to inconceivable for an American film to immerse you so completely in a job of manual labor (even, for instance, in John Turturro's salute to the carpentry trade, *Mac*). You have to go to exotic extremes to find anything so mundane. There is (not to worry) a storyline, too, one that revolves around the runty young son, never opening his mouth, who fills in for an injured Afghan illegal

immigrant: so inept at the manly tasks of his father that he is shifted instead to the catering job previously held by a chipper but quick-fisted youth, who at first merely resents his replacement, then seethes with envy over the replacement's superior aptitude for the job. It is no surprise (to us) that "he," the replacement, turns out to be a she in disguise, but the moment of revelation, in the prying eyes of her rival, is beautifully visualized: a magical silhouette of literally letting her hair down and transforming her envious rival — presto-change-o — into a smitten suitor. (The hair will become the material of poetry: when the girl vanishes from the site without a trace, the suitor finds a hairpin in her favorite hideaway, with a single hair in it, and the revelatory window is now overgrown with a vine.) The last half — or less — regrettably gets away from the work site, for an overextended, repetitive, and unpersuasive demonstration of mad love, Iranian-style. With Hossein Abedini, Mohammad Amir Naji, Zahra Bahrami. 2001.

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC  
LIBRARY, 12/9, 6:30 P.M.)

**Bloody Sunday** — Paul Greengrass's masochistic re-enactment of the costly collision — thirteen dead, fourteen wounded — between outlawed Catholic protest marchers and itchy-fingered English peacekeepers in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, 1972. The English are not demonized, but you can tell whose side the filmmaker is on, long before the obligatory airing of the U2 anthem, "Sunday Bloody Sunday." (The 1971 John Schlesinger film of that name can be spied on a theater marquee, on an improbable double bill with *The Magnificent Seven*.) The logistical achievement of restaging the event is no doubt impressive, but the jittery *vérité* camera and desaturated color are stylistically pretentious. And only about one word in ten is intelligible. The purposefully nonstellar cast includes James Nesbitt, Allan Gildea, Gerard Crossan, Mary Moulds, Carmel McCallion, Tim Pigott-Smith, and Nicholas Farrell. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 12/6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 12/5)

**Bowling for Columbine** — Michael Moore's engaging and enraging documentary on gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. Dishevelled as ever in his baggy clothes and collection of ballcaps (one of them emblazoned with "Writer"), usually unshaven, a definitive schlump, he is still his own protagonist, no matter how antagonistic a one. Here he is, selecting a free rifle as a bonus "gift" for opening a CD account at a heartland bank *cum* licensed firearms dealer. Here he is, testing the theory that Torontonians don't bother to lock their homes, by going right up to some front doors and opening them. (Canada comes off very well in the film, not just for the low murder rate among a well-armed populace, but for the bedrock of social benevolence.) And here he is, escorting two crippled survivors of the Columbine school shooting to Kmart headquarters, to "return" the bullets to their place of purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face — Kmart capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore's quixotic quest to change the world. His search far and wide for connections and causalities, for an explanatory nexus, can at times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." (Joey Ramone's sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much *unslick* as strategically and pragmatically *anti-slick*. The film mirrors the filmmaker. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton Heston. 2002.

★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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**Comedian** — Christian Charles’s intimate documentary on the private hells of stand-up comics, focussing on two in particular, one big and one small: Jerry Seinfeld, honing a new act after the end of his TV sitcom, and thirtyish Orny Adams, whose biological clock is noisily ticking. It makes you feel something like pity (of all things) for the big shot, and something like genuine worry for the small fry. There’s some interesting shoptalk between Seinfeld and Leno, Shandling, Cosby; and the funniest story — Seinfeld’s “favorite” show-biz story — is told off-stage. The digital-video image, meantime, is all but unviewable, and the sound quality is not much better. 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

**El Crimen del Padre Amaro** — Carlos Carrera’s modernization, and Mexicanization, of a 19th-century Portuguese novel by Eça de Queiroz, a disciple of Flaubert. The film was a box-office bonanza in its native land, perhaps surprising in view of the sedateness and sobriety with which it looks at its subject. The subject on the other hand — priestly indiscretions — is *muy picante*. And there are moments worthy of Buñuel: the palming of a dollar from the collection plate, the spitting-out of a communion wafer to take home to the cat, the attempted force-feeding of a wafer to a palsied invalid. With Gael García Bernal, Sancho Gracia, and Ana Claudia Talancón. 2002. ★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 12/6; HILLCREST CINEMAS; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 12/6)

**Die Another Day** — It is now (ahem) four decades since James Bond made his debut on screen, never mind another decade since his debut on the page: he must, as a film entity alone, be into his seventies by now. However you calculate it, he can ill afford to spend fourteen months in a North Korean prison, coming out afterwards looking like Robinson Crusoe, as he does at the beginning of this, the twentieth entry in the series, give or take a *Casino Royale* or a *Never Say Never Again*. If the opening bout of incarceration, torture, and disgrace (“Double-0 status rescinded”) is meant to provide a jolt, it would have been advisable not to precede it with one of those preposterously overblown pre-credits sequences, or to accompany it with techno-Madonna all through the actual credits. The film is wrecked before it can get off the ground. There was perhaps cause for hope in the enlistment of a new director, Lee Tamahori (*Once Were Warriors*, *Mulholland Falls*, *The Edge*, *Along Came a Spider*), a cut above most of the recent helmsmen. Then again, the same could have been said about Michael Apted before the previous one, *The World Is Not Enough*. Bond proves again to be director-proof. In fairness, the second-banana villain’s getaway by helicopter from an islet off Cuba is excitingly staged, and there’s a vigorous swordfight in the Flynn-Rathbone tradition between Bond (who never needs practice to stay in trim) and the top banana. But then there’s the laser-ray satellite, the invisible automobile, the wind-surfing on a tidal wave, the car chase through the melting Ice Palace, the cosmetic conversion of Asian to Caucasian, and so on. With Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens, Rosamund Pike, Rick Yune, Judi

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**Eight Crazy Nights** — Animated holiday greeting card — Christmas and Hanukah both — addressed to Adam Sandler’s flock: juvenile tastelessness sprinkled with sugar. Besides being the model for the bah-humbug protagonist, Sandler supplies four different voices, all of them irritating in different ways. And the brand names and corporate logos on parade — Radio Shack, See’s Candies, Victoria’s Secret, Dunkin’ Donuts, etc. — demonstrate his full grasp of the Spirit of the Season. Directed by Seth Kearsley. 2002. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**8 Mile** — Screen debut of rapper Eminem, a pop-star acting vehicle not unlike some of the more serious (everything being relative)

of the early Elvis vehicles: *Loving You*, *Jailhouse Rock*, *King Creole*, *Wild in the Country*. (The Eminem character is even addressed on occasion as “Elvis.”) On the score of “realism,” one cannot fault the views of the ravaged urban landscape of modern Detroit (Michael Moore territory) or the trailer-park squalor of the hero’s home life; and Eminem himself, who came out of this background, does nothing in his acting to dispel the illusion. But all this grit goes only so far to cover up a hip-hop *Rocky* centered around a blue-eyed, blue-collar rapper who freezes on stage during the opening “battle” — forty-five seconds apiece to trash an opponent in rhythm and rhyme — and who ultimately redeems himself in the climactic rematch. What happens in between is a sub-Scorsese series of scrapes and scuffles threaded together by a plotless blur of “What the fuck, man!” and “What’s your fucking problem?” (Eminem, despite his runty size and his perpetual deer-in-the-headlights look of fright, holds his own in the physical battles, too.) And the grit, such as it is, never gets so thick as to blacken the rosy image of rap music as the voice of liberation: just what our Founding Fathers had envisioned for the disenfranchised youths of the inner cities. The un-PC

“gangsta” element has been all but eliminated, and although the personal vituperation in these “battles” leads naturally to challenges of an opponent’s manhood — which lead naturally to imputations of homosexuality — our hero will not descend to such depths. He descends instead to the level of the grade-school playground where a rival will be perceived as vulnerable on the basis that his given name is Clarence. As in Darrow. With Mekhi Phifer, Brittany Murphy, Kim Basinger; directed by Curtis Hanson. 2002. ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Emperor’s Club** — Pedantic induction into the hallowed halls of St. Benedict’s School for Boys: the dedicated teacher, the troublemaking pupil, the lessons learned, the damp-eyed twenty-five-year reunion. The bulk of the action is set in the Seventies, but it often feels as if it’s seventy years earlier. With Kevin Kline, Emile Hirsch, Jesse Eisenberg, Rishi Mehta, Embeth Davidtz; directed by Michael

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**Empire** — New York crime story with John Leguizamo, Peter Sarsgaard, Isabella Rossellini, and Sonia Braga, written and directed by Franc Reyes.

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**Equilibrium** — Futuristic action film with Christian Bale, Emily Watson, and Taye Diggs, written and directed by Kurt Wimmer.

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**Extreme Ops** — A team of “extreme” athletes, on location in the Alps to shoot a commercial, cross paths with a band of fugitive terrorists: just something else to get the adrenalin pumping and the rock music pounding. Extreme stupidity. With Rufus Sewell, Rupert Graves, Devon Sawa, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras; directed by Christian Duguay. 2002.

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**Far from Heaven** — At the outset, Todd Haynes carries us on a crane over a Peyton Place-y town square (or square town) and into the glossy world of the 1950s “women’s picture.” It is mildly amazing how straight he plays it, or anyway how deadpan, although there are nonetheless as many laughs as there would be if a present-day audience were to sit and watch *Imitation of Life* or *All That Heaven Allows*, the two Douglas Sirk soapers that provide the most overt inspiration. One flagrant difference between this and those is the taboo subject matter that never could have seen the light of day on the old Universal Studios backlot: the struggles of a white-collar family man with his suppressed homosexuality (“I know it’s a sickness, because it makes me feel *despicable*”) and the possibility, if not the actuality, of a clandestine affair between a liberal-minded suburban housewife and her cultured “Negro” gardener. Somehow the director’s deadpan does not hide every hint of his condescension, self-congratulation, and higher evolution. Off screen, which is to say in interviews and in the press notes, he will insist on how relevant and universal — as distinct from Universal — the material continues to be, but this might have been easier to swallow if he had updated the setting. When Rainer Werner Fassbinder paid his own homage to Sirk in *Ali: Fear Eats the Soul*, he made the same point, and made it better, by taking an old soapy story (*All That Heaven Allows* cross-pollinated with *Imitation of Life* — and clearly Haynes owes as much to Fassbinder as to Sirk) and then



Extreme Ops

transplanting it into a thoroughly modern style and setting. Why could the point not just as well be made a slightly different, yet slightly more daring, way: by transporting an old story *along with the old style* into a modern setting? While it is well photographed (Ed Lachman), well designed (Mark Friedberg), well costumed (Sandy Powell), and well acted (Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert), the film has a dollhouse quality that stiffens it, flattens it, squeezes the life out of it. Perhaps there’s significance in the fact that Haynes’s name-making first film, *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*, was enacted entirely with Barbie dolls. What had seemed at the

time a budgetary limitation might be a bigger limitation. 2002.

★ (COVE; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 12/6; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Femme Fatale** — Brian De Palma, as ever, exhibits abundant mechanical skills and equally abundant delight in their application. It would be fruitless to wonder what kind of career he could have had if he possessed even half a brain. Here he constructs, from a script of his own, a self-conscious *film noir* so full of baloney that we must limit ourselves, for illustrative purposes, to a single slice. Consider, to begin with, the height of the odds that a

slinky jewel thief (supermodel turned commonplace actress, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos) would happen to have an exact double, unbeknownst to her, within the borders of France. And then calculate the rate of growth of those odds when the jewel thief gets thrown over a guardrail, plummets several stories through a glass ceiling, and happens to land unconscious but unharmed at the feet of her double’s closest relatives, who take her straight home without a side trip to police station or hospital. It only gets worse. Alfred Hitchcock’s *Vertigo* — and in particular its nonverbal tailing scenes, its mysterious music, its revelatory flashback, not to mention its dead-ringer motif — is plainly a major influence, as it also was in De Palma’s *Sisters*, *Obsession*, and *Body Double*. High time, then, to acknowledge that that hugely entertaining, slightly overrated, and severely nonsensical Hitchcock thriller has granted a lot of lesser filmmakers a *carte blanche* for wanton nonsense. To wit: if *Vertigo* is hunky-dory, and *Vertigo* is nonsense, then nonsense must be hunky-dory. Antonio Banderas, Peter Coyote, Gregg Henry. 2002.

- (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Food of Love** — A hopeful young pianist on “the C-track” — conservatories, competitions, concerts — gets sidetracked when he sits in on stage as a page-turner for his idol, who soon initiates him into the gay lifestyle. The Catalan filmmaker Ventura Pons seems a little hamstrung in the English language, but the directness and simplicity, even naiveté, are disarming. Kevin Bishop, Paul Rhys, Allan Corduner, Juliet Stevenson. 2002.

★ (KEN, 12/6 THROUGH 12)

**Frida** — Belated contribution to Frida-mania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek), an almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera’s definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman. The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say “magic realism”) in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in *Titus*. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she’s dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia —

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will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian “biopic,” in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups (“My goddam sister! You’re an animal!”), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, and who can barely spare a moment for what’s on the walls. The artwork is important to her, just as Kahlo’s circle of friends is important to her, only to the extent that it confers a reputation. The movie counts on the cachet of the characters to compensate for the triteness and repetitiveness of the incidents. With Alfred Molina, Geoffrey Rush, Ashley Judd, Antonio Banderas, and Edward Norton, as Diego Rivera, Leon Trotsky, Tina Modotti, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Nelson Rockefeller, in order. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Friday after Next** — Comedy sequel with Ice Cube and Mike Epps, directed by Marcus Raboy. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

**The Godfather, Part II** — Francis Ford Coppola’s sequel pedals backwards and forwards from the events of the first *Godfather*. But while it ranges over great distances, from 1901 to 1958, it leaves a lot of gaps along the way — characters dropped from sight and mind, motives unhinted at. It is a movie that is vulnerable to quibbles over details, but it is surer about what it is after and braver about achieving it than its forerunner. In any case, it would be futile to imagine possible alterations or additions for a grandiose production in which everything — performances, color and light, carefully researched cultural data — appears to have been poured into place like concrete. Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, John Cazale, and Robert Duvall. 1974. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 12/6 THROUGH 12)

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**Half Past Dead** — Criminal commandos break into New Alcatraz to disrupt an execution. They hadn’t counted on the undercover agent in convict togs: Steven Seagal. A lot of tough talking and tough posturing (quite fetchingly on the part of Nia Peeples), though the Hong Kong-style action is strictly twinkle-toes. With Morris Chestnut, Ja Rule, Tony Plana, and Claudia Christian (nice as a two-gun FBI gal); directed by Don Michael Paul. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** — Or for short, *Harry Chamber Pot*. In the second screen adaptation of a J.K. Rowling children’s book, our now pubescent hero fumbles his way to a giant, slithering basilisk (syn., cockatrice) via a concealed orifice in the girls’ lavatory, the haunt of a ghost called

Moaning Myrtle: “Harry, if you die down there, you’re welcome to share my toilet.” Symbol-hunters, go to it! (The potty, the hole, the lizard, the moans, *la mort*...) But do not neglect, while you are at it, the Master Race motif of the Aryan-blond “pure-bloods” seeking to purge their school of the mongrelized “muggle-borns.” At a little past two and a half hours, the film is unforgivably overlong and overstuffed. Yet one is bound to agree with some of the obliging blurbists that this one is “better than the first,” regardless of the relative heat or chill of one’s enthusiasm. “There is a plot,” as pointed out by the computer-generated Dobby, a sort of Jar Jar Binks Jr., “a plot to make most terrible things happen.” Right. So much for plot. (More of it, at any rate, than in the first one, and less preamble.) Viewed, however, as a seam-bursting compilation of state-of-the-art

special effects — the flying car, the crash-landing of same in the Whomping Willow, the errant owl, the Blue Pixies, the Eight-Legged Freaks, etc., etc. — the film can be faulted only for its lack of let-up and its absence of judgment: faults so common these days as to have become norms. And as far as faults go, none goes farther than the upchucking of half-foot slugs by the poor little Weasley boy, a more “realistic” effect than you could possibly want. (Pass the chamber pot, please.) Still, that giant basilisk, its eyes pecked out by a reconstituted phoenix, is good enough to overcome the jaw-slackening monotony of it all, even to overcome the carbon-copy *Alien* moment of the hero nose to nose with the mucus-dripping monster. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Kenneth Branagh, and (the late) Richard Harris; directed by Chris Columbus. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**I Spy** — The only notable borrowings from the Cosby-Culp TV series of the late Sixties are the title and the color combination: Eddie Murphy, Owen Wilson. (Too late now, though, to boast of any pushing back or knocking down of racial barriers.) And

perhaps also, if you insist, the broad genre — although a stickler for accuracy might protest that the TV show stopped short of spoof and miles from slapstick. Irritating as the patty-cake repartee of Cosby and Culp could sometimes be, the hammer-and-tongs discord of Murphy and Wilson is downright painful. The two are no longer buddies, and only *ad hoc* partners; the black one is no longer a professional spy, let alone a masquerading tennis player, but a full-time horn-tooting prizefighter who refers to himself by proper name and current ring record (57-0); the white one is no longer a master of his trade but the departmental bumbler and backstabber. (“Attitude Meets Espionage,” is the ad line meant to entice you.) The mission they are on — the black-market auction in Uzbekistan of a stolen stealth bomber, or more to the point an “undetactable nuclear delivery system” — is played strictly for belly laughs, even down to the topical references (e.g., “evildoers” as the accepted term for enemies of the United States). What it exclusively earns, on the other hand, are gastrointestinal groans. Famke Janssen, Malcolm McDowell; directed by Betty Thomas. 2002. ● (VOGUE)

**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** — Self-anointed “Frump Girl” meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he’s not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage (“My cousins have two volumes, loud and

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louder”), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the “personal” angle stirs sympathy. With John

Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Naqoyqatsi** — High-gloss, well-funded experimentalism from Godfrey Reggio, a

compendium of camera and computer tricks, and a companion to his *Koyaanisqatsi* and *Powaqqatsi* — right down to the musical wallpaper by Philip Glass. We find out at the end, in the only verbal text of the movie, that the title is Hopi for (1) a life of killing each other, (2) war as a way of life, (3) civilized violence. Sufficient excuse, that, for a vast range of visual material: urban blight, video games, nuclear

tests, athletes and fans, celebrities, wax figures of world leaders, almost anything under the sun. It makes a handsome coffee-table movie in spite of the tone of a soapbox jeremiad; and it has about as much chance as the latter to effect change. 2002.  
★ (KEN, THROUGH 21/5)

**Personal Velocity** — Subhead: “Three Portraits.” In specific, portraits of Delia,

Greta, and Paula, each in turn instead of intertwined. The omniscient narrator, male, keeps us constantly mindful of the literary roots of the material (“She felt the ambition drain out of her, like pus from a lanced boil”), a selection of short stories brought to the screen by writer-director Rebecca Miller, their original author. The digital-video image is in and out of focus, insecurely framed, shrouded in smog or

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**Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:05) 7:50; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:00) 4:20, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (11:45, 2:00) 4:20, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:05) 6:10, 8:15; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 1:45, 3:40) 5:35, 7:30, 9:25; Sun. (11:50, 1:45, 3:40) 5:35, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.

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**Ken**  
*4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)*  
**Food of Love** (Not Rated) 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)*  
**Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **The Crime of Padre Amaro** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **Far from Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Tue. (2:00) 4:50, 10:05; Wed.-Thu. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Frida** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Personal Velocity** (R) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:130) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

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**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**  
*1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)*  
**Jane Goodall’s Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15; Sat. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Mon. 1:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:30; **Ultimate X** (PG) Sat. 6:00

# EAST COUNTY

## EL CAJON

**Parkway Plaza 18**  
*405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)*  
**8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 1:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:20, 2:30, 4:45) 7:30, 9:40; Sat. (10:15, 12:20, 2:30, 4:45) 9:40; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 12:20, 2:30, 4:45) 7:30, 9:40; **Analyze That** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:00, 1:15, 2:45, 4:20, 5:20) 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:30, 4:15, 4:40) 7:15, 7:40, 10:15; **The Emperor’s Club** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:20, 1:05, 4:00) 7:30, 10:10; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; **Extreme Ops** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10) 10:35; **Frida** (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:15, 10:40; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:40, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 11:55, 12:15, 1:25, 3:20, 3:40, 4:50) 6:45, 7:05, 10:10, 10:30; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:15, 10:35; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:50, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:35; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 5:00) 7:30, 10:20; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:20, 11:40, 1:00, 2:10, 3:35, 4:35) 6:05, 7:00, 9:30; **They** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20

## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Rancho San Diego 15**  
*2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)*  
**8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 4:35) 9:45; **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; **Analyze That** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:55, 5:15) 7:05, 7:35, 9:25, 9:55; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 1:30,

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## LA MESA

**Grossmont Center**  
*Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)*  
**8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:00) 7:50; Sun. (3:00) 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 7:25; **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:50) 7:55, 9:55; **Analyze That** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:30, 9:50; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:30, 7:40, 10:35; Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; **The Emperor’s Club** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:35) 7:35, 10:05; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:45) 7:40, 10:00; **Extreme Ops** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45) 5:35, 10:25; Sun. (12:45) 5:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 10:00; **Friday after Next** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:15; Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 4:55) 8:00, 10:05; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:40) 7:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:45) 7:55; **Solaris** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; Sun. (1:50) 4:45, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:15) 7:20, 9:40; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Sun. (1:05) 4:35, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:10) 7:10, 9:30

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*8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)*  
**Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:35) 8:15; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:30, 5:25) 8:25; **El Crimen del Padre Amaro** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 1:40, 4:05) 6:30, 8:55; **Frida** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 5:30) 8:20; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 5:10, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 5:20) 8:35; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 1:55, 4:05) 6:15, 8:25; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **They** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:15) 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:00, 3:55, 5:55) 7:55

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**Santee Drive In**  
*10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)*  
**Analyze That; Eight Mile; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; The Santa Clause 2**

# SOUTH BAY

## CHULA VISTA

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**8 Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 3:45, 8:30, 10:45; **Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Analyze That** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12





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# Calendar

## MOVIES

Martin Henderson, Brian Cox, Jane Alexander. 2002.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Roger Dodger** — It’s not only Roger who’s a dodger. It’s also the cameraman: he feints, he zigzags, he bobs and weaves. (Under instruction, presumably, from novice writer-director Dylan Kidd.) Like Roberto Duran in pursuit of Sugar Ray Leonard, the spectator might want to throw up his *manos* and say *no más*. The sexual tutorial of a sixteen-year-old Ohioan (Jesse Eisenberg) by his jaded and jaundiced uncle (Campbell Scott), on a night on the town in Manhattan, produces a babbling brook of glib patter, delivered glibly. But what’s the point of trying for punchy dialogue if the camera is just going to dance around it? Even if you could push the freeze-frame button, you would not have anything solid in front of you: wafer-thin faces slotted between a mushy background and mushy foreground, something like potato chips stuck in a mound of guacamole dip. With Isabella Rossellini, Jennifer Beals, Elizabeth Berkley. 2002.  
● (HAZARD CENTER 7)

**The Santa Clause 2** — There’s a lot going on, probably too much: the son of Father Christmas has landed himself on the Naughty List and requires some emergency parental attention; a contractual codicil dictates that the incumbent Santa must leave office if he fails to find a Mrs. Claus by Christmas Eve; in Santa’s absence from the North Pole, a plastic facsimile of him (a fascinating make-up job) oversteps his bounds into fascist tyranny; and the Tooth Fairy, unhappy over his name, is given a prominent supporting part. Each of these elements ends up getting short-changed. But altogether it’s a serviceable holiday entertainment from Disney, in spite of the strain of wisenheimer irreverence that seems to have seeped over from the animation department. Molly Shannon



The Godfather, Part II

contributes a show-stopping turn, suitable for *Saturday Night Live*, as a desperate blind date with Country-Western aspirations. Tim Allen, Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, David Krumholtz; directed by Michael Lembeck. 2002.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Skins** — A brother and his keeper: a drunken Indian (“sad cliché”) and a tribal lawman who literally “goes off the res” as an avenging vigilante. The educational prologue on the Lakotas of Pine Ridge (seventy-five-percent unemployment, etc.) shows us that director Chris Eyre has his heart in the right place — if his *Smoke Signals* hadn’t shown us already — but the awkwardness and amateurism levy a heavy tax on our goodwill. Eric Schweig, Graham Greene, Gary Farmer. 2002.  
● (HAZARD CENTER 7)

**Solaris** — Reviewed this issue. With George Clooney, Natascha McElhone, Jeremy Davies, and Viola Davis; written and directed by Steven Soderbergh.  
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Standing in the Shadows of Motown** — Well-deserved and long-overdue tribute to the anonymous studio musicians, known collectively as the Funk Brothers, who shaped the Motown Sound in the 1960s. The visual material is a little thin: minimal archive footage (these men by definition were out of the limelight), bogus “re-enactments,” and a sentimental but largely meaningless reunion concert of the surviving Brothers and “cover” vocalists such as Joan Osborne, Meshell

Mdegeocello, Bootsy Collins, Ben Harper, Chaka Khan. So many of the key players were already dead when the film was shot — and another of them, keyboardist Johnny Griffith, would die within a week of its release — but it’s a pleasure and a privilege to listen in on the reminiscences of the rest. Directed by Paul Justman. 2002.  
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**They** — Dim-lit chiller, with a no-name cast, about childhood “night terrors” made tangible. (“They” are not the gentle beings of the same-named ghost story by Rudyard Kipling.) Not much development, but some effective tightening of screws. Laura Regan, as finely whittled as the young Jamie Lee Curtis, is a credibly distressed damsel. Directed by Robert Harmon. 2002.  
★ (CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

**Treasure Planet** — An incohesive and indigestible blend of Robert Louis Stevenson and Robert Heinlein, besides an incohesive and indigestible blend of hand-drawn animation and CG stuff. The spaceships have masts and sails, like the flying pirate ship at the end of *Peter Pan*, except that these keep on going beyond the ionosphere, with the crew held to the deck by “artificial gravity.” (Okay, but how about some artificial oxygen?) Most of RLS’s memorable characters are present in one form or another: Jim Hawkins (a fatherless teenage daredevil with two-tiered, two-toned hair and a jet-powered surfboard), Long John Silver (a soft-hearted surrogate father), Dr. Livesey (prissified in the voice of David Hyde Pierce), Billy Bones (minus the Black Spot), Ben Gunn (a senile robot dubbed by Martin Short: “Was I ever dancing with an android named Lupe?”), in addition to a new Strong Female Character (in place of Capt. Smollett) and a comical shape-shifting mascot by the name of Morph (in place of the parrot): serious demographic oversights on Stevenson’s part. To tell a boys’ story nowadays would be risky more than just financially. The Disney team of John Musker and Ron Clements, wanting to overlook no one, include plenty of campy touches for the sophisticate, flatulence jokes for the innocent, and rollicking Korngold-esque

musical passages for the nostalgist — and the whole thing exudes the warmth of a cash register. 2002.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Tuxedo** — Effects-laden Jackie Chan comedy about a mere chauffeur, a martial non-artist, who acquires superspy powers through a gadgety suit of evening clothes. (The stuff of fantasy rather than science fiction.) Chan’s physical gifts are a little stifled, and the shrewish Jennifer Love Hewitt tramples all over him in the verbal department. Directed by Kevin Donovan. 2002.  
● (VOGUE)

**2001: A Space Odyssey** — Much of its reputation comes from exposing the masses to special effects that had been done much more excitingly, not to mention economically, in experimental shorts. Only where money really counts — the finicky construction of model spaceships — does it move into new territory. Kubrick’s paranoid spoofs on modern technocracy have never been very sharp — not then, not before (*Dr. Strangelove*), and not after (*Clockwork Orange*). Nonetheless a definite feeling of awe creeps in now and then during this incomprehensible chronicle of mankind from birth to rebirth. 1968.  
★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 12/5)

**The Way Home** — From South Korea, a simple tale of a bratty city boy, a TV and video-game addict, accustomed to trading swats with his irritable mother, but now packed off for a long stay with his rural grandmother, a mute, stooped over at a thirty-degree angle, bearing her burdens with the equanimity of a eucalyptus. It’s as slow as molasses, and as sweet, too. With Yu Seung-ho and Kim Eul-boon; written and directed by Lee Jung-hyang. 2002.  
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/6)



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**AUTO GLASS INSTALLER.** Experience professional with tools wanted. Call 858-581-2294.

**AUTOCAD TECHNICIAN:** Immediate opening with growing civil engineering design firm. Minimum 2-5 years experi-

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**AUTOMOTIVE.** Automotive Technician, experienced with foreign and domestic cars. Tools required. Benefits. Monday-Friday. Call Tony: 619-464-7575; or apply at 8838 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa.

**AUTOMOTIVE.** Jiffy Lube. Experienced Quick Lube Managers, Lube Techs and Customer Service Advisors. Highest pay, best benefits in the industry, including 401(k), medical, vacation, bonus. Apply: Carlsbad: I-5 and Palomar Road. Chula Vista: 593 F Street. Downtown: 1005 B Street. El Cajon: 539 North 2nd Street. Encinitas: 221 North El Camino Real. Kearny Mesa: 3982 Convooy Street. La Mesa: 5540 Lake Murray Boulevard. Mira-

mar: 6696 Miramar Road. Oceanside: 1970 Oceanside Boulevard. Pacific Beach: 2651 Garnet Avenue. Poway: Community Road Creekside Plaza/Edwards Cinema. San Marcos: 218 South Rancho Santa Fe Road. Sports Arena: 3775 Rosecrans. Fax resume or call 858-452-1721.

**BAKERY HELPERS.** Growing wholesale bakery needs Bakery Helpers for early mornings. No experience necessary. Hourly pay. Apply in person: Le Chef Bakery, 4696 A Ruffner Street, San Diego.

**BAKERY.** Otay Mesa bakery needs Helpers, Decorators, Bakers. No experience necessary. All shifts. Apply: S&S Bakery, Monday-Thursday, 8-10am, 2545 Britannia Blvd., San Diego.

**BANQUET SERVERS.** Experienced only! Also, Cooks, Dishwashers, Bussers, Clerical. Earn extra holiday money. Flexible hours. Must have own transportation. In-

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**BARTENDING.** \$250 a day potential. Training provided. Local positions. 800-293-3985 x1257.

**BENEFITS ASSISTANT** sought by Innova HR for Mira Mesa area. Minimum of 1 year direct HR experience, strong knowledge of MS Office, excellent customer service skills. E-mail resume: [innovahr@mail.all-in-1.com](mailto:innovahr@mail.all-in-1.com).

**BIKE CAB DRIVER.** Independent contractors. Male, female, full/part time. Driver's license. Train Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 12:15pm, 641 17th Street (G Street/I-94). 619-595-0211.

**BILINGUAL INTERVIEWERS,** Spanish and English. No sales. Marketing research. To \$12/hour. Good communication/spelling skills. Type 25wpm. Kaiser Healthcare, 401(k). Apply weekdays, 9am-4pm: Directions In Research, 8593

Aero Drive, San Diego, 92123. Jobline: 858-707-6093. 858-707-6094.

**BUS DRIVERS.** San Diego's largest transportation company needs full and part time bus drivers, Monday-Saturday. Commercial class B license with P endorsement. GPPV Certification. Benefits available. EOE. Drug-free workplace. Apply in person, Monday-Friday at 625 14th Street, San Diego.

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**CAREGIVERS:** Attentive Home Care has immediate openings for CNAs, HHAs, Caregivers (\$10-\$11/hour) and Live-In Companions (\$100-\$115/day). 3 years' experience required. Apply in person 9am-5pm Monday-Friday: 2333 1st Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101. Or call for an appointment: 619-231-0151.

**CASHIER.** We-R-Fabrics. North County, fast-paced retail store seeks a detail-oriented, friendly individual for full-time Cashier position. Please fax resume: 858-755-1664.

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**CHILD CARE WORKER** needed for overnight position for residential treatment center in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Fax resume attention Matt at 619-656-1429 or call Crystal at 619-397-6956.

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**CLASSROOM AIDES.** Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, Lakeside. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. \$8.14+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. [www.vistahill.org](http://www.vistahill.org). E-mail: [steinjobs@vistahill.org](mailto:steinjobs@vistahill.org). Fax resume: 619-281-0164. Apply, weekdays, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

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**COLLECTIONS.** At least 6 months collections experience. Collection of delinquent loans. \$12-\$15/hour. E-mail resume to: [yoko\\_halfweg@kellyservices.com](mailto:yoko_halfweg@kellyservices.com).

**COMMUNITY TRAINING** Specialist. \$8.38/hour to start, depending on experience. Assist developmentally disabled adults in the community. 32.5 hours/week. Benefits. Apply Monday-Friday. 8:30am-4:30pm. Stein Education Center, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego 92120. E-Mail: [steinjobs@vistahill.org](mailto:steinjobs@vistahill.org). Fax 858-514-5195. [www.vistahill.org](http://www.vistahill.org).

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**COUNSELOR**, Child Development. Full/part-time positions available in Point Loma area. B.A. degree in related (psychology) field preferred. Fax resume to attention: Robert, 619-523-0249 or mail: 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

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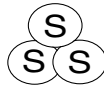
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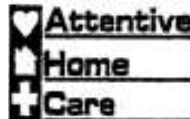
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Jerry DiCenzo  
Construction Superintendent  
Pacific Beach

I'm not too superstitious, but I do the knock-on-wood thing. I always have to say, "Knock on wood." I think I started it because my father always did that, so it caught on. So I do it, religiously. If I say something that I don't want to creep back on me later, I say, "Knock on wood." I look for wood...or I knock my head, if I have to.



Rosemarie Campos  
Counselor  
Pacific Beach

When my ears ring. The superstition is that someone is talking about you when your ears ring; it's been told in my family. I just take notice of it. Another one would be walking around the house without socks on. I think it's a Mexican tradition, that if you walk around without your socks on and there's a draft, that you might catch a cold.



Jay Magpantay  
Proofreader  
Paradise Hills

I'm superstitious about New Year's and black cats. New Year's, you're supposed to jump up so you grow and have money in your pockets so you get money throughout the year. It's a tradition for my family; we're Filipino. And black cats — if one crosses your path, you know you get bad luck. You try to avoid it. But if it happens, you're stuck; you just get bad luck.



Veronica Gutierrez  
Sales Specialist  
National City

If you break a mirror, you get seven years' bad luck. I haven't really broken a mirror; I try not to. But I don't want to find out what will happen if I do.



Belinda Williams  
Literacy Program Coordinator  
La Mesa

This comes from my mother: you do not put your purse on the floor, because it means you'll always be broke. Another one comes from my grandparents: If someone's sweeping the floor and they sweep over your feet, it brings you bad luck. Some people say that it means you'll get married, but I heard it's about bad luck.

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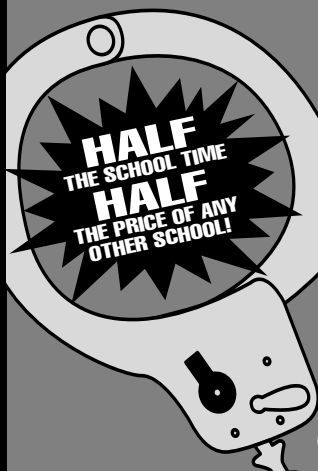
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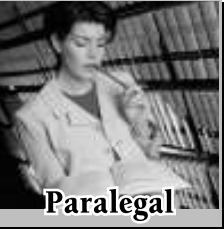
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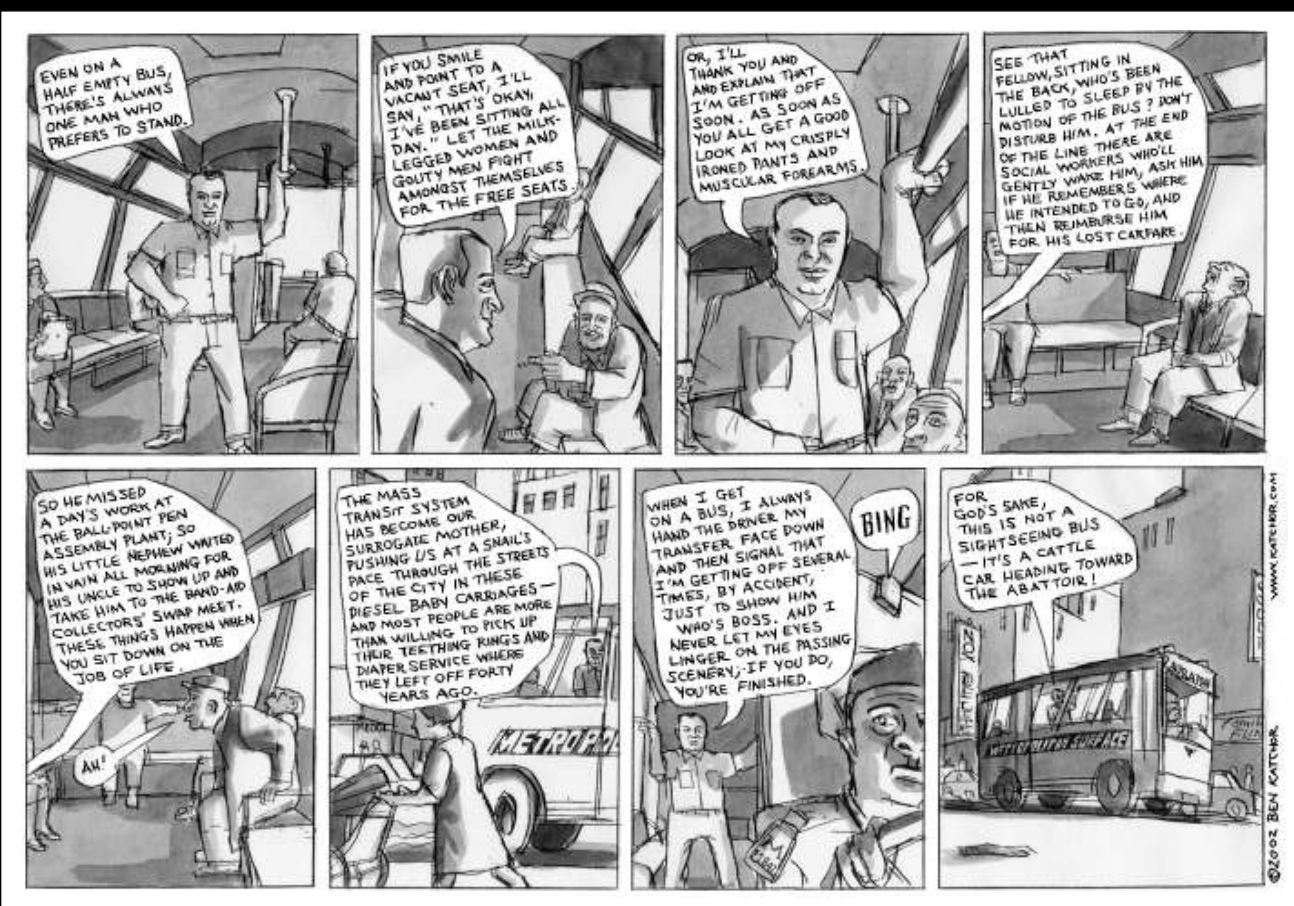
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**ATTRACTIVE, FIT, HEALTHY** female nurse, 42, three grown children. Desires to meet professional, healthy male, 38-49. Dining, exercise, theater, travel, fun. Long term relationship minded. (12/11) ☎ 50036

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**PROFESSIONAL, SOPHISTICATED,** German lady, 48, young looking, attractive, slim, very outgoing. Seeking African American gentleman, 50+ for friendship, maybe more. (12/11) ☎ 50032

**ELEGANT, PROFESSIONAL,** South American, slim, petite, easygoing with good sense of humor. Seeking gentleman, 38-50, honest, childless, emotionally/financially secure for long term relationship. (12/11) ☎ 50044

**ARE YOU UNITY,** religious science? And never want kids, have great Latino looks, 37 max? Great! Spiritual, beautiful, 33, blonde waiting to meet you. (12/18) ☎ 50096

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**NICE, FUN, ATTRACTIVE,** 29 years old, 5'6", 130lbs., no children. Corporate trainer. Loves fresh air and crazy adventures. Seeking 28-37 year old for same. (12/18) ☎ 50076

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**BLONDE/BLACK, CHIC**, christian values, easy smile, musician, hiker, Scrabble, Backgammon, arts, sciences, conversationalist, tall, real woman, enjoy belly laughs. You: 40-60, enjoy same, more. (12/11) ☎50065

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**VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN**, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoking, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (12/18) ☎50092

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**HOT GUY DESIRED!** You: White, good looking, 21-31, 5'10"+. Me: Cute, cool, sweet, spontaneous, passionate, spunky. I am a fun girl, love to party! Call! (12/11) ☎50040

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**33 YEAR OLD, INTELLIGENT**, cute, bilingual woman would like to meet Spanish speaking, Chinese international student from Peru for dating. (12/11) ☎50041

**ARE YOU AT THE TOP** of your game? Mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally? 3 out of 4 isn't bad. This intelligent, adorable, childless, black beauty awaits. (12/11) ☎50053

**IMAGINE BEING IN LOVE**. Single white female, 5'7", 52, nonsmoker, Catholic, thinker, likes steak, wine, hiking, opera, fishing back country, make each day count. (12/11) ☎50020

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**LARGE, LOVING, WHITE FEMALE**, wanted by handsome black artist for permanent relationship/marriage. Must love fishing, camping, rural life. Have riverfront home in Northwest. (12/11) ☎49455

**WIT, HUMOR, FUN!** Successful businessman seeks woman to share life, family, travel and other things expected of a soul mate. Let's get acquainted over coffee. (12/18) ☎49572

**RETIRED PROFESSIONAL**, looking for cultured woman, 45-55, for fun companionship. Del Mar, North Cardiff, Encinitas. (12/18) ☎49537

**HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**, North County, professional, 41, 6'1", slim/athletic build, loves to travel and play. Seeking athletic lady for biking or tennis. Friends first. (12/18) ☎49522

**FUN, BRIGHT, 50, TALL**, slender, Escondido dad, sincere, degreed professional, romantic, seeks 38-50, North County, trim, nonsmoker, bright, attractive, for friendship, monogamy, romance, travel, marriage. (12/18) ☎49536

**TEACHER, AUTHOR, CAUCASIAN**, Jewish, 50s, metaphysical interests, 5'8", nature, music, dance, art, psychology, compassionate, languages. Seeking woman with similar interests, 40s. Please no cats, allergies. (12/11) ☎49468

**NORTH COUNTY, TEMECULA**. Camping, country music, river, 2 children. No cigarettes, sports, TV. White, 47, old, hippie/Christian values. Seeking committed, permanent relationship. (12/18) ☎49516

**GORGEOUS GUY, SLIM, 5'8"**, educated, homeowner, never married, fun, outgoing. Seeking childless, slender woman, 20-30. (12/11) ☎49506

**GOLF, WALKS, MORE GOLF**, romance, 59, white male, looking for outdoor lady for golf, weekend trips, grandkids, fishing, mountains, boating. Lets have fun. (12/11) ☎49464

**WINE, DINE AND ROSES**. Fun, travel and adventure. Handsome, affluent romantic seeks sincere, passionate goddess, 35+, for serious fun, possible relationship. You won't be disappointed. (12/18) ☎49550

**MAGICAL, MIRACLE MOMENTS**, ours! Oceanside, tall 6'4+, world travelled, eclectic, electric, creative, caring, retired, spiritual, desires tall, trim, 60+/-, unencumbered for magical, better life. (12/11) ☎49508

**OLD-FASHIONED, PATIENT**, funny. I'm 23, brown hair, brown eyes, Italian. Into camping, cuddling by a fire, laughing, local pubs with live music, football, movies. (12/18) ☎49520

**ATHLETIC, FUN, OUTGOING**, caring honest? Me too! Looking to have fun and meet new people. No trips or head

games. Just you and me. (12/18) ☎49539

**56, TALL, AVERAGE BUILD**, easygoing guy seeks same in woman. Blue collar type. Snuggle, like companionship, talking. Not athletic. North Park area. No smoking/drugs. (12/18) ☎49548

**RELATIONSHIP MINDED**, sincere, youthful 55, 6', 185lbs., cyclist, kayaking, hiking. Seeking attractive, fit, fun loving, 45-55, adventures, wining, dining, conversation. San Diego home owner. Nonsmoker. (12/11) ☎49492

**I LIKE NATURE, HIKING**, camping, swimming, traveling, music, art, movies, photography, books, history. I'm tall, slim, athletic, health conscious, professional, educated, witty, agnostic, 59. You? (12/11) ☎49487

**AFRICAN AMERICAN, 46**. Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, reliable, 5'10", 170lbs., enjoys music, beach, dining, coffeehouses. Seeking attractive, marriage minded, blonde female, 33-41. Be my lady. (12/18) ☎49544

**BLACK FEMALE**. Attractive, intelligent, fit, well proportioned elegant sought by tall, handsome, athletic, 58, Sean Connery look alike, to share an intimate, intellectual, emotional relationship. (12/18) ☎49564

**NICE BLUE EYES, 5'10"**, 46, sense of humor, enjoys outdoors, weekends, beach area. Seeking outgoing, medium to smaller size woman for dating, 35-45. (12/11) ☎49482

**PASSIONATE, CREATIVE**, confident, professional. Handsome, single white male, 48, seeks intelligent, sexy, single white female, 20-40, to share new beginnings, laughter and love. (12/11) ☎49471

**NICE BUT LONELY**, 53, 5'6", guy looking for nice, lonely woman to start a meaningful and satisfying relationship together. Simple ad, simple request! (12/18) ☎49561

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**DOCTOR, GUITARIST, PIANIST**, 39, very attractive, fit, tall, blue eyes, considered very creative, a bit shy, good listener, Jewish. Seeking sensitive, compassionate, intelligent, loyal female. (12/11) ☎49469

**TALL, VERY HANDSOME, 55**, beach homeowner, sophisticated but casual,

emotionally and financially stable, seeks warm, sensual, lovely woman for meaningful relationship with purpose and intimacy. (12/18) ☎49540

**ATTRACTIVE, WHITE MALE**, desires black female, 30-45 affections, down to earth, possible relationship with 39, 6'3" single father of beautiful, mixed 8-year old daughter. (12/11) ☎49459

**PLAYFUL, CARING**, intelligent, passionate, sensual, open-minded, handsome, 53, 5'9", 170lbs., loves nature, arts, sciences, humor, desires slender, cute, 45ish, to love forever. (12/11) ☎49486

**CHIVALROUS, HANDSOME**, genuine, single, white male, 29, 6'3", 220lbs., considerate, creative, positive, new chef in town seeks wonderfully devilish angle, for romantic adventures, guided tours. (12/18) ☎49556

**LOVE WILL SUCCEED**. Hispanic, 40+, sensitive to you, energetic, lively, sense of humor, extremely affectionate, tenderly caring, definitely communicative, seeks any age sweetheart, blonde/blue. (12/11) ☎49486

**WEALTHY, 42**, young looking, great shape. Passenger seat in the Mercedes is empty. You: younger, slim, spontaneous, positive, beautiful, ready for incredible friendship and life. (12/18) ☎49546

**MEDICAL DOCTOR, 39, FIT**, affectionate, humorous, likes ballroom dancing, painting, play piano, looking for petite, cute, sweet woman, 25-35, for long term relationship. (12/18) ☎49517

**STEVE RAY, KUROSAWA**, Carlin? 25, smart, twisted, easy on the eyes, love kids, guitarist, writer, hopes you're positive, caring, sensitive lady who appreciates being appreciated. (12/11) ☎49479

**CHRISTIAN, 44, 6'2"**, kindhearted, sensible, love nature, cooking, music, but not TV. Seeking Christian woman to share personal growth, similar interests and fun. (12/18) ☎49518

**MARRIAGE MINDED**. Age 41, 5'7", Caucasian, healthy, honest, sensitive, romantic, sincere, athletic, adventurous, home and business owner. Seeking unencumbered and healthy partner, 28-35. Encinitas. (12/11) ☎49461

**CAUCASIAN, 43, SECURE**, established, employed, educated, communicative, social, speaks French/Spanish, passionately enjoys, snow skiing, flying, sailing, motorcycles, hiking, camping, hugs, seeking 25-38, high compatibility. (12/18) ☎49525

**READY FOR A PARTNER** for life. I'm tall, smart, 39, fun, black, romantic, happy, easygoing, fun loving. (12/18) ☎49562

**SEEKING ASSERTIVE**, short woman, not heavy. Nice personality, any race, 46-53. Emotionally available. I'm Caucasian, 5'6", trim, 50ish, dark hair, little grey. Enjoy simple pleasures. (12/18) ☎49563

**PROFESSIONAL, WHITE**, attractive, funny, 43, childless, 5'10", 175lbs., hazel eyes, outdoors man, golfer, photographer, enjoy movies, novels, concerts, sports. Seeking compatible woman for monogamous relationship. (12/18) ☎49533

**DYNAMIC, INTELLIGENT**, attractive, fun loving, professional, 44, 5'7", 160lbs., seeks attractive female with personality and intelligence, for rela-

tionship, offering enjoyment and growth. (12/11) ☎49485

**GOOD LISTENER**. Warm male, tall, athletic, employed, nice looking and peaceful, seeks very feminine woman, 40-55, for conversation, music, dinner, committed relationship. You deserve respect. (12/18) ☎49547

**MOVIE ACTOR/FILM MAKER**. Bond type, tall, dark, handsome seeks upbeat, positive, shapely, easygoing lady, 19-39, for long term relationship. Conversation, romance, travel, fun. (12/18) ☎49552

**GOOD LOOKING, SMART, STABLE**, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 45. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43 for balanced long term relationship. (12/11) ☎49467

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**ELECTIC ANYONE?** Hispanic, 31, SDSU graduate, loves KISS, movies, music, dancing, family, exercise. Seeking cute, white/Hispanic, 21-35, non-smoking, honest, fun, affectionate, loving, trustworthy, caring. (12/11) ☎49488

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**LOOKING FOR A NICE ASIAN** lady, age 30-42, for a hardworking, white man, 5'8", 150lbs., no drugs or games please. (12/18) ☎49543

**FIT, 50 AND FINANCIALLY** solvent! Seeking older, larger and bawdy for commitment, caring and relaxed communication. Love nature, music, fine arts and good food! (12/11) ☎49505

**HEY LET'S KICK IT UP** a notch! 33, single, white male, seeks unique lady who is looking for a new kind of love. Us: dynamite! (12/11) ☎49500

**SMOOTH, TAN LADY DESIRED** by white professional. I love giving long back rubs. Educated, 6', 199lbs., soft skin, full head of air, 43 looking 38. (12/11) ☎49489

**SINGLE, HANDSOME MALE, 51**, found himself in Texas. Back home looking to find warmth and humor in relationship. Love outdoors, activities, home owner, La Mesa. (12/18) ☎49542

**TEDDY BEAR, BLACK, TALL**, handsome, humorous, down to earth, very romantic. Seeking sexy, full-figured girl, race open, must love to cuddle, snuggle, all answered. (12/11) ☎49503

**LOOKING TO DATE UNITY** minister or teacher lady, 21 through 40, no drugs, no children, I am a Christian, handsome, slender male, 35, church musician! (12/18) ☎49519

**FIREMAN, 57, 195LBS., 6'**, Clairemont, adventurous, active, looking for sensual, slim, adventurous female, 45ish. (12/11) ☎49477

**WILL PERK YOU UP**. Interested in having someone new in your life? I am 38, 6' tall, attractive, loving but not smothering. Sincere only. (12/18) ☎49554

**TALL, ATHLETIC**, 27, 6'1", 175lbs., white/Asian, clean-cut, no children, doesn't smoke, loves dancing, hiking, travelling, playing guitar. Seeking white female without any dependents. (12/18) ☎49555

**44 YEAR-OLD, HISPANIC** male, born in USA, seeks Hispanic female for marriage. Must be 18-35 and loving, caring, nurturing and mothering. All sizes welcome. (12/11) ☎49484

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**THE WEST IS THE BEST,** let's explore it! Away from the crowds, two wheels or four. We are healthy, enjoying life, outdoorsy, independent and easygoing. (12/18) ☎ 49538

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**LET'S MEET FOR DRINKS.** Single, white male, 40, 6', 195lbs., blond hair, hazel eyes. Must like barbecues, Chinese food, frisbee, dogs, rock and roll. (12/18) ☎ 49526

**BLACK, 41, 6', 300LBS.,** likes music, movies. Seeking single, white female, blonde, tall, shapely, 30-42 years old, 300lbs.+, plus nice, kind, for romantic relationship. (12/11) ☎ 49456

**NO GLOWING ADJECTIVES.** I'm just a nice 72-year-old guy who's easy to know and dance with. Let's see if there's a little chemistry. (12/18) ☎ 49523

**WANTED:** exotic female, beautiful inside and out. You: friendly, fun, slim, sexy. Me: tall, attractive, blue eyes, part-time model, enjoys movies, dinner, music. (12/11) ☎ 49497

**JEWISH, COWLES MOUNTAIN** hiker. 51, tall, slender, healthy, type B personality, easygoing, calm, patient, early sleeper and riser, morning person. Voice mail only. No E-mails. (12/18) ☎ 49559

**WANTED: FULL-FIGURED,** passionate, romantic, sincere! Serious, white male seeks special woman, 50, 6', brown/blue. Enjoys: walks, movies, music,

dinner, sports, cuddling, being together. (12/18) ☎ 49524

**FUN LOVING, AFFECTIONATE,** educated, 5'8", athletic gentleman. Looking for nonsmoker/drinker, slim, medium build, passionate, 50s, Caucasian for conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home, love? (12/11) ☎ 49470

**EXTRA CUTE SURFER BOY,** 27, smart, successful, funny, high quality, 5'9", 160lbs., athletic. Friendship, fun, maybe more, for extra cute, honest, happy girl next door. (12/18) ☎ 49565

**LOOKING FOR YOU,** smart and sexy, where are you and why haven't you contacted me yet? I'm new that's why. Now waiting. (12/18) ☎ 49527

**CHRISTIAN,** New York/Italian, loves Jesus, animals, people. Looking for slender, attractive, sweetheart, lady. Concerts, movies, outdoors, sports, travel, partying. Nonsmoker. (12/11) ☎ 49472

**SENIOR SEEKS** North County, bright, pretty, 50ish lady, for walks, rides, talks, sharing, like nature, animals, music, ocean and hopefully me. No games please. (12/18) ☎ 49532

**ATHLETIC ASIAN AMERICAN,** 5'10", 40s, young looking, attractive, fit, fun, well educated, stable, successful, MBA+, world traveler, seeks tall, sporty, intellectual, passionate, witty, Asian. 30s. (12/11) ☎ 49499

**For Women Who Want To Quit Dating**

If you've ever thought, "I've had it with dating," then you and I should talk. To find out why, call me. I'm 25 and I'm looking for a woman around my own age. No smoking and no drugs please. (12/18) ☎ 49567

**41, NONSMOKER, TALL,** dark, morning person, needs Mrs. Right. You: 35-45, 5'4"+, nonsmoker, no kids. Dinner, romance, sparkling conversations, smiles and laughter. (12/18) ☎ 49534

**BRUNETTE PREFERRED!** White male, 43, tall, dark and nice looking, financially/emotionally secure. Enjoys all! Seeking: cute, nonsmoking, good per-

sonality, low maintenance woman for relationship! (12/11) ☎ 49491

**I AM 28, 5'6",** physically fit, professional, emotionally and financially secure. Looking for a woman, 21-35, physically fit, professional, honest and fun. (12/18) ☎ 49553

**HANDSOME, SEXY,** successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blonde, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (12/18) ☎ 49514

**AVERAGE, 6'1", 185LBS,** seeking average, nature, dance, movies, romantic dinners, hikes, RV travel, old rock and roll, singing by campfires, passion, comedy, 30-40 , slender. (12/11) ☎ 49462

**ATTRACTIVE EXPLORER,** physically fit, tan, muscular body, 54, looks 42, brown hair, very blue eyes, 5'9", 167lbs., romantic, honest, caring, enjoys travel, boating, movies, nonsmoker. (12/11) ☎ 49483

**HANDSOME, TALL, FIT,** confident, personable, passionate, caring. 44, 6'2", 190lbs. Believe in working hard, having responsible fun. Seeking my soul mate. Pretty, slim, intelligent. Nonsmokers. (12/18) ☎ 49573

**UNEMPLOYED HISPANIC, 26, 5'8",** 195lbs., looking for sexy woman. Likes beach, music, drinking, partying. Honest and likes to have a lot of fun, you same. (12/18) ☎ 49515

**GREAT KISSER,** white male, 43, nice looking, romantic, great sense of humor, seeks fit, sensuous female, for dining out, concerts, karaoke, travel, beach, awesome kisses. (12/18) ☎ 49557

**SENSE OF HUMOR,** intelligent, honest, poet, 52, 5'8", 170lbs., blond/brown, enjoy coffee houses, conversation, movies, walks, nature, music, books. Seeking proportionate for friendship/relationship. (12/11) ☎ 49481

**IF THERE IS A PLUS SIZE,** voluptuous woman out there that feels no one is interestee in you, you're wrong. You're just my type. (12/11) ☎ 49478

**ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS?** Latino, responsible, good listener, musician, real, home owner, Home Depot? You: white, funny, musical, honest, 110lbs., integrity. You cook, I clean. (12/18) ☎ 49566

**BEACH AREA,** single, white male, 49, athletic, eclectic interests, would like to meet intelligent, fit, independent woman. (12/18) ☎ 49549

**BLACK MALE, 40,** looking for full figured, black woman, for conversations, walks on the beach, music, closeness, honesty laughter, long term relationship, age between 35-50. (12/11) ☎ 49502

**ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 48,** athletic, attractive, 6', 180lbs., professional, biking, hiking, tennis, dancing, metaphysics, comedy clubs, foreign films, African-American, 32-52, very attractive, athletic, North County. (12/11) ☎ 49507

**WE WON'T MEET IN BARS.** Too modest to hit on you at the store. Tall, athletic, attractive Caucasian, 33, appreciates intelligence, romance, fitness and diversity. (12/11) ☎ 49474

**BLACK, 6'3", ACTIVE,** athletic, well built, financially secure, homeowner by the beaches, humble. Seeking athletic woman for romantic activities, weekend trips, intellectual stimulation, any race. (12/11) ☎ 49466

**Time For Us!**

Handsome, successful entrepreneur, youthful 58, 5'11", fit, quick wit, easy smile, loves films, music, dance, nature, stimulating conversation, seeks smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter, love. (12/18) ☎ 49558

**SEEKING TALL, 5'8",** white, slender female, for good times and long term relationship. I'm 6'6", white, 54, fit. La Jolla, UTC area. (12/11) ☎ 49490

**SINGLE DAD** with little girl, 4 years. 45 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (12/11) ☎ 49495

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**ORIENTAL OR HISPANIC WOMAN** who is seeking a white knight. Me: 39, white, 5'10", fun, passionate, caring, outgoing, good looking and intelligent. The knight awaits. (12/11) ☎ 49476

**SEEKING JAPANESE LADY** for spontaneous, fun, loving relationship. 47 years, single, white male. Likes: music, cooking, coffee, regular life. Back from one year in Kyushu. (12/18) ☎ 49528

**Bonjour My Attractive Ladies.**

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**LONGHAIRED, COMPUTER** hippie seeks college educated, sweet, petite, childless, vivacious, creative, unique lady, 30-45. Loves dogs, rock concerts, sushi, photography, travelling, movies. Let's explore! (12/18) ☎ 49560

**NEW TO TOWN.** 22, male, new from Philadelphia, looking for nice lady who is into punk, Kerouac, books and just enjoy life. (12/11) ☎ 49488

**LOOKING FOR YOU.** Good looking, nice, outgoing personality. From 25-38, blonde to brown, likes the movies, beach, concerts, play pool and likes being together. (12/11) ☎ 49473

**I AM A TALL, HARDWORKING,** attractive, Latin man looking for personality and zip. Have ambition? Love romance? Can you appreciate a great man? Rescue me! (12/18) ☎ 49521

**SUCCESSFUL, SENSITIVE,** intelligent, good natured, affections. Light

brown, blue, 5'9", nice appearance, trim and youthful at 55. Relationship minded, financially secure, childless North County homeowner. (12/11) ☎ 49454

**I'M THE ONE WHO'LL MAKE** you laugh, think sigh. Handsome, hip, confident, young looking, 39, 5'7", slim. You: 29-42, slim, humorous, any race, kids cool. (12/11) ☎ 49501

**PRINCE CHARMING** seeks to meet Cinderella. Fun, adventurous, Jewish male, 33, seeks honest, sincere, quality woman for good times, laughter and new adventures. (12/18) ☎ 49531

**AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC,** monogamous, biracial, African American/white, 63, 6'4", 205lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (12/11) ☎ 49475

**COOL SOUL SISTER** sought be white male, 41, 5'10", 160lbs., strawberry blond, nonsmoker, social drinker, childless, Mission Valley. Enjoy golf, pool, motorcycles, rock, blues, jazz. (12/18) ☎ 49551

**21-41, LOYAL, SLIM,** white. me: 35, nonalcoholic, nonsmoker, never drugs, never jail, never married, no children, Christian, hablo Espanol, poor, overweight and too honest. (12/11) ☎ 49458

**TROPICAL FRUIT/BIRD** paradise in Bonita. Birds, gardens, guavas, cherimoyas, creeks, trees, weeding, mulching, fresh produce. Easygoing artist seeks earth-oriented lady for good times. (12/11) ☎ 49460

**HI, THIS SEXY, FUNNY,** romantic, San Diego guy, 45, 6'4", seeks woman, 27-53. For barbecues, sports, beaches, music. Listen to my introduction and call me. (12/11) ☎ 49494

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**DEL MAR, WEST.** \$725 rent, deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath, steps to bluff, ocean view, DSL, maid, parking, utilities included. Available 1/1. 858-699-3819.

**DEL MAR, WEST.** \$750, utilities included, deposit. Female share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, laundry, block from ocean. No smoking/pets. Available 1/1. 858-344-8681.

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**DEL MAR.** Master bedroom, \$600 plus 1/4 utilities. West of I-5, washer/dryer, cable, individual phone line. No smoking/pets. Male/female. Available immediately. 858-481-4299.

**DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY.** \$900. Share beautiful townhome, high ceilings, fireplace, balcony, 2-car garage, air conditioning, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, gym. Nonsmoking female. 858-755-4198.

**DEL MAR/RANCHO SANTA FE.** \$500 plus utilities. 2 rooms available in January in 3 bedroom house with view. No smokers. Low deposit. Darryn, 858-794-9445.

**DOWNTOWN.** \$995, including utilities. Luxury 16th floor, 1800 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo at Renaissance. Private bath, washer/dryer, pool, gym, secured parking, breathtaking views. Nonsmoking, no pets. Eric, 619-696-1070.

**DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY.** \$850. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath new condo. Washer/dryer, private parking. Great view. 619-933-8469.

**EASTLAKE.** \$650/month, deposit, 1/3 utilities. 2 rooms available in new 4 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 2-story house, (option) own living room. 619-507-3048.

**EL CAJON.** Senior park. \$375. Room for rent. Use of kitchen and living room. Includes all utilities, Cox cable, use of washer/dryer. 619-447-8509.

**EL CAJON.** \$550/month, utilities included. Lovely, furnished bedroom and private bathroom, porch, kitchen. Pool, jacuzzi, sauna and more. Senior community. Smoking preferred. Helen, 619-440-1081.

**ENCINITAS.** \$750, includes utilities. Room available 1/1/03. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Ocean view. Vaulted ceilings. Washer/dryer on premise. Off-street parking. Garage storage. 760-494-4113.

**ENCINITAS.** \$675 plus utilities. Room with private bath. Washer/dryer, yard, garage. Female preferred. Available 12/1. 760-230-1505.

**ENCINITAS.** \$625, spacious room. Utilities/cable included, plus deposit. Nice house, quiet area. Laundry, house privileges. Near all amenities/MiraCosta College. Nonsmoking, pets, drugs. 760-634-1637; 619-235-2415, x16239.

**ENCINITAS.** \$750/month includes utilities. 2 blocks beach. New 2600 square foot home. Bedroom with private bath. Washer/dryer, garage, deck. Furnished. No pets/smoking in house. Security and references required. Available 12/27. 760-943-9569.

**ENCINITAS.** \$625 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated, washer/dryer, dishwasher, pool/spa, fireplace, balcony, garage. 1 mile to Moonlight Beach! Female preferred. 760-632-8773.

**ENCINITAS.** \$900 plus deposit, 2 rooms and own bath in sunny home. Utilities, large yard, DSL, Dish, gardener included. Must see! Nonsmoker. Available now. 760-436-5961.

**ENCINITAS.** \$675/month, \$55 utilities/month. Roommate wanted, share large 3 bedroom townhouse. Spa, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, fireplace, front/backyards. Females only. Alexandra, 619-726-1456.

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**ESCONDIDO, LAKE HODGES.** \$695 plus deposit/utilities. Private room, bath. Gorgeous estate, 3 fireplaces, 6000 square feet. Pool, spa, all amenities. 25-foot ceilings. View of lake. Easy freeway access. Available immediately. Nonsmoker/no pets. 760-737-9010.

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**FASHION VALLEY,** \$550/each. 2 rooms available. 1/3 utilities. Share bath and garage. Washer/dryer. No smoking/pets. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. 858-569-6537.

**FASHION VALLEY/USD.** \$725/month. Male to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with female. Fully furnished except for bedroom. No pets. Pool, tennis, jacuzzi, underground parking. Available 1/1. 619-692-0775.

**FASHION VALLEY, WEST.** \$450. Share 2 bedroom apartment. Nicely furnished, laundry, private parking, quiet area. Close to everything, beach freeways, shopping. Available now. Allen, 619-294-9990.

**GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK.** \$490-\$560. Large 2-story 2800 square feet, laundry, good area, huge kitchen, semiprivate patio, party deck, views, cable/modem, recently remodeled, lots of fruit trees. Prefer female. Clean, quiet. 619-822-4788.

**GOLDEN HILL.** \$450 utilities included. Deposit. Large, quiet centrally located. 3 private bedroom apartment. Share bath. Credit check. No smoking/pets. E Street. 619-464-4441.

**HILLCREST.** \$460, share utilities. Room for rent. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great location. Carport, laundry. Quiet. No pets. Male preferred. Deposit required. 619-291-1536.

**HILLCREST.** \$650/monthly, \$300 deposit. Own room, own bathroom. Swimming pool, 24-hour laundry room, nice view. No smoking, drugs or pets. Available now. 619-269-7989.

**HILLCREST.** \$525, includes utilities, \$200 deposit. Female preferred to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Very cute, hardwood floors, fireplace, patio. No smoking, pets or drugs. Adriana, 619-296-4945.

**HILLCREST.** \$575/month. 3 bedroom, 2 bath newly furnished apartment. No pets/drugs/smoking. Washer/dryer, balcony, newly renovated. \$275 deposit. Available January 1. 619-886-4073.

**HILLCREST.** \$575, 1/3 utilities, deposit. Roommate wanted for 1 big bedroom in 3 bedroom townhouse. Available 1/1/03. Great, big, beautiful house! Dog negotiable. 619-297-4880; 619-379-5736.

**LA COSTA.** \$540 includes utilities. Beautiful home in quiet neighborhood. Vegetarian kitchen. Great yard. Female preferred. No pets. 760-931-7878.

**LA COSTA.** \$775 plus utilities. Roommate wanted for master bedroom in 2 story duplex with backyard, attached garage, laundry. Share with 2. Great area. 760-603-8845; 619-235-2415, x14697.

**LA COSTA.** \$495. Elegant house. Large room. Kitchen privileges. Washer/dryer. Shared bath. Private yard, quiet neighborhood. Cable. Available 1/1/03. 760-753-8374.

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**LA JOLLA.** \$500. Room for rent in house. Share bathroom. Use of kitchen, dining room, patio. Near buses, shopping center, beach, UCSD. Smoker OK. Quiet. 858-546-9059.

**LA JOLLA.** \$690 and \$785. Plus utilities. 2 rooms available in 3 bedroom house with view. Washer/dryer, cable. Female nonsmoker preferred. Available 1/1. 858-553-0588.

**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$563.33, deposit, 1/3 utilities. Looking for a roommate to rent a room in a large 3 bedroom duplex. No smoking. 619-865-4403.

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**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$600+. Private bedroom, private bath. Share 2 bedroom condo. Furnished/unfurnished. Garage. Pool, gated community. Close to freeways, UCSD, shopping center. 858-623-8434.

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**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$500, 1/2 utilities. Short term through January-February. Bedroom/private bath. Beautiful, large townhouse, laundry, 2 cats, tennis, pool, spa. Nonsmoking/pets. No garage. Female. 858-587-9603.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$750/month, 1/3 utilities, \$500 deposit. Master bedroom with own bathroom. 1/2 block from beach. Must see. Kerri, 858-456-7810.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$650, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large, bright room. Ample closets. Pool, laundry, 2 blocks to beach. 858-459-6993.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$675. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, huge 3-story, modern house. Steps to ocean, wood floors, 2 living rooms, vaulted ceiling, decks, laundry. 619-235-2415, x18561.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA BEACH.** From \$665 to \$685, includes utilities. Completely furnished room in house. Private entrance. No smoking, no pets. 858-459-6322; 619-235-2415, x14399.

**LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA.** \$700/month, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Country French decor, quiet, pool. No smoking, no drinking, no drugs. Female. 858-456-1017.

**LA MESA, WEST/SDSU.** \$560. Share amazing house with view. Private bedroom, garage, laundry, fireplace, home theater, jacuzzi, air conditioning, garden and more. Available 1/1/03. 619-235-2415, x13002.

**LA MESA/SDSU.** \$425, 1/4 utilities, \$400 deposit. Room in spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Laundry, Internet, cable, pool/spa and parking included. Available 1/1. 619-277-2012.

**LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA,** \$500, 1/2 utilities, \$400 deposit. Large, 11x20, quiet room for 1 person. Separate entrance, share bath, no pets, smoker OK. 619-463-9874.

**LA MESA/SDSU.** \$525 plus 1/2 utilities. Share 1800 square foot 3 bedroom house with jacuzzi, fireplace, garage, laundry. Nonsmoker please. 619-698-6429.

**LA MESA/SPRING VALLEY, HILLS.** \$650+. Resort lifestyle. Large, luxury, immaculate, panoramic home to share with 2. Many amenities, furnished, secluded, convenient, pool, jacuzzi. 619-589-2091; 619-235-2415, x29640.

**LEUCADIA.** \$650, 1/4 utilities, \$500 deposit. Large master bedroom/private bath in house. Patio, west of highway 101, 2 blocks from beach. Female preferred. 760-479-2393.

**MIRA MESA, MIRAMAR COLLEGE.** \$465, utilities. Clean, fresh room. Security, cable, phone, pool, jacuzzi, barbecue. Near I-15/buses. Male nonsmoker. No pets/drugs. Available 1/1. 858-815-8617.

**MIRA MESA.** \$615 plus 1/2 utilities. Roommate needed immediately! Large room/private bath. Nice area close to all. Clean. Mickela, 858-344-2220.

**MIRA MESA.** \$450. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home needs roommates. 3-car garage, patio, quiet area, near canyon, near 15, I-805, I-5. No pets. 858-361-1502.

**MIRA MESA.** \$400-\$600/month. Female to share large house. Great location, near all. Washer/dryer, garage parking, big kitchen, Internet, pool, more. Master

available with private entrance and bath. 858-549-3197.

**MIRA MESA.** \$550, utilities included, \$300 deposit. Quiet house. Furnished/unfurnished, master bedroom, own bath, cable, phone line, driveway parking. Washer/dryer. Nonsmoking female preferred. 619-235-2415, x19487.

**MIRA MESA.** \$450 includes utilities. Share 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Washer/dryer, cable in room, nice yard. Male preferred. No smoking. Call Scott, 858-693-1445; 619-235-2415, x22977.

**MIRA MESA.** \$550/\$475. Share large house. Master or single rooms available. Furnished or unfurnished. Cable and phone in room. Quiet neighborhood, good location. 858-271-4584.

**MIRA MESA.** \$585, 1/3 utilities. 1 tenant to rent bedroom plus office in large clean home. Cul-de-sac, kitchen, laundry, pool. Nonsmoking/pets. Available immediately. 858-635-9370.

**MIRA MESA.** \$500, 1/2 utilities, \$250 deposit. Room with own bathroom, phone line, parking space. Washer/dryer in unit. Pool, jacuzzi. Nonsmoking, drugs, pets. 12/1/02. 619-235-2415, x13222.

**MISSION BAY/BAY PARK.** \$750. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Includes private bedroom, bath, cable, water, trash, washer/dryer, view. Complex features gym, pool, spa. 619-235-2415, x22573.

**MISSION BAY.** \$1075/month. 2 bedroom, 2 full bath condo. Ocean view, underground garage parking with storage, laundry facilities. Lesley, 619-405-6255; 619-235-2415, x15025.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$680. Own bedroom and bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Patio with barbecue, fireplace. Open the front door, see the ocean. 858-812-1814.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$800 plus deposit. 25 yards to beach. Share beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Newly remodeled with all amenities. Call Brian, 858-829-9163.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$750 and \$850. 2 rooms available in remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath artistic penthouse. Beach/bay view. Newly remodeled. 1/3 utilities, deposit. 858-405-3112.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$700, plus deposit. Adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath, front porch, off-street parking, steps from beach. No cats. Female preferred. Available immediately. 858-488-2069.

**MISSION BEACH, SOUTH.** \$950, 1/2 utilities. Panoramic ocean-jetty view, top floor, large deck, private spa, fireplace, bedroom skylights, digital TV, laundry, dishwasher, office, oceanfront. 619-235-2415, x13359.

**MISSION BEACH.** \$900. Roommate wanted to share large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment on the beach. Available now. 858-488-6809.

**MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST.** \$675, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. High ceilings, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, pool, centralized location. Female preferred. Janelle, 619-291-3865.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$695/month. Female roommate wanted to share 2 bedroom house. Close to everything. Partially fur-

nished room, huge yard, garage, washer/dryer. Diana, 619-269-5498.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$575, 1/2 utilities, \$575 deposit. Seeking female roommate, share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Pools, tennis, jacuzzi, parking in complex. Security available. 858-693-5807; 619-235-2415, x12335.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$800. Room with private bath and walk-in closet at La Mirage, beautiful stadium view. health club membership included. Covered parking space. Available now. Call between 8am-6pm, 858-536-5501.

**MISSION VALLEY.** Only \$785. Resort living! Female roommate wanted immediately, share 2 bedroom, 2 bath, luxury apartment. For more information, http://www.equityapartments.com/market/overview.asp?PropID=522. 619-521-2393.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$775, 1/2 utilities. Female preferred, share luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Washer/dryer in unit, garage, gated, all amenities on site. 619-281-7078.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$625, utilities, \$500 deposit. Near Qualcomm/trolley. Master bedroom/bathroom in superb condo. Tennis, pool, laundry. On second floor, elevator access. 619-421-6728; 619-322-2035; 619-235-2415, x24541.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$830+. Master suite, spacious 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse, fireplace, garage, deck, pool, spa, minutes to I-8, 163, I-805. Walk to market, trolley, near Art Institute. Available 12/16. 858-292-0419.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$950, 1/2 utilities, \$850 deposit. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath luxury condo, 1600 square feet, fireplace, new tile, carpeting, kitchen. Pool. Nonsmoking. 760-519-7610; 619-235-2415, x13135.

**MISSION VALLEY/USD.** \$420 plus utilities, deposit. Quiet nonsmoking condo. Washer/dryer, free cable, Olympic pool, jacuzzi, sauna, security patrol. No pets. Available now. 858-495-9128.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$540 includes utilities. 15x11 bedroom available now in large 2 bedroom apartment. Pool, laundry. No pets. 619-287-0798.

**NATIONAL CITY.** \$500/month plus 1/3 utilities. Room in nice 3 bedroom home. Furnished with appliances including washer/dryer. Nice area. Corie, 619-470-3317.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS,** 2 rooms available. \$595, huge master bedroom, walk in closet. \$495, second room. 1/3 utilities, \$200 deposit. Laundry, cable, parking. Freeway, bus, stores close. Available now. 619-283-5878.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$475/month plus 1/2 utilities. 1 bedroom and 1 bath available. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Please call 619-787-7986; 619-235-2415, x19031.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$500/month, 1/3 utilities, \$266 deposit. Room for rent in 3 bedroom house. Washer/dryer, fireplace. No smoking or pets. 619-235-2415, x30608.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$600, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse on quiet street. Washer/dryer, off-street park-

ing, common areas furnished. No drugs/alcohol. Scott, 619-988-1644.

**NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD.** \$590. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Gated, all amenities. Share with male. No drugs. No pets. \$500 deposit. Available now. Andy, 619-298-3636.

**NORTH PARK.** \$500/month, \$500 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with female. No pets. Washer/dryer hookups, storage. Available immediately. Leave message, 619-459-8128; 619-235-2415, x11419.

**NORTH PARK.** \$515. Female preferred to share house with 3 other females in 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Large bedroom, available now. Call 619-295-5928.

**NORTH PARK.** \$750. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath house to share. Washer/dryer, hardwood floors, fenced yard, fireplace, have cat/dog. Available now. 619-675-1802.

**NORTH PARK.** \$397.50, \$150 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, quiet, clean. Male preferred. No drugs, alcohol, smoking, pets. Near all. Available immediately. 619-255-3116.

**OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA.** \$600, deposit, includes utilities. Wood floors, ocean view, share spacious 5 bedroom, 2 bath house with 3. 2 rooms available. Female preferred. Nonsmoker. 619-223-8497.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$500 per person plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. 2.5 rooms for rent. 2 blocks to beach. No pets, no drugs. Immediate opening. 619-222-7559; 619-235-2415, x13576.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$775/utilities. Oceanfront. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath, heated pool. Sublet December through October, 2003. No smoking, no pets. Amazing sunsets! 619-223-0347; 619-235-2415, x19731.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$500/month, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Female preferred. 3-1/2 blocks from beach. Please, no pets, no drugs. Available immediately. Call 619-221-1216; 619-235-2415, x20817.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$700, \$600 deposit, 1/3 utilities. Large bedroom in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Tile floors, garage, large backyard, washer/dryer. No pets. 619-222-8464; 619-235-2415, x24086.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$600, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Male only. Washer/dryer, yard, parking. Beach 6 blocks. No pets, smoking, alcohol or drugs. House available now. 619-226-2240; 619-235-2415, x26559.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$600/month, \$600 deposit. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 blocks from the beach. Seeking female roommate. No pets. 619-224-9224.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$600/month plus deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house on Newport Avenue. Front/backyard. Garage, blocks from beach. Available 1/1. 619-224-3697.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$500. 2088-1/2 Abbott Street. Room for rent 1/1/03 in spacious 2 bedroom apartment. Good location! Near restaurants. New carpet. Right next to beach. 619-235-2415, x31115.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$400/month, 1/3 utilities, \$400 deposit. Female, share 3 bedroom house. Beach 1 block. May have compat-

ible pet. No smoking. Available now. 619-222-1320.

**OCEAN BEACH,** \$550 plus \$400 deposit. Master bedroom/bath. Nice, new condo 3 blocks from beach. No pets, I have dog. Available now. 619-223-6656.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$475. Room in 5 bedroom, 3 bath house. 1 block off Sunset Cliffs. Washer/dryer, pool. No pets. Available 12/10. 619-222-1409.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$475. Room for rent. All house privileges. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1/3 utilities. No pets. Available now. 760-439-2867.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$400. Room in house. \$700 for studio. Utilities included. Swimming pool. Quiet neighborhood. Laundry. No smoking. Female preferred. Pets OK. 619-889-8394; 760-433-9324.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$595 each plus utilities. 2 rooms in beautiful home. Share bath. Available now. 760-439-7530.

**OLD TOWN/MISSION HILLS.** \$625. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Own bath. Great view. Walk to Old Town. Near Downtown. No pets. Available 1/1/03. 619-269-4798.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$800, 1/3 utilities, deposit. Roommate. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 1800-square-foot townhome. Blocks to bay/beach. Laundry, garage, fireplace, vaulted ceilings. 1813 Chalcedony. 12/15/02. 858-581-1012.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** 1 block from beach. Bedroom has balcony, adjoining bathroom. Washer/dryer, garage. 858-405-3219.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$613 plus 1/2 utilities, \$200 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment on Turquoise/Cass. Available 12/4. 858-488-9464.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$625. Female to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Quiet, fireplace, parking, laundry, clean, new carpet/paint. No smoking/pets. Available now. 858-581-3100.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$600/month, \$200 deposit. Roommate wanted in large 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Bay view, close to beaches. 714-396-9361 or 858-414-3371.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$685/month, 1/2 utilities, deposit required. Male/female to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with male. Nonsmoker. No pets. Parking, 3 blocks from beach. Near all. 858-273-5423.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$500 (water included, utilities extra). Own bedroom, shared bathroom. House with washer/dryer, parking and common yard. 858-274-3801.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$575. Roommate needed January 1, for 1 bedroom in clean but comfortable 2 bedroom apartment. Female nonsmoker preferred. 858-272-5123.

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## THE READER PUZZLE

### Across

- Begs
- Cocoon contents
- Baby's cry
- Whipped cream amount
- Reason for a backrub
- Health grp.
- Antipasto staple
- Best Actress winner for "Howard's End"
- Encyclopedia volume between "R-Rafting" and "Richmond-Rye"?
- Nonkosher lunch
- Physicists get a charge out of it
- London subway, with "the"
- Encyclopedia volume between "L-Leap year" and "Lowell-Lysander"?
- Chum
- Where the Clintons met
- "I smell \_\_\_\_!"
- Encyclopedia volume between "N-Newton" and "Notre Dame-Nymph"?
- With, to Jacques
- Flow slowly
- With a needle: Prefix
- Encyclopedia volume between "D-Dardanelles" and "Dred Scott-Dyspepsia"?
- Not exiting, as traffic
- Cakes' partner
- 16-Across members: Abbr.
- Encyclopedia volume between "B-Babylon" and "Basil-Byzantine"?
- \_\_\_\_-Busch
- Empty
- \_\_\_\_ Friday's (restaurant chain)
- "Six Feet Under" son
- Some spuds
- Member of Cong.
- Some spuds' features
- Make bubbly

### Down

- They send out APB's
- Mauna \_\_\_\_
- Right-angled extension
- Old apple spray
- Kind of name
- Faucet
- Katie's "Today" co-host
- Cuatro doubled
- Celestial hammerer
- Prefix with sphere
- Prepare for dinner
- Microscopic critter

- Gretel's brother
- Agt.'s take
- \_\_\_\_-Cone
- "Iron John" author Robert
- Like higher-priced beef
- Spellbinder
- Alternative to Bowser
- Cyclist Armstrong
- Guadalajara gold
- Large vessel
- Somalia neighbor: Abbr.
- Bit
- 1930's public works prog.
- Done, to Donne
- Six-Day War participant: Abbr.
- Financial aid criterion
- Camping stuff
- Canadian electees, for short
- Diamond stats
- Status quo advocate's worry
- Sea or street thing
- Ones having the burden of prof?
- Pig of children's books
- One-tenth of a century
- Plucked instrument
- Bring to proper pitch
- Anthem starter
- \_\_\_\_ noire
- Mars' Greek counterpart
- Melee memento
- "That's it!"
- "Wayne's World" retort
- Mao \_\_\_\_-tung

### RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 11/27/02.

Of the 45 entrants, 42 were correct. The winners are:

- Chuck Pateros, *Carlsbad*
- Alice Singleton, *San Diego*
- Michael Sternberg, *La Mesa*
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**MISSION HILLS.** \$1095. Stunning spacious 1 bedroom. New deco bathroom. Huge custom closets and storage. Balcony, laundry, covered parking. Nonsmoking building. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

**MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST.** New apartments, lofts! 1 bedrooms from \$1495. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths from \$1975. Underground parking. Elegant interiors, crown moldings, high ceilings, washer/dryer. Elevator, fitness center. Great location, near restaurants, shopping, freeways. Lease, November move-in. No rent, no deposit, no application fee! www.MissionHillsCommons.com, 1-866-579-6028. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$650. Charming studio in quiet neighborhood. Cable and utilities

paid. No pets. Garden view, separate kitchen. Very private. Available immediately. 1/2 off 1st month. 619-549-8960.

**MISSION HILLS, NORTH.** \$1475. Spanish-style 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Dining room, hardwood floors, garage, washer/dryer, guest fireplace. 4068 Lark Street. 619-222-5518; 619-543-1248.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$675. Studio. Great location. Clean! Full kitchen/bath. Parking. Take India Street north, turn right on Chalmers Street, right on Linwood. 1527 Linwood #6. 619-542-0356.

**MISSION HILLS.** Studio. Old charm, hardwood floors, clawfoot tub, skylight in bath, walk-in closet. Sorry, no pets. \$850. 619-294-9420.

**MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST.** \$860. 1 bedroom. Quiet. Pool, recreation room and barbecue. Dishwasher. On-site laundry, covered parking. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

**MISSION HILLS, SOUTH/Banker's Hill.** \$1400. Spacious 2 bedroom penthouse. Harbor view, Spanish style triplex, garage space, appliances, much more. 2357 Curlew (south of Laurel). 858-272-9547.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Parking, pool, spectacular view, newer carpet, freshly painted. No pets. 1767 Torrance #315. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$995. 2 bedroom. Quiet neighborhood, nice area. Garage, laundry facilities, nice yard. 619-234-7572.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$895/month. (\$300 off first month's move in!) 1 bedroom plus den. Cat or dog welcome! Washer and dryer on-site. Nonsmoking. Quiet neighborhood. 3234 Ibis Street. 619-269-4314.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Remodeled kitchen, new appliances. Nice view. Quiet area hidden in greenery. Utilities paid. Fee. 858-581-1290, www.pchrent.com.

**MISSION HILLS.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, fireplace, dishwasher, some with garage. Several available. 619-296-2787.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$850-\$1000. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Extra large. Stove. Refrigerator. Carpet. Parking. Laundry. Near all. 1 cat OK. Excellent location. 3330 Reynard. 619-295-7570.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, city view, yard, garage, laundry. No pets. No smoking. 619-275-2681.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, cottage style 4-plex. New carpet. Tiled kitchen and bath. Large patio. Detached garage. Cat OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

**MISSION HILLS/OLD TOWN.** \$1650. Spectacular view townhouse. 2 plus bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1954 square feet. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, decks, pool. Foor, spa, 2 gated parking. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-297-6636.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1275. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, 4011 Ingalls Street, berber carpet, balcony, covered parking, available January 4, 619-463-3412, kcgd@aol.com.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$1625. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, balcony, view, appliances, washer/dryer hookup, underground parking, access entry. 619-886-3146.

**MISSION HILLS/LITTLE ITALY.** Starting at \$925-\$975. Deposit \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Units/property completely remodeled. Pet ok! Section 8 ok! Laundry room. Parking. 2545 Columbia Street #8 and #11. Open Monday-Friday, 5pm, Saturday 10am. 619-843-7827.

**MISSION HILLS.** \$795. Quiet, upper, bright studio. Garage, laundry room. Near bus. No pets please. 1219-21 West Montecito. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

**MISSION VALLEY.** Call for move-in specials! \$99 deposit special! 1 and 2 bedrooms available now. 4 tennis courts. Lap pool, spa. Basketball court. Central air conditioning. Private patios/balconies. Fitness, recreation centers. Washer/dryer in units. Cats accepted. Club River Run, 10041 Rio San Diego Drive. 888-221-2109. www.sdreader.com/rent/2022.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$875-\$900. Large 1 bedroom apartments. View. Secure gate. Near Qualcomm Stadium and trolley. 619-284-0171.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1150. Bright, clean, spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath upper unit condo with balcony and all amenities. Walk to Trolley. Five minutes to SDSU. 5974 Rancho Mission Rd #256. Available 1/1/03. Jim, 619-640-3258.

**MISSION VALLEY.** 1/2 off first month's rent! Large upgraded 2 bedrooms, 2 baths starting at \$1175. Close to everything! Intercom system, pool, spa, sauna, fitness center, central air/heat, balcony/patio, controlled access garage, assigned parking, laundry. Mission Pacific Apartments. 4424 44th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com, Visit website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

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**MISSION VALLEY.** \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 5910 Rancho Mission Road, top unit, overlooking pool, adjacent to Qualcomm/trolley/24 Hour Fitness, reserved gated parking, storage, tennis, all amenities—great complex! Cat OK. 760-717-5343.

**MISSION VALLEY/USD.** Studios from \$695. Bright and airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda Vista Road (near Mildred Street). www.info101.net. 619-294-4376.

**MISSION VALLEY, EAST.** \$900. Condo-quality 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small garage. Air conditioning, fireplace, dishwasher. Keyed entry. 6755 Mission Gorge Road. 858-457-0397.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. River Scene, dishwasher, microwave, balcony with view, pool and gym, fireplace, washer/dryer. 580 Camino de la Reina. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

**MISSION VALLEY, WEST.** \$1275. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Covered parking. Hilltop location with view, laundry. Clean and attractive. No pets. 858-349-8125; 858-459-6640.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$795. Large fully remodeled upstairs studio. New carpet, paint, flooring, balcony, large closets, pool and jacuzzi. 7978 Mission Center Court, #G. 619-203-1339.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$750. Large, bright studio apartment. Great location. Air conditioned, upper unit with balcony. 310-379-8417.

**MISSION VALLEY.** \$1235. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. No pets. Quiet. Appearance. Underground parking. Balcony, pool. 1615 Hotel Circle South #D-212. Agent, 858-453-6115.

**MISSION VALLEY.** Move in special! \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury condo. All amenities. Pool/gym. River Run. Available now! Carl, weekends, 619-461-4881; weekdays, 858-655-8551.

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**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$2075. Must see bright and sunny 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Newly painted inside and out, refinished hardwood floors and new kitchen. Great neighborhood. Garage, fireplace, refrigerator, washer/dryer, dishwasher and gardener included. Cats OK. 3327 North Mountain Drive. Available now. Louis, 619-284-9411.

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**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$750/month. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated courtyard, off-street parking. Laundry. Credit check. No pets. Available December 3. Call 619-282-6910.

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**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$875. Small upgraded 2 bedroom house. Redwood exterior. Carpet. Appliances. 619-280-5177.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$895. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Washer, dryer. Water paid. Off-street parking. Upstairs. Available now. No dogs. 4642 36th Street. 619-281-6003.

**NORMAL HEIGHTS.** \$68

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1175/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom upstairs apartment. New carpet and stove. No pets! 4965 Muir #5. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836, x14.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs. 1/2 block to dog beach. Laundry on site. 5109 West Point Loma Blvd. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$645. Studio. Remodeled Cathedral ceilings. Skylight. Full kitchen/bathroom. Laundry. Includes utilities. Quiet. No smoking. 619-222-3838.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1395. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, plus small room. Apartment. No pets. Washer/dryer. Near beach. Share parking. 5037 Narragansett Avenue #2. Agent, 858-453-6115.

**OCEAN BEACH.** Ask about move-in special! \$900. Cozy 1 bedroom. Available now. 1 block from beach. Walking distance to shopping and entertainment. Near bus. Off-street parking. Laundry. 4925 Del Mar Avenue. Check us out at www.pacificliving.com, call 619-234-9989 x15.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$875. Lease. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Lower. Small quiet building. 1/2 block/Sunset Cliffs. Off-street parking. No pets/smoking. 4928 Coronado. Available 12/15. 619-224-6095.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$950. Small 1 bedroom house. Only 1-1/2 blocks to ocean, hardwood floors, no pets. 4744 Orchard Street. 619-223-2347.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$875. 1 bedroom. Laundry room. 1 parking space. Pet with deposit on approval. Available now. 2215 Poinsettia Drive. Boone Properties, 858-274-0307.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, near beach and park. Off-street parking. No pets. \$600 deposit. 5029 Lotus Street. 619-225-8673.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath newer townhome available mid December. Blocks to beach. Tile baths and kitchen. All appliances, including washer, dryer. Balcony, yard and garage. High-speed Internet. No pets. 4857 Voltaire Street. Orion Property Group. 619-749-6545.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Blocks to beach. Available 12/15. Parking, on-site laundry included. Small, quiet complex. Lease. No pets. 4933 Cape May Avenue. Orion Property Group. 619-749-6545.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$875. 1 bedroom gated building. Upgraded 1/2 block to beach. Vacant, stove, refrigerator, carpets. No pets please. 5060 Santa Monica avenue. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1450. Spacious, private 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Large fenced patio, refrigerator, stove, lots of storage space. Deposit \$1450. 4749 Narragansett. No pets. Call for appointment, 619-224-3443.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$2195. Half off December rent! 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2-car garage, washer/dryer. Security gate. Across from park. No pets. 619-417-4392.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$950. Half off December rent! 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, new carpet/paint. Great landscaping. No pets. Available now. 619-417-4392.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$950, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1300, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large. Amenities, fireplace, walk-in closet. dishwasher, on-site laundry, off-street parking, pool, barbecue area. No pets. Quiet neighborhood. 4825 Del Mar #7. 619-224-9238.

**OCEAN BEACH.** 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Newly remodeled. Washer/dryer, parking. Great location. Small pet OK. \$2250. Available 1/1. 619-675-1802.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Yard, 1 parking space, close to all. No smoking, no pets. Available now. 4960 Muir. 858-759-0902.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious, quiet, private. Deck. New appliances. Newly remodeled. Garage parking. Washer/dryer. No pets. Available 12/15.

5080 Brighton. 6-month lease. 619-248-0030, 619-948-1923.

**OCEAN BEACH.** Beautiful beachfront ocean view, spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Serene security garden building. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry. Garages available. Furnished or unfurnished. 5085 Saratoga. \$950-\$1500. 619-224-1748; 619-501-5553.

**OCEAN BEACH.** Clean, bright, upstairs studio. Block to beach! Skylight. Gas appliances. Balcony. Laundry. Parking. Shared deck. No pets. Abbott Street. \$745. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$925-\$1250. 1 block to beach. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, and 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Renovated unit. Berber carpet, ceramic tile, chrome fixtures, crown molding, etc. Garage available. Elaine, 760-722-8924.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$1900. 4+ bedroom, 3 bath house. 2400 square feet. No pets/smoking. Hillside view. Fireplace. Cul-de-sac. 2041 Wedgewood Drive. 2-car garage. Lease. 858-642-1963.

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**OCEANSIDE.** \$1000. Ocean view 2 bedroom, upstairs, 4-unit building. Gated courtyard near beach. Hardwood floors, laundry, parking. No pets. 216 South Clementine #4. 760-788-9571.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$1230, zero deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer in unit. 10 minutes from Camp Pendleton. Pets allowed. Call Julie, 760-757-6825.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$825-\$925. 1 and 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Beautiful garden-style community. Swimming pool. Laundry rooms. Carports. Security gates. Balconies/backyards, more. Call 760-433-9510.

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**OCEANSIDE.** \$2500. Brand new development in gated community just minutes to beach, shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Large 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, loft. All amenities. 858-362-8017.

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**OCEANSIDE.** \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car garage, across street from beach. Available 1/10. Barbara McLain Properties. 760-434-6161.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$1795. New home. 1900 square feet. Single level. 3-4 bedroom, 2 full bath. Gourmet kitchen with island, pantry, new appliances, large fenced yard. 760-439-9492.

**OCEANSIDE.** Now renting! Beautiful, quiet senior community in Oceanside. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$740. Recreation room with many scheduled activities. On site maintenance. Intercom entry. Close to shopping/freeways. 960 Vine Street. 760-967-0999.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Approximately 1270 square feet. Lagoon view. Pool. Barbecue. Walk-in closet. Fireplace. Cable TV included. Garage. 760-721-2802.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$1125. 3 bedroom house. New paint, dining room, pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

**OLD TOWN.** \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors. Charming restored cottage, bright, sunny, lots of storage, laundry on site, off-street parking. 2646 Juan Street. Stephanie, 619-234-9882.

**OLD TOWN.** \$675-\$695. Low \$150 deposit. Fully furnished studios-alcoves on excellent hillside location. Free basic cable. 1616 Guy Street. 619-298-6242.

**OLD TOWN.** \$685. 1 bedroom, upper, off-street parking, washer/dryer on premises. 2067 San Diego Avenue. Don't disturb tenant. Available 12/15! Leave message, 858-270-9086.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$650. Studio, furnished or unfurnished. No pets. Nonsmoking. Off-street parking. Open house. See at 4160 Ingraham Street. 858-274-4344.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$800. 1 bedroom. First floor. Off-street parking, second floor, laundry facility. Available 12/26. 4021 Lamont. Manager, 858-272-8351.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1695. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Quiet neighborhood. Private patio. 2 fireplaces. Appliances. 1932 Missouri #2. Available now. 619-697-1660.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1075. 1 bedroom. 3rd floor. Quiet luxury. Pool. Quiet Intercom entry. 1633 Diamond Street. www.sandiegoapartments.com. By appointment only, 858-272-4398.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1055. Quiet and spacious 1 bedroom apartments. Near beach/bay. Laundry. Stove. Refrigerator. Parking. No pets. Superior location. Near all. 619-807-2022.

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## PICTURE STORY

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society



A sailor with his jaws clamped on a flag staff climbs a Horton Plaza palm tree, August 14, 1945. One year later, our local daily reported: “City Manager Fred A. Rhodes says plaza to be returned to pre-war conditions, only better:

walks will be taken up and grass planted and iron chains will be replaced; fountain to remain; litigation about closing little street on one side delayed plans for improvement.”

— by Robert Mizrahi

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**PACIFIC BEACH NORTH.** \$1675. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Blocks to beach. Garage. Fireplace. Laundry. All appliances. Must see. Balconies throughout. No pets. Agate. 619-223-0765.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Cute studios, \$769/up. Custom large 2 bedroom, \$1239/up. Pool, laundry, parking, \$150 deals. No pets. 2750 Figueroa. 858-536-1900.

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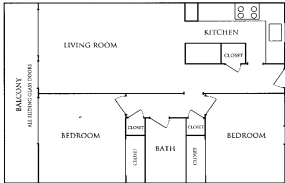
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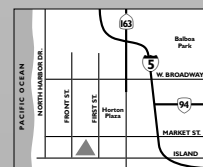
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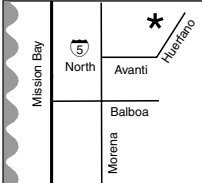
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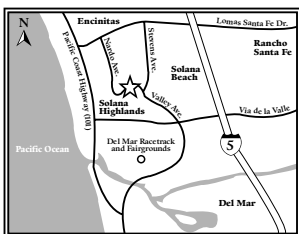
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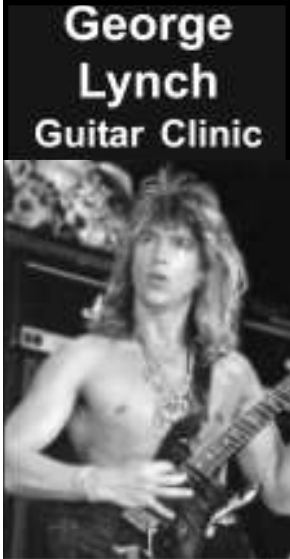
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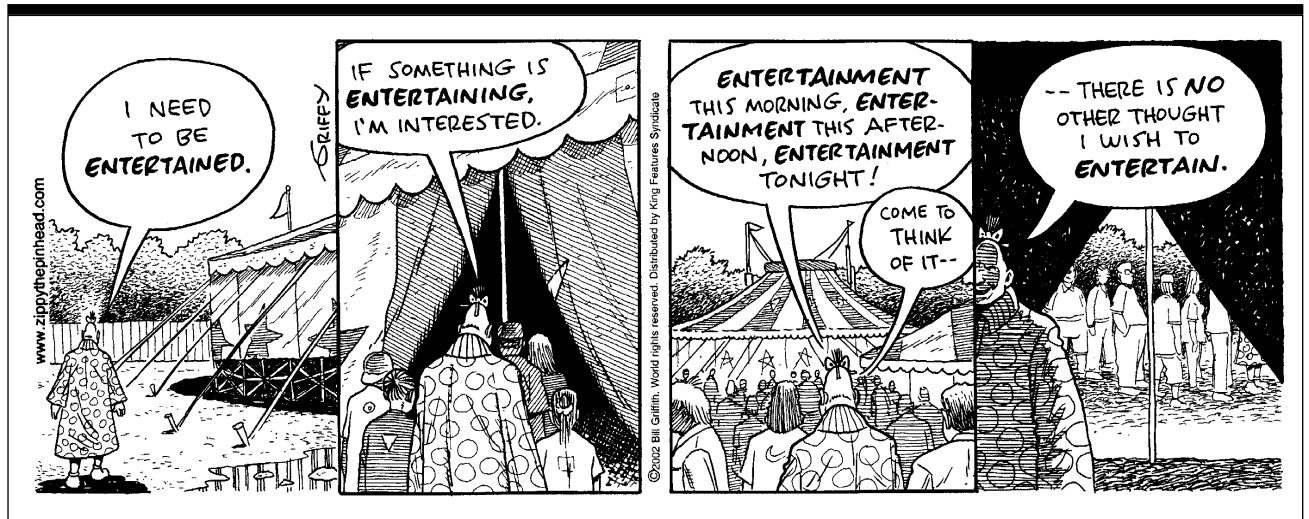
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- Adjust clutch
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- Adjust brakes
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**\$11<sup>95</sup>**

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**\$25 OFF**

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**\$169<sup>95</sup>**

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Lifetime warranty.  
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- Check and adjust air/fuel mixture

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4-cyl.

**\$34<sup>99</sup>\***

6-cyl.

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8-cyl.

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From

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- Replace fluid in pan
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- Inspect and adjust brakes

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Lifetime warranty on pads!

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# \$99<sup>99</sup>

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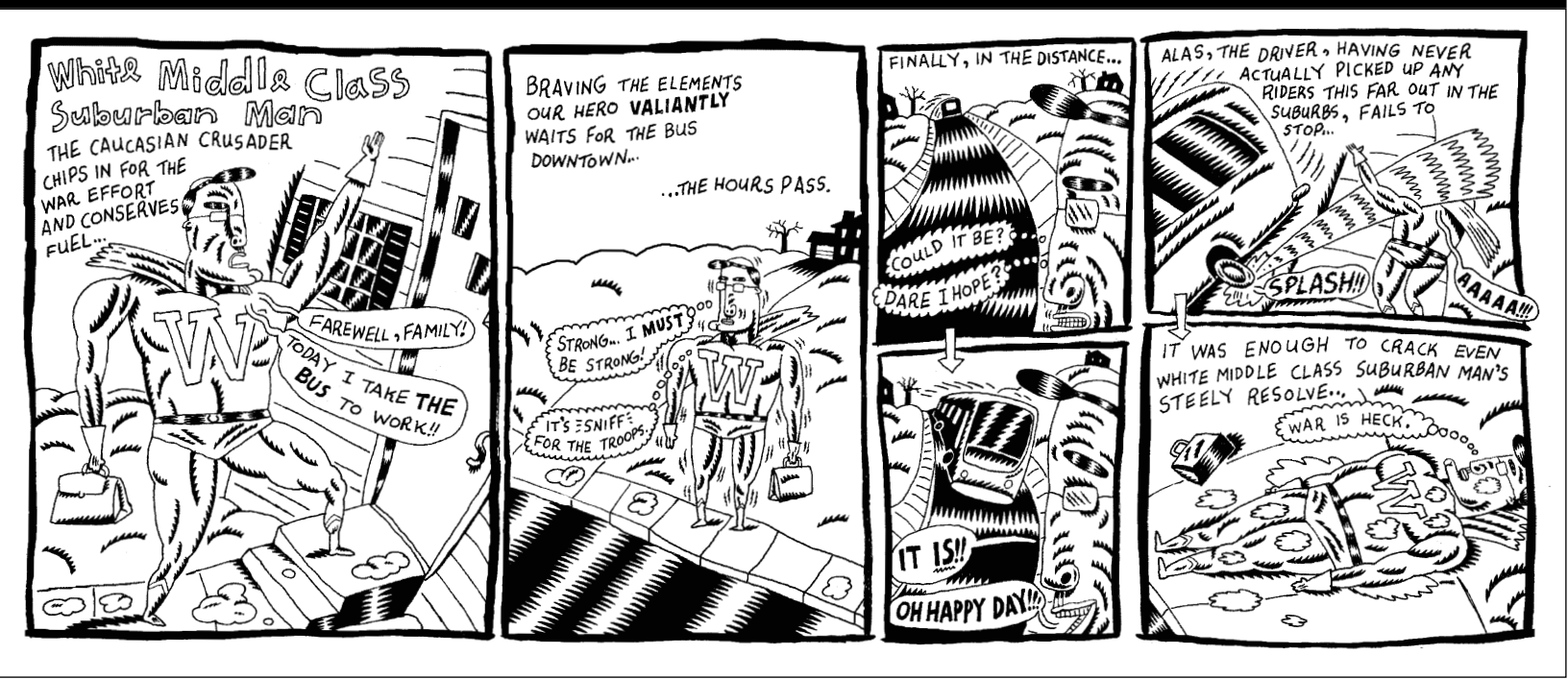
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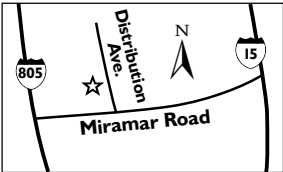
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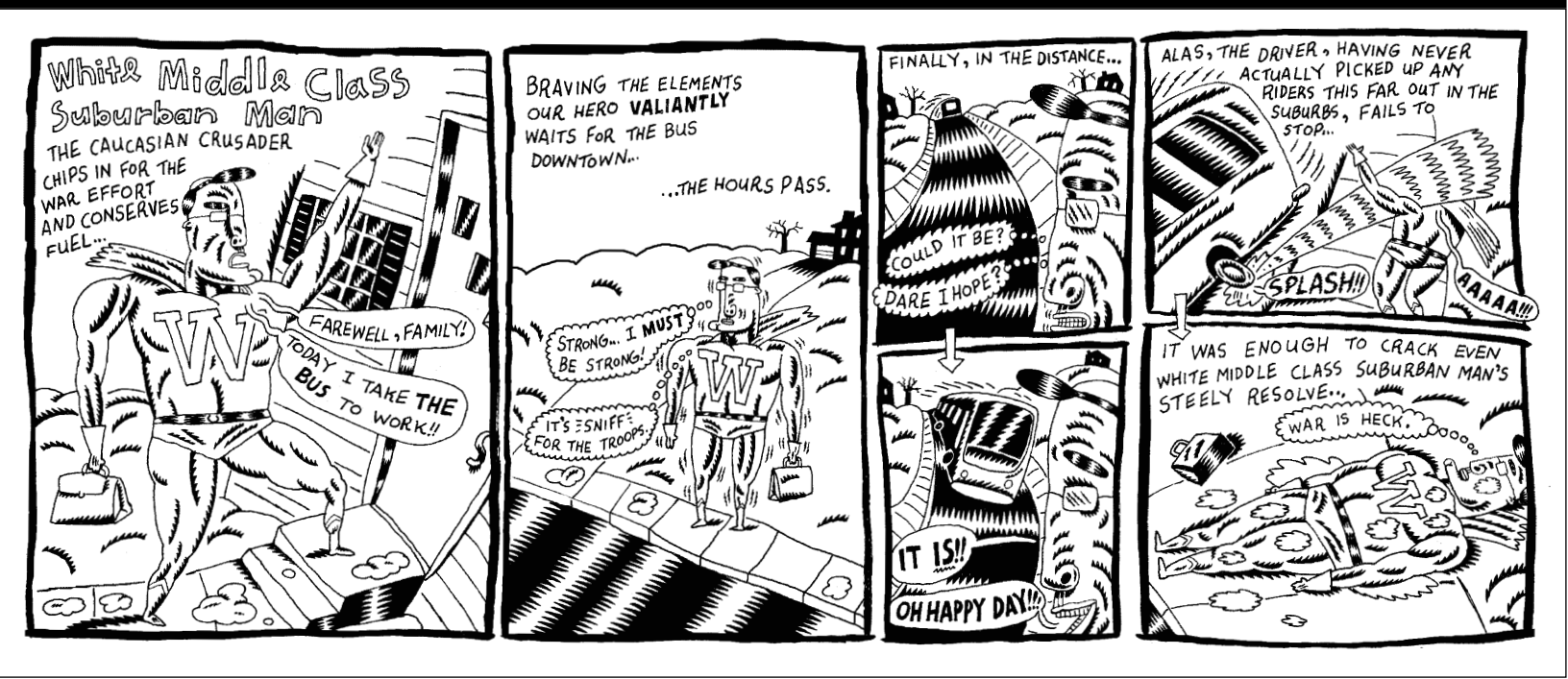
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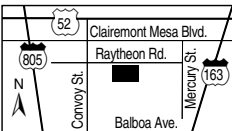
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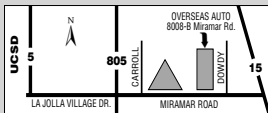
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LEAD STORIES

— Inga Kosak won the first World Extreme Ironing Championship in Munich in September, beating 80 contestants (from 10 countries), who are judged on the degree of difficulty they can create for themselves in order to iron. One ironed while bouncing on a trampoline, another while surfboarding on a river, and another hanging upside down from a tree. Enthusiasts have photos of themselves ironing in remote mountain locations, where power for the steam iron must come from a generator (or a very long extension cord). The activity’s founder, Phil Shaw, says he does it because ironing itself is particularly boring.

— Two teams of Canadian engineers are completing their low-budget rockets and have begun seeking volunteer astronauts for a 2003 launch date to go 62 miles into space to win the St. Louis–based X Prize competition (which pays \$10 million). The rockets (and those of about 20 other international contestants) are the “Cessnas” of the space industry, costing around \$3 million to \$5 million each to build. The astronauts will receive some training, but the engineers admit the adventure is hardly for the risk-averse.

Democracy in Action

— Mike Rucker, running for county commissioner in Tallahassee, Fla., apologized for urinating in a voter’s yard in October, attributing it to a prostate problem and not anger that the voter had moments earlier refused to post Rucker’s campaign sign. And Republican Lamar Alexander, running for the U.S. Senate in Tennessee, reportedly turned a hand-shaking opportunity into a hand-squeezing contest with an opposition voter who had mischievously slipped Alexander a Democratic brochure in Dickson, Tenn., in October. And Makinka Moye, running for city supervisor in San Francisco, was revealed by the *Bay Area Reporter* in September to have been arrested earlier this year for bludgeoning and butchering a goat on a vacant lot near a city recreation center. (Alexander won; Rucker and Moye lost.)

Leading Economic Indicators

— Clothing Trends (from an October *Wall Street*

*Journal* dispatch from Seoul): an aloe vera bra and underwear set to continually lubricate the skin for up to 40 washings (from Triumph International in the UK); menstrual-pain-reducing pants (from the B.L. Korea Co.); Ki business suits, with charcoal and jade powder sewn into the armpits and crotch to block computer-screen radiation and boost energy (from Cheil Industries Inc.); and “yellow earth” boxer shorts, with a sewn-in special soil that supposedly emits infrared rays that cut odor and improve circulation (from Kolon Corp.).

— Michael Carroll, 19, of Norfolk County, England, won that country’s national lottery (equivalent: \$41 million) in November and said he hopes the money will be an incentive to overcome the life of petty crime he has led for the past several years (examples: drunk and disorderly, vandalizing a school bus, car theft, other theft, driving without a license). He cannot now celebrate his win at a pub, nor drive his new car, because judicial restrictions are still in force from his last sentence.

Latest Rights

— In October, Australian serial killer Ivan Milat complained to a state commission, asking the equivalent of \$22,000 for a violation of his human rights. Milat, serving seven life sentences for seven murders, had swallowed some razor blades in a 2001 incident and now complains that prison officials’ releasing his X-rays to the media was an invasion of his privacy. (Milat had complained previously about the air quality in his cell.)

— In November, coroner Nigel Meadows of Plymouth, England, ruled that the 18-years-dead corpse of Edwin MacKenzie (known to locals as Diogenes) was actually the personal property of the recently deceased artist Robert Lenkiewicz and thus should go to Lenkiewicz’s estate. MacKenzie was Lenkiewicz’s helper for many years, and when he died without heirs, Lenkiewicz took possession of the body, had it embalmed, and used it in various art projects, and Lenkiewicz’s executor is said to be considering using it in a memorial display of the artist’s work.

— In October, Virgin Atlantic Airways agreed to

pay passenger Barbara Hewson the equivalent of \$20,000 for injuries she suffered on an 11-hour flight when an obese woman sat in the seat next to her and apparently crushed part of her body. Hewson said the squashing caused a blood clot in her chest, torn leg muscles, and acute sciatica, requiring her to be bedridden for a month.

Least Competent Criminals

— Masters of Technology: Burglars hit the K Bros. Service Station in Everson, Pa., in November and lugged away the lottery-ticket machine, perhaps hoping to print themselves some winning tickets; a lottery spokesman said the machine only works when it’s hooked up to lottery headquarters. And Baptist minister James Andrew Smith, 42, was arrested in Fort Worth, Texas, in November for a September graphics presentation (to a logistic company) that he was making with his computer; he had clicked the wrong line and inadvertently called up a photograph of a nude boy, which led to a search that police said yielded much child pornography.

Recurring Themes

— *News of the Weird* reported in March that jail officials in Arapahoe County, Colo. (near Denver), had inadvertently placed a 16-year-old girl in a holding cell with a man suspected of several sexual assaults (and, indeed, she said, he fondled her). In August, officials at the same Arapahoe jail inadvertently placed accused killer Edward Brown, 21, in the same cell with a witness against him, Martin Brewer, 21, whereupon Brown allegedly beat Brewer up, breaking his nose. (Also in September, officials in Albuquerque inadvertently locked four men in a cell with what they thought was a sleeping man (but it was a woman); by the time they realized their error 30 minutes later, the woman had allegedly been raped.)

Things You Thought Didn’t Happen Anymore

— In September, Peru congressman Eittel Ramos, feeling insulted, challenged Vice President David Waisman to a duel using pistols (which would be

the country’s first political duel since a 1957 presidential candidates’ fight with swords). And British motorcyclist Leon Humphreys, angered at a vehicle registration problem, challenged an unidentified bureaucrat to a duel with unspecified weapons (Suffolk County, November). And Omaha, Neb., contractor Art Dore Sr. challenged business rival Virgil Anderson to a boxing match to settle their ongoing disputes over municipal demolition contracts (although Anderson, in his 60s, is unlikely to accept because Dore is a founder of the Original Toughman Contest).

Thinning the Herd

— At dawn on September 29 in Hood River County, Ore., a 58-year-old hunter was shot to death by another hunter who mistook him for a black bear, perhaps because of the victim’s all-black clothing. And a 28-year-old man stopped his truck on a road in the Mojave Desert near Needles, Calif., in September, grabbed some beer, went hiking in the midday sun, and died of dehydration. And a 32-year-old man was killed in October in Santa Cruz, Calif., when he fell from a hotel balcony, from which he had been hanging while shouting to his friends, “Look at this.”

Also, in the Past Month ...

— Robert and Theresa Dolin pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of their teenage kids based on having given them Christmas gifts last year of marijuana bongs (Crystal Lake, Ill.). Ojibwe Indian Albert LaFontaine declared that his newly purchased strip club would be a sovereign nation and said there “ain’t no way” the government can stop him (Elko, Minn.). Yenline Neil, 59, was convicted of smuggling about \$110,000 worth of cocaine into Britain in his prosthetic leg, despite insisting that he didn’t know the cocaine was there (Croydon, England). Evangelical Environmental Network (Wynnewood, Pa.) announced a national campaign to discourage gas-guzzling sports utility vehicles, calling its project “What Would Jesus Drive?”

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**CHEVY TRUCK**, 2000, 1/2 EXT, V-6, base, automatic, tilt, CB, alloys. One only at this price, \$17,997. Vin-329363. Courtesy Chevrolet, 888-868-1018.

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**DODGE 600**, 1986, convertible, white, fun in the sun, runs strong, straight body, recent valve job/belt, stereo, receipts, 183K miles, \$1250/best. Donald, 858-689-8659.

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**DODGE D200 PICKUP**, 1970, original motor, 42K miles, rebuilt 906 heads, headers, dual exhaust w/h pipe, MSD box, mopar electric distributor, very clean. Jon, 619-322-9444.

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**FORD BRONCO XL**, 1995, 4-wheel drive, 302, overdrive, 141K miles, excellent engine and transmission, new brakes, tires, battery, great truck, \$4500. Photos, [marilyn@NuHealth.org](mailto:marilyn@NuHealth.org) or 760-451-0945.

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**FORD ESCORT LX WAGON**, 1996, 1.9L, 5-speed, air bags, air, power steering, brakes, mirrors, cassette, roof rack, rear window defogger, washer, 124K, \$3199. 760-720-9638.

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**FORD EXPLORER SPORT SUV**, 2001, V-6, loaded, 23K miles. \$13,995. Vin-A39822. Rancho Jeep-Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

**FORD EXPLORER SPORT**, 2001, navy blue. \$15,999. 24K, extended warranty, V-6, automatic, 6 CD player, power everything, running boards, fog lamps, tow package. Tara, 858-349-1892.

**FORD EXPLORER**, 1995, leather, CD, all power, loaded, excellent condition, only 84K miles. \$8500. 760-438-9321.

**FORD EXPLORER**, 1997, 4 door, V6 engine, 68K miles, green, excellent condition, up-to-date maintenance, air conditioning, multdisc CD player, \$8800. 858-541-7675.

**FORD F-150 X-CAB**, 1999, V-8, 5.4L, 4 door. \$14,995. Vin-B77626. Rancho Jeep-Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

**FORD F150**, 1995 Eddie Bauer, white, 5-speed, V6 engine, dual tanks, power everything, cruise, cassette, good condition, carpet interior, 96K miles. \$6500/best. 858-205-0138.

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**FORD SPORT CONTOUR**, 1998, 4 door, 6 cylinder, automatic, silver, 44K miles, power everything, loaded, must see to appreciate, a beauty, \$7985. Owner, 760-436-9933.

**FORD TAURUS GL**, 1992, sedan, replaced radiator and hoses, starter, transmission (90-day warranty), looks good and runs strong, \$2400. Jim, 619-298-3223 or 619-397-6945.

**FORD TAURUS**, 1989, 115K miles, white, automatic, excellent condition, V-6, well maintained, clean, aluminum wheels, smogged, registered until 6/03, runs great, all power. \$1800. 760-224-4032.

**FORD TAURUS**, 1992, station wagon, 135K miles, V-6, automatic, white, recent tune-up, new battery, clean, seats 6, all power, smogged, registered, runs well. \$1700. 858-755-0969.

**FORD TAURUS GL**, 1997, automatic, excellent condition, alloy wheels. \$4995. Vin-165518. Rancho Jeep-Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

**FORD TEMPO**, 1989, 4 door, automatic, runs well, only 67K miles, was grandma's car. \$1800/best. Tracy, 619-339-8902.

**GEO TRACKER**, 1993, 2-door sport utility convertible, 5-speed manual, 2 wheel drive, 128K miles, air conditioning, cassette, sliding sunroof. \$2150. 858-450-6617.

**GMC SAFARI**, 1989, good condition, power everything, 4 club seats, seats 7, antitheft, dream to drive, first offer over \$2000 takes it. 858-488-2200.

**GMC SAFARI**, 1995, air, power steering/brakes/windows, tilt, am/fm, privacy glass, Dutch doors, 8 passenger, excellent condition, white, blue interior. \$5450/best. 858-592-0746.

**GMC SIERRA PICKUP**, 1998, 40K miles, excellent condition, white, automatic, power steering, air conditioning, CD, new tires, 35K miles left on warranty, \$12,000/best. 760-631-8290.

**HONDA ACCORD LX**, 1999, V-6, excellent condition, 48K miles, automatic, air conditioning, cruise, all power, cassette, \$14,000/best. 619-690-6143.

**HONDA ACCORD LX**, 1991, 2 door, only 102K miles, power, cruise control, single owner, garaged, excellent shape. \$4500. Ian, 619-861-6577.

**HONDA ACCORD LXI**, 1988, blue, 5-speed, super CD sound, power everything, sunroof, air, tires, body OK. Great car. \$2000. Chris, 619-691-9800.

**HONDA CIVIC**, 1993, white, hatchback, 130K miles, runs excellent. 35-45mpg, air conditioning, detachable face stereo. Blue Book \$4400, selling for \$3500/best. Mary, 619-562-7352.

**HONDA CIVIC EX**, 1997, 4 door, automatic, moonroof, original owner, excellent condition, black, 1.6L VTEC, 88K miles. \$7500/best. 858-442-3567.

**HONDA CIVIC DX**, 1991, white hatchback, 5-speed, original owner, 140K miles, very good condition, \$2300. 619-435-3887.

**HONDA CIVIC DX**, 1994, 5-speed manual, metallic black/gray interior, upgraded rims, new Sony CD player, great sound, new tires with warranty, new radiator, reliable. \$3800/best. Must see. Kelly, 619-232-7332.

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**HONDA CIVIC LX**, 1991, 5-speed, all power, brown color, good gas mileage, \$3000/best. 760-583-5880.

**HONDA CIVIC LX**, 1995, 5 speed, power windows/door locks, cruise control, air conditioning, very clean, runs great, \$5500/best. 619-294-9054.

**HONDA CRV LX**, 2000, automatic, air conditioning, power everything, cruise, air bags, alarm, Club, am/fm cassette, black, gray interior, excellent condition, 26,200 miles, \$16,000. [nmonaco@msn.com](mailto:nmonaco@msn.com) or 619-981-4673.

**HONDA CRV**, 1999, 35K miles, great condition, green, new tires, up-to-date maintenance, \$13,999. 858-541-7675.

**HONDA CRX**, 1991, burgundy, air conditioning, CD, alarm, tinted windows, custom stereo, runs great! Needs new upholstery and bumper, \$3000. Must see, 619-466-3687.

**HYUNDAI ELANTRA**, 1999, 44K, gray metallic, 5-speed, power everything, air, air bags, like new, warranty for 1-1/2 years/15K miles. \$5400. Peter, 858-454-3402, 858-784-8871, [peter@scripps.edu](mailto:peter@scripps.edu).

**ISUZU TROOPER 4X4**, 1990, 5-speed, air conditioning, 114K miles, dark blue, great beach mobile, \$1100/best. 858-455-7604.

**JEEP CJ7**, 1980, restored, lockers, original straight 6 block. Ready to hit trails, \$7500 firm. For pictures and description e-mail: [MattJSatterlee@yahoo.com](mailto:MattJSatterlee@yahoo.com); 619-298-7062.

**JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT**, 2001, lots of extras, certified, look, only \$15,995. Vin-563509. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, Mission Valley, 877-526-5255 or [www.midwayjeep.com](http://www.midwayjeep.com).

**JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT**, 1999, 4 door, metallic red, 6 cylinder, 4.0L, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 45,270 miles, custom bumper. \$10,988. Vin-36318. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

**JEEP CHEROKEE COUNTRY**, 1997, 4x4, lots of extras, certified preowned, only \$10,995. Vin-575369. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, Mission Valley, 877-526-5255 or [www.midwayjeep.com](http://www.midwayjeep.com).

**JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT**, 2000, don't miss this one, certified preowned 8/80K miles warranty, measured from in service date. \$14,995. Vin-134166. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, 877-526-5255 or [www.midwayjeep.com](http://www.midwayjeep.com).

**JEEP COMMANDO**, 1972, a classic, hurry, only \$6995. Vin-A28544. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, Mission Valley, 877-526-5255 or [www.midwayjeep.com](http://www.midwayjeep.com).

**JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE** Laredo, 2001, sport utility, 4 door, white, 6 cylinder, 4.0L, automatic, 4 wheel drive, 20,111 miles, \$18,988. Vin-06833. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

**JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE** Laredo. 1997. 4x4, black with grey interior, Blaupunkt stereo and changer, 96,000 miles (mostly highway), runs great. La Jolla. \$9,750/best. 858-213-5933. [acrecy@hotmail.com](mailto:acrecy@hotmail.com).

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Down the Rabbit Hole

Prozac works. At least, it works for me. At the end of this past summer, I slipped into a depression from which I could not extricate myself. I woke up every morning and looked ahead at a long and colorless day. My five children felt like an immense burden. Everyday chores felt like an immense burden. Most of all, the weight of my own incompetence felt like an immense burden. I found myself in a sort of *Alice in Wonderland* existence. Each day, I slogged through a muddy field filled with rabbit holes. Every comment, every perceived misstep sent me down one of the holes. All the holes led to the same place: an even muddier, dark pool far below the surface. The day before my

third-oldest daughter Lucy’s sixth birthday, my husband Jack asked me, “How many people are going to be there tomorrow?” For Lucy’s birthday, I had planned a miniature golf/bumper boat/pizza party at a local Family Fun Center. I had tried to keep the party small. “You can invite Morgan [our across-the-street neighbor] and three or four of your friends from school,” I told Lucy when we made up the guest list. We sent out invitations. Lucy told other girls in her class. We sent out more invitations. Everybody RSVP’d “Yes.” “It looks like we’ll have our five plus about ten more,” I answered Jack. “Fifteen kids?” Jack asked. “I thought we were going to keep it small. Are we going to be able to keep track of everyone?” Standing at the kitchen counter, I started to hyperventilate as I slipped into one of the rabbit holes. “You’re such an idiot,” I berated myself silently. “You can’t even plan a simple birthday party. How the hell are you and Jack going to keep track of all those kids? What if someone wanders away and gets kidnapped? What if Ben [our two-year-old] falls into one of the ponds on the miniature golf course and drowns? You’re so stupid.” “I’m sorry,” I told Jack. “Just add it to my list of failures.” We got through the party. No one got kidnapped. Ben didn’t drown. The day of the party, I started taking Prozac. “We’ll start with 10 milligrams a day,”

my doctor had told me, “for the first ten days. Then we’ll increase your dosage to 20 milligrams. You won’t feel better right away. Prozac can take as long as four to six weeks to reach maximum effectiveness. And you might feel a little jittery at first.” I did feel jittery. But jittery seemed better than the lethargy and exhaustion I’d been fighting for weeks. For the first time in a long time, the field didn’t seem so muddy. I didn’t fly through my days, but I didn’t slog either. And when I came to a rabbit hole, I didn’t dive right in. When Angela complained that she didn’t like the school lunch I’d packed her, I paused and looked at the rabbit hole. “I could beat myself up about this,” I thought. “But I won’t.” I stepped over the hole and moved on. “Sorry you didn’t like your lunch,” I told Angela. “I’ll make you something different tomorrow.” About the time I increased my dosage, I stopped feeling jittery. I still had bad days. I had more days that weren’t bad. One night, I stood in front of my dresser folding Jack’s underwear and placing it in his top drawer. As the white briefs filled the drawer, I thought about the next day. “Girls to school, trip to Costco with Johnny and Ben, Johnny to preschool in the afternoon. Maybe I can get some writing done if Ben takes a nap while Johnny’s at school.” I stopped folding. What was that? Almost a physical sensation deep in my chest. An absence of dread. I found myself looking

forward to an ordinary day filled with ordinary chores. I have been taking Prozac now for seven weeks. I don’t visit the field filled with rabbit holes anymore. Yesterday morning, I woke up a little early. The tail end of a Santa Ana gently moved the blinds in my bedroom. Clear November light pressed into the room. Snuggled in beside me, Benjamin opened his sleepy hazel eyes. “Hi, Mom,” he said in his little-boy voice. “Hold you, Mom.” He snuggled in closer. Johnny rolled over on my other side. “Mom,” he said as he sat up smiling. “I get to go to Ethan’s to play today.” “You’re right, Johnny,” I smiled back. “I’m going to go get dressed right now,” Johnny said and hopped out of bed. Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy trooped into my room, hair bedraggled, yawning. “Hi, Abecca. Hi, Angie. Hi, Oosy,” Ben said. “Mom, can I go downstairs and get Toby?” Angela asked. “Sure,” I told her. Angela disappeared and returned a minute later with our kitten Toby. Angela settled down in the comforter at the foot of my bed and stroked Toby’s soft gray fur. Toby purred. “He’s motoring,” Angela said. “I can hear.” “Toby kitty a motoring,” Ben said. The girls laughed. The dark pool seemed very far away.

izer, nonsmoker, 1 owner. \$8000. 619-988-7096.

**JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE** Laredo, 2000, 4x4, too many extras, certified preowned 8/80K miles warranty measured from in service date. \$17,995. Vin-305214. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, 877-526-5255; www.midwayjeep.com.

**JEEP WRANGLER**, 1998, sport utility, 2 door, red, 6 cylinder, 4.0L, automatic, 4 wheel drive, 33,267 miles, air, running boards. \$14,988. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

**JEEP WRANGLER SE SPORT**, 1998, big wheel, air conditioning, \$10,995. Vin-722005. Rancho Jeep-Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

**JEEP WRANGLER**, 1997, red, 4 wheel drive, rear seat, only 43K miles, tons of fun, well maintained. Needs a good home. \$9000. 619-508-0987.

**JEEP, CJ5 304**, 1974, v\*, 4x4, 3 speed, runs great, fun to drive, in San Diego, \$3500. 949-521-1734.

**KIA OPTIMA SE**, 2001, 4-door sedan, V-6, 2.5L, automatic, front wheel drive, 12,720 miles, air, leather, moon roof. \$12,988. Vin-88104. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

**KIA SEDONA EX**, 2001, minivan, champagne color, V-6, 3.5L, automatic, front wheel drive, 7,413 miles, air, leather, moon roof. \$17,988. Vin-96270. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

**KIA SEPHIA**, 2001, automatic and more, hurry, only \$7995. Vin-074298. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, Mission Valley, 877-526-5255 or www.midwayjeep.com.

**KIA SPORTAGE EX**, 2001, sport utility, 4 door, silver, 4 cylinder, 2.0L, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 26,491 miles, air, \$11,988. Vin-19432. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

**KIA SPORTAGE SUV**, 2002, 4 door, automatic, air conditioning, CD and more, 9K miles. \$12,995. Vin-145523. Rancho Jeep-Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

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**MAZDA MPR**, 1992, air front and back, all power, sunroof, very good condition, 142K miles. \$3500. 858-794-4844.

**MAZDA MPV**, 1995, white, automatic, 106K miles, am/fm stereo cassette, tilt, cruise, clean interior, good paint and tires, \$4500/best. Chula Vista, 619-422-0477.

**MAZDA PROTEGE**, 1998, silver, automatic, 4 door, 116K miles, am/fm stereo CD, tilt, cruise, clean interior, good paint, \$4500/best. Chula Vista, 619-602-9139.

**MAZDA PROTEGE DX**, 1997, manual, 86K miles, golden, air conditioning, am/fm stereo cassette, alarm, original owner, no accident. Great condition. Reliable car. \$4250. 858-829-2234.

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**NISSAN ALTIMA GXE**, 1997, 4 door, automatic, champagne metallic, all power, excellent condition, only 52K miles, air conditioning, stereo cassette, cruise, air bags, \$7490/best. 858-792-5380.

**NISSAN ALTIMA GXE**, 2000, automatic, air conditioning, low miles. \$10,995. Vin-141346. Rancho Jeep-Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

**NISSAN ALTIMA SE**, 2000, black, automatic, moonroof, spoiler, alloy wheels, CD/stereo cassette, Homelink receiver, \$10,300. wecoyote16@yahoo.com; 858-486-7079 or 619-871-6571.

**NISSAN FRONTIER DESERT** Runner XE, 2000, King cab, red, V-6, 3.3L, 5-speed, 2 wheel drive, 49,626 miles, ABS, \$10,988. Vin-93986. San Diego Kia, 619-276-7000.

**NISSAN FRONTIER XC KING CAB**, 2001, excellent condition, silver, power doors/locks, CD, 25K miles. Must sell, \$12,800/best. Call, 760-685-2688.

**NISSAN FRONTIER CREW CAB SE**, 2001, V-6, 2-wheel drive, 5-speed, 6-CD, power everything, leather, air conditioning, cruise, ABS, toolbox, 31K miles, \$17,495 firm. Joe, 619-948-5370.

**NISSAN MAXIMA**, 1985, runs well, good condition, \$800. 858-922-6294.

**NISSAN SENTRA**, 1989, 5-speed, 2 door, gold, cold air conditioning, custom wheels, new tires/clutch, good gas mileage, 156K miles. \$1200/best. 858-581-2790.

**NISSAN XTERRA SE SUV**, 2000, V-6, loaded, \$14,995. Vin-502240. Rancho Jeep-Chrysler, 858-560-7100.

**OLDS ACHIEVA**, 1998, automatic, wine exterior, fabric upholstery interior, V-6 engine, 4-door, air conditioning, front wheel, alloy rims, all maintenance, new tires/paint, am/fm cassette, 78,000 miles, runs great, must sell. \$6,900/best. Livi, 619-90-3823.

**OLDS SILHOUETTE**, 1999, too many extras to list, only \$11,995. Vin-198565. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, Mission Valley, 877-526-5255 or www.midwayjeep.com.

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**PORSCHE CARRERA CABRIOLET**, 1986, silver/blue, new top, clutch, shocks, chip, CD, maintained, records, perfect, 70K miles, \$24,000. Rish, 619-275-3126.

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