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Booze Arrogance

As a person who has been arrested for drunk driving, I want to congratulate you on your excellent “DUI” article on January 2. In the Pacific/Mission Beach area where I live, the problem is particularly acute, with the proliferation of bars and drinking permitted on the beach. The DUI arrests down here lead the city by a wide margin. So do the citations for underage drinking.

This is why I cochaired the campaign for Proposition G, the trial beach alcohol ban, which lost by a narrow margin last March because of an infusion of cash by the liquor industry that wouldn’t tolerate any restrictions on alcohol consumption.

The arrogance of this industry is astounding. Today, in the face of these astronomical DUI rates in my neighborhood, there is a billboard on Mission Boulevard near my house that says, “42 bars, 8 city blocks, welcome to heaven!” How’s that for in-your-face!

Bill Bradshaw
Mission Beach

Intelligent Stupidity

Having been a substance abuse counselor for three and a half years, I have heard Mr. Moramarco’s story many times (“DUI,” January 2). At the end of the article he “promises” us that we won’t see another article about three-time offenders.

I will bet that he made that same promise after his first DUI. I will also safely bet that the night of his second DUI wasn’t the first time that he had been behind the wheel after having something to drink. It just happened to be the first time he was caught again.

As he stated, “Drinking impairs our judgment.” He should have owned that

statement and said “his” judgment. Mr. Moramarco appears to be an intelligent man; too bad alcohol takes all that intelligence away and causes him to make stupid decisions. The only way I know to keep the promise about not receiving a third DUI is to stop drinking or to stop driving.

Karol Rhoades
Ocean Beach

Cinematic Gentleman

Re January 2 “La Jolla’s Last Picture Show” (“City Lights”), I felt compelled to write about a wonderful experience I had at La Paloma back in 1998. I worked night crew at the time, and I wanted to see *The Rugrats Movie*. Somehow, La Paloma was the only theater showing it.

I made my plans around watching the movie there one day. So I went in and I was the only one in the place when showtime came around. I believe it was Mr. Allen Largent who told me that La Paloma policy was (or is): If fewer than five people are in the theater, they will refund the admission and not show the movie. However, I had the choice to stay or get my money back after I explained my situation to him. He showed the movie just for me. I never had the chance to thank him properly.

Mr. Largent, you are truly a gentleman, and I wish you continued success with your theater.

Frank Bonillo
Poway

Outright Lies

In regards to the article entitled “High Noon in Dulzura” (“City Lights”) in the *Reader* dated December 19, 2002:

This is a slanderous article that was written by Robert Kumpel with input from Deputy Bill Smith. It was written without consent and is nothing but false accusations, defamation of character, and outright lies.

I am referring to the last page of this article, where it starts the scenario of “one of [Deputy Smith’s] regulars” wanting to see him (page 28).

Deputy Smith labels us as “alcoholics” and that we live off of “his” disability.

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La Bella's horde The latest in a very long line of high-powered gigs for attorney **Charles La Bella**: helping the University of California get itself out of federal hot water over UC's mismanagement of the Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico. UC has run the nuclear labs under contract to the feds since 1943, when the A-bomb was being developed. Lately though, lab director John C. Browne has been besieged by charges of fraud, theft, and other malfeasance. He was forced



Charles La Bella

out last week by exiting UC president **Richard Atkinson**, who at the same time announced La Bella's new liaison role between the university and the U.S. government. Insiders aren't surprised. La Bella also works for Padres owner **John Moores** and his bankrupt software outfit, Peregrine Systems. That role has sparked attacks by Peregrine creditors, who claim La Bella is too closely tied to the baseball mogul to deal with an ongoing federal investigation of the company. The creditors especially took umbrage at La Bella's role as Moores's lawyer during a federal grand jury investigation two years ago into councilwoman **Valerie Stallings** and various gifts she'd gotten from Moores. Moores has been a close friend and business partner of **Warren Hellman**, the wealthy San Francisco venture capitalist, political donor, and powerful UC alumnus, who also happens to be the father-in-law of UCSD chancellor **Robert Dynes**. Atkinson, who ran UCSD before Dynes, is headed back to autumn retirement in La Jolla, with Dynes a prime candidate to succeed him. And Moores, appointed two years ago to the UC board of regents after giving hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions to Democratic governor **Gray Davis**, just happens to be on the regents' committee that will make the final selection. In addition to serving as a hired gun for Moores and the university, the ubiquitous La Bella operates a securities fraud law practice with partner **Tom McNamara**, another ex-deputy U.S. Attorney who ran the ultimately unfruitful federal investigation into the Stallings-Moores relationship.

Land users Look for a knockdown fight next week at San Diego's board of education over getting rid of some choice property on Commercial Street in Barrio Logan. Two months ago, on a three-to-two vote, a district advisory panel declared the land to be surplus, and a horde of eager developers are vigorously lobbying behind the scenes to take it off the district's hands. But, it turns out, the advisory committee members failed to file statements of

economic interests disclosing their personal financial holdings, and even more questions about the deal's propriety are expected to soon emerge ... Clouds of war are gathering, and some ex-UCSD academics are beginning to speak out — at least to foreign reporters. From retired Asian policy expert **Chalmers Johnson**, as quoted in Japan's *Daily Yomiuri*: "The Americans are in favor of globalization only so long as it serves their interests. I believe that this is a disastrous thing for [the country] to do, and it will come back to haunt the United States. I'd have to say globalization right now is dead, that in fact what we see as a trend in the world [is] 'Anti-Americans of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your hegemony!'" But if old professors are disgruntled by talk of battle, UCSD administrators are not, having rolled out a glitzy new "Homeland Security" website, complete with a shot of the Statue of Liberty and Old Glory unfurled behind, along with fiery color images of the 9/11 attacks. The site hypes the university's contributions to everything from smallpox and anthrax defenses to "port and border security."



Chalmers Johnson

Roll the dice With yet another big Las Vegas casino hotel opening a mega-convention center, visitor-industry insiders say prospects for San Diego ever breaking even on its own taxpayer-funded bayfront meeting place are fading fast. This week the 1.4-million-square-foot Mandalay Bay convention center opens for business. That's on top of Vegas's main convention center (2.4 million square feet) and the Sands Expo and Convention Center (1.3 million square feet). It's bad news for Mayor Dick Murphy, who once hoped to abolish the \$5 million taxpayer subsidy San Diego's center gets each year. Convention organizers are expected to seek even greater price breaks here, courtesy of local taxpayers ... Phoenix attorney **Scott Bergthold**, who drafted San Diego's county anti-strip club law, is set to pick up an \$11,500 contract to do the same for Oklahoma City next week ... **Michael Robertson**, chief executive of La Jolla's Lindows software outfit, has admitted being the mystery backer of a \$200,000 reward for anyone who can hack Microsoft's Xbox video-game console to run Linux.



Michael Robertson

Contributor: Matt Potter

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New Party, Same Filth

By Ernie Grimm

One detects a strange sense of pride mixed with despair and anger when listening to environmental activist Silverio de la Mora

talk about Tijuana. Once an electrical contractor who worked on many government contracts and helped build the maquiladoras in east Tijuana during the 1980s, de la Mora then be-

regime, de la Mora was looking forward to seeing a change in the long-standing system of governmental corruption. "And I can tell you many stories about how we started doing things right,"

here. They didn't construct anything. But I reject corruption. Of course, it caused me problems, big problems. But I had and I have the will to make a real change."

De la Mora claims that, since refusing to engage in traditional corruption, he was pushed out of the municipal government and, upon returning to contracting, was frozen out of contracts. So in 1991, he opened a silk-screen business across the border in San Ysidro. "I started a completely different business in my life because I was not going to



Silverio de la Mora

came an official in the National Action Party — better known as PAN — when it took control of the municipal government in the late 1980s. With the change in

he says. "But as soon as they touch government, many of these guys corrupt themselves, and they continue the same governmental corruption that has always been

kneel in front of these guys trying to ask for work. As a *contracto*, I would have to go to the government and say, 'Hey, Chuy' — Chuy is the

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Neal Obermeyer



Did Lingerie Barbie Trounce Micropet?

By Robert Kumpel

Designated Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge is the former governor of which state?

- a. Idaho
- b. Kansas
- c. Pennsylvania
- d. Maryland

2. On November 25, 2002, the San Diego City Council approved reinstating red-light cameras. The previous fines for running a red light at camera sites was \$271. What will the new fines be when the cameras begin operating in April?

- a. the same
- b. \$324
- c. \$300
- d. \$197



Trent Lott

3. When the San Diego City Council recently rejected an offer from the Chargers to conduct private talks about their lease with the city, which four councilmembers voted to talk with the Chargers?

- a. Atkins, Inzunza, Frye, and Murphy
- b. Zucchet, Atkins, Murphy, and Lewis
- c. Peters, Murphy, Zucchet, and Inzunza
- d. Lewis, Murphy, Peters, and Inzunza

4. Which U.S. bank announced a deal in December to pay \$1.6 billion for 25 percent of Mexico's third largest bank, Grupo Financiero Santander Serfin?

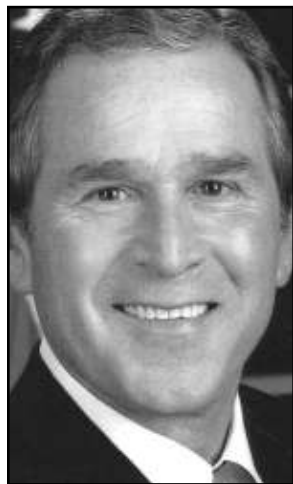
- a. Bank of America
- b. Wells Fargo
- c. Chase Manhattan Bank

d. Union Bank

5. During a recent U.S. Supreme Court session in which First Amendment rights and cross burning were debated, reporters took note that one justice who usually remains silent during arguments asked several pointed questions. Which justice was it?

- a. Steven Breyer
- b. Clarence Thomas
- c. Ruth Bader Ginsberg
- d. John Paul Stevens

6. Former senate majority



George W. Bush

leader Trent Lott came under intense criticism and eventually resigned his leadership post because of his recent remarks supporting Strom Thurmond's presidential campaign for the segregationist "Dixiecrat" Party. What year did Thurmond run for president?

- a. 1952
- b. 1944
- c. 1948
- d. 1956

7. Who is the current president of Afghanistan?

- a. Hamid Karzai
- b. Burhanuddin Rabani
- c. Ahmed Ghotekhu
- d. Mohammed Karzi-Al Hassan

8. Next to California, which state has the most Democrats



Tom Ridge

in its statewide elective offices?

- a. Minnesota
- b. Louisiana
- c. Massachusetts
- d. West Virginia

9. Which two teams played in the first Holiday Bowl game in 1978?

- a. Navy and BYU
- b. BYU and SMU
- c. Navy and Air Force



Ariel Sharon

d. SDSU and Ohio State

10. President Bush announced in December that the U.S. would have a missile-defense system in place by what year?

- a. 2004
- b. 2006
- c. 2008
- d. 2003

11. The UN Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Commission is headed by Hans Blix. Blix is a native of what country?

- a. the Netherlands
- b. Luxembourg
- c. Sweden
- d. Belgium

12. Smallpox is which of the following?

- a. bacteria



- b. virus
- c. fungus
- d. prion

13. What is the projected complication rate for the newly released smallpox vaccines?

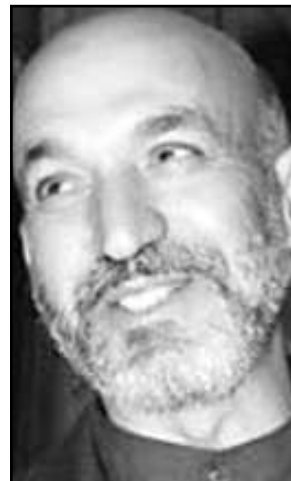
- a. 200 complications and 2 deaths per million
- b. 100 complications and 1 death per million
- c. 50 complications and 5 deaths per million
- d. 15 complications and 1 death per million

14. Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon recently announced his belief that Iraq was stockpiling chemical and biological weapons in which nearby country?

- a. Lebanon
- b. Jordan
- c. Syria
- d. Egypt

15. Declassified documents reveal that President Nixon issued a secret worldwide nuclear alert in October of 1969. His objective was to scare the Soviet Union into forcing concessions from what country?

- a. Cambodia
- b. North Vietnam



Hamid Karzai



Qualcomm Stadium

- c. Laos
- d. South Vietnam

16. Which of the following TV shows was not in the Nielsen ratings' top ten during Christmas week?

- a. *Law and Order*
- b. *Survivor*
- c. *60 Minutes*
- d. *Friends*

17. San Diego State made one Holiday Bowl appearance in 1986, losing to Iowa 39-38. The head coach of the Aztecs was which of the following men?

- a. Denny Stolz
- b. Doug Scovil
- c. Al Luginbill
- d. Claude Gilbert

18. Which of the following was the top-selling toy for Christmas in 2002?

- a. Micropet
- b. Harry Potter's *Chamber of Secrets*
- c. Lingerie Barbie
- d. Barbie Rapunzel

19. What is the 2003 budget deficit projected by California's Legislative Analysts office?

- a. \$18 billion
- b. \$21 billion



Hans Blix

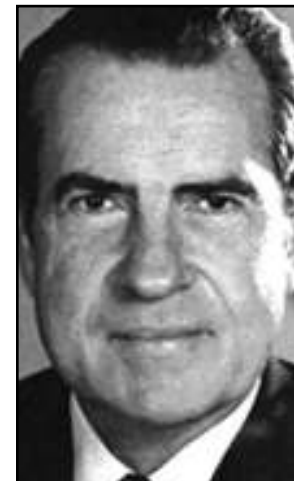
- c. \$35 billion
- d. \$100 billion

20. World oil prices hit a two-year high in December, largely because of which of the following factors?

- a. tensions in the Middle East
- b. maintenance slowdowns on the Alaska pipeline
- c. threats from al-Qaeda to blow up tankers
- d. political and economic strife in Venezuela

ANSWERS:

- 1. c
- 2. b
- 3. d
- 4. a
- 5. b
- 6. c
- 7. a
- 8. d
- 9. a
- 10. a
- 11. c
- 12. b
- 13. d
- 14. c
- 15. b
- 16. c
- 17. a
- 18. d
- 19. c
- 20. d



Richard Nixon

New party, same filth

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mayor — 'Hey, Chuy, I need a job. I need work. Let me do something.' But I would not do it, because I don't agree

with some of the governmental action that they are doing right now. So I needed to invest in something else, because I need to eat and I am not going to kneel in front of them."

Sitting in his office, which

he built above the garage behind his home in Colonia Cacho, between downtown and the Rio Zone, de la Mora wears a white cardigan sweater and cream dress shirt, which contrast with his gray Dickies and tan work

boots. Bearded and bespectacled, he looks at once working man and intellectual. He is known as a leader in the environmental movement in Tijuana largely due to his involvement in efforts to preserve as open space the

tercera etapa, which is the southernmost third of the Tijuana River valley, between Rodríguez dam and the international border, and to plant an "urban forest" along the river. The land has since

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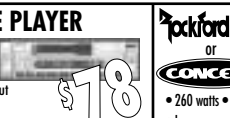
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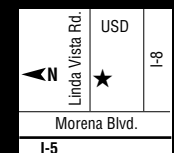
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been sold by the municipal government to developers. De la Mora grows animated and his voice rises to a near

shout as he recalls the issue. "The PAN came in, and they didn't construct a new government," he says. "They continued the government the way it's always been. It is a tragedy.

"How can an environ-

mental movement exist in such a situation?" de la Mora continues. "You need to have a lot of patience. I am not a patient man, as you can see. But there are others in Mexico and here in Tijuana who do have patience. And that's

what you need, because we have a rot in our government. You go to the government and explain the situation, and because there is a lot of interest, a lot of money involved in everything, in the new PAN party, there is a lot

of business. Everything is business here. So if you go over and try to explain the situation according to the codes, according to the laws, according to what's right, they don't listen to you — if there is money with the other

side of the issue. They are *cer-rados*, closed-minded people. They don't want to listen to codes or regulations or rules or whatever is stipulated in the constitution. So that is why the ecological or environmental movement here has achieved no results."

Olga Martínez, who lives in Playas de Tijuana, would beg to differ. In the late 1990s, she and a group of Playas property residents banded together with a beach-area environmental group called Grupo Ecologista Gaviotas and stopped an effort to build a trash incineration plant on the coast, five miles south of the border. "They wanted to put it at Punta Bandera," explains Martínez. "We didn't want the pollution, and we discovered that they wanted to build it in a seismic area, and there were studies that said there was a high risk of earthquakes. So we fought for our rights, and the federal government finally said no to the incinerator."

Currently, Martínez is involved in another fight against more large plants being built along the coast between the border and Ensenada. "Our biggest problem right now," she explains, "is several plants that Marathon Oil wants to install here in Punta Bandera, in Rosarito, and in Salsipuedes, which is just north of Ensenada. We are trying to get some information on these plans, but we believe that we don't have the infrastructure to accommodate that kind of plant. And our government can't guarantee the security of the people that live here if they build those plants. So we are right now organizing the people, because we have to make the government of Mexico understand and listen to us when we say that we don't want it here. But we don't have confidence in our government."

Martínez is also organizing opposition to development of one of two coastal canyons that run west out of the hills, down through Playas to the ocean. "We have lost a lot of green area in Tijuana," she complains. "That's why we are fighting for those two *cañadas* here in Playas de Tijuana. They have the native flora and fauna, a lot of wild flowers and birds.

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But one of them was sold to private interests lately, and they want to build a mall there."

Both Martínez and de la Mora say that these fights against developing open space are extremely difficult in Tijuana, even though the city offers its residents only .22 square meters of park land per resident (as compared to 26 square meters per resident in San Diego). "The government sells these parks to the developers," Martínez explains, "and they give them the permits to build. That is a common story around Tijuana."

Asked where the money from such sales goes, de la Mora responds with an anecdote. "Alejandro Gonzalez, the former governor of the state of Baja California, lived in a modest apartment before being in government. Today, he lives in a \$400,000 house. And if you ask him, 'How did you build that house?' he will answer you

that he collected his salary checks in order to build that house. To me, and for most of the residents of the state of Baja California, it is a very big story. As they say in Mexico, 'No mames.' Bullshit. How is the environmental situation supposed to advance with such men in our government?"

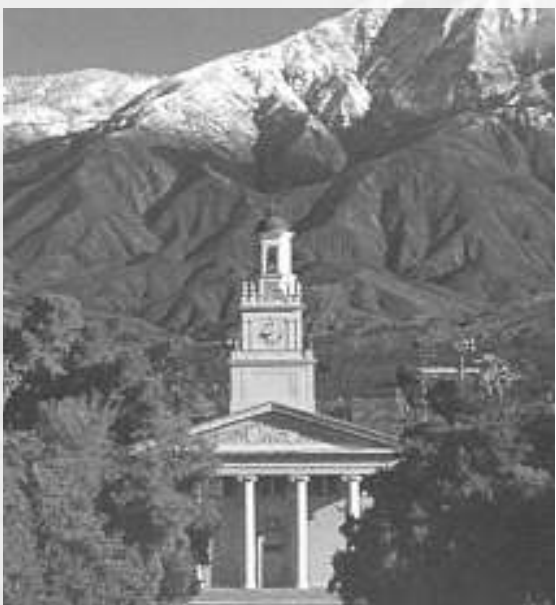
De la Mora has all but given up on activism and is taking the advice of a police officer who came to his house after he complained about a school operating illegally down the block. "He told me, 'Señor de la Mora, you see this problem in all of Tijuana. The schools open everywhere, with no regulations, with no parking spaces, without anything like that. You have your house. Why don't you put a wall in front and forget about it?' So I am building my wall right now."

Martínez acknowledges the enormous obstacles to change in Tijuana, but she's not quitting. "Because I have hope," she says. "I have to have hope because I have children and this is my nation. I have to have hope." ■

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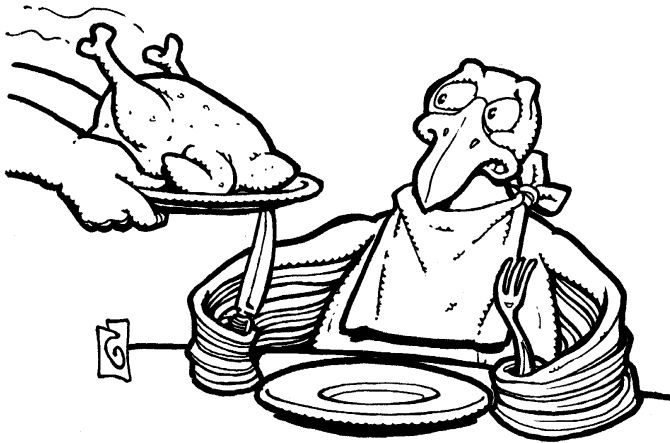
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Hey Matt:

My family and I were picnicking at the beach when my daughter threw some biscuits for the seagulls to eat. Out of curiosity, I threw some pieces of fried chicken their way to see if they would eat them. They didn't. Seagulls usually eat everything you give them, but they seemed to know that I was trying to feed them bird. Is there anything to this?

— Ruel H., San Diego

They seemed to know... You sensed the gull vibes, and those vibes said, "I'm not a cannibal! I'm not a cannibal!" Well, baloney, Ruel. Gulls will eat pretty damn near anything, including stuff with feathers. And baloney, come to think of it. They're tough, they're scrappy, they'll chase other birds to steal whatever those birds are eating. Among the 40-plus species of gulls, there are some pretty radical feeding habits. They can dig up marine worms, clams, catch and kill rats and rabbits, feast on dead (or dying) stuff like seals or fish. They'll eat grain and bugs and marine algae. They can harvest mussels or catch mice, then drop them from great heights onto rocks to crack their shells or their skulls. When gull populations are under stress, they've even been known to eat their neighbors' hatchlings. And one scientific report noted that when a storm killed hundreds of gull chicks, many of the adults ate the bodies of their very own children!

One of the best things to happen to gulls, of course, is people. With people come garbage and french fries, which don't have to be dug up, chased, or killed. Gulls have honed their innate scavenging skills and now can recognize a picnic basket hidden under a beach towel half a mile away. Fried chicken shouldn't be any scarier than dead rats or eviscerated seals, so it's not clear why these particular gulls took a pass on your offer. The neighbors took their little girl to the beach, and a gull grabbed one of her fuzzy slippers right off her foot, flew around with it a bit, then dropped it in the water and took off. If bedroom slippers look good enough to nibble on, you gotta figure anything's fair game.

If the dominant bird in the flock rejected your chicken snack, the others might do that too. If he was busy with the biscuits at the moment you stuck out your hand, maybe it was just bad timing. Birds don't have a particularly good sense of smell; gulls are slightly better smellers than some others, so maybe the chicken reeked (in gull terms), but it's not too likely. All things considered, I can only assume that you trashed the chicken if even a seagull wouldn't eat it.

Dear Matthew Alice:

My wife has threatened on several occasions to read me the riot act, but she can't seem to find a copy of it. If she could find a copy of it, what would it say? Can you read me the real riot act? Is there even such a thing as the riot act?

— Sammy, San Diego

There certainly was. King George I of England was having a little trouble keeping his subjects in line, so he came up with the Riot Act of 1715 to put some teeth into the existing unlawful assembly statutes. And the act was read aloud to the mob before they were hauled off to a tower or dungeon somewhere. Actually, they weren't read the full Riot Act. The complete text has a little over 1000 words. The first sentence alone is 385 words long. I, too, won't read you the full Riot Act. We'll fast-forward through part of it to give you the drift, then word-for-word the part that was read aloud.

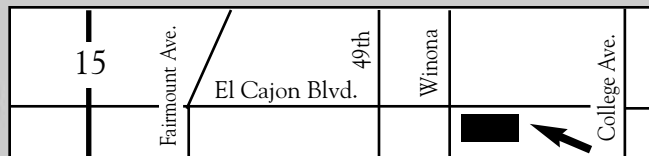
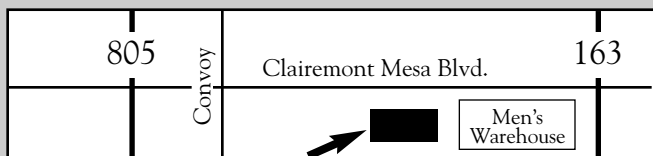
"Whereas of late many rebellious riots and tumults have been in diverse parts of this kingdom (*blah, blah*) punishments not being adequate to such heinous offences (*drone, drone, drone*) alienate affections of the people from His Majesty (*yadda, yadda*) speedy and effectual punishing (*yap, yap, yap*) persons to the number of 12 or more remain or continue together (*blab, blab*) shall be adjudged a felony (*drone, drone*) shall suffer death. Persons authorized (*blah*) make the said proclamation among the said rioters or as near to them as he can safely come (*yak, yak*) with loud voice."

Then comes the meat of the matter. "Our sovereign lord the king chargeth and commandeth all persons, being assembled, immediately to disperse themselves and peaceably to depart to their habitations or to their lawful business, upon pains contained in the act made in the first year of King George for preventing tumults and riotous assemblies. God save the king." The final 418-word sentence says, basically, if you're injured or killed while resisting arrest, it's your own fault and you can't sue anybody.

So there you have it. Guess there'll be no more tumults or riotous assemblies in diverse parts of your kingdom, Sammy. And why wasn't Matthew Alice invited over before all this hit the fan? I haven't been to a good tumult in months.

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

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Mardie asks, "How are you doing in the playoffs?" We're having lunch at the Hotel Del. Mardie, by the way, is an immigration lawyer, longtime friend, and a woman whose interest in professional football stabilized at zero many years ago. She has kindly retained an interest in me, and therefore, being most considerate indeed, has inquired after one of my pastimes. "I quit betting in October."

Mardie puts down her fork, which is wise since her mouth has frozen in the wide-open position. "I...what...you...never quit betting in October."

Yes, it was a unique event. At first, I thought I was having a bad year. It happens. But, after further reflection, I realized I quit betting because there were no reliable teams to bet on. Just when Oakland looked unbeatable, they lost four in a row. Green Bay, looking great, lost to Minnesota by ten points, and so on. This happens every season, but this year, it happened to so many teams, so many times, that predicting a result — which is what betting is — was reduced to a flip of the coin. In other words, I found myself gambling, and I don't like to gamble.

Gambling was never more in the air than last Saturday and Sunday. Normally, playoff time is the best time for bettors because, usually, only reliable teams make the playoffs. Therefore, an informed spectator can gauge how each team is going to play with a fair degree of confidence.

I wonder how many readers accurately predicated the results of this year's wildcard weekend? Consider the following: Jets, 41-to-0 over Indianapolis. Where did that come from? Atlanta, 27-to-7 over Green Bay playing in Green Bay. What starship brought that game to earth? Cleveland damn near beat Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh. Then, the low-scoring 49ers coming back with 25 unanswered points to slip past the Giants and, in the process, managed to put more points on the scoreboard than any other game they played this year.

This is how unreliable the NFL has become. If these same teams played each other this week and all the scores were reversed, no one would be surprised.

This year, with two weeks left to play, 14 of 16 AFC teams were still in the running for the playoffs, which is very close to what the NFL wants. The league wants every team, except Cincinnati, to be eligible for the playoffs until the last weekend.

You ask, "What's wrong with that?"

Quick, name both teams who played in the Super Bowl last year. Which teams were in the Super Bowl two years ago? Which teams were in the Super Bowl three years ago? Take your time.

Last year, New England and St. Louis. Two years ago, Baltimore and the New York Giants. Three years ago, St. Louis and Tennessee.

Pathetic, isn't it? You win a Super Bowl, and two weeks later nobody knows your name.

It's like military medals. The current hyperinflation of military medals began when the United States invaded Grenada in 1983. Afterward, the army handed out more medals than there were American soldiers stomping around

on the island. During the first Persian Gulf War, every sailor on every ship near Kuwait got a Combat Action Ribbon, which was miserly compared to the army's generosity in awarding every soldier an entire row of ribbons. This, for a "war" that lasted 100 hours.

So, if everybody gets a medal, what does owning a medal mean? If any team can win the Super Bowl, what does a Super Bowl victory mean?

Look out, kid. They're after your money.

The NFL has put in place a salary cap, which, in effect, makes it impossible to ever have another dynasty like Pittsburgh in the '70s or Dallas in the '80s or San Francisco in the '90s. No franchise can keep enough great players to dominate the league for four, five, six years in a row. Under a salary cap, teams have to trade great players. This means, as it was meant to mean, that no team will be able to assemble a dynasty, and in the best of worlds,

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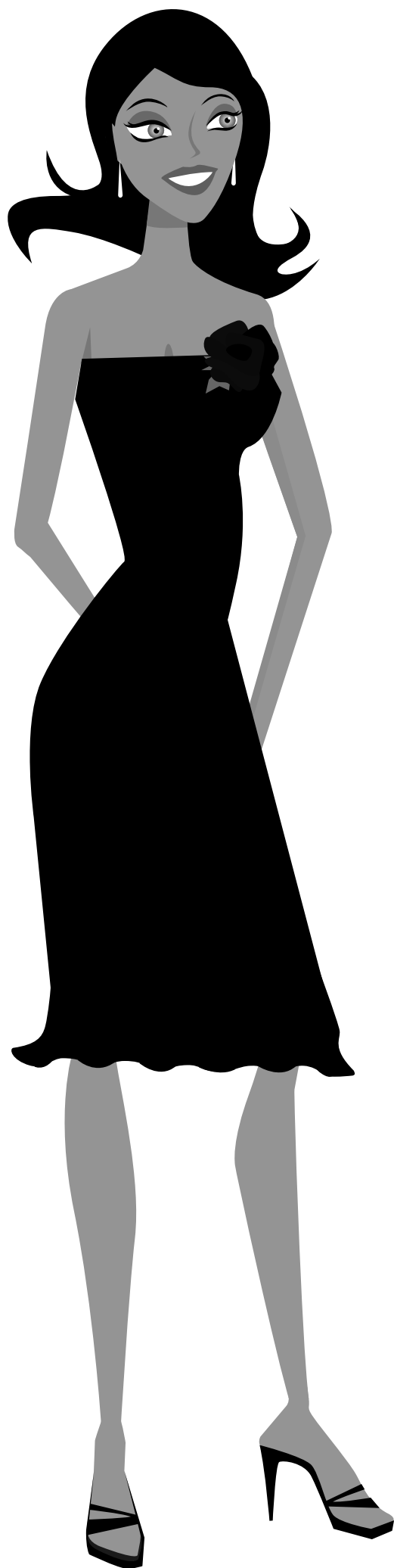
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any team can beat any other team any time. That way more people will slog out to taxpayer-built stadiums, more people will watch NFL games on TV, thus allowing the NFL to extort more money from their usual sources.

This is what we've lost. By enforcing mediocrity, the quality of play in the NFL has dropped. The game is nowhere near as beautiful as it was five years ago. Last weekend's games weren't beautiful; they were novel, like a circus freak show.

The last redoubt is baseball. You don't really win a World Series until you beat the Yankees in a World Series. That means something. In the NFL, it doesn't matter who wins the Super Bowl.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Staff size: 3 full-time, 3 part-time
Sunday school enrollment: 50
Annual budget: \$496,000
Weekly giving: \$9500
Singles: yes, for college age
Services: Sunday worship, 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Dad's Cafe, made famous by Danielle van Dam's murder, was one of several Poway watering holes whose toilets were scrubbed this Christmas by members of Christian Life Assembly.

"We also scrubbed the toilets at two VFW halls," Reverend Bob Maddux, the church's senior pastor, early last week told me. "In the past we'd gone caroling at Poway's bars. We thought we'd try something different. It's part of our new program called Random Acts of Kindness. We do things like hang out at gas stations and clean people's windshields for them. Just to show people that we love them."

These activities, Reverend Maddux explained, are in part the result of a revival his church experienced five years ago.

"Some of our members went down to visit the church in Florida, and it just sort of grew from there."

In June, 1995, at an Assembly of God congregation in Brownsville, Florida, a poor Pensacola suburb, people began to jerk and twitch. Dozens fell unconscious to the floor. Others roared with "holy laughter." What became known as the "Brownsville Experience" spread to charismatic and Pentecostal churches throughout North America.

"At the time our revival started here, we had around 500 members. Our services started lasting longer and longer. Three, four hours. People had a profound need to reconnect with God. We had some holy laughter, but not a lot. There was mostly prayer. We let people pray as long as they felt they needed to. Not everyone had this need, and I'm not condemning them. They weren't at that point in their lives. We probably lost around 150 members.

"The interesting thing is how our revival changed our church's composition. Poway is pretty much an affluent WASP area. We became more diverse. People were drawn to the church because they heard what was going on. We now have very wealthy and working class. We have a large contingent of Kenyans and a number of African-Americans. We have Hispanics, Asians, and Pacific Islanders."

This multicultural crowd now attends services that last, at most, 90 minutes. When I visited this past Sunday, I didn't see anyone slain in the Spirit. I didn't hear any holy laughter. I listened to a very young congregation sing 30 minutes of "worship music," the repetitive up-beat hymns currently popular in almost every nonliturgical Protestant denomination.

Reverend Maddux's sermon was grounded in something called the "40 Days of Purpose," a detailed program for spiritual renewal devised by

Reverend Rick Warren, an Orange County-based pastor who in the past two decades has become the Henry Ford of "regular guy" middle-of-the-road evangelicalism. Fifteen thousand people attend Reverend Warren's church every week. Pastors who've adopted Reverend Warren's strategies for a "purpose-driven church" claim their memberships have grown by as much as 30 percent per year.

I've never quite grasped Reverend Warren's "purpose-driven church." To me the notion appears to describe an assembly-line style interpretation of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."). The "purpose" guides believers and the unchurched through the emotionalism of contemporary worship toward an efficient and sober experience of an orthodox Wesleyan-flavored Protestantism. The "40 Days of Purpose," aimed at achieving a "purpose-driven life," comes complete with a book, authored by Reverend Warren, lesson plans, worksheets, and visual aids.

The material, at least last Sunday morning, the first of Christian Life's 40 days, addresses

the sort of basic theology that Lutherans can recite in their sleep. It even sounds like the Baltimore Catechism.

"Why were we born?" Reverend Maddux and our worksheets asked us.

"The Lord has made everything for its purpose," Reverend Maddux told us. And, "We were created to be loved by God."

He answered other questions, such as "Does my life matter?" and "What is my purpose in life?" with similar dispatch. There were no surprises. But Reverend Maddux set upon his responses with such enthusiasm that they seemed like tremendous discoveries. Outside, water plashed in a fountain in the courtyard. The sun shone. The sycamore and pepper trees surrounding the Spanish-style church stood vivid against the blue sky.

After the service, when I spoke with Reverend Maddux, I couldn't help thinking of him, on

his hands and knees, scrubbing the toilets at Dad's Cafe.

"Our Random Acts of Kindness are a way for us to take the love we experienced during our revival," he said, "and spreading it, sharing it with the whole community."

I asked him if it weren't significant that his church had switched from revival mode to the "purpose-driven" model defined by Reverend Warren. Reverend Maddux knew what I was getting at. He told me that his congregation was supplementing the "40 Days" program with a 40-day fast, a conscious decision to eat simply and avoid all personally favored foods.

I pressed the point. Reverend Maddux said, "I think we've reached a middle ground. If we ever need to have four-hour services, we now have that flexibility. But everything changes. This is where we are now. Who knows? Perhaps in the future we'll have another strong visitation of God's presence. We're prepared for that."

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND BOB MADDUX

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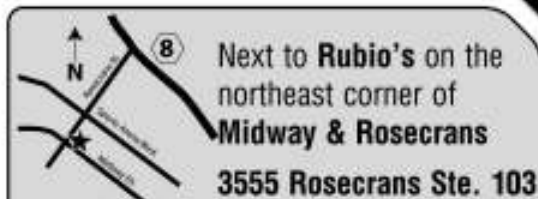
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My husband is a darling man who doesn't enjoy getting gifts. I notice this on Christmas and his birthday. We've had birthday parties for him, which he seems to find fun. Naturally, our friends bring gifts and look forward to seeing him open them during the festivities. But he gets so embarrassed when the subject comes up that he refuses to open his presents at the party. He lowers his head and mumbles that he'll "open them later." If I didn't nag him a bit he'd leave them sitting around forever in their wrappings. I bug him to open them so he can at least thank people for whatever they've given him. When I give him presents he acts much the same way — reluctant to open them, and when finally cajoled into doing so, he doesn't seem thrilled with whatever I give him. Often he won't use the item. I will find it sitting around untouched six months after he's received it. I try to give him things he will like or can use, but it's difficult. When there's an occasion for me to buy him a present, I've asked him what he wants, but he has no suggestions. We've been married for 20 years, quite happily. Surprisingly, he is generous and loves to give presents to other people! I'm thinking of telling him that since he seems so uncomfortable getting gifts, I'm going to stop giving him presents and just give him a card saying I love him on these occasions, because giving him things he ignores is a waste. Is this unkind? Should I continue to buy him gifts just because it's traditional?

DOTING SAN CARLOS WIFE

Dear Doting,

What a wonderfully unmaterialistic man you married! Having said that, I can see that it would be terribly frustrating to be rebuffed on every gift-giving holiday, when you try in vain to express your affection via some token you hoped he'd delight in. Three suggestions: (1) Propose that the only way you're going to give him gifts in the future is if he picks them out. He can select items from catalogs, or you can go shopping together; (2) Suggest that all your future gifts to him will not be objects but events — take him away for the weekend, or to a play, or on a picnic. That way you are spending special time in each other's company, not spending money on something that will molder in its box till doomsday; (3) Propose that since he looks forward to getting presents about as much as he does having oral surgery, you will from now on donate money to his favorite charities on gift-giving occasions in lieu of giving him ties he will never wear, aftershave that never gets opened or sniffed. In this way, he isn't bur-

dened with unwanted possessions and some needy person or deserving cause is enriched in his name.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

Two years ago I lent a friend a thousand dollars when he was down on his luck. He acted very grateful and swore to pay me back "in a month or two." Since then he has not mentioned the loan and neither have I. While he's by no means rolling in cash now, I think his circumstances have improved enough that he could pay me back, even if it meant giving me \$50 a month. I can afford to forget this loan. That's not the point. We have grown apart a bit in the intervening two years for various reasons I don't need to go into, but I wonder if I should "remind" my friend that it would be nice if he paid me back. Or should I be a charitable guy, forgive the debt, and keep my mouth shut? I feel small and miserly dunning him but also annoyed he has not even tried to repay me. Your thoughts?

NOT-A-LOAN-SHARK
IN VISTA

Dear Not-A-Shark,

Since this unpaid debt is irritating you like a pebble in your shoe, why not ask your friend in a congenial way if he's in a position to return the grand you lent him? Two years is a long time to wait. You are within your rights to inquire about the money now. If you're willing to allow him to make payments, as you mentioned, let him know that too. You can also make it clear to him that if he's still in financial trouble, you can continue to be patient, but that you wanted an update since there has been a long silence on this subject. I have a feeling that if you don't speak up, you may "grow apart" even further, as the unpaid, undiscussed debt erodes the trust necessary for real friendship.

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

We visited my Aunt Azilda one evening before Christmas, and instead of swilling eggnog and singing carols, we ended up sipping Manhattans and spinning her marvelous collection of old 45s. She said we should save the carols for Christmas Day, and she asked if we had ever heard “I Like My Chicken Frying Size” by Johnny Bond? She put the needle in the groove and turned the volume up loud.

My husband Patrick and I were still feeling the magic of nostalgia the following morning. All those lovely vinyl discs, such warm tones. We wanted in on the action. At Folk Arts Rare Records in Normal Heights (619-282-7833), I spoke with owner Lou Curtiss. Most of the thousands of records in his shop are 33s and 78s (the numbers refer to the speed at which the record is played), but there are still plenty of 45s to be found amid the stacks.

Curtiss gave me a bit of 45 history. In the beginning, there were 78s. “A 78 was a single, with one song on each side, just like a 45 — but the 45 was smaller and easier to market.” It was also more durable, being made from vinyl instead of the shellac used for 78s. “The 78s played for three and a half to four minutes, and the 45s were two and a half to three minutes, but as the technology got better, they became equal in length. In the beginning, the 78s had better fidelity, but the industry changed the record players and geared them for 45s and long-playing 33s (LPs). There wasn’t quite as much weight on the tone arm, and so the 78s started to sound bad. That was planned obsolescence; they were phasing the 78s out.” Curtiss said that 45s never managed the same sound quality as LPs — the latter were often recorded in stereo, while the 45s were monaural (one-track) recordings. But 45s gave you a chance to own that hit single you heard on the radio without buying an entire album.

Curtiss, who has been running the shop since the late ’60s, favors “old-time music — country, blues, early jazz. I collect everything from Jelly Roll Morton to Yogi Orenson.” He told me he cleans his records with “Glass Plus window cleaner and an old cotton T-shirt. A lot of people take more or less the same stuff that’s in Glass Plus and put it in a tiny bottle, call it record cleaner, and sell it to you for \$15.” I was happy for the tip, but, he warned, “don’t use other window cleaners, because they’ll have ammonia or alcohol in them. Glass Plus doesn’t have any of that. It’s not that dirt is going to bother the record, but it will make it sound bad because it’s hard on your needle.” Also, records “do melt if they get left in the sun, and it’s next to impossible to repair a warped record.”

Scratches on the vinyl surface can be a problem, but Curtiss gave me another tip.

“The 45s have an almost mystical power to them.”

“If I see a record with minor scratches on it, I run my fingernail over the scratch. If I don’t hear a click, I know I won’t hear the scratch when I play the record.”

Most of Curtiss’s 45s run between \$1 and \$5, but “occasionally I’ll run into a 45 that’s collectible, and that can be priced from \$15 to \$20. I usually put those aside for certain collectors that come in here.” Like any collectible, rarity increases the value; Curtiss can recall a one-of-a-kind 78 that sold for \$42,000 at auction last year.

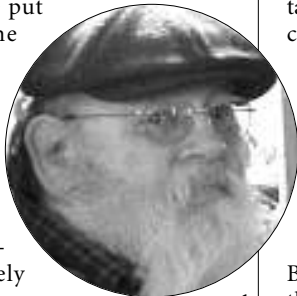
Down the road at Nickelodeon Records (619-284-6083), owner Ruth Bible and coworker Betsy Scarborough agreed with Curtiss’s opinion that light scratches aren’t always a problem. “It can look terrible and sound fantastic,” said Bible. Added Scarborough, “It depends on the manufacturer; some are terrible from the beginning and look brand new; some look like they’ve been run over and still sound good.” Bible said that the 45s have an almost mystical power to them. “People love to handle them. They come in here with their kids and then totally ignore the kids. Once they’re going through the 45s, they’re in a trance.”

“All the 45s that we put out are \$2 apiece. We like to buy a collection and be able to sell them for \$2. We get collectibles in some times, and there are price guides to show whether something is really collectible. An Elvis record on the Sun label may go for \$3000 to \$4000. But that’s not really what’s fun. What’s fun is when someone finds that 45 they had in the ’50s when their girlfriend broke up with them, or that 45 that they took to slumber parties. They get so excited.”

Nostalgia is a powerful sales tool, but Scarborough said that’s not all that keeps Nickelodeon — in business since 1984 — afloat. “We thought that when CDs came out, that would be the end of us. But now, a lot of young people are getting into collecting and listening to old records. Vinyl seems more popular than ever.”

She may have been right. The lighter-armed record players ushered in the age of the 45; now, interest in the 45 may be responsible for reviving the record player. I found four retro-style record players within the mainstream confines of Fashion Valley mall. Restoration Hardware carried a Crosley Portable three-speed LP player in a suitcase design that plays 33s, 45s, and 78s. Available in brown or black for \$99.97. Also available is a collection of five Motown or ’60s rock ‘n roll 45s for \$20. Robinson’s May sells the Crosley four-in-one Entertainer — CD, cassette, AM/FM digital radio, with remote and three-speed record player for \$229. Also at Robinson’s May: Crosley three-in-one three-speed portable record player, with CD and AM/FM radio and remote in a suitcase design, \$250; Crosley three-speed record player in a carved wooden box, \$129.

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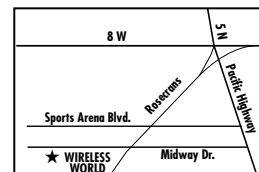
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Sometime in the next few months, the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases* will publish an article that describes an unusual experiment with newly diagnosed schizophrenics. This experiment randomly assigned young people with that diagnosis to one of two different forms of treatment. Some entered a psychiatric hospital where they received drugs to quell their psychotic ravings. The others went to a place known as Soteria House. They lived there for several months with a small group of other schizophrenics and a team of empathetic men and women (not medical doctors) who gave the disturbed individuals round-the-clock emotional support. The study tracked the research subjects for two years. According to the new report, the schizophrenics who lived in the therapeutic home and received no drugs fared better than the ones who received medication in the hospital. Furthermore, “The ones who did the best are those who would have been predicted to have the worst outcomes,” Loren Mosher says.

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Mosher, a San Diego psychiatrist, was the principal architect of the Soteria experiment. What unfolded during the years it operated (1971 through 1983) shaped his ideas about schizophrenia, a condition estimated to afflict 1 to 2 out of every 100 Americans. Unlike the majority of his professional colleagues, Mosher was never persuaded that psychotic behavior is caused by brain abnormalities. He moreover came to believe that if schizophrenia is *not* an organic disease, then it’s wrong to force schizophrenics to take drugs that change their brains. He acknowledges that the powerful antipsychotic medications prescribed for schizophrenia nowadays often do suppress the symptoms of lunacy and make disturbed individuals easier to control. But Mosher argues that there are better ways to help most schizophrenics recover their sanity — cheaper, more humane and libertarian, less devastating to the human body and soul.

Because he holds these beliefs, the 69-year-old doctor claims, “I

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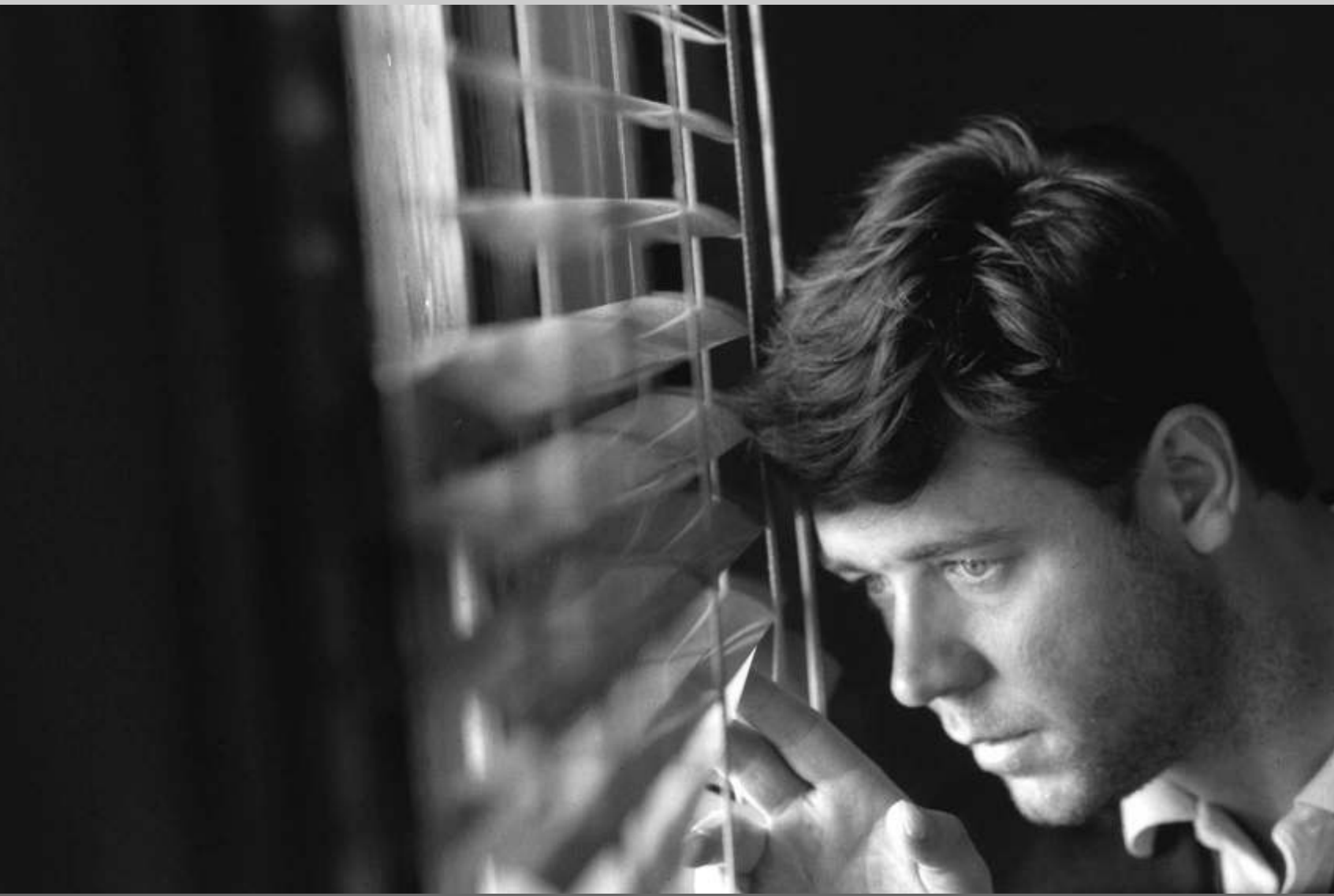
Loren Mosher

am completely marginalized in American psychiatry. I am never invited to give grand rounds. I am never invited to give presentations. I am never invited to meetings as a keynote speaker in the United States.” Yet from 1968 to 1980, the period when many of his unorthodox beliefs came into focus, Mosher occupied a prominent position in the American psychiatric research community. He was the first chief of the Center for Studies of Schizophrenia at the National Institute of Mental Health in Washington, D.C. He founded the *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, and he served as its editor in chief for ten years. The story of how and why he became an outcast in his profession reveals much about the profound ways in which the concept of madness has changed in America over the past

40 years.

In Mosher, maverick tendencies can be traced to his childhood. A sickly boy plagued with allergies and asthma, he lost his mother to breast cancer when he was 9. Shunted between various relatives, he says he more or less raised himself from the ages of 8 to 14. By 1949, he had settled with his father in Marin County, but he continued to enjoy extraordinary freedom as a teenager. He had both a car and a driver’s license when he was 14. Summers he explored the Sierra Nevada wilderness on an old Arabian stallion loaned to him by an uncle. In the two and a half months after his high school graduation, he toiled as a roughneck in the oil fields of Montana and Wyoming, having used a fake ID to prove he was 21. “My story was that I was

Years



Russell Crowe in A Beautiful Mind

working after college to get money to go to medical school.” The lie transformed him, he recounts. “Presto chango. I was ‘Doc.’ My practice was luckily limited to simple first aid, common ailments like colds, and sexual complaints like the crabs and gonorrhea.” But Mosher was astonished and delighted by the importance he suddenly gained in the eyes of his fellow roughnecks “because I seemed smart and was ‘going to be a doctor.’ ”

College had to come first. He’d won a scholarship to Stanford, then known as a party school for WASPs. He says he liked the idea of partying but also had to work for all his living expenses. Mosher knew that a medical degree was his ultimate goal. He’d admired the lady physician who had treated his many childhood illnesses and says her competence and empathy made him want to be a doctor too. Turned down by Harvard’s medical school, he attended Stanford’s for two years, then took off a year to work and save money. At that point, Har-

vard accepted him as a transfer student. “So my degree — with honors — is from Harvard Medical School. Which is important,” he says, looking mischievous. “It explains a lot of things I’ve been able to do that other folks have trouble getting away with.” Mosher likens the Harvard credential to having a “very, very good union card.... Your ability to do things is enhanced.” After graduation, he did an internship at the University of California in San Francisco. “And then I took my psychiatric residency at Harvard again.”

Why psychiatry? Mosher points to several experiences in medical school that piqued his interest in the field. He once came down with “a case of medical student hypochondriasis” severe enough to make him get psychological help. “In psychotherapy for more than a year, I experienced firsthand the healing possibilities of a caring, human relationship.” A summer psychiatric fellowship introduced him to visionary Bay Area psychiatrists such as Gregory

Bateson and provided a glimpse into “humanistic possibilities” in psychiatry that to Mosher contrasted with the technological, mechanized aspects of many other medical specialties. All his friends seemed to be going into psychiatry; he followed suit.

He says the year he spent as a medical intern helped form some of his key attitudes. Confronted daily with “sickness, unkindness, and death, situations over which I had little influence or control,” Mosher felt determined not to think of his patients as objects, as so many of his fellow physicians seemed to do. He found inspiration in the writings of existential and phenomenological thinkers of the day, such as Rollo May, Søren Kierkegaard, Jean-Paul Sartre, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, and others. “Their thing was, basically, enjoy yourself because you may not wake up tomorrow morning,” Mosher explains. “And they had a very straightforward attitude of accepting people for what they are and not judging and categorizing and putting them in pigeonholes.

Symptoms of Schizophrenia

(compiled from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and Dr. Nancy Andreasen)

Hallucinations
(auditory, visual, olfactory, tactile)
Delusions
Disorganized speech
Disorganized behavior
Inappropriate emotions
Emotional flatness
Disjointed speech
Lack of pleasure or interest in life
Inability to start and follow through with activities
Inability to focus attention

Just try and be there and be the best you can be in whatever you're doing. When people are dying all around you every day and there's nothing you can do, that's good solace, if you will."

In 1962, he arrived for his psychiatric residency at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center (an institution "long known as the 'Psycho' because of its previous name, the Boston Psychopathic Hospital"). There a white-haired, rotund, Santa Claus look-alike "quickly divested me of any remaining pretensions about 'curing' patients," Mosher says. This man, who became Mosher's mentor, exhorted his psychiatric residents to forget about *doing things to patients.*



Soteria House

PHOTOGRAPH BY LOREN MOSHER

Instead he urged them to *be with* the suffering individuals — understanding, accepting, and forming relationships with them. "His encouragement to relate to schizophrenics as people with very serious life dif-

ficulties, to treat them with dignity and respect, and to attempt to see things as *they* saw them was a critical piece of my subsequent development," Mosher asserts.

But Mosher also confronted evidence

that the culture of the psychiatric hospital militated against such attitudes. "[D]ecisions that made the staff, not the patients, more comfortable were rationalized, and physical treatments such as electroshocks

were applied to relational problems." By the time his residency ended, he had developed two conflicting sets of attitudes. The first was that "human relationships could be therapeutic for even those whose distancing maneuvers were most masterful" — that is, schizophrenics. On the other hand, he thought the realities of life in the mental hospital thwarted the formation of such relationships.

Mosher had no intention of spending his career in psychiatric hospitals. He envisioned a path that would lead him to prominence as a psychiatric researcher, and as the first step to that end, he won a position as a "clinical associate" at the National

Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Beginning in 1964, he worked in the institute's Family Studies branch, scrutinizing families with schizophrenic offspring.

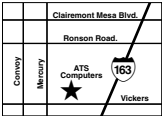
"Research on twins and schizophrenia had been done since the early 1900s," he says. "The Germans were the first to do it." By 1960, according to Mosher, some authorities were asserting that in almost two-thirds of the cases in which one identical twin was schizophrenic, the other identical twin shared that condition. If true, this would have represented strong evidence of a genetic cause, since identical twins share the same genetic makeup. By the time Mosher arrived at the institute, however, he

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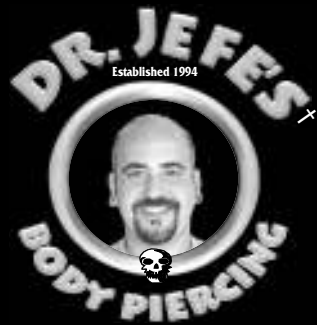
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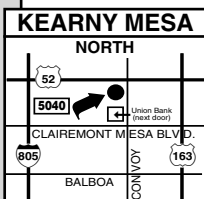
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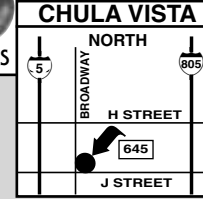
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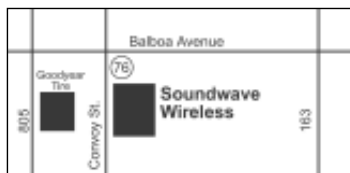
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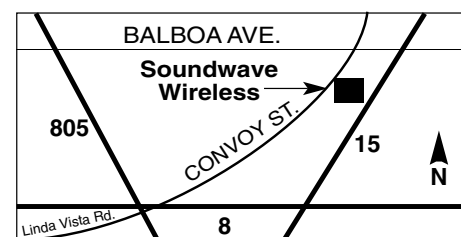
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says critics had begun to cast doubt on the trustworthiness of the twin studies. Newer and methodologically sounder studies were showing a much lower “concordance rate.”

The group that Mosher joined wasn’t studying such statistical correlations but was rather trying to understand what happens in cases of *discordant* identical twins — that is, those in which one twin is crazy but the other isn’t. “We would bring both twins and their families into the clinical center for two weeks or so and study them as a group.” What they found, Mosher says, is that in these families, the twin who grew up to be schizophrenic “was basically treated differently from his or her twin in a variety of ways.”

Today Mosher looks back on this research and sees “lots of prob-



R.D. Laing

PHOTOGRAPH FROM R.D. LAING: A DIVIDED SELF

lems” in it. The study he worked on included only 16 pairs of twins. The way they were selected to be studied was questionable, and other biases might have influenced the work. But the work “did generate some interesting hypotheses,” Mosher says. And the two years he was involved with it gave him credentials as a

promising young psychiatric researcher.

For his next step up the professional ziggurat, Mosher persuaded the National Institute of Mental Health to send him to London, then one of the yeastiest centers of creative ferment in the psychiatric realm. During his year there, he soaked up a broad range of intellectual influ-

ences. As a therapist, he saw couples at the British National Health Services’ Tavistock Clinic. “Then I would run out to Anna Freud’s clinic and spend an afternoon in her so-called borderline group, where they would discuss cases according to Freudian theory,” he recalls. He spent time at the Maudsley Hospital

with a famous psychiatric geneticist named Eliot Slater, “very, very biological in his orientation.” Nothing, however, left a deeper impression than the time Mosher spent with R.D. Laing and the controversial experiment in which Laing was then immersed.

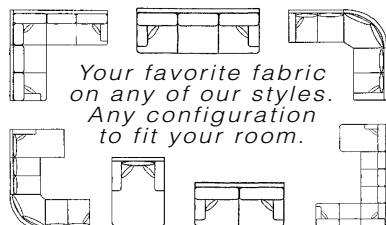
A charismatic Scot who’d become a British Army psychiatrist by the age of 20, Laing had burst into international prominence with the 1960 publication of a book called *The Divided Self*. “It attempted to make the process of going mad intelligible to ordinary people,” writes one of Laing’s biographers. Schizophrenia, in Laing’s view, was an attempt to cope with an unbearable situation. Mosher had read *The Divided Self* when it first appeared, and he had thought it matched his own experiences with patients so closely “that I

wondered why it was causing a stir.”

In June of 1966, Laing brought the young American up to date on developments at Kingsley Hall. This East London building, owned by the Quakers, had housed Mahatma Gandhi during his negotiations with the British in the early 1930s, and it had reclaimed the spotlight when the Quakers made it available to a group called the Philadelphia Association, whose membership included Laing. The previous fall (in 1965), “They had assembled people who had been labeled as having serious problems,” Mosher explains. “The original notion was that the professionals would live there with the people who were (as they would say) ‘less together.’... The environment itself would be the therapeutic instrument...an egalitarian

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community where the boundaries between the sane and the insane were not defined by status."

By the time Mosher arrived in London, some of the original ideals had fallen by the wayside. "Most of the professionals didn't live there very long," he recalls. "They didn't like the constant intrusion of the crazies. They had no privacy." A constant stream of visitors also trooped through, and Mosher says, "It became like a zoo — where the visiting American firemen would come to look at the animals in the cages." He says Kingsley Hall's residents eventually rebelled, declaring that no one could enter the facility unless invited by a resident. For several months, Mosher was

excluded, but he was later invited back, and he often spent an evening a week there.

As he did so, he made a mental list of things that bothered him. He felt critical of the "run-down dirty state of the house, the chaotic disorganization of its money matters, and the at best haphazard gathering and preparation of food." He thought the residents' isolationist and even hostile attitude toward the surrounding neighborhood was apt to lead to a backlash. Inside the hall, he raised an eyebrow at the reliance on altruism and friendship to generate interpersonal involvement. "While the aim sounds noble, the result was that unattractive resi-



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dents spent large amounts of their time alone on their 'trips.' " Mosher thought "some salaried staff, whose job it was to be nonaggressively involved with spaced-out residents, would achieve better results than leaving the mad to their loneliness

and misery."

Despite its shortcomings, the experimental treatment model fired Mosher's imagination. "I decided, for example, that madness need not be — and is probably better not — treated in a hospital." Mosher felt that Kings-

ley Hall at least had proven that schizophrenics could recover in an open institution where the residents' roles were not defined rigidly and status and power hierarchies were minimized. Medical and psychiatric trappings were "at best

irrelevant and at worst harmful for the mad," he concluded.

Sooner than he anticipated, he had an opportunity to test this conviction. When Mosher left London, he headed for Yale University's medical school, where a job as assistant professor awaited him. Mosher had been recruited to Yale's faculty in the expectation that he would share the new family-study methods he had learned at the National Institute of Mental Health. After experiencing the vibrant countercultural energies surging through late-'60s London, however, Mosher says his new domain gave him a serious case of culture shock. Yale's psychiatry department was "con-

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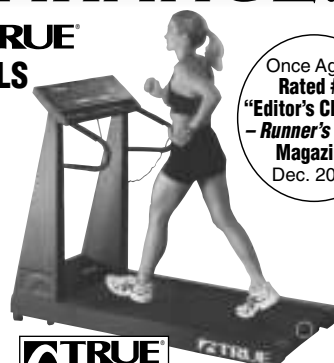
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servative, psychoanalytic, and dominated by powerful full professors.” Furthermore, when another assistant professor got sent to Vietnam, Mosher was asked to assume this man’s duties of overseeing a 20-bed psychiatric ward in the brand-new Connecticut Mental Health Center. To Mosher it seemed like the perfect opportunity to put his unconventional ideas into practice.

The result was “totally open, voluntary, with everyone doing what he wanted. People were allowed to decorate their rooms. It was a lot like a college dormitory.” Mosher phased out staff-only meetings; he unlocked the doors and



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Loren Mosher

made it clear that patients could organize their own activities. They should be treated like consumers, rather than patients, the psychiatrist urged his staff. And he says, “The

patients loved it! And the psychiatric residents I trained were delighted. This was the late ’60s.... We did all kinds of weird things, like, someone would come in on a commitment paper, and

I would sit down and talk to them. I’d say, ‘Well, what can we do to help you?’ And if they couldn’t find something, I would say, ‘If this isn’t the place for you, you can go.’ ”

By Yale standards, it was “a deviant place,” Mosher acknowledges in hindsight. “There were wards above and below it that were very, very different — much more traditional.” He says by spring, the hospital administrators’ consternation had become intense. They saw it leading to an increased number of suicide attempts, violent incidents, and patients being sent to the state hospital. After a year, Mosher agreed to move on.

Once he left, however, he studied the data pertaining to his free-form ward and to the traditional wards that had operated above and below it. He says he found no evidence that

patients on his floor had fared any worse than those in the other wards. “It turns out if you allow people to be free, they actually behave pretty well,” Mosher asserts. “Probably better than under force.” He says his study taught him something else. Until he analyzed the data, he’d accepted what his powerful and respected medical supervisors had said about his experiment. “It’s the role of power and perception. If those who are more powerful and in charge say that black is white, you’re apt to say maybe black is white.” Victims can come to embrace the way their persecutors see the world — “a paradigm utterly applicable to the development of madness.”

Mosher at this point turned his sights on a place where the analysis of hard scientific data promised to have top priority, namely the National Institute of Mental Health. His previous work there had won him friends, and his job inquiries came at a fortuitous time. Amidst the free-spend-ing euphoria of Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society, Congress was lavishing money on all sorts of Washington institutions.

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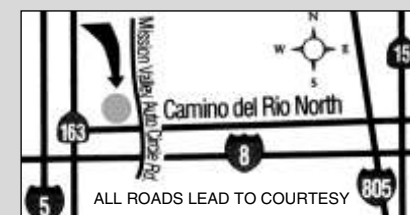
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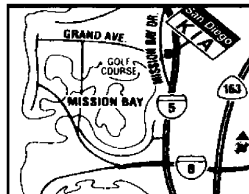
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Mosher says the legislators "had put a box in their organization chart labeled Center for Studies of Schizophrenia and said, 'Fill this box.'" At 34, he became the center's first chief. "I got there in 1968, and I lasted until 1980. Not without considerable turmoil."

Although the Center for Studies of Schizophrenia was new, the National Institute of Mental Health had already funded hundreds of studies of the baffling psychosis. Mosher says the first thing he did upon his arrival was to review the institute-sponsored schizophrenia research then in progress. He also began scrutinizing all new requests for research funds, as well as sitting in on committee meetings of scientists who reviewed the grant applications.

He says in 1968 he wasn't convinced schizophrenia was an organic illness. "In my mind, it was sort of an open question. There were so many differences among people who had the same label that it made me pause." Schizophrenia was then, as it is now, considered to encompass a long list of potential symptoms (see page 27). "And you can get that label without sharing a single characteristic with some other person with the same label," Mosher points out. No blood test or brain scan or other external validating criterion for schizophrenia has ever been established. Instead, a diagnosis "boils down to the subjective impression of the interviewer." The question of whether a person receives the label is "just my call, as the diagnostician."

Mosher leaned toward the view that schizophrenic behavior resulted from psychosocial experiences. But today he insists that as

chief of the center, "I had no objection to people approaching it from a disease standpoint.... I just thought that both [disease and social models] ought to get equal time and an equal amount of money." Mosher says his attitude toward biologically oriented research proposals was "Fine. If you obey the canons of science and produce an answer, that's great. And the same with the social side." But of course, it was always the biological types and the drug types, the interventionists, who announced the causes and the cures."

During his tenure, Mosher says, "There must have been three or four causes and four or five different cures announced." He says his all-time favorite cure was kidney dialysis. "It was very easy to figure out why it worked," he says with a chuckle. "The guy who was doing it was this preacher type of doctor." He and his staff set up schizophrenics in pleasant, comfortable housing; they showered them with attention. "He was really a great guy, and they did all sorts of proper stuff." He also made his patients undergo twice-weekly dialysis, even though their kidneys were normal. And when the patients improved, he proclaimed that the dialysis was responsible. "Meanwhile, they were having a nice life," Mosher says. "But we were forced at the NIMH to spend a couple million dollars studying dialysis *not* done by him. And guess what? It didn't work. I had told them that it wouldn't. But the NIMH is a political animal. So we had to go out and help people design studies" that attempted to confirm that kidney dialysis could rescue people from madness.

Although he looks

back on the alleged dialysis cure with something approaching fondness, Mosher has darker memories of the drug research he saw unfolding under the aegis of the National Institute of Mental Health. In 1968, the notion that schizophrenic symptoms could be controlled by pills (or injections) was hardly new. Smith, Kline & French had started selling a drug called chlorpromazine to American doctors in May 1954 (when Mosher was just completing his junior year at Stanford). Patented as Thorazine, this was the first substance marketed as an antischizophrenic medication — one that in later years would be likened to penicillin in general medicine.

As soon as the Food and Drug Administration approved chlorpromazine, Smith Kline produced a television show called *The March of Medicine* that suggested Thorazine was nothing short of miraculous. This program "was the kickoff in an innovative, even brilliant plan for selling the drug," writes Robert Whitaker, the Boston-based author of *Mad in America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine, and the Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill*, a trenchant critique of contemporary schizophrenia treatment released by Perseus Publishing last year. According to Whitaker, Smith Kline's marketing campaign included setting up a national speakers' training bureau "to coach hospital administrators and psychiatrists on what to say to the press and to state officials...." The message they spread told of "lost lives being wonderfully restored." Whitaker writes, "The company also compiled statistics on how use of the drug would save states money

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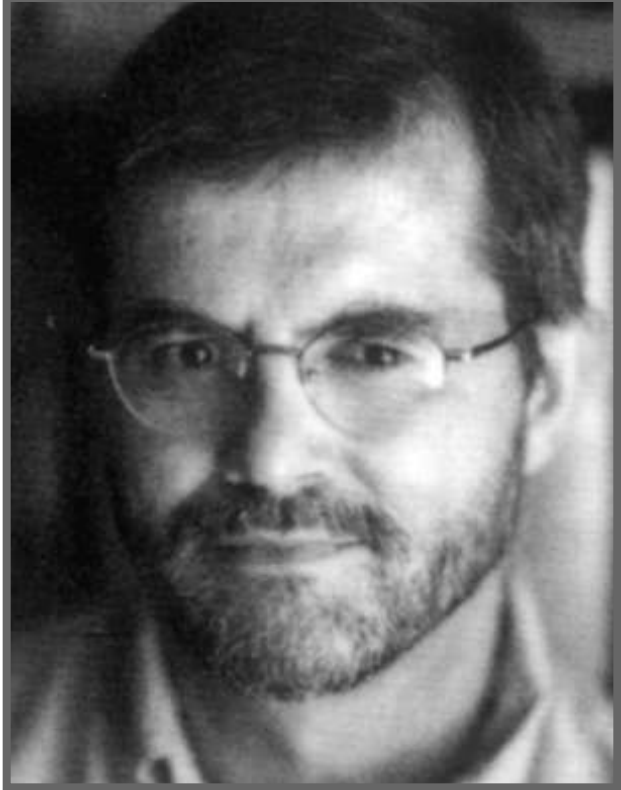
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in the long run — staff turnover at asylums would be reduced because handling the patients would be easier, facility maintenance costs would be decreased, and ultimately, at least in theory, many medicated patients could be discharged. This was a win-win story to be created — the patients' lives would be greatly improved and taxpayers would save money."

In his book, Whitaker asserts that the evidence supporting this rosy vision was sketchy at best. The U.S. Department of Agriculture had used some phenothiazines (the family of compounds that includes chlorpromazine) in the 1930s to kill insects and swine parasites. In the following decade, the chemicals "were found to sharply limit locomotor activity in mammals, but without putting

them to sleep. Rats that had learned to climb ropes in order to avoid painful electric shocks could no longer perform this escape task when administered phenothiazines." Intrigued by these findings, researchers in France had used chlorpromazine as an anaesthetic adjunct for surgery patients and then on manic patients, who became like zombies under the influence of the drug. The first North American psychiatrist to test it noted with approval that chlorpromazine might "prove to be a pharmacological substitute for lobotomy."

Doctors in Europe and America also pointed out that patients taking the drug often developed the shuffling gait, masklike visage, and drooling associated with Parkinson's disease. Others observed that it mimicked the symptoms of



Robert Whitaker

encephalitis lethargica (a so-called sleeping sickness). Whitaker comments that in the early 1950s, "such effects were seen as *desirable*." Most psychiatrists then perceived insulin coma, electroshock, and frontal lobotomy to be benefi-

cial; they made patients quieter and easier to handle. "Approximately 10,000 mental patients in the United States were lobotomized in 1950 and 1951," Whitaker writes, and in 1954, "hospital administrators were still struggling with

horribly inadequate budgets and hopelessly overcrowded facilities. A drug that could reliably tranquilize disruptive patients was bound to be welcomed."

Sniffing the potential for big profits, Smith Kline wanted to rush the drug to market, and so the company tested it primarily as an anti-emetic agent, records Whitaker, who adds, "All told, the company spent just \$350,000 developing the drug, administering it to fewer than 150 psychiatric patients for support of its new drug application to the FDA." Once approved, however, Thorazine (and the other so-called neuroleptic drugs that followed it) became the subject of press reports that gushed over the way the medications worked on lunatics, not vomiters. In an early article entitled "Wonder Drug of 1954?" *Time* magazine described how

patients given Thorazine "sit up and talk sense [when a doctor enters the room], perhaps for the first time in months." *U.S. News and World Report* suggested that the "wonder drugs" might be a "new cure for mental ills." The *New York Times* ran at least 14 positive articles about neuroleptics in 1955 and early 1956.

Amidst the rising tide of hyperbole, federal spending on mental health research ballooned from \$10.9 million in 1953 to \$100.9 million in 1961. Whitaker writes that by 1963, President Kennedy was announcing that the new drugs "made it possible for most of the mentally ill to be successfully and quickly treated in their own communities and returned to a useful place in society." A series of reports that documented a modest decline in mental hospi-

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tal censuses between 1955 and 1960 — years when the neuroleptics were being introduced — accounted for this belief. Whitaker, however, notes that when the California mental hygiene department looked at first-episode male schizophrenics admitted to California hospitals in 1956 and 1957 and compared the hospitalization lengths of drug-treated patients versus nontreated ones, the drug recipients were found to have stayed in the facilities longer. “In short, the California investigators determined that neuroleptics, rather than speeding people’s return to the community, apparently hindered recovery. But it was the [other] research that got all of the public attention.”

Mosher was making his way through medical school and beginning his early psychiatric training just as the neuroleptic bandwagon began rolling. He prescribed drugs during his residency training; none of his mentors had denigrated them. Even the experience at Kingsley Hall had been ambivalent. Although the overall gestalt of the experimental London facility looked down on drug therapy, Mosher says a number of the residents took neuroleptics prescribed by doctors unaffiliated with the Philadelphia Association.

Only at Yale did alarms begin to sound, he recalls, as residents and medical students confided to him their belief that drugs were the only useful treatment in psychiatry. That seemed extreme, Mosher thought, and he says his first few years as the chief of the Center for Studies of Schizophrenia did nothing to allay his concern about the growing influence of the pharmaco-

logical industry within American psychiatry. He thought the National Institute of Mental Health was doling out an “inordinate” amount of its funding for studies that the drug companies themselves could well

afford. (Smith Kline’s annual revenues, for example, soared from \$53 million in 1953 to \$347 million in 1979.) The drug research that the institute was funding, though sophisticated, seemed to him

repetitive “especially in view of the fact that the neuroleptics developed early on were as good as those being endlessly and expensively tested with federal money.” It made more sense to Mosher to spend tax-

payer dollars on evaluating psychosocial therapies, since they lacked commercial patrons with deep pockets. So he perked up at the grant proposal that came across his desk one day in 1969. A couple of

psychiatric researchers in Northern California were asking the National Institute of Mental Health for money to compare two wards in a state mental hospital: a traditional one that employed neuroleptics,

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and a drug-free ward that offered a special psychosocial milieu. To Mosher, this sounded like a perfect opportunity to assess scientifically how a place like Kingsley Hall stacked up against one that used drugs as the mainstay of treatment. Unfortunately, the hospital administrator balked at the proposal, and the two psychiatric

researchers lost interest in pursuing it.

The idea continued to intrigue Mosher, however, so he refined it, coming up with a plan that proposed randomly assigning newly diagnosed schizophrenic patients to one of three treatment venues: a general hospital ward that relied on drug therapy, a community treatment center that used drugs,

and a community center where drugs were avoided if possible.

Although he was a high-ranking insider, Mosher couldn't just wave his hand and conjure up the money for his own study. Instead, the project had to go before the institute's Clinical Project Research Review Committee. And in 1970, when Mosher first appeared before the

top academic psychiatrists who were its members, he got a lukewarm reception. According to Whitaker, who reviewed the minutes of the committee's review sessions while researching *Mad in America*, the resistance was understandable. Mosher's proposal "didn't just question the merits of neuroleptics," Whitaker writes. "It raised the question of

whether ordinary people could do more to help crazy people than highly educated psychiatrists. The very hypothesis was offensive."

On the other hand, turning down the chief of the Center for Studies of Schizophrenia would have flouted bureaucratic niceties. So the committee compromised by giving Mosher less than he had

requested. It slashed one community treatment center from the study design and offered only enough money to run the second (drug-free) center for 18 months (instead of five years). This was supposed to be a kiss of death, Mosher claims. But he immediately started working to get the funding extended. As he toiled on that, the project that came to be known as Soteria (a Greek word meaning "deliverance") got underway.

In April of 1971, it was ready for business. The facility was to operate out of a rambling two-story, 1912-vintage wooden house that sat between a nursing home and a two-family dwelling on a busy street in a poverty-stricken section of San Jose. The building's 12 rooms were designed to accommodate a maximum of six schizophrenics. Two full-time staff members, plus various volunteers and part-time assistants, would live with them; a house director and psychiatrist would contribute advice.

Staff and residents shared the cooking and other household chores, and the staff "aimed to provide a simple, home-like, safe, warm, supportive, unhurried, tolerant, and nonintrusive environment," Mosher has written in a detailed description of the project. Most "worked 36- to 48-hour shifts to provide an extended opportunity to relate to 'spaced-out' (their terms) residents continuously over a relatively long period of time.... [They] were explorers in an uncharted frontier; they were in a place where few people without preconceived notions had ventured before, and they were there without the usual trappings of power to control madness." They didn't carry "the highly symbolic keys to free-

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dom: There were no locks on the doors. There were no syringes and few medications; and there were no wet packs, restraints, or seclusion rooms."

As for the residents (never "patients"), the study's design dictated that all be young, unmarried, and newly diagnosed as schizophrenic — the subgroup known to have the worst long-term outcomes. One by one, the randomly assigned participants began arriving at the house. Some stumbled around muttering to themselves or hearing terrifying voices. Some stood mute and paralyzed; others rocked for hours on end. One 17-year-old girl regressed to speaking baby talk. She pranced around the house naked, urinated on the kitchen floor, and demanded to be breast-fed. A young man insisted that residents of Venus were coming to Earth to visit him.

Mosher says that to a large extent the staff tolerated eccentric behavior. Someone accompanied the young man expecting the extraterrestrial visitors to the spot where he said the celestial bodies would be in the proper alignment, then waited with him until he conceded that the Venusians weren't coming that day after all. Residents were supposed to be figuring out what they wanted to be (as opposed to what others expected of them). But a few rules stood firm. Violence was forbidden, and illegal drugs were banned. Although family members and friends could visit, curious outsiders weren't allowed into the house without special arrangements. After a skeletal young woman began jumping, naked, into the laps of male staff members and exclaiming, "Let's fuck!"

the staff also instituted an "incest taboo" on sex between the staff and the residents.

Rules about the use of antipsychiatric drugs were a bit more flexible. Mosher says the staff made every effort to

refrain from administering neuroleptics or major tranquilizers during the first six weeks of each individual's stay. It sometimes took that long for the residents to form relationships and otherwise respond to

Soteria's psychotherapeutic environment. Only uncontrollable violence or threats of suicide or "unrelenting psychic pain" led the staff to break the no-drugs rule in the first six weeks, Mosher says, and

then only when the resident agreed.

At the six-week mark, each client's progress was evaluated, and if no improvement had occurred, a trial drug treatment usually ensued, providing that

the person consented. In such cases, Mosher says the drugs were used sparingly. The fundamental credo at the house was that psychotherapeutic support — rather than drugs — was what could

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help the residents recover from their psychoses.

Mosher points out that the kind of therapy dispensed at Soteria House differed profoundly from the work that went on at the famous Chestnut Lodge psychiatric hospital in the '50s and '60s. There psychiatrists had tried to cure patients with traditional Freudian-style psychotherapy. "I'm fond of saying psychosis does not fit the 50-minute hour — because it goes on 24 hours," Mosher says. "So you ought to conform your treatment to fit the problem." Rather than scheduling specific sessions with their charges, the Soteria staff members made a commitment to be available every moment of the schizophrenic residents' waking hours. Mosher

says the overall feeling had much in common with the "moral treatment" asylums that appeared in America in the first half of the 1800s. Small, humane, and pleasant environments, these institutions promoted the concept that many lunatics could recover their sanity if treated with decency, gentility, and respect. As peculiar as that notion might appear today, Whitaker in *Mad in America* writes that "Moral treatment appeared to produce remarkably good results." He cites records from five moral-treatment asylums showing that between 50 to 91 percent of their patients were able to return to normal lives in their communities. Such outcomes led one asylum superintendent to declare in 1843 that



Rodrigo Muñoz

insanity "is more curable than any other disease of equal severity..."

Like this man, the staff at Soteria embraced

the notion that "recovery from psychosis was not only possible but probable and to be expected," Mosher asserts, adding, "You

start there, and you're way ahead of the game right away." And Mosher went further. By the time the Soteria project got rolling, he had come to believe that rather than being an unfathomable mystery, psychosis was an understandable coping mechanism.

He claims that in this way it resembles shell shock. "Men would be in combat and their entire platoons would be killed, and they would survive and be covered with blood and guts. And they would go out of their minds." What such individuals look like as they're ranting and raving "is really no different than what acute psychosis is like," Mosher says. "Except that the [shell-shock victim's] trauma — the overwhelming experience — is very readily

identifiable. It's right there, easy to see."

In contrast, he says the trauma that drives schizophrenics over the edge "is not often so readily identifiable, and it is more often cumulative, rather than a single event." Mosher claims that a number of well-done scientific studies over the years have implicated various psychosocial factors. "Something on the order of 60 percent of adult admissions to psychiatric hospital wards have histories of sexual and/or physical abuse," he says. "This has only been studied in the last 20 years." Furthermore, "There are two aspects of family life that have been consistently highly associated with what's called schizophrenia. One has been dubbed 'communication deviance.' It's simple.

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On January 16, U.S. America's largest wilderness advocacy group, the Hemlock Society, will hold a conference at the Bala Hotel in San Diego. One of the guest speakers will be Dr. Philip Mosher, president of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society of America (VESA). A physician known as America's "Dr. Death," Mosher gained notoriety for advocating assisted suicide rights for terminally ill patients in the late '90s. Scheduled to one of two panels in a conference entitled "What's New in Humanizing the Dying Process," Mosher is scheduled to speak with...

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an anti-abortionist a lot of parents," said Mosher. "I was there when the abortionists started up. I finally came to the conclusion that you've got to get to the kids. The more you tell them about abortion, the more they'll know about abortion, why it's wrong or anything else."

"I started out in the classroom, but now I can go out in the street," said Mosher. "The 11 minutes I can spend about Jesus, people ignore you, but when you talk about abortion, they don't ignore you."

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Just means that when you sit with these parents, you can't figure out what the hell it is they're talking about. They can't focus on things. You can't visualize what they say. They go off on tangents. They are loose in the way that they think." He says the other thing that's pretty clear from studies is that "when families are very hostile to and critical of their offspring, that's not good for them."

Mosher acknowledges that no single one of these factors can be said to be the sole cause of schizophrenia. "Not every person who's been

sexually or physically abused becomes psychotic. Some do. But often there's a lot of things going on, and usually there's also a trigger event" — a romantic rejection, the death of a parent, an excessive involvement with recreational drugs. "So if you add sexual or physical trauma to having a hostile, critical, fuzzy family — and then somebody breaks your heart — your chances of going to pieces are pretty good."

Going to pieces is a way of coping, Mosher contends, because "Basically what they're saying

is, 'Hey, folks, I'm out of here. I'm constructing this world as it pleases me, and I don't need to pay attention to that world out there. I'm going to live in this one because that one out there hurts.' " He says a person's chances for returning to normal life in the outside world depend on how far from it they've retreated. "Some people have been so hurt by relationships that they give up all hope. But that's a very small minority. And the majority will try again."

Mosher insists that almost no one is so crazy that it's impossible

to talk with them. "If you believe that the person is in there and you can really speak to them, there are very few instances when you can't. It's really a matter of attitude." His eyes sparkle when he thinks about experiences he's had while doing grand rounds at hospitals. "They would always bring me the person who was the very craziest. I would sit down with this very, very crazy person, and he or she and I would have a conversation that — after the first five minutes or so — could be understood by all the mem-

bers of the audience. And the people in the audience would say afterward, 'Well, [the patient] must have been having a good day today.' " That was never it, Mosher retorts. "It's just a matter of how you approach people. If you treat them with dignity and respect and want to understand what's going on, want to really get yourself inside their shoes, you can do it."

These days, he says, "If you say 'psychosis,' people step back and say, 'Well, I'll talk to them after you give them drugs.' But that's hardly any fun at all!

Truly. The most fun that I have had in my life was just sitting, talking for hours to people who were out of their minds. And it doesn't take very special training. What it takes is just attitude and interest and intensity and willingness to sort of suspend your own reality and not worry about it."

The staff members at Soteria House cultivated all those things, and Mosher says they saw a pattern. First one person would work to establish a bond with the newcomer, something that might take anywhere from two

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hours to three weeks. In the weeks that followed, the newcomer would gradually develop relationships with others in the house, creating a role for him- or herself in the extended family of the community. These relationships stimulated the schizophrenic residents to change, Mosher believes. "As you have a relationship with another person, you can come to recognize that they're thinking and behaving in quite a different way than you are. And if you come to have a sort of affection for that person, then it can become safe to think and act more like they do" — i.e., less crazy and more sane. He says in a third and final stage, the Soteria residents would become increasingly competent at directing their own activities as they prepared to create lives for themselves outside the house.

As such transformations were unfolding, Mosher says he made frequent trips from his home in Washington, D.C., to the West Coast. "I spent a lot of time out there...basically every summer for about four years." He'd managed to get the initial grant to run Soteria House extended, and in 1973, he'd proposed to open a second Bay Area house to demonstrate that the experience in Soteria could be replicated. This time he submitted his request for funds to a different arm of the National Institute of Mental Health, "and *they* said it was the most elegant study that you could ever imagine. They loved it." This second committee gave Mosher enough money to run a second house for seven years. He called it Emanon, "no name" backwards.

"So by 1974, we had

two houses going. For a while, we were in fat city." That same year he began presenting the first papers reporting Soteria's outcome data. "We would cut the data, and it would be sent to the NIMH, where my staff would analyze it as fast as it arrived," Mosher recalls. "So we were producing papers by the carload. And that was a major mistake. We wrote too much too soon, and the results were very positive." Rather than heralding the findings as a breakthrough, the Soteria review committee sniped that the "credibility of the pilot study [was] very low." Mosher says the grant "had *the* most checkered history in the entire NIMH history. It was reviewed more times by more committees than any grant in history. It questioned so many of the psychiatric beliefs that people hold near and

dear to the heart. Like that you need hospitals. That you need a trained staff. That you need neuroleptics. And that you need the medical model to explain things."

He says the denouement came in 1975, when the committee said it would continue to fund the project only if Mosher's role was diminished and the data analysis conducted on the West Coast. Whitaker, who reviewed the committee records while researching *Mad in America*, writes, "The irony was that Mosher was not even doing the outcomes assessment.... Mosher well knew that experimenter bias regularly plagued drug studies." He'd turned to independent evaluators to rid the Soteria experiment of that problem. Yet Mosher had no choice but to search for his own successor as principal investigator of

the study he had brought to life.

This all took place in 1976. "So you could see then that my reputation at the NIMH was one of becoming a very controversial character," Mosher says three or four well-known professors of psychiatry charged that the Center for Studies of Schizophrenia wasn't paying enough attention to neurobiology, so a committee was set up to investigate the center's operation. "If you want to stop someone from doing real work, you set up a committee to investigate him," Mosher says with some bitterness. "It stops anything from going forward."

"I was incredibly demoralized," he reflects about these years. As Soteria and Emanon limped along, Mosher would fly to California on weekends and "just hang out with the crazies and the staff." Dur-

ing this interval, he met a young Italian psychiatrist who spent a year and a half studying and working at Soteria. This man told Mosher about a new Italian law that had just passed, governing the country's mental health system. "It was an absolutely revolutionary law that would be the law of my dreams," Mosher says. "It essentially closed the front doors of all the big hospitals — just like that." Fascinated, Mosher got the National Institute of Mental Health to send him to Italy for eight months so he could learn more about what was happening. When he arrived home again in 1980, he discovered, "They had given my job away to my deputy. I had a desk and a secretary and no official title. That makes it very clear your presence is no longer needed in that particular place."

Mosher wasn't out

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of work. He was an employee of the Public Health Service, which is "like the military," he explains. "Unless you do something really heinous, they can't fire you, but you can be transferred." In his case, he wound up going to Bethesda, Maryland, where he became a full professor and the vice chairman of the psychiatry department of a medical school that trains doctors for the uniformed military services.

While there, he says he worked with a group in Washington, D.C., to create a replication of

Soteria. It differed from the California facility in a couple of key ways. "It was part of the public system, and it had a restrictive length of stay — about a month" (versus the five months, on average, that residents had stayed at the original Soteria). Mosher says it also "took in any kind of patient — that is, anybody deemed in need of hospitalization in Washington, D.C." For the most part, that meant "black, lower-class, homeless, fucked-up, multidrugged individuals." Because the clientele tended to be so

heavily drug-dependent, this facility "didn't make any big deal about the issue of drugs," Mosher says. "But the model of the organization — the place, the staffing — was a reproduction of the Soteria thing." And he says, like Soteria, "It was very successful. Ninety-five percent of the people admitted there were discharged straight back to the community without having to be hospitalized."

In 1988, Mosher changed jobs again, becoming the medical director of the Montgomery County, Maryland, public mental

health system. There he established yet another small, Soteria-like facility and got a National Institute of Mental Health grant to compare the outcome of patients randomly assigned to it and to a local general-hospital ward. Once again, as in Washington, D.C., "No one was excluded because they were too crazy or too suicidal or too homicidal." The only people rejected were those who refused to enter voluntarily. As in Washington, "We did not make an issue of no drugs," Mosher says, adding that the Mary-

land schizophrenics had an average duration of illness "for something like 14 years and average number of hospitalizations of 17. So these were really career mental health people."

Mosher says this study showed that the people in the Soteria replica fared as well as those who entered the hospital, and "the cost savings of getting them through the crisis were about 45 percent. In the hospital, they stayed only 12 days, on average, and they got them out mostly by being given so many drugs they couldn't see straight. We

didn't do that. We actually tried to lower drugs and change drugs and be more sensitive. And they got as much better and it cost a lot less because the staff we used were paraprofessionals." Over six months, it cost about \$19,900 per person on average to treat the outpatients, versus \$25,700 per person for those dealt with in the hospital.

Although Mosher described these findings and published them, no new data about the original Soteria and Emanon research reached print for years

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after his departure from the National Institute of Mental Health. Emanon had closed its doors in 1980, and Soteria, after struggling to find revenue sources other than the institute, finally came to an end in 1983. The institute had awarded a grant to analyze the data collected between 1976 and 1982, but that money didn't become available until 1989. Mosher and a psychologist then began studying the information, and "We finally published a paper about the second part of the study in 1995. That's a long time."

Today Mosher says more than 40 publications have described the study. Mosher thinks the "cleanest, most important" finding was the outcomes for the hospital and Soteria patients after six weeks (the point at which neuroleptic drugs are known to be most effective at reducing psychotic symptoms). Comparing the outcomes at that point showed that the Soteria subjects experienced as great a reduction of their psychotic symptoms as did the hospital patients, Mosher says. Whereas all of the hospital patients received neuroleptic drugs, only 24 percent of the Soteria patients did during that interval, "and really only 16 percent had enough to be said to have had a possibly therapeutic course — two weeks or more." Mosher adds that the 76 percent of Soteria patients who got no drugs at all did better than those who took some form of medication. To Mosher, that means "If you can construct the right kind of social environment for newly diagnosed people who have schizophrenia, 76 percent will respond in that environment as well as or better than they do to drugs."

Mosher's move to

San Diego had no direct connection to his Soteria project. It came about as a result of the work he did in Maryland, where he created a community-based system of mental health care, one that "worked extremely well for as long as they let us do what we wanted." Mosher says the Montgomery County supervisors then decided to hand over various county programs to private contractors, a move Mosher opposed. At about the same time, he says, "San Diego recruited me to come out here and change the San Diego system as I had the Montgomery County one." In 1996, he started work as the clinical director of mental health for the County of San Diego. "Unfortunately, I landed here at the same time that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors was also bitten by the

privatization bug." The supervisors mandated that some kind of managed care be implemented in San Diego County. Mosher says that about 18 months after his arrival, he submitted a plan that he believed would have decentralized and improved the mental health care system here. But it would have required hiring about two dozen new staff members, a move that the supervisors opposed. A year later, Mosher and the county

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parted ways.

Sometime in the year after his resignation, Mosher received a routine notice from the American Psychiatric Association asking him to pay his annual dues. He says he'd begun having doubts about the cozy relationship between the professional organization and big pharmaceutical companies as far back as the mid-1980s. "But you know, when you work at an official job, it is really impolitic *not* to be a member of the APA." When Mosher at last found himself "deinstitutionalized," however, he felt free to give full vent to his concerns. In December 1998, he fired off a letter of resignation to Rodrigo Muñoz, a San Diego psychiatrist who at the time was serving as president of the national psychiatrists' organization.

The letter made no attempt to be diplomatic. "At this point in history, in my view, psychiatry has been almost completely bought out by the drug companies," Mosher stated. "The APA could not continue without the pharmaceutical company support of meetings, symposia, workshops, journal advertising, grand rounds luncheons, unrestricted educational grants, etc. etc.... Psychiatric training reflects [the pharmaceutical industry's] influence as well: the most important part of a resident's curriculum is the art and quasi-science of dealing drugs, i.e., prescription writing."

"No longer do we seek to understand whole persons in their social contexts," he continued. "Rather we are there to realign our patients' neurotransmitters." Mosher further charged that the American Psychiatric Association had "entered into an unholy alliance" with the National Alliance for

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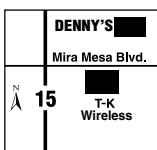
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the Mentally Ill, the powerful group founded and controlled by the parents of schizophrenics. "The two organizations have adopted similar public belief systems about the nature of madness. While professing itself the 'champion of their clients,' the APA is supporting non-clients, the parents, in their wishes to be in control, via legally enforced dependency, of their mad/bad offspring.... 'Biologically based brain diseases' are certainly convenient for families and practitioners alike. *It is no-fault insurance against personal responsibility.* We are all just helplessly caught up in a swirl of brain pathology for which no one, except DNA, is responsible." Declaring that he wanted "no part of a psychiatry of oppression and social control," Mosher concluded by asking, "Is psychiatry a

hoax — as practiced today?" and answering, "Unfortunately, the answer is mostly yes."

"I was delighted that he wrote that letter," Muñoz declared in a recent interview at his Hillcrest office. "This is Loren. It's a letter addressed to psychiatry. It's a perfect example of how he thinks." Muñoz characterizes that thinking by saying, "Loren is a stargazer."

Muñoz, in contrast, is a man who's very much grounded in the political realities of medicine. A native of Colombia, he came to the United States hoping to do research on schizophrenia and soon thereafter wound up working in a laboratory at Yale. For the past 25 years, he's had a clinical practice in San Diego, and although he's no longer head of the American Psychiatric Association, he's the current president of the

San Diego County Medical Society. "There is plenty of evidence that there are structural changes in the brains of schizophrenics," Muñoz says. "There is no doubt. It's clear that those changes may not be the same for all the patients, and a specific change may not exist in a given patient. But when you take all these patients together, you see that those brains are not typical. It's fairly clear that we are gradually advancing to the point when we will be able to pinpoint functional and structural changes in the brain that are related to schizophrenia."

Muñoz didn't deign to answer Mosher's letter of resignation. However, it came to the attention of *Psychology Today's* editor, who asked Mosher if he would summarize his position for the magazine. In the September/October 1999 issue,

Mosher's contribution ran under the splashy headline, "Are Psychiatrists Betraying Their Patients?" Alongside it, the magazine ran four "responses." A spokesman for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill pointed out that "some individuals with brain disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder may at times, due to their illness, lack insight or good judgment about their need for medical treatment." But "involuntary treatment of any kind should be used only as a last resort."

The director of the National Institute of Mental Health harumphed, "It would be tragic if Dr. Mosher's personal history prevented anyone with mental illness from obtaining effective treatment." He declared that a treatment revolution had occurred "in the years since Mosher has been active in research.... In place of medications with questionable efficacy and major negative side effects, or unproven and expensive psychotherapies, we now have a variety of safe and effective medications and psychotherapies for mental illnesses."

A spokesman for the American Psychiatric Association conceded that Mosher's fears about the commercial influence on medication education were "an issue of great concern for all of medicine." However, the American Psychiatric Association had "instituted a careful review and monitoring process, ensuring that sessions supported by the pharmaceutical industry at our meetings present solid scientific information in an unbiased manner."

By far the longest rebuttal to Mosher's essay was the one written by Frederick K. Goodwin, a Washington, D.C., psychiatrist with weighty credentials. A former director of the National Institute of Mental Health, Goodwin today is a professor of psychiatry at the George Washington University Medical Center, as well as director of its Center on Neuroscience, Medical Progress, and Society. He also hosts a radio program called *The Infinite Mind* that airs on 200 Public Radio stations throughout the country. Contacted by phone, Goodwin agreed to discuss his prickly response in *Psychology*

Today. "I knew Loren many years ago when he was at NIMH, and he was always way outside the mainstream."

According to Goodwin, Mosher believed that psychiatry was simply used for political and social control. "That was actually a legitimate position in the '60s," Goodwin asserted, explaining that biological psychiatry was just getting started at that time. "There wasn't a lot of evidence, so it was still an open debate." A psychiatrist named Thomas Szasz had written a book called *The Myth of Mental Illness* that was "very influential," according to Goodwin. "Szasz had come from Hungary under the Soviet Union, and there his position probably had some reality to it. Later on, we found out that the Soviet Union *did* use psychiatry for social control."

Goodwin contended that Mosher continued to be fixated on ideological issues. "What really gets a man like Loren Mosher upset is coerced treatment," he stated. "He's very aligned with a group called the Psychiatric Survivors, who are largely people who when you talk to them

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still have their paranoid processes going on. And they feel that somebody shouldn't have medications forced on them." The problem, Goodwin suggested, is "that one of the critical symptoms of these serious illnesses — both bipolar illness and schizophrenia — is loss of insight. Every psychiatrist has horror stories of patients who were let go from an involuntary hospitalization to go on to either kill themselves or wreck their lives." The assumption "on Mosher's side," Goodwin continued, "is that when a person refuses treatment, they're doing it with the same capacity to make judgments as you and I would. They refuse to see that the very organ of judgment, the organ of insight, is itself diseased. So what do you do when a person's psychosis tells him that he's going to be poisoned by this medication?"

"Virtually the entire field was upset by that *Psychology Today* piece, including the editor of *Psychology Today*," Goodwin asserted. Parents of schizophrenics who saw it also had reason to be outraged, Goodwin suggested. "These are people who live with these patients and love them and are desperately frightened that there's not going to be enough help for them when they die. They don't have any ideological battle to defend. All they know is how sick their kids are when they don't take their medication. They must think these arguments about whether this is a real illness or not are quite silly."

In his published response to Mosher's essay, Goodwin also attacked Mosher's Soteria research, stating, "Incidentally, Mosher's 1970s 'study' purporting to compare 'meaningful

relationships' with medication was no such thing. A true scientific inquiry would have required a single pool of patients randomly assigned to either psychotherapy or drug groups." When pressed for further details about this charge, Goodwin said that his statement "was really a kind of throwaway line." He stressed that he wrote the response at the request of the *Psychology Today* editor on just three days' notice, "and I first said no because I wouldn't have time to really research it carefully." He said what he meant was that "in this kind of study people had to agree to go into one group or the other. And [Mosher and his colleagues] didn't really report how many people didn't want to be assigned to the no-drug group or the no-hospital group. So it's hard to know whether the less-

sick patients opted to go into the Soteria House and the sicker ones and their families and their doctors wanted to be in the hospital. So that's not truly random." (Mosher retorts that patients in the study did not choose where they were treated. "The two groups were absolutely comparable.")

"I'm not saying that that kind of environment can't help people," Goodwin hastened to add. "There are some people who can get really psychotic with a little bit of vulnerability under tremendous stress. And then with a lot of support, they can pull out of it on their own. As a clinician, I would never question that. The question is, Is this generalizable? And did his experience with Soteria House give him the right to say that everyone else is ignorant, or they're just trapped by the drug

companies' money, or they're Nazis who really want to control people?"

"Fundamentally," Goodwin said, "the argument is, Are these real illnesses? Do they involve biology? Are these brain diseases or not? And this is a battle that should have been over years ago. When [Mosher] says in his letter that there's no evidence that these are brain diseases, that's just pure ignorance."

Goodwin's area of expertise is bipolar disease (also known as manic depression). But he suggested that any number of prominent schizophrenia specialists could discuss the mountain of evidence demonstrating that schizophrenia is an organic illness. One whom he recommended was Dr. Daniel Weinberger, chief of the clinical brain disorders branch of the Intramural Research Program at the National Institute of

Mental Health. Contacted by e-mail, Weinberger responded, "There are many, many pieces of evidence that Schizophrenia is a disease.... There is no ONE preeminent thing. There is an accumulation of compelling SCIENTIFIC evidence, objectively ascertained and subjected to the scientific method of disproof. The statements of [Mosher] are personal biases, likely motivated by a desire to be heard, not to help people with these terrible illnesses."

Another schizophrenia expert praised by Goodwin was Dr. Nancy Andreasen. Head of the psychiatry department at the University of Iowa College of Medicine, Andreasen also is editor of the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, and she herself conducts neuropsychiatric research. Asked (again, in an e-mail) about Mosher's con-

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tention that schizophrenia is not a medical disease, Andreasen suggested that Mosher lacks "any kind of scientific track record, as indicated by peer-reviewed publications."

For an overview of the supporting evidence that schizophrenia is a brain-based disease, Andreasen offered a chapter in her book, *Brave New Brain*, published by Oxford University Press last year. In the section that addresses the question of what causes schizophrenia, Andreasen begins by making one unequivocal assertion. It "is not a disease that parents cause," she declares. "In most cases several causes have conspired to injure the developing brain and mind, but bad parenting is not one of them."

The earliest evidence of the biological basis of schizophrenia came from genetic stud-

ies, Andreasen writes, and it began with the "simple observation that mental illnesses sometimes run in families." She acknowledges that this might mean certain families do things that drive their children crazy, but she says the transmission pattern instead suggests a genetic role. "If one parent has schizophrenia, there is about a 10% chance that one of their children will develop schizophrenia. If both parents have schizophrenia, then this risk increases substantially to about 40 or 50%. Likewise, chances for developing schizophrenia if one brother or sister has the illness are about 10%, and these increase to about 20% if one parent and one brother or sister is ill with schizophrenia."

Studies of twins provide additional evidence. Andreasen says more than ten studies

involving hundreds of twin pairs have consistently shown that identical twins (who share almost exactly the same genes) both have schizophrenia far more often than nonidentical twins (who share only about half of their genes) — about 40 percent of the time compared to only 10

Mosher argues that to label anyone as being schizophrenic is to sentence them to a life of discrimination.

percent.

Although she sees this as "clear evidence that genes must play a role," she points out that genetic factors cannot be the only cause. If they were, the concordance rate for identical twins would approach 100 percent, not four out of ten. Moreover, no single gene for schizophrenia

has been found. "Most experts now think that schizophrenia is clearly multifactorial, involving multiple genes, and possibly even different genes in different individuals, as well as many nongenetic or environmental influences," Andreasen writes.

A number of environmental influences

occurring early in life have fallen under suspicion, according to Andreasen. She says researchers have found a higher rate of schizophrenia among people who had traumatic births, as well as among those whose mothers were malnourished during their pregnancies or gave birth

during influenza epidemics or in the winter-time ("a season during which mother and child are more often exposed to a variety of viral influences"). Brain MRI scans, however, provide "perhaps the strongest evidence" that schizophrenia occurs because something interrupts the orderly development of the brain from conception through adolescence, Andreasen contends. She says about 5 percent of schizophrenic males have been shown to have something called ectopic gray matter, "tiny islands of neuronal cells that did not make it to their proper destination...during the second trimester of pregnancy." This rate is higher than that seen in normal healthy individuals. Another 20 percent of schizophrenic males also seem to have a small gap between the two hemispheres of their brains

(whereas fewer non-schizophrenic adults have such a gap). Even more convincing, in Andreasen's eye, are the five or six MRI studies of newly diagnosed schizophrenics conducted at centers in Australia, Asia, Europe, and North America. These have shown "substantial structural brain abnormalities," including overall smaller brain size, enlarged ventricles, and other anomalies. She says one cannot conclude, based on these studies, that schizophrenia damages any specific brain cells or regions. "A diligent search by many talented neuroscientists has not identified any such specific regional abnormalities or nerve cell lesions," she writes. Instead, she theorizes that schizophrenia is a "misconnection syndrome," meaning that it's a disorder that "damages the way regions are connected to one

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Andreasen says PET scans (which measure changes in blood-flow associated with brain function) have shown people with schizophrenia to have abnormal

blood-flow patterns while performing a variety of tasks. "We now suspect that the cerebellum may be malfunctioning as a 'metronome' or time-keeper, causing signaling to lose its synchrony and coordination," she writes. "The thalamus, which functions as a filter or gatekeeper that helps determine how much information should be let in or out of the brain, may be failing to screen information

out, so that the system becomes overwhelmed with so much data that the person's thinking becomes confused or sluggish."

Brain chemistry is yet one more area where Andreasen and other psychiatrists see evidence of an organic disorder in schizophrenics. Andreasen says researchers early on noted that stimulants such as amphetamines, which cause the brain to release lots of the neuro-

transmitter dopamine, can produce schizophrenia-type symptoms. Conversely, nearly all antipsychotic drugs prevent dopamine molecules from delivering chemical messages to the nerve cell membranes that normally receive them. "These observations led to the formulation of the 'dopamine hypothesis of schizophrenia' " in the 1960s, writes Andreasen. "Simply stated, it suggested that the symp-

toms of schizophrenia were due primarily to hyperactivity in the dopamine system." Although this hypothesis "was universally accepted...for nearly thirty years," Andreasen says that in the past decade, "the plot has thickened" as antischizophrenic drugs that block the function of two other neurotransmitters, serotonin and glutamate, have hit the market. The newer drugs, known as "atypi-

cal neuroleptics," are believed to work as well as and have fewer serious side effects than the older generation of antipsychotics. Andreasen writes, "Clinician scientists now think that schizophrenia occurs as a consequence of a much more complex chemical imbalance that includes multiple neurotransmitter systems that interact with and modulate one another." Mosher finds none

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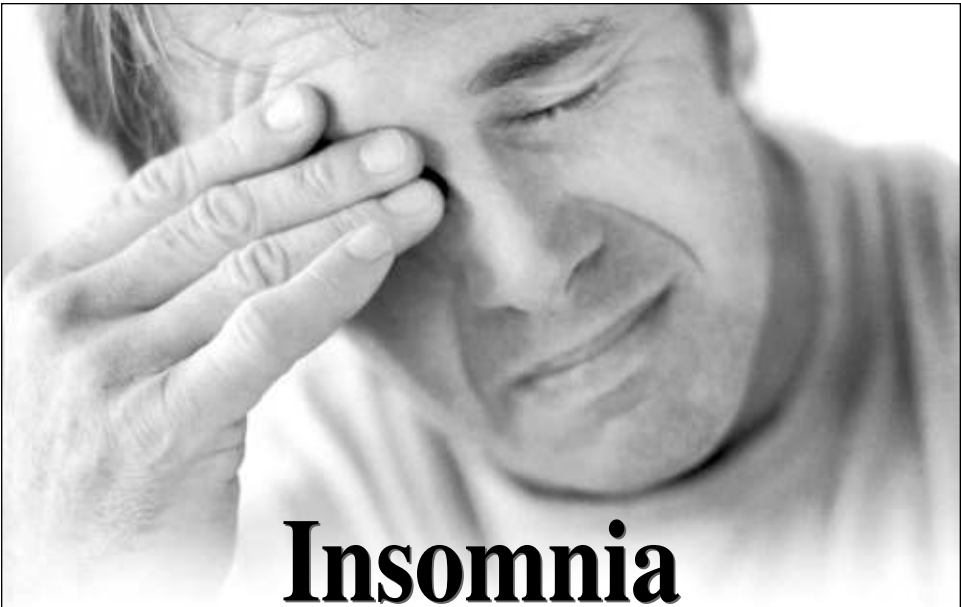
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of this convincing. "There are very good critiques of the adoption studies and the twin studies," he asserts. The problem with explaining the higher concordance of schizophrenia among identical twins by pointing to their shared genes is that identical twins also share the same environment to a greater extent than even non-identical twins. Mosher says a number of studies have demonstrated that they're "clearly raised more similarly than nonidentical twins or

siblings. People tend to dress [identical twins] more alike. They look the same. They generate a similar response. And they do have this sense of being one person." So that shared environment may explain why a higher percentage of both of them go crazy than do nonidentical siblings.

One traditional way of subtracting environment from the picture in identical-twin studies has been to look at pairs who've been raised separately. But, Mosher says,

so few identical twins are separated at birth and later diagnosed with schizophrenia that there aren't enough of them to be statistically significant.

On the other hand, you can find plenty of schizophrenic parents whose offspring were raised by adoptive parents, and a number of researchers have examined what happens in such cases. Andreasen cites two studies of adopted children who grew up in families considered normal or

healthy. Both studies showed that the rate of schizophrenia among children with a schizophrenic parent was the same (about 10 percent) regardless of whether the children were raised by the adoptive family or the schizophrenic mother.

Mosher, however, says both of these studies had major methodological flaws. In contrast, he says a twin study begun about 20 years ago by a Finn named Tienari and an American named

Wynne is "one of the best pieces of research done this century." It compared the outcome of children who had a schizophrenic parent with that of children of normal parents when both groups were placed in normal adoptive families, and it found that the children of schizophrenics developed schizophrenia only slightly more often than the control group. "So you can say, well, there's a little genetic bit there, but it takes the family to make that bit be

expressed," Mosher says. One's genetic makeup "at most may be a sort of background variable. But it's so weak and so indefinable as to be useless in terms of defining the condition."

As for the abnormalities that researchers have found with brain scans, Mosher thinks the antischizophrenic medication accounts for much of this. He says, "The Germans, who invented neuropathology, looked at the brains of thousands of schizophrenics before

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there were any neuroleptics. And they were never able to find anything. They never reported increased ventricular volume, which at postmortem you can measure quite easily. And they also never reported any specific cellular pathology, and they studied many, many, many brains." He adds that "there are a whole lot of people who don't have schizophrenia and also have enlarged ventricles. And there are people who have other psychiatric conditions who have enlarged ventricles, and there are a number of known causes of enlarged ventricles that are not schizophrenia. So, yes, there is a statistical difference, but it is not specific."

"On the other

researcher concluded that their schizophrenia had caused the decrease in the subjects. "And yet every single one was taking neuroleptic drugs," Mosher says.

He concedes that the German neuropathologists working earlier in the last century didn't have access to PET scans, a tool that Mosher categorizes as being a significant advance. "They show you activity, not just structure. They show which parts of the brain are working at a given task. And okay — there they do find differences between people who've been labeled schizophrenic and normal people." But how, Mosher asks, can anyone tell if those differences cause the psychotic behavior or result from it? He says he's not at all

"To say that American schizophrenics have a poorer prognosis is just reading into the study things that the study was not studying."

hand," Mosher continues, "there are studies that have shown that people treated with neuroleptics have changes in brain structure that are at least associated with drug treatment, dosage, and duration — and have been shown to increase over time as drugs are given." He cites one "horrific study" of children between the ages of 10 and 15 in which the researchers measured the volumes of the kids' cortices. "The cortex is what you think with, the part on the outside," Mosher explains. Over time, "They watched the cortical volume of these young people decline, while the cortical volume of the non-schizophrenic controls was expanding because they were adolescents and still growing." The

surprised that the frontal lobe metabolism of drug-naïve schizophrenics looks different on PET scans than that of normal people. "Because if you meet such people, you *know* that they are in an unusual state of consciousness. They may be going 100 miles a minute. They may be totally distractible. You could measure a lot of other things, and they'd all be different at that point in time. But you don't know if that's a cause or an effect of the way they are."

Mosher insists he could still be convinced that schizophrenia is a disease. "If you show me something — either a lesion, meaning a structural abnormality, or a particular neurophysiologic process that is identifiable, can be repli-



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cated, and is found only in those people who've been labeled as having schizophrenia, and it's there before the onset of the disorder — I would change my mind tomorrow. I've held that position for 30 years." But lacking that sort of evidence, he argues that to label anyone as being schizophrenic is to sentence them to a life of discrimination. "It is a sticky label which, once given, is extraordinarily difficult to get rid of,"

Mosher says. If you have pneumonia and you get over it, you're not forever more considered to be a person with pneumonia. "You're fixed," he says. "But if you are once labeled schizophrenic, the tendency is you are always a person who will be called schizophrenic. This is totally crazy. It violates all the rules of medicine." It also flies in the face of a number of studies that have looked at how people fare many

years after being given a diagnosis of schizophrenia. Perhaps the best-known American example of this research was conducted by a psychologist named Courtenay Harding. She decided to focus on a group of men and women who had once inhabited the back

wards of Vermont State Hospital. "Middle-aged, poorly educated, [and] lower-class," these people had been hospitalized for an average of six years and given long courses of phenothiazines when they were chosen to be discharged and placed in a community rehabilitation program in the mid- to late 1950s. In the early 1980s, Harding and her colleagues at Yale University managed to track down what had happened to 97 percent of the 269 original subjects. Using their medical records, the researchers had independent experts rediagnose the subjects according to updated criteria. In the light of the more stringent

modern standards, 118 subjects received a schizophrenia diagnosis, and 82 of them were still alive and willing to be interviewed. Contrary to the researchers' expectations, the former mental patients for the most part had encouraging stories to tell. They had evolved "into various degrees of productivity, social involvement, wellness, and competent functioning," the resulting 1987 article in the *American Journal of Psychiatry* reported. Some 68 percent displayed no signs or symptoms of their previous crazy behavior. Furthermore, Harding's group wasn't the only one to study long-term outcomes; at least four similar efforts have been made. "Together these studies found that one-half to two-thirds of more than 1300 subjects studied for longer than 20 years achieved recovery or sig-

nificant improvement," Harding noted in another publication. Nonetheless, many doctors continue to believe that schizophrenia "is a disease that's always there," Mosher complains. People like John Nash — the Nobel Prize-winning mathematician whose recovery from schizophrenia was dramatized in *A Beautiful Mind* — are "a thorn under [their] saddle," he says. Mosher was appalled by the way the movie seemed to credit the pharmacological industry for Nash's return to sanity. This occurs when a representative of the Nobel committee comes to visit actor Russell Crowe at Princeton in the early 1990s, and Crowe/Nash declares, "I take the newer medications." Mosher points out that in fact Nash has stated on numerous occasions that he has not taken any antischizophrenic

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medication since 1970. Harding's study of the former mental patients in Vermont offers confirmation that a drug-free recovery like Nash's was no fluke. Half the subjects interviewed in the 1980s never took any psychotropic medication, and an additional 25 percent said they took it only sporadically. All of those who had fully recovered had long since stopped taking medication, the American Psychiatric Association's *Monitor* quoted Harding as stat-

ing in February 2000. There's some debate over whether a massive study of schizophrenic outcomes conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO) shows a similar correlation between lower reliance on neuroleptic medication and recovery. Begun in 1968, this research identified schizophrenics in nine countries (China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, India, Nigeria, USSR, United Kingdom, and the U.S.) and tracked what hap-

pened to them over the next five to ten years. The most striking — some might say astounding — finding was that the patients from the three poorest countries — India, Nigeria, and Colombia — fared far better than their cohorts in the developed countries. Whereas more

than three-quarters of the Indians, Nigerians, and Colombians were either recovered or doing fairly well five years after their diagnosis, only 25 percent of the patients in the rich countries enjoyed a similar level of success. Critics of this study charged that it must have suffered from

design flaws. The patients from the poor countries must not have been as sick. So the World Health Organization launched another investigation, making every effort to use the same criteria in every country. It didn't matter. The new study "replicated in a clear and, possibly, conclusive way...the existence of consistent and marked differences in the prognosis of schizophrenia between the centres in developed countries and the centres in develop-

ing countries," the authors wrote. "It can now be said with a fair amount of confidence that they are not the result of differing sample composition in the two groups of centres." Muñoz, the San Diego psychiatrist and former president of the American Psychiatric Association, says he's familiar with the study. He's a good friend of the principal researcher. And Muñoz complains, "No matter what the criteria were, you are not comparing apples to

"I was told that I was genetically flawed and had a permanently broken brain."

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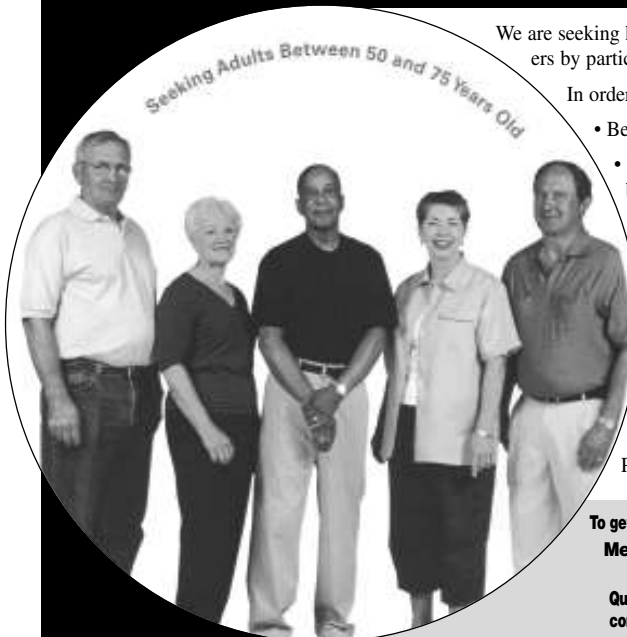
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apples.... To say that American schizophrenics have a poorer prognosis is just reading into the study things that the study was not studying.... If we are going to try to examine which country gets the best outcome, first you have to know the country." Americans live with a higher level of stress and more barriers to success, Muñoz contends. "For example, if someone is an anthropologist in Colombia, he's probably employed and very successful. If he's an anthropologist here, he's either dusting windows at the museum or doing research that makes him famous. Once you have a degree in this country, either you belong to the minority that is very successful or you will be unhappy for the rest of your life."

Whitaker, the Boston medical journal-

ist who wrote *Mad in America*, sees "an obvious flaw" in the notion that cultural differences account for the difference in outcomes spotlighted by the World Health Organization study. "The poor countries in the WHO studies — India, Nigeria, and Colombia — are not at all culturally similar," Whitaker argues in his book. "They are countries with different religions, different folk beliefs, different ethnic groups, different customs, different family structures." The developed countries studied also share no common culture or ethnic makeup — but they do provide similar medical care. While in the poor countries, "Only 16 percent of the patients were maintained on neuroleptics. In rich countries, 61 percent of the

patients were kept on such drugs," Whitaker points out. "Certainly if the correlation had gone the other way, with routine drug use associated with much better outcomes, Western psychiatry would have taken a bow and given credit to its scientific potions....

"... for me it was like taking a wrecking ball to the cathedral of thoughts, feelings, and experiences that defined me at that moment."

Yet, in the WHO studies, that was the model of care that produced the *worst* outcomes."

Today the percentage of American schizophrenics taking neuroleptic drugs is much higher. Mosher says, "The standard practice is to treat all

such persons with one or another neuroleptic drug and to advise them that they will need to take this drug for the rest of their lives." Con- curs Michael McDaniel, a San Diego doctor who has practiced psychiatry for almost 20 years, "You've got to be on the

medication. It's a mainstay of treatment."

McDaniel asserts that schizophrenics who go off their medication have a relapse rate of 10 percent per month. "So yeah, you've got to be on the medication."

McDaniel says he thinks that in most

cases, the medication alone is not sufficient. Most patients also need to participate in a rehabilitation program. "The studies all show that rehabilitation helps patients coordinate the details of life." The local psychiatrist adds that when the county surveyed schizophrenia patients a few years ago, "The number-one thing the patients wanted was individual psychotherapy." However, few patients receive this, according to McDaniel, who cites several reasons. "One is the nature of the illness. People tend to be erratic. They don't come to appointments regularly. It's also partly historical. Time was when schizophrenia was seen as a psychological condition, and medicines were thought to be bad.... You had people describing the medications as chemical

restraints." Today the pendulum has swung too far in the other direction, McDaniel says. "Now nobody really wants to talk or listen to these folks." Economics adds one final complication. "There's not a lot of money for therapists.... It can easily cost \$300 to \$400 a month for a single antipsychotic medication. And people often take several. The fact is that MediCal pays for medicines. But it pays very poorly for psychotherapy. I don't know if there's a cause and effect there. Probably there is."

McDaniel estimates that as many as 95 percent of all schizophrenic patients today are taking the newer atypical neuroleptics, instead of the old-fashioned varieties such as Thorazine. "The advances in the medications are huge," he

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enthuses. Patients still dislike taking them, and “They don’t necessarily work that much better. But they are a lot safer,” he asserts. “And one of them — clozapine — probably is the best antipsychotic ever. It’s in a different category. It works in different parts of the brain. The brain is enormously complex! It’s three pounds of electronic oatmeal.” Every cell connects to every other cell by as many as three connectors. “So a certain amount of what goes on in the brain has to do with timing. And there are wave phenomena because the body releases different chemicals at different times of the day and night. Clozapine seems to work with the brain in that sort of timed fashion. I think that makes a difference.”

McDaniel acknowledges that even clozapine has some drawbacks. In rare cases, “It can destroy someone’s bone marrow. So that means you have to check the patient’s blood count every two weeks. A lot of people don’t like that. Patients still get a lot of other side effects. You have to take it more than once a day. You feel sick. You drool all night. You get sleepy,” McDaniel says. “But when it works, it works great! And for your really sick people with schizophrenia, it’s great.”

David Oaks offers a different perspective on what it’s like to take the antipsychotic drugs. An Oregon resident, Oaks 15 years ago founded an organization called Support Coalition International, dedicated to “defending the human rights of people in the psychiatric system.” He says unlike recreational drugs that increase the brain’s dopamine levels, neuroleptics are “anti-feel-good drugs.” Subjectively, the person taking them feels antsy — “like your feet can’t stop

moving. But you’re wiped out. It’s harder to think. The more you try to think, the harder it is. You feel lobotomized.”

Oaks speaks from personal experience. He

says he had a breakdown in the mid-1970s, while attending Harvard on a Teamsters Union scholarship. The offspring of a working-class Lithuanian-American family,

he had grown up on the South Side of Chicago and attended a Jesuit, all-male college prep school. It “wasn’t the best for learning social skills, but...I appreci-

ated [the] academic commitment,” he has written in an oral history posted on Support Coalition International’s MindFreedom website. At Harvard, he felt that

he didn’t fit in, and at times he “ingested too much cannabis, to which I’m highly sensitive. I stopped sleeping.” When his speech and behavior became erratic,

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He says he did need support during those years. "For whatever reason, I had been entering altered states that were sometimes delightful, sometimes painful, but that all had some validity to my life — just as dreams often do," he writes. "There were times when I thought the CIA was making my teeth grow, or that a UFO was appearing in my living room, or that God was talking to me via the radio, or that the performers on TV were directly talking to me. I learned a lot from those states of mind."

He says "a whole bunch of psychiatrists" diagnosed him as being schizophrenic. "I was

told I would have to stay on psychiatric drugs the rest of my life, like a diabetic on insulin. I was told that I was genetically flawed and had a permanently broken brain." Angry and defiant, Oaks recalls receiving his first neuroleptics by injection, against his will, then being locked in a solitary-confinement cell. "I experienced forced neuroleptics as torture.... I could understand some overwhelmed person choosing to take them, but for me it was like taking a wrecking ball to the cathedral of thoughts, feelings, and experiences that defined me at that moment. It was incredibly intrusive. I could feel how the chemical affected my vision, my movement, my thoughts. I had terrible paroxysms of my muscles...."

With his family's

blessing, Oaks finally put the psychiatric hospitals behind him. He wrote a senior paper in college about his experience with an early psychiatric protesters' group, the Mental Patients' Liberation Front. In 1977, he graduated with honors from Harvard and continued to work on causes such

Mosher estimates he gets an average of three requests a day from people seeking help.

as banning electroshock. He founded Support Coalition International in 1987.

Today he doesn't share the sanguine view of many mainstream psychiatrists that the latest generation of neuroleptics (the "atypicals") pose only minor risks. Oaks remembers the psychiatric establish-

ment's reaction to the suggestion that the older neuroleptics were causing a form of often irreversible brain damage called tardive dyskinesia. Characterized by repetitive, involuntary, purposeless movements such as grimacing, tongue protrusion, lip smacking and pursing, rapid eye blinking, and

other bizarre tics and limb movements, this disorder was first named in 1960. Numerous studies linked it to neuroleptic usage throughout the 1960s, '70s, and early '80s. Yet not until 1985 did the American Psychiatric Association finally send out a letter warning its members that patients taking the

drugs were in danger of getting the disorder. Oaks points out that the risk of developing tardive dyskinesia while taking conventional neuroleptics is now estimated to be a cumulative 5 percent per year. "So John Nash and I would have a 95 percent change of getting it, had we stayed on the drugs," Oaks says. "That's assuming we were still alive, but there's a lot of ways that neuroleptics can kill you."

Although he acknowledges that tardive dyskinesia appears to be a less common consequence of taking atypical neuroleptics, Oaks points out that they've been on the market for only a dozen or so years, so all their long-term consequences are not known. Since the newer drugs shut down a broader array of neurotransmitters, "They're

more of a smart bomb for the mental and emotional receptors," he believes, and "the mental and emotional changes may be worse." Oaks says all neuroleptics are now recognized to cause physical changes in the brain. "The debate is now over. For years, we were saying that and running into complete denial. But now we have admission." Although defenders of the atypicals respond that the changes in the brain's structure wrought by the drugs are not dangerous, Oaks categorizes those changes as "damage."

Oaks says many of the members of Support Coalition International nonetheless continue to take neuroleptics, and he can understand why. "Some people take them because they weren't offered many alterna-

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tives,” he explains. “Usually the only one is electroshock, which is being done more and more.” Once someone starts taking a neuroleptic, he usually feels terrible whenever he tries to stop, according to Oaks, who adds, “You can go crazier than you ever have been in your life when you quit.” Finally, families and other social institutions put intense pressure on schizophrenics to stick with their pharmaceutical regime.

“Right now the public thinks the drugs are a panacea,” he observes. “They think they ‘lift the fog of delusions and clear the mind.’ It’s like thinking there’s some magic dust for peace. Or a magic wand that can make the violence in our society vanish.” Defenders of the drugs also “have a pretty strong sound bite,” Oaks concedes, whenever someone hurts another person and avoids punishment by convincing a judge that he or she was crazy. He says Support Coalition International opposes the insanity defense. “Our movement needs to take more responsibility. If someone breaks a law, society has the right to take away their liberty.”

On the other hand, spiritual experiences aren’t supposed to be against the law, Oaks says, pointing out that the First Amendment guarantees the right to a free mind. He argues that this includes the right to think in ways others might judge to be delusional or abnormal. “Remember: they define a delusion as an unshared belief that’s implausible on its face.” By that criterion, many revolutionary ideas have appeared delusional at first, Oaks argues. “You could have said that about the first person who questioned slavery. You can’t have social

change unless you have people thinking differently.”

Oaks also thinks American society has little tolerance for altered states of consciousness. “You could create religions 2000 years ago. But that’s not okay anymore.” He’s appalled by the fact that the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill’s “assertive community treatment” program in some cases sends overseers into patients’ homes to make them take medication against their will. “It’s fascism!” Oaks exclaims. “I would prefer a lobotomy to long-term neuroleptics — and I hate both of them!”

Like Oaks, Mosher has long been critical of all enforced drugging. Mosher also sits on the board of Support Coalition International and a few kindred organizations, but he says that’s about the extent of his political activism. He fills his time with other activities. Most weekdays, he joins an eclectic group of older men for lunch at the Pannikin in La Jolla. He also writes and spends a lot of time on the Internet, where he maintains a website that presents some of his heretical views and explains his experience with Soteria.

In part because of that exposure, Mosher estimates he gets an average of three requests a day from people seeking help. Most have been diagnosed with schizophrenia or have children with that diagnosis, and they’re looking for nonpharmaceutical forms of treatment. Some think Soteria is still operating, but most just want to find someone using similar methods, “And I always have not much good information to give them,” Mosher laments. “There just isn’t much out there.” Although he thinks many psychiatrists “really don’t



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believe the mainstream," Mosher says the price of defying it is very, very costly. "These days if you don't treat somebody who's truly psychotic with neuroleptic drugs, you can be sued for malpractice. It's that bad."

Once in a while, Mosher says, he personally takes on a few boutique clients — "young people who are crazy and don't want to take psychiatric drugs and have families who are supportive enough to take them through it with me." Since he has no place where he can refer such patients when they need to be with someone sympathetic around the clock, he says he has to be very selective. "I used to take patients in my own house and let them sleep there and hang out with me and my kids. That was an experience. My kids still talk about it. They found it quite interesting. But it takes a lot of energy to keep up with someone who's crazy. And I'm not a youngster anymore."

When he does accept patients, Mosher says he often tells them and their families that being psychotic compares with having the common cold. "You feel real bad for three or four days, then you feel not so good for two weeks," he says. "Then if you just sort of manage the supports right and try to understand what's going on and don't mess with it too much, things will happen and the person will get better." But Mosher says this private practice "is a very small-time endeavor, because I travel a lot too."

He receives invitations to give presentations in Europe quite often. The first true replication of Soteria opened in Bern, Switzerland, in 1984, according to Mosher, and it's still operating today. He describes at least ten Swedish facilities as

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being “Soteria-like,” as are a couple of others in Germany. “The whole concept is extremely popular there,” Mosher says. “They think it’s wonderful.” He speculates this may be because “there’s less homogeneity” in Europe. There’s also “less drug-company pressure,” he asserts. “They all have national health care. And they have more of a culture of not always going with fashion. I don’t know.”

In the United States, however, Mosher confesses to feeling hopeless about the future of anyone unfortunate enough to receive the label he so hates. When asked what words he prefers instead of “schizophrenic” or “mentally ill,” Mosher responds, “Why not call it a severe personal emotional crisis? Or a severe psychological crisis? Why not call it disturbed and disturbing behavior — a pretty good description, since that’s how it looks from the outside. There are lots of ways of recognizing that these folks are acting in ways which are unconventional — and that still recognize they’re in severe psychological pain.”

“Blame” is also the wrong word to apply to these people’s families, Mosher insists. “With rare exceptions, I think parents do their best. They try. But there are a lot of ways in which they can go astray. One way is if the parents themselves were raised in homes where they didn’t learn to think straight. They grew up, and they can think straight enough to get along, go to school, whatever.” But when a person with this kind of communication style marries someone from a similar one, “You can get two parents who are just loose as a goose,” Mosher says. Add some additional trauma, and the result may be a psychological breakdown, he

believes.

“But it’s *not* that the parents are consciously trying to hurt these children,” he stresses. He thinks that with the proper therapy, such people could be taught to “think a bit more clearly and communicate better. There are things that could be done. But we’re so busy with drugs that you can’t find a nickel being spent on that kind of research.” He adds that “These days, for the very first time, schizophrenia has become a source of enormous corporate profits. Schizophrenics were somewhat profitable ever since the mid-’50s, though nothing like today. The sales of the antipsychotic drugs were running about \$600 million a year for years until the ’90s, when the new atypical drugs arrived. Since then, the bill for antipsychotics has grown to more than \$4 billion a year. That’s a lot of money.”

Today Mosher calls himself “a lapsed psychiatrist” because he thinks the biological explanations of psychotic behavior embraced by so many of his colleagues resemble a religion more than they do a body of science. From his perspective as a heretic, he reflects, “We are all afraid of going crazy. And as long as we have someone out there who can sort of do that job for us, it’s not our burden.” He thinks it’s comforting to believe schizophrenics act the way they do because their brains are diseased. Biological differences “make them different from us fundamentally,” he says. “They’re sort of a slightly different race than we are.” Mosher thinks it’s all “a way of carefully saying, ‘These people are *really* different. And therefore we have the right to do whatever we goddamn please with them.’ ” ■

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Last May, though, I did make a resolution after reading *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser. Since then, I haven't eaten any meat except for seafood. I get cravings to eat meat once in a while, and the only way I can stop the cravings is to think about where the meat came from. Once I do that, I get disgusted and lose my appetite for whatever food it is. My older sister used to always say she would stop eating red meat or lose a few pounds. It would last for a few weeks.

I'm not sure if our mom does this on purpose, but whenever my sister and I make a resolution to not eat certain foods, my mom will cook our favorite dish. For example, when I first stopped eating meat, she cooked *kare-kare*, a Filipino dish that I used to love. It has beef in it, and when my mom noticed I didn't eat it, she figured out that I was serious about not eating meat anymore.

I think my family members always resolve to care for their health and consume less fatty foods because we have a history

of high blood pressure and heart problems. That's always been in the back of my mind since my grandfather died of a heart attack in 1994.

— *Alecsis Ducusin,
Morse High School*

I have to confess: I am a chronic list-maker. Sometimes scribbled, sometimes printed, my lists adorn all types of paper — Post-It notes, envelope backs, newspaper, and even napkins.

While many people await the new year, I anticipate it for the chance to make the ultimate list of New Year's resolutions. My ritual is the same each year. Following midnight, I sit down at my desk and write the list in my journal. Looking back on my previous lists, the resolutions have relatively short life spans: to not drink soda? One month; to exercise at least three times a week? One week; to stop slamming doors when I get mad? Exactly three days. I know that the majority of my resolutions will probably not be fulfilled. Yet, making that list, being productive (but not really productive) in the first hour of each year, inaugurates the time change for me.

This year I made fewer and more practical resolutions. Some of my past resolutions, such as getting in shape and doing well in school, transferred over to this year as tradition. Yet, I have two

new resolutions in mind: to read more and to wake up to my alarm.

In the flurry of senior-year homework and college planning, I have had scant time to lose myself in a book, magazine, or newspaper. To ensure that I do follow through with this resolution, I have piled all my unread and half-read books in a stack next to my bed. My brother has also contributed various Sunday-paper comic pages and clippings of Dave Barry columns to spice up the selection.

Waking up on time (and not falling asleep) has also been a challenge. On a trip to London last summer, I fell asleep on a wooden bench in the English parliament. I slept through every nighttime earthquake last year. I never hear my alarm in the morning (my dad has to come to my room three times to wake me). While this ensures that I am fully rested, I would like to spare my parents the annoyance of waking me up each morning.

— *Julie Yen,
Mt. Carmel High School*

I have no interest in making a New Year's resolution. When I want to make a change, I make it at the time. I have a few things I'd like to change. I would love to have stronger resolve or escape the senioritis that so many 12th-graders catch. But I'm working on those things now [in 2002].

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I haven't always been like this. For the '99 new year, for instance, I resolved to get my first kiss. I achieved my goal — two days before Christmas. I can't say it was worth the wait. The guy wasn't a bad kisser; he was a jerk. We stopped talking a month or two thereafter. After that, I stopped making New Year's resolutions.

The members of my family, for the most part, commit to the same thing each year: "Not to make a New Year's resolution." They stick to it darn well, too. However, my grandmother has her own story.

Grandma enjoys going on diets, breaking them, and then switching to another. High-protein diets, shakes, pills, even the peanut butter diet. She's also given up smoking ten times or so since I started high school. In fact, she did it again recently. She claims that this time it will have to work, because she's spending her cigarette money on a gym membership.

My grandma hasn't slowed down. She can drive herself when she wants to, she recently became a reverend, and she is working on getting her master's degree. I think she's going to follow through. That's the side of my grandma that I inherited: when I want to change something, I do. Otherwise, I leave it alone, and I don't promise to myself what I don't intend to keep.

— *Mariah McCarthy,*
Clairemont High School

I never make New Year's resolutions anymore. I figure, why wait for a specific time of year to do something that I've had all year to do? The time you start doing something isn't as important as how long you keep up that regimen. Every member of my family feels the same way. Although, as it is, in my family, everybody is always motivated toward self-improvement. My parents have instilled the notion in my sister and me that no

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However, I used to be part of the majority of Americans whose New Year's resolution was to lose weight in time for the spring or summer. It is the most common resolution, and I believe it has a lot to do with the fact that America (particularly Southern California) is obsessed with appearances and good looks.

I recall a few years when I dieted and exercised after New Year's in hopes of becoming a more trim, healthy, and energetic person. However, because I am a full-time student with a part-time job, that regimen didn't last long. I tried to keep up my diet and exercise schedule for over a month every time, but then I got too tired, too lazy, and too frustrated. I

figured there were more important things in my life than trying to look like a supermodel.

— *Yen Nguyen, Junípero Serra High School*

I didn't make any New Year's resolutions. My life is afflicted and torturous enough. Besides, what makes New Year's Day so special?

My last flirtation with New Year's resolutions was during the millennium hoopla. My family sat spellbound throughout December 31, 1999, watching the world celebrate the new year in every time zone. By the time 12 midnight came to the West Coast, we were all zonked. In a rare moment of agreement, we all made a promise to change something about ourselves. My dad said that he would try to curb his temper; Mom wanted more patience; Sis asked for better friendships; and I asked for straight hair. By January 2, 2000,

we had all reverted to the old behaviors. And, my hair is still wavy. My family won't be trying that again. It's not that we don't want to change. We do, but not under pressure. However, this resolution to not make resolutions has not stopped us from making resolutions for others. After all, everyone has some room for improvement, even if they don't know it.

— *Stephanie Feldstein, Bonita Vista High School*

Although we've all tried New Year's resolutions, it's not often you find someone with the determination to stick to their aspirations for longer than a few weeks. How much do these pledges mean to us if we give up on them so easily? Perhaps we make them impossible because we don't want to put the effort into them. We know that by making our goal unattainable we won't feel guilty if it

becomes forgotten, lost in our busy lives.

In the past, my resolutions have been to lose *x* pounds before summer or to treat my siblings with more respect and compassion. Nothing too time-consuming or strenuous, but it's easy to forget the smallest of tasks when you are not completely committed to your goal.

When reflecting on my past resolutions, I realized that they were set for the sake of saying that I was working to improve myself, to show others that I was trying to be the good Christian girl they all wanted me to be. I understand now that changing to appease someone else is a sign of little self-confidence or an unhealthy relationship. Anyone who cares will appreciate you anyway.

I have a lot to look forward to in 2003 and plenty of goals to work toward, but this year I have chosen my goals for

different reasons. I'm already trying to lose *x* pounds and to work on the way I treat others. I didn't need a new year to signal the beginning of my work toward reaching those goals. Besides, I need all the time I can get.

— *Alexis Olsen, West Hills High School*

New Year's resolutions are another fabrication of American culture. As people living in a fast-moving society, it is hard for us to take any resolution seriously because we have accepted the fact that there is no time in our lives to change ourselves and the way we do things. Therefore, we attempt to create this façade of ourselves to suggest we are attempting to change for the better. In reality, we only ignore such attempts and resolutions to change.

I have lost all hope in New Year's resolutions. I guess it could be called a

sign of weakness, that I have not been able to keep one of them. But who really has? A New Year's resolution is supposed to be kept for life. With every new year, we are supposed to add another resolution to our existing ones and continue to work toward keeping them. This is impossible to accomplish.

A year ago, I resolved not to use bad language. This was especially hard because I use bad language so rarely that to catch myself at those moments was a challenge. One year I made a resolution not to eat broccoli. This I could do. I like to say that my parents made me break this resolution, but it was I who broke it. I could have resisted the fork that inadvertently speared a piece of broccoli. But it was not worth the trouble in my busy life.

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CHAPTER 10

Hickey wasn't sleeping anyway. The past few hours he'd been lying on the hammock on his screened back porch. He watched the moon drop behind the fence of sailboat



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ketch he hoped to buy someday wouldn't plant its keel too deeply when the summer's low tides fringed the bay in mud flats. He sat on the end of the pier, his toes flicking the water, shoulders hunched against the chill, his neck hardened

with the anger that had rippled through him ever since he'd seen Donny Katoulis. Eleven years ago he might've iced the guy and earned a commendation, a pay raise, and drinks and cheers from every cop in L.A. If Hickey'd shot when

he was supposed to, the way they'd planned, in the alley behind the Chi Chi Club, by now the punk would've only been a smudge in Hickey's memory, and not telling how many fewer people would've died over the past 11 years. Danny wasn't

one of your cold-blooded thugs who mostly knocked off welshers and bad guys feuding with other bad guys. He was a gun strutting around. A rookie aiming to lead the league, make the hall of fame. Like John Wesley Hardin, a desperado Hickey'd read about, who blasted a fellow in a bunkhouse because he snored too loudly.

When the phone rang — Hickey assumed it belonged to a neighbor — he was recalling the last line in Cynthia's book: "Evil survives because good people don't have the heart to kill evil ones."

"Tom!"

The second time Madeline yelled, Hickey shouted, "Out here." He got up slowly and started for the house while Madeline stomped across the porch and out onto the sand in her nightgown, hair flying wild, eyes like roadside flares. She skidded to a halt a yard in front of him, far enough so she didn't have to crook her neck back to glare into his

eyes.

"Two grand. A little extreme, lover," she snarled. "A hundred bucks'd get you the tastiest whore in town, and she'd treat you better. Miss Moon'll just lie there wanting you to tell her what a dreamboat she is."

"Whoa."

"You got a phone call, baby."

"Cynthia?"

"No. The lucky girl."

asking you. Few minutes ago, I'm having the best dream — I'll tell you when I'm not so damn mad — the Cynthia girl calls. Tells me you say she can have two grand that she'll get from me."

"Swell. What'd you do?"

"Don't you got manners, Tom? How about an apology?"

"Yeah."

"Okay. I told her I'm

"A policeman came here the other day looking for Cynthia."

She calls here at four a.m., I pluck her eyes out and serve them in martinis. Tell her for me, will you?"

Hickey dodged around her and trudged across the porch into the living room, with Madeline stalking him from behind. Flopping onto the sofa, he grabbed the phone. "Yeah."

"Good morning."

"Castillo? What the hell?"

"That's the same I'm

giving her nothing until I have a long talk with Mr. Hickey. Then I hang up and call to yell at you."

"Look, call her back — she give you a number?"

"No. She's calling me again."

"Okay, stall her. Make her think you're getting her the cash tomorrow, say midafternoon. She say what she wanted it for?"

"She says you know."

"Yeah, I think I do. I'll tell you someday." Hickey's voice deepened into a growl. "What I'm wondering now is, you call to talk to me, why'd you blab the whole deal to Madeline?"

After a few rough breaths into the phone, Castillo said, "You and me going to talk, this morning, at Rudy's, first thing."

"Sure, boss."

Hickey slammed down the phone, stared at his feet then up at Madeline, who stood over him. If she'd

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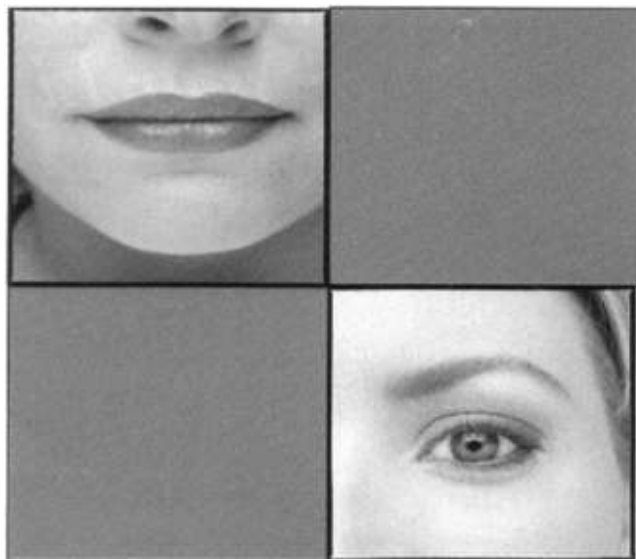
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held one hand behind her, he would've bet she was holding something to conk him with. He pushed himself up, mussed his hair, and raked his fingers through it. "You and the Cubano...you his confidante?"

"Nice try, Tom, but I'm not letting you wipe dirt on me just to get it off your own mug. Spill it, baby," she hissed. "What's with you and your songbird and two grand?"

Hickey stood, rubbed his brow, kneaded his petrified neck, thinking how strange it was that after 15 years he understood Madeline less fully than he'd thought he knew her after the first week. People are so damned complicated, he thought; a bright fellow could study a lifetime and barely get acquainted with his best companion. Fifteen years, yet Hickey couldn't say whether Madeline, if he told her about Cynthia and Katoulis, would use the knowledge to ruin the girl and get rid of her, out of jealousy.

"Don't give me any confidentiality crap, any lies about you took her on as a client." Madeline grabbed a clump of her hair, on the side, as if she might rip it out and lash him. "One word like that and I'll raise such hell the neighbors'll think Tojo parachuted into my bedroom."

"Remember Donny Katoulis?"

Her right hand let go of her hair, made a fist, and dropped to her side. "Sure."

"Cynthia met him tonight, on Sunset Cliffs. Earlier she was having a drink with Charlie Schwartz. My guess is, she's arranging a hit on somebody."

"Who?"

"That's what I'm trying to figure."

Madeline paced around the table. She started for the kitchen, then turned back and leaned against the archway. "So why get the two grand from you, when she knows you're snooping on her?"

"Let's say there's nobody else she trusts that can deliver two grand."

Madeline slapped the wall hard, two slow bars in four-four time. "Yeah, and let's say why in the hell do you give her the cash so she can pass it along to Donny Katoulis so he'll waste some

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poor sap you don't even know who it is? You're feeding me a line, Tom."

What Hickey wanted was to grab her neck and squeeze, he felt so betrayed that she wouldn't believe him. The one person besides Elizabeth whose trust he needed leaned against the wall glaring at him as if the sight made her flesh crawl. He rested one knee on the sofa and gripped on top of the backrest with both hands. "If I don't give her the money, she goes to Charlie Schwartz for it. Guess why he gives it to her."

"Oh, God. Cynthia loses her virtue. What a tragedy," Madeline wailed. "You'd have to share her with a gangster."

His eyes pinched shut; hands knitted together to keep them inert, Hickey dropped himself onto the

sofa. He didn't see Elizabeth walk in. "What's the deal, Madeline?" he said hopelessly. "What is it makes you want so damned bad to think I'm playing house with Cynthia?"

"Go to bed, Lizzie," Madeline snapped.

Hickey jumped up, saw his daughter's fists bunched together covering her chin and mouth. He started around the sofa, to comfort her, but Madeline beat him there. She threw an arm around Elizabeth's waist, pushed her into the hall, guided her to her room and followed her in, slamming the door.

Hickey stood a moment trying to think of some magical word. There wasn't any. All he could do was try to fix this Cynthia business, get it over before Madeline steeled her heart against him. He went to the

bedroom and dressed. He shaved, brushed his teeth. As he walked out, he heard his wife and daughter talking in low tones. They sounded like angels singing a two-part lullaby.

He drove across the Ingraham Street bridge, cut down Frontier and Rosecrans to the Coast Highway, doubled back, and stopped at Milly's for hash, eggs, and enough coffee to make his brain whiz.

The moon was gone, the stars paled. It was almost 6:00 a.m. Layered strips of rose and alabaster crossed the horizon. He drove across the Ingraham Street bridge, cut down Frontier and Rosecrans to the Coast High-

way, doubled back, and stopped at Milly's for hash, eggs, and enough coffee to make his brain whiz too fast to hold steady on the image of Elizabeth clutching her head so it wouldn't

explode, her eyes dripping silver tears and staring at him as if he were a storm trooper.

He walked out into daylight and drove away. Failing to let his Chevy warm up, he sputtered away

with the choke out. He sped along the Coast Highway, through Old Town, and up to Kensington, took El Cajon Boulevard past the trolleys and jalopies full of dreamy-eyed welders, riveters, engineers in felt hats on their way to build ships and bombs.

The only signs of life on Wisteria Court were two boys trying to make a football spiral and a young veteran in khaki trousers who limped and used a cane, out walking his dog. Hickey parked across the street from the Tucker house. A maroon DeSoto sat in the driveway. The sign on its door read MURPHY AND ASSOCIATES. Hickey figured waking her up wouldn't be the route to Laurel Tucker's confidence, especially if she was the hot-head Leo claimed. He thought of driving to a pay phone and calling Leo, get-

ting a tail on Cynthia. But Laurel might scat while he was gone.

His mind felt chopped in two, and no matter which way he turned, he got stumped. If he could talk sense to Cynthia, clue her that he knew about Katoulis, it might spook her enough so she'd give up on murder. More likely, though, she'd lie, slap his face, and disappear. He could notify the law, ask his pal Thrapp to lend a gang of cops to swarm around the girl and Katoulis, so at least she'd have to fall back and regroup. Whoever she meant to put to sleep might survive another month or two. Meantime, he could snoop, maybe find the fuse and snatch it away.

In return, he'd probably lose Madeline. The only chance he saw to keep her was to lavish her with time

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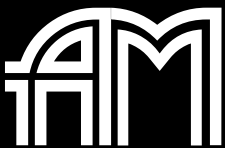
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Once he'd decided, he got anxious to certify the deal. To call Madeline and vow he'd give up the detective business, as soon as he'd taken care of the girl and Donny Katoulis. On impulse his hand reached for the key in the ignition. He might've driven to the phone, except that he saw a curtain rustle in the Tucker house.

Rolling the manila envelope and stuffing it into his coat pocket, he jumped out of the Chevy and crossed the street, climbed the porch steps, and knocked on the door. It flew open so fast his hand was still up and fisted.

"Sock me, mister, your life will be one long regret."

The voice was steady, rich as an orator's. The woman stood almost as tall as Hickey, a couple inches higher than her sister. She had Cynthia's pale but rosy coloring, eyes closer to blue than green, a mouth that looked ready to kiss, depending on your next move. Except for the five or so years between them, she and Cynthia might've been twins raised by different parents, the younger pampered and cultivated while the elder got trained with a belt and a backhand. Laurel had rounder hips than her sister, the same tiny waist. Her hair was darker with only traces of auburn. Her breasts stretched the terry-cloth bathrobe she wore.

"I wasn't going to sock anybody, except the door," Hickey said. "You're Laurel Tucker."

"In person. Yourself?"
"Tom Hickey. Friend of Cynthia's."

"Friend, huh?" She backed off a step and looked

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him over. "You won't find her around here, fella. She doesn't like me. Ha, tell the man true, Laurel. Right now she might be toying with her rosary, praying for an earthquake to swallow me. I'm surprised she hasn't cursed me to you."

"I'm not looking for her. I came to talk to you."

Laurel grinned coyly. "She must've showed you my picture."

"Maybe she did," he mumbled.

"Huh?"

His eyes scanned her while his hand felt for the manila envelope, lifted it out of the pocket, and bent it flat. "I smell coffee. Got an extra cup?"

"Not the timid kind, are you? Aw, c'mon in."

She led him through

the edge of the parlor. There was a dusty piano, a window seat stacked with papers the size of deeds and magazines, a white leather sofa and chair, two impressionist seascapes in muted colors. Hickey read the name Joshua Bair in the corner of the one he passed by. The kitchen was small and cluttered. A small table sat in a nook by the porch window, across from the sink, beside a knickknack shelf where Hickey laid the envelope. Laurel motioned to a chair, fetched them each a teacup of black coffee, and sat across from him.

"Here we are."

"You and Sis just got back from a trip, right, two pals out having a good time?"

"Funny man. Cynthia

rode the bus there to visit our dear friend Emma, and naturally to torment our mother as she always does. Mother called, though, with the news that Cynthia was converting, becoming a sis-

"Mister, Cynthia's crazy. Without going into any stuff that's nobody's business except my sister's and her conscience's, I'll tell you she has delusions."

ter in the *Nezah* Society. I had business up there, so I used the opportunity to drive up and attend the ceremony...but it was a funeral I attended."

"Emma Vidal's," Hickey

said, and waited a respectable time. "I forget how she died."

Wetting her lips with her tongue and leaning closer, as if to unnerve him, catch him off guard, and steal a glimpse into the

depths of his eyes, she said mournfully, "Buried in an avalanche, on Mount Shasta, the day of Cynthia's purification. Do you know anything about the *Nezah* Society?"

Hickey shrugged. The less he knew, the more she might enlighten him. "You one of them?"

"Not so much in faith as in loyalty. Mother is fervent, she can't understand disbelief. To keep harmony in our family, it's wiser to join. I believe — don't you? — religions only serve to give us passions we can share, common enemies and objects of worship. Otherwise, we couldn't live in the same house, could we?"

"You worship Master What's-his-name?"

"Pravinshandra." Her eyes had narrowed, the brows furled and darkened while the rest of her held eerily still. "Are we just chatting? I'd rather you tell me exactly what you want to know. A policeman came here the other day looking for Cynthia. I'm a little worried. It's why I let you in."

"Sure. Sorry. Your sister got enemies?"

Laurel gave a chuckle, took a long sip of her coffee, swallowed, and chuck-

led again. "My sister's always had enemies, and they all live in the same place." She pointed to her head. "Upstairs. I mean, they're real people. You see, Cynthia expects to be adored. If someone doesn't kiss her feet, the only reason she can buy is that the person must be evil, which makes that somebody her mortal enemy."

"Anybody in particular right now?"

"How should I know? I'm the last being on earth she'd confess to. It's one reason Venus and I were delighted that Cynthia would join the society — it might eventually bond the three of us, at least bring the feud to a cease-fire."

"That'd be swell. Take a guess, would you? Let's say she has a particular enemy right now — maybe she let slip a curse or wicked look, or groaned somebody's name in her sleep. If you can't think of anybody, say the first words come to mind."

Laurel drummed her

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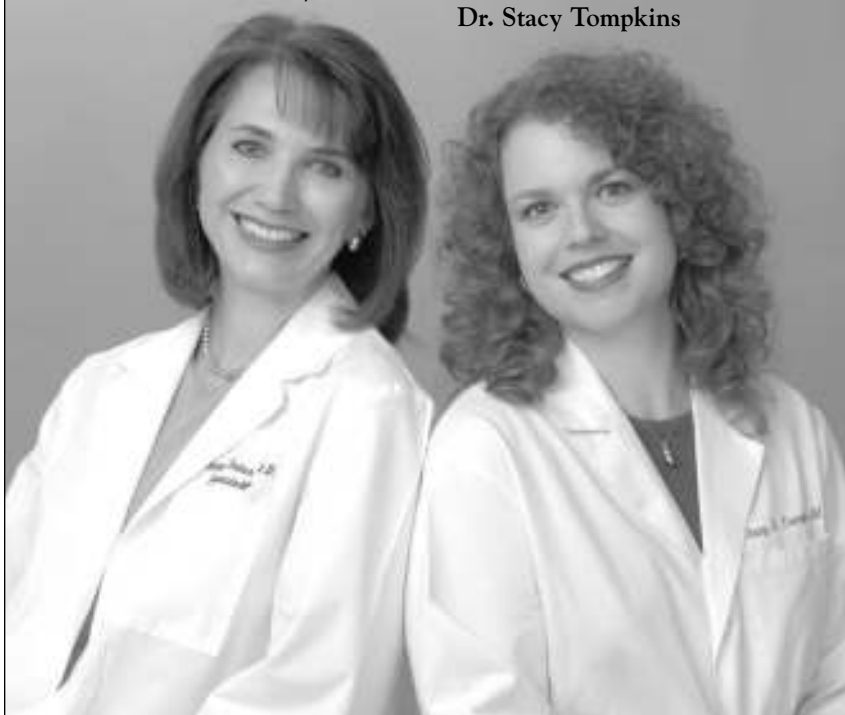
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fingers, chewed on her lip, roamed her eyes around the table as though inspecting the spices and place settings. "It could be the master. Because he was leading Emma down the mountain when the avalanche struck, she may blame him. Besides, according to her silly Catholicism, Pravinshandra took her mother to live in sin."

"Yeah, and didn't he swipe Venus away from your father?"

Laurel seemed to enlarge and harden as if a burst of air had pumped into her. She leaned back stiff against her chair. Her nostrils flared, lips dried instantly. She was damned mad at somebody, Hickey thought — at Venus, the master, her father, or him. "In a sense, he did," she said coldly.

Time to knock her over the edge, Hickey decided, and he reached to the shelf beside him for the manila envelope. He rolled it backwards to flatten it better. Laurel folded her arms across her breasts and scowled at the envelope, then at the picture he slipped out and placed on the table in front of her. She studied, closed her eyes for a moment, opened them, and shoved the picture at him. She wet her lips and pressed them tightly together.

"Any idea who drew it, what the note at the bottom means?"

Laurel grabbed her cup and saucer off the table and carried them to the sink. As she rinsed and laid them on the counter, using one hand, her left hand brushed and patted the terry cloth against her hip, about the place where the Tree of Life tattooed on the woman on her back in the drawing would be.

She turned and leaned against the counter, watching him like a boxer who might jab any second. "Mister, Cynthia's crazy. Without going into any stuff that's nobody's business except my sister's and her conscience's, I'll tell you she has delusions. Here's one — she used to dress in the simplest tunic, cut her hair, hack it off just below the ears, trying to look like Joan of Arc. I can't count the number of times she's accused me of plotting to kill her. My guess is, your



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picture's something she drew during one of her spells."

"She draws pretty well."

"We grew up at Otherworld. All of us there learned how to draw. Joshua Bair taught us, the same style as in your picture. Notice the heavy lines and crisscrossed shading, the alternate light and dark blotches."

"Yeah. So maybe any student of Bair's could've drawn it. Why do you figure it's Cynthia's?"

"The writing is hers."

"Ah." Hickey remembered the writing in Cynthia's book, the graceful flowing hand, while the note on the picture was more like block italic. "You sure?"

"Yes. Look, I have an appointment. Think I can sell a duplex today." She glanced at the wall clock. "At nine."

Hickey nodded, replaced the drawing in the envelope, picked up his hat, stood, and followed Laurel across the living room to the front door, which she held open for him. He stepped outside, put his hat on. "Say, I forgot to ask — who's the Bitch?"

Laurel jerked back a couple inches, as though in all her life she'd never been affronted with such profanity. For an instant her upper teeth caught her lower lip, her gaze turned downward, and her shoulders hunched; she looked like a naughty girl. "I don't know what you mean," she muttered savagely.

Hickey lifted his eyebrows, gave her a wink. "Thanks for the coffee."

He could feel her watching him cross the street. By the time he'd settled behind the wheel and looked her way, she'd closed the door. He drove off musing that he'd learned two things. Master Pravinshandra could be the guy Donny Katoulis would kill. And Laurel didn't give a damn about her sister. She'd even failed to ask what kind of trouble Cynthia was in. ■

— Ken Kuhlken

Next week: Cynthia's three red books

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As a matter of fact, my husband is 60 years old and is on disability, but he is under medical care and on many different medications for his health. For the last 22 years, I have been in a job that now pays me \$50,000 per year in wages and has random drug and alcohol testing anytime of the week, month, or year. I work six to seven days a week. That is *not* what I call living off my husband's disability!

How dare Bill Smith state that "since it's noon," my husband has already been drinking? Bill Smith does not live in my house, and, thankfully, he no longer lives in this neighborhood. He does not know what hours we are up in the morning or at night or the reasons why...he has opened his mouth about something that he has no business talking about, especially to a reporter that put this garbage in print. This is an attack on my husband's character. If we care to have a drink on our own property

anytime of the day or night, that is our personal business, and anyone that thinks otherwise can kiss our asses.

Deputy Smith's next mistake in the article is about the burn call he said he was involved with. Over ten years ago there was a burn, but it was not caused from drinking. There was a personal friend at our house that night that was a witness to this tragedy. My husband did not, I repeat DID NOT, get arrested so paramedics could do their job. This is a slanderous statement and outright lie again made by Bill Smith.

The words in the article referring to the hot rod on blocks is way off bat. The truck is in restoration and sits on four *wheels*. It is not years away from completion. It will be completed this coming summer, and its worth will be in excess of \$25,000 (not exactly a junk as the article appears to reference).

Deputy Smith is supposed to be a servant of the community and to protect and serve...this man has no right to pass on to anyone anything that was said to

him confidentially. Many of the neighbors are afraid to call law enforcement for any reason...we now see why. It will be a cold day in hell when we make that next call.

I have my own personal issues concerning dealings with Deputy Smith from January 1994, and apparently time will not let those memories fade. This is just another incident I will remember.

Deputy Smith has slandered us, caused defamation of character, and made false accusations against us, which we expect to be retracted publicly.

Paul Hirt
Linda Hirt
Dulzura

Proud Of Our Food

I'm writing in response to a letter in your recent issue from a Lori Wyman (January 2). The letter was about the restaurant at the Hyatt Hotel near Seaport Village. In referring to one of the restaurants, Ms. Wyman said that "[Sally's] is the only good restaurant in or near Seaport Village." We beg to differ and would like to invite Ms. Wyman and a friend to be our guests for dinner at our Greek Islands Cafe on the boardwalk at Seaport Village. We've been there for 22 years, have a large and loyal following, and are proud of our food, service, and water's-edge ambience.

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Doomed!

I just need to chime in on this after reading about the Grossmont College Third Annual Music Showcase, which took place on November 15 ("Blurt," December 12). There seem to be a lot of reasons why this show failed. The producers of the show did not have the foresight to figure out that the residents would complain about the excessive noise. Nor did they pay close enough attention to the *Reader* ads—the date was left off one or more of them (this did confuse me the first time I saw the ad). But I think everyone is missing the biggest and most obvious point—who in their right mind would fork out hard-earned money (including ticket-company

rip-off service charges) to see a show when the ad in the *Reader* said something like "Bands Subject to Change Without Notice"? Come on! This show was doomed!

Now, I claim to be one of the biggest Sprung Monkey fans around. I think they are the most talented band to ever come from San Diego. I even display them prominently on the main page of my San Diego—music—related website (*heavymetaldave.net*), along with many pictures I have taken of them live in concert. When I saw them added to the bill, I thought I would go to the show because I try to never miss a Sprung Monkey show—until I saw that disclaimer.

I have been involved in the local music community one way or the other in San Diego since the mid-'80s, and there have never been enough shows to showcase talent like Sprung Monkey or Rocket from the Crypt. I just can't believe that the producers of this show screwed up this bad. Let's only hope that there will be a show this year and that they will get it right!

David (Heavy Metal
Dave) McCarter

Sideways God

Thank you for the article on Bob McElroy ("What You Do When You're Done Being a Playboy," December 12). It was one of the most inspiring and interesting articles I've read in a long time. Bob is an example of the way God "shines in sideways" through other, imperfect but humble people.

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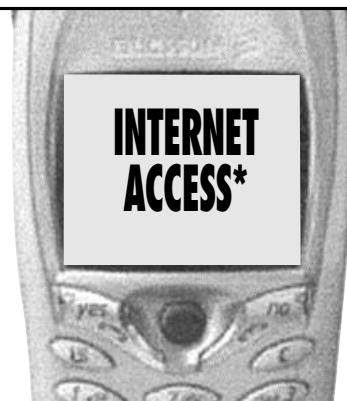
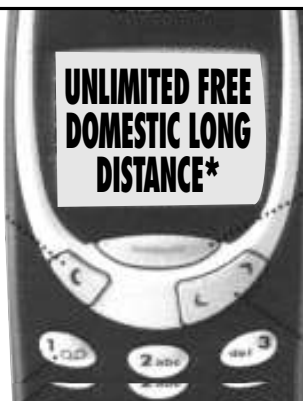
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Interesting Chaos

Tijuana Tour

The phone connection was weak, and there was children's laughter in the background one morning over the Christmas holiday in Mexico City, where tour guide Maria Mitrani of Ensenada had gone with her family. She would return in time to lead an unusual tour of Tijuana, sponsored by the San Diego Museum of Natural History.

Instead of shopping, she said, her charges will learn from a local environmentalist about the Tijuana watershed that spans the border. "We'll start at the dam and follow the river into a little canyon, where we'll hear about that specific microclimate."

Tijuana is not a place one goes to be charmed by the beauty of unfettered

nature, Mitrani admits.

Mitrani will lead the group on a second part of the tour, a guided walk through old Tijuana, beginning at Avenida Revolución, the main thoroughfare. The focus here is human activities.

"We'll walk four blocks, and I'll point out some of the historical sites. We'll see Banco Bital, built in the 1920s in the neo-classical style — the first big building in the city. Then we'll see Cinco de Mayo, built by the Aldrete family in 1917 as a big general store. We'll also see the old city hall. It was used from the early 20th Century until 1986, which is strange, because it's rather small. We'll walk by the Hotel St. Francis, originally built in Imperial Beach, then transported to Tijuana in the 1920s. It's wooden, two stories, quite large for the time. It stood out among all the little constructions around it. It's still a hotel today, but not a fancy one anymore."

Nobody would call Mitrani a cheerleader for Tijuana. "Tijuana doesn't have outstanding buildings," said the Italian native, who emigrated to California as a child. "The city never worked on its architecture. But if you're starved... You know."

"I don't think it's a wonderful city," she went on. "It's a border culture, not a Mexican culture. Being so close to the United States, it has lost the flavor of its traditions."

Still, Mitrani detects some authenticity at another place she will bring her group, Mercado Hidalgo, the open-air market, built in the 1930s. "The vendors sell fruit, candies, herbs, magical things — lotions and potions that give you luck. That's a very Mexican thing. It reminds me of



Agua Caliente dog track, Tijuana

markets here in Mexico City — it's like being in Mexico City when you are there — but it's very small."

Mitrani tracks Tijuana's ignominious identity as a border crossing back as far as 1848. "Right after the war, when Mexico lost so much of its territory, that area, which was originally a ranch — Rancho Tia Juana — was divided. Then they right away started to put in the bars. That's how what we know today as Tijuana began, as a city of vice. They had the drinking, the prostitution, the fast divorces and marriages. Then, in the 1930s, it got a boost from Prohibition in the States."

In those years, the city became a destination for Hollywood types and others with money who crossed the border to drink and gamble. "That's when the Agua Caliente Resort and Casino was built, along with the racetrack" — designed by San Diego architect Wayne McAllister, who later designed buildings along the strip in Las Vegas. "It was a very elegant spot, so for a while there was vice and there

was elegance combined."

Participants will see the racetrack, but not the hotel, which was demolished in the 1960s.

After history comes a look at another human enterprise: culture. A third part of the package is a 45-minute guided tour of Centro Cultural de Tijuana, the Cultural Center of Tijuana, i.e., CECUT.

This isn't necessarily a tour for people who have never been to Tijuana, said Mitrani. "But most people who have been there haven't really looked into it deeply. They have crossed the city without noticing. Or they have crossed it scarily." Scarily? "Yes, thinking, 'Oh, this is horrible.' Or they may have passed through only to get to other parts of the peninsula."

Asked if she would avoid certain parts of Tijuana, Mitrani said, "Walking-wise, yes, some of the dangerous areas." But most of the trip is by vehicle anyway. Besides, she has found that some people do want to look at Tijuana's seamy side, if only through a bus or car window.

This time she won't be venturing there, but on another occasion she took a group on a drive past the maquiladoras — assembly plants, post-NAFTA vintage — in the industrial part of the city. "I also showed them the poorer neighborhoods, the sheds, the cardboard houses on the hillside."

They were appalled but fascinated. "How can people live like that?" they wanted to know. And it's true. When it rains, the houses start to fall. Well, that's Tijuana. It's a chaotic city, not gorgeous, but interesting."

— Jeanne Schinto

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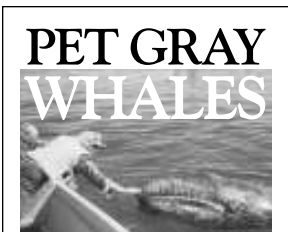
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Tijuana Cultural Center, every Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there are guided tours in Spanish and English of an exhibit of the history of the Baja peninsula. The center also features other cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2, with special two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays. The center is in the Zona Río, at the corner of Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Journey Into *The Human Body* when the film screens at the Omnimax Tijuana Cultural Center Monday through Friday at 1, 4, and 8 p.m. and at and at 10 a.m., 4, and 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. *The Ocean*

Oasis may be seen at 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with an additional screening at 1 p.m. on weekends.

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OUTDOORS

The Fabled “Green Flash” at sunset or sunrise can sometimes be seen on crystal-clear days in January. At the instant the sun’s upper rim is last visible at sunset, and also at the instant when it is first seen at sunrise, a flash of emerald-green color may be observed, especially on a flat horizon. Physicists explain this peculiar phenomenon as due to color-dispersion (as in a prism) and scattering of sunlight through the earth’s atmosphere. Binoculars (or a small telescope) are helpful in spotting it. For green-flash hunting at sunset, any site with a view of the ocean horizon suffices. For the sunrise green flash, any spot

overlooking the low desert (Sunrise Highway in the Laguna Mountains, for example) is good.

The Latest Sunrise of the year (on standard, not daylight time) occurs January 10, near 6:52 a.m. for most of metropolitan San Diego. Slowly at first, then more rapidly in the weeks to come, sunrise will arrive earlier with each passing day. By Thursday, March 20, the sun will be rising a full hour earlier than it does now. The earlier sunrises are mostly a consequence of the sun’s apparent movement from the southern sky toward the northern sky from December to June. You can keep track of that movement by noting where the sun rises (or sets) over a period of many weeks from a fixed vantage point, such as your home.

Venus this month assumes a prominent position in the southeastern sky during the morning twilight period. Venus reaches greatest elongation from the sun (47 degrees west of the sun) on Saturday, January 11. After January 11, Venus will appear ever closer to the eastern horizon at dawn as the next several months go by. By July, Venus will disappear from the morning sky but reappear after sunset as an “evening star” in October.

There’s Especially Good Winter Birding expected when the Audubon Society birdwatchers head to Kit Carson Park on Saturday, January 11, from 8 to noon. Possible species to spy include American goldfinch, American pipit, cedar waxwings, Hutton’s vireo, acorn woodpecker, and more.

Meet at the El Arroyo picnic area in the park; find Kit Carson Park at 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. There will be easy hiking; restrooms, water, and picnic tables are available. Call 619-692-3246 for information on this free outing. (ESCONDIDO)

Help With Trail Repair and gain some “hands-on nature training” in the Calavera Mountain Nature Preserve on Saturday, January 11, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bring gloves, shoes with tread, and water. Find the preserve south of Tamarack Avenue, east of College Avenue; park on Strata Drive and walk to Lake Calavera. To make the required reservations, call 760-720-2003. (CARLSBAD)

“Daley’s Wildlife — We’re in Their Territory,” look for wildlife in the plant communities of Daley Ranch when naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads a 3.5-mile discovery walk on the Creek Crossing, East Ridge, and Ranch House trails on Saturday, January 11. The walk starts at 2 p.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Banish Invasive Plants, tend California natives, and weed native plant gardens with the Friends of Famosa Slough around the treatment ponds at this urban wetland on Saturday, January 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes, and bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Outdoor Cooking is the topic when ranger Sharon Lister discusses the use of an oven box to bake brownies on Saturday, January 11, at 2 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). There’s a \$2-per-car day-use fee. Call 760-745-4379 for the requested reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and Owls, 19 species of raptors can be found in the skies around Ramona. The Wildlife Research Institute offers its tenth annual hawk watch, a chance to learn from naturalists about the interesting birds. Every weekend through March 2, biologists will be available to help spot and identify the species.

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The next event will be Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, meeting at Highland Valley Road and Highland Valley Court, one mile west of Ramona, off Highway 67. Bring binoculars and a camera; wear comfortable hiking shoes. It's free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

Work Off Some of Your Holiday Cheer when Susan leads a fast-paced four-mile hike in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, January 11, 8:30 to 10 a.m. To make the required reservations, call 858-674-2275 x31. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on January 11. Free. Call 760-436-3944 for directions and information. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

'Tis the Season to Be Birding, if you ask biologist and birding expert Claude Edwards, who will lead a hike on Saturday, January 11, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., in Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open Space Preserve. Participants will learn about identifying birds and discussion of their habitat.

Park at the staging area and walk a mile down to the ranger station found in the grove of trees; the staging area is found at the end of Sycamore Canyon Road (off Garden Road). For information, call 619-561-0580 (Thursday and Friday) or 858-668-1850 (Saturday and Sunday). Free. Rain cancels. (POWAY)

Track and Sign, join an experienced tracker from the San Diego Tracking Team for a tracking walk on Saturday, January 11, at 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Participants will look for signs of coyote, bobcat, raccoon, and other native species. Beginners are welcome. To reach the Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road and follow the signs

to the ranch house. For registration and information, call 619-294-9618. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Support Your Local Open Space, Mission Trails Regional Park seeks trail guides. The ten-week training course begins on Saturday, January 11. No experience required. Call 619-668-3279 to reserve a spot. (MISSION GORGE)

Daley Ranch needs mountain bikers, equestrians, and hikers for volunteer patrol eight hours a month. They will train. Please respond before Saturday, February 15. 760-839-4241. (ESCONDIDO)

Visit a Variety of Desert Habitats where a year-round stream provides a mecca for wildlife when the Canyoners explore Coyote Canyon on Sunday, January 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The water has drawn animals and humans to its three willow oases for thousands of years.

To reach the trailhead, take Palm Canyon Drive (S-22) from Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs. Drive east less than a mile to Di Giorgio Road; turn left and drive to the end of the pavement, where the host will be waiting. Four-wheel-drive vehicles are advised. Free. For more information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Nature Writing Is Possible for Anyone, according to naturalist and author Tom Lyon, who leads an inspirational walk in Daley Ranch on Wednesday, January 15, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring a notebook and pencil. The walk starts in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Escape to the Natural Beauty of the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve with its secluded native plant communities such as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The 750-acre open-space park offers approximately ten miles

of trails, primitive picnic areas, and mountain viewing points. The reserve is found on Harmony Grove Road near Elfin Forest, open daily from 8 a.m. until around one half-hour before sunset. For information, call 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

Full Moon Over Jack Creek, experience Daley Ranch at night with a full moon when naturalist Rita Ospelt leads a brisk and fairly level 5.5-mile walk to the ranch house and around Jack Creek Meadow on Friday, January 17, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Find the main parking lot on La Honda Drive. 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Tenth Annual Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival, 250 dancers and musicians present ethnic dances from countries that will include Ireland, India, Spain, Mexico, Colombia, Hungary, and the Philippines. It's sponsored by the San Diego Dance Alliance and is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, through January 12, and January 22 through 25, at 7:30 p.m. (except the

January 12 Family Day, at 2 p.m.). Performances are at Mandeville Auditorium on the campus of UCSD. Tickets are \$15 to \$25 (\$12 on Family Day). Call Ticketmaster or 619-220-8497. (LA JOLLA)

Square Dance Class, a great way to get your exercise — join a new dancers' program beginning Thursday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m., at the new Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive. Dancers with some previous experience can dance that night at 8 p.m. Information: 760-436-0685 or 858-481-5166. To register, call 760-943-2260. (ENCINITAS)

"Intimate Cabaret Dances" are being presented by Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theatre at the San Diego Museum of Art. Inspired by post-World War II cabarets, the program includes *Peace*, scored by French composer Olivier Greif; *Jeff*, a suite of dances set to music by Jeff Buckley; *The Saggy Armchair of Love*, danced to an original score by Christopher Penney with text from Jeanette Winterson's novel *Written on the Body*; and *Romeos and Juliets*, a riff on the classical Prokofiev score.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, January 10 and

11 (and January 17 and 18 and at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 19). Tickets are \$18 for members, \$20 for nonmembers, \$10 for students, available by calling 619-696-1966 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance, Martha Wild calls and the Continental Drifters make the music for the contradance planned on Friday, January 10, 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)

Hustle and Disco Dance Party, the Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Friday, January 10, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 9 to 11 p.m., with a dance lesson at 9 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena

Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

On the Road and Heading This Way! Troy Carrier (a.k.a. Dikki Du) and the Zydeco Crew will present their "funky instrumentals, syncopated rhythms, and intricate accordion work" for the zydeco dance party hosted by the Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, January 11.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dance instruction starts at 6:20 p.m., followed by dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m., in the Recital Hall (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard). The cover is \$12, kids under 12 free. Call 858-496-6655 for further information. (BALBOA PARK)

Second Saturday Square and Round Dance, the Sandpipers Dance Club hosts a dance with calling by Mike Kellogg and cueing by Peter Gomez on Saturday, January 11, at St. James Catholic Church (625 South Nardo Avenue). Rounds begin at 7 p.m., with alternating squares

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Twenty-First Century Square Dance, learn modern square dancing with the Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' classes Sunday, January 12 (and 19), 6 to 7:45 p.m., in room 207 of the Casa del Prado. The first class is free, the others are \$3 per person. A partner is not required. For information, call 619-469-4865. (BALBOA PARK)

Jump and Jive Time, based in London, the Jivin' Lindy Hoppers will star in this big-band dance party planned on Sunday, January 12, at 7 p.m., at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). The group will be accompanied by the Uptown Big Band.

Tickets are \$35 and \$40, available by dialing 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including January 14, 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. 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

The House Is Rocking when Jim and Margie of 2toGroove teach a rhythm and syncopation workshop on Tuesday, January 14, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. (for all levels, but some knowledge of swing or jitterbug is assumed). Open dancing follows from 9 to 11 p.m. with DJ'd tunes and refreshments. Workshop is \$15 at the door (\$12 in advance); open dance only is a \$5 donation. It's at the Portuguese Hall, near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans. For details call 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

Specializing in Contemporary Dance, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago celebrates its 25th anniversary with a performance at the Cali-

fornia Center for the Arts, Escondido at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 17. Stick around after the dancing for a post-performance discussion from the stage with members of the company. Tickets range from \$22 to \$42. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

The Short Documentary *Crosses/Cruces* will be screened and discussed on Saturday, January 11, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Filmmaker Laura Arvizu and human rights activist Christian Ramirez will discuss this Border Crosses Project, which utilizes art and activism to raise awareness about the mounting deaths of migrants due to Operation Gatekeeper. Admission is \$7. Call 619-230-1869 for more information. (DOWNTOWN)

Hear the Story Behind the Film when the Director's Studio presented by the Independent Film Society

convenes on Saturday, January 11, in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library. Host Bree Walker interviews writer and director Alan Fraser following a screening of *Next Time*, his film about an interracial friendship affected by the outbreak of the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

The screening begins at 7 p.m., followed by a live taping of the Director's Studio discussion at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$12 general, \$7 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 760-9442-5988. Find the library at 1775 Dove Lane. (LA COSTA)

Experience Silent Movies in a Raucous Fashion when the Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films continues its ongoing Not-So-Silent Film Festival on Saturday, January 11. The audience helps the live orchestra create the sound effects on a wind machine, the thunder sheet, rain wheel, and a theremin (if you dare!). The fun begins at 11 a.m. in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Noisemakers, admission, and parking are free. Call 858-534-8074 for information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

Less of a Nebbish and More of a Realist than Woody Allen but similar in his glorification of neuroses, the

French actor and director Yvan Attal stars along with his real-life wife Charlotte Gainsbourg and Terence Stamp in *My Wife Is an Actress*. This romantic comedy made in 2001 screens for the Film Forum on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Laughter and Larceny" is the theme for the Carlsbad Library's film series this month. Joe Mantegna stars as a "misfit Mafia henchman" in *Things Change*, also starring Don Ameche; the flick will be screened on Wednesday, January 15, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (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.

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 success of the trek was dependent upon the generosity of Native American tribes. Make the trek through Friday, February 14.

Ultimate X: The Movie brings audiences "up close" to the action and excitement of ESPN's Summer X Games. The film features competitors in skateboarding, street luge, wakeboarding, downhill BMX, aggressive in-line skating, and more, sharing their experiences as they prepare for and compete in their sports. The film screens on Friday nights and on Saturdays.

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

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School of Arts and Architecture is the next speaker in the series sponsored by the Museum of Contemporary Art and the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Morphosis was founded in 1972 to "develop an architecture that would eschew the normal bounds of traditional forms and materials." He'll speak Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m., at the museum at 700 Prospect Street. \$7 general, \$5 students, seniors, MCASD and AIASD members. Includes gallery admission. Information: 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

Insight Gallery Talk, Steven Kern addresses the subject of "Little-Known Treasures of the European Masters" in the upstairs galleries on January 9 and 12, at the San Diego Museum of Art. Talks start at 6 p.m. on Thursday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Free with admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

The Works of Taoist Sage Chuang Tzu and the application of his teachings to contemporary daily living provide the fodder when Taoist priest and counselor Ted Kardash speaks at the Taoist Sanctuary on Fri-

day, January 10, at 7 p.m. Find the sanctuary at 4229 Park Boulevard, at El Cajon Boulevard; 619-692-1155. Free. (NORTH PARK)

"Cross-Cultural Dialogues," it's the theme for this year's Docent Guest Lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art. Get the skinny on "American Folk Art" when folk art collector Dr. Jeffrey Pressman, M.D., speaks on Friday, January 10, at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Discovering Spirituality Deep in Ordinary Life" is the subject for a lecture planned by Thomas Moore for the Friends of Jung on Friday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$25 for nonmembers.

Moore presents a workshop on the topic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 11; nonmembers

pay \$75. Both events take place at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). Dial

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Oil Portrait Painting Techniques will be demonstrated by artist Dorothy Stanley when the Clairemont Art Guild meets on Saturday, January 11, at 12:30 p.m., at the Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Oh Deer! Chef Bernard Guillas focuses on “Cooking With Venison” for the Macy’s School of Cooking on Saturday, January 11, at 1 p.m. Among the demonstrated recipes will be cranberry glazed venison chops with sweet potato, cipollini, charred eggplant, and chocolate licorice Shiraz. Free. Find the store at 1555 Camino de la Reina; call 619-299-9811 x4231 for information. (MISSION VALLEY)

The History and Aesthetics necessary for an appreciation of Japanese calligraphy will be introduced by Heather Campbell during “The Beauty of the Japanese Writing System,” beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The nonmember fee is \$10. Call 619-232-2721 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

A Child Is Waiting, Family Connections Adoptions hosts an adoption information session, 9 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, January 11, covering a variety of adoption issues. Find the office at 2181 El Camino Real; 760-754-0200. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

What Gull Was That? The Chula Vista Nature Center is offering a gull identification workshop on Saturday, January 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn “simple ways to make identification of gulls easy.” The fee is \$10. Reserve a spot by dialing 619-409-5903. The center is lo-

cated at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Nice Work If You Can Get It, learn skills and tips to tackle the tasks of writing a screenplay when Lisa Alden — who “has been an executive at Universal Pictures, Lynda Obst, and New Line” — leads a lecture on screenwriting on Saturday, January 11, at 4:30 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

What Was the “Archival Legacy of Rabbi Morton J. Cohn”? Find out when historian and archivist Bonnie Harris speaks for the Jewish Historical Society of San Diego on Sunday, January 12, at 2 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El (6299 Capri Drive). Free. Call 619-232-5888 for information. (COLLEGE AREA)

A Poetry-Writing Workshop is planned by the Magee Park Poets on Sunday, January 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

Hungary is the subject for the program planned by Ferenc Pankotal for People to People International on Sunday, January 12, at 3 p.m., in Green Hall at Alliant International University (10455 Pomerado Road). Free. Call 858-484-6069 or 760-746-1670 for further information. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Observations and Thoughts on living a life of originality and how to “be closer and more in harmony with God by living as the type of person you were created to be” may be heard when author Thomas Moore speaks at the 9:15 a.m. forum slated for Sunday, January 12, at Saint Paul’s Cathedral. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Create an Unusual Pine Needle Basket and attach it to a ceramic base when Carol E. Lang leads “Wood ’n Clay” on Sunday, January 12, noon to 5 p.m., at the

Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). The fee is \$55, plus \$10 for materials. To make the required reservations, call 760-431-1645. (OCEANSIDE)

Who’s Been Called “The Ultimate Zone-Denial Gardener”? The award goes to Thomas Hobbs, who has created a world-class Mediterranean garden in Vancouver, Canada. He’ll show slides of his garden and explain how he “fakes it” way up in the north when he speaks for the San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, January 13. The talk is followed by the Plant Forum. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Surfside Race Place at Del Mar on the Del Mar Fairgrounds. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

Author Leland Fetzter presents a slide-illustrated lecture based on his book *A Good Camp: Gold Mines of Julian and the Cuyamacas* on Monday, January 13, for the North County Sierra Club. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). 760-489-8842. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

“Behind the Façade of Paintings: A Study of the Old Master Painting Techniques” is on offer when art historian Nigel McGilchrist speaks for the “Meet the Masters” series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Tuesday, January 14. The slide presentations includes a demonstration of gilding techniques, the application of gesso, and pigment preparation.

Lectures begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$36 with lunch) and at 5:30 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Plants of San Diego County, San Diego Natural History Museum botany curator Jon Rebman presents two lectures with slides and specimens focusing on the plants of our county on Tuesday and Thursday, January 14 and 16, at 6:30 p.m. each night. The fee is \$35 for nonmem-

bers. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Snowshoeing 101, the folks at REI state that “the ease of snowshoeing has led it to become one of the fastest-growing sports in the country.” Learn “how to” during the clinic slated for Tuesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

Dream On, the Eckankar Center presents “The Art of Spiritual Dreaming,” in which participants will gain “practical tips and techniques to interpret dreams and gain insights from the past and future using simple spiritual exercises.” The first class begins at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, and continues on the second Tuesday of each month thereafter.

Find the center at 519 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 106. Free. For information, call 858-492-8441 or 760-634-1886. (ENCINITAS)

F. Scott Fitzgerald Began Writing *The Great Gatsby* in 1924. He knew it was good, but his correspondence with editor Max Perkins reveals his doubts about its reception. UCSD literature professor Ronald Berman presents “F. Scott Fitzgerald Thinks Over *The Great Gatsby*” for the Humanities Dialogues series on Wednesday, January 15. The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. in UCSD’s Peterson Hall room 110. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

An Enigmatic and Influential Artist is examined by Alice Goldfarb Marquis in her new book, *Marcel Duchamp: The Bachelor Stripped Bare*. Marquis will discuss her book and her role as an independent scholar and founder of the local organization when the San Diego Independent Scholars meet on Wednesday, January 15. The talk commences at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of the Chancellor’s Complex at UCSD. Call 760-431-6822 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

“John Muir: Hitched to the Heart of the World” is the subject when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a “live portrayal of the naturalist and conservationist” on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 general. Call 619-255-0203 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

“Is Your Price Right? How Do You Decide?” It’s the topic when the San Diego Professional Editors’ Network meets on Wednesday, January 15. The group will hear results of a recent member survey on rates and then take a round-table approach to estimating sample jobs based on real-life scenarios. The meeting commences at 6:30 p.m. in the Clairemont Community Room at Clairemont Square Shopping Center (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (CLAIREMONT)

“Working With Shenpa: Unhooking Patterns of Reactivity in Daily Life” is the topic when Christie Turner leads an open forum discussion on Pema Chodron’s practice of working with emotions on Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m., at the Shi-ho Gallery (2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). \$10. 858-259-0787. (DEL MAR)

Getting Down to Business, a workshop on the U.S. Small Business Administration Services and Loans for small businesses is scheduled on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The workshop focuses on the types of loans available and tips for applications. To register, call 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

Whaddaya Know About Islam? There’s a ten-week course entitled “Understanding Islam” starting on Thursday, January 16, at 7 p.m., at Saint Paul’s Cathedral. The course is designed for people who have minimal knowledge of Islam and wish to foster peace in the world. Participants need to bring the book *The Vision of Islam* by Sachiko Murata and William Chittick.

The requested fee is \$80 for the

entire series, or \$10 per class. Find the church at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). Questions? Call 619-298-7261 for answers. (MIDTOWN)

“Getting It Built Right: The Architect’s Role During Construction” is explored when architect Donald Goldman presents a program for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, January 18. 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)

Get Out — And Like It! Wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass — all of these subjects and more will be covered when the Sierra Club offers its annual “Wilderness Basics Courses.” Classes continue for ten weeks, with lectures and outings.

The course begins on Tuesday, January 21, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Classes run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$95 (cash or personal check), with registration on the first night of class. Call 858-272-9229 for more information. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Antiques and Collectibles,” learn how to search the Internet for antiques, collectibles, collectors and appraisers; learn about search engines, auction houses, auction malls, and resource directories. The class is taught by the staff of the Art, Music, and Recreation section of the San Diego Public Library and will be held on Tuesday, January 28, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the computer lab on the second floor of the main library at 820 E Street. Basic Internet experience is recommended. For reservations, call 619-238-6621. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Leading British Author and Literary Critic A.S. Byatt is known for her Booker Prize-winning novel *Possession* and many other skillful novels. She’ll visit the Revelle Forum for a conversation on literature and her latest book, *A Whistling Woman* (the final volume of her *Frederica Quartet*), on Wednesday, January 29.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$35. For information, call 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

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Latin Jam, this event hosted by Bill Caballero takes place at Voz Alta every Thursday of the month from 8 to 11 p.m. You’re invited to bring your instrument and jam onstage with local Latin jazz musicians. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. Admission is \$5 general, free for musicians. (DOWNTOWN)

Author Elizabeth Plourde will discuss and sign her book *Hysterectomy and Ovary Removal: What All Women Need to Know* on Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center. Free. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Busy on Thursday? Plourde will be on hand to sign books on Wednesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at 10755 Westview Parkway. Call 858-684-3166 for information. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Song, Dance, and Story are used when the San Diego State University department of theater presents *Carz* on Friday, January 10, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Automotive Museum. *Carz* was written by Margaret Larlham. Tickets are \$5. For space availability, call 619-231-AUTO. (BALBOA PARK)

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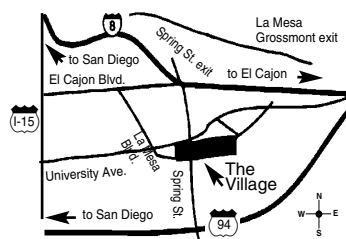
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Music at Founders Hall, the concert series continues with a concert by old-time banjo player Adam Hurt, guitarist Les Preston, and fiddler Ed Cormier on Friday, January 10. The audience will hear traditional Appalachian folk music, with tunes from the American South, Ireland, Quebec, and beyond.

The recital starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Diego, 1036 Solana Drive. The suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for those 13-17, free for kids 12 and under. For further information, call 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Poets Heriberto Yepez, Juan Reyna, and Mark Weiss will read from the new anthology *Across the Line/Al Otro Lado: The Poetry of Baja California* on Friday, January 10. The readings begin at 7 p.m. at D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Groundhogology and Possumabilia: Of Whistlepigs, Possums, and World Politics" — it's the intriguing title when Doug Elliott presents a storytelling concert for the Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, January 11. Elliott plans to "make the outdoor world come alive for his listeners" at 7:30 p.m. in the Manchester Conference Center on the campus of the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). The program is suitable for adults and children over 12. Tickets are \$7. Dial 619-298-6363 or 619-260-4585 for reservations. (LINDA VISTA)

The Fallbrook Americana Music Series gets underway in 2003 with a concert by Adirondack storyteller Chris Shaw and Artie Traum on Saturday, January 11. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. For information, call 760-723-7255. (FALLBROOK)

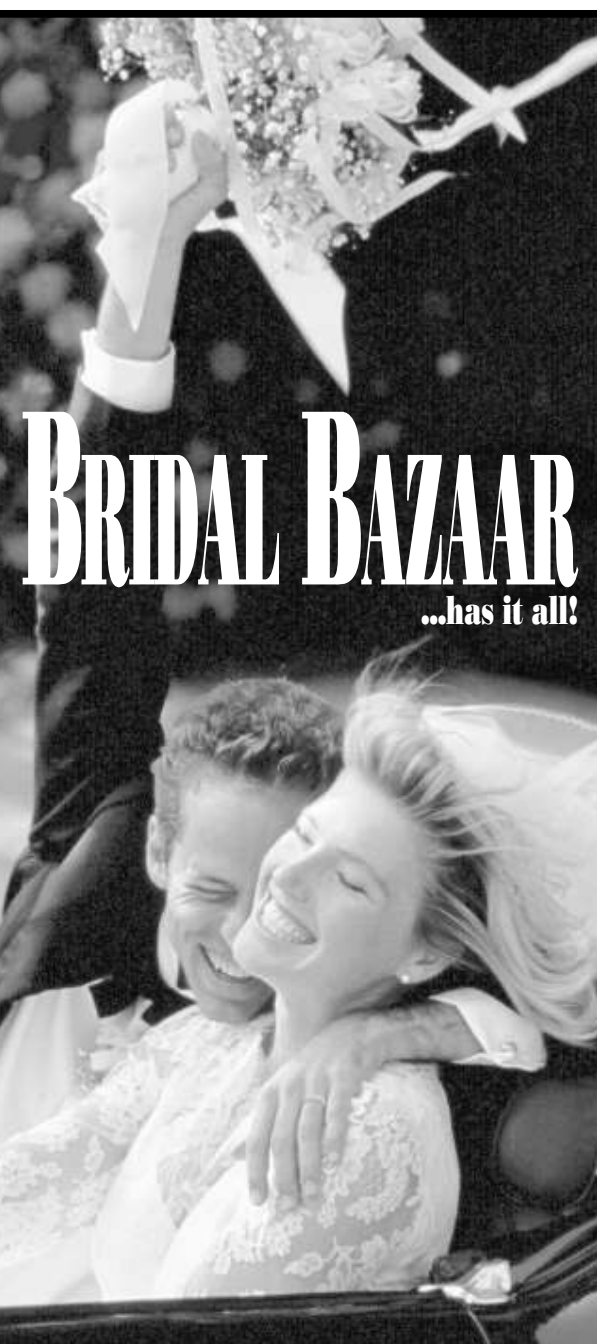
Comedy Night in Julian, the roster boasts Ron Morey, Gulden, and Michael Elizondo during this event slated for Saturday, January 11, in the Julian Town Hall. Festivities begin with a performance by "musical comedian" Chucko. The headliners perform from 8 p.m. on. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. For reservations and information, call 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

The Debut Novel by San Diego author Catherine Karp is *Gilded*, which she'll sign and discuss on Saturday, January 11, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road). Free. 619-562-6791. (SANTÉE)

The Late Bloomers comedy improv troupe presents an audience-interactive show on Saturday, January 11, at 8 p.m., at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street). Admission: \$5. 619-647-4958. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Expect a Varied Musical Program when instrumentalists Carol Lam, Gareth Guest, and Bob Plimpton perform on Sunday, January 12, at 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). The program features the Claude Bolling "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio," two clarinet pieces, Ernest Bloch's "Concertino for Flute, Clarinet, and String Orchestra," and a new organ work by Stephen Paulus. An offering will be received. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Jazz Party, acclaimed jazz flutist Lori Bell performs for the Jazz Artists Guild on Sunday, January 12, at 1 p.m., at the Musicians Union Local #325 (1717 Morena Boulevard). Ad-



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READING

Growing Up Empty: The Hunger Epidemic in America



Loretta Schwartz-Nobel

HarperCollins, 2002; 252 pages; \$24.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: *Growing Up Empty* is a study of a hidden epidemic that still remains largely unacknowledged at the highest political levels. In 1981, President Reagan announced to the world that there were no hungry souls in the richest nation in the world, that poverty had been virtually wiped out. But Loretta Schwartz-Nobel had found a different story in America's communities, and she laid bare the truth about hunger in the United States in her landmark work on hunger, *Starving in the Shadow of Plenty*.

Twenty years later, Ms. Schwartz-Nobel has returned to see how things had improved — and discovered that it was all the same. As she tracked this hidden political and emotional battle, she was shocked to find that hunger is deeper and wider than she could have imagined, that it has reached epic proportions. It is running rampant through urban, rural, and suburban communities, affecting blacks, whites, Asians, Christians,

Jews, and nonbelievers alike. And it is getting worse. The stories of the people she encountered are the core of *Growing Up Empty*. With a combination of skillful investigative reporting and a novelist's sympathetic and humanistic eye for detail, Loretta Schwartz-Nobel portrays an unforgettable reality of human suffering that need not exist.

Among the people we come to know in these pages are the new breed of homeless born of the "Welfare to Work" program — working poor who have jobs but do not make enough to support their families — immigrants who work under horrifying conditions for little money and fewer benefits; a formerly middle-class dentist's wife abandoned by her husband, reduced to stealing in order to feed her hungry children; soldiers who fight on our front lines, while their hungry young wives and children stand on bread lines and are denied benefits and baby formula at military health clinics.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Schwartz-Nobel, winner of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award, follows up her groundbreaking 1981 exposé, *Starving in the Shadow of Plenty*, with a new report, aiming to tell additional stories of America's hungry children — reportedly more than 12 million in number — because "[n]umbers are for the mind and stories are for the heart." Traveling coast to coast, she reaches into the hearts, minds, and hopes of the disenfranchised, in particular single mothers and their children. She uncovers hunger in rural, urban, and suburban neighborhoods, among the working poor and immigrants, even within the military and the middle class. The increase of hunger in America she documents as a direct result of Reagan's federal aid cutbacks in the 1980s as well as the 1996 welfare-to-work laws, which changed welfare and food-stamp policies. These changes, coupled with high rents, income disparity, and politicians rendering the problem invisible through political rhetoric, have, according to Schwartz-Nobel, exacerbated the hunger crisis. With equal parts outrage and compassion, she emphasizes the effects of hunger on the health

of the entire nation and calls for awareness, action, and above all a change of political heart. "This silent American epidemic is caused by people, by acts of man, not acts of God or nature." Shocking, informative, and often devastating, this is a vital report on the politics of hunger and the silent Americans who are its victims.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Loretta Schwartz-Nobel, on the day that we talked, was at home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She said that she was born in 1943, that she lived until the age of six in a little community in Queens and then moved to Great Neck on Long Island. She married, she said, "right after high school and went to a number of colleges." She described herself as a "nontraditional student," adding, "My husband was traveling around the country, and I was sort of following him. I finally got my undergraduate degree from Seattle University. And my master's degree from the University of New Mexico. I majored in English." At Indiana University in Bloomington, Ms. Schwartz-Nobel did coursework toward her Ph.D. in English. She, however, did not do a dissertation. "My husband was a doctor. He was a resident in Indiana. We moved to Philadelphia. And when we came to Philadelphia, I began to write. I wrote book reviews for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, I began writing as an intern at *Philadelphia Magazine*, and at this same time I was also teaching college classes at various colleges."

Did she remember her first published piece?

She did. "My very first piece, the first piece that I wrote alone, was called 'Nothing to Eat,' which was written when I was an intern at *Philadelphia Magazine*. It was very exciting. The response was so terrific. I remember coming into the office of the magazine and seeing bags of groceries lined up there. That was really amazing. And when, later, I received the Robert F. Kennedy Award [for outstanding coverage of the problems of the disadvantaged], I remember the sense of wonder at somehow ending up at the Kennedys' house. And seeing these people whom I had only seen in photographs — seeing them in real life — it was almost unreal.

mission is \$5 for members, \$8 for nonmembers. Call 619-561-1518 for information. (BAY PARK)

A Double Quartet from the San Diego Chorus of Sweet Adelines International performs on Sunday, January 12, at 4 p.m., at the Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church (8081 Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Reagan Road). An offering will be received. For information, call 858-733-0360. (MIRA MESA)

Winter in Paradise, Spoken Word in the Red Room...it's the perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon, according to the organizers of the Poetsperformance open reading slated for January 12, 4 to 6 p.m., at Red's Espresso Cafe (1017 Rosecrans). 619-523-5540. Free. (POINT LOMA)

"Circle of Light: World Peace Concert," head to the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts for this concert featuring "over 100 singing crystal bowls" promising a "huge sacred current of sound" to "help anchor the New Year's energies for peace, prosperity, abundance, and world healing" on Sunday, January 12, 7 to 9 p.m. Bring a small mat or cushion; chairs are permitted but not encouraged. Tickets are \$10 in advance. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue.

Call 760-918-6688 for reservations. (HILLCREST)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:45 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 9:30 p.m., on Monday, January 13, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Battle for Wake Island during World War II is recounted in *Hell Wouldn't Stop*, by Chet Cunningham. The story is told through the words of U.S. servicemen who survived the battle and its nightmarish aftermath. Cunningham will sign and discuss his book at Barnes and Noble on Tuesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. The store is found in Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

The Lingo, Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets hosts this open-mike poetry event on the third Wednesday of each month, including January 15, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Donation. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Simple Drawing Exercises can help release emotions and memories, according to Heather C. Williams. The author will demonstrate techniques

and discuss her book *Drawing as a Sacred Activity* on Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Unsinkable Debbie Reynolds performs in concert on Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$46 and \$56, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Take a "Virtual Tour" of the Baja Peninsula when Marvini Patchen shares excerpts from the guest book of his cabin in central Baja. The program, which includes book signings of *Baja Outpost: The Guestbook from Patchen's Cabin*, starts at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, at the Discover Baja Travel Club (3089 Clairemont Drive). Tickets are \$8. For information on this event co-hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum, call 619-255-0203. (CLAIREMONT)

Slightly Twisted Open Mike, poets, musicians, performers, and comedians take the stage during events slated for Thursday, January 16, at 7 p.m., at the 101 Artist's Colony (25 E Street). Cover: \$5. For details, dial 760-414-1969. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

The Icy Time of Year, the Idaho Steelheads are in town for ice hockey action against the San Diego Gulls on Friday and Saturday, January 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. both nights, at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Borrego to a Sea, the R&B Bicycle Club hosts a new event on Saturday, January 11. Bicyclists choose from two paved road rides, with 50k and 100k distances. The 100k includes a ride to the Salton Sea and back to the start point at Palm Canyon Resort in Borrego Springs. The 50k is mostly flat, while the 100k includes "some rolling terrain." Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., and both rides depart at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 760-765-2200. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Let's Ride! Take an "easy, recreational bike ride through scenic areas of Escondido" on Saturday, January 11. The ride starts at 8 a.m. at Grand Bicycles (129 East Grand Avenue, between Broadway and Kalmia). Free. Helmets required. for

information, call 760-291-1248. (ESCONDIDO)

How Are the Waves? The National Scholastic Surfing Association hosts competition on Saturday, January 11, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Ocean-side south jetty. Admission is free for spectators. 714-960-9107. (OCEANSIDE)

Prepare for Hills, Sir! San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders will convene at 8:45 a.m. in the upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at the foot of Encinitas Boulevard) on Sunday, January 12, for a Fallbrook hills ride. Expect 90 miles of bicycling and an Italian lunch (bring money). For further information, call 619-583-8547. (ENCINITAS)

Ride the New Boardwalk with Knickerbiker bicyclists on Sunday, January 12. This 30-mile adventure for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at the south end of Lamont Street (the eastern end of Crown Point Shores) and includes lunch on the Ocean Beach Pier (bring money). For more information, call 619-286-7958. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Sockers versus Sidekicks, the San Diego Sockers host the team from Dallas on Sunday, January 12, at 6:05 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. Call 619-224-4171 for informa-

tion and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

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 Ruvinksis, the series continues with a look at Mario Bencastro's *Odyssey to the North* on Thursday, January 9, 7 p.m. Free. For information, call 760-839-4329. Next up: *The Agüero Sisters* by Cristina Garcia on February 13. (ESCONDIDO)

Boating for the People, the San Diego Boat Show takes place January 9-12 at the San Diego Convention Center and Marriott Marina (111 West Harbor Drive) and Marriott Marina. Organizers promise over 200 exhibits, fishing, electronics, kids' activities, diving, seminars, and accessories.

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At one point, at the luncheon, I had Rose Kennedy on one side and Ted Kennedy on the other, and it just didn't seem like it was really me that was sitting in the middle. It was very gratifying; it was very emotional."

"Did you begin, then, to support yourself as a writer?"
"Not too well. There were a few, brief periods in my life where I was writing books that were popular enough that I earned a good living for one book or another."

"You did a Betty Broderick book [*Forsaking All Others: The Real Betty Broderick Story* (1993)]."

"Yes, I did. That was the period. Also, I did a book on Mary Beth Whitehead [*A Mother's Story*]. And I did a book on the Florida baby-swapping case [*The Baby Swap Conspiracy: The Shocking Truth Behind the Florida Case of Two Babies Switched at Birth*]. That was the period where I actually managed financially. That's the only period — those three books. Otherwise, it's been a struggle."

I asked how she prepared for the Broderick book.
"I attended the entire trial, and then later I interviewed her at the prison where she was, outside of San Diego."

I said that this must have been an interesting period in Ms. Schwartz-Nobel's life.

She agreed. "It was interesting, and I felt successful in a way that I have never felt before or since, but this seems to me much more important, this book. I mean, it's more important to me. I'll never forget that my mother once referred to that period of my life when I wrote the Betty Broderick book and others like it as 'The time when I was writing slight books.' So I guess, in a way, I do feel that there wasn't the same need to write those books as there is to write this book. Although certainly people like Betty Broderick and Mary Beth Whitehead were engaged in struggle. And I was very, very interested in understanding them. And their struggles."

"And," I said, "because, as you write in *Growing Up Empty*, your husband had left you, you needed to feed your children." (Ms. Schwartz-Nobel writes, "It wasn't until after the end of my

marriage that I came to understand firsthand what it meant to be a suddenly single mother with two small children, promises of child support that didn't arrive, no regular income, and no health insurance.")

"That's the truth. I did."
When Ms. Schwartz-Nobel's first book, *Starving in the Shadow of Plenty*, was published in 1981, it was one of the first books to show that people were going hungry in America. How, I asked, did Ms. Schwartz-Nobel return to the subject of hunger?

"Well, 18 years had passed when I returned. I was driving with my car radio on to NPR, and there was an announcement that a new report had just come out from Second Harvest, now called 'America's Second Harvest,' indicating that one in ten people were regularly using a food bank to eat. And that these food banks alone had provided food to 26 million Americans, 88 percent of whom were children. I thought, 'My God, this problem is worse than it ever was.' At last count I heard there were about 140,000 grassroots agencies feeding hungry people. At the time that I wrote *Starving in the Shadow of Plenty*, there were really just a few church groups who fed people. There were no food banks, there were no food pantries, there were no regular setups for free meals onsite."

Why did Ms. Schwartz-Nobel think that federal and state governments did so little to keep our citizens from going hungry?

"I don't know the answer to that. I think that everybody who is asked would say, 'Of course we care.' Because who can acknowledge, even if it's not something that they care deeply about, that they don't care? Who would say that? Certainly President Bush wouldn't get on television and say that he didn't care if American children were hungry. So I think what happens is that there's a sort of a setup hierarchy of priorities. And this one is just shuffled under so that there isn't an acknowledgment that it exists. I really think that's the way it's handled. It's not acknowledged. We speak about poverty, but you almost never hear leaders speak about hunger in this country. If they spoke about hunger, they couldn't cut back on food-stamp programs."

"So they don't speak about it because the priority is to save the money to redistribute in other ways. The faith-based initiative was based on the idea that poor people were poor because they had emotional problems. Of course, it is a great strain emotionally to be this poor. If you didn't have emotional problems before — and who doesn't have some emotional problems? — you certainly would have them afterward, because how can you cope? I mean, some of those people are working two or three jobs, but they're all minimum-wage jobs. And they're part-time jobs, and they're jobs without benefits. And even when they're doing this, there isn't enough money to feed their children."

"The food-stamp program — which has now, of course, been drastically cut back — doesn't provide enough food, it doesn't allocate enough food for a family actually to get through a month. The stamps don't last a month. So these people resort to going to the food pantries. Then as there are more and more hungry people out of work showing up at the food pantries or people are cut off from the food stamp benefits, then these people are forced to rely more and more heavily on the food pantries. The food pantries can't meet the need. There's an escalating cycle of increasing need."

"Don't you think," I asked, "that if our elected representatives wanted to do something about people going hungry, that they could?"

"I do. I think we need a collective voice. I think there are some of our representatives who care and who have been fighting for food programs and have made it a priority, but there aren't enough
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Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. For more information, call 858-274-9924. (DOWNTOWN)

Friedrich Nietzsche's On Evil, Guilt, and Power is up for discussion when the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 10, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

"Words and Images — Western Calligraphy with a Japanese Influence," an exhibit of work by members of the San Diego Fellow Calligraphers, is on exhibit through Sunday, February 2, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Meet the participating calligraphers during the re-

ception planned on Saturday, January 11, at 4:30 p.m.

Regular garden hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 general, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

What's Brewing on the Russian River? Find out when Russian River Brewing Company head brewer Vinnie Cilurzo visits O'Brien's for a tasting of 15 different beers on Friday, January 10. Beers will be tapped beginning at 11 a.m. No cover. Find O'Briens at 4646 Convoy Street; 858-715-1745. (CLAIREMONT)

Showy Cactus and very special succulents from around the world will be on display this weekend at the annual winter show of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society. This show is scheduled for Saturday, January 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in

room 101 of the Casa Del Prado. Admission is free. (BALBOA PARK)

Cheer Extreme, the West Coast Mavericks All-Star Cheer Organization hosts this local competition for over 40 teams at all age levels — from elementary to high school — on Saturday, January 11. Doors open for spectators at San Diego State University's Peterson Gym at 9 a.m., with competition running 10 a.m. to around 3:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$8, children 6-12 are \$5, and those five and younger are free (parking is included in the fee). For more information, call 619-590-0323. (SDSU)

Hailing from Guinea, West Africa, master drummer Mamady Keita will offer workshops on Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12 at the Performing Arts Workshop (1105 Second Street). For details on the

specific subjects, times, and fees, call 858-793-0178. (ENCINITAS)

Talking With the Other Side, psychic mediums Elivia Melodey and Debra Feldman want to know: "Do you have loved ones who have passed to the other side that you'd like to hear from?" The duo will present "an afternoon of messages from the other side" on Saturday, January 11, 2 to 5 p.m., at Blisswoman (4839 Newport Avenue). The fee is \$35. To make the required reservations, call 619-523-5543. (OCEAN BEACH)

Tea for You? Would you like to taste unique teas and learn the art and science of tea at the same time? The Tea Pavilion offers informative presentations about tea and complimentary tastings of tea from around the world on the second Saturday of each month. Tea specialist Michael Figgins will offer two different teas — such as formosa silvertip oolong and

China Yunnan — and tea pastries.

The pavilion is located at the entrance to the Japanese Friendship Garden (next door to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on January 11. Reservations are not required. Free. 619-607-3298. (BALBOA PARK)

Bears, Toys, and Dolls, Oh My! Linda's 50th annual International Teddy Bear, Doll, and Antique Toy Show and Sale is set for Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple. Over 200 dealers will be on hand to tempt attendees, along with doll and teddy bear appraisals, identification, and repair consultations throughout the event.

Show hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5. Call 760-434-7444 for details. Find the center at 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Psychic Times, a metaphysical conference and psychic fair is scheduled at Alexandra's BookStore noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12. 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)

Cats and Dogs will be offered for adoption when FOCAS (Friends of County Animal Shelters) sets up at the North County Animal Shelter (2481 Palomar Airport Road) on Sunday, January 12, noon to 4 p.m. Call 619-685-3536 for further information. (CARLSBAD)

"Joined Lives — Joined Art," this exhibit of works by Lynn Schwartz and Neil Greenstein opens with a reception on Sunday, January 12, at 1 p.m., at the Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). The retrospective includes

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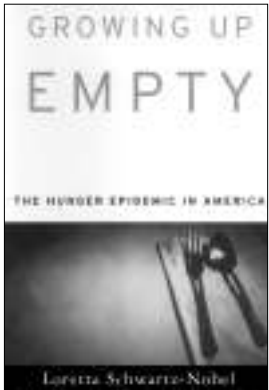
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to reach a majority, and there isn't enough outrage because, in part, there is not enough knowledge. Something about hunger in this country is so unbelievable that many people just aren't looking for it or don't see it."

I suggested, "You read more often in newspapers and magazines about reducing diets than you do about hunger."

"Absolutely. Hunger is not a popular subject, but at the same time I do believe that it's a subject people care about when it's forced

in front of them and it suddenly strikes them and they say, 'Oh, my God, I never realized.' "

I said that I could not help feeling that many of our elected representatives were indifferent to the problems of the poor.

"I do agree with that. I think certain elected officials don't care. They'll say they care if somebody says, 'Well, don't you care?' They're not going to say, 'No, I don't care.' They say, 'Of course we care.' But that's why they don't acknowledge the existence of hunger, because to acknowledge it would mean to confront it, and how can you confront it and then not do something about it?"

"Wouldn't doing something about hunger be good for the economy?"

"I think so. And part of the logic of that is that when you have kids growing up without enough food, they're not going to grow up in a normal way, and they're not going to function normally, and they're going to become dependent adults. These children can't pay attention in class because whatever energy they have is diverted toward organ growth. And there are lots and lots of kids who are in that category. Nobody knows exactly how many."

One of the most shocking stories Ms. Schwartz-Nobel tells

is that of hunger among military families. Ms. Schwartz-Nobel visited San Diego and interviewed military dependents. Was she surprised by what she learned?

"I was very surprised. I had never known about it. I discovered it by accident. At the Presbyterian Crisis Center, on Market Street in San Diego, I first heard that there were people in the military who were desperate, and the then-director was the person who told me about it. He set me up with a meeting with the wife of a career military person who has made it her goal to try to feed military families. And, of course, also to deal with the other things that poverty brings, like no furniture and no way to cope with emotional crisis. But this woman's primary focus is on getting these people food to eat. She runs handouts. And they're mobbed. It was astonishing to meet some of these families and to hear how they're struggling.

"I really, really was shocked. It had never occurred to me. We have this belief that you join the military to be taken care of. Many young people buy into it. Unfortunately, for most of the families, that's not the reality. The military advertises that this is the way to be a hero, to join them; this is the way to get ahead, this is the way to get taken care of, and then they get there and they experience the shock. It's just too little money. And base housing is in very short supply. But even those who manage to get the base housing, the pay scale just isn't high enough to meet living requirements."

Ms. Nobel-Schwartz's interviews with hungry people, I said, were difficult to read. The interviews must have been extremely difficult to conduct.

"It was very, very heartbreaking. But in some ways it was also very inspiring because I met people who had tremendous amounts of spirit, and very often I felt as if I wouldn't see that in other populations. Maybe because the middle class and the upper middle class get so used to having things. And they become unappreciative."

"What do you hope will happen because of this book?"

"Well, of course my hope is that there will be some improvement. I understand HarperCollins is going to send a copy of this

book to every member of Congress. I don't know if our Congresspeople will read it. I don't tell myself that I'm going to be able to go a long way in solving the problem. I understand that it's a very difficult thing for any single person to do, but if I can stir awareness and a little bit of outrage and a little bit of debate among policymakers, I will have done something."

"Perhaps," I said, "you will be called to Congress to testify, to tell some of the stories that are in this book."

"That would be great. I testified twice before, years ago, so I don't know that it would change an awful lot. One of the physicians from the Harvard Physicians Task Force has said that if there were the will to do it, hunger could really be eliminated in this country within a matter of months. Just take the surplus food and open up centers and bring food to areas the way they do to Third World countries where there are emergencies. And instead of discouraging people from taking what they're eligible for, they could just open it up and let hungry people come and get surplus food. It wouldn't eradicate poverty, but at least people wouldn't be going hungry.

"So the question is, why isn't it done? It is baffling. Our elected representatives have to know. They have to know that when they cut the food-stamp program by billions of dollars, it's going to have an impact on children. One has to think that underneath it must be something that they're either not thinking about or that they don't care. They're continuing to cut back these programs. But the reality is that these cutbacks have left some adults totally dependent on food pantries and kitchens and public places that now have less to feed children. Because the food stamps aren't enough. Families are showing up, and there will be fewer and fewer supplies left for them because adults are cut off who can no longer get any help and are actually in a situation in America where they could literally starve to death. These things are almost beyond belief in this country. And they've been going on for so many years. The whole concept of the American dream is that every free man can make his way in a good free society, but if you're undernourished as a little child, the damage can be permanent."

— Judith Moore

sculpture, paintings, photography, and more, on view through February. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Stamp Collectors Beckoned, the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair takes place on Sunday, January 12, with many stamp and cover dealers offering their wares from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Admission is free. Dial 619-469-0337 for details. (KEARNY MESA)

Tuck Into Some Haggis and Neeps during the 26th Annual Burns Supper honoring the memory of Scottish poet Robert Burns on Saturday, January 18, at the Town and Country

Hotel. Organizers promise the traditional Burns ceremony with "immortal memory" by Pat Talbert, highland bagpipes, the Stirling Bridge Pipe Band, and Celticana.

Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m.; supper — promising the aforementioned haggis and neeps — is served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Find the hotel at 500 Hotel Circle North. For information and space availability, call 619-223-0441. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Emphasis Is on Sunlight and Shadow in the oil and acrylic landscape paintings by Rosalie Dosik and Dick Mallow on view through Saturday, January 25, at the Mission Trails

Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). View hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 619-668-3275. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

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. 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

day 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)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides from noon to 3 p.m. on January 11 and 12 in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). The requested donation is 25 cents. For more information, call 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

"Tales of High Adventure" are promised when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents Carnival Concerts on Saturday, January 11. The San Diego Pantomime Theatre, Christian Youth Theatre, and others will join the orchestra for music from *Lord of the Rings*, *Peter Pan*, *Spider Man*, and *The Lion King*. Guests are invited to attend in costumes pertaining the concert's theme.

The performance begins at 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m.; and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert activities at

3:15 p.m. The preconcert fun includes an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. For reservations and information, call 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

Hey There, Little Red Riding Hood is on the program when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents its "Children's Classics" on Saturday, January 11, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Snow White* and *the Seven Dwarfs*, poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Marshmallow Roasting, Campfire Stories, arts and crafts, and a cookout are promised during "Kids' Night Out" at Mission Trails Regional Park. The program runs 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, at Kumeyaay Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). The fee is \$10. To make the required reservations, call 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Learn About Botany and plant propagation when Coastal Sage offers a workshop on pressing flowers on Saturday, January 11, at 1 p.m.

Find Coastal Sage at 3685 Voltaire Street; call 619-223-5229 to register. The fee is \$7. (OCEAN BEACH)

What's It Like to Be a Whale Baby? Find out during the class for those three and four years old planned on Saturday, January 11, at 9:30 a.m., at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. Kids will explore the relationship between mother and calf, what the babies eat, and how fast they grow through video, stories, crafts, and role playing.

The fee is \$25. The aquarium is found at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Juggling Feats Mixing Math and Science are promised when "Juggler Bob: The World's Strongest Juggler" takes the stage on Wednesday, January 15, at 10 a.m., at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). Tickets are \$5 for kids (18 and younger), \$10 for adults, available by calling 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Learn About the Critters living at Swami's when the Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots on Wednesday, January 15, at 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$12 per adult, \$8 per child (four and five years old). To make the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (ENCINITAS)

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MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

SNOW PROSE



Lord Byron, on January 5, 1821, wrote in his journal:

Rose late — dull and drooping — the weather dripping and dense. Snow on the ground, and sirocco above in the sky, like yesterday. Roads up to the horse's belly, so that riding (at least for pleasure) is not very feasible. Read the conclusion, for the fiftieth time (I have read all W. Scott's novels at least fifty times), of the third series of *Tales of my Landlord* — grand work — Scotch.

Clock strikes — going out to make love. Somewhat perilous, but not disagreeable.



Joseph Wood Krutch in *The Twelve Seasons*:

The snow itself is lonely or, if you prefer, self-sufficient. There is no other time when the whole world seems composed of one thing and one thing only.

Ernest Hemingway in *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*:

In Schrunz, on Christmas day, the snow was so bright it hurt your eyes when you looked out from the weinstube and saw every one coming home from church. That was where they walked up the sleigh-smoothed urine-yellowed road along the river with the steep pine hills, skis heavy on the shoulder, and where they ran that great run down the glacier above the Madlenerhaus, the snow as smooth to see as cake frosting and as light as powder and he remembered the noiseless rush the speed made as you dropped down like a bird.



Anton Chekhov's "Heartache" opens thus:

Evening twilight. Large flakes of wet snow are circling lazily about the street lamps which have just been lighted, settling in a thin



soft layer on roofs, horses' backs, peoples' shoulders, caps. Iona Potapov, the cabby, is all white like a ghost. As hunched as a living body can be, he sits on the box without stirring. If a whole snowdrift were to fall on him, even then, perhaps he would not find it necessary to shake it off. His nag, too, is white and motionless.

From Chekhov's "An Attack of Nerves":

If one looked upwards into the darkness, the black background was all spangled with white, moving specks: it was snow falling. As the snowflakes came into the light they floated round lazily in the air like down, and still more lazily fell to the ground. The snowflakes whirled thickly round Vasilyev and hung upon his beard, his eyelashes, his eyebrows.... The cabmen, the horses, and the passersby were white.



Thomas Mann's *The Magic Mountain*:

The winter came mildly on, at first no different from many a day they had seen in the height of summer. The wind had been two days in the south, the sun bore down, the valley seemed shrunken, the side walls at its mouth looked near and bald. Clouds came up, behind Piz Michel and Tinnenhorn, and drove north-eastwards. It rained heavily. Then the rain turned foul, a whitish-grey, mingled with snow-flakes — soon it was all snow, the valley was full of flurry; it kept on and on, the temperature fell appreciably, so that the fallen snow could not quite melt, but lay covering the valley with a wet and threadbare white garment, against which showed black the pines on the slopes.

For seven days snow falls across Mann's valley. And then, this:

The world, this narrow, lofty, isolated world up here, looked now well wadded and upholstered indeed: no pillar or post but wore its whitecap; the steps up to the entrance of the Berghof had turned into an inclined plane; heavy cushions, in the drollest shapes, weighed down the branches of the Scotch firs — now and

then one slid off and raised up a cloud of powdery white dust in its fall. Round about, the heights lay smothered in snow; their lower regions rugged with the evergreen growth, their upper parts, beyond the timber line, softly covered up to their many-shaped summits. The air was dark, the sun but a pallid apparition behind a veil. Yet a mild reflected brightness came from the snow, a milky gleam whose light became both landscape and human beings, even though these latter did show red noses under their white or gaily-coloured woolen caps.



Cynthia Ozick in *The Messiah of Stockholm* writes:

There was a bitter wind now, lording it over the black one o'clock. The blackness went on throwing the snow into Lars's face, and he packed his scarf over his nose and mouth — how warm his breath was in the little cave this made!... The spiraling flakes stuttered around him like Morse code. A smell of something roasting, what was that? Chimneys...



From "The Dead" by James Joyce:

A few light taps upon the pane made him turn to the window. It had begun to snow again. He watched sleepily the flakes, silver and dark, falling obliquely against the lamplight. The time had come for him to set out on his journey westward. Yes, the newspapers were right: snow was general all over Ireland. It was falling on every part of the dark central plain, on the treeless hills, falling softly upon the Bog of Allen and, farther westward, softly falling into the dark mutinous Shannon waves. It was falling, too, upon every part of the lonely churchyard on the hill where Michael Furey lay buried. It lay thickly drifted on the crooked crosses and headstones, on the spears of the little gate, on the barren thorns. His soul swooned slowly as he heard the snow falling faintly through the universe and faintly falling, like the descent of their last end, upon all the living and the dead.

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, the museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star*

newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. For more information, call 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building,

the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, the contributions of local residents whose front-line combat, nursing corps bravery, assembly-line labor, and hometown victory gardens are honored in "Lemon Grove in World War II." Parachutes, flags, uniforms, medals, draft cards, censored letters, ration books, war bride wedding gowns, and much more are included in the exhibit, on display through Thursday, July 31.

Also on display is "Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State." These beautifully designed labels once adorned crates of produce in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. Among the more than five dozen on display are three of Lemon Grove's own labels, designed for the original Lemon Grove Fruit Grow-

ers Association between 1893 and 1900.

The museum's continuing, core exhibits are "The Story of Lemon Grove" and "The Parson's Study." Find the museum at 7715 Church Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display through June. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and illusion.

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Human Body," "Technovation," "About Faces," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX

theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, over a dozen one-of-a-kind automobiles including hot rods, lowriders, and art cars are included in "Customize! Making It Your Own," on display through Sunday, January 26. The exhibition evolved out of the idea that cars are more than just transportation to many people; they may be self-expression, fantasy, or family projects.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

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LOCAL EVENTS

movie industry provides the focus for "Popcorn Venus," on exhibit through Monday, April 21. Hollywood served up glamour to the style-hungry masses, who, with the onset of the Depression, were looking for an escape from their everyday lives. Through designer drawings, photographs, costumes, and artifacts, the exhibition demonstrates how Hollywood could turn the average woman into a "popcorn Venus."

A history of the motion picture industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city's image during a century of movie making is charted in "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot." From the earliest silent films through the recent movies *Traffic* and *Almost Famous*, directors and producers have long been attracted to the county's diverse topography and conducive climate. The exhibit includes a video history of the silent film industry, trivia, and costumes worn by James Cagney, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, and others. This show closes on Monday, June 9.

How the Pacific Coast Highway (a.k.a. Highway 101) opened scenic and recreational opportunities and created a spine of development and urbanization is revealed in "Coast Road: 1900-1950," on display through Sunday, March 16. The exhibit features hundreds of photographic images, as well as artwork, artifacts, and ephemera paying tribute to Highway 101 and providing insight into the route's impact on development.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, Ecuadorian cultures were among the first in the Americas to discover the mixture of clay, water, and fire that led to the invention of ceramics. Take a closer look at "Ecuadorian Pottery Traditions" in the exhibit, featuring more than 100 pieces, plus photography of the potters of the process. Both decorative and utilitarian pottery are highlighted in this show closing on Sunday, May 4.

Working in conjunction with Amnesty International, the Survivors of Torture, and the International and San Diego Friends of Tibet, the museum has re-opened and expanded "Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance." The new component focuses on the reality of torture in the world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. The collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some of them extremely rare, primarily used from the 1400s up to the early 1800s. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Rising like a rumpled pillow from the eastern extremity of Otay Mesa, Otay Mountain offers unparalleled, integrated views of the bifurcated San Diego-Tijuana metropolis, the Coronado Islands, Point Loma, and San Diego Bay. Seen on a crystal-clear winter morning, the wide-ranging panorama is almost aerial in perspective and must be seen to be believed.

In December 1999, President Clinton signed legislation designating 18,500 acres of the Otay Mountain region as federally protected wilderness. The slopes are host to about two dozen rare or endangered plants, many of which are locally common but found nowhere else in the United States or in the world. The most impressive of these is the Tecate cypress, which grows in scattered stands on the north slopes.

The primary access to the mountain range is the 15-mile-long Otay Mountain Truck

Trail, a graded dirt roadway slicing longitudinally through the wilderness area but not included within it. Public use of the road includes travel by foot, mountain bike, and motorized vehicle (high clearance is definitely recommended).

To reach the west-side starting point, take Interstate 905 east from either I-5 or I-805. It becomes Otay Mesa Road atop Otay Mesa. Just before the main road curves south to the Otay Mesa border crossing, turn left (continue east) on Otay Mesa Road. After 1.5 miles, turn north on Alta Road and continue 0.9 mile to an unmarked road on the right. You pass the old Kuebler Ranch buildings and continue curling up the mountain on Otay Mountain Truck Trail.

On the east side of the mountain, Otay Mountain Truck Trail intersects Marron Valley Road, 2.7 miles south of Highway 94 near Dulzura.

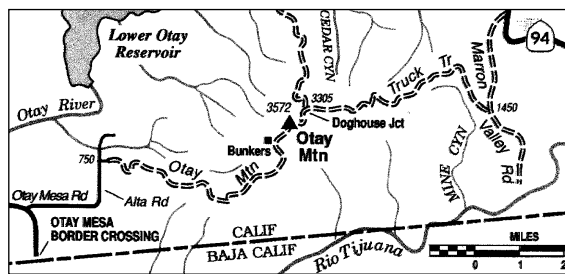
Whichever way you go, the scenery gets especially interesting near the 2500-foot level, where dwarf forests of Tecate cypress thrive by virtue of the extra moisture they gather from the often-soupy marine-layer clouds. You'll find the Otay Mountain summit



Otay Mountain

ridge crowned with an unsightly clutter of antennas, but your line-of-sight vision in winter often stretches to the snow-capped San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto Mountain ranges, about 100 miles to the north. Near the road about a mile southwest of the highest summit is an old concrete structure and other circa-World War II remains. During the war, massive gun emplacements, ammunition batteries, and lookouts were established here to defend against an anticipated Japanese naval assault.

Because of its proximity to the international border, U.S. Border Patrol agents intensively monitor the area. You will almost certainly interact with a least one of them. Noncitizens are advised to bring along their passports or other appropriate documentation!



guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Ongoing.

Hand-carved animals, vibrant ceramics and textiles, masks, and imaginative human images are showcased in the "Hecho en México," continuing through February. The exhibition boasts more than 900 pieces of hand-crafted Mexican folk art from the museum's permanent collection, described as "the largest of its kind outside of Mexico." In fact, the Mexican government donated over 500 pieces of folk art to the museum in 1952, and many of these pieces have not been on display since the 1960s.

The permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time:

Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features five galleries filled with "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric locomotives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop

trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train adventures through San Diego's backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual

Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Minding One's Mannerisms

Britten's Holy Sonnets of John Donne is a tough nut to crack.

Soprano Jennifer Bates gave a disagreeable recital in the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Revelle Series." At least the first half of the recital was disagreeable: I didn't stick around to see what this kinky singer would do with Schubert and Richard Strauss.

Bates didn't always used to be this kinky. In 2001, she appeared in the same venue (Sherwood Auditorium) as part of the Society's "Discovery Series," her program at that time including songs by Barber, Crumb, Poulenc, and Clara Schumann. I found her voice moderately pleasing, and her mastery of difficult scores impressive. Since then, she has acquired a new look and a new style of singing — or, rather, certain features of her singing style have been magnified to the point where one can hear nothing else. Her performances of three songs by Purcell and Britten's *Holy Sonnets of John Donne* were unbearably mannered, with every phrase, every ornament, and every expressive device calling attention to itself through tricks. A favorite trick, endlessly repeated, was to drive a phrase up to a climactic note and then produce that note as a sudden *pianissimo*. She made profligate use of vibrato-less notes, with a death-in-life effect. At various times, she would break out of her head voice for a single, unmotivated, feebly cawing chest tone. Her negotiation of rapid passages focused on unremitting in-and-out flickers of interpretation, at the expense of line. Throughout, one had the impression that the music was being gussied up, garishly painted, distorted with stays and corsets, and denatured by supposedly beautifying practices comparable to foot-binding or neck-stretching.

In the Purcell songs, Bates seemed to take as her model the very mannered performances of counter-tenor Alfred Deller in this repertoire. Deller could get away with such things because his voice was so weirdly distinctive: the strangeness of that plummy falsetto made the artificiality of the phrasing sound completely at home. Bates's voice is not of that quality. It is an ordinary, col-

orless, small, light soprano — very small, very light. It could not justify the exaggerated, mincing affectations that characterized her treatment of every passing turn or mordant. The contradiction between voice and pretension reminded me of a plain little girl, rouged and hennaed, and dressed up like a Victorian courtesan — except without the amusing charm of such an impersonation.

Things were worse in the *Holy Sonnets*, where the idiosyncratic nature of the composition demands tremendous intelligence and authority on the part of the performer, if Britten's song cycle is to make any sense at all. Admittedly, this work is a tough nut to crack. The problems begin with the texts. These meditative religious poems of Donne's are written in the poet's compact, complex, contorted, and obscure style. The intricate play of paradox overlies their most impassioned statements. Their metaphors are stretched to the breaking point. Their syntax is strained. Their language is not impenetrable, but it requires deliberate analysis and reflection to get through to its meaning.

Here is the poet speaking to his soul:
And can that tongue adjudge thee unto hell,
Which pray'd forgiveness for his foes' fierce spite?
No, no; but as in my idolatry
I said to all my profane mistresses,
Beauty, of pity, foulness only is
A sign of rigour: so I say to thee,
To wicked spirits are horrid shapes assigned,
This beauteous form assures a piteous mind.

If you read this slowly, and use all your wits, you can find your path through its labyrinth (even through such a beastly phrase as "Beauty, of pity, foulness only is/ A sign of rigour"), and you can uncover the gripping ideas and emotions that lie at its heart — and your difficulties in arriving at the meaning will be a vivid part of the whole poetic experience. But what happens when you hear the text sung, at a good clip, with no chance to go back, to reread, to try out hypotheses, or to allow your conscious and unconscious mind time to

make the poem part of your own life? Unless you already know the sonnet by heart, its text becomes a muddle; after a while, you stop even paying attention to it. The problem is exacerbated when, as was the case when Jennifer Bates climbed into her high register (where much of the music lies), the words are physically unintelligible.

Let all the words be clear as day — these poems remain refractory to a musical setting. One of Donne's most splendid sonnets ends like this (the poet is speaking to Christ):

Teach me how to repent, for that's as good
As if thou hadst sealed my pardon
with thy blood.

The syntax is normal, the language is straightforward — but in these lines, Donne is addressing various knotty dilemmas involving the roles that God's grace, human will, and Christ's sacrifice play in salvation, dilemmas which have exercised the intellects of Christian theologians for centuries. What can be the point of setting such lines to music? There is no way the music can clarify the meaning; in fact, just to turn this text into a song is to make nonsense of it.

Of course, vocal music can transcend its texts, and if Britten's settings have no chance of illuminating Donne's poems, at least they might constitute a valid musical experience in themselves. Unfortunately, the composer's style here is at its most rebarbative. Britten sometimes had a good sense of melody (consider his *Serenade* for Tenor, Horn, and Strings, for example); but he tended to abandon it when he wished to be dramatically expressive, as in much of his operatic writing, and in this sonnet sequence. So this innately conservative composer allied himself, at least marginally, with modernism: vocal music without melody is one of the triumphant discoveries of the 20th Century (along with abstract-expressionist painting, deconstructionism, and genocide).

Scarcely anything that could call itself a tune appears in the *Holy Sonnets*, except in the lyrical "Since she whom I loved hath paid her last debt" (about the death of Donne's wife, Ann). To make up for it, Britten powerfully captures the emotional state embodied in the poems: the self-tormenting religious anguish (so Protestant, so neurotic), the pervasive fever of guilt, the desperate craving to be saved, the unremitting



Benjamin Britten

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Jennifer Bates, soprano; Caren Levine, piano
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awareness of death and hell, the inextricable intertwisting of confidence and doubt, hope and terror. He does this by violent dramatic devices in the piano accompaniment (stupendously executed by Caren Levine at Bates's recital), and by shaping the vocal line with the most unexpected and sour intervals he can imagine. Yes, it's dramatic; yes, it's expressive; and yes, Britten understands Donne profoundly; but the music is just so damned ugly!

I have listened to the *Holy Sonnets* many times, and have grown to respect the music, although I cannot conceive that anyone could actually love it. The best performance I have heard is by Peter Pears, for whom Britten wrote the work, and whose dreadful vocal production, all in the head (and mainly in the nose), along with his tendency to sound tense and hysterical whatever he was singing, made Pears the ideal interpreter of this music. He, too, was a mannered singer (although by no means at Bates's level), but the very awfulness of his voice and preciousness of his style made him a fascinating artist, if taken in discreet measure. He carried off Britten's *Holy Sonnets* in a manner that made one glad one was listen-

ing to it, even if one would not have wanted to hear it soon again. Alas, I cannot say the same for Jennifer Bates. ■

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Romantic Inspirations, cellist Felix Fan joins the San Diego Chamber Orchestra for the next concerts of the season. The program includes Handel's "Solomon: Overture and Entrance of the Queen of Sheba," "Eine kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart, Bach's "Concerto for Two Violins and D Minor" and the "Brandenburg Concerto No. 2," along with pieces by Clarke and Vivaldi.

The program is offered Friday, January 10, at St. Joseph's Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue); on Monday, January 13, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street); and on Tuesday, January 14, at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information for all performances, call 1-888-848-7326. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Tales of High Adventure" are promised when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents Carnival Concerts on Saturday, January 11. The San Diego Pantomime Theatre, Christian Youth Theatre, and others will join the orchestra for music from *Lord of the Rings*, *Peter Pan*, *Spider Man*, and *The Lion King*. Guests are invited to attend in costumes pertaining to the concert's theme.

The performance begins at 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m.; and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert activities at 3:15 p.m. The preconcert fun includes an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults, with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. For reservations and information, call 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

Experience Silent Movies in a Raucous Fashion when the Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films continues its ongoing Not-So-Silent Film Festival on Saturday, January 11. The audience helps the live orchestra create the sound effects on a wind machine, the thunder sheet, rain wheel, and a theremin (if you dare!). The fun begins at 11 a.m. in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Noisemakers, admission, and parking are free. Call 858-534-8074 for information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

Guitar and Cello may be heard when guitarist Robert Wetzell and cellist Gania Mnondoian perform on Saturday, January 11, at 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). Mnondoian is "a master cellist from Europe." An offering will be received. For information, call 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

The Village Music Series features Menotti's opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on Sunday, January 12, at 5 p.m., at the Village Community Presbyterian Church

(6225 Paseo Delicias). The fully staged production features Katherine Lundeen, Austin Cesear, David Marshman, Tom Oberjat, Reid Di-enhart, and Scott Santamaria. Free. For information, call 858-756-2441. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Expect a Varied Musical Program when instrumentalists Carol Lam, Gareth Guest, and Bob Plimpton perform on Sunday, January 12, at 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). The program features the Claude Bolling "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio," two clarinet pieces, Ernest Bloch's "Concertino for Flute, Clarinet, and String Orchestra," and a new organ work by Stephen Paulus. An offering will be received. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Keyboard Conversations, the Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations series continues with a look at "Lions of Lyricism" on Sunday, January 12. The "lions" in question include Chopin, Liszt, and Grieg. The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$15 and \$21. Reach the box office by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Music for Flute and Piano from the baroque to the romantic is promised when flutist Clay Ellerbroek and pianist Bryan Verhoye perform for the Seagate Sundays series on January 12. The concert commences at 2 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 seniors and military, \$5 for children; two adults and at least one child are admitted for the family rate of \$25. For reservations and information, call 760-436-8744. (ENCINITAS)

"Sundays at Seven," this San Dieguito Performing Arts Association series continues with music by Brahms, Debussy, Mozart, and others performed by Sydney Weiss and pianist Jean Weiss on January 12. Weiss was concertmaster of the L.A. Philharmonic and Chicago Symphony, who currently holds the title

with the Glendale Symphony.

The music begins at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for seniors, \$8 for children. For reservations, call 760-752-5078. (LA COSTA)

Works by Beethoven, Chopin, and Schubert may be enjoyed when Martin Knezevic presents a concert on Sunday, January 12, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Former Civic Organist Jared Jacobson presents a free concert in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, January 12, at 2 p.m. Dial 619-702-8138 for further details. (BALBOA PARK)

Local Pianist Bryan Verhoye will perform selections by Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel, and Ginastera in concert on Monday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m., for the Chamber Concert Series at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. Questions? Dial 619-691-5164 x3 for answers. (CHULA VISTA)

Awarded First Prize at the Geneva International Music Competition in 2002, percussionist Aiyun Huang plans a solo recital boasting the North American premier of "Le Corps á Corps" by Aperghis. The piece is scored for *zarb* (a small, hand-held Arabic drum) and spoken voice, described as treading "the thin line between music and theater." The program also includes the world premiere of Inouk Demers' "Désatre," "Autumn Island" by Roger Reynolds, and "Are you a boy or a girl" by UCSD graduate student Sean Griffin.

The concert is slated for Tuesday, January 14, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry and Animation are promised when contrabassist Bertram Turetzky performs in recital on Wednesday, January 15, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville

Center. Guest artists include Nancy Turetzky (flute), Paul Elwood (banjo), and UCSD professor emeritus Jerome Rothenberg (poetic orator).

The concert begins with "Portrait" and "Duke Ellington Sound of Love" by Charlie Mingus, followed by Turetzky's solo piece "Spirit Songs." The program includes Elwood's "Road of Darkness, Distant Moon" and the multimedia piece "Romance With Double Bass," animation by Lori Gordon and score by graduate student Momilani Ramstrum. The concert ends with a duo of Rothenberg reciting poetry and Turetzky on bass.

Tickets are \$8 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

New Year, New Talent, the "Images Through Music" series continues when the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus presents winners of the annual Young Artist competition in concert on Thursday, January 16, at the San Diego Museum of Art. The performers will present music by composers from the Impressionist period.

The evening begins with wine and cheese at 5:30 p.m., with the concert commencing at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Masterworks in the North, the San Diego Symphony continues its "New World Season" at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido with a concert on Thursday, January 16, at 8 p.m. Maestro Jahja Ling (the latest candidate in the symphony's search for a new music director) conducts the orchestra and cellist Lynn Harrell in Fauré's "Elegy for Cello and Orchestra." The program includes Mahler's "Symphony No. 5" and the "Concerto No. 1 for Cello and Orchestra" by Saint-Saëns.

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GALLERIES

Sculptures and Drawings from 1955 to 1991 by Lynn Chadwick go on exhibit at the Tasende Gallery beginning with a reception on Friday, January 10, at 6 p.m. Regular 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. The show closes on Saturday, February 15. (LA JOLLA)

Current Featured Artists at the Joseph David Gallery are sculptor Brad Burkhart and painter Tim Caton. Meet the duo at the reception slated for Friday, January 10, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located at 760 Eighth Avenue; 619-702-6290. (DOWNTOWN)

Illustrated Ceramics by Sayoko Becker go on exhibit with an opening reception on Saturday, January 11, at 4 p.m., at Gallery Alexander (7925-A Girard Avenue). Becker was born in Japan, studied art illustration in Tokyo, and later moved to the U.S. See the show through Sunday, February 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 858-459-9433. (LA JOLLA)

The Holidays Are Over — does everything feel somehow blue? Members of the Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery explore the color and the mood in “Color Me Blue,” on view through January. You’re invited to meet the artists at the reception planned on Saturday, January 11, at 4 p.m.

The gallery is located at 845 Main Street. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For further information, call 760-789-3682. (RAMONA)

“One Year in Block,” experience this “12-month emotional journey taken by artist Jessica Tehan in India ink and Prisma color pencil masterpieces” while the show is on exhibit through Monday, February 3, at the Sharp Studios/Gallery. Meet the artist during an opening reception planned in conjunction with “Ray at Night” festivities on Friday, January 10, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at 3807 Ray Street; 619-260-1815. (NORTH PARK)

“It’s Hot,” ten artists whose work is “burning up the art scene in San Diego” are showing two- and three-dimensional work at the Très Studio Gallery. There’s a reception planned on Saturday, January 11, at 6 p.m.

Find the gallery at 3803 Ray Street; 619-297-8737 x4. View the work through Saturday, February 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. (NORTH PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “Public Projects” is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center’s 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, 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, “Jack Lenor Larsen —The Company and the Cloth” is on exhibit through Sunday, January 12. 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.

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.

“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 relationship between humans and nature, reality, and fiction by using familiar imagery in “Natural Inclinations.” 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.

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, Los Angeles-based sculptor Pe-

ter 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, the ongoing tribute to midcareer photographers who live and work in California continues with “American Noir: The Photographs of James Fee,” opening on Sunday, January 12. Large color photographs from Peleliu Island by Fee *files* are paired with small, black-and-white snapshots made by Russell Fee (the artist’s father) in 1944 in “The Peleliu Project.” Works from Fee’s “America Series” are included in the exhibition, images addressing the legacy of World War II, examining “the dark side of America’s postwar optimism and prosperity.” The show closes on Sunday, March 23.

Photographs and cinematic montages by Russian photographer Alexander Rodchenko are said to have played a substantial role in establishing the visual language of modern art in the 20th Century. “Alexander Rodchenko: Modern Photography, Photomontage, and Film,” beginning on Sunday, January 12, and concluding on Sunday, March 23, includes vintage photographic publications, cinematic montages created with filmmaker Dziga Vertov, and portraits by Rodchenko’s contemporaries.

Several large- and medium-format photographs by contemporary South Korean photographer Bohnchang Koo are on exhibit through Sunday, January 12. 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)

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, 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. 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.

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 brushwork 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.

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. The images are from the museum’s Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, originally created for court occasions, diplomatic gifts, and political purposes, sculptures by the 16th-Century sculptor Giambologna were admired for their high quality and incredible detail. An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Giambologna and the artisans and artists who worked in his studio is currently on exhibit. “Giambologna: Sculpture by the Master and His Followers” includes approximately 70 works, with a diverse range of subjects such as animals, historical, and mythological figures. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 30.

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Isamu Noguchi, *Figure* (detail), bronze 1945 (cast 1979), The Isamu Noguchi Foundation, Inc., Long Island City, New York.

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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 melo-drama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the “Junkman,” was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the ’60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros’s costumes are a history lesson (the times weren’t the only thing “a-changin’ ” back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant’s four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however,

Nick Reid’s set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the ’60s, they were minted currency. **Worth a try.**

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Boomers
Class is back in session: Intro to Baby Boomers. Born between 1946 and 1964, they’re the largest generation in history, they’re writing the book on self-obsession, and one turns 50 every seven seconds. Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington’s salute takes musical walks down all manner of memory lanes: historical, socio-logical, even televisional (at one point the cast blazes through TV theme songs, and mini-bursts of recognition ignite in the audience). The show alternates between nostalgia and hard looks at then (JFK, Vietnam) and now. Backed by a hot four-piece band, the seven-person cast sings snatches of songs. It’s as if your time machine is channel surfing. Just as you remember one, the cast does another. The result: waves, at times floods, of memories. Directed by Meads, the briskly paced production boasts accurate period costumes by Jeanne Reith, a set composed of countless logos (from golden arches to Alfred E. “What, Me Worry?” Newman of *Mad* magazine), and a strong cast. For actual Baby Boomers, the show also includes advice for overcoming the “Big Chill Syndrome.” It’s

lively, funny, and could run for- ever.

Worth a try.

LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH JANUARY 19; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 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.

Chalk It Up to Murder
H.I.T. Productions presents a dinner theater-mystery: life in Cactus Gulch is pretty much normal, of late, “but things change.” SHIRLEY’S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Deathtrap
OnStage Playhouse presents Ira Levin’s thriller about plagiarism, betrayal, and murder, set in a “living room full of dangerous weapons.” Kathryn Moss directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, THROUGH FEBRUARY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

An English Music Hall
La Jolla Stage Company stages this “gaudy, bawdy, and a little bit naughty” old-time music hall revue. Turn-of-the-century songs include “Don’t Go Out Without Your Hat Pin” and “Nobody Loves a Fairy When She’s Forty.” Wayne Tibbets directed. THE STAGE AT LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, 5661 BIRD ROCK AVENUE, LA

JOLLA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Fault Line One-Acts
The Fault Line Theatre presents *An Act of God*, by Aleisha Russell, and *Final Brood* and *The Further Romantic Adventures of Margaret (Abridged)*, by Ted Falagan. FAULT LINE THEATRE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, THROUGH JANUARY 18; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Forbidden Broadway
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Hippolyos
For its first fully staged production of an ancient classic, 6th @ Penn Theatre presents Euripides’ tragedy about Phaedra’s unrequited passion for her stepson. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH JANUARY 29; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

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Joey and Maria’s Comedy Italian Wedding
The Culy Theater hosts “not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater,” as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a “challenge match” against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from



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Proof

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the 2001 Pulitzer Prize–winner for drama, David Auburn’s tale about the emotional and scientific revelations triggered when a mysterious mathematical proof is discovered. Michael Bloom directed.
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Sabrina Fair

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from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors in-vented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, 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 John- stone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use.

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"I contacted the bands that they claimed to work with, and none of them had ever heard of them."

Cameron Jasper sent a

(www.atlanticpacific.com), only to find the bands listed were not clients.

Jasper said the website used the logos of the Bangles, Dokken, and Ratt. "After I contacted each band, they filed injunctions to keep their logos off the website. I noticed one by one their logos started not appearing

heard of Animal 32. "Maybe it was an intern who talked to them."

Devine said his company specialized in "dinosaur bands.... We work with bands like the Temptations or Blue Öyster Cult."

The fact is, a number of small agencies across the country list nationally recognized artists on their agency roster, but these acts are actually signed for exclusive representation to a different agency. If, for instance, a nightclub contacted Atlantic-Pacific to hire the Temptations, Atlantic-Pacific would then have to go through the Temptations' exclusive agency, which in this case is ICM of New York and Beverly Hills.

I ask Devine why his company is not listed in Pollstar, which is considered the bible of the concert business.

"Probably because we stopped subscribing to it," he said.

Does Pollstar not list agencies because they don't subscribe?

"Absolutely not," said publisher Gary Bongiovanni. "We do turn people down who want to be listed. If we

have any questions about them, or if we know there are problems, we don't list them. If somebody lists Elton John or Eminem as their artist, we

January 18 at SOMA with Aurous and Suntower. Admission is \$7.

— Ken Leighton



SKEPTICAL ANIMAL 32

know this is somebody we don't want to deal with." He said Pollstar will list a few "middle agencies who are well established. Some acts aren't exclusive to anybody. There are 20 people who claim to represent the Drifters."

So who does Atlantic-Pacific actually represent?

Devine says, "We have a band called Big Delicious and the Testicles. We got them on the Howard Stern show on January 15."

Animal 32 appears

"He told me in front of 15 people, 'I'm a businessman and you're just a lackey in a band. From now on you will refer to me as Mr. Broach.' I threw an ice skate at him, gave him the middle finger, and packed up my stuff and left."

Willie Carter plays bass and sings in the Drapes. He also occasionally provides the sound system for the Saturday live band showcase at the Iceoplex in Escondido. He describes his relationship with entrepreneur Joe

Broach.

"He asked us if we wanted to do shows together, and he would come on as a sponsor. He said he wanted to do it to promote his driving school [Broach said he owns Balboa Driving School].

"I was supposed to run sound and book the bands. He was in charge of paying the bands. He guaranteed every band \$100, and I was supposed to get \$150 for running sound." Carter said that arrangement lasted for only two Iceoplex shows.

"It went from 'I'm gonna pay all the bands' to him telling me who to book and who not to book and bossing me around like I was an employee. I basically didn't get paid for doing sound two different times."

Then came the night that Carter threw the ice skate at Broach. Carter said the December 14 incident was followed by a series of e-mails and phone calls from Broach to local bands that slammed Carter.

"My phone started ringing off the hook," said Carter. "The bands who called me said that Broach told them that I ripped them off and I owed them money."

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CD of his local band Animal 32 to an Austin company called Atlantic-Pacific Entertainment. His band wanted an agent and he heard Atlantic-Pacific was looking for clients.

"We were stoked initially, but we decided to check them out because when the guy called he was really fast on the phone, like he didn't have time to answer any questions."

Jasper said he contacted many of the bands listed on the company's website

on the website."

Jasper said the only band listed on the website whom he contacted who had heard of Atlantic-Pacific was an unsigned band from the East Coast. "They were just starting out. They said they were asked to pay \$300 just to get the ball rolling."

A call to Atlantic-Pacific general manager Robert Devine started with a question: "Are you an owner of Atlantic-Pacific?"

"Kinda sorta," he said. Devine said he had never



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Pinwheels and Shadow Falling confirm they were deluged with anti-Carter tirades.

"He e-mailed me two or three times saying Willie Carter wasn't to be trusted," said Galen Baggs of the Pinwheels. "Willie's been great to us. We're still dealing with Willie."

"The people at the Iceoplex told him it would be better if they parted ways,"

Nikki Greneier, band night director at the Iceoplex about Broach. "He tried to come in



DRAPES BASSIST TAKES UP ICE SKATE TOSSING

said Carter.

"We basically said, 'You're out of here,'" said

and take over."

Broach said it was his decision to leave the Iceoplex. "When we were there with parents, there were bands who were drinking. I'm not there to watch minors drink. After I saw the drinking, I said, 'Enough is enough. I'm out of here.'"

Carter admitted one of the bands did bring beer and were told to get rid of it.

"The reason I got involved is I'm building an online driver's ed course," said Broach. "Teens like music, and I thought it would be a good place to promote driver safety."

The Drapes appear February 1 at the all-age Iceoplex in Escondido.

— Ken Leighton

Ron Fountenberry, who performs and records as the

Incredible Moses Leroy, has been getting "tons of calls" from friends who heard his "Fuzzy" song featured in a new national TV ad for Vespa motor scooters.

"I haven't actually seen it yet, but from what I hear, it seems like they built the commercial around the song."

The TV spot uses Fountenberry's lyrics ("You are soft and fuzzy / You are warm and cuddly") and the "la-la-la-la" chorus he sampled from a 1960s record by the Sandpipers.

"I found the record in a thrift store. I bought it because of the cover."

"Fuzzy" first appeared on his self-released 1998 CD *Bedroom Love Songs* and on his first CD for Ultimatum, *Electric Pocket Radio*, released in 2001.

I ask Fountenberry if he was worried about Ultimatum firing half its staff this last summer.

"It seems like every year they let people go and then they bring in new people to replace them."

As for selling his song to Vespa, Fountenberry says, "They came to us. I think they heard about it because Northwest Airlines used it regionally last year." He says he splits the Vespa royalties with the Sandpipers "50/50" and that the song was licensed to Vespa for a one-

time fee, not on a per-use basis.

"It's generally a one-time thing. But we also had some songs on *Malcolm in the Middle*. When that show goes into syndication, we will get some more royalties."

Fountenberry says that his next record is due out May 6,



MOSES GOES ALL SOFT AND FUZZY

"but that is subject to change." He also credits Moby with opening the door for a lot of bands like him who aren't mainstream. "We fit well with quirkier

commercials. We're good for companies who aren't gonna spend \$6 million on Britney Spears. Dirty Vegas broke because of their Mitsubishi commercial."

The next Incredible Moses Leroy appearance is at the Casbah in February. He's now backed by former Elgin Park members Matt Lanot (drums) and Eric Hinojosa (keyboards) and by ex-Inch bassist Kristian Dunn.

— Ken Leighton

"On 94/9 they say they only play eight commercials an hour. We play less than that," says 92/1's music director Rick Savage.

On a recent Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5 p.m. 91X played 13 commercials, 94/9 aired 8, and 92/1 played 5.

"What gets me," says Savage, "is that 94/9's website says they play U2, the Clash, Coldplay, Bob Marley, STP, REM, Pearl Jam...artists you won't hear on those corporate FM stations. Clearly [94/9 station owner] Jefferson Pilot is a big corporation. And 91X has been playing those artists for 20 years. What are they talking about?"

92/1 owner Art Astor fired program director Mike Halloran and two others in September. The station seemed in disarray as rumors circulated that Astor was selling 92/1 to a Spanish

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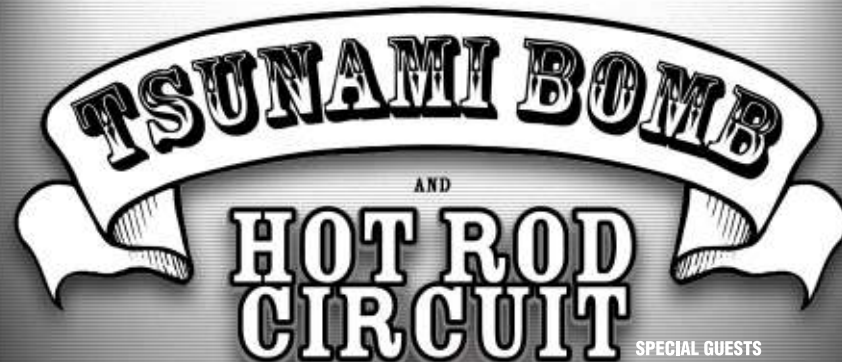
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broadcaster. It was just announced that Astor did sell his other FM station in Anaheim. It will flip from alternative rock to Spanish programming this week. But 92/1 isn't going away anytime soon, says Savage.

Meanwhile, 91X turns 20 this month. At press time the station had not announced any special plans. When 91X began, it was the only local alternative rock outlet. Now there are three, including 92/1 and 94/9, or four if one counts KPRI (which calls itself "triple A," which stands for "adult album alternative" for its older, less teen approach).

— Ken Leighton

"Music retailing is becoming more corporate. That's probably the reason this store is going under, because of the corporation that owns us."

So says Jedi, an employee

of the soon-to-be-closed downtown Music Trader. Jedi says he doesn't know if Music Trader will have a job for him at any of the seven remaining stores. Music Traders in Pacific Beach, Oceanside, and Santee are also closing this month. Employees said exact dates had not been set.

The free-spirited, creative atmosphere of indie record stores, romanticized in the movie *High Fidelity*, seems to be disappearing. When the Oceanside Music Trader goes away, so will its Wall of Shame.

"It's crap that we find in



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the store that makes us laugh," said Music Trader employee Justin Eddy about the collection of CDs proudly

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Pauly Shore. It's called *The Future of America*. I don't need to say anything more about that."

Eddy says the most sought-after Wall of Shame disc is Hulk Hogan's *Hulk Rules*. "But we don't want to sell that because it's too funny to look at."

I ask Eddy if the Warehouse or Tower would ever have a Wall of Shame. "No way. They would see it as bad business."

Another independent record store is also on its way out in North County. Unless owner Gary Goldstein finds a buyer, Gary's Record Paradise will also close this month after 25 years in downtown Escondido.

— Ken Leighton

Off the Record in

Hillcrest was sold last month. I asked Greg Horton, who has managed the record and CD store since 1998, if he had any worries.

"No. Phil and Rich [the owners] were awesome. They made sure the employees were part of the deal when they sold the store."

I asked former owner Rich Horowitz, who's been with OTR since 1978, what he'd be doing now.

"I'm going to focus more on Artchives," he said. Artchives is Horowitz's website that features photos, books, and DVDs from rock photographer Henry Diltz.

Horowitz also said that Off the Record "isn't changing, and the new owners said they were looking for a record store to buy. This place has a great

history in the 25 years it's been here, and it's going to stay.... People love to buy vinyl. Kids buy the old records and the new releases. It's not just hip-hop and dance."

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"We're...trying to have more bands in here playing," said Horton. "We'd like to do at least one of those in-stores a month."

— Josh Board

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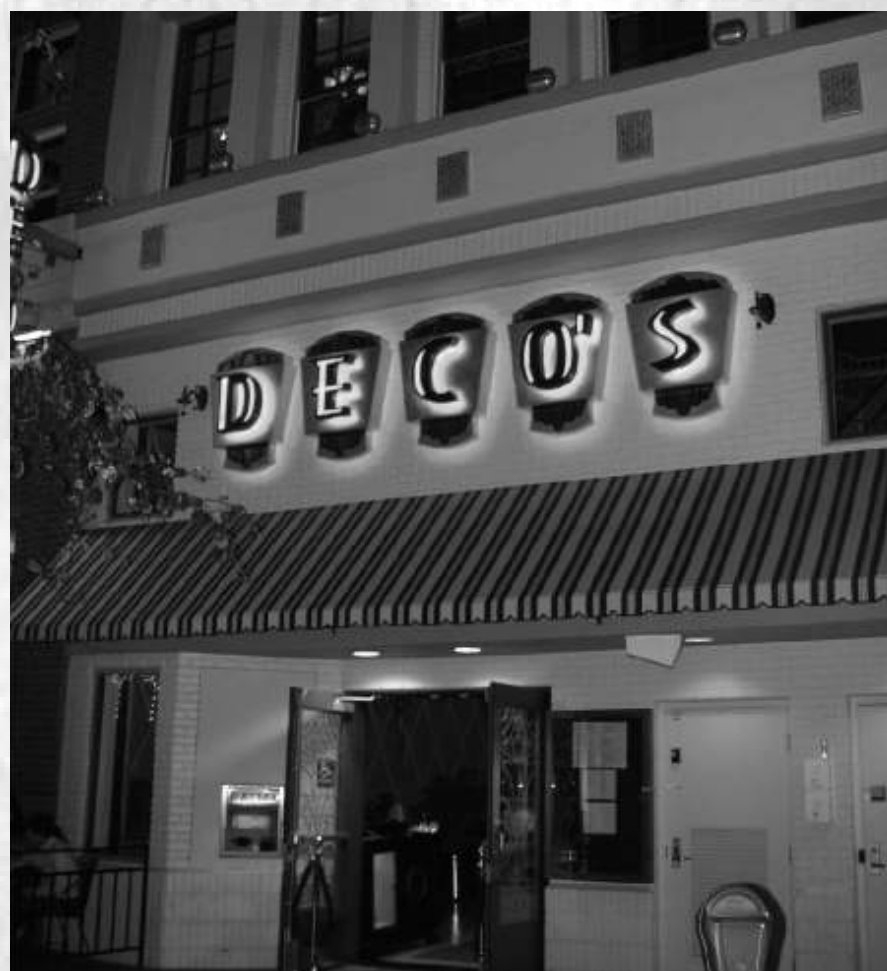


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Furtive Transmitter

"We have a high-security culture for obvious reasons."

The story of my involvement with Pirate Radio begins and ends on the Web. In all the time that I spent researching the local pirate station, I was never able to tune in to their clandestine transmissions on a radio of any kind. Whatever it is they do, I've never heard it. They are, however, online at www.pirate969.org. Aside from radical politics, the site didn't offer much to go on.

PIRATE FM

DAVE GOOD

Pirate DJs lay it all on the line — a friend once did some jail time and paid a fat fine for jamming a signal with a stolen transmitter.

I send an e-mail to the Pirate people and eventually get several e-mails and even a phone call from one Bob Ugly. We agree to meet at a coffee shop in North Park. But instead of one guy on the appointed night, there are three of them waiting on the sidewalk, all in their early 20s, clean-shaven, and furtive. One of them seems to be in charge. He says that he is not Bob Ugly, the person I was expecting. I do not believe him.

"Are you the guy that called me today?" I ask.

He nods. "Actually," he says, "there were a lot of people who called you today. You might not have noticed."

I did not, I say. They all sounded like one guy to me.

"In fact, I only spoke to one person," I say, "and that person identified himself as Bob. Is that any of you?" I ask the group. They don't move a muscle. They just look at me. "I called you," the one in charge finally says. At this point, I'm beginning to doubt that these guys are even part of Pirate Radio 96.9. For one thing, they don't seem like radio guys. They come off more like Dungeons and Dragons types.

"So if you're not Bob Ugly, then did Bob Ugly send you?" I ask the main guy.

"Yes. Sort of," he says.

"Why didn't he come in person?"

"He had to work, I think."

"Is Bob Ugly the leader of the group?"

"No," he says. "We're an autonomous group," he says. "But Bob Ugly owns the transmitter."

At their insistence we find a small table outside. The leader pulls out a cheap tape recorder, centers it on the table, and stabs the record button with his index finger. He wouldn't say why

he was taping our conversation. When I ask for names, they give me aliases. One of them goes by Black Swan. The leader, the one who is not Bob Ugly, gives a name that sounds like Malkovitch. The third, dressed in black, declines to give me a name of any kind. He crouches just outside the perimeter of our table and scans the street. "Are you a bodyguard, or a DJ, or both?" I ask.

"Well, I don't really have anything to say as far as the radio goes," the lookout says.

"We have a high-security culture for obvious reasons," says the one who calls himself Black Swan.

"I'm involved in the activist scene," the lookout says. "We're all activists."

"The purpose of the radio station is to serve as an outlet for activism pretty much," says Black Swan, "and activism doesn't fall within the confines of the law."

Swan is fiddling with a small leaflet. It is a black thing emblazoned with the words Free Radio San Diego. There is a picture of a man at the bottom of the flyer surrounded by these words: "This corporate pig is the CEO of Clear Channel. They own over 1200 radio stations across the USA, including 13 [that they own or control] in San Diego, and violently oppose campaign finance reforms because it will take money from his greedy pig-pockets."

I ask the two what it's like being pirate broadcasters and if they've been harassed much.

"Every single night we broadcast we've seen the FCC [Federal Communications Commission]," says Malkovitch. "The first night he [an FCC officer] came actually into our van — I think his name is Williams — and, uh, he asked us to accept a piece of paper and we didn't accept it, so..."

I ask him what he thought was on the paper.

"That we were broadcasting illegally without a license," says Malkovitch.

"And that's a criminal act?" I ask.

"According to them," says Swan. "But it's unconstitutional in my opinion," he says, "because it goes against First Amendment rights."

Neither Swan nor Malkovitch would specify how they actually broadcast. What I gleaned from



The Pirate Radio webpage

their conversation is that sometimes they sit in a van, sometimes they climb to the top of a local foothill and sit out in the elements and broadcast with a device that looks like a shortwave radio but is actually a small, weak transmitter. The transmitter is portable, and they can plug a CD player or tape player into it. The programming is prerecorded onto a CD or tape and then played later. They do not broadcast live. Other pirate operations I have known used an actual studio setup with DJ, turntables, and a big transmitter.

"Also, we have...important rights that we have...in times of a state of emergency — anyone can broadcast over FM below a hundred watts. That's a law," says Malkovitch. "We've been in two states of emergency — one with Cuba, and now the current war on terrorism."

"It's crucial for the community to get involved with these issues," Black Swan says, "because mainstream media for the most part has been following, you know, sheepishly along with the Bush administration's policy and stuff like that. And that's something that defeats the purpose of what media's supposed to represent — the critical voice against the status quo. We're supposed to question government. That's how democracy



Pirate Radio's area of transmission

functions," he says. "My involvement in the Free Radio project has been to do that. It's a service to the community to bring opposing views or different ideas, you know, out there for people to, to think about and question. You're not gonna get that with a media conglomerate like Clear Channel. I mean, right after September 11 they banned a few songs to keep them from being played, which is dangerous because it's like a type

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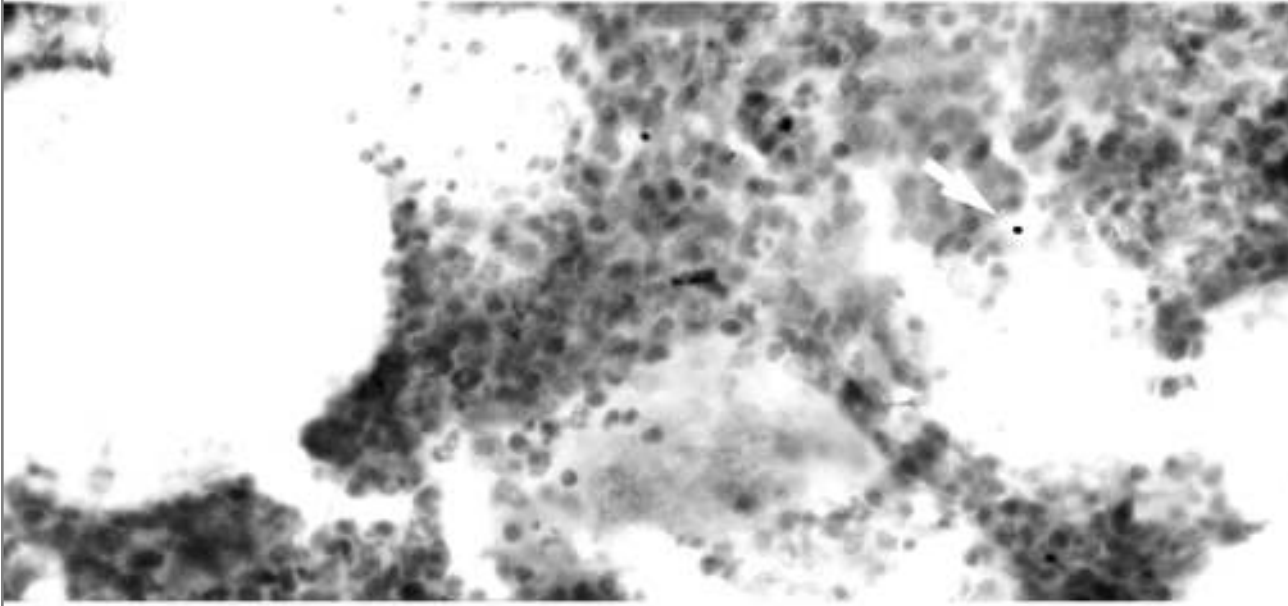
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of thought control. I mean, they banned 'Imagine' by John Lennon."

A plain white Ford sedan pulls up to the curb six feet away from us. It is a car similar to the kind used by undercover police. The look-

"duty" that night in this collective of a dozen. That person then becomes the chief engineer and producer.)

Still, I'm bothered by the fact that Free Radio San Diego is so visible in public (they have a webpage and are willing to grant interviews). Black Swan tells me that times have changed and that on their webpage are links to webpages of other similar free radio stations. "Free Radio Santa Cruz,

"Activism doesn't fall within the confines of the law."

out springs to action. He taps Black Swan on the shoulder, and they all turn and look at the car. But it is a false alarm — for one thing, there are big fuzzy dice hanging from the car's rearview mirror. I ask what they would have done had it really been the Feds. I get a vague answer. "We would have stopped talking to you," says Malkovitch, "and walked away." Later, he gives me a treatise on dealing with "the Law": don't talk to them, don't lie to them, don't accept any papers they want to give you.

The two go on to talk about local issues like police shootings, the homeless, and affordable housing as subjects ignored by "mainstream media that we want to get into light."

"Is that what this is all about?" I ask them. "Your politics? Or is the radio station about playing music?"

"Music is part of it too," says Swan, "because, you know, there's a lot of independent music that doesn't receive any airplay from mainstream radio."

They tell me that they have played soul, reggae, blues, and local acts like Mother Russia, the OC Bombers, and the Locust.

"In the true spirit of pirate radio," I ask, "do you guys actually jam or override another station's signal?"

"Actually, we're more cautious than most people," says Malkovitch. "We have a limiter that stays exactly — all our equipment is set for 96.9. Because that's the furthest [frequency] from any other radio station. It's actually one of the numbers that you're not supposed to broadcast on because it's like a buffer [between signals]. That's why we've taken advantage of it." He and Black Swan describe their transmitter: portable, not much larger than their tape machine, under 100 watts. The show, what they describe as an audio collage of editorial commentary and music, is prerecorded during the day on tape and is then played back over the air later at night. (They eventually reveal that they broadcast from a mountaintop in the East County. I learn that broadcasting falls on the shoulders of whoever is on

for example, 92.3, they have a website as well, and they actually have live streaming...right over the Internet. We don't have those kinds of resources right now, so...our limited broadcasting [is] on Sunday nights so far."

Although I don't know it at the time, this will be the last meeting with anybody from Pirate Radio. Earlier, at Bob Ugly's insistence, I got an account at Hushmail.com, a message center that encrypts communications. I chose the police code for an insane person, 5150, for my user name. When the service asked for an authentication phrase, I wrote, "The red dog is in the tree." We used this service once, to set up our original coffee shop meeting. After that, with the exception of a cryptic phone message on my cell inviting me to Pirate Radio's secret broadcast site (which I retrieve too late to attend), there are no replies to any of my messages.

By late November, the Free Radio San Diego webpage is down. I have still not been able to get them on the radio. They do not return any of my e-mails, nor do I receive any of the general e-mails they had been posting to their mailing list. I assumed they are finished — if they ever existed in the first place.

I go to the webpage of the San Diego Independent Media Center, where I find this posting, updated on 11.22.02:

"The FCC continues [sic] its harassment of Free Radio San Diego (FRSD) in the form of monitoring, car chasing, intimidation, and threats.... The activists who volunteer for FRSD 96.9 have been through a lot of intimidation in the past couple of weeks in an FCC-led attempt to rid San Diego of these 'hooligans' whose only goal is to serve the community. Free Radio is an integral part to any democratic and free society concerned with an open forum for independent culture, non-corporate news, and radical politics. Help support FRSD by signing this petition." I didn't see any signatures.

Repeated efforts to contact Free Radio San Diego or the FCC via its press office in Washington D.C. have gone unanswered. ■



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"Man, you won't believe what happened to me last night. Thelonious came into the room."

I've been making a sweep of the record stores in NYC and the Bay Area. Do you notice we still use the term records? Well, in the current San Francisco Yellow Pages I see a change: Now it's CDs, Records, and Tapes. But that takes rather long to say, no? I'm going to the CD, Record, and Tape shop...that doesn't work very well.

Regardless, before retraining to NYC and then heading to Europe to continue our sweep across the planet, let's make a sweep of Berkeley, see if they've got any treasures in their bins. Berkeley, no matter how one feels about the place, is tough to beat for book shops and record stores, both new and used. One can do some serious damage to the wallet in Berkeley.

The primary music-shopping action is on Telegraph Avenue, which changes over time but retains its generally repulsive character. Fifteen years ago when I taught at UC Berkeley, it was a better street for record shops. There were two Towers, one for classical and one for everything else. A great big terrific store called Leopold's, along with two other big, splendid independents: Rasputin's and the original Amoeba, which, a friend tells me, has recently opened an outlet in L.A.

Tower moved into Leopold's, closing its classical unit down the block. Leopold's is gone. That's the bad news. The good news is Rasputin's and Amoeba are bigger and better than ever. And, lest I forget, there's the peerless Musical Offering on Bancroft, which I've written about at length previously and which specializes in early

and baroque music but has a bit of everything. Now, there's Down Home Music out in El Cerrito for you blues, roots, world, and whatnot fans, but let's not get too far afield.

I was digging around in the jazz bin at Rasputin's when I hit the mother lode, a disc I sold nearly a decade ago and have searched in vain for since: Walter Davis Jr.'s *In Walked Monk*, 15 interpretations of Monk's originals recorded in Glenn Dale, Maryland, in 1987 on the Mapleshade Studio's 1911 Steinway "O." Now, I've been after this baby forever, looking all over America, Europe, Raratonga, Goa, name it!

So what's the big deal? Who doesn't try his hand — or her hand, for that matter — at Monk

compositions? The big deal is, *chillen*, there's only one other human that plays them GOOD — that is, besides the Monkish Man himself. And listening to the disc again after eight or so years, I was well justified to pursue it with such fervor. It is one of the jazz masterpieces of its era. And I should mention here that another masterpiece of this

era, Charlie Rouse's *Soul Mates*, recorded on another small label, Uptown, in 1988, features guess who on piano? Give up? Walter Davis Jr., that's who.

Mr. Davis is not super-famous, but neither is he a secret. Raised in E. Orange, N.J., with a mother who played gospel music. Now, how familiar is that, jazz fans? Walter had pianist uncles as well. Davis has played behind

everybody and is recorded on any number of famous dates. He's played with Charlie Parker, Max Roach, Dizzy Gillespie, Art Blakey, Sonny Rollins, Jackie McLean, and led his own trio. So let's not act too surprised. I mean, this guy's even played behind Dr. John and the Rolling Stones, okay?

But this date of Monk originals is something else. Davis had been friendly with Monk since 1949, when the older musician took the youngster under his wing. A project had been in Davis's mind for some time to celebrate the genius of his friend and mentor. He went about it in an interesting — and for Davis, characteristic — way: he chose 50 of Monk's knottiest, most demanding compositions and immersed himself in the music for two months, not deciding which of them he would record until he sat down at the piano in the studio. He made the future decision to limit himself to around three minutes per tune: "I just want to get in, say what I have to say, and get out — no endless b.s. solos." To how many jazz artists, who shall go nameless, will this last apply to, hmm?

A week before the recording session, Davis, who was given to the mystical, had a visitation. After which he telephoned his producer and related the following.

Man, you won't believe what happened to me last night. I sat down to my electric piano and *Thelonious came into the room*. I played for three hours and *never even turned on the piano*.

As far as Davis was concerned, this was no vision: Monk, he maintained, was actually in the room with him, giving him specific instructions about tempo, chord

voicings, telling him where to admit a little more stride in the piece, etc.

I am not given to the mystical, although I

confess to having had an otherworldly encounter or two of an unmusical nature. But listening to this collection, I'm going to take Davis at his word. It's not that he apes Monk's style; he takes a Monklike approach to the pieces, exhibiting a real command of Monk's

harmonic and rhythmic invention: constructions that seem simple, almost primitive, tossed off at first — but on renewed listening are anything but — and surely present the most confounding obstacles to anyone adventuring a serious interpretation.

But he gets it somehow, does Davis, as no one else has, before or since: the devilish shifts and suspensions of

time, even the inimitable Monk humor. So much of Monk's brilliance inheres in his sense of playfulness; in fact, you could say that Monk elevates playfulness, in not a few of his performances, to the level of genius. This really is an astonishing example of possession, as sometimes happens in the arts, where one artist is inhabited by another, usually larger artist, and the result outstrips anything that artist who is possessed has ever managed before (which is saying a lot with respect to Davis, long respected as one of the most brilliant jazz pianists of his generation). Davis would die only three years after this recording, in 1990 at age 68, too early, to be sure, but not before achieving a masterpiece.

Good grief, I meant to get us all out of Berkeley, back on the plane to New York and, if lucky, for a late evening stroll around the Tower Records in Piccadilly Circus in London. But look what's happened: we've missed our flight. Well, we'll catch a flight east next week and make up for lost time. ■

Walter Davis Jr., *In Walked Monk*, Mapleshade Records (56312)

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EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

Tristeza [300], **Ilya** [204], and **Loopdrop**: The Casbah, Thursday, January 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Eek-A-Mouse [734] and **Wonka Bar**: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 11, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SUNDAY

Great White (featuring **Jack Russell**), **Sirens Wail** [535], and **Malady** [418]: 4th & B, Sunday, January 12, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Erykah Badu [931]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 15, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Crepper Lagoon [485], **Lualta** [124], and **Caution Children**: The Casbah, Wednesday, January 15, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Rita Coolidge: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, January 16, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002.

Poncho Sanchez [646] and **Agua Dulce** [711]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 16, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Tha Liks, Mr. Brady, and Emergency Broadcast: Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, January 17, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Habib Koité & Bamada: Mandeville Auditorium, Friday, January 17, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Pinback [398]: The Casbah, Friday, January 17, and Saturday, January 18, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

Buck-O-Nine /739/ and
Skanic /743/: Belly Up Tavern,
Saturday, January 18, 9:15 p.m., 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**Robert Walter's 20th
Congress** /665/: The Casbah,
Tuesday, January 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501
Kettner Boulevard, midtown.
619-232-4355.

The Drive-By Truckers /488/ and
Gunfighter: The Casbah, Thursday,
January 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner
Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or
619-220-8497.

"Washington Square Memoirs"
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III** /842/, **John Hammond** /961/,
Tom Paxton, and **Mike Seeger**:
Mandeville Auditorium, Friday,
January 24, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus,
La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or
619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips /419/,
Jackpot /158/, and **Billy
Midnight** /414/: Belly Up Tavern,
Friday, January 24, 9:15 p.m., 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Rocket from the Crypt /237/: The
Casbah, Tuesday, January 28,
8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard,
midtown. 619-232-4355 or
619-220-8497.

The Wallflowers /507/: 4th & B,
Wednesday, January 29, 8 p.m., 345 B
Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or
619-220-8497.

Nina Hagen and **David J.**: 'Canes Bar
and Grill, Wednesday, January 29,
8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk,
Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or
619-220-8497.

"International Guitar Night"
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Martin Taylor, and **Marco Pereira**:
East County Performing Arts Center,
Thursday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., 210
East Main Street, El Cajon.
619-440-2277.

Quiet Riot, **Sirens Wail** /535/, and
the **Experiments**: 'Canes Bar and
Grill, Friday, January 31, 9 p.m., 3105
Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach.
858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Pennywise /159/: San Diego Sports
Arena, Friday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.,
3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San
Diego. 619-224-4171 or
619-220-8497.

No Knife /309/, the **and/or's** /227/,
and **Afterparty**: Belly Up Tavern,
Friday, January 31, 9:15 p.m., 143
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Joe Satriani [506]: 4th & B,
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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.

The Alkaline Trio [345], **One Man
Army**, and **Paris TX**: 'Canes Bar and
Grill, Wednesday, February 5, 8 p.m.,
3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission
Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Wailers [759]: Belly Up Tavern,
Wednesday, February 5, 9 p.m., 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Neil Finn and **Rhett Miller**: 4th & B,
Monday, February 10, 8 p.m., 345 B
Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or
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Blue Oyster Cult [458]: 4th & B,
Wednesday, February 12, 8 p.m., 345
B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or
619-220-8497.

Zen Guerrilla [106]: The Casbah,
Friday, February 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501
Kettner Boulevard, midtown.
619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Shawn Colvin [854]: East County
Performing Arts Center, Tuesday,
February 18, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main
Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**Big Head Todd & the
Monsters** [502]: 4th & B, Friday,
February 21, 8 p.m., 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
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Melissa Ferrick [278]: Brick by Brick,
Friday, February 21, 1130 Buenos
Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or
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"Brazil Carnival 2003": 4th & B,
Saturday, February 22, 8 p.m., 345 B
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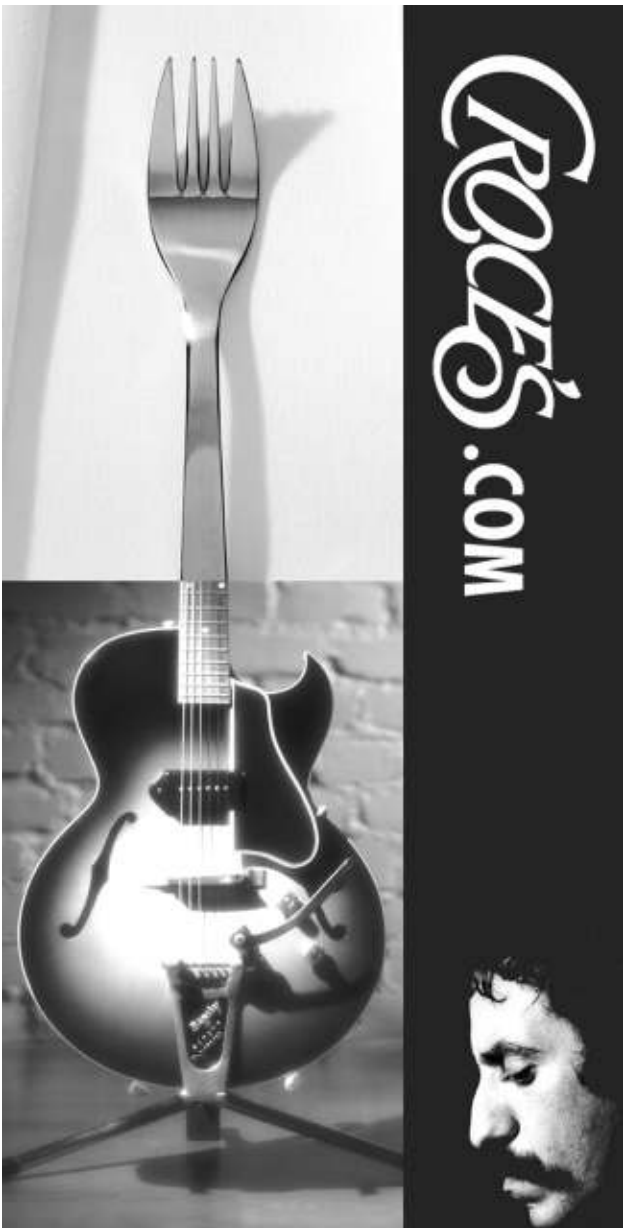
The Pretenders [436] and the **All
Mighty Senators**: 4th & B, Monday,
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Keiko Matsui [650]: East County
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"Henry Rollins Spoken Word": 4th
& B, Thursday, February 27,
8:30 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown.
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MARCH

The Roots [267] and **Cody Chesnutt**:
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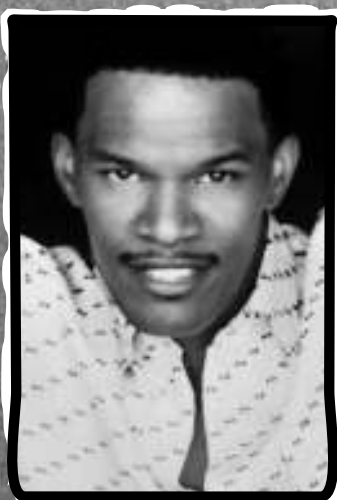
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Losing Balance: Dream Street
Lovelight Shine: The Kensington Club
Lualta [124]: The Casbah
Maiz: Belly Up Tavern
Manual Scan: The Casbah
The Millionaires: The Casbah
Misled: Epicentre
The Mojo Filters: The Kensington Club
Mother Mae I: Dream Street
Muzic: Neimans Bar and Grill
Nebula: The Casbah
Neon Trees: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Nickel Project: Winstons
No Replay: The Casbah
Offset: Soma
One Track Mind: Soma
Parklife: The Casbah
Primitive: Epicentre
The Promise: The Scene
RA: The Scene
Reason to Believe: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Season of Decay: Dream Street
Seether: The Scene
Setus Kabob: Dream Street
The Shooters: Dream Street
Simply Complex: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Social Burn: The Scene
Spoken Gun: Blind Melons
Stardog: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Stereotypes: The Casbah
Straitaway: Soma
Surf Report [319]: Tiki House
Tall: Dream Street
Terror: The Scene
33rd: Blind Melons
Throwdown: The Scene
Tonar: The Casbah
Trip Fontine: Dream Street
Tristeza [300]: The Casbah
Turtlefuzz: Tavern at the Beach
1208: Soma
2GM: Epicentre
The Used: The Scene
Wanted Dead: Dream Street
Wester: Soma
Winky: 'Canes Bar and Grill
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The Joey Bowen Band /498/: Brick By Brick
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The Corduroys: Island Sports & Spirits
Creeper Lagoon /485/: The Casbah
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The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim’s Nightclub
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FZ-13 /479/: Brick By Brick
Great White: 4th & B
Hatfield Rain: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)
Hell Patrol: Brick By Brick
Hera’s Olive /461/: Dick’s Last Resort
Hot Rod Lincoln /547/: Tio Leo’s Lounge
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The McNallys: Carvers
Nectarine /457/: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
New Monsoon: Winstons
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Nite Hawk: Carvers
No Reply: Blind Melons
Off by One /522/: The Scene
Powerthud /429/: Tio Leo’s Lounge
Private Domain /489/: Dick’s Last Resort
The Derren Raser Band: Bayou Bar & Grill
Raw Candy: Winstons
Red Eye Gravy /423/: The Casbah
Ron’s Garage: Island Sports & Spirits
The Salt Lickers: The Kraken
Eve Selis /410/: Humphrey’s
Shaggin’ Wagon: ’Canes Bar and Grill
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Christy Wilson & Powerhouse: The Alley
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EXTENSION 4004
POP / TOP 40
James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel
Coco Loco: Dick’s Last Resort
The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe’s
The Fabulous Pelicans: Viejas Casino
Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
Makai: Humphrey’s
NRG: Dick’s Last Resort
The New Breed Band: The Alley
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman /622/: The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and Spirits
Superfunk Fantasy: Henry’s Pub

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Afinity: Il Forno
Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina
The B-Side Players /649/: Buffalo Joe’s
Bill Andrews: Dizzy’s

Ivar Antonsen: Dizzy’s
Joe Baggs: Dizzy’s
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino
Bastista: Trattatoria La Strada
Black Mambo: Cannibal Bar
Blue Largo /636/: Patrick’s II
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

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Steve Feierabend: Dizzy's

Glen Fisher con Alma [638]: Croce's Jazz Bar

Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge

Dora Hall: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Winstons

Inner Voyage: Bayou Bar & Grill

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's

The Mikole Kaar Duo: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Brian Levy: Dizzy's

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Duncan Moore: Dizzy's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern

Real to Reel: Humphrey's

The Mike Reilly Band: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: The Beach House, Moray's Lounge

Rick Ross-Piano [659]: The Inn at the Park

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Tony Soraci: Danato's Ristorante

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Torre & Novelli: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Trio du Jour: The Beach House

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Eek-A-Mouse [734]: Belly Up Tavern

Psydecar [740]: Belly Up Tavern, Winstons

Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Beach House

Star Shak: Henry's Pub

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

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Lee Tyler Post: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Joel Reese: Humphrey's

The Working Cowboy Band: Fogerty's Pub

EXTENSION 4008

**ACOUSTIC /
FOLK**

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Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Joe Cano: Humphrey's

Chusma: Blind Melons

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Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Jim Earp: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Ed Eastwood: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

John Foltz: Miracles Cafe

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Johnny Love Sound: Lestat's Coffeehouse

The Justin Brothers: The Beach House

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Brian Koehler: Tomiko Bar & Grill

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Bill Mayes [836]: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

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BLUES / SOUL

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Erykah Badu /931/: Belly Up Tavern

Big Mo: Patrick's II

Blue Heat: The Kraken

The Boogiemens: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters /932/: Chateau Orleans

Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Taryn Donath & Mojo Rising: Patrick's II

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The Bill Magee Blues Band /947/: Patrick's II

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Coco Montoya: Belly Up Tavern

Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors /910/: The Kraken

Len Rainey /921/: Buffalo Joe's

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Shelltown Horns: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Small-Town Heroes: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

The Soul Persuaders /945/: Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: Belly Up Tavern

Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors /946/: Winstons, Viejas Casino

Jimmy Woodard & the Swingin' Kings /916/: Patrick's II

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Andy Anderson: The Inn at the Park

Kenny Ard: The Inn at the Park

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Carol Curtis: The Inn at the Park

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The songs we like best are the songs that we've heard before. Second to those, we like songs that sound like something we've heard before. So I don't mean to sound like I'm knocking the **Furious IV** when I say their cover of "Nothing Compares 2 U" sounds exactly like what you would think it would sound like if a San Diego punk band covered it. On their website, the band even writes, "Sinead O'Connor stole this song from Prince. We're stealing it back." (Actually, they call her "Skinhead O'Connor," but never mind that.) They know they're thieves. They're stealing from Bono when they use those words (specifically, from his introduction to U2's cover of "Helter Skelter"). And they're certainly not returning the song to Prince's

style. Their version starts off like a ballad and works up to a crunchy guitar rocker. It's pretty good. But O'Connor's is still the definitive version. Remember the famous teardrop that she shed in her video? That song really meant something to her, and her performance reflects that. But the Furious IV aren't having an intense emotional experience, they're just having fun.

Their original songs are fun, too. They work within a style that's as familiar as Chicago blues or country and western, and they do it very well. When their rhythm guitar crunches through a punky chord progression and a second guitar plays a simple, punky melodic figure, you know you're in good hands.

Sometimes, very rarely, we hear something that sounds honest and unlike anything we've heard before. And even more rarely, we like it. That's a good feeling, but it isn't the



FURIOUS IV

only good feeling to be had in listening to music.

Nebula also performs. *(To hear a sample of the **Furious IV**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4107.)*

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday and Friday, *Christy Wilson & Power*

House, rock. Saturday and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz.

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursdays, 8:30 pm, *Psydecar*, reggae, with *Maiz*. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Coco Montoya* with *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Eek-A-Mouse*, reggae, with *Wonka Bar*, rock. Sunday, 7:30 pm, *Primo*, Latin jazz. Wednesday, 9 pm, *Erykah Badu*, soul.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *Jim Earp*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *Tom Griesgraber*, acoustic.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock. Saturday, *the McNallys*, rock.

Danato's Ristorante, 1280 East Vista Way, Vista. 760-724-7242. Thursday, *Tony Soraci*. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *the Rich Martin Singing Show*.

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*. Friday,

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Everybody's looking to resurrect Billie Holiday by pegging her golden credentials on the next best black female vocalist to come along. It is a favorite sport of music critics. When **Erykah Badu** broke out in 1997 with her debut *Baduizm*, that is exactly the treatment she received. Critics still link her to the late singer today, and the comparison is overdone. I'll agree that Badu's got Holiday's tone and phrasing down cold, but as far as emotion goes I find Badu up near the surface skimming with Diana Ross.

If Badu got anything from Holiday, it was Billie's stoned lightness, her free spirit. But Badu's also got a voice that can bleed; she sings in the time-honored tradition of the freshly wounded. Her song "Tyrone": "Tyrone is not my man. Tyrone

is just the guy my boyfriend spends all his time with, and who I'm telling my man to call to help him get his stuff out of my house." Tyrone, released on *Live*, topped the *Billboard* R&B Singles Airplay chart for six weeks.

Badu's son was born on the day *Live* was released. She named him Seven, she says, for personal reasons. Her gift is to blend the influences of pop with hip-hop, soul, and jazz, and, unlike most other female black pop stars, Badu doesn't feature outfits that display more flesh than they hide. She wears robes and piles turbans on her bald head. She also scats, plays guitar, and carries a picture of Marvin Gaye. Born Erica Wright in Dallas in 1971, Badu's *Baduizm* featured 12 songs. She wrote all but one of them. She spouts boilerplate mission statement sound bites: "Music is a rebirth process," she says, "and I am a midwife helping to bring it into the world." Or, "Sisters, take your bubble bath. If you don't take care of yourself, no one will." Whatever. If Badu's voice alone isn't worth the price of admission, then spend your nights curled up with your old Billie Holiday records.



ERYKAH BADU

(To hear a sample of **Erykah Badu**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4931.)

ERYKAH BADU, Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 15, 9 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. \$40.

the Salt Lickers, rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues.

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, *Calima*, jazz. Saturday, *Carl Robinson*, soft rock.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Chris Torres Band*.

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. Wednesday, open mike hosted by *Ed Eastwood*.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 pm, to 10:30 pm, *John Foltz*, contemporary. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, live music.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Mike Cea*, jazz.

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, 10 pm, *Muzic*, hip-hop. Saturday, hip-hop. Sunday, salsa rock.

Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina, 5256 South Mission Road, Bonsall. 760-945-1250. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *Frank Alves*, contemporary jazz.

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Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday, 8 pm, *Red Lane*, blues, rock. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Ideas*, classic rock.

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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*.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, live rock.

Il Forno, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Friday, *Afinity*, rhumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday and Wednesday, *the Wagnertorre & Christiano 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, live 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. Call club for information.

Tavern at the Beach, 1200 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Tabularasa*, rock. Tuesday, 9 pm to midnight, *Turtlefuzz*, alternative.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Surf Report* and *Lava Rat*. Saturday, *Electrovibe*, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Latanya Lockett Band*, rock. Friday, *New Monsoon*. Saturday, *Raw Candy*. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, blues, 9 pm, *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *the Nickel Project*, alternative. Wednesday, *Psydecar*, reggae, funk.

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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.


Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Lee Tyler Post*, country rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Firstman*, the *Joey Bowen Band* and *FZ-13*, rock. Friday, *the Brothers from Another Planet*, *Ellis*, and *Deeper Purple*, alternative/rock. Saturday, *Angel City Outlaws*, *Hell Patrol*, *Callbox*, and *For Days*. Tuesday, *EXP*, rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *the Desolation Angels*, *Primitive*, *Fork Period*, and *Falling for Alba*. Friday, *Jaimie Lee*, 2GM, *Young Blaze*, and *Full Range*. Saturday, *Happy Hour*, *Misled*, *Jack's Taxi*, and *Best Interest*.

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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album Name: *Door to Door* (2002)

Artist: The Ballard Mongers

Label: JOCA Records

Songs: 1) Guiding Light 2) Land of the Free 3) Curious Yellow 4) I'm Good for You 5) Give Me the Money 6) Woman's Best Friend 7) Victoria 8) Survivor 9) Long Is this Road 10) Wind and the Rain 11) Fine Line 12) Stanley Shuffle 13) End of the Line

Price/Where Available: www.balladmongers.com for \$14.85

Band Members: Jeff Ousley (vocals, guitar, bass, percussion), Chris Anderson (bass, guitars, keyboards, vocals, percussion), Stephen Ball (violin, viola, vocals), and Brett Hayes (drums)

Extra Info: Bassist Chris Anderson and lead vocalist Jeff Ousley are two longtime members of the San Diego music scene. Both have played together for over 20 years in bands such as Blue Wind in the late '70s and have opened for national acts at SDSU's Back Door and Montezuma Hall.

Website: www.balladmongers.com

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco, retro. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Star Shak*, reggae, jazz, Latin funk.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Thursday, *Bill Mayes*. Friday, swing. Saturday, live rock/alternative band. Sunday, salsa. Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Cypher*, hip-hop.

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619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Calvin Romance*, soul, jazz. Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, 9:30 pm, *Eve Selis*, rock. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Joel Reese*, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Real to Reel*, jazz. Monday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Joe Cano*, acoustic. Tuesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *the Soul Persuaders*, soul, dance.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

The Ballard Mongers' debut CD, *Door to Door*, offers 13 tracks of acoustic ballads; most are slow, some are slower. This lack of variety in the tempos causes the songs to lack individuality. Even the tracks with more suggestive lyrics are executed in a manner that becomes tiring. In "Curious Yellow," Chris Anderson sings, "Take me where I've never been before/ will you lead the way/ will you open the door/ show me the things that I have never seen/ the somewhat absurd/ or the somewhat obscene."

The CD improves after the first nine tracks. In "Long Is This Road," the violin is limited and the emphasis is placed on the guitars, which produces a harder-rock feeling and a noticeable change in mood. The album's 12th track, "Stanley Shuffle," is an



Ballad Mongers

entirely instrumental song suitable for dancing. This lively rhythm serves as an unexpected surprise before the album's ho-hum ending with "End of the Line," a track similar to the previous songs. While this track concludes the album on a sour note, it does bring things full circle.

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Named for the powdered leaves that make up gumbo filé, the restaurant has a double identity. On the one hand, chef-owner André Bellard has been cooking in San Diego for some 17 years now, and his menu is filled with eclectic local favorites. There's the requisite cross-cultural quesadilla, a couple of minor Asian ventures, several sleek Italianate pastas, and a juicy Tuscan-style lamb shank dish. There are also several all-American comfort dishes (honey-glazed ribs, simple lamb chops, roast salmon) with obvious appeal to the meat'n'potatoes folks. But Bellard grew up in Lafayette, Louisiana, in the heart of Cajun country. He is, as far as I know, the only chef west of Euclid Avenue and south of Oceanside who was actually born to that cuisine, which he cooks with the ease that comes with knowing the tastes by heart. About a third of the menu draws from his heritage.

At the beginning, Bellard soft-pedaled the Louisiana angle by advertising the cuisine as "Continental Americaine," whatever that means. But as the restaurant found its clientele (a salt'n'pepper mix of patrons as varied as the menu), its Cajun side came out of the closet with a new motto: "A Taste of Cajun with a European Flair." Still, Bellard doesn't want people thinking that his food will go "Bam!" in their mouths. Not for him the leaden, overspiced dishes of several local "wannabe" Creole joints, much less the fiery, salty "famous chef" New Orleans spice blends on your supermarket shelf. His is a kinder, gentler take on Acadian cuisine, one that displays its French roots proudly.

Sassafras occupies a somewhat problematic location a few blocks south of Washington on a street that's one-way north, making it tricky to reach from nearby Hillcrest. It was previously the site of Banzai Cantina, followed by the deservedly brief tenancy of what may have been



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Sassafras chef André Bellard ties up Turducken

the worst Italian restaurant ever to bomb in San Diego (or perhaps the known universe). Once you find the restaurant, you'll enter a large, simply decorated space, with a downstairs bar and dining room, an Italianate roofed patio visible through glass doors (and used mainly in warm weather), and, upstairs, another dining room overlooking the bar. The tablecloths are linen, but the only notable "decor" items consist of original paintings (all for

sale). The tape loop playing softly emphasizes classic jazz vocals with occasional fleeting bursts of Cajun accordion and New Orleans stride piano.

Some of the servers are clearly pros; others seem to be absolute beginners.

When I go to Sassafras, my first order of business is to choose between the two great soups — one Cajun, the other one Cali-French. My first love was the flawless Acadian gumbo, its deep, complex flavors

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CUISINE & BEVERAGES: An eclectic blend of Cajun, Mediterranean and California flavors. Interesting wine list well suited to the cuisine, plenty of choices by the glass.

NEED TO KNOW: Live Louisiana crawfish reappear this month (served Wednesdays from now until early summer). Restaurant is just south of El Indio Taqueria; from I-5, take Sassafras off-ramp, head north on India Street and park when you see a large dentist sign at a modest parking lot. Reserve for weekends and for special holiday and winemaker dinners. Currently closed for lunch; call ahead if you want former lunch items for dinner.

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Bellard bills as “Cajun Viagra,” features a half dozen Washington state oysters, each barely warmed on the half-shell over a slice of tasso (the peppery Cajun twist on Canadian bacon), topped with a buttery champagne hollandaise and a little chopped spinach. Gulf shrimp and crab Evangeline finds bits of seafood robed in a coral-pink cream sauce with mushrooms and sherry, with a lid of puff pastry and some lightly dressed greenery on the side. Sautéed blue mussels, sea-fresh and impeccably tender every time I’ve tried them, come in a rich scallion aioli dotted with peeled fresh tomato and a reprise of the house-made andouille. But the muscular flavors and heavy proteins of the Sassafras Chopped Salad (andouille, duck confit, grilled shrimp, and potato sticks) are just too exhausting for a first course, or perhaps any course.

The most exciting of the international starters has to be the Crispy Paper-Wrapped Jumbo Shrimp, ethereal deep-fried triangles of fine, flavorful butterflyed prawns, with a sweet-sour, spicy dipping sauce that’s more Asian than Acadian. But I can’t get too excited about such déjà vu delicacies as roasted eggplant, Boursin, and polenta “Napoleon,” grilled mango and Cambozola cheese quesadillas, or spicy minced chicken let-

tuce wraps; they’re all fine, but Bellard has nothing new to tell us on these subjects.

One Cajun appetizer vanished from the menu some months ago and is sorely missed (at least by me): Seafood pistolettes were a magic act — seamless-looking hunks of light Italian bread baked butter-golden, concealing a rich filling of shrimp and crawfish paté. If this sounds good, call ahead and ask Bellard to make them for you; if enough customers do, they might return from exile. (And with lunch service just ended, patrons who really need a fix of shrimp po’ boys or court bouillon can also call ahead and order their favorite lunches for dinner.)

The signature entrée is Sassafras chicken, a splendid original that demonstrates what Bellard is all about. He surgically removes the bones from half a skin-on chicken and stuffs the cavities with short-grain “pearl rice,” the type grown and favored in the Lake Charles area, dotted with jambalaya ingredients — minced onions, celery, red peppers, bay shrimp, and a little tomato and thyme. The soft, slightly sticky rice has the mouth-feel of a bread dressing, playing counterpoint to the crackly crisp roast skin and fork-tender flesh. (Thanksgiving all year round!) The bird sits on a tasty slick of pan deglaze and comes with a

mild, creamy potato gratin that could use a little more pepper (but that’s what the shaker on the table is for).

The newest addition to the bill of fare is a Louisiana-inspired take on surf ’n’ turf: roasted filet mignon “crowned” with shrimp and cayenne hollandaise. To my surprise, the shrimp weren’t atop the beef, but lined up facing it, on a separate pool of rich, slightly spicy coral-colored sauce; the shrimp were semi-butterflied to create “legs” that wrapped around each other’s hips like a bobsled team. The filet, lightly coated with cracked black peppercorns, was juicy and cooked just to my order, set atop a red wine reduction glaze. Pretty soon, though, I was swiping bites of beef through the hollandaise to complete the flavor I’d imagined when I read the menu entry.

Also new is roast duck vermillion, pairing duck breast and duck leg confit, along with a creamy-textured risotto dotted with earthy black-eyed peas. I got my first glimpse of these flavors with the “Turducken” that Bellard served at Thanksgiving — a boned turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken. Although Americans think of Turducken as a Louisiana legend, its real antecedents lie in medieval banquets, where the nobles’ cooks

would roast up swans (Columbus hadn’t yet stumbled on the turkey), similarly nested with numerous smaller fowl like Russian matryushka dolls. The Turducken proved quite remarkable (“I surprised myself, it was so juicy,” Bellard says). The solo duck comes mighty close.

Many entrées are garnished with a distinctly Southern veggie medley, which varies slightly from dish to dish and night to night. Its basic components are black-eyed peas, corn kernels, green and wax beans, and cubed carrots. Seasonal veggies are added to each plate, chosen to complement the main course. One recent evening, the chicken’s array included zucchini, while the beef’s heap sported diced white potatoes and spinach.

And then there’s boiled crawfish, back again! During the season (from January until June or July), every Wednesday Bellard gets in a shipment of live crawdads straight from the bayou. He cooks ’em up in a well-seasoned “boil” with spuds, corn on the cob, and his house-made andouille and serves them outside on the roofed patio. Staffers will teach you how to peel them, but let me let you in on a secret: First eat the tail meat, and if you love the taste, suck the heads.

Desserts vary seasonally. My favorite on the current menu is Dutch Apple Crunch Cheese-

cake — its light chiffon texture gives it the mouth-feel of sweetened air encased in a hint of apple pie.

It speaks well for Sassafras that in a location that defeated its two predecessors, it’s survived for over a year — and I hope it will continue for many years to come. In New Orleans, several highly acclaimed newer restaurants (Arcadia, Bayona, Upperline) are creating lighter, fresher versions of Creole cuisine. Here, André Bellard is beginning to do the same for the heartier Cajun style. I’m looking forward to tasting the evolution of the species.

ABOUT THE CHEF

André Bellard was born “hundred percent Cajun” to a family of shrimpers in Lafayette, Louisiana. Cajun men are typically excellent cooks. At an age when most little boys are playing tag or Nintendo, young André was learning the secrets of making roux, the long-cooked, temperamental mahogany-red mixture of flour and oil that’s a crucial flavor in the cuisine. “Stay with that pot, boy,” his mother would exhort him. “Stir it; keep stirring; if it burns you have to start all over.”

Stationed in San Diego during his stint in the Navy, Bellard fell in love with the area (and, not incidentally, the

clement weather). When he was discharged in 1986, he decided to stay. He still had no idea of what he wanted to do with his life but fell easily into cooking, and in 1990 he got a prep chef’s job under the late Patrick Clark at Biché, where the food was Southern with French influences. He worked there for about four years, and after it closed he went on to become the opening chef at Kensington Grill, executive chef at La Provence, and executive chef at Le Fontainebleau at the Westgate Hotel.

“I always wanted my own place,” he says, so he finally opened Sassafras. “I didn’t want to really have it as a Cajun restaurant, because people think of Cajun as only hot and spicy. I wanted it as an easier blend of California, French traditions, European. I already need to push the Cajun dishes that I do.” Instead of having sausage shipped frozen from Louisiana, he makes his own, because it tastes fresher, and patrons get excited about it being home-made. “And I love that stuff, anyway,” he adds. He gets his mussels in every couple of days and dumps any that are showing the least sign of heading over the hill: “They’re cheap, you know. Everything has to be perfectly fresh. I’m big on quality; that’s the way you have to be.” ■



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Tino says he ran a series of successful restaurants in New York, then in Arizona, where he went because his son Joseph suffered from asthma. Then San Diego. But he and Joseph, who's grown now, wanted to try this idea. Restaurant-quality food at low prices. "If you cut out the waiters and busboys and linens and expensive property," says Joseph, "you can serve

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Assassination Mystery

"Since when is the difficulty of the vintage a factor in determining wine of the year?"

The monolith has crumbled, or at least cracked. *Wine Spectator* magazine has, after years of maintaining something of a dignified silence in the face of criticism, rumbled forth a reply to one of its naysayers. The magazine's final issue of 2002 included its annual list of the top 100 wines, including its selection for Wine of the Year. This year, it chose the 1999 E. Guigal Châteauneuf-du-Pape, citing its excellence (93 points), low price (\$30), availability (13,330 cases made), and "excitement" — the fact that the winemaker managed to pull off a great wine in what was a lesser vintage in France's Southern Rhône region.

The Wine of the Year selection has stirred controversy before; in 1999, the award went to the 1996 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cépages, a 95-point, \$28 Bordeaux blend. The wine was judged an astonishing combination of value and quality; trouble was, only the tiniest fraction of the stuff had been released. By the time most of it hit the market, the price had jumped as high as \$70 — the Wine of the Year, don't you know — and the quality-to-price ratio was no longer so wondrous. Aficionados cried foul; conspiracy theorists went to town. The *Spectator*, they reasoned, had done a favor for an advertiser — not that anyone ever found anything to substantiate that claim.

This year's selection has drawn some similar comment. Guigal has no advertising budget, but one story claimed that Zachy's wine shop in New York got a huge allotment of the Guigal Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and Zachy's is a major advertiser in *Wine Spectator*. But that was just a rumor. The real blast came in the pages of the online magazine *Slate*, from a man who has written for the *Spectator*, Michael Steinberger.

Steinberger opened by praising the *Spectator's*

strengths: It's a great starter's manual, full of lovely photographs, industry news, winemaking and regional primers, and intelligible reviews with quantitative ratings. But he also noted that it tends to serve as a trophy hunter's guide —

highly rated wines may serve as investment fodder, to be resold at auction — and hinted at its rep among serious wine lovers as a "lifestyle magazine." Then he dug into the Wine of the Year. Guigal is a great producer, argued Steinberger, but Châteauneuf is not his specialty; that would be the

Northern Rhône's Côte-Rôtie. He found the '99 Châteauneuf to be decent but uninteresting, something you drank because it was there. He wondered why, if the *Spectator* wanted to bless a Guigal wine, they didn't select the '99 Côte-Rôtie Brune et Blonde — a \$35, 20,000-case wine from a region where '99 was a great year.

He opined that "the magazine was simply trying to reflect two trends: People are economizing, and the Rhône Valley is hot. The problem is that the *Spectator* is probably at its least reliable with the wines of the Rhône." He noted that the magazine gave only 90 points to the 1998 Beaucastel Hommage a Jacques Perrin, a wine thought by many critics to be "one of the greatest Châteauneufs of the past quarter century." Steinberger concluded by suggesting that the *Spectator* either inhabits a parallel universe when it comes to the Rhône or simply doesn't care about its image problem.

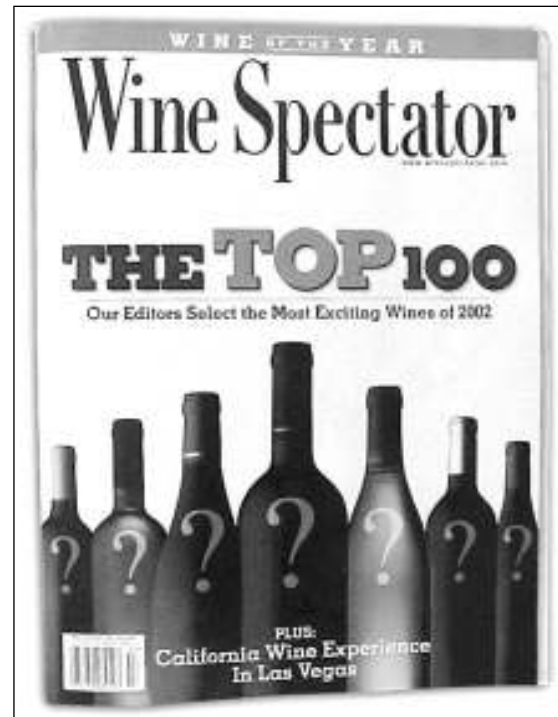
It certainly wasn't the latter. On December 20, *Wine Spectator* executive editor Thomas Matthews sent a letter to *Slate* in which he came out swinging. He called Steinberger's article a "malicious rant," full of "errors, unsubstantiated allegations, unfair generalizations and slanderous innuendo." He said that Steinberger was

trying to "destroy our reputation for serious journalism and authoritative criticism," that he "attack[ed] our integrity and honesty," used "code words to condemn us as corrupt," and engaged in "character assassination." He ran down a list of problems with the article, then asked *Slate's* editor to publish the letter and pull the article from the magazine's website.

Slate did publish the letter, along with Steinberger's response to it. *Wine Spectator* got the worst of the fight; though it did catch Steinberger on some sloppy writing, he answered the principal charges blow for blow. Matthews said that the magazine actually rated the '98 Beaucastel Hommage a 94; Steinberger pointed out that this higher score was the result of an all-but-unprecedented and completely unheralded re-review of the wine eight months after its original review, which did indeed score it a 90. It seemed clear that the *Spectator* felt the need to taste the wine again after so many others judged it to be superlative. (That could be seen as a tacit admission that its Rhône ratings are less than authoritative, though Steinberger didn't say as much.)

Matthews stressed that the Guigal wine's "excitement" came from its high quality and quantity in an off vintage. Steinberger answered, "Since when is the difficulty of the vintage a factor in determining wine of the year?" (Winemaker, perhaps, but wine?) Matthews accused Steinberger of portraying Guigal as a "mass-market merchant who produces wines of mediocre quality." Steinberger replied that he did nothing of the kind; he merely stated that Guigal specialized in the Northern Rhône and that he was consistently outranked in Châteauneuf, where he did not even own vineyards. As for the corruption charges, Steinberger was careful to leave them in the mouths of "the black helicopter crowd."

There were shots Steinberger did not take. Matthews pointed to the magazine's 1.5 million readers and astonishing business success, writ-



ing, "If *Wine Spectator* were so untrustworthy, why is it that we have never had a year of circulation decline, despite charging \$45 for a subscription, higher than virtually all other consumer magazines?" This plays right into the charge that the magazine is for the well-heeled but uninitiated who like the pretty pictures and winery lifestyle. Big numbers and high prices do not a critic make. Matthews boasted that the *Spectator's* judges always taste blind — a nonissue when considering a choice for Wine of the Year, since you have to know the wine's price and availability, along with factors that contribute to its "excitement."

The selection of the Guigal Châteauneuf as Wine of the Year is one mystery. Why *Wine Spectator* chose to respond to this salvo and why it chose to respond with such a self-righteous salvo — a salvo so shrill and enraged that it makes Steinberger's article look as if it hit too close to home — is another. ■

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NORTH COASTAL

BISTRO SOLEIL 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. Most French food in Encinitas is of the weighty cream-and-demi-glace traditional genre. Soleil offers an alternative with a seasonal menu of light, herbal Provençal specialties. The emphasis is on seafood, and on olive products instead of dairy. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

I TRULLI TRATTORIA 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An instant hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that co-exist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and some modicum of creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner or expect an hour's wait on any night of the week. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch with all-you-can-drink champagne, mimosa, orange juice, and coffee. Traditional offerings include fried chicken. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

PAUL'S PLACE 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a sur-

prisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

TIP TOP MEATS 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

VIGILUCCI'S 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisserie chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is "Cajun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), *dolmades*, *tyropita*, and good gooey *spanakopita*. Although the salad dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

DICRESCENZO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style deli in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don't miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef/co-owner, originally from Brittany, produces superb nouvelle cuisine, with a menu of fresh dishes changing seasonally. Reservations strongly advised. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Expensive. — E.W.

MIIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under \$10. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, and a variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

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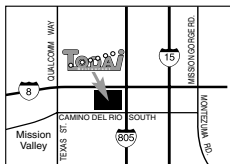
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LA JOLLA

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THE CHEESE SHOP 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait, and a cool street scene outside where you can eat and beautiful-people-watch. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303. — E.B. (10/01)

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lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — N.W. (6/01)

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for “saint,” and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of “rock and rolls” — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

ADAM'S STEAK N' EGGS 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and

clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

DUMPLING INN 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 848-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center, among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, stores with jewelry, fresh fish, even Feng Shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious, but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried Three-Ingredients *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.W.

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't “Americanized.” Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the “de-fatted pork shoulder,” the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City “let the bon temps rouler” feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

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RANCHOS COCINA 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

SAM CHOY'S HAWAII AT THE BALI HAI 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Unpretentious Hawaiian/Chinese creations emphasize seafood here, in a family-friendly setting with spectacular views. Dinner prices include soup and a salad with an addictive sesame dressing. Simpler entrées are best. Try the coconut-stuffed halibut in pineapple cream sauce or a sashimi-lover's sampler of three different fish species, seared "ahi-style." The weekly specials can be risky; wokked entrées run to old-fashioned "Cantonese-American" fare. Full bar, with well-made "umbrella drinks," pitiful wine list. Champagne brunch buffet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — N.W. (3/01)

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

BIG KITCHEN 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "vegie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the



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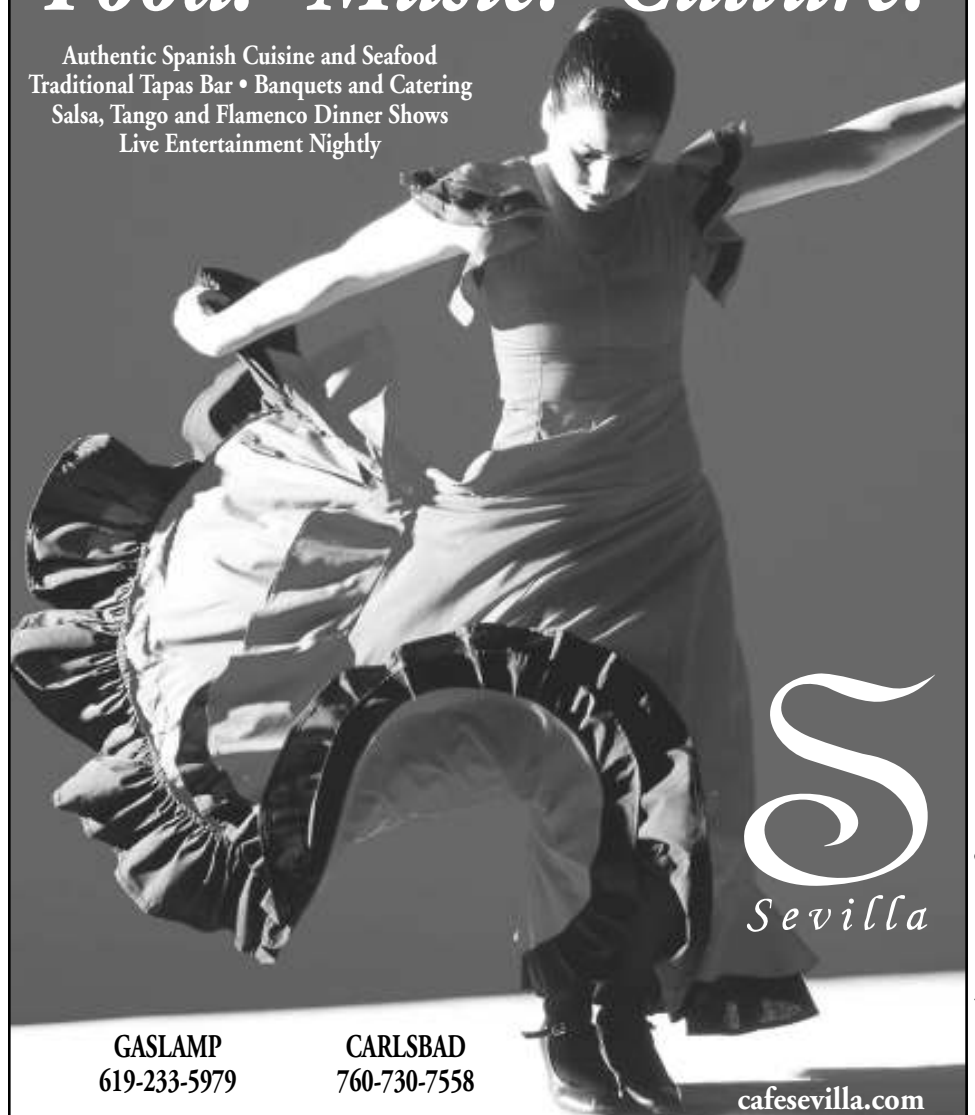
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his chant-songs surround you. Apart
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dents peaceful, but the fresher-than-
fresh Bengali-tinged health food is de-
licious. Their chutney-topped
"Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing
flavors. Even the accompanying
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ent. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "In-
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salad with bleu cheese dressing), and
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the two have made Greek extremely af-
fordable. Prices are definitely down
there for their breakfast gyros, with
eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion
wrapped in a hot pita. And they have
this great street-corner outside deck to
eat on. There's also plenty of Ameri-
can standard fare. Mailo's cheese-
burger, with avocado and bacon, is the
most popular, with the half-pound
steak burger close behind. American
breakfasts are the old fashioned kind
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E.B. (9/01)

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portantly, she hasn't made too many
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rious, and all the dishes taste authen-
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COTTAGE CAFE & GARDEN GRILL
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patio out back. Open daily, breakfast
and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

ELAGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at
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619-220-0692. Reservations recom-
mended. Wheelchair access difficult
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usual Mexican specialties in an intima-
te Spanish-style dining room or on a
small heated balcony. The menu cele-
brates three great pre-Hispanic
cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl —
with discreet admixtures of France,
Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of
Mexico on a plate.) Among the high-
lights are the five different Oaxacan
moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yu-
catecan-style venison, local sea bass in
tanga jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a
unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*,
ovals of blue corn masa topped with a
sort of "mushroom" that grows on
corn ears. (In English it's called "corn
smut," but it tastes much nicer than
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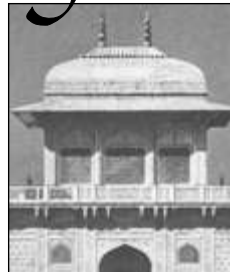
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EL INDIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT
3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, machaca, chile rellenos). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the carnitas verdes, the beef in the enchiladas. The carne asada sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavily: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chipotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., satay, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," nam pla. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

SASSAFRAS 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-4745. This restaurant claims to serve "Continental Americaine" (whatever that is), but chef-owner Andre Bellard is a son of Lafayette, Louisiana, and knows his Cajun flavors inside out when he chooses to showcase them. The Acadian seafood gumbo, which includes spicy house-made andouille sausage, is one of the best in any town; oysters Bienville resemble the better-known oysters Rockefeller, but Bellard miraculously manages to barely warm the bivalves while he bakes the lush spinach topping. Several other appetizers are creative flights on traditional Creole ingredients, and on Wednesday nights, there's an exuberant crawfish feast on the enclosed patio, with mudbugs

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shipped live from Louisiana cooked with andouille and corn in a tasty house-made “boil.” Alas, the regular entrées are rather simple and not nearly so scintillating. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. High-moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard’s brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd’s pie, bangers and mash, ploughman’s plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington’s Pub Ale. Sunday’s roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

TRATTORIA MAMMA ANNA AND RISTORANTE 228 West Washington (at Albatross Street), Mission Hills, 619-220-7070. The food is Sicilian and the ambience is “neighborhood.” “Mamma Anna” herself appears on-and-off at the eponymous restaurant, a popular Gaslamp spot before she retired and then, months later, revived the restaurant two miles north. The cooking, too, is somewhat on-and-off, but the best dishes can be marvelous. Look for dishes with the fresh, clean marinara sauce and the homemade sausages, and save room for cheesecake. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

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BAY CAFE 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you’re hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely “have it your way” — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, breakfast to pre-dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Eating’s an adventure at this coolly minimalist urban bistro where chef A.J. Voytko does his magic with a seasonally changing menu of inventive “modern cuisine.” Dishes alternate between high-risk global fusion and stringently simple combinations that place outstanding ingredients (including free-range chicken and veal) at center stage, accompanied by a revelatory repertory of exotic vegetables. The worldwide

wine list offers over 50 choices by the glass. Reserve for weekend dinners, when a chic young crowd pours in. Full bar. No cell phone use inside. Dinner nightly, with weekend service to 11:30 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

DEMEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you’ll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter’s recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening’s best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner nightly. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street (at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you’ve found one of downtown’s least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if “8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces” is too much, ask for the children’s half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

FAT CITY STEAKHOUSE 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorne Street), downtown/Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco “pink palace” at the edge of downtown, the bargain-priced USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Unlike similarly priced grill-it-yourself steak joints, the meat comes with free sides, including a choice of baked potatoes with a full set of garnishes or, even better, flawless shoestring fries. Hate beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *puttanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list, casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (12/02)*

FIO’S 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great Gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There’s plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

GARGOYLE GALLERY & CAFE 1845 India Street (at Fir), Littly Italy, 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there’s nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it’s mostly modest *panini* (“small bread”) sandwiches — into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes. Try “The Moroccan” with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or “The Spanish” with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aioli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg *panini* with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — *E.B. (5/02)*

GRAND CENTRAL CAFE YMCA, 500 West Broadway (at India Street), downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who’d expect the “Y” to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

GYROSCOPE GREEK CAFE 926 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-235-4635. You want cheap and interesting food in the Gaslamp? Gyro-scope’s one of the few that make that list. They grind their own meats fresh daily, with beef and lamb on alternate days. (They’re among the few to offer lamb *dolmades*.) The menu features the usual medium-priced kabobs, mous-saka, *spanakopita*, tiger shrimps, and steak. But you can also get amply filling “sandwich” size plates for just a few bucks: beef kabob, lamb, chicken breast, and of course the gyro (marinated lamb and beef slices in pita bread). Get one of these, a glass of burgundy, and a table with a view of the passing parade, and you’ll be feeling like a king. Even cheaper at lunchtime. Open daily, lunch and dinner, early dinner on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

MORTON’S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton’s

for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton’s. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

RAINWATER’S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, downtown, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SPICE HOUSE CAFE 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your “head feels like an old potato” and your “tongue like a button hook” (to quote Kipling), Spice House’s answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don’t know if it’s the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

CATHIE’S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie’s may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it’s at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she’s real and she’s Scottish) to fax you the weekly “take-out dinner” menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/00)*

DA KINE’S PLATE LUNCHES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You’ll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, “Aloha Maid” Guava Nec-tar, and island food. Although the kalua

pig here isn’t cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

LYDIA’S CAFE AND NIGHTCLUB 1628 Palm Avenue, Nestor, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open early to very late, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

PRIMAVERA 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado’s culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera’s accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

STRETCH’S CAFE 943 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8886. Stretch got his name in World War II when he was 6’1” and 135 pounds. Now he wants to get back to that — and he wants you that way, too, so he serves strictly nuts and twigs. His menu includes veggie salad, chicken breast and beans over brown rice, or a plate frankly named “Steamed Veggies,” featuring carrots, zucchini, broccoli, mushrooms, and melted cheese on brown rice. You’ll come out feeling so proud that you resisted the greasy Slamburger at Danny’s bar next door. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SUSHI SUSHI 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 300, Seacoast Plaza, Imperial Beach, 619-429-4373. Imperial Beach’s only sushi bar really tries hard. With its pine sushi bar with roto-polished steel back-board, its white paper lanterns and paper and wood screens, its water-rooted bamboo growing out in weird shape — it feels like you’ve been teleported to the Ginza. Even the dishes are little pieces of art. Cheap but delicious choices include *katsudon* (breaded pork, onions and egg over rice) or *nabeyaki udon* (thick noodle soup with carrots, egg, chicken, fish cake and a side dish of deep-fried battered shrimp). Or tackle a combo *bento* tray (rice, soup, salad, plus two items from a list that includes squid teriyaki, *gyoza*, *sashimi*, and *panko* fried oysters). Or just go the “tapa” way, ordering sushi dishes one at a time. Your local honor-dish: the “I.B. Roll,” filled with salmon egg, smelt egg, cream cheese, and avocado wrapped in salmon. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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TOMATOES PLUS: A CALIFORNIA BISTRO 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. If you blink between the Baskin-Robbins and the market in the Bonita Center, you could miss this place. A mistake. Tomatoes charms you with an atmosphere somewhere between mumsy and whimsy. And it bulges with dishes that are healthy but not preachy. This is not thinly disguised rabbit food—not with dishes like chicken and eggplant salad, which comes with delicious roast eggplant and chicken strips bathed in tingling chipotle (mesquite-smoked jalepeño) vinaigrette. Or chicken Florentine (breaded chicken breast with tomatoes — of course — plus spinach, cheese, and sautéed mushrooms. To use up more tomatoes, they have lotsa pasta dishes too. And if you’re feeling broke, the chili or clam chowder in an edible bread bowl will definitely fill you. Sunday champagne brunch usually has a surprise or two, and the everyday apple sausage omelet breakfast is a sweet-savory treat. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (4/02)*

BAJA

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BIG BOY RESTAURANT 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja’s heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food’s no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won’t — you’ll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho “royal” hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

CAFE LA ESPECIAL 718 Avenida Revolución (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana’s bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila’s aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That’s still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

CIEÑ ANOS Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262, altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual “destination restaurant” serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, in-

cluding tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they’re in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you’re also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone or e-mail) are strongly advised; ask for directions. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

LA ESPADANA 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MALECON DE PUERTO NUEVO Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running sea-ward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized “lobster village” before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it’s owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine “daily catch” with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that’s all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught, it’s simply split and grilled, not lard fried first, and all the better for it. Open brunch through dinner. Some staffers are bilingual. Low moderate. No reservations, cash only. — *N.W. (11/02)*

UABC CAFETERIA 246 Autonomous University of Baja California cafeteria, 2580 Tecnologico Avenue, Tijuana, 607-1047 (for Tortas y Burritos Tonka). This cafeteria on the new campus near Tijuana’s airport is always abuzz — the students set it alight. The difference from, say, SDSU? Everyone’s well-dressed, with lots of ties and careful make-up (not on the same person). Several concessions, including Tortas y Burritos Tonka, Armando’s, and Panaderia Diego deliver cheap, standard Amero-Mexican. But come for the sound of 600 people like you, all chatting like crazy (in Spanish). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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D’LISH PIZZA AND PASTA 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D’Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex’d out, foodwise.

This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the “bistro entrées.” If you’re ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d’lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And “Mediterranean chicken salad” works well, partly thanks to the

tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D’Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you’re not all-Mex’d-out, they’ve added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

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619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available at one time. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it’s fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — *E.W.*

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Years Without End

The happiest ending possible in full consciousness of the hardships of life.

Staying abreast of the Christmas crush, and then the New Year spillover of eleventh-hour Oscar qualifiers, is the nearest thing in my current existence to shovelling snow in my Minnesota youth. It has been made all the more back-breaking this year by the unusual number of genuine notables among them.

Nicholas Nickleby, the first of these to tumble in, would be worth seeing if for nothing more than its opening credits, unspooled in front of a Victorian toy theater of the type that Stevenson memorialized in his essay, "A Penny Plain and Twopence Coloured." Each of the principal players is represented by a look-alike paper cutout, and the behind-the-scenes collaborators are represented symbolically: the editor by a pair of scissors, the cameraman by a lighted lamp, the executive producers by sacks of money, and so on. Utterly charming, enchanting, transporting. But the movie has more to recommend it. If the preciousness of the opening, together with the warbling narration of Nathan Lane, lacks something of the red-blooded conviction and urgency of Dickens's prose,

it must be marked down as yet another casualty of our modern self-consciousness. Still, writer-director Douglas McGrath has done a sturdier job of adaptation here than he did in *Emma*, or perhaps it's just that

Dickens can put up a sturdier resistance than Jane Austen, that he can withstand heavier losses. When you con-

sider the fatness of the novel, or consider the eight-hour duration of the celebrated stage production by the Royal Shakespeare Company, it is quite remarkable how well the movie conveys a Dickensian sense of expansive and luxurious storytelling at a mere two hours and a quarter.

The necessities all seem to be there: the twists of fate, the conniving villainy, the casual cruelty, the long and winding road, the tender shoots of tender sentiment, the tearjerking, the laugh-jerking, the cries for justice, the satisfying comeuppance, and the happiest ending possible in full consciousness of the hardships of life and the human capacity for making it harder. (Yet the Golden Globes, having designated *About Schmidt* as a Drama, determined that this one — child

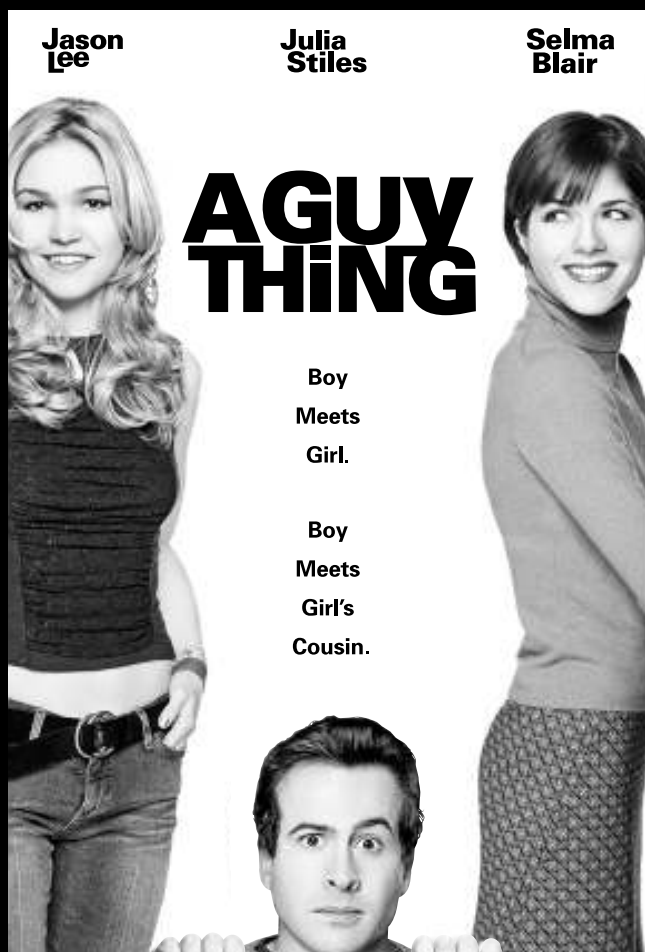


Nicholas Nickleby

abuse, suicide, and all — was a Comedy: decidedly Douglas McGrath's *Nicholas Nickleby* as distinct from Charles Dickens's.) The mostly English cast is mostly robust and adept: Christopher Plummer, Jim Broadbent, Juliet Stevenson, Edward Fox (the villains, all of the aforementioned, always seem to have the edge in robustness, if not

adeptness), the pathetic Jamie Bell (grown up some since his starring role in *Billy Elliot*), the surreptitiously subversive Tom Courtenay, and — just when you think the stage can support no more newcomers — the jolly Timothy Spall and Gerard Horan as a Tweedledum-Tweedledee pair of brothers. (I deliberately pass over the

bland Charlie Hunnam and Anne Hathaway as our hero and his love interest, as well as over the coterie of flamboyant theater folk, Nathan Lane, Alan Cumming, and — in drag — Barry Humphries, billed under his sometime stage persona of Dame Edna Everage.) The rousing score by Rachel Portman, a horsewhip to our emo-



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About Schmidt — Alexander Payne’s late-life-crisis comedy about a retired Omaha insurance executive who now begins to wonder what it was all about. Jack Nicholson may be too big a star, or too hip a one, in relation to his surrounding cast (chosen with care down to the smallest role), but you cannot fault his effort: his frog-on-a-lily-pad lethargy, his flat-footed waddle, his comb-over, his open embrace of humiliation, in total harmony with the understated grotesquerie around him. Much of the fun of the movie, much of the comic cushion against the harshness of its vision, is in seeing King Jack demean himself. Payne, a perfectly named if not perfectly spelled filmmaker, evinces a fine eye for the topographical and architectural barrenness of America’s Heartland (what someone might see as a “visual correlative” of the hero’s spiritual state), and a fine ear, as well, for the clichés, the jocularities, the pieties, the mendacities of social lubrication. The opening retirement party (“Nice event”), the invited but unwanted visit to the office of the hero’s yuppie successor at Woodmen

of the World Insurance, the funeral reception, the nautically minded tourist from Eau Claire (“Ahoy!”), and the climactic wedding bash are all on a par with the wickedest tortures devised by Ring Lardner or Sinclair Lewis. Some scenes, it’s true, go too far; and the voice-over device whereby the hero pours out his heart in letters to his six-year-old Tanzanian foster child (“For years now she has insisted that I *sit* when I urinate”) is as facile and as far-fetched as it is funny. To be more precise: very, very. (The spoken name alone — Ndugu — is a push-button for laughs, no matter how many times it is activated.) The ending could arguably have been cut shorter for ambiguity, but while the teardrop and the smile might make things easier for seekers after a Bright Side, these emotional cues do not really clear up the ambiguity. With Dermot Mulroney, Hope Davis, Kathy Bates. 2002.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Adaptation — The reteaming of the writer and the director of *Being John Malkovich*, Charlie Kaufman and Spike Jonze, has produced no less madness but much more method. Or anyhow more meaning. Kaufman, playing fast and loose with the truth, evidently set out in reality (though it doesn’t seem his sort of project) to do a screen adaptation of Susan Orlean’s nonfiction best-seller, *The Orchid Thief* (“It’s that sprawling New Yorker shit”), and ended up by writing himself and his creative torments into the script (“That’s what I need to do; tie all of history together”). More precisely, what he wrote into the script was a fatter, balder, lonelier version



Adaptation

of himself (Nicolas Cage, in a characterization of unsparing physical detail), together with an identical twin brother who is also a screenwriter, albeit a happy-go-lucky hack: not so much a separate entity as an alternative self or a divisive inner voice. In short, Kaufman found a way to make a movie out of a mess, or vice versa. The surviving movie is still very much a mess: two movies in one, with attendant disruptions of momentum and shifts in tone. Susan Orlean remains in place as a central figure (played by Meryl Streep, whose director on *The River Wild*, Curtis Hanson, plays her husband), in tormented pursuit of her own story, that of a toothless redneck orchid cultivator (Chris Cooper, in his best role so far, and fully up to it). The movie has much to say, and much of it quite funny, about

such large subjects as the solitary struggles of the writer in front of the blank page (how soon can he take a break for a muffin, and what kind of muffin?), the tug-of-war between artistic integrity and commercial compromise, the hidden depths of people beneath their opaque surfaces. All of this, including the funniness, is not achieved without a mighty sense of strain. And no amount of winking self-awareness, post-modern irony, and impish impudence (Susan Orlean turns into a drug-trafficking homicidal adulteress) can lessen the disappointment of the climactic swerve into thriller-dillerdom. 2002.

★★★ (COVE; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 1/10; GASLAMP 15, FROM 1/10; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 1/10; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 1/10; TOWN SQUARE 14,

FROM 1/10)

Alias Betty — Twisted and twisty psychological thriller, with a large cast of largely unsavory characters, and an almost farcical final act. The nervous, jumpy visual style lacks some of the solidness of the performances, especially the central one of Sandrine Kiberlain. Based on Ruth Rendell’s *The Tree of Hands*. With Nicole Garcia and Mathilde Seigner; directed by Claude Miller. 2001.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/9)

Analyze That — The obligatory token of respect and appreciation for 1999’s *Analyze This*. In a word, the sequel, likewise directed by Harold Ramis. The revised concept: the vulnerable mobster gets himself released from prison, and into the custody of his former therapist, by singing the entire score of *West Side Story* nonstop. (Not only can Robert De Niro not carry a tune, he cannot get within arm’s reach of one.) That — a mafioso who knows Broadway show tunes — sets the standard for the humor to come. (Somehow it’s worse, not better, that he is *faking* his madness, and that he can call up the lyrics, if not the melodies, *consciously*.) The outtakes during the closing credits, albeit a hand-me-down idea, raise the standard considerably: always a bad sign. Once again, the balance of attention, and even the balance of admiration, favors the mobster over the therapist, though you might hypothesize that Hollywood filmmakers on the whole would have a more intimate familiarity with the latter profession. On the other hand, they have made more money off the former. With Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow, Joe Viterelli. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Antwone Fisher — Reviewed this issue. With Derek Luke, Denzel Washington, and Joy Bryant; directed by Washington.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 1/10; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 1/10; GASLAMP 15, FROM 1/10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 1/10; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 1/10; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 1/10)

The Birds — Hitchcock’s shocker about an avian air attack on the citizenry of Bodega Bay is constructed along the lines of a sci-fi invasion film. Divested of all logic, this assault on middle-class complacency exposes Hitchcock’s sadistic tendencies as nakedly as they have ever been. There is a lightening of load thanks to the absence of human villainy and all the creaky contrivance normally found in Hitchcock’s depiction of it. At the same time, the director’s stylistic devices — the intricate scene construction, the brilliant Pop Art color, the throwaway drolleries, the mugger’s or molester’s skill at leading easy victims into entrapment — have never been seen in better working condition. With Tippi Hedren, Rod Taylor, Jessica Tandy. 1963.

★★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 1/9, 7 P.M., AND 1/10, 9:10 P.M.)

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 beneficence.) 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



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Alias Betty

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 *un-slick* as strategically and pragmatically *anti-slick*. The film mirrors the filmmaker. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton Heston. 2002.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Catch Me If You Can — Lightweight Spielberg (as compared, say, with the immediately preceding *Minority Report*, never mind *Schindler’s List* or *Amistad*), an admiring, even envying portrait of a real-life teenage imposter and check forger in the late 1960s, Frank Abagnale, Jr. His excuse: his father’s financial woes, his move to a new school, his broken home. His vindication: his millions, legal as well as illegal. (Plus his bond with his FBI pursuer, a bespectacled and Boston-accented Tom Hanks.) Leonardo DiCaprio, supposed to be fifteen at the earliest point, looks a little long in the tooth, taking something away from the hero’s audacity. And the flashback structure removes any suspense, though suspense of course would have darkened the mood. With Christopher Walken, Nathalie Baye, Martin Sheen. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Chicago — How quaint: a Broadway musical transferred to the screen! (Directed and choreographed by Rob Marshall.) Apologetically self-conscious and campy, despite the present-day “relevance” of the courtroom antics and media manipulation in a sensational murder trial of the Jazz Age. (Commemorated already in William Wellman’s rambunctious *Roxie Hart*.) There’s a good deal of frenetic cutting and hyperkinetic camerawork, as if in mortal terror of being taken for a stage play. And the dingy, dungeony image hardly recalls the genre’s Technicolor glory days. Renée Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones (it must be without precedent for the two top-billed stars of a movie to be so close to the end of the alphabet) do indeed sing and dance as advertised, and in Zellweger’s case, even act. Lest she never again land a role as anything other than a prison matron, she also amply demonstrates that the pounds she put on for Bridget Jones are all gone now. Yet her new figure — thin as a rail, though knotted and gnarled with muscle — cannot be counted an asset to the re-creation of the period. With Richard Gere,

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.

★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; HAZARD CENTER 7; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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 Dench, John Cleese. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; VOGUE)

Drumline — Disney-esque formula sports film, directed by Charles Stone III, about a hot-shot freshman on a full scholarship to Atlanta A&T, who needs to learn the meaning of teamwork. Except that the “sport” isn’t football, isn’t basketball, isn’t even a sport; it’s the marching band (motto: “One band, one sound”), pointing toward a competition of its own on the BET network. Orlando Jones, usually a cut-up, is excellent as the ramrod-straight bandmaster (or drill instructor) who stresses “musicianship” and the “classics”: e.g., Earth, Wind & Fire, and not all this hip-hop crap. The drumming is probably more credible than any scripted athletic action could have been. Or anyway, any offenses against credibility are more apt to escape detection. Or anyway, any offenses are sure to be less egregious. In other words, who cares? With Nick Cannon and Zoë Saldana. 2002.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

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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 urbanscape 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



The Hot Chick

Hanson. 2002.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Empire — Street Smart meets Wall Street: a South Bronx drug dealer, looking to go legit, moves downtown to SoHo and gets taken to the cleaners. Directed with lots of tricks and little style by Franc Reyes (who wants us to put a period after his first name, a neat summary of his directorial sensibility). John Leguizamo, looking like a Latino John Garfield, and Peter Sarsgaard hold up their end, but the rest of it drags along in the muck. Denise Richards, Delilah Cotto, Isabella Rossellini, Sonia

Braga. 2002.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Evelyn — Fact-based sob story, set in the Fifties, about a hard-drinking, unemployed Irishman (Pierce Brosnan, whose brogue seems to raise his voice half an octave) whose children are taken away from him after his wife runs off with another man, and who must storm the fortress of Family Law in order to get them back: “David beat Goliath in the book I read.” Every emotional punch is telegraphed, and every one is a haymaker. With Julianna Margulies, Aidan Quinn, Stephen Rea, Alan Bates, Sophie Vavasseur; directed by Bruce Beresford. 2002.
● (GASLAMP 15)

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 condescen-

sion, 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 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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 — 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.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA)

Gangs of New York — Martin Scorsese’s long-delayed, and just plain long, survey of Irish gangs in lower Manhattan during the time of the Civil War, Boss Tweed, and all that, beginning and ending in major blood baths, with minor blood rinses and sloshes in between. (It’s not hard to see why the internecine discord in the New York melting pot was thought unsuitable for post-9/11 entertainment: “It wasn’t a city, really,” the lowborn narrator grandly philosophizes. “It was more a furnace where *someday* a city might be forged.”) The wonder of it is that it’s not more compelling. Indisputably, it has a lot going for it. It gives Scorsese, for a start, a new avenue down which to pursue his lifelong interest in thugs, specifically thugs of a different ethnicity (but same church), with such col-

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orful group identities as the Dead Rabbits, the Plug-Uglies, the Slaughterhousers, the Little Forty Thieves, the Broadway Twisters, etc. It has history; it has sets; it has costumes (the Mad Hatter look was in vogue); it has flavorfully antique language; and it has a daring portrayal by Daniel Day-Lewis of a one-eyed underworld kingpin known as “The Butcher,” who looks and acts like someone who would tie Pearl White to a train track and twirl the tip of his mustache while doing it. (Leonardo DiCaprio shrivels alongside him, in spite of his pumped-up new physique.) Yet in all these things the film has more a feeling of musty research than of pulsing life, and as a tale of revenge it seems static and monotonous. And please don’t bring up *Hamlet* for precedent: the Prince of Denmark was not an eyewitness to his father’s murder, and he at least had the presence of mind to hash over his hesitation, and for all the flavor of the language here (from a trio of heavyweight screenwriters, Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian, Kenneth Lonergan), it isn’t Shakespeare by a long shot. With Cameron Diaz, Jim Broadbent, Henry Thomas, John C. Reilly, Brendan Gleeson, Liam Neeson. 2002.

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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, squirming, 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; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Hot Chick — A teenage girl in the body of Rob Schneider, directed by Tom Brady. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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)



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Just Married — Honeymoon hijinks with Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy, directed by Shawn Levy. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/10)

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers — Another three hours on the journey of a thousand miles, with pretty much the entire third hour given over to a single indecisive battle. (And now: “The battle for

Middle-earth is about to begin.”) The viewer who did not scrounge up the video of Part One for a refresher, or who has not committed the Tolkien books to memory, might have some difficulty getting his bearings. More simply, the storytelling is terrible. (Yeah, sure, the technology is terrific.) Every now and then someone, usually Viggo Mortensen or Orlando Bloom, will give a decent impression of being a legendary hero in a timeless landscape, but the point and purpose remain vague generalities. And the subhead of Part Two notwithstanding, it will be futile to search for 9/11 prophecy beyond (once again) the vaguest generality: “So much death! What can men do against such reckless hate!” With Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Bernard

Hill; written and directed by Peter Jackson. 2002.

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Maid in Manhattan — Can Jennifer Lopez be Pretty Womanized? The question does not ask whether she can be America’s Sweetheart (which, owing to her career choices to date, and despite the cuteness of her giggle, her nose-scrunch, her accent, etc., seems very much out of the question), but rather whether she can have a mega-hit on the scale of Julia Roberts. This question will chiefly be of interest to her business manager, her accountant, her agent, her publicist, perhaps her psychiatrist. The legitimate interest, meantime, of the critic and the casual moviegoer is the simple question of whether she can make a good movie, more exactly a movie concerned with something other than flattering its star. (Of course she made one of those, *Blood and Wine*, but that was before she became a star.) This particular Cinderella story casts her as a single-mom housekeeper at the four-star Beresford Hotel, with aspirations to a management position, but suddenly in jeopardy of losing everything after she tries on the Dolce & Gabbana pantsuit in the closet of the Park Suite, and the dishy and highly eligible State Assemblyman — Ralph Fiennes —

from the York Suite down the hall walks in on her and takes her for a lady. (Nothing in her daily hairdo and makeup could give her away.) Complications, as you can all too well imagine, ensue. For flattery, she has her own cheering section among her co-workers, and she has the compliment, “It’s perfect,” aimed in the direction of her renowned back bumper. Suspense is not heightened a millimeter by the identification of the politico as a Republican. “What’s the difference these days?” pipes up the heroine’s precocious ten-year-old. The real question of the movie is what on earth the director of *The Joy Luck Club*, not to mention stuff like *The Center of the World* and *Smoke* and *Slamdance*, Wayne Wang, thinks he is up to. Or to ask it another way: how many pop songs on the soundtrack can self-deceit accommodate?With Natasha Richardson, Stanley Tucci, Bob Hoskins. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002. ★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; VOGUE)

My Wife Is an Actress — Piece of fluff about a French sportswriter, an average Jean, who’s having a hard time coping with

(PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:35, 5:35) 8:45; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:15, 10:10; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:50, 4:15) 7:10, 9:45
Kangaroo Jack (PG) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:30; Sun. (3:00); **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 12:10, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7:10, 7:45, 9:40, 10:15; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri. 11:50, 12:25, 2:15, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 9:25, 10:05; Sat. 11:50, 12:25, 2:15, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 9:25, 10:05; Sun. 11:50, 12:25, 2:15, 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 9:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 11:50, 12:25, 2:15, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 9:25, 10:05; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20) 7:20, 9:20

LA JOLLA

Cove
7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)
Adaptation (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Just Married; Narc; 25th Hour; About Schmidt; Antwone Fisher; Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; The Wild Thornberrys Movie; Two Weeks Notice; Maid in Manhattan; Die Another Day

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:25) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:25, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:35, 4:20, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:20, 7:25, 10:05; **Far from Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:30, 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:45, 4:30, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:30, 7:35, 10:15; **The Pianist** (R) Fri. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:55, 5:05, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Just Married; Narc; 25th Hour; Catch Me If You Can; Chicago; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; The Wild Thornberrys Movie; Two Weeks Notice; Maid in Manhattan; The Hot Chick; Drumline; Analyze That; Treasure Planet; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; 8 Mile

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:05, 7:20, 9:40; **El Crimen del Padre Amaro** (R) Fri.-Mon. 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:30; Tue. 1:30, 9:30; Wed.-Thu. 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:30; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:10, 8:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, 9:20; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Just Married; Narc; 25th Hour; Chicago; Antwone Fisher; Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; The Wild Thornberrys Movie; Two Weeks Notice; Adaptation; About Schmidt; Star Trek Nemesis; Maid in Manhattan; The Hot Chick; Drumline; Empire; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Antwone Fisher (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:25, 3:55) 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (10:50, 1:25, 3:55)

his wife’s occupation: the autograph hounds, the nosy acquaintances, the handsome co-stars, the kissing scenes, the nude scenes, the ten quarts of water per day and the commensurate trips to the bathroom. Very little weight is added by the autobiographical subtext: Yvan Attal, the leading man and first-time director, is himself an

7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:55) 8:35; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Sun. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 5:00) 7:50; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:25, 3:55) 7:15, 9:40; Sun. (10:55, 1:25, 3:55) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:55) 8:30; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sun. (12:30, 2:30) 5:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40) 7:35; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:45) 8:15; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:35, 9:30; Sun. (1:35, 3:35) 5:35, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:25, 5:25) 7:25

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
The Trials of Henry Kissinger (Not Rated) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Far from Heaven (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:45, 7:40, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:45, 7:40, 10:05; **Frida** (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:15, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:25) 4:15, 7:10, 9:45; **Nicholas Nickleby** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:05) 4:05, 7:00, 9:55; **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) Fri. (2:05) 4:25, 7:50, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:25, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 4:25, 7:50, 10:10; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:35, 7:25, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:35, 7:25, 10:00

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
The Birds, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 9:10 p.m.; **Notorious**, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; **Jane Goodall’s Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:30; **Ultimate X** (PG) Fri. 9:15; Sat. 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Analyze That (R) Fri.-Thu. (5:00) 10:25; **Antwone Fisher** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:05, 3:40, 4:15) 6:50, 7:25, 10:00, 10:40; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:10, 10:05; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 3:20) 6:55, 10:20; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:20) 6:45, 10:10; **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) 7:20, 7:50, 8:15; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:15) 8:00, 10:30; **Narc** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:40) 7:45, 10:20; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:10, 10:15; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:05, 9:50; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 1:15, 4:30) 7:15, 7:45, 9:50; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:20, 4:40)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Analyze That (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 9:55;

actor, not an average Jean, but he’s hardly as well known as his wife and leading lady, Charlotte Gainsbourg, child of show-biz royalty, Serge Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin. More bluntly: the material is no less hackneyed for being first-hand. (Or for being foreign.) The leading lady, who speaks French like a Frenchwoman and English

Antwone Fisher (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:30; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 1:30, 4:10, 4:30) 7:10, 7:30, 10:10, 10:30; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:30; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:45) 7:40; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:20) 6:45, 10:10; **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35
Kangaroo Jack (PG) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:30; Sun. (3:00); **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:00, 3:00, 4:00) 7:00, 8:00; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Pinocchio** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:30); **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:40; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15); **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; Sat. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 9:45; Sun. (12:25, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00)

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
25th Hour (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:50, 7:50, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:40) 7:15, 10:05; **About Schmidt** (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:30, 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:00, 9:45; **Adaptation** (R) Fri. (2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:05, 9:50; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10) 4:25, 7:40, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:30, 7:40, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (4:35) 7:10, 10:10; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 2:25) 4:40, 5:20, 7:35, 8:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:25, 3:10) 4:45, 5:55, 7:35, 8:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 2:40, 4:45, 5:25) 7:20, 8:10, 9:55; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:05) 7:35, 9:40
Kangaroo Jack (PG) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:45; Sun. (3:00); **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05) 4:50, 8:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:20, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:10) 8:50; **Narc** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 5:05, 7:55, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:15) 7:50, 10:15; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 10:05; Sun. (12:35) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:55, 5:50) 8:45; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15) 4:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 4:15) 8:15; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:50) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15); **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 6:30, 8:40; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 4:25, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 4:25) 8:00; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:15, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 8:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:20) 8:10; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 4:25) 8:05; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 8:20; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:00, 3:55); Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 4:30)

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 11:45; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:20; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:45; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:05

like a Brit, is without doubt a charmer (and much more than that in Franco Zeffirelli’s *Jane Eyre*), but she cannot fill the hollow at the heart of the movie. What’s her appeal to her fictional husband — what’s their relationship based on — apart from her celebrity? With Terence Stamp. 2001. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30; **El Crimen del Padre Amaro** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 5:00, 8:30; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00; **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:00, 7:45, 10:15; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 1:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:00, 9:15, 10:45; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 5:15

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Just Married; Narc; 25th Hour; Antwone Fisher; Chicago; About Schmidt; The Wild Thornberrys Movie; Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; Two Weeks Notice; Star Trek Nemesis; Maid in Manhattan; The Hot Chick; Drumline; Analyze That; Empire; Treasure Planet; Die Another Day; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

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LIBRARY, 1/14, 6:30 P.M.)

Narc — Police story starring Jason Patric and Ray Liotta, written and directed by Joe Carnahan.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;
FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT
CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20;

OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/10)

Nicholas Nickleby — Reviewed this issue. With Charlie Hunnam, Jamie Bell, Christopher Plummer, and Anne Hathaway; written and directed by Douglas Mc-

Grath.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Notorious — Alfred Hitchcock's high-rent spy romance, in romantic Rio de Janeiro, maintains an atmosphere of crackling sexual tension, with Ingrid Bergman as a loose liver wooed (too well) by a suave

American agent, and propelled, against both their better wishes, into squeamish wedlock with a Nazi. Cary Grant, Claude Rains, Louis Calhern; script by Ben Hecht. 1946.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC
ARTS, 1/10, 1:30 AND 7 P.M.)

The Pianist — Reviewed this issue. With Adrien Brody, Thomas Kretschmann, Daniel Caltagirone, Emilia Fox, and Frank Finlay; directed by Roman Polanski.
★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 1/10; GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 1/10; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:45) 7:50; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13)
Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:40, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:00) 8:30; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:00) 6:20, 8:35; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. 7:05, 9:35; Sun. 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (5:40) 8:10; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:00; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:35) 4:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:35)

NORTH ISLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:30, 7:30; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri. 1:30, 5:00, 8:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 1:30, 5:00, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 5:00, 8:30; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 7:00, 10:45; Sat. 11:30, 3:15, 7:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:30, 3:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 7:00; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
 11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel
 Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
25th Hour (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15,
 10:15; Sun. (1:20) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu.
 (1:20, 4:05) 7:05, 9:55; **About Schmidt** (R)
 Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 5:00, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (2:05)
 4:40, 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:35) 7:15,
 10:10; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.
 (12:50, 3:55) 7:25, 10:25; Sun. (12:50, 3:55)
 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:00, 10:00;
Die Another Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:30,
 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 9:50; **Gangs of New
 York** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:45) 7:05, 10:20;
 Sun. (1:10) 5:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 5:10)
 9:10; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Se-
 crets** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:50) 7:10; Sun.
 (1:30) 5:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:05); **The Hot
 Chick** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 7:30; **Just
 Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 3:15) 5:30,
 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45,
 10:05; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two
 Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 4:20, 5:35,
 8:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:50, 5:35) 8:20,
 9:40; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.
 (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:55)
 4:00, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:00) 7:10,
 9:30; **Narc** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:50, 7:40, 10:10;
 Sun. (2:15) 4:40, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:15,
 4:40) 7:20, 9:45; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13)
 Fri.-Sat. 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 9:00; **Two Weeks
 Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:20,
 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35;
 Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:10, 5:15) 7:25, 9:35; **The
 Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu.
 (1:15, 3:30)

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Trek Nemesis (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 2:30, 7:45; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 5:30

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Kangaroo Jack (PG) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:45; Sun. 2:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 3:15, 7:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 3:15, 7:00; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Narc** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00

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New York (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 4:10) 7:45;
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the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00,
 4:20) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:40) 8:00; **Just**
Married (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 4:50)
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of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13)
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 3:15, 5:40) 8:25; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13)
 Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45, 5:30) 8:05, 10:30; Sun.
 (12:20, 2:45, 5:30) 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:30,
 3:05, 5:30) 8:10; **The Wild Thornberrys**
Movie (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 2:55, 5:00) 7:15,
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Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; **Just
Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:20, 4:15,
7:10, 10:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two
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★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Ring — Heavily hyped remake of a little-seen Japanese horror film follows around a Nancy Drew reporter (Naomi Watts) as she looks into the rumor of a videotape that kills its viewers one week to the minute after they view it. She even looks at the tape herself after intrepidly tracking down a copy of it at the Shelter Mountain Inn, where four simultaneously deceased teenagers had stayed the week previous. (The video looks a bit like a product of the 1920s avant-garde cinema, but not necessarily lethal.) She then asks the appropriate journalistic questions: “Who made it? Where’d it come from?” She has exactly one week to find the answers. Di-

rected by the chameleonic Gore Verbinski (*Mouse Hunt*, *The Mexican*), the film is rather poorly photographed in a nauseous bluey-green or a bilious greeny-blue, but is watchable all the same. Its emphasis falls more on detective work than on cheap thrills, and it offers some quietly creepy details (the housefly in the video which can be plucked off the screen in freeze-frame mode) as well as one hair-raising scene of a panicked horse running free on a ferry. It even has a satisfactory if incomprehensible ending, before it presses on mandatorily to a less satisfactory and no more comprehensible second ending. With Martin Henderson, Brian Cox, Jane Alexander. 2002.
★★ (PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)



The Wild Thornberrys Movie

Star Trek Nemesis — Tenth entry in the series, if, that is, you can regard the adventures of two distinct starship crews as somehow connected and continuous. The one episode of overlap, *Star Trek Generations* (thanks to a spot of time travel), makes it harder to argue for separation. But an argument could be made all the same. The reunion of the original crew on the big screen, and the resumption of their exploits a decade after their TV cancellation, was something quite unique, and for a while quite vital. To attach them to their parasitic successors is to tarnish their legacy even further than they eventually tarnished it themselves. Granted, one of the nice things about a science-fiction “franchise,” whether

you look at it as one or two, is that the cast of characters is not just cannon fodder to be sacrificed to some ravening alien, as in most cinematic space operas. And this installment makes use of that fact to reach for an emotional payoff equal to that of *The Wrath of Khan* — if, again, you can feel the same for Picard and Data as you once could for Kirk and Spock. Even if you can, you still might not feel that this one is as clear as that other one in either thematic development or cinematography. (“Can you learn to see in the dark, Captain?”) Patrick Stewart, confronted on this occasion with a youthful clone of himself (Tom Hardy) who more strongly suggests a clone of Mike Myers’s Dr. Evil, is his usual commanding self. And Brent Spiner is a thicker layer of makeup over an increasingly cracking façade. Directed by Stuart Baird. 2002.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; 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)

Talk to Her — Almodóvar in awe, all over again, of the opposite sex. (Michael Cunningham’s novel, *The Hours*, can be spied at one point as bedside reading, and we might well speculate that Almodóvar would have *killed* to be the filmmaker who embodied the Mystery of Woman, is played with such simplicity and sincerity as to raise the interest and hopes of the director’s non-fans, and to sow uneasiness among the faithful. The second half restores order, in particular the ostensible silent-movie pastiche involving an incredibly shrinking man and a foam-rubber vagina. (An image ripped from the reels of another provocateur, Bertrand Blier, *Femmes Fatales*.) The color, in a warm palette weighted toward red, rust, orange, and yellow, can be appreciated by anyone. Javier Cámara, Darío Grandinetti, Leonor Watling, Rosario Flores, Geraldine Chaplin. 2002.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 sophisticated, 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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Trials of Henry Kissinger — Taking its lead from a magazine piece and later a full-blown book by Christopher Hitchens (“He’s a sewer-pipe sucker,” fumes Al Haig. “He sucks the sewer pipe”), this BBC documentary explores the question of whether Nixon’s one-time Secretary of State is prosecutable as a “war criminal” for his role in Vietnam and Chile. Not really much of a movie, more like an expanded segment of *60 Minutes*, it might not persuade you that these charges are anything other than rhetorical, but the compelling case will at least make you wonder how Kissinger so successfully slipped through the post-Watergate purge. Narrated by Brian Cox; written by Alex Gibney; directed by Eugene Jarecki. 2002.
★ (KEN, 1/10 THROUGH 16)

25th Hour — Edward Norton as a New Yorker facing incarceration, directed by Spike Lee. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/10)

Two Weeks Notice — Two cuties, Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant, battling to a draw (i.e., happily ever after), in the roles of an “environmental warrior” and a “philandering robber baron,” more prosaically a community-activist attorney and a Trump-like urban developer. The glowing photography by Laszlo Kovacs has greater gravity: way beyond cute, really quite gorgeous. With Alicia Witt, Dana Ivey, Robert Klein; written and directed by Marc Lawrence. 2002.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 1/10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Wild Thornberrys Movie — Big-screen treatment of the animated Nick-elodeon series, directed by Cathy Malkasian and Jeff McGrath. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; 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)

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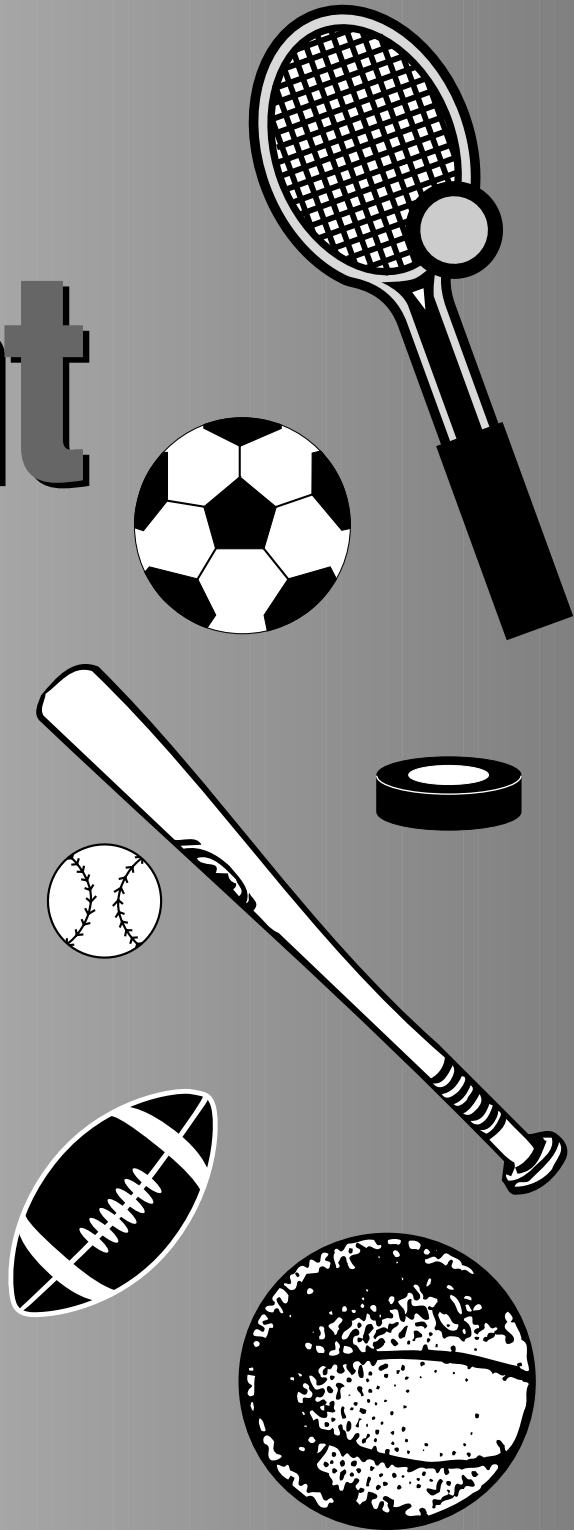
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Mike Flynn
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It did change a relationship, for about two years. It was with family, and it was tough. I didn't regret it; I stuck by my view, and they stuck by theirs. And as time when on, we amended our differences. It came out good.



Jim Thiry
Plumbing Contractor
Poway

It was many years ago with my dad. I was going through a hard time in my life and my dad pretty much told me to grow up, and I resented him telling him that. And I didn't realize it until four years later, the mistake that I had made, but I did get to talk to him. And then he died right after that, so I'm so thankful that I got to talk to him and make it right.



Colin Hankins
Electrical Engineer
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I've had arguments, but it's never resulted in a falling out. Arguments are part of discussing conflict; no one's ever going to get along all the time. That's just part of it.



Bridget Kelsch
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No, it didn't end or change, really. I think people should be able to work out their arguments. Me and my boyfriend argue all the time, but we always just work it out. Things aren't that important to get rid of the relationship.

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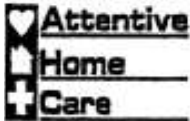
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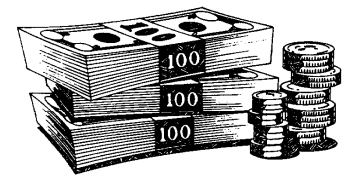
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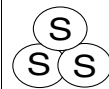
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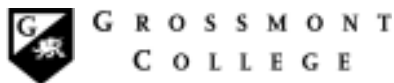
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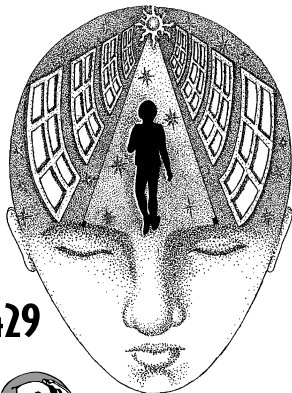
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- "Quit dawdling!"
- Steals, Western-style
- Not one to try out for the basketball team
- Paying to play
- Nebraska natives
- Vivid red
- Person who performed tasks for a wife of Henry VIII?
- Turned a greedy eye toward
- Mind reading, briefly
- Gumbo vegetable
- Billiards surface
- Degree involving courses in mktg. and mgmt.
- Young's partner in accounting
- Ex-Georgia congressman's campaign costs?
- "Was ____ blame?"
- 11th-century date
- Foe of the Navajo
- Smog-battling org.
- Popcorn container
- "Atonement" author McEwan
- Klinger portrayal's weepy remembrance of his acting days on "M*A*S*H"?
- Publisher with a canine logo
- Starts of sneezes
- Workplace watchdog org.
- Poet ____ St. Vincent Millay
- Swine
- Fur merchant John Jacob
- Obtain a copy of "The Alienist" at a tag sale?
- Grinds, as one's teeth
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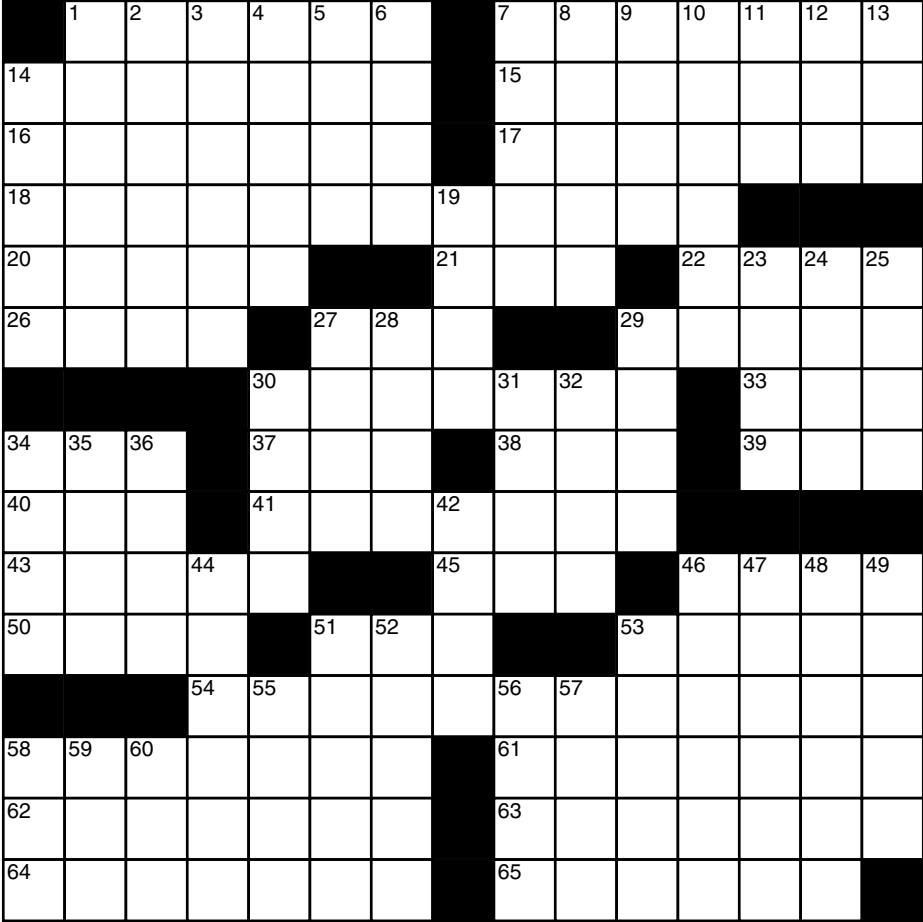
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- Pocket ____
- "1984" author
- Slow dance
- Correct, as text
- Kind of page
- Nasdaq rival
- Talks hoarsely
- Open, as an aspirin bottle
- Pentagram
- Holy person?
- Small small?
- Organic suffix
- Joe Friday, e.g.
- Send-up
- Hitchcock's "____ Window"

- Heal, as bones
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- 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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- One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/2/03.

Of the 63 entrants, 61 were correct. The winners are:

- Kei Yamada, *La Jolla*
- Thomas F. Stan, *San Diego*
- Sunny Nelson, *El Cajon*
- Serina Graham, *San Diego*
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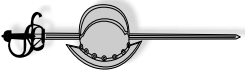
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FRIENDSHIP: Female, 46, nonsmoker, seeks same to hang out and have fun. Must be honest, funny and open minded. (1/15) **☎**49789

FRIENDSHIP. Lunch or coffee? Artist in need of new and interesting friends. (1/22) **☎**49806

FRIENDSHIP: Black female, searching for other females, black or Hispanic, for concerts, happy hours, clubs, shopping, movies and travel. Only serious and non-flakes respond. (1/22) **☎**49843

FRIENDSHIP: 24 year-old woman, new to San Diego, seeks platonic, fun friendships for clubs, movies, hanging out, a general good time. Male/female OK. (1/22) **☎**49844

FRIENDSHIP: Fun loving sista, in San Diego area looking for people with shared interests. (1/22) **☎**49845

MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ATTRACTIVE, WHITE WOMAN, 47, interested in dating. I'm looking for an attractive, white male. I enjoy dining, movies, music. I'm healthy, caring, loving and fun. (1/15) **☎**50197

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secure. Seeking Jewish young man who is playful, caring, slender, professional, smart and funny. (1/15) **☎**50198

DELIGHTFUL SOUL MATE requested for fun, joy, laughter and spiritual growth. Childless, professional, green eyes and long blonde hair. Enjoy concerts, nature, travel and conversation. (1/15) **☎**50207

BLONDE, EUROPEAN BORN, blue/green eyes, curvaceous, very good looking, professional, intelligent, fun. Seeking tall, educated, successful gentleman to enjoy finer things in life, 40-45. (1/22) **☎**50242

MY LIFE IS BLESSED with good health, happiness, great friends and family. The only thing missing is a tall, athletic, christian man. (1/15) **☎**50210

BEAUTIFUL, SEXY, SOPHISTICATED, single, white female, enjoys travel, theater, museums. Seeking intelligent conversation and fun. You: handsome, successful with exceptional manners and means. Please call. (1/15) **☎**50216

WARM, SWEET, SENSUAL, communicative, fun, adventurous, high achiever and growth oriented gal seeks like-minded guy for winter fun that continues into springtime frolic. (1/22) **☎**50233

ECLECTIC INTERESTS? Love good coffee, food, music and wine? Inside/outside, travel, plants/flowers, tennis, hiking, movies, books, humor. Looking for similar kindred spirit. (1/22) **☎**50227

WELL READ, WELL SPOKEN, well traveled, well intentioned, well mannered, well bred, well made. 56, 5'4", 135lbs., well preserved, well met. Seeks same. Well? (1/15) **☎**50217

SEXY, EXOTIC VIXEN, energetic, 25, graduate student, cultured, spontaneous. Seeking affluent, generous, adventurous, educated, classy, older gentleman who can spoil me, plus share intellectual conversations. (1/22) **☎**50244

LOVE TO LOVE one good man. Beautiful blonde, 58, trim, lovable, intelligent. Looking for handsome, mature, fun, loving gentleman who needs one good, loving relationship. (1/15) **☎**50189

A NEW YEAR. A NEW LOVE. Let's share friendship, romance, movies, dining, weekend getaways. Me: 40s, outgoing, honest, fun. You: 40s, outgoing, profes-

sional, midwestern values. (1/15) **☎**50206

UNIQUE, ATTRACTIVE, 46, Latin, searching for independent, stable, tall, nonsmoker gentleman whom is truly ready, willing and able to pursue life's wonderful possibilities. Race unimportant. (1/15) **☎**50187

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL, intelligent, fun, good values, enjoys mountains, home projects, stained glass, travel, movies, cats. Seeking companion, partner, friend, 45-57, to share similar interests. Nonsmoking. (1/15) **☎**50195

I'M A ATTRACTIVE, educated, physically fit, young 55, in East County. Are you a tall, white male, 50-60, physically fit, financially stable who enjoys family, movies, dancing, walks, quiet times, then let's get together. (1/15) **☎**50194

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT, curvaceous, creative, fit, spiritual, fit, sexy, New Yorker. Likes long walks, movies, travel, museums, adventure. Seeking charming man, 50-60, educated, successful, healthy, nonsmoker. (1/15) **☎**50191

COMPLETE PACKAGE, 53, 5'2", 115lbs., cute, classy. Enjoy music, dancing, the arts, workouts. Seeking similar in male, 40-56, fit, tall, good looking. (1/15) **☎**50214

ATTRACTIVE, SENSUAL, youthful, 41, with zest for life. Would love to meet a tall, attractive, secure man to share happiness, passions and fun with. (1/22) **☎**50239

FRIENDS CLOSE TO MY heart. Me: Cute, petite redhead, dancing, hiking, beach, motorcycles, couples dating. Spiritual, not religious. Looking for male friend with similar interests. (1/15) **☎**50190

DESERT READY, adventurous, blonde/blue, 45, loves animals, outdoors, camping, RV or tent, 4x4ing. You: honest, sincere, considerate, fun, same interests and approximate age. (1/15) **☎**50203

FEMALE OF TEUTONIC origin, very young mid 50s, attractive, active, bright, with adventurous streak. Seeking successful, degreed, professional, to be my friend, partner/soul mate. (1/22) **☎**50246

FULL FIGURED WOMAN seeks man who appreciates it, for long term relationship.

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ICE CREAM LOVER, lady seeks gentleman companion. I have worked full time 25 years. Optimistic, looking on the bright side. Am intelligent, sensitive, funny. (1/22) **☎**50236

A RARE FIND! Elegant, attractive, feminine, single, black female, 50ish, nonsmoker, impeccably dressed, excellent character, gregarious personality to share dinners, laughs and friendship. Feel proud and relaxed mannered! Seeking nonsmoker, mild mannered, well groomed, financially secure gentleman with high integrity and generous heart. Friendship and possible long term relationship. Race unimportant. (1/15) **☎**50219

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME, 39-49, healthy, fit, comedy clubs, plays, dancing, excitement, dining, wine, travel. Me: 5'9", 39, fit, pretty, fun, sexy, wanting relationship. (1/15) **☎**50184

OLDER GENTLEMAN, bilingual, Spanish who enjoys outdoors, dining, walking, dancing, movies, nonsmoker, honest. (1/15) **☎**50180

RADIANT, ATTRACTIVE, European, educated, professional lady desires tall, handsome, passionate, sexy, artistic, successful gentleman to share romantic time together and enjoy life to fullest. 43-55. (1/15) **☎**50205

JEWISH/MEXICAN/ISRAELI woman, 47, looking to meet Jewish man, 45-53, responsible, spiritual and emotionally oriented for meaningful relationship and deep connection, love Spanish speaking. (1/15) **☎**50221

PETITE, HISPANIC, nonsmoker, social drinker, active, likes traveling, enjoy board games, dining, movies. Seeking romantic, white gentleman in his 60s, 5'6"-5'10", relationship oriented. (1/15) **☎**50215

WANT SOMETHING REAL, that lasts? Believe love at first sight, butterflies, fireworks, holding hands? Time, friendship, love, romance, play await! You: 30-42, integrity, relationship oriented. (1/22) **☎**50247

ARTIST SEEKS INSPIRATION. Artsy, fun loving, down to earth girl. Seeking someone to share good conversation and quality time with. (1/15) **☎**50200

PROFESSIONAL, HISPANIC lady, attractive, romantic, sexy, university graduated, healthy, seeks handsome, caring, financially secure, African American gentleman, for meaningful relationship. No smoking, no drugs please. (1/22) **☎**50226

OPEN COMMUNICATION, deep connection. Caring, sincere, trustworthy, interesting, smart pixie seeks great friend, lover, and partner to share ideas, food, music, the senses, and everything. (1/22) **☎**50232

LOVE ME TENDER, Full figured lady of color needs white male for tender loving care. 48-65, financially secure. Let's share tender loving care together. (1/15) **☎**50211

YOU FOUND ME: full figured, flame haired, goddess who will change your life. Bring your friendship, passionate creativity, energy, and humor. Tag, you're it! (1/22) **☎**50248

EUROPEAN COSMOPOLITAN, attractive, sexy, athletic, health conscious, interested in a masculine gentleman, 45-60, who desires to share the wonderful things that life has to offer. (1/22) **☎**50228

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, Brunette/blue, 50, 5'1", 125lbs., mellow, educated psychology secretary. Democrat, union, pacifist, Sierra Club, hike, snorkel, paddle, cross-ski, folk, children. Clairemont. (1/15) **☎**50178

JAPANESE AMERICAN, adventurous, intelligent, emotionally secure, growth oriented. Seeking tall, 5'11"+, physically fit, communicative, honest morale values, available to share love, for serious relationship. (1/15) **☎**50224

ADVENTURER, FANCIFUL and fun. Slender, 40 tender years. Loving partner for travel, sail, dine, hike, dive, movies, conversation. Let's live from the heart in 2003. (1/22) **☎**50249

SINGLE AND READY TO MINGLE. 19, black mexican, looking for a white male between 20-26. Full figured, outgoing, beautiful smile, bright as sun and fun. (1/15) **☎**50212

COOL, CALM AND COLLECTED. Positive, successful, tall blonde, 40, mom. Seeking same, nice, funny guy to be with. Likes/ plays sports, kids stuff, movies, arts. (1/15) **☎**50185

BORED BY BIMBOS? Seeking substance, not superficiality? Tall attractive, educated, loving, affectionate, unencumbered, white woman, seeks emotionally available, financially stable, communicative, commitment-minded, deserving guy. (1/22) **☎**50231

NONRELIGIOUS, INTELLIGENT, humorous, pleasant looking, 60 years young, 5'8", 230lbs. Looking for casual companionship, dutch date. Interested? I'm being brave. How about you? (1/15) **☎**50182

GOAL: BALANCED, HAPPY home life. Divorced parent, 1 son, pretty slender, intelligent, homeowner, seeks 39+, professional dad wannabe with exceptional character, integrity, warmth. North Coastal. (1/15) **☎**50222

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensational, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white, professional, 35-55. Let's enjoy food, music and explore. (1/22) **☎**50237

AFRICAN AMERICAN gentleman, between 50-58, sought by white, 5'6", blonde/green, full figured, with honest, secure, affectionate, monogamous rela-

tionship on your mind. See what happens! (1/15) **☎**50201

HIPPIE, MOON GODDESS, 48, youthful, independent, creative, seeks earthy, longhaired, natural man who is spiritually free and emotionally secure. (1/15) **☎**50196

CHRISTIAN, 50, 76lbs., 5', Carlsbad area, with morals, adventurous, honesty a must, travel foreign or states, humor, fishing, ocean boating, no high expectations, average human. (1/15) **☎**50223

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (1/15) **☎**50181

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LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL guy. I'm attractive, 52, 5'5", spiritual. Seeking sincere, honest man and a great kisser, 45-56, for happiness, love, romance and life! (1/15) **☎**50218

I AM 35 AND WHITE. I am looking for some fun dating with potential for more. Write me and let's go. (1/22) **☎**50238

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, sexy, smart, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate, friendship, sportive, spiritual/nonreligious. No previous kids, 35-48, 5'9"+, no republicans. (1/15) **☎**50188

JUST LIVING LIFE to the fullest. You can't force chemistry, so go with the flow of the universe, and see where it leads. (1/15) **☎**50192

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic, very loving and sincere. Seeking long term relationship. Let's go for it big boy. (1/15) **☎**50176

SANTA WANTED TO WORK IN winter wonderland, stand under the mistletoe, fill stockings, enjoy the holiday with attractive, adventurous, 70 year old, young at heart. (1/15) **☎**50179

REGISTERED NURSE, professor, kid at heart, traditional values, 49, attractive, medium build, blonde. Looking for tall educated male with same values and committed relationship. (1/22) **☎**50234

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT, educated, Latina, 41, 5'5", light brown eyes, pretty hair, likes cuddling, smooching, reading, movies, theater. If you like some Latin spice, call me. (1/22) **☎**50240

SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (1/15) **☎**50204

WHITE FEMALE, 36, SULTRY, sexy, model/dancer. Seeking insanely sexy male, to spoil me rotten. (1/15) **☎**50209

WEEKENDS FREE? Let's enjoy together! Cute, petite, little lady, 50, professional, white, North County, seeks degreed, solvent, romantic gentleman, Democrat, nonsmoker, 45-55, secular, fit, traveler. (1/15) **☎**50177

ATTRACTIVE, SHAPELY, green eyed, honey blonde, 5'5", with many interests. Looking for tall, handsome, intelligent man to date and have fun with. Call me! (1/22) **☎**50250

TIME IS OURS. Nice, successful female, youthful, 5'5-1/2", loves to laugh. Friendship, love. No drugs. See you at 8:00 o'clock. (1/22) **☎**50243

EXOTIC, CLASSY, SEXY, Brunette, 28, highly educated, cultured, romantic. Seeking professional, loyal, very successful, generous, romantic, chivalrous, nonsmoking, 28-35, marriage minded. Prefer never married. (1/22) **☎**50245

AFRICAN AMERICAN, christian male desired by full figured, white female for fun, passion and sincerity. Be 38-48, honest, gentle, relationship-minded, responsible. (1/22) **☎**50229

VERY ATTRACTIVE grandmother, classical musician with happy life, friends and cats. Wishes to meet a 60ish, intelligent, vivacious, good listener who wants a quality partner. (1/15) **☎**50208

LOVE, NOT WAR! Peacenik, 48, 5'9", natural, free spirited. Son, 14. Seeking under 50ish, comely, easygoing, balanced, intellectual Leftist, marching, Dog Beach, treks, blues, poetry. (1/15) **☎**50186

WANTED: UNATTACHED, great looking, white guy in his 20s. For my birthday: play, dance and party with me on my day. Fun only, nothing serious! (1/15) **☎**50193

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ELEGANT PROFESSIONAL, South American, slim, petite, easygoing with good sense of humor. Seeking gentleman, 42-50, honest, childless, emotionally/financially secure, for long term relationship. (1/15) ☎50199

HAPPY, POSITIVE, educated, employed, 49, full figured, blonde is seeking a kind and generous male. Life is wonderful. Let's have fun together. (1/22) ☎50235

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, successful executive, 50s, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well educated, fit, professional lady, 35-55. (1/15) ☎49731

HIPPY NEEDED BY music man, 30-50, or hippy type: open minded, peaceful, love, passion, fun, travel, sing, play music, hiking, nature, hot springs, outdoorsy. (1/15) ☎49729

64, ADVENTUROUS, TEACHER, herpes, very fit, articulate, witty, eclectic, art, music, theater, travel, food, sensuous, affectionate, loyal, adept, in search of long term relationship. (1/15) ☎49774

HI, I'M LOOKING FOR someone who is looking for love and likes to laugh, go places, watch movies and more. (1/15) ☎49776

HELLO, do we both have the same New Year's resolution? To meet that special someone, if so respond here. Quality black man awaits. (1/22) ☎49838

HEAR THE CALL of the wild? Let's visit the mountains and beaches of sunny South-

ern California and Baja California! Hike, camp. No motor sports! (1/15) ☎49761

AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE, 46, sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoys music, beach, dining, coffee-houses. Seeking marriage-minded, attractive blonde, 33-41, reliable. Be my lady. (1/22) ☎49816

CROSSROADS? READY! Best half of life, monogamous relationship with witty, travelled, sensitive, spiritual, North County, retired. You: tall, unencumbered, romantic, doer in life, our lives. (1/15) ☎49769

FOOT MASSAGE SPECIALIST, black male, 44, enjoys outdoors, seeks tall, sensuous, white, 40-60, for fun, fantasy and emotional fulfillment, quiet cuddling can be shared together. (1/15) ☎49759

LOOKING FOR YOU IF you're good looking, honest and not stuck on yourself. A 6'4", brown/blue, tall, slim, white male, 46, wants to meet. (1/15) ☎49765

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Music of the Heart

Handsome musician, film composer, 5'11", youthful 58, financially secure, excellent dancer, easy smile, quick wit, enjoys music, films, nature, stimulating conversation, seeks smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter, love. (1/22) ☎49796

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. (1/15) ☎49739

ASSERTIVE WOMAN FRIEND desired. Decent looking, respectful Caucasian, 46. Will take initiative to call, plan dates. Intellect, ribald humor, open communication valued over age/looks. (1/15) ☎49728

HUMOROUS, HANDSOME DAD seeks beautiful, intelligent, talented, crazy hottie, between 28-43, open mind, quick witted humor, energetic and spontaneous is a must. (1/15) ☎49718

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN, 48, 6', 181lbs., professional, biking, tennis, hiking, foreign films, dancing, comedy clubs, jazz, arts. Seeking Filipina, 32-52, very attractive, athletic. (1/15) ☎49719

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, successful man, 48, seeks attractive woman, 35-45. (1/22) ☎49798

WEALTHY MAN, 57, I have the money, you have the looks. Want younger than, 45, pretty, slim, very warm lady. Come play with me, travel. (1/22) ☎49801

OCEANSIDE DAD, HONEST, humorous, passionate, 50, in shape. Seeking 35-50, in shape, sexy, loving, open, petite, spicy, baggage free, spoiler for relationship. Your partner awaits. (1/15) ☎49702

45, TALL, HANDSOME, intelligent, funny, adventurous, passionate, spontaneous and romantic. Seeking a lady who is slim, sexy, playful and smart. Let's have some fun together. (1/15) ☎49742

ROCK AND ROLL LOVERS! Fit, handsome, tall, professional, good bad boy, 39, responsible, eclectic rocker! Huge heart. You: slim, attractive, cool, ready for love, 30-40. (1/15) ☎49758

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK LADY, 30-45, fit, good sense of humor. Friendship/dating with white male, caring, affectionate, successful, sense of humor, muscular, blue eyes. Let's talk. (1/22) ☎49793

46, NONSMOKER, 5'6", Hispanic, fun, open-minded, loves life, romantic, best friend. Seeking companionship, warm-hearted, honest woman for monogamous, long term relationship. Age, race open. (1/15) ☎49773

BLACK MALE, 40, looking for full figured, black women, for conversations, walks on the beach, music, closeness, honesty, laughter, long term relationship, age between 35-50. (1/15) ☎49701

CREATIVE, NONTRADITIONAL student. I'm 33, maybe you're a little older? Seeking a special relationship. You're assertive, independent yet willing to spend time together. Call me. (1/15) ☎49743

SINGLE BLACK MALE, 6'2", 258lbs. Seeking single, white female, blonde, tall, 300lbs.+, nice, friendly, loveable, 25-45

years for relationship. No material girls. No drugs/alcohol. (1/15) ☎49784

LOOKING FOR MY SWEETIE, 44 years, healthy, handsome father is looking for lifelong, active soul mate, to enjoy how much life has to offer. (1/15) ☎49722

BOAT, SUN, OCEAN LOVER wanted. Share wonderful lifestyle with kind, trustful, loving gentleman, 58 who lives on 54' power boat. Be slender, fit, non-smoker. (1/15) ☎49735

GREAT KISSER, WHITE MALE, 43, nice looking, great sense of humor, seeks fit, fun, sensuous female for dining, dancing, karaoke, travel, beach and awesome kisses. (1/15) ☎49768

27, 6'1", 175lbs., white/Chinese, student, aspiring pilot, nonsmoker, healthy, romantic, adventurous, funny. Enjoys dancing, guitar, walking, travelling, hiking. Seeking 18-30, committed relationship, childless please. (1/22) ☎49821

31 YEARS YOUNG, black male, not looking for love, but just shared interests. Age and race is not important. (1/15) ☎49762

PEACE OFFICER SEEKS female who likes beach walks, movies and music. I'm 53, 5'11", 210lbs., brown/blue. Age, race, religion unimportant. Attitude is! (1/15) ☎49709

LET'S MEET AT STARBUCKS. I'm 27, black male, seeking white female only. I love beaches, parks, music and much more. You must single, no games. (1/22) ☎49830

CREATIVE, HANDSOME, professional, 48, seeks happy, single female, 25-45, who is affectionate, intelligent, loves to laugh, kiss and be romantic for travel and great times. (1/22) ☎49826

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WHITE, 33, hopeless romantic. Enjoys writing, nature and cooking. You are the star I steer my ship by. Age/race unimportant. Let's compliment one another. (1/22) ☎49833

TIGGERIFIC: attractive, employed, intelligent, playful, sleek, white tiger, prowling singles jungle. Adventurous, enchanting,

insatiable, open-minded, purrrsonable, uninhibited feline/tigress/wildcat, 21-35. You meow? Lakeside. (1/22) ☎49834

SEEKING FEMALE COMRADE who may not be emotionally stable etc., but has the spiritual persistence to embrace their shadow, grow, love and manifest their dreams! (1/15) ☎49772

I LIKE NATURE, HIKING, camping, swimming, traveling, music, art, movies, photography, books, history. Tall, slim, athletic, health conscious, professional, educated, bright, witty, agnostic, 59. You? (1/15) ☎49730

MERRY CHRISTMAS. This tall Santa, seeks female Santa, 25-50. Sleigh rides, romantic evenings, 45, 6'4". Ho! Ho! Ho! Read this, and listen to my introduction. (1/15) ☎49736

PRESCHOOL TEACHER, loves football, soccer, kids, steak, running, family and beach. Would like to meet an Asian woman who likes the same things. (1/15) ☎49740

HEALTHY, ACTIVE, WIDOWER, non-smoker, retired, 5'10", 180lbs., young 84, music lover, South Bay homeowner, seeks retired lady counterpart for companionship, friendship, travel, romantic, long relationship. (1/22) ☎49790

BAD BOY LOOKS, NICE GUY charm, 38, long hair, professional, homeowner with nice SUV, seeks attractive, 24-38 year old, slender, open-minded woman, call soon. (1/15) ☎49737

WANTED: INTIMACY. Why lie? I'm looking for intimacy, that's it, if interested look me up. 6', 160lbs., athletic build, black man. (1/15) ☎49752

ROMANTIC, CONFIDENT professional. Tall, fun, active, values, great sense of humor. Enjoys culture, dining, travel, acting, tennis, outdoors. Seeking emotionally healthy, fit, college graduate. (1/15) ☎49788

NOT TALL AND DARK BUT I'm a handsome, fit, blonde, blue eyed, successful guy. 5'10", North County, looking for true love. (1/15) ☎49767

CHRISTIAN MALE, SINCERE, sensitive, romantic, quality guy, 33, seeks down to earth, christian female for fun outdoors, walks on beach, movies, chatting, friendship, maybe more. (1/15) ☎49786

PROFESSIONAL, HANDSOME, Caucasian male, funny, 43, childless, 5'10", 175lbs., hazel eyes, outdoorsman, golfer, photographer, enjoy movies, novels, concerts, sports. Seeking compatible woman for monogamous relationship. (1/22) ☎49808

SOBER? SINGLE? SAN DIEGO? Average height, weight, looks? Like sipping coffee, people watching, watching life happen? Me too! Is this a God thing? Let's see. (1/15) ☎49781

ADMIRER OF ACUMEN, accomplishment, aesthetics, sensuous, entrepreneur, principled, polite, reserved, well rounded, traveled, read, 53. Desires smart, literate, successful, attractive, tender, discerning egalitarian counterpart, 47-53. (1/22) ☎49835

42 YEAR-OLD MALE WITH body and mind of a 30 year old, seeks pretty female with similar predicament. Nice legs a must. (1/15) ☎49751

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. (1/15) ☎49725

DON'T DO WALKS on beach! Let's hookup to hit local music scene! Blue-collar dude, 8/14/50, moderate vises, wants absolutely available, sparkling, nicely packaged dudette. (1/22) ☎49817

BEAST SEEKS BEAUTY. Looks of Irish prize-fighter, who lost! 38 years, 6'4", 200lbs., multi-faceted artist, sarcastic wit, heart/loyalty of white knight. You? (1/22) ☎49814

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HANDSOME, HAPPY, FIT, 5'10-1/2", 188lbs., fun, 40, clean-cut. Seeking woman, 33-40, successful, attractive, nonsmoker, Hispanic, white, great smile, for long term relationship. (1/15) ☎49754

SENSE OF HUMOR, intelligent, honest, passionate, 52, 58", 170lbs., brown/blue, enjoy coffee-houses, conversation, movies, walks, nature, music, books. Seeking somewhat proportionate for friendship/relationship. (1/15) ☎49700

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CUTE, SUCCESSFUL, WARM, witty, young 51, monogamous, seeks the kind of woman men usually have a hard time approaching, you know what I mean! (1/22) ☎49811

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 52, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (1/15) ☎49717

DO YOU LIKE WIMPS? Then look somewhere else. Law enforcement professional, 48, white, fit, financially and emotionally stable, seeks attractive, fit, fun lady. Call. (1/22) ☎49791

DEL MAR, LOVING interdependence, healthy lifestyles, travel, semiretired, camping, family, heart connected, communication, best friends always, physical, fitness, dancing, yoga, good looking, 5'10", 177lbs., 50s. (1/15) ☎49716

LATINO MAN, fit, slim, 5'8", 49, educated, never married, adventurous, free spirited. Seeking companionship with kind, caring woman, age/race immaterial. (1/22) ☎49825

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Highly successful, 50ish, intelligent, enthusiastic, attractive, athletic, affectionate, sensitive, sensual, caring, refined, communicative, healthy. Adore travel, sports, reading, fine dining, music; entrepreneurial. Seeking 38-52 lady, intelligent, pretty, slender, articulate, active, classy, who loves travel, romance and commitment. (1/22) ☎49836

LET'S GO SKIING, white male, 51, 6'2", 220lbs., physically fit, active, seeks female nonsmoker for skiing, dating, travel, Baja, let's get going! (1/15) ☎49724

HAPPY NEW YEAR. The place to be is with me. One of the few guys who truly understand women. 44, manly, yet sweet. (1/22) ☎49799

TWO SUCCESSFUL, HANDSOME, businessmen looking for weekend fun. Fit ladies, 30s, Harley riding, boating, barbecues, beaches. Let's double date. (1/15) ☎49778

ABSOLUTELY SINCERE, honest, fit, adventurous, world traveler, good looking, stylish Dad. Seeking sincere, attractive, fit lady, 39-47, for friendship, fun, romance, possible marriage. Sense of humor. (1/15) ☎49780

ASIAN WOMAN OVER 30 YEARS old wanted by attractive, generous Caucasian man. Dancing, dining out and music among many interests. Must be healthy, happy person. (1/15) ☎49782

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER! Eclectic, Hispanic male, 31, cute teddy bear, seeks 21-34, cute, white/Hispanic female, affectionate, honest, caring, nonsmoking, loves dancing, movies, exercise, silliness. (1/22) ☎49823

BLACK, HANDSOME, tall 6'3", in great shape, extremely intelligent and educated, stable homeowner, worldly, traveled. Seeking tall, attractive, in shape, smart, ambitious woman, any race. (1/22) ☎49807

ATTRACTIVE LATINO, 42, young at heart, financially secure professional, very affectionate, passionate, loving, humorous, fun, 5'8", 160lbs., seeking sincere woman, any nationality. (1/15) ☎49771

UNCONVENTIONAL BOATING lifestyle, humorous, good looking, boat captain. Islands, fishing, diving, Sea of Cortez, Mexico, BA: psychology/philosophy, positive objective, modest, giving, dirty blond. (1/15) ☎49748

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DYNAMIC, INTELLIGENT, attractive, fun loving, professional, 44, 5'7", 160lbs. Seeking attractive female with personality and intelligence for relationship offering enjoyment and growth. (1/15) ☎49757

HEARTBROKEN AND LONELY. 40 year old, physically fit, Navy Chief and business owner, abandoned by girlfriend. Looking for friend for dinner, movies and other entertainment. (1/15) ☎49763

LOOKING FOR A NICE, Asian or Latina lady for an average looking company manager, age 30-45. Please no drugs or games. (1/15) ☎49707

Bonjour My Beautiful Ladies

I'm on mission from Canada to search/ explore a very sexy, open, honest, attractive, 135-155lbs., white female. It's time to start the New Year on an adventure. Share romance with me to bring happiness from the heart faithfully. (1/22) ☎49829

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual, handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady in her 30s. (1/15) ☎49779

SEARCHING, SEARCHING for my baby. Hispanic, educated, refined, sincere, financially/emotionally secure. Seeking petite woman who's ready to build home and raise family. Kids OK. (1/15) ☎49753

GOOD COMMUNICATOR, sensual, warm, intelligent, funny, responsible, accomplished. Also trim, toned, nice appearance, youthful, early 50s. You: 35-45, nice figure, childless, North County. (1/15) ☎49733

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African American/white, 63, 6'4", 205lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (1/15) ☎49738

36-YEAR-OLD GUY, KIND, caring, friendly. Looking to meet a nice, normal, down to earth lady. 25-35. I'm 5'10", black/blue, medium build. (1/15) ☎49703

NORTH COUNTY, TALL, handsome, muscular, hair, 55, unconventional, artist, traveler, stable, homeowner, reader, vegetarian, liberal, surfer. Seeking fireworks with pretty, slim woman, free of baggage. (1/22) ☎49831

SAN CARLOS/EAST COUNTY, Jewish, 51, Cowles Mountain hiker, type B personality, easygoing, patient, calm. Seeking a petite or slender woman. Everything else negotiable. (1/22) ☎49822

FUN LOVING GENTLEMAN, handsome, honest, athletic, artist/musician with good sense of humor. Looking for permanent relationship with active lady. Let's enjoy life together. (1/22) ☎49802

SPONTANEOUS, SINGLE, successful, North County homeowner who loves to snowboard, surf, wakeboard and mountain bike. Seeking intelligent, cute, funny, spontaneous girl. (1/15) ☎49764

ATTRACTIVE, BIGHEARTED, animal lover, 34, seeks outstanding, natural woman. I'm happy, intelligent, playful, progressive, spiritual, professional, straightedge, thoughtful, intelligent, outdoorsy, dependable. Lasting love happens. (1/22) ☎49828

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SINCERE, HONEST, 53, hardworking, homeowner, sense of humor, good values. Seeking long term relationship. Let's make life special and enjoy all it has to offer. (1/15) ☎49747

HANDSOME, TALL, FIT, confident, personable, passionate, caring, 44, 6'2", 200lbs., believe in working hard, having responsible fun. Seeking soul mate. Pretty, slim, intelligent. Childless. Nonsmokers. (1/22) ☎49841

DON'T WANT TO GROW OLD alone. White, Lakeside homeowner, 60, 5'11", 150lbs., enjoys music, movies, honest talking, sharing feelings, your caring companionship. Lots of time. (1/22) ☎49797

FUN LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletic gentleman. Seeking nonsmoker/drinker, slim, medium build, passionate, 50s, Caucasian for conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home and love? (1/15) ☎49715

I'M A LONELY MAN. I'm 50, lonely, handsome, lonely, slim, lonely, honest, lonely, romantic, lonely, passionate, lonely, imaginative, lonely. Did I mention I'm lonely? (1/15) ☎49785

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: To find that special someone. 30s, attractive, affectionate, fun, nondemanding guy. Seeking over 30, proportionate, easygoing woman for regular dating. Try me. (1/15) ☎49723

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 35, tall, great sense of humor, brown hair, green eyes, seeks fun and romance with sweet, attractive lady of any race. (1/22) ☎49800

I'M THE ONE who'll make you laugh, think, sigh. Handsome, hip, confident, young look-

ing, 39, 5'7", slim. You: 29-42, slim, humorous, any race, kids, cool. (1/15) ☎49744

HOW DOES AN ATTRACTIVE, shapely female find love, romance and a possible relationship! Elementary my dear. Call this handsome, Spanish male, 45. Operators standing by. (1/15) ☎49705

SPIRITUAL SEEKER, needs sensuality and emotion. Into meditation, martial arts, astrology, adventure, former Greenpeace activist. Pisces, 53, tall, slender, bald. Open mind, warm heart. (1/22) ☎49842

44 YEAR-OLD, HISPANIC male, born in USA, seeks Hispanic female for marriage. Must be 18-35, loving, caring, nurturing and mothering. All sizes welcome. (1/15) ☎49755

HI, I'M AN OUTGOING, 38 year-old, single Gemini who likes tennis and dancing. Seeking spontaneous female, between 29-42. Let's talk! (1/15) ☎49749

HANDSOME, 52, BLACK MALE, seeks attractive, white female, for dating and dancing, dinner and laughs and cuddling, nonsmoker. (1/15) ☎49708

ARTICHOKE\$? Single, white male, tall, proportionate. Have hair, head, not back. Energetic, happy, accommodating. You like to be cooked for, massages, long kisses? Come on! (1/15) ☎49775

ROMANTIC, AFFECTIONATE, sensual, passionate, easygoing, down to earth. Seeking caucasian, 18-35, for friendship or relationship, height and weight are unimportant. Let's share together! (1/15) ☎49706

NORTH COUNTY, 55, 6'+, seeks beautiful, sexy, petite, 0-6, woman, enhanced curves OK, intelligent, humorous, adventurous, happy. For everything in life that you deserve. (1/22) ☎49832

I AM BUT A LONELY MINSTREL, an elder child of these ancient hills. Will you not hear my song? Will you not dance for me? (1/22) ☎49805

TALL, HANDSOME, BLACK male, looking for a cute and happy snuggle bunny to share the cold winter months with. (1/15) ☎49727

FUN, 50, 6'1", SLENDER, fit, part-time father, sincere, romantic, professional, weekend getaways, dance. You: 38-50, North County, bright, fit, nonsmoker, attractive. (1/22) ☎49804

I'M NOT FROM MARS, you're not from Venus. Drop me a line, we'll see what's between us! White, 39, 5'10", MBA, healthy. Seeking healthy relationship. (1/22) ☎49803

SEXY, MATURE, OLDER WOMAN sought by tall, attractive, white male, 51. I'm loving, caring, financially/emotionally secure, easygoing, unencumbered, very affectionate, warm, and romantic. (1/15) ☎49704

IGNORE THIS MESSAGE if you're under 62. I'm a nice, 72-year-old man who enjoys dancing and a good laugh. Care to join me? (1/15) ☎49726

JEWISH MAN IN HIS 50s, looking for single, white female, 35-50. Only serious inquiries apply. (1/22) ☎49818

FANTASY AND REALITY. Reality: tall, fit, polite, educated male, 48. Fantasy: strong, kind, feminine, sensual woman, 40-50s, you. For caring, sharing. You'll like my voice. (1/15) ☎49756

DYNAMIC, OUTDOORS TYPE gentleman, seeks the love of my life. She must be a lover of the Lord, faithful, affectionate, loving. (1/15) ☎49720

NEW TO DEL MAR. Handsome, humorous guy looking for very affectionate, loving, tall, strong lover/friend for mutual giving. 21-40. Honesty, reliability a must. Call. (1/22) ☎49839

LIFE IS WHAT WE MAKE IT. Take a chance and get to know a great guy, fun, romantic, honest, easygoing, educated, spontaneous, adventurous. (1/22) ☎49812

PLAYFUL, CARING, intelligent, passionate, sensual, open-minded, handsome, 53, 5'9",

170lbs., loves nature, arts, sciences, humor, desires slender, cute, 40 something damsel, to cherish forever. (1/22) ☎49820

ROMANTIC, SINCERE, professional, 6', trim, 34, Caucasian. Seeks warm, self-assured, successful, 28-35, nonsmoker. Beaches, sunsets, hiking, theater, travel, conversation. Let's enjoy life without children! (1/22) ☎49840

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MISSION VALLEY/SERRA MESA. \$525/ deposit. 2 rooms available in 3 bedroom 2 bath, large house. New paint/carpet, washer/dryer, own phone line. No pets. 858-571-7619.

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Rent negotiable. Female preferred. Magnificent 2-story house, 1902 renovated, old/new. Beautiful yard, large rooms, bright and cheerful. Have cats/dogs. 619-339-4316.

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$400 includes utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, wood floors, clean, tranquil courtyard with washer/dryer. Female preferred. Available now. 619-296-9930.

UTC. \$450, 1/3 utilities, \$500 deposit. Two females looking for another female to share 3 bedroom, 2-story townhome. No pets. Call Ann or Brenda, 858-452-7244.

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pool, jacuzzi. Have very friendly dog. Pet negotiable. Nonsmoking. 619-235-2415, x21690.

WANTED. Female roommate to find 1-2 bedroom, furnished/unfurnished house/apartment, \$350-\$450 per person/month. Anywhere in San Diego County, prefer Clairemont/beach. 619-641-7988; rick_1@earthlink.net.

WANTED: Male seeking room to rent weekends only. Rent negotiable. 310-403-5107.

WANTED: Seeking mini-master/large room (at least 13x14), private bath in La Costa house. Garage parking space, washer/dryer, cable, phone. Nonsmoking/drugs. References. 760-631-6509.

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BALBOA PARK, SOUTH. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, atrium, 1400 square feet, century old, hardwood floors, dishwasher, laundry hookups, upstairs, 4-unit complex. Cat OK. 858-459-9170.

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BANKER'S HILL. \$1295. 2 bedroom house. Hardwood floors, tile kitchen, clawfoot bath, high ceilings, stained glass, rear deck, laundry. 347 Hawthorn. XILA, 619-683-7638.

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CARLSBAD. \$1650. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Utilities included. 2-car garage, pool, spa. No smoking/pets. Rancho Carrillo. Judy, 760-740-0236.

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CARLSBAD. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Walk to beach, cat OK, stove, dishwasher. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

CARLSBAD. \$1450. Upstairs, 2 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, washer/dryer hook-up, 1-car garage, community pool and spa. 3539 Brookfield. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

CARLSBAD. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious 2-story condo on the cove. On-site laundry. No pets. Available now. Barbara McLain Properties. 760-434-6161.

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CARLSBAD. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom townhouse. 3 blocks to beach. Secluded complex. Parking, laundry. No

pets. 370 Chinquapin. Manager, 760-729-8132.

CARLSBAD. \$900 includes utilities. New 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage, gate guarded, near business park. No pets/smoking. Complete kitchen. Beautiful yard. Available 2/1. 760-431-6794.

CARLSBAD. \$1775. On cove, view, access. 2 master, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. New carpet, wood floors, double garage, fireplace, washer/dryer. No smoking/pets. 760-434-0016.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA, \$1250-\$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful newer complex above golf course. Washer/dryer, air conditioning, fireplace. Pool/spa. 2381 Caringa. Manager, 760-431-7575.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$2700/month, negotiable depending on lease term. New 3 bedroom plus built-in loft office, 2-1/2 bath. All appliances, 2-car garage. Dog OK. 4261 Calle Isabelino. 619-838-1866.

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CARMEL VALLEY. 4 bedroom, 3 bath plus den in Torrey Highlands. Travertine, granite, shutters, furnished, 2800 square feet. \$2700/month. Available February. 858-204-7732.

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CASA DE ORO. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, recently remodeled, washer and dryer hookups, dishwasher, air conditioning, ceiling fans, near all. Quiet area. Sorry, no pets. 3939-8 N. Bonita Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

CHULA VISTA. \$995. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Light and bright. Fresh paint, new carpet, vinyl, blinds. Private balcony overlooking lush landscape and sparkling pool. In small quiet community. Laundry facility on-site. Walk to shopping, restaurants, parks, and the newly renovated downtown area. Easy freeway access. Must see. Located at 515 Glover Avenue. 619-476-6659.

CHULA VISTA. Two wooded apartment communities! Both offer excellent location! Laundry, barbecues, off-street parking. The Forest: \$795. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ceiling fans, dishwasher, swimming pool. The Park: \$775. All utilities paid. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Breakfast bar. Cat OK. 556-581 Arizona Street. www.sdreader.com/rent/2031. 619-691-9415.

CHULA VISTA. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, carpet, blinds, laundry on site, pool. 1 assigned parking. 400 square feet. No pets. Pepperwood Apartments, on-site maintenance, \$400 security deposit. 659 Sea Vale Street #5 (cross street: Broadway, 1 block past C Street). Agent, 619-298-7724.

CHULA VISTA. New studios, 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750. 2 bedrooms, \$895-\$1250. Three bedrooms \$1250-\$1650. Quiet neighborhood. Fee. www.rentwave.com. Toll free. 1-888-575-3179.

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CHULA VISTA. \$725. Large 1 bedroom. Parking. Laundry. On bus route. 1 block

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CHULA VISTA. \$1500 per month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large yard. Children and pets OK. Sanibel Condominiums in Terra Nova. 619-216-2910.

CHULA VISTA. \$825. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Sea breezes. Laundry. Off-street parking. 1419 Tobias Drive. Maricela, 619-427-0146.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. \$1650. New 2 master bedroom plus. Garage, pool, jacuzzi. Harriet, agent, 888-322-8722.

CHULA VISTA, \$1600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, huge family room with wet bar, washer/dryer, garage door opener, pets OK. Great location, available 1/15. 619-427-9850.

CHULA VISTA, \$825. 1 bedroom, beautiful complex, private courtyard, on site laundry, off street parking. 619-427-0700; 619-426-3699.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$950. Deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Secure building. Laundry hookups. Refrigerator. Dishwasher. Balcony. Upstairs. New carpet. 4102 Marlborough Avenue. 619-582-7235; 619-281-5140.

CITY HEIGHTS. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool/spa setting. Fresh paint. \$975. 2408 Fairmount Avenue. 619-269-4807.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1400. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, dining room. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$695 and up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Pool. microwave, mirrored closet doors, ceiling fans, verticals. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-280-4693.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$700/\$350 deposit. Move-in special! 1 bedroom 1 bath, gated building, new paint/carpeting, secure parking, 4058 51st Street. Se habla Espanol. 619-280-8167.

CITY HEIGHTS, \$795, 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Nice Azalea Park area, private yard, central location, private yard, clean, available. Call, 619-528-8798.

CITY HEIGHTS. Newly remodeled senior community! 55 and up! 1 and 2 bedrooms available now. Garden setting. Secure gated entry. Underground parking. Close to shopping, freeways and bus lines. www.sunriseliving.com, Ray, 619-583-5409.

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CITY HEIGHTS. New Years special, 2 weeks free! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1050. Gated, underground parking, newly remodeled, laundry. 4222 Menlo. Brian, 619-283-2275; 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. Senior complex. Section 8 OK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated, newly remodeled, laundry. 4218 46th Street. 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$750. New carpet, vinyl and paint. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry. 4460 Euclid Avenue. Call 619-243-4000 x0.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$1075. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stackable washer/dryer. Fully equipped kitchens. Vaulted ceilings, select units. Patios/balconies. Assigned covered carport. Lap pool. Jacuzzi. Tennis courts. Fitness center. Cats only! Near beaches/freeways. Canyon Ridge Apartments, 3187 Cowley Way. 619-276-1400. www.sdreader.com/rent/2021.

CLAIREMONT, \$1250/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, large pets accepted. Huge, fenced yard, garage, washer/dryer hookups. Great area! 858-642-5871 or 858-699-7008.

CLAIREMONT. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs unit with garage. Patio, new carpet, laundry on site. Available now. 1204 Vega Street #1. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

CLAIREMONT. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, units in a large complex. Laundry on site. Swimming pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking for one vehicle. 4104 Mountain Alifan Place #C and 4198 Mountain Alifan

Place #A. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

CLAIREMONT. \$1685. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with 2 car garage. Fenced yard. Pet OK. Additional parking for boat or RV. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups. Agent, 619-223-2524.

CLAIREMONT. \$1695. Nice 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. 2-car garage, no pets, new carpet and appliances. Quiet fenced yard. 3007 Fawn Avenue. Agent, 858-453-6115.

CLAIREMONT. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, large yard, garage, unfurnished homes. Close to UCSD and shopping. ASPM. No pets. 3240 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. 858-565-6420.

CLAIREMONT. \$2050. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with office. Appliances available. Large landscaped yard with deck and spa. Gardener included. Available February 1. 858-270-8155.

CLAIREMONT. \$750-\$1050. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Bring your pet. Short drive to the beach. A few houses also available. Large yards. Dishwasher, parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

CLAIREMONT. 1 bedroom. Large unit in small gated property. Laundry, pool, off-street parking. Great location and price. 619-296-2787.

CLAIREMONT. \$875 and up. 1 bedrooms. 2 bedrooms, from \$1050 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and homey? Our lovely complex is peaceful and quiet day and night! Walking to all your needs. Patios and courtyard. Garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$1200. \$200 off first month's rent! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with view of bay. Pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Cat OK. 2920 Clairemont Drive. 619-276-5937.

CLAIREMONT. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, remodeled, with garage, patio, new paint and carpet. 4127 Fond du Lac. Available 1/15. 858-270-9585.

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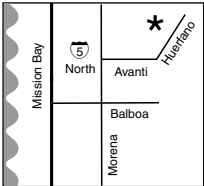
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OCEAN BEACH. Garage sale. 8am-4pm, 1/19. Black leather couch, matching love seat, overstuffed chair/ottoman, dark green overstuffed leather rocker, desk. 4722 Niagara Avenue. 619-523-1875.

PACIFIC BEACH. Yard sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday/Sunday. Leather jackets, furniture, etc. 3515 Ingraham.

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SAN DIEGO. Moving sale. Tons of stuff. 7389 Nightingale Way (near 163 and 805 freeways), 92123. Look for signs.

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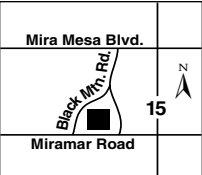
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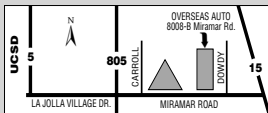
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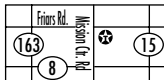
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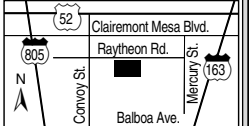
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— His Own “Head Start” Program: A seven-year-old Minneapolis boy stole an SUV on Dec. 6 and crashed into several things, and then, after attempts by the police and his guardian to explain to him why stealing cars was wrong, he stole another one on Dec. 17 and hit another vehicle, injuring a boy riding with his mother. His two reported explanations were, respectively: “I want to be a good driver when I grow up” and “I just had to get to school and I don’t know where it is.” (According to a hopeful *Minneapolis Star Tribune* report, experts believe kids that young who commit crimes are no more than two to three times more likely to turn into violent criminals.)

— In a December *New York Times* dispatch from Jidda, Saudi Arabia, concerning the heavily religious-law-regulated Perdu lingerie shop, its female marketing director said that about 85 percent of Saudi women wear ill-fitting bras, perhaps because the law requires that sales clerks in public stores be men. According to the *Times*, “While women may be berated for showing a...leg or an arm [in public], they must ask strange men for help in assessing their bra size.”

Readers’ Choice

— In December, police in Urbana, Ohio, said they would soon file fraud charges against Teresa Milbrandt, 35, for tricking local people and businesses into giving her more than \$10,000 on behalf of her seven-year-old daughter, who she falsely said had leukemia. Milbrandt apparently never even told her daughter why she had to have her head shaved (to simulate the effects of chemotherapy), but that touch of realism ultimately caused the scheme to collapse when someone noticed the hair had been cut and was not falling out.

Ironies

— Two men who have sat on juries in notoriously litigation-friendly Jefferson County, Miss., filed a lawsuit against the TV program *60 Minutes* in December, claiming that they were defamed in a segment about Mississippi juries’ generosity. Anthony Berry was on a jury that gave out \$150 million in an asbestos case, and Johnny Anderson was on one that awarded \$150 million in a diet drug case, and both say the *60 Min-*

utes segment made the juries seem so extravagant that they must be getting kickbacks. The two men’s lawsuit (filed in Jefferson County, of course) asks for more than \$6 billion.

— The president of Baptist-affiliated Gardner-Webb University (Boiling Springs, N.C.) admitted in September that he raised a star basketball player’s grade-point average so that he would be eligible to play in the 2000-2001 season, during which Gardner-Webb won the National Christian College Athletic Association championship. (The president, Christopher White, resigned in October; the class that the player failed, for cheating, but which was not counted on his GPA, was in religion.)

What Goes Around, Comes Around

— Following a *Detroit Free Press* interview in November with bulk e-mailer Alan Ralsky (who gloated that his success at sending “spam” advertising had paid for his \$740,000 home), Internet spam-haters tracked down Ralsky’s West Bloomfield, Mich., address and inundated him with thousands of unsolicited hard-copy catalogs and mailings. In another case, following news that the Pentagon had hired former Reagan administration official John Poindexter to oversee the creation of software that could track nearly all consumer transactions in the country, an *SF Weekly* (San Francisco) columnist released Poindexter’s home phone number, and Internet activists set up a website for tracking all of Poindexter’s personal transactions.

— Jay Glaspey, 37, was hospitalized in Des Moines, Iowa, in September after accidentally setting himself on fire while trying to burn his girlfriend’s bed after a fight. And Cordell T. Holland, 24, was hospitalized in Prince George’s County, Md., in July after accidentally setting himself on fire while trying to burn up his car for the insurance. And Timothy Grubb, 46, was hospitalized in Cleveland in October after accidentally setting himself on fire while trying to burn down his ex-girlfriend’s house.

— In Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in October, David Voth, author of a bestseller on how to keep from paying income tax in Canada, was fined for his failure to file income tax returns since 1995. And Robert H. Morrison, author of *Divorce Dirty Tricks* (on how to avoid child-support payments), pleaded guilty in Phoenix in

December to avoiding support payments for his 12-year-old son.

People Different From Us

— In November, Jason Morris, 30, was acquitted by a jury in Greater Manchester, England, of the charge that, using ordinary pliers, he pulled out 18 of his girlfriend’s teeth, leaving her covered head to toe in blood. The case turned when the girlfriend, Samantha Court, 25, took the witness stand and admitted that she pulled the teeth out herself during an April drug binge during which she tried to get rid of a green and pink fly that had darted down her throat. Court said the couple has decided to stop doing drugs.

Least Competent People

— In 2001, a woman filed a federal lawsuit in Minnesota (*Engleson vs. Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce*), seeking to recover for injuries she suffered when she tripped over an orange traffic cone. The lawsuit was dismissed in November 2002 by Judge Donovan Frank, who said the law does not expect anyone to warn people that there’s a warning cone up ahead.

Updates on Recent News of the Weird Stories

— In November 2001, *News of the Weird* reported on a language its practitioners called The Truth (but which is basically indistinguishable from gibberish), which at that time a few Canadian defendants were using in tax-evasion trials (with a huge lack of success). In December 2002, Janet Kay Logan, 46, and Jason Zellmer, 22, were convicted in Madison, Wis., of creating phony lawsuit documents, despite their using The Truth in their trial and attempting to call as a witness the language’s creator, David Wynn Miller, also known as the “king of Hawaii,” who informed the judge that the genesis of The Truth was when Miller “turned Hawaii into a verb” and showed “how a preposition is needed to certify a noun.” Logan insisted until the very end that the lawsuits were legitimate because she is a judge in the “DI-STRICT court of the Unity State of the World.”

Also, in the Past Month ...

— A carjacker made off with a Honda Civic following a struggle, but he did leave behind his

colostomy bag, which fell off in the fight (St. Albert, Alberta). Two hours after a TV news crew visited a candle shop to interview the owner about holiday fire safety, a faulty candle in the shop started a blaze that gutted four businesses (Colorado Springs, Colo.). The University of Magdeburg yielded to longtime demands of the daughters of the late 1970s Red Army terrorist Ulrike Meinhof and gave back Meinhof’s brain, which it had commandeered after her 1976 suicide (Koln, Germany).

Our Civilization in Decline

— London’s *Daily Telegraph* reported in December on a recent Peruvian military video that showed a dog being killed and its innards eaten by troops training to become ruthless killers; a Peruvian official admitted that live dogs had been used in the past, but not since August 2002. Also, according to a December Reuters report, a surreptitious videotape surfaced of a ritual of elephant domestication in Thailand in which a young elephant is forced from his mother and beaten for hours to make him suitable for tourist attractions. (Thai officials defend their domestication program because the country has far more elephants than habitat necessary for them to survive in the wild.)

No Longer Weird

— Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (59) The elderly motorist who takes one wrong turn and then seems powerless to correct the mistake for hours or even days, such as the McLean, Va., woman (age 80) whose planned 10-mile shopping trip in November left her north of Pittsburgh, 250 miles away, 48 hours later. (60) And the packs of young men on minor-crime sprees who proudly videotape themselves during the acts, thus making prosecutors’ jobs so much easier when the tapes are recovered, as with four men on a vandalism and shoplifting spree in the St. Louis area in November.

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The week after Christmas, I never knew what day it was. Christmas fell on a Wednesday. My husband Jack took half of Christmas Eve, all day Christmas, and the day after Christmas off work. He worked Friday and Saturday. Johnny didn't go to preschool, and Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy didn't go to Catholic school any day.

I woke up that Saturday morning in a fog. Angela stood beside my bed. "Mommy," she whispered. "Can we go downstairs and watch KPBS?"

For a moment, I hesitated. I looked at the red LED lights on my clock-radio. 7:38.

"Where's Daddy?" Angela asked.

I glanced over at Jack's side of the bed. Empty.

"What day is it?" I asked Angela.

My second daughter, who is almost eight, looked at me

blankly. "I don't know."

"Do we go to church today?" four-year-old Johnny asked from where he lay smashed against my right side.

My mind began to clear. "No, Johnny. It's not a church day," I told him. "Daddy had to go into work today even though it's the weekend," I told Angela. "Sure, you guys can watch KPBS," I told them both.

I fell back against the pillows as Johnny and Angela clomped down the stairs. Fuzzy, electronic voices floated up as I fell back into twilight. A few minutes later, Benjamin rolled over and smashed against my right side. His soft, round cheek felt warm against my neck. I had been up four or five times during the night with Benjamin. My two-year-old son had thrown up his dinner all over Jack's and my bed right before bedtime. He had burned with fever for the rest of the night. Every hour and a half, Ben stumbled out of his bed, toddled down the hall, and appeared beside me. "Go back ah Ben's bed," he said each time in his groggy baby voice.

"Sure, buddy," I answered in my groggy grown-up voice.

Together, we walked down the hall. Ben crawled into the bottom bunk of the bed he shares with Johnny. "Cover up," he told me.

I pulled the blankets up to his neck as he curled, stomach down, diapered butt up in the air.

"Lie down, Mom," Ben whispered.

"Okay, buddy." I kneeled down beside Ben's bed, rested my head against the soft comforter, and prayed he'd feel better. Sometimes, he fell asleep right away, and I tip-toed back

to my room. Sometimes, I fell asleep within a minute, and woke up who knows how much later with a crick in my neck and my legs and feet numb from kneeling in my sleep.

Saturday morning when Jack left for work around 6:00, he carried Ben into our room and laid him beside me in bed. A little before 8:00, Ben opened his glassy eyes and said, "Merry Christmas, Mom."

"Merry Christmas, Ben," I answered and snuggled his hot little body against me. "How're you feeling?"

"Okay," he croaked.

I carried Ben downstairs. He flopped onto the couch beside Angela and Johnny. "Watch *Arfur*," Ben said.

"Yes," I answered. "You can watch *Arthur*."

I made Bisquick coffee cake for breakfast. Rebecca and Lucy came downstairs and joined the other three kids in front of the TV. At 8:30, when *Arthur* was over, I said, "Okay, TV off."

Johnny groaned. "It's no fair," he whined. "I never get to watch TV."

"No fair," Ben reflexively echoed Johnny. I ignored them both. "Come eat breakfast," I said.

When the kids had finished breakfast and I had pressed the last cinnamon-sugar crumbs left in the coffee-cake pan into the tines of my fork and polished them off, Rebecca and Angela disappeared upstairs. I straightened up the kitchen and started the dishwasher.

"When will Daddy be home?" Johnny asked me.

"Around lunchtime," I answered. "Let's go upstairs and get dressed."

Ben still lay on the couch. He hadn't moved when I'd offered him toast for breakfast. He sipped at his juice and stared across the room at me. I walked over and lifted him off the couch. "How are you feeling, sweetie boy?" I asked as Ben laid his warm head against my shoulder.

"Merry Christmas, Mom," he answered.

The kids spent the rest of the morning playing with their new toys. Lucy and Angela dressed their new Barbies in new outfits and sent them riding on new horses. Rebecca read one of her new books. Johnny saved the world with his new Rescue Heroes action figures. Ben languished on the couch.

When Jack walked in the door a little before 1:00, I had already fed the kids lunch and cleaned up the kitchen again. After greeting the kids, Jack asked, "How's Ben?"

"Not so good," I told him. "He hasn't thrown up again. But he still has a fever, and he's pretty lethargic."

"You were up with him a lot last night," Jack said. "I'll take the other kids out for a while. Why don't you and Ben go upstairs and take a nap."

Which is how I found myself curled up on my bed on a wintry afternoon. The house was silent. I pulled the down comforter up over Ben and me. Ben snuggled in close. His eyes began to droop. "Johnny loves Ben," Ben whispered.

"Yes, Johnny loves Ben," I answered.

"Daddy loves Ben."

"Yes, Daddy loves Ben."

"Mommy loves Ben."

"Yes, Mommy loves Ben."

"Ben loves Mommy."

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