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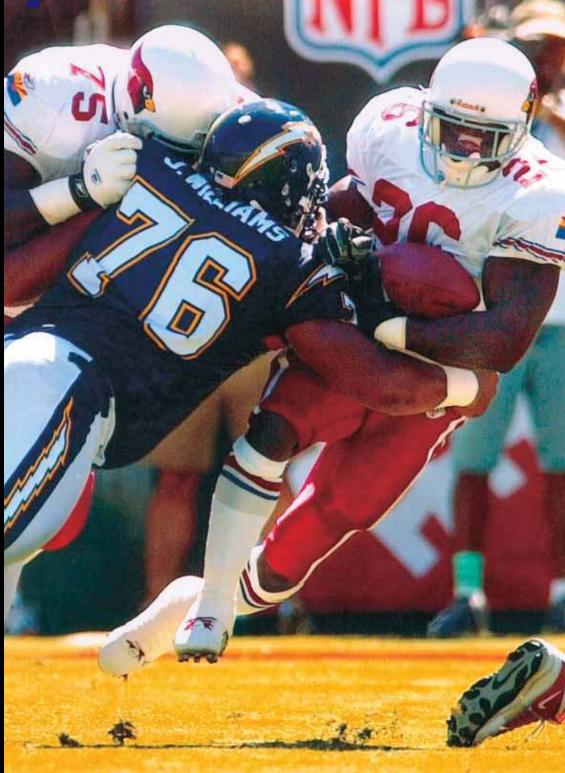
Mama Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Play Football

he life of a National Football League player's wife can have its highs and lows. Huge player salaries are often spent on dining, travel, gifts, cars, and expensive homes. On the other hand, when the relationship sours, the lavish lifestyle can turn into a nightmare. So says Sureldie Williams, wife of San Diego Chargers defensive tackle

Jamal Williams. Last year, she alleges, her husband turned against her, striking out violently. Jamal was arrested at their daughter's La Jolla school, and soon the couple were in the midst of a divorce battle over child support and their dismal finances.

Hers is one of the silent NFL horror stories that have gone unreported by San Diego news media, which relies on the NFL's goodwill for access to Chargers games and players. News organizations and writers who write too candidly are denied passes to the Super Bowl and ancillary events. The *Union-Tribune* is sponsoring the downtown "Super Hub" Super Bowl party district.

And because the league itself, critics say, is derelict in policing domestic violence, drug use, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 32**



Jamal Williams (76) in Chargers – Cardinals game, 9/22/02

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Bookworms Dread Needles

The North Park Friends of the Library were very interested in your article "Addict Magnet in North Park," which appeared in the January 16 issue ("City Lights"). The group would like to let you know that your article ended too soon and did not include input from groups who oppose the 31st Street and University Avenue location, ours included.

We regret that your reporter failed to note that this needle-exchange site is within a half block of the North Park Library and is right on the traffic path to it.

If the reporter would care to look further, he would note that this site is clearly visible from the large windows in the children's area of the library.

The Friends of the North Park Library are also not in favor of having a geographic landmark to the branch being the proximity of a needle-exchange program. It is one thing to have your branch placed in the public mind as being near a supermarket or a post office, but quite another to be identified as near a clean-needle exchange.

In addition to the unpopular idea of having this program near the paths of walking groups of children, there is a safety issue with the proximity of the nearest public washrooms to the exchange being those of the North Park branch. The Friends do not favor having the rest rooms become shooting galleries.

Please finish the article you started.

Jean C. Hughes Acting President Friends of the North Park Library

Congratulations, Daugherty!

Congratulations to Patrick Daugherty for being the only sports writer or broadcaster in America to actually figure out why Marucci got fired ("Sporting Box," January 9). He even called it before the actual event, too. Great column. Thanks. Hal

Pointy-Teeth Pride

In response to the article concerning the superior overall health of a vegan ("Tin Fork") in the January 16 edition of the San Diego Reader, which I pick up religiously every Thursday, I have to say that I'm thoroughly disgusted by the ignorance of the writer. I like to think of myself as an intelligent and worldly person, but sometimes I just have to play the role of the reactionary...sometimes it just feels so good.

I do realize that, yes, maybe it is a fact that more people that eat meat suffer more cases of heart disease and eventual heart attack than nonmeat eaters. I'm also positive that quite a few of these people don't have the facts about what it is that they are ingesting; ignorance is bliss in our assbackward society, and most people in the USA aren't on a regular workout schedule.

However, I would like to point out the fact that some of us flesh-eaters, as the author calls us, are actually quite healthy despite the fact that we consume the flesh of animals. In fact, I consume the flesh of animals at least three times a day, and I am in perfect health. My blood pressure is exactly where it should be for someone my age, below even, and the last time I had an EKG they had to do it twice because they thought the machine was malfunctioning. As it turns out, my heart rate is just so low that they thought the machine was not reading correctly. I run, swim, and do calisthenics at least five times a week and feel that I'm in excellent shape.

I guess what I'm trying to get at here is that people like me are tired of boring opinions concerning the pluses of veganism from people like you. Veganism is almost a fad these days. It's like continued on page 81

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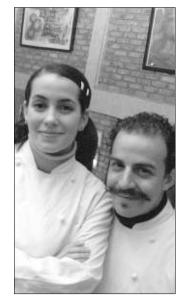
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Super busts Two months ago, FBI agents swept into San Diego's Alvarado Hos-



pital Medical Center, armed with warrants to search for evidence that the institution had been paying off doctors to refer new patients to the hospital. It was the third such federal raid and document demand conducted as part of the federal probe into alleged Medicare corruption at 19 facilities owned by Santa Barbara-based Tenet Healthcare Corporation, which runs a total of 114 hospitals. The company continues to deny that anything is amiss, but its stock has been hit hard, dropping from a high of about \$52 a share, down to as low as \$15 in recent months. And the timing could have been a bit better for Alvarado, which is the "official hospital sponsor" of San Diego's Super Bowl host committee, the group of local business types who promote and help subsidize the game and its subsidiary events here. Boardmembers include Herb Klein, the "editor in chief" of the Union-Tribune and other Copley-owned newspapers, which critics say have been less than zealous in reporting on Tenet's ongoing woes. Besides Alvarado, other sponsors include the U-T, radio-station giant Clear Channel, the Port of San Diego, the casino-owning Sycuan tribe, defense contractor SAIC, and troubled Gateway Computers. The port spent \$500,000 of public money for its sponsorship. Asked this week about how much Tenet paid for the Super Bowl honor and whether it got any tickets for the game or other goodies for its doctors, Alvarado's Mina Nazaryan said, "We cannot disclose that." Asked about the status of the investigation, she said, "It's coming along fine." Hospital sponsorship of Super Bowl host committees has been common but has grown more controversial in recent years, as issues such as soaring costs and lack of trauma care have roiled the largely subsidized industry. In Jacksonville, Florida, which is set to host the 2005 Super Bowl, Gainesville-based Shands Healthcare came under heavy fire last week when it was announced that the north Florida hospital chain had agreed to pay \$500,000 to become a sponsor of the host committee. Shands had just received a taxpayer-funded \$150 million bailout, and officials there denounced the sponsorship as a waste of money. "It just astounds me we're going to spend \$500,000 for PR, and we're not going to deal with the care issue," Jacksonville city councilwoman Suzanne Jenkins told local media. A Shands spokesman defended the move, saving the money would come out of three years' worth of the hospital's marketing budget.

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Hooters of America A worker who

was seriously injured during a brawl at a Christmas party for Hooters employees has been

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quit the board of San Francisco's troubled Warren Hellman

Magnes Museum, which he joined only last fall in a widely heralded move to save the institution. But a bitter board split over direction of the museum, which highlights Jewish art and culture, couldn't be mended, said Hellman. "The unpleasantness has caused my family tsuris (Yiddish for troubles) and has caused me not to spend necessary time on Hellman & Friedman (his investment firm), which is supposed to be my primary activity," Hellman told the San Francisco Chronicle ... San

Gerry Parsky

UC regents to investigate wrongdoing at UC-managed Los Alamos National Labs. In addition to UCSD's Dynes, regents Peter Preuss of La Jolla and financier Gerry Parsky of

Diego's super-rich are well

represented on that special

committee appointed by

Rancho Santa Fe are on the team. Parsky is a close chum of the Bush administration but less well admired by the state GOP's conservative wing.

Taxing matters In the crush of this week's Super Bowl, it may be hard to remember the hype of 1996's Republican National Convention, which cost city taxpayers millions of dollars but arguably put the town on the bigtime convention map, for better or worse. The Internal Revenue Service, however, never forgets. Earlier this month, it filed a lien for more than \$50,000 against the local GOP host committee, which has long since disbanded, for taxes and interest remaining unpaid during 1997 through 1999 ... San Diego is rated as only the ninth-largest convention destination in North America, with 331 annual meetings, reports the Orange County Register. Tops is Orlando, Florida, with 625. Las Vegas is number two with 589.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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You Think I'm Guilty of Something?

By Joe Deegan

n February 4, 2002, two days after the disappearance of Danielle van Dam, the San Diego Police Department's polygraph

expert Paul Redden administered a lie detector test to David Westerfield. The test could not be used as evidence in Westerfield's recent trial, and its contents had remained hidden from the public until Judge William Mudd ordered the 155 pages of its transcripts released last week. The following has been excerpted from those transcripts.

Paul Redden: Okay, here's what we're doing today. I'm gonna go through and explain the polygraph to you....

David Westerfield: Okay. PR: So you will easily understand, if you lie you get caught.

DW: Um hum. PR: That's what this test's all about.... DW: Okay. PR: So first off I need to know, is David a liar or not? DW: Okay.

PR: Is that true? David is or is not a liar **DW:** No, I'm not a liar. PR: Okay, you don't look like one.... Okay, there [are]

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four components that I'm going to attach to you ... and they're lying on the table right there in front of you.

DW: Um hum. **PR:** The first two are the pneumo tubes. That's the tube...with the chains. One goes around your stomach, one goes around your chest. They are measuring your respiratory functions. DW: Makes sense.

PR: Next component is the GSR, acronym for galvanic skin response. Two finger plates will be attached to your fingers and measure your skin response, basically sweating.

DW: Okay. PR: Final thing is the cardio-cuff, just like a blood pressure cuff, measures increases or decreases in blood pressure. DW: Okay.

PR: Your pulse rate and the strength of your heartbeat.... All of the questions in the exam will be yes or no answers. I'll ask you a question; you'll say yes or no.

DW: So you don't want an

explanation?

PR: No, we'll...cover all that ahead of time Okay, let me explain how a polygraph works, so this thing will kind of make sense to you. DW: Um hum.

PR: A polygraph works on your autonomic nervous system. And these are areas vou can't control, no one can control.

DW: Um hum.

PR: When a person attempts deception or tries to lie, things happen inside our bodies that we have no control over.... You can lie to everybody else in the world, but you can't lie to vourself.

DW: No.

PR: But human nature, we like to tell stories, and we like to exaggerate stories. The fish gets bigger and bigger, so to speak.

DW: Um hum....

PR: The difference in a polygraph situation, if [I] ask a question that you're gonna lie to me about, that wall's gonna...look like [the] movie screen of your life. You're gonna see it just like the day it happened. You know you're lying, that little guy's up in your head saying, hey, that's not the truth. Now you know I know that you're lying, because I'm measuring these physiological things that are going on inside. DW: Um hum....

PR: Did you have anything



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to do with [Danielle's] disappearance? **DW:** No. **PR:** Okay, do you know where she could be located right now? **DW:** No.

PR: Okay, so you're no way involved in this thing. DW: No, huh-uh. I — your just asking me that question upsets me, but no. PR: What do you think should happen to the person or persons — there could be more than one in-

volved here — that are responsible for the disappearance of Danielle? **DW:** I think they should be taken out and shot

immediately. **PR:** Okay.

DW: But that's not — I know that they'll get...three to five years, you know, five to ten, something like that. **PR:** Um-hum.

DW: It's not a hard-and-fast rule.

PR: Okay.

DW: I think that they, you know, people that...hurt the innocent are bad people. **PR:** Okay. Can you think of any reason...?

DW: Because the innocent are innocent.

PR: Right. **DW:** You know what I'm saying?

PR: Particularly children are very innocent.

DW: They're very trusting. **PR:** Okay, questions are about to begin. Is your first name David?

DW: Yes. PR: Do you believe me when I promise you I won't ask a question we haven't gone over word for word? DW: Yes.

PR: Regarding whether or not you yourself are involved in the disappearance of Danielle van Dam, do you intend to answer truthfully each question about that?

DW: Yes.

PR: Regarding the disappearance of Danielle van Dam, do you suspect anyone in particular of being responsible for her missing? **DW:** No.

PR: Regarding the disappearance of Danielle van Dam, do you know for sure who is responsible for her missing?



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missing?

DW: No.

angry?

PR: During the first 45 years

of your life, do you remem-

ber ever hurting anyone

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member ever lying to any-

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PR: Regarding the disap-

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DW: No.

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DW: No

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PR: Are you afraid I'll ask a

question we haven't gone

whereabouts at this time?

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DW: No.

PR: That concludes the first test....

DW: That's the hard part? **PR:** That's the hard part. DW: Okay.

PR: 'Cause now I...know, continued on page 8



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something *continued from page 6* and you know that I know, and...that's the hard part. And now you're gonna help me resolve this thing. **DW:** Um hum.... Did I, did I pass?

PR: No, you did not pass my test. And I don't think that surprises you....
DW: It does surprise me.
Well, part of it's in my past.
PR: You are somehow in-

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volved in the disappearance of Danielle van Dam? **DW:** No, I'm not. I mean, I'll take the test over again. **PR:** Well, let me show you what I've done today, okay? **DW:** Okay. **PR:** And then I'll even show you the charts. **DW:** Okay. **PR:** Um, I don't

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PR: Um, I don't know if I told you or not, but...this... software program has a built-in scoring algorithm. **DW:** Okay, I know what an algorithm [is], all right, it's a

mathematical... PR: You're...right.... DW: I'm getting upset. I failed the test? PR: You failed the test.... DW: Now, was it because of the questions or is it something I did wrong?

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PR: I'm gonna show you.... And the algorithm gives us a probability score.

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DW: Okay....

PR: And it's right there in big bold letters. It says what, David?

DW: Well, it says, "deception indicated."

PR: Probability of deception is greater than...what? **DW:** Ninety-nine percent.

PR: That's right.

DW: On all of the questions? PR: No, not all the questions. Because if you move down right here where my finger is...the question, "Did you have anything to do with the disappearance of Danielle van Dam?"...it shows 100 percent. "Are you personally responsible for Danielle van Dam's disappearance?" It shows 100 percent.

DW: I'm more than willing to take the test over again. I didn't expect to fail....

PR: Now, you're not an examiner, but you're gonna be able to see these...

DW: Okay.

PR: They're that dramatic. **DW:** Okay.

PR: The lines that you're looking at, the top two lines are your breathing, the middle line is the GSR, the thing on your fingers, and the bottom line is your cardio. **DW:** Okay.

PR: When I ask you this question about Danielle, your blood pressure goes crazy. That's 25 seconds from here to here.... And the next question, it does the same thing as previously.... **DW:** Well, look at this one right here. What was that question?

PR: Okay, that's...good. I'm glad you pointed that out, 'cause you can see that. 'Cause that is the other question about Danielle. And you can see what happens to your blood pressure now.

DW: I didn't even know her name was Danielle.

PR: Okay, yes you did, because we've been talking about that for a couple of hours.

DW: Well, yeah, no, but I... Well, up until...

PR: Well, but you know who I was talking about.

DW: Yes, I did, yeah.... **PR:** Here is the question about Danielle again. And see this, see the thing here? **DW:** Um hum.

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PR: And then your blood pressure falls, and then here's the other question about

the other question about Danielle, and even that is a huge blood pressure reaction. That is a tremendous blood pressure reaction.... **DW:** Look...how high those are.

PR: Which ones? DW: These, these. PR: Oh, this one, yeah, you're right. That's very true, man, that's a question about Danielle.

DW: Oh, I thought that was about...but every time you ask me a question, my blood pressure's going down and then with every question it goes back up again.

PR: It goes up right on the ones about Danielle. Now let me come show you something a little more...dramatic ... 33 is: "Are you in any way responsible for her missing?" And look what happens to your blood pressure.

DW: So why didn't it go up when I... If I was going to lie, why didn't 47-C go up? **PR:** Because...47-C says, "During the first 40 years of your life, do you remember lying to...anyone who loved and trusted you?"

DW: Oh, I see.... **PR:** Okay, but I've given you a type of winding road. I've given you questions that deal with your name, with your early periods in life, with the questions about Danielle.

DW: Right.

PR: That question about during the first 40 years of your life, that you've lied to somebody who loved and trusted you. I have no question in my mind that you've done that. So you know what, David? I already know that you're lying to that question, but you're not reacting to it.

DW: Hum.

PR: The question that you focused on was Danielle. Now the next question here is...that you pointed out, "You know where she could be located at this time?" And you can see what happened....

DW: What was 48-C again? **PR:** Forty-eight was over the hurting...[were you] hurting anyone when you were drunk or angry?

DW: Okay. PR: And you can see it dropped off the scale. **DW:** Um hum. **PR:** We'll go back to...the first chart.... **DW:** Well, I lied about that one and that's one of the

one, and that's...one of the questions that I wanted to ask you about.

PR: All right.

DW: And why did it drop off the chart? That's what I don't understand.

PR: The reason it dropped off the chart is because that question didn't mean anything to you....The questions that you're concerned about in my test are the questions about Danielle.

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DW: Well, I'm concerned about that, yeah. So that would cause my blood pressure to go up anyway. I'm concerned about that.... **PR:** Don't you think that the parents would be more concerned?

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DW: Oh yeah, big time.... **PR:** And I tested one of the parents. Passed this thing with flying colors. One of my partners tested the other parent. Passed with flying colors.

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DW: But didn't they have any concern? There was no...it was a flat one? **PR:** They passed the test.

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continued from page 13 DW: Um hum. Well, I'm trying to learn. PR: Okay. There have been numerous other people that are somewhat connected to this family that we have tested, and everyone up to this point has passed the test. The only person who has failed on this test... **DW:** Is me. **PR:** Is you.... David, I am confident in my own mind that you're not being up front with me. But I'm also willing to talk with you. Now I'm gonna point something out to you in my notes that I made a very significant note about when we were talking. **DW:** Okay.

PR: And you don't know that you did it.... And what you said to me at that point was...pulled off the side of the road, you ate, you showered, and you said, "we" were at Warner Springs. What you just told me was that there was somebody else with you. **DW:** There wasn't anybody you don't say, "we."

said, "we"

show you... **DW:** That's fine.

use in my head.

call it.

not.

go.

DW: I didn't say...if I, if I

PR: You said, "we," 'cause I

can play the tape back and

PR: ...where you said, "we." **DW:** If...I said that...and I'm not gonna say I didn't say it, it's one of those mix-ups I

PR: Freudian slip is what we

DW: Well, no, it's just that it...sounds like a lie, but it's

PR: David, things happen.

We don't know why things happen.... I don't think you

went out trying to hurt this

little girl at all. But something went wrong and you gotta help. We gotta help this family. You can't let this

DW: But, but she...you, you

as a professional, and I'm a

professional, I would tell

you about stuff, ah, in my area of expertise. As of right

now, you think I'm guilty of

PR: I think you are some-

how connected with the disappearance of Danielle van

DW: Okay, well, I'm more

than willing to take the test

PR: Why...do you think

you had trouble with my

DW: You say that the parents passed, and they had,

you know, when you men-

tioned the word "Danielle" to them, they didn't get...a

PR: Not even close, not even

DW: Okay, up until today I didn't know her name. **PR:** But you knew who we

were talking about, so... **DW:** So physically why

would I have a response

that way? Even...more on

those two questions, why

would I have a response like

PR: But one of the disturb-

ing calls that we have about

David is David and the

campground at the Strand.

DW: What about the camp-

PR: Ah, there was a call that

you were seen with a little

DW: Somebody is lying to

you, because there was no-

ground at the Strand?

DW: Um, I have no clue.

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over again....

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PR: Okay.

spike like I did.

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else with me. **PR:** There was somebody

else with you. Otherwise



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continued from page 14 **PR:** Is that because you had already gotten rid of her? **DW:** No, I'm saying that

there was nothing there to

see. There was just me. I watched a little TV, I sat out front, I was putzing around, I ate lunch.

PR: David, have you ever heard the old story, the old saying of when you find yourself in a hole, quit digging? DW: Yeah. PR: It just gets deeper and deeper. DW: Yeah. PR: You're in a hole right now. DW: Well, I...and this test put me there.

PR: No, that test didn't put you there, you put you there... We gave you four tests.

DW: And I failed on those questions all four times? **PR:** All four times.

DW: Well, that's not good. PR: No, it's not good. DW: And I don't know how to explain it....

PR: There's got to be an explanation. If we were to open the door right now, and there was a German



shepherd dog there with his teeth showing and growling and snapping at you....

DW: Right. PR: ...your blood pressure's going to go up a little bit, isn't it?

DW: Right....

PR: Same thing happens here. If I ask you a question that's threatening to you, which is basically the same thing — the dog snarling and barking at you, or the question being a threat to you because it's a threat to your well-being....

DW: And I don't know why I'm failing the test.

PR: Um hum.

DW: Okay. Honestly, I don't know why I'm failing the test. But I would tell you that I need to stop. Is it my right or isn't it my....?

PR: Of course it's your right, when I can stop....[do you want to] talk to a lawyer? Did you like talking to Moe and....?

DW: Well, they're policemen. They're on your side. I need somebody on my side. You're telling me to talk to someone else who's on your side. And I need to find out if...what you're telling me, that no one ever, no one has ever had that kind of a jump on a question and failed the test and was...later proven innocent. And I'm telling you that I know I'm innocent and that the test is flawed in some way But what I'm looking at is that I'm walking out the door, and you're going to know that I failed this test, because we're not working to get David...to the point where David passes the test That's not your goal.

PR: No, I can't resolve what's going on here....

DW: Try to find out what's going on here, right? PR: ...what caused that

reaction....

DW: I would tell you that the only thing that I was concerned about was the fact that the little girl was missing. **PR:** Okay.

DW: And that, believe me, that means a lot to me. I have a daughter...but I can't believe that you asked these same kinds of questions to the mother and father and they didn't jump up and down at all. PR: Believe me. DW: Okay. ■

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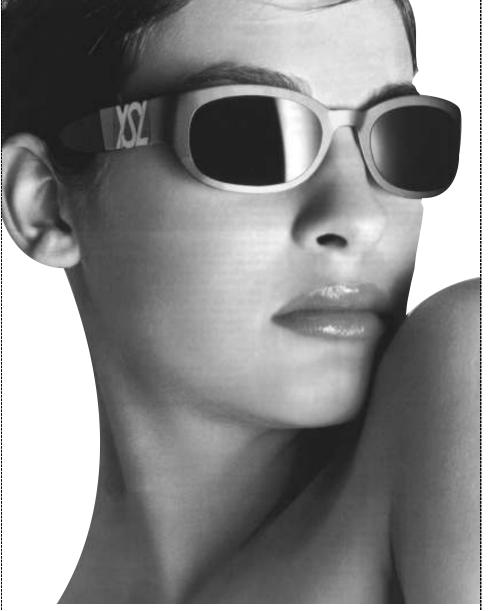
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Matt:

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An old Beach Boys song goes, "It happened on the strip where the road is wide/ Two cool sharks sittin' side by side/ My fuel-injected Stingray and a 413/ Revvin' up our engines and it sounds real mean." Later in the song, they refer to a Jag, but neither I nor several car-freak friends know of a Jag called a 413. So what is a 413? Maybe a bored-out 409 — 4.13 liters?

— Lyle, Ocean Beach

Oy. Another *mondegreen*. Based on our surveys, 47 percent of all time wasted by the average American somehow involves misheard pop-song lyrics. Since getting this question, we've wasted our time imagining a drag race between a Corvette Stingray and a Jaguar. In 1963, when the Brian Wilson/Roger Christian tune "Shut Down" was released as the B side of "Surfin' USA," Stingrays might have been dragging, but Jaguars were running in polite circles around Formula 1 tracks. (Instead of a trophy, winners got a jar of Grey Poupon.) Jags were hardly known for their acceleration. Heck, most of the time they were up on blocks in the owner's driveway. Those old British clunkers were for people who like to fix cars, not drive cars.

N-E-hoo, a 413 is one of the big Chrysler Max Wedge engines. The lyrics suggest it's in a ram-induction "super stock Dodge." We set up an elf hoc committee to scour "Shut Down" for something that could be misheard as "Jag," but they immediately broke for lunch and never came back. To compensate, we'll give you a couple of FYIs. It's not two cool sharks, it's two cool shorts. Shorts (as in short wheel base) was the dragspeak equivalent of today's "ride" or "wheels." And to save you more wasted time, don't look for a biography of Max Wedge. Max for maximum, wedge for the design of the heads.

Matt, you snake:

What's up with the kids' game Chutes and Ladders? In Mexico it's called Snakes and Ladders. Did they change the name in the U.S. because people here are afraid of snakes and people in Mexico aren't?

— Beto, Otay

I had no idea Mexican kids weren't afraid of snakes, but I'll add that to my Matthew Alice Big Bag-o-Facts in case anybody asks. We wussy U.S. kids have been playing the chutes version for 60 years. Kids from India have about a thousand-year head start with the snakes version, though. It was originally a fun way to give them moral instruction on good and evil. If you threw the dice and landed on a square with a snake head (symbolic of bad deeds here on earth), you would retreat to the square with the snake's tail and lose any good-deed brownie points you built up as you climbed the ladders toward perfection. Every slide down a snake increased your chances of reincarnating as a goat or a rat or some other low form of life.

Snakes and Ladders is still played all over the world, but without the religious overtones. When the Milton Bradley company brought it to the U.S. in 1943, it kept the ladders but booted the snakes for reasons that the company today says are hazy. There's no documentation to support it, but it's likely that snakes were considered a little icky for U.S. kids, so the designers substituted chutes that resembled playground slides. Besides, if Milton Bradley trademarked the new name and board design, it could control the marketing and advertising for its unique product. Snakes and Ladders was long in the public domain. So if bankruptcy is the losing hand in Monopoly, then the Snakes and Ladders counterpart is a lifetime as a pigeon or a banana slug. With Chutes and Ladders, I guess you just get a pantsload of sand.

To Them That Runs the Ship:

A long time ago I had a friend who kept Hubble telescope photos on the walls at work and just generally "knew stuff." Anyway, one day he walks up to me and sez, "Ya see the moon there? It's half full. And that is where the Earth was in space three hours ago." Wow, I sez. And being the trusting fool I am, I have spread this "fact" about to many people. But I ask myself, is this true? — Jeffrey Fox, the net

And now, sensibly, you ask us. You can't be any more amazed than we are to learn that this "fact" you've spread around is absolutely true. Or at least as absolute as anything in astronomy is. Get out a pencil and paper. Draw a dot for the sun, then draw the Earth's orbit around it. Next, draw a circle for the moon's orbit around Earth. Note that the orbits intersect. As it happens, even in three dimensions, the orbits (more or less) intersect since they're (more or less) in the same plane. Sez our resident astronomer, "Because the Earth moves eastward around the sun at about 66,000 miles per hour, when the moon lies near its last quarter phase (rises at midnight and is visible due south at dawn), we cross that distance in about 3.6 hours." This Saturday is the next half moon; try *lunaroutreach.org* for dates and times (past and future) of moon phases.

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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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Where's My Money?

've read various figures about how much money an NFL Super Bowl brings to its host city. For Super Bowl XXXVII, the figures I've seen range from a paltry \$110 million to a more substantial \$380 million. Because we're all nice people, let's give the NFL our collective benefit of the doubt and accept the figure of \$300 million. Please remember that every penny of it is hand-delivered to San Diego by our good friends and kindly benefactors in the NFL.

Now, the 2000 census put San Diego's population at 1,223,400. Pencils at the ready, divide \$300 million by 1,223,400. For those who dislike this kind of arithmetic, I'll give you a hint: the answer is — tah-dah! — \$245.22. This means, in the course of one week, every San Diego resident should pocket an extra \$245.22 by way of our very good fiends and honored benefactors in the NFL. Got two kids and a spouse? Bingo - take home \$1000 and know that the NFL loves you. Pretty good deal.

Still, I thought it best to fact-check. It's an ugly part of this job. First, I call Sheer Delite, an upstanding pet-grooming establishment in Hillcrest. Sheer Delite reports no new income. I call Panache of La Jolla, a respectable

bridal registries outfit, and ask Wanda if she'd gotten any one of her 245 dollars yet. I hear a harsh grunt. Wanda says, "No.'

How can this be? I ask, "How many people are working there?"

"Four, right now."

Okay. "So, you should receive \$1000 in new money.'

"At least." Wanda makes a cynical laugh. I am staggered and immediately call City Father's Nursery on Home Avenue and talk to Bill. He's the owner. He's been there 30 years, and he's seen Super Bowls come and go. Bill laughs at me and then says, "No. I'll bet everyone has said, 'No.

Come to think of it, Bill may have a point. "Well, I haven't talked to anyone who said, 'Yeah, I'm making a ton of extra money. This is great.'

'The business I own isn't affected by having a Super Bowl here unless having one affects my taxes or the city adds something else I'll have to pay for.'

Bill sounds a bits disloyal; in fact, he sounds like one of those sniveling taxpayers who whine when it comes to giving the Chargers a fair shake. "What do you think about having the Super Bowl in San Diego?"

"It's nice having it here, but I don't think we should build another stadium for those guys."

I sigh, "Bill, the Chargers only want \$200 million." Some people never understand, or maybe they don't want to, which, by the way, may be a crime in itself. Probably is.

I call Aqua Logic on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and talk to Masako. They haven't seen an extra dollar out of Super Bowl XXXVII either. Aqua Logic makes lobster tanks and, wanting to make sure Masako wasn't hiding NFLgenerated income, I decide to probe a bit further. "Do lobster tanks come in different sizes?"

Masako says, "Yeah, in all different sizes. If you went to a Chinese kind of restaurant and you saw live lobsters and said, 'Oh, I want that tank,' well, that's one kind of tank. If you wanted to do aquaculture, you'd want another

type of a tank, because you'd want to keep this lobster from that lobster and that lobster from this lobster, because some of them eat each other.

"I see. Maybe I'll have you install little lobster cell blocks." I'm told this would not be possible.

Frightened, I call Eddie at Quicki 10minute Oil Change in Pacific Beach. He reports no new money.

I call the Drain Patrol, specifically, its East San Diego branch. Again, not a dime of new money has walked into their shop.

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it possibly be that the same old gang of rich white thugs stole all the money? Again?

Well, saying that there is \$300 million of NFL largesse to be had assumes no one else is here. But, as residents of this tourist-plagued city know, in January, business is brisk. Tourists come; indeed, we can't keep them out. It's not as if expensive hotels, restaurants, and bars would be empty without the Super Bowl; they just wouldn't be filled to the point of gouging. Which is, of course, the point.

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They don't meet in secret, but they're difficult to track down. They don't advertise. They're not in the phone book. They're skittish about having a building that anyone might recognize as a church. They so much disdain the idea of denominations that they at first deny that they're part of any organized group. If you press the point, they admit that they meet regularly for "assemblies" and "Bible stud-

ies." Press the point with considerable doggedness, and they admit that they belong to the "Church Which Is Christ's Body."

For many centuries, in both the Eastern and Western Churches, various groups at one time or another felt that the faith had gone off track. What Christianity needed, they said, was a return to basics as exemplified by the 1stcentury Church. These folks tended to hate hierarchy and tradition and schism. They tended to believe that Christianity was best practiced with little fanfare in small autonomous groups.

In the mid-1920s, Maurice Johnson, a Methodist pastor in Los Angeles, got fed up with the liberal Sunday-school materials his church was using. He resigned from his post and began a career as an itinerant preacher, urging all who would listen to leave their

churches and join a nondenominational, loosely affiliated "fellowship of Christians." Across the U.S., Johnson's movement grew. No one knows the exact numbers because, as a matter of doctrine, the movement refuses to count heads or incorporate. I met a few dozen members of the "Church Which Is Christ's Body" last Friday evening at a home in Point Loma.

From the bay windows in 68-year-old Paul Bartley's large white living room, you have a panoramic view of downtown San Diego, of the jets stacked up to land at the airport. Bartley's father began meeting in the late 1920s with a local group inspired by Maurice Johnson. Bartley is father of three children, "two living and one with the Lord," and grandfather to six grandchildren, "six living and two with the Lord." Bartley's wife, Lenore, like all Christ's Body women, wears long skirts, no make-up or jewelry, and keeps her long hair in a neat bun. Bartley may be the out-spoken straight-shooter, the patriarch. But it's Lenore's presence you feel when you walk in the house. Needle-point seat covers on the dining room chairs. Old-timey knickknacks. Old-fashioned

toys that Lenore has squirreled around the place for her grandkids. The Bartleys' is a grandmother's home.

A young man sat at a polished grand piano and played "Victory in Jesus." Everyone, adults and children, crowded in the living room and sang along. Paul Bartley led me to the kitchen, where Lenore fussed with boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts. He explained that Christ's Body folks don't vote. "We don't believe there's a political solution to the world's troubles. Only the Gospel." While not pacifist, they serve in the military only if drafted. They don't believe in Sunday school for children, "It's the father's responsibility to instruct his children in the faith." They celebrate neither Christmas nor Easter, "Pagan holidays." They believe that salvation, once attained, can be lost.

And abortion?

"It's murder, plain and simple," Bartley said.

"But," countered Brother Robert Grove, an itinerant teacher/evangelist on hand to deliver the evening's sermon. "We wouldn't picket clin-

ics. That's not for us. The real way to deal with abortion is to attack *fornication*."

Brother Grove's sermon was a practical how-to on "Christian Maturity." Quoting verses from Corinthians and Romans, he said that much Christian misbehavior results from a believer not realizing that "he or she is important to God and is an important part of the Church, of the Church Which Is Christ's Body." A mature Christian is someone who understands his or her importance to God. Because of this understanding, a mature Christian treats everyone with honesty and fairness, with special attention given to those who are weak and vulnerable, "children, orphans, widows, the ill, and unbelievers."

Most of the people I spoke with after the service had been, like Paul Bartley, born into the "Church Which Is

Christ's Body." One young man allowed that he'd heard of the movement through word-ofmouth. Bartley admitted that he'd been so open with me, had in fact invited me to the "assembly," because he wanted to convert me. He and Brother Grove seemed saddened by their failure.

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Lenore, however, brought me a platter of Krispy Kremes and a cup of decaf. Brother Grove told me that the nation's largest Christ's Body group, some 300 members strong, meets in Ft. Worth. There are only a half-dozen groups in Southern California, of which San Diego's is the smallest.

Before I left, Brother Grove told me he wanted people to understand that the "Church Which Is Christ's Body" is not exclusionist.

"We believe that anyone who accepts Jesus Christ as their personal savior is a member of the Church. We don't believe that we're the only ones who are doing things right. We just don't believe in man-made denominations. They've caused so much confusion and strife. We believe that God is the only true head of the Church." — Abe Opincar

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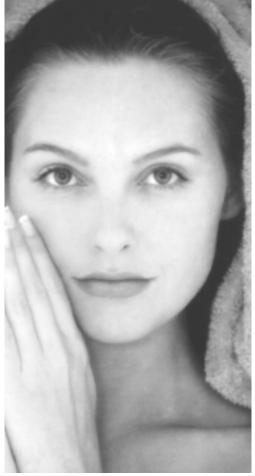
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TIDY NATIONAL CITY PIRATE

Dear Tidy Pirate,

The closet feminist in me suggests that you solve this problem with an inspired preemptive strike. Make sure you're always the one to wash the dishes. Then they'll be cleaned to your exact specifications every time. And I bet your shipmate will be absolutely wild about the idea, ready to sign on for a full tour of duty on the high seas with you. What say you, my germaphobic Matey? If that response strikes you as glib (or depressing, as it does condemn you to a life of solo K.P.), then I'll offer a gentler suggestion. Why not do the dishes together a few times (you wash, she dries). Between moments of chiseling burnt scrambled eggs off the trusty frying pan, you can joke around, calling attention to how you are setting clean glasses and bowls in the rack just so, to allow them optimal opportunity to drip dry. As you're wittily chattering on about this, you demonstrate your perfected method of dish placement in the rack. You'll have to be extremely clever, upbeat, and entertaining during this business, because no one likes having the way they do housework critiqued. The backseat dishwasher is usually a lonely and unpopular fellow. Then, after several successful sessions like this, when your first mate next does the dishes alone, she will probably remember your amusing quips, as well as your expert dish-placement demonstrations, either consciously or subconsciously, and perhaps she will begin stacking dishes your way. If not, revert to plan A.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

Whenever I go out to dinner with my best friend, he refuses to pay his portion of the bill. If I lay down two 20s for something where my half is just under

that, he assumes that I'm making up the difference for what he owes, and he's reluctant to give me change. I always think it's only a few bucks, who cares, but it happens week after week, and now we're into years and years. He probably owes me hundreds of dollars. I'm not counting. Maybe I am now. He's also a trust-fund boy (why are the rich so stingy?). This guy is so touchy that if I say anything, he'll lose it and take it as a moral or ethical attack on his character, which he believes to be sterling. Of course, he's weak in the gratuity department also. Tipping's always my responsibility. He thinks 10 percent is generous. I think it's insulting. How do you handle unsocialized beasts like this?

DINING WITH KNUCKLE-WALKERS IN LA MESA

Dear Dining,

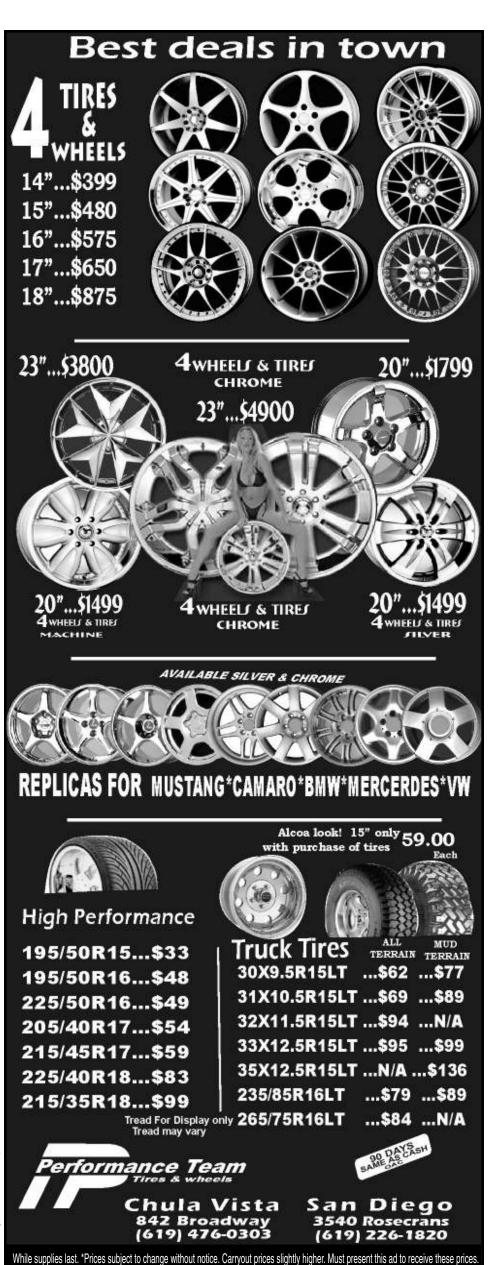
Sadly, we've all broken bread in restaurants with people like your friend. These types might have lovely characters otherwise, but they are genetically different from the rest of us in that they can guiltlessly stiff their dinner partners and the waitstaff every time. Sometimes the excuse is, "I'm a tad short of cash." Then there are silent types who reluctantly put down an inadequate pile of dough as though they were doing you a favor to contribute anything at all to pay for their own food. You may not want to take my advice, especially if you tend to eat in fancy restaurants, but here's what I do. I carry a small but dependable little calculator in my purse. If I know I'm lunching with Ebeneezer Scrooge, I whip the device out at the end of the meal and swiftly determine, with generous tip and proper tax included, what Ebeneezer owes. Then I give him a beautiful smile and say, "Your portion comes to \$12.66," or whatever figure I've arrived at. This may be gauche, but it has saved me from getting indigestion over being shorted after many a delicious meal.

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The molten glass swirled as the furnace hummed with liquid heat. Like embodiments of the notes in Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee," glassblowers James, Christopher, and Luke danced fluidly through their routine in a flurry of precise steps. Their motions were full of urgency, and with good reason: this was risky business. A strong cool breeze,

or a moment's lingering during the shaping, and the glass could crack off the pipe, or even explode. I watched these men in amazement.

For once, my shopping trip was accidental. My husband Patrick and I were paying a visit to Bernardo Winery in Rancho Bernardo when we stumbled onto the Stone and Glass studio (858-485-7701), which was located on the winery grounds.

Owner and master glass artist James Stone gave me a peek into his craft. "Glass blowing was invented over 5000 years ago by the tribe of Abraham in Sumeria. There are passages in the Bible that say the Jews are in God's hands the same as glass in the glassblower's hands. It's fun to know that you're doing something so old. Glass making predated the Copper Age, the Bronze Age, and the Iron Age. They made glass in something called a draft furnace, which is a forced-air furnace. Before they knew what to do with copper, they were using forced air to melt sand, pot ash [the white ash you get after burning a log],

and calcium, which they got from seashells. "I buy those materials premixed and melt my own glass by shoveling it into the furnace 25 pounds at a time, every four hours. The furnace runs at 2300 degrees, and I haven't shut it off for over a year. I keep it humming along. We work with our glass at 2150 degrees."

The ever-burning furnace is Stone's first tool, the heat that makes everything possible. Above that, there is the glory hole, an insulated drum "with flames squirting in it. It's used to reheat the glass and keep it soft while you're working with it, because you have only about five seconds

before it hardens." Tools for working the glass include the blowpipe, the jack, the pontil, the sopiete, and wooden paddles. "The blowpipe blows air into the molten glass. The jack"—a sharp-tipped, tong-like tool — "is the

anchor tool, used to shape and

mark glass. The pontil is the rod that you stick to the bottom of the piece when you break it off from the pipe, so you can turn it around and fix the opening. The sopiete is a little tool you use to get in and puff out the inside of a piece after you turn it around. The paddles" — made from a low-resin fruitwood such as cherry or apple that won't leave marks — "are used to push the glass around."

Once you've shaped the glass, you use an oven called a lehr to cool the glass. "It holds the glass piece at 900 degrees and then brings it down 25 degrees an hour to 700 degrees. After 700, it lowers it 100 degrees an hour; it takes about 16 hours to get it to room temperature." The process, called annealing, is crucial. "The molecules of glass are round and kind of flat. When the glass gets hot, they move around; if it cools too fast, they slow down and stop at all kinds of odd angles to one another. Each of those odd angles builds a little stress, and the stress is cumulative across the glass. It creates stress across the whole

piece, and it can actually explode. If you cool it slowly, the molecules want to lay on top of one another and form layers of molecules. That's what you want."

Stone said that "you can do cups by yourself, but small pieces take two people and big pieces take three." He compared the process to a dance and talked me through the steps. "You roll the stainless steel blowpipe in the glass to get a little ball, about the size of a golf ball. You shape that with wet newspaper and your bare hands so that it looks like a little flame. Then you blow a little bubble in it, go back to the tank and gather more glass on it, until it is about the size of a tennis ball.

"That's when you can add color. The color in the glass comes from different metal oxides and trace elements. Red comes from gold, blue comes from cobalt, and green comes from iron. You blow the glass a little more and then put glass on a third time; that encases the color in

clear glass. If the color is not protected from the flame, it can be burned out. After that, you begin to blow it into a bubble and shape it however you want." After the glass is shaped, the blower attaches the pontil, cracks the piece off the blowpipe, heats the broken end, and finishes it out.

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As I watched the blowers in action, I noticed that they always kept the pipe spinning as they worked. "When glass is hot and soft," explained Stone, "it's like honey. If you stop spinning, it will sag and fall off the pipe. One of the first skills we work on with students is spinning the pipe and keeping everything centered."

When Stone mentioned students, I felt a shiver of delight. I wanted into the club. "We offer classes through Poway Adult Education," said Stone, "and we also offer private instruction. We do introductory and intermediate level classes. The class consists of about eight hours of instruction: three hours of orientation in the classroom, and then five hours of one-on-one training. You make five pieces of glass; every student who comes here is successful and makes five pieces. The class is spread over three days. Through Poway Adult Education, the price is **\$297**; if you buy it directly from

me, the price is **\$350**. That covers tools, colors, glass, and instruction. Private instruction runs **\$65** an hour. Demonstrations are given on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m."

1. Color on hot glass

3. James Stone

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and alcohol abuse in its player ranks, a culture of spousal abuse and date rape has been allowed to flourish. Strong safety Rodney Harrison and exteam member Darrien Gordon have been accused of drugging the drinks of a woman and forcing her to have sex. Other players, such as defensive end Raylee Johnson, have been named in paternity cases.

When legal troubles develop, players and the league have legal talent

available to clean up the mess and keep the story from reaching the public. Some cases are quietly settled, and

others, such as paternity suits, are put under seal by friendly judges. Questions about the handling of a recent drunk-driving case involving Charger defensive end Adrian Dingle prompted San Diego Superior Court presiding judge Richard E.L. Strauss to angrily deny that any untoward influence was brought to bear.

"My husband [Jamal] and I married about two and a half years ago," declared Sureldie Williams in a written statement filed with a San Diego court last March. "We have a three-year-old daughter, and I am expecting our second child in September. My husband is a pro-



Raylee Johnson (99) in Chargers – Bengals game, 9/8/02

fessional football player who earns a significant income. In 2001 he was paid \$737,000, and in May 2001 he signed an extension contract under which he will be paid \$2,450,000 for the year 2002. In 2003 his income will increase. "We have enjoyed a

privileged lifestyle during our marriage. In January of each year we would have an elaborate birthday party for our daughter. To celebrate her birthday, we would either travel out of town or fly our relatives in. And, we would shower our daughter with lavish gifts.

"Throughout the year, we took expensive trips just to 'get away' or to visit relatives. Last year, we took a first-class trip to the Bahamas, where we stayed at one of the most expensive hotels on the island. Other trips have included vacations in Las Vegas and in Louisville, where we stayed at five-star hotels.



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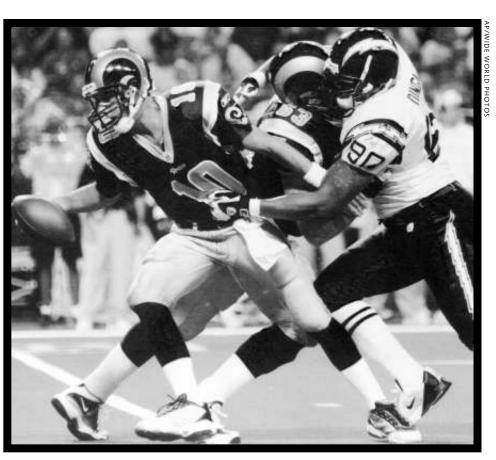
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"It has been our practice at Christmastime to hire one of the most well-known photographers to take our family Christmas photograph. We would typically spend about \$3000 on our Christmas cards alone. For Christmas, we enjoyed showering both of our families with expensive gifts. We would also pay the travel expenses for them to come and visit us.

"During our marriage I enjoyed frequent shopping excursions for myself and our daughter. On any given month, it would not be unusual for me to spend \$5000 on clothing. We also spent a significant amount on home furnishings. I shopped at such stores as Gucci, Neiman-Marcus, Nordstrom, and Ann Taylor. Jewelry purchases alone were in the range of \$16,000 a year. We also made frequent trips to toy stores to buy toys for our daughter, spending \$200 to \$500 on each occasion. In short, anything we wanted we bought.

"Expensive dining has also been a frequent luxury that I have enjoyed. We often dined at fancy restaurants, paying no attention to the price on the menu. We have always driven luxury cars, as well. I drive a Mercedes E 430, and my husband drives a new Yukon Denali. I am requesting exclusive temporary use and possession of the Mercedes, which is presently located in Texas.

"In August 2001, we purchased a beautiful 4500-square-foot home in Desoto, Texas. Our home is in a gated community. It has four bedrooms, a study, a game room, a media room, an exercise room, and a three-car garage. It was our plan to spend a few months a year in Texas and the rest of the year



Adrian Dingle (90) in Chargers – Rams game, 8/22/02

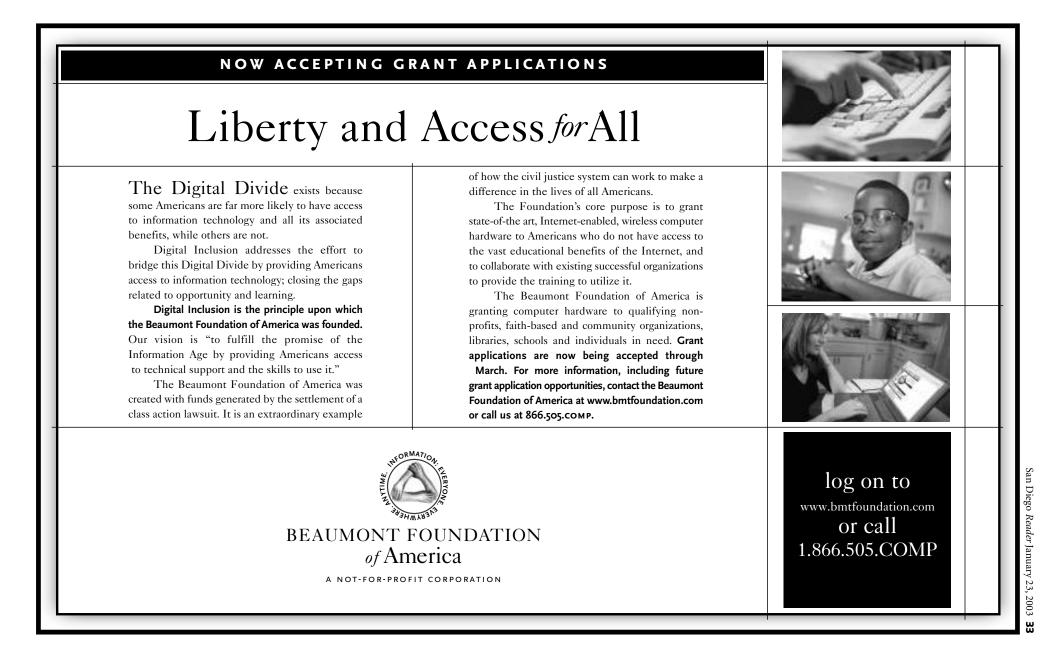
in San Diego. We currently have a lease on a rental in San Diego that will expire in May." Unfortunately, according to Mrs. Williams, the money did not buy happiness and, indeed, became the source of Jamal's violence against her. As their marriage began falling apart, she claimed in a March declaration, her husband became physically abu-

sive. It all began, she said, on February 28, 2002, when she was three months pregnant. "During the morn-

ing on this date we were working on a financial plan, but our discus-

sions turned into an argument. Respondent said many degrading things to me and became physically threatening. I was frightened and wanted to leave our apartment. I got my car keys and went up the stairs leading to the exit. When I was halfway up the stairway, respondent jumped on me to get the keys and punched me on my leg and on my side. When I tried to go back down the stairs and get away from him, he pushed me down the stairs, and I landed flat on my stomach.

"I got up and ran to the phone and started to dial 911. Before I could finish dialing, he came up from behind me and ripped the phone out of the wall. I then opened the patio door and exited the apartment from the patio by jumping over the railing. I had no money with me, no car keys, and no



shoes. I went to a nearby McDonald's and called his business associate and his brother. I did not reach either of them but left detailed messages on their answering machines.

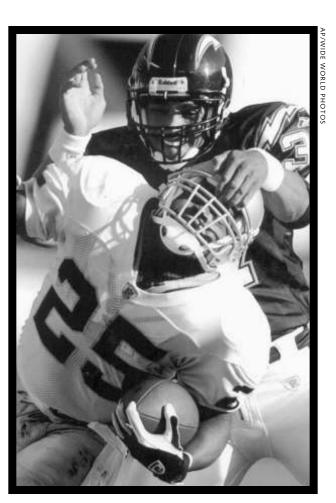
"I then walked back to the apartment and quietly opened the front door so I could grab my purse and keys, which I had dropped by the door when respondent attacked me. I had no money or credit cards in my purse because respondent had taken these a couple of days before. I rode around in my car until it was time to get my daughter from school. I came back to the apartment about four hours later, expecting that he had cooled down by this time and that his brother would be there to help."

After talking to his brother, Sureldie said, Jamal apologized. "Respondent rather coldly said he was sorry.

His brother took our daughter to McDonald's while the two of us talked, and then he stayed with us for several hours. I was very sore where respondent had punched me and from being pushed down the stairs. I had swellings on my legs and lower back. Respondent is 6'3" and weighs about 350 pounds. He is very muscular and strong. He was contrite that evening about having hurt me and promised he would never hit me again."

But, Sureldie claimed, her ordeal was just beginning.

On Saturday, March 2, an argument began. "He called his mother and asked me to talk to his mother. While I was talking to her, he grabbed our daughter and said, 'We're leaving.' I put the phone down and told him that he should not be taking her away. She was holding



Rodney Harrison in Chargers – Raiders game, 12/08/02

tightly onto me and was frightened because the respondent was obviously very angry and out of control. "At that point I

hung up on the call with his mother and called 911. The police came to our apartment and talked to us. I told the police that I just wanted

to get away for a while. The respondent said that I could not take our rental car, but the police verified that my name was on the rental agreement, and they told him to give me the keys."

After that, Sureldie said, she and her daughter moved in with a friend for a few days. Then on March 8 Jamal called with an offer of reconciliation. It involved a shopping trip, which quickly turned disastrous. "After our daughter was taken to preschool, respondent suggested that we go together and buy new wedding rings, which I understood to mean that he wanted to make a fresh start. We went to three places and after some time selected rings we wanted to purchase.

"Before the sale was finalized, however, he told me he had spent [all] of the money from a very large bonus we

had been expecting and had wired his mother \$82,000 from what he had received to pay off her home mortgage. We do not have a savings account, have some major bills, and we did not even have the means to pay for the rings we were about to order. I was extremely shocked by his actions, and he became very defensive about what he had done.

"While we were driving home, he pulled the truck over to the side of the road and told me to get out. I refused, and he then proceeded to drive home. When we got home, he pulled in behind my car so that I could not remove my car from the garage. Earlier that day, he had taken my cell phone, and he refused to give it back to me. He was verbally abusive, was very angry, and seemed to be getting out of control.

"I became very



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frightened. I called 911 and asked for someone to come out so I could leave before he became violent again. As soon as I got off the phone, he left the house, and I felt certain that he was going to get our daughter from her school. I was very concerned about respondent picking her up while he was in such a state, particularly since he had previously threatened to take her to his mother's home in Kentucky. I called the school and asked them not to release her to him, and they agreed.

"The police arrived at our apartment and took a report. After the officer spoke to a judge by phone, he provided me with an emergency protective order that will expire on Friday, March 15. In the meantime, respondent had gone to the school and told a teacher that he was leaving with Joy to 'go on a vacation' and that they would be gone 'for about a month.' They refused to release her to him, and while he was arguing with them, the police came and took him into custody.

"Even though I have the emergency protective order, I felt very unsafe, and I asked my father to come out from Texas to stay with me. He arrived that night, and he, Joy, and I checked into a hotel because I was still afraid that he would come to our apartment despite the protective order. I believe that respondent is mentally unstable. He has been given prescriptions for mood stabilizers, but he has refused to take them."

Saying she could no longer deal with the threats to her physical safety from Jamal, Sureldie and her daughter flew from San Diego to stay in the couple's Texas estate, but, according to a declaration dated April 18,

2002, she soon discovered that Jamal had "changed the security code to our home, and he also changed the emergency contact numbers to that of his mother and his brother." Jamal, she added, "also

changed the code on our voice mail and he disconnected the longdistance service and had the cable turned off. He had all the locks changed and completed a change of address with the post, sending our

mail to his mother's address."

"On March 27, around three o'clock in the morning, I received several phone calls on my cell phone. The caller did not speak, but I believe it was the

respondent on the other end. I could hear someone breathing into the phone, but he would not respond.

"During our telephone conversation on March 30, the respondent said, 'So, you got a new car from Park Cities?' On March 29, I had put my car in the shop at Mercedes-Benz Park Cities to get new tires. They gave me a loaner car. Therefore, either the respondent had been following me



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The next week, on April 6, according to her declaration, Sureldie and her daughter Joy went to the Cheesecake Factory in San Diego to meet with Edith Lazarus, "who was to act as the supervisor between" Jamal and Joy. "During that meeting Ms. Lazarus asked me about my history with the respondent. She also asked about my background, and I told her about my parents' divorce and my religious beliefs. She asked if the respondent and I had tried counseling. She quoted from the Bible: 'The strong have to bear the infirmities of the weak,' and she said that I would need to make allowances for the respondent and his behavior. She told me to pray that he becomes enlightened and pray for strength for myself." A day later at a

Chuck E. Cheese restaurant, Lazarus brought Jamal, Joy, and Sureldie together. "The visit lasted for three hours, during which Ms. Lazarus would talk with

me while the respondent played with Joy. She would then speak with the respondent when I stepped away. Toward the end of the visit, she sat the respondent and me down together and told us that we had a lot to lose if we went through with this divorce. She asked us each in turn if we still loved one another. She asked about the first time respondent and I met. She told us that we should pray and that the 'Holy Spirit was telling her that a divorce might not be the right thing for us to do.' She mentioned my pregnancy and our child. At one point, Ms. Lazarus went to her car to get her Polaroid camera, and she took numerous photos of the respondent and me with Joy, of the respondent and Joy, and of just the respondent and me together.

"After Ms. Lazarus left, the respondent asked if we 'could just talk, just the two of us.' By agreement, we returned to my apartment in our separate cars. I attempted to talk to the respondent about our marriage, but he told me to 'chill out,' and he continued to watch television and play with Joy. We put Joy to sleep together. The respondent and I were intimate that evening, and he spent the night.

"On Monday, April 8, I had a sonogram. I learned that we are going to have a baby girl and that she is doing well so far. I informed the respondent about the sonogram when he called later that day. We got together later, and I made dinner for us at the apartment. The respondent spent the next three nights at my apartment. During this

time he and I talked about a reconciliation. I told him that I would discuss a dismissal of the restraining orders with my attorney; however, I did not dismiss the restraining orders and the respondent was aware of this. I was feeling very ambivalent about what I should do.

"On Wednesday, April 10, the respondent and I met with Dr. Chambers for marriage counseling. We had been referred to Dr. Chambers by Ms. Lazarus, and he told us she had contacted him about us. During that



meeting I became very upset when the respondent denied that he had ever touched me and claimed that he had done anything wrong.

"Things deteriorated between the respondent and me after our meeting with Dr. Chambers. On Thursday we were supposed to meet with Edith Lazarus that night for dinner, but he told me that he had 'places to go, business to take care of.' He was very vague and defensive about telling me about his plans. He

left in a huff without saying good-bye to Joy.

"After the respondent left the apartment, I noticed that my keys for the Texas residence and my car in Texas were missing from my purse. As noted above, prior to the court hearing on March 25, 2002, the respondent had gone to Texas and changed the locks on the residence; then, when I returned to Texas with an order giving me temporary exclusive use and possession of the Texas resi-

dence and the Mercedes, I changed the locks on the house. The keys that were taken from my purse were the new keys I obtained for the house and the keys for the car.

"Because of what has occurred. I have come to doubt that the respondent was really sincere about wanting to work on our marriage, and I do not believe that he will admit the truth about his behavior prior to our separation.

"On April 11, Ms. Lazarus left a message on my voice mail to

'make sure that' I dropped the restraining order so we could all go to the Zoo on Thursday, April 11; however, I did not call her back, and I have not spoken to Ms. Lazarus since April 7. I have not heard from either Ms. Lazarus or the respondent concerning his next visit."

In a declaration dated last April, Jamal disputed Sureldie's version of events and blamed her for the couple's financial problems, despite his seven-figure Chargers salary. His

wife, he wrote, "is using the allegations of Domestic Violence to seek favoritism with the court. It is true that Petitioner and I had argued on February 28, 2002, regarding our finances. I received a portion of my signing bonus. At that time, I had concerns regarding our indebtedness. So, I asked Petitioner, as she was always in charge of our finances, and it made no sense that we owed money. I do not like to owe money for anything. Petitioner was

very angry. She has always had all the control over our finances.

"As a matter of fact, I had no checks or credit cards to use. Petitioner then informed me that we owed her mother more than \$94,000. I knew we owed her \$30,000 for the down payment on our Texas home but had no idea about the other \$64,000. When I asked for receipts from her mother, Petitioner became even more angry. She stated that I should trust her and her

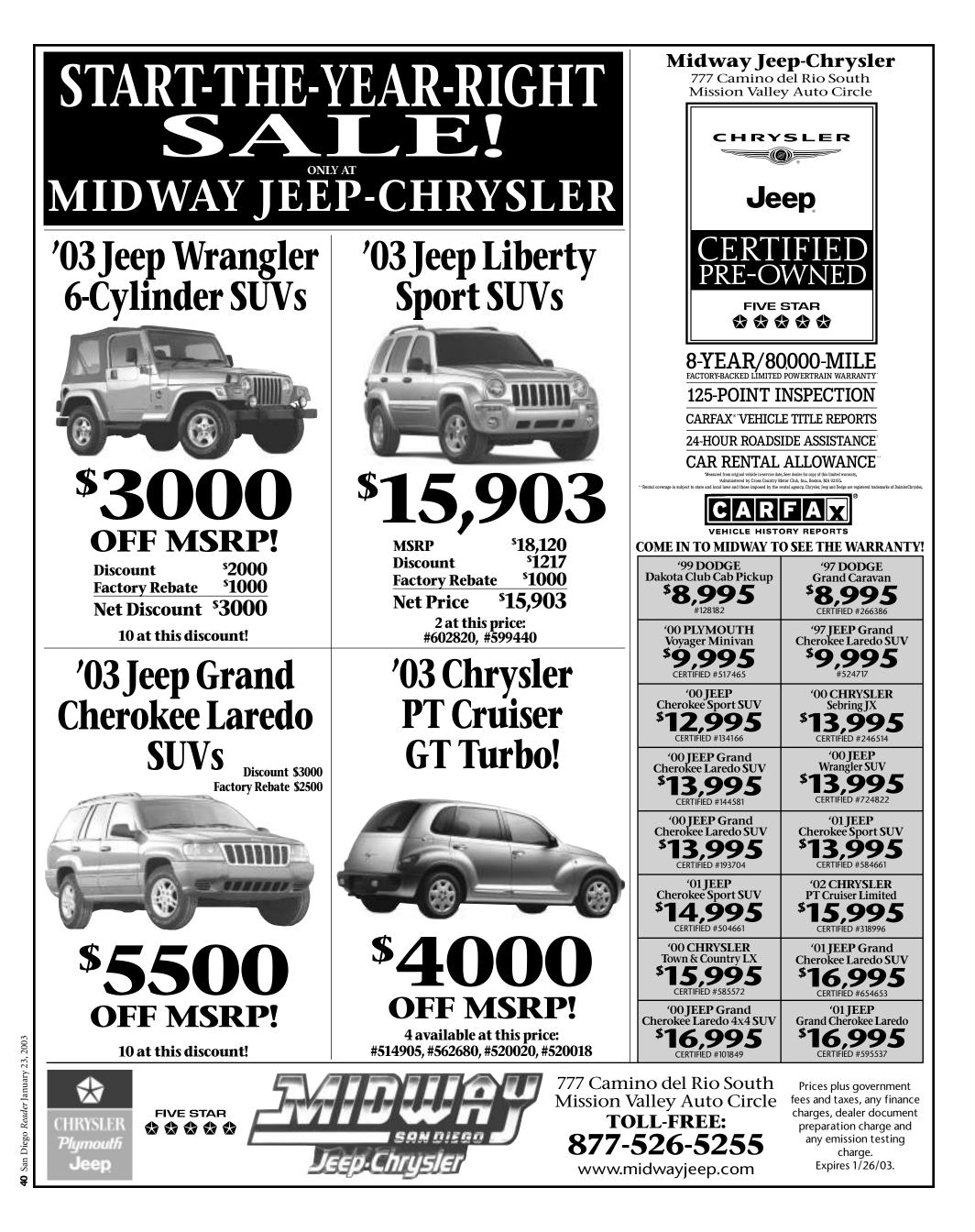
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mother. I had just learned that petitioner has been paying her father's car loan every month of \$749 from money I earned. Petitioner never discussed this, nor did she seek my approval to pay her father's car loan. Obviously it was my mistake to trust Petitioner and her family. "It was my desire to

"It was my desire to get the financial situation out in the open. Petitioner believed my questioning the money owed to her mother was meant to be degrading to her mother. It was not. Petitioner and I have had continual financial problems during our marriage until just recently. We had to pawn our wedding rings two times during the two years that we have been married. Please note that the Petitioner discusses the fact that we went out to look at rings during this time period.

"Petitioner, who controlled our finances, obviously lived beyond our means. We had nothing to show for the money I have earned. It was just in August when we purchased our first home. Petitioner's mother had to give us \$30,000 towards the down payment. As soon as I got a portion of my signing bonus, Petitioner wanted to give money to her mother. It was always understood that I would pay off my mother's house, and we would repay Petitioner's mother the \$30,000 for the down payment."

Williams denied beating his wife and accused her of lying about the incident on the stairway in their apartment. "It is very curious to me," he declared, "that Petitioner stated in her declaration that although she was scared to death of me, she came back within the hour to the house to get her purse. If she was so scared that I was going to hurt her, this makes no sense. Petitioner has several friends she could have telephoned. I never pushed, punched, or jumped on Petitioner. Petitioner is just four months pregnant.

"On March 7, 2002, Petitioner and I went to her obstetrician for a regular checkup and sonogram. At no time during this doctor's visit did Petitioner mention any concern for the baby because I fell on her or because I punched her. There was no mention of any swelling or bruising. If I had, in fact, fell on Petitioner and punched Petitioner, she would have reported it to her doctor out of concern for the baby. Also, any punch from me would have left a bruise that would have been seen by the doctor."

His version of his arrest at his daughter's school differed from that of Sureldie's. "When I arrived at La Jolla Montessori School, the principal informed me that my wife had called and told her not to release the child to me. Then all of a sudden several police officers appeared and handcuffed me. Petitioner had told the police I was going to kidnap our child. They took me downtown to talk to a detective. I was released immediately."

Jamal concluded by alleging that it was he who had been subjected to physical attacks by Sureldie. "Petitioner has a history of domestic violence against me. In 1999 we resided in Texas. Petitioner was told to leave our home after she tried to stab me with a screwdriver. I refused to press charges, but my attorney is trying to get the police report.

"Another violent incident perpetrated against me by the Petitioner was as recent as May 2001." During a party at her mother's house, he said, Sureldie "went into an absolute rage. She ran from the backyard screaming and yelling at me. When she got to me, she started hitting me in front of everyone. I was very embarrassed and tried to grab her arms. I asked her to stop, but it was too late. Everyone at the party witnessed her behavior. Even her mother was concerned about her behavior."

Sureldie fired back in an April declaration to the court, denying she had ever attacked Jamal with a screwdriver or mishandled any of the family money. She repeated her allegation that Jamal had "lunged at me to get my keys, and he punched me in the side and on my leg. Then he pushed me down the stairs, and I landed on my stomach.

"At the doctor's office, he was in the room during the exam, which consisted solely of an examination of my abdomen and listening to the baby's heartbeat. The doctor could not have seen the swelling on my leg or on my side because those areas were not exposed. I was too afraid to report anything to her with the respondent in the room.

"It is not true I had complete control over the respondent's and my finances. Our expenses were largely handled by the respondent's agent/bookkeeper, and respondent's checks during the season were automatically deposited in an Enterprise Bank account."

Jamal's story about the May party incident at his mother's house was untrue, Sureldie charged. "I had been trying to get his attention, so I touched his arm, and then he turned around and pushed me. I fell to the ground, and then I got up and pushed him back. Then he pushed me through a screen door, and I fell into the house, scraping my knee.

"The following day, the respondent had an altercation with his brother. His mother locked the door leading to the upstairs area and then locked the door to the bedroom where she, his brother, Joy, and I were hiding from the respondent. His mother and I went downstairs to talk to him about 20-30 minutes later, and his brother remained upstairs. The matter was not really resolved, but his brother left the house several hours later."

One of the most damning allegations of violence by Chargers players came in December 1996, when, court records show, a woman accused strong safety Rodney Harrison and his then-teammate, cornerback Darrien Gordon, of spiking her drink and forcing her to have sex.

That case was handled for Harrison by Steve Feldman, a controversial sports agent and attorney from Newport Beach, who specializes in getting NFL players out of legal and financial jams, as well as helping them with contract negotiations. In August 1993, he filed suit against Junior Seau, alleging that the Charger linebacker failed to pay \$34,900 owed him for his negotiations on Seau's behalf for a new contract. The attorney dismissed the case a month later. Feldman has long represented Harrison; he did so last November, when the strong safety sought to have his suspension without pay for a helmet-to-helmet hit — his third serious violation of the season - overturned. In that instance Feldman came up short and Harrison wound up surrendering \$111,764.

Feldman — who was investigated in the mid-1990s for giving gifts and various forms of financial consideration to college sports stars and their relatives in violation of NCAA rules — sometimes provides more than just business and legal advice to his clients. According to a September 1995 account in the *Boston Globe*, Feldman in 1991 befriended University of Tennessee star wide receiver Carl Pickens.

According to the Globe, Pickens's girlfriend Alison Sexton was threatening to leave the player, charging that he had beaten her until she was bleeding and had given her a black eye. Feldman talked to the woman on the phone and told her the abuse was "no big deal" when compared to the millions of dollars Pickens was expected to earn in the NFL. Sexton left anyway. Feldman, who later became Pickens's agent, told the paper he was just trying to "add clarity to the situation."

In her December 1996 complaint against Harrison and Gordon, Victoria Espo said that in December 1995, she



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1-888-215-7924 toll-free www.therightone.com was "given wine to drink by Harrison and Gordon and is informed and believes and therein alleges that the wine had been adulterated or drugged by one or more of the Defendants, as the wine produced in Plaintiff strange feelings and made Plaintiff feel weak and not in control.

"After consuming a quantity of the wine," the complaint contin-

ued, "Harrison grabbed Espo by the arm and took her into Gordon's bedroom, away from Gordon and Plaintiff's roommate, whereupon Espo informed Harrison that she did not want to 'get physical' and did not want Harrison to touch her sexually.

"Nevertheless, and despite Espo's protestations, and through the use of physical force,

threats, and intimidation, Harrison forced Espo into engaging in sexual acts with him, including Harrison's fondling of Espo's breasts, engaging in vaginal intercourse, and forced oral copulation by Espo of Harrison.

"Immediately thereafter, Gordon entered the room and Harrison threatened Espo that she 'had to do' Gordon, too,

and that she had to 'respect' Harrison and his friend's house. Harrison then told Gordon that Espo was 'ready for him,' and left, closing the door leaving Gordon with Espo. Gordon immediately, and by means of force and intimidation, forced Espo to engage in sexual acts with him, including oral copulation of his sexual organ and vaginal intercourse."

Neither Harrison nor Gordon — who in 1998 was arrested at a Denver nightclub after getting into an altercation with a bar manager who had asked him to leave following a dispute with a woman — filed a defense to Espo's allegations. In June 1997, Espo's attorney told the court that the matter had been settled out of



court, and he dismissed the case that July.

Contacted by phone last week, Feldman said that Espo's allegations against Harrison and Gordon were "completely unfounded and a long time ago. That case was dropped." Espo couldn't be reached for comment.

Feldman also represents Chargers defensive end Adrian Dingle, 25, a fifth-round 1999 draft pick. "Away from the football field, Dingle is one of many Chargers players who enjoy restoring classic cars in his spare time," according to a blurb about him on the Chargers website. "Today Dingle drives around San Diego in a restored 1965 blue convertible Pontiac Bonneville. He oversaw the restoration himself, including a new motor, paint job, chrome exterior, convertible top, rims, and stereo. He would like to start a collection of classic cars, adding one to his repertoire each year. He already has plans for his next car, a 1963 or '64 Chevy Impala."

These days, though, Dingle's driving is supposed to be limited to getting from home to work. On June 25, 2002, he was arrested by San Diego police, who found he had a blood alcohol level of .10 and charged him with driving drunk. On August 22, 2002, he pled no contest to driving under the influence and was ordered to pay an \$1100 fine, \$200 in restitution, and to attend evaluation and counseling programs for convicted drunk drivers. But Dingle didn't pay up, and he didn't show up for his appointment, and there the story becomes even more interesting.

A bench warrant for Dingle's arrest was issued September 23, 2002, in the middle of football season. Yet there was still no appearance



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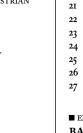
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by Dingle. Two days later, an attorney arrived, paid the fine, and told the clerk he was going upstairs to take care of the warrant, according to a note in the case file.

Then, on October 11, with still no appearance by Dingle, the file shows that the court extended the terms of the original probation, giving Dingle until January 24, 2003, to show proof that he had attended a three-month program for first offenders.

Asked during a telephone interview last week whether the case might have involved favoritism, Superior Court presiding judge **Richard E.L. Strauss** responded angrily. "Are you suggesting that I or anyone else received a bribe? I have never heard of anything like that. If you are asking me if I heard that somebody had been bribed, the answer is no. I think the mere suggestion of it is unbelievable."

Strauss's clerk referred questions to court commissioner Theodore Weathers, whom she said had handled the case. Weathers maintained he had no recollection of the matter. "I handle a lot of those kind of cases," he said.

Dingle remained free to play out the remainder of the season.

In a telephone interview last week, Feldman said, "The bench warrant was out only briefly, and it was pulled. Whatever was ordered by the court, he has complied with."

Several other Chargers have recently found themselves in more minor, if no less embarrassing scrapes with the law. Wide receiver Jeff Graham was arrested in January 2002 in Dayton, Ohio, for carrying a concealed weapon. Officers approached his car in the early-morning hours as it was parked with its headlights on and conducted a search. Graham was parked on the same street where his father had been killed in a one-car crash only a month before.

In February 2002, defensive tackle Leonardo Carson was accused of pulling a gun at a car-repair shop in Mobile, Alabama. A 29year-old paint-andbody shop worker accused Carson of pushing him against a wall and threatening him with the weapon during an argument about repair work on Carson's car.

Then, in October of last year, ex-Charger Freddie Bradley, 32, and his wife were taken into custody at their home in Oxnard. He was arrested on suspicion of selling rock cocaine and she was held on suspicion of possession and intent to distribute.

Paternity actions are also a bane of professional football players. In one such case, a San Diego divorce court judge recently sealed from public view a suit against defensive end Raylee Johnson. Court records show that in April 2001, Diann, Johnson's wife of four years, had filed suit against him in domestic court, seeking a legal separation and child support. According to the records, the couple have three biological children and a fourth child who "is not the biological child" of Raylee "but to whom he is a 'putative father' in legal terms" and "has a duty to support."

On August 28, 2001, the couple reached a private financial settlement (details of which were not contained in court documents) and were legally separated on September 12, 2001, the record shows. The court determined that Johnson had a monthly



income of \$187,500. A day after Diann sued Raylee, another woman filed a paternity suit against him in the same court. The case, brought by Delicia Goodwin, was subsequently sealed by familv-court judge Joan Lewis. Reached by telephone at her home in San Diego, Goodwin declined to discuss

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details of her allegations. As for Sureldie Williams, records show her financial future seems secure. But, as a result of a recent marital settlement agreement, Jamal will have a lot less money. On October 28,

2002, Sureldie and Jamal signed a stipulation resolving their financial differences.

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pensation at \$2,150,000 for 2002; \$2,400,000 for 2003; \$2,150,000 for 2004; and \$2,650,000 for 2005. Further, Respondent's contract provides for additional compensation in the form of roster bonuses (\$1,000,000 in 2003; \$1,500,000 in 2004; and \$1,500,000 in 2005), and various performance bonuses."

By the time Jamal signed that stipulation, he was no longer represented by an attorney. On June 18, 2002, his divorce lawyer, Peggy L. Moore, filed a statement with the court declaring she could no longer get along with him.

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longer able to work with each other in an attempt to resolve the issues in this case," wrote Moore. "There are now irreconcilable differences which are interfering with my representation of the Respondent. I have made several phone calls to Respondent as well as written correspondence to him regarding this case. He has failed to respond to any contacts."

A final paragraph in the agreement notes just now fleeting fame and fortune can be in the NFL.

'The duration of Respondent's career as a professional football player is limited and at present he has no training, skills, or education which allow him to replace the income he currently receives from playing professional football. The parties acknowledge that in all likelihood upon the conclusion of Respondent's career as a professional football player, his income will dramatically decrease. In light of these circumstances, the parties wish to provide as much as possible now for their children's support, care, and maintenance." *— Matt Potter*



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The Teachings of Madame T

Private eye Tom Hickey doesn't make time to read anymore — as a father, a husband, an ex-cop, and co-owner in wartime San Diego's popular nightclub Rudy's, who has time for prose or poetry? But this book of Cynthia's — Cynthia Tucker Moon, his latest case and showstopping girl singer — that was something else entirely. Between the missing mother, the distracted father, the jealous sister, the murdered aunts — not to mention the spiritual sect they raised their daughter in and the menacing man Cynthia calls "The Fiend" — it was no wonder she was about to kill someone.

CHAPTER 13

Daddy was 32 years old when the Orpheus docked in San Pedro. He and a Puerto Rican lady were waiting to take Venus from Katy the maid, who told Daddy the story I have written.

Daddy was raised in Silver City, New Mexico, by a Baptist father and mother. He left home at 16, worked as a ranch hand, and discovered liquor, which swiftly drove Jesus away. In place of loving Jesus, Daddy told me, he chased after barmaids and wild señoritas. He stole about a hundred head of cattle before he got caught and condemned to a year and 30 days in the prison on Skull Mesa, where the brutes whipped and clobbered him with a rifle butt, yet Daddy is so brave he wouldn't have told



me except, all these years later, he still has the scars across the small of his back and beneath his right shoulder blade. After New Mexico, Daddy tried Oregon, where he lusted after a fancy Danish girl, robbed a payroll wagon, and got condemned once more. In prison, Daddy swore off fancy women, began his studies to become a shyster, and launched his quest for the Way. After prison he

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trekked restlessly from one employment or teacher to the next, down the coast to Oakland, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, L.A., and into the study of scriptures and tracts on subjects from the Apocrypha to necromancy. Prison, his studies, the moral teaching of Madame T, and his devotion to Venus kept Daddy celibate for 16 years. The day Venus ran off with the Fiend and Daddy got drunk for the first time in three decades, he told the Bitch and me that he should've wrapped a leather thong around his gonads until they dropped off like a steer's.

"The Fiend," Hickey mumbled. He sat up and glared first at the telephone, then at the door. No call from Leo. No corned beef and whiskey. He plucked the manila envelope from underneath ledger volume II, slid the drawing out, and reread the note at the bottom.

> "Beloved, you saw through him from the start. He truly is a fiend.... Every day the Fiend grows bolder. Soon I may die."

He'd gotten from Sister Johanna and the priest that Venus had run off with this Pravinshandra character they called the master. Unless she'd made a career of ditching one man for another, the master and the Fiend would be the same guy. As he laid the drawing back on the desk and reached for Cynthia's book, Hickey mused that whomever a murderous female calls a fiend becomes a candidate for murder.

The next page was in light-blue pen. Hickey rum-

He tucked the sack under his arm, tugged out the Dewar's cork and took a double gulp, then flopped into the chair and reached for the phone.

maged through the top desk drawer for his glasses and read descriptions of Otherworld and its children, an African pygmy, a cossack, Chinese, Hungarians, a Spanish albino, Persians, Only Venus got her own quarters, a tiny maid's room in the cliffside two-story Moorish hacienda, the residence and offices of Madames A and Esmé, and of Madame T on her brief

and a troop of orphans

recently delivered from

Cuba. Even the children

with parents at Otherworld

slept in the adobe barracks,

chaperoned by a live-in

teacher, so parents couldn't

sabotage their education.

respites from the roundthe-world crusades where she hustled the dough to run Otherworld. Venus was princess, and the special ward of Madame A, on account of a psychic message Madame T had received from her Tibetan master that the girl could become an adept, possibly a mahatma, one day.

Otherworld had three choirs, a small symphony orchestra, a drama company that produced Shakespeare, Goethe, mystery plays, and adaptations from the Vedas. Madame A, a Greek dowager, encouraged particularly the works of Sophocles and myths she contended were allegories of mysteries revealed in the Secret Doctrine. At the sunrise services around the seacliff gazebo, in her puptent-sized, rainbow-colored silk gown, Madame A interpreted the dramas spiritually, citing Aristotle's Poetics, hermeneutic texts, and a source she called the Akashic Record, an ethereal library from which a sensitive could pull anything ever done, written or thought.

Hickey sat gnawing through his pipe stem, grumbling in distaste at the mystical stuff until he skipped ahead to the next mention of Venus.

While her soul and heart putrefied, Venus's body flourished in the sunny gardens and sea breeze of Otherworld. At 12 years, already





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taller than puny average women, she compared to most beauties like a swan to a chicken. With her gift for the harp and piano, already the favorite of Madames A and T, she was Otherworld's darling, as I would later be. Yet she made no friends besides the madames and Daddy. The children resented her privileges, her haughty ways, and the meanness that launched her into a fit or pout if another student earned more praise than she did. Besides, guilty people don't ever let strangers get close, do they, Father?

But neither can they bear solitude. All day and evening, Venus dogged Madame A or Daddy. In the Raja Yoga school, where Daddy taught classics, history, and law, she would bring her work from other classes to finish while sitting beside him — a liberty nobody else got, not even me — then show it to him and bask in his praise.

While Hickey was reading about Venus's sorrow and anger over her mother's brief and ever more infrequent letters, he started to a knock on the door. He tossed the book onto the desk, jumped up, and let in Raul, a freckled busboy who muttered, "Buenos días," shoved a sack at him, and reached into a coat pocket for the Dewar's, which he handed over stealthily, peering over his shoulder as though he were delivering heroin.

Hickey checked his watch: 3:48 p.m. "What goes?" he grumbled. "You stop and take in a show at the Hollywood?"

"Mucho busy. The boss say no rush for you. Maybe he don't like you so much feeling slimy as always when he got a reminder that a white hat wouldn't fit him anymore. He tucked the sack under his arm, tugged out the Dewar's cork and took a double gulp, then flopped into the chair and reached for the phone. He

One night Daddy stood by the gazebo

when he heard a scream.

no more."

"Why's that?" Hickey passed him a five, told him to keep the change. "The boss say, 'Why

Señor Hickey's joint's not getting lousy meat like everybody?"

After shooing Raul away, Hickey stood a minute

dialed home, let it ring about 20 times, slapped the receiver down. A sweep of his arm across the desk cleared a space for the food and drink. He chomped the end off a pickle and grabbed the ledger.

One July morning in 1917,

just before dawn, Daddy crept into Venus's little room, woke her, beckoned her outside and to follow him across the central lawn where mystics knelt in sunrise prayers, into the sanctuary where Madame A lay on her feather bed underneath its silk netting. The Enlightened who crowded around her parted to let Daddy lead Venus by the shoulders to the bedside. Madame A's giant head was propped on red silk pillows, hair looking justbrushed, skin damp and transparent blue. Her breath, which Daddy says was always minty sweet, smelled like hot tar. Each time the tiny, wrinkled eyelids blinked, a tear or two spilled out. Madame Esmé, standing beside her, wiped her Deva's

cheek with a hanky.

Daddy kept steadying Venus's shoulders, even when Madame A motioned with her head for Venus to come nearer, and Venus leaned close to the bed, her ear a few inches from the face of Madame A, who whispered too soft and gravelly for her to understand. Madame Esmé knelt with her ear to Madame A's lips.

Skinny, gaunt Madame Esmé, who had eyes like searchlights and icy fingers long before Venus killed her, whispered, "Yes, dear," over and over. When at last she rose, she proclaimed in a raw monotone, as if she'd been kidnapped and the brutes held a gun to her temple, "The Aryan master whose initials are CCB



has spoken through Madame A, confiding in us that our Venus's soul, which once occupied the flesh of Saint Isabella, has been sent here on a mission, to lead us through a coming tribulation. The master requests that we honor Venus accordingly, and ... "She turned to Daddy and glared as if he had just yanked her cat's tail. "Henry Tucker is to be her guardian."

As Dr. Fontaine dispersed the crowd, Venus broke free of Daddy's grip. She ran outside and dashed across the lawn to the cliff trail. Of course, Daddy followed behind. Venus, wild as the ghost of Heathcliff's Catherine, kept vanishing and appearing out of the

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fog. Hands out like a blind girl's, she staggered along. About a hundred yards up the trail she gave a raucous laugh, spun around, and collapsed. Father, isn't it obvious that Venus laughed because she had been handed a crown?

There'd been magazine and newspaper articles enough on Otherworld, especially last year while the place suffered bankruptcy, to acquaint Hickey with the Raja Yoga school. Writers had called it revolutionary, Platonic, a glimpse of the future, heathen, brutal, communistic. Whatever it was had done right by Cynthia's brain. She might be loony, but she was one educated 17-year-

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old. He shut his eves, leaned back, listened to her crooning "Got a Date with an Angel," the line where she's on her way to heaven.

He brooded over the tragedy it would be to let her go to hell. Restlessly, he wondered why Leo hadn't

phoned, and he might've

gone out searching except

that he'd reached the sexy

Of course Venus had always

been seducing Daddy, but

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guns on him. With Madames T and A gone, and Daddy the only person who knew her shameful history, Venus would make him her slave. The first time she visited his room after dark.

with her a scene from a

Lashlee drama in which she

would play Leda. Daddy

read the lines of Zeus dis-

guised as the swan. For an

hour they sat on the floor,

leaning on the bed, praising

now she turned all three

Daddy had caught fire so torridly that he lay squeezing his head in both hands she asked him to rehearse and groaning until finally he got up and walked the cliff trail most of the night. He was a lusty man, Father, deprived for nearly 20 years — I bet you know how that feels.

each other's beauty. In one

part, Venus would reach

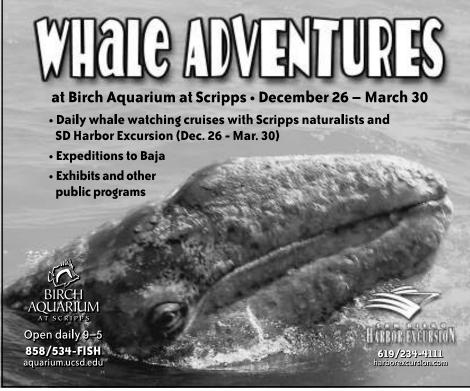
up and pet Daddy's brow.

By the time she kissed his

cheek farewell and left,

One week Venus would snuggle against Daddy's arm, lay her head on his shoulder, her hair damp and fragrant from bathing, or tiptoe up behind him while he worked at his desk in the school, reach around and caress his face. For days thereafter, on his every approach, she stiffened and talked icily as a good French girl addressing a German. While Daddy racked his brain trying to recall whether he had acted improperly, and reasoned that she was a troubled child who must be treated with utmost patience, she fattened her pride on his agony, and when she observed him regain his balance, she knocked him reeling again, sneaking up behind as he walked toward the pagoda, clasping her arms around him, squashing her tits into the small of his back. "Oh, Mr. Tucker," she exclaimed. "I've grown so fond of the Chinese. I've begun The Tale of Genji. Don't you think







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it's a marvel?"

On foggy nights in May and June, after the winter sea currents had begun warming, Venus would go alone down the cliffs for a swim. Poor obsessed Daddy, from watching her so closely, knew everything she did except in her own little room. One night Daddy stood by the gazebo when he heard a scream. Believe me, Father, vou would have to scream loud and shrill to be heard atop the cliff, at least 200 feet, with the waves bashing the rocks and rumbling out again. I used to stand in that very cove, the water swirling around my hips and thighs, and bellow love songs as if Saint Ophelia had sent the Man, but I had to lure him out of hiding.

Daddy sprinted down the trail and up the beach to the cove just below the gazebo, staring frantically into the purplish mist, his heart pounding so fast it felt like a steady whir. When he tripped over something, he discovered her clothes, rolled into a ball. "Venus!" he hollered. "Please, Venus!"

Through the fog he heard the breakers crashing thunderously in hundred-yard walls, the most treacherous kind. The surf frothed around his feet. He called out again. Still she didn't answer. He kicked off his shoes and raced into the mist and waves. Before he reached waist deep she appeared.

She rose straight up as if surfacing from a dive. Her darkened cinnamon hair fell in ringlets over her shoulders. Her purplish flesh sparkled as if flecks of mica in the water had stuck to her. Daddy tried to stare at her eyes, which gazed sternly at him, but he couldn't resist stealing glances at the hard, slim belly, the tits that quivered as though water were rippling over them, at the long legs, muscular from climbing and dancing. Finally, with a glimpse of her golden fleece, Daddy swooned, Father. When he told me so, he wept in shame. He had gone to save her, but all his blood swamped his head and he keeled over. plop, into the water. Venus had to drag him to shore.

She was dressed and standing over him. "Why would you betray me like this, Mr. Tucker?"

"I heard your scream."

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"I did not scream." "But...even so, I had no idea you were...'

"Naked. Oh, truly? Liar! I saw how you looked at me, as if we were creatures."

Daddy lay there realizing that he could never look at her chastely again. "We are creatures," he groaned.

With a scowl, Venus wheeled and strode away, while Daddy lay already wondering what kind of life he was going to make outside of Otherworld.

The very next day he confessed his transgression to Madame Esmé, who, agreeing that he could no longer be trusted, assumed Venus's guardianship. Daddy borrowed Madame's car and scouted San Diego for an office from which he might practice. Days passed without his getting closer than across a room from Venus. Even in school, she sat in the rear, looked his way only rarely and then with a cruelly vacant stare, until the night she boldly entered his quarters.

She wore the rainbowcolored tunic Madame A had given her on her 14th birthday, but she had grown and fleshed out so in those months, it was snug as an evening gown, and the hem barely reached her knees. She was barefoot, and her damp hair was scented with lavender. On her way from the showers she had picked a white gardenia and arranged it into her hair.

"Mr. Tucker," she whispered, "I'm going to speak the truth of my heart and hope you can forgive me." "I can," Daddy said.

"A foul sickness has come over me, since the night... Mr. Tucker, it's horrid. I can't for a moment forget the feeling that possessed me when you saw my...as if many hands were clutching my body at once, the fingers invading me with heat and bitter cold.... Henry...I wish to feel it again." Suddenly she grasped the hem of her gown and flung it upward, tearing a seam and knocking the gardenia from her hair. She stooped to pick up the flower, replaced it, and tiptoed to within a yard of Daddy, her eyes boring into his heart.

Father, imagine me standing before you wearing nothing but a white

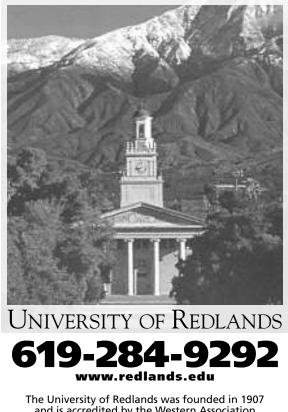




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flower and glowing with the heat that fills a girl when she's adored. Venus was almost as exquisite. Imagine me inching ever closer until my belly is so near that you can see the downy hairs and watch the skin flex every time you breathe on it. Who could help but reach around, cup my rear in his hands, and guide me even closer? If I quivered and fell limp in your hands as though asking you to possess me, uttering little gasps and moans, wouldn't you lift me onto the bed?

Daddy wouldn't tell me the rest, but I know what she did. I know Venus. With arms, hips, legs, and filthy lies she drew him closer and closer until she had lured him inside. Once she got him there, she wept, called him a beast and pounded on his back, but whenever he tried to release her, she wouldn't let go.

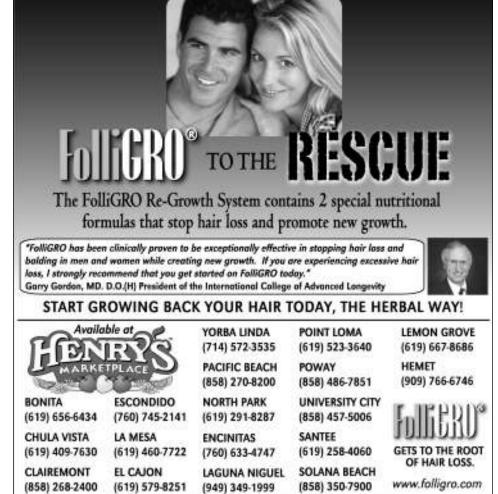
Venus slept beside poor Daddy, who lay all night gazing in awe, dedicating his heart and will to her happiness — he might as well have been ordering his coffin.

It is clear, isn't it, Father—Daddy was Venus's guardian angel the same as Ophelia is mine. Daddy came to save her from hell and she killed him, she and her henchwoman the Bitch, because he betrayed her over me. He wouldn't let them kill his true darling.

Hickey caught his breath, kneaded his forehead, got up, and paced. At the window, he stared at the cloudless silver-blue sky above the buses and signs around Horton Plaza. DOCTOR YALE; POSTAL TELEGRAPH, from before Western Union had driven them out of business - and at a B-17's menacing shadow as it crossed Broadway. He kicked the wall lightly, turned back to his desk, chewed the last bite of his sandwich, and sat for a minute envying Henry Tucker. Not because Hickey'd seen in the rest home what that prize had bought the man. Besides, Hickey wouldn't have traded Madeline for Venus or anybody. What he envied was Cynthia's devotion to her Daddy. He couldn't see Elizabeth writing about him as a paragon, upright and pure. Not unless she ignored a

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ton of evidence.

He grabbed the phone, dialed his home number, let it ring a dozen times, then hung up, corked the Dewar's, and swallowed a mouthful. After letting his brain spin a minute, he focused on the puzzles.

It looked as if Cynthia believed not only that her sister and mother had plotted to destroy Henry Tucker but that Venus and the Bitch had tried to enlist Tucker to help destroy his own daughter. A few more pages like this, Hickey figured, and he'd know how to keep Cynthia from Donny Katoulis — drag her to a nuthouse.

He'd also found two more candidates for victim. Lots of folks had murdered a brother or sister, and more cold-bloodedly than Venus had killed hers, even if Cynthia'd written the truth. There were only a few crimes older than fratricide. But slaying your mother — Hickey wondered if anybody with a piece of heart left intact could do it. "Yeah," he muttered, "somebody could."

He wadded the butcher paper that had wrapped his sandwich, tossed it at the trash can between the coat rack and file cabinet. Leo could've swished a double bank shot off the wall and

cabinet. Hickey's shot bounced halfway back across the room. He wagged his head, adjusted the glasses on his nose, and read about the morning after, how Venus wailed, wept, punched Henry Tucker in the eye,

There were only a few crimes older

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then bolted and wouldn't get near him for weeks. She kept her door padlocked, refused to attend school. From chance meetings on the grounds, she fled as though he were a leper. Tucker, of course, spent

brought him a gift, kissed him thanks for the bracelet

those weeks on the edge of

leaping from the cliff into

At last she returned to his

classroom. A few days later

she sat beside him at din-

ner. On Christmas she

the lesser despair of hell.

he'd given her, invited him to the New Year's dance. By February she was riding along on Tucker's excursions into San Diego and stopping at the windows of jewelry stores. The day she led him into Jessop's on Fifth Avenue and stood admiring the rings, Henry promenaded her down Broadway and, kneeling on a harborside lawn beneath a palm tree, proposed.

If you ever hear of anybody answering a proposal the way Venus did, Father ----"I think it's best," she said stop the poor fool, send him on a mission to Borneo.

As always, the one who can love, who is really the prize, gets demeaned by the one with the rotten heart.

Madame Esmé took charge of the wedding. It was in early June, at sunrise, at the gazebo. Rarely in foggy June is there a brilliant morning like this one. A happy omen? Ha! Daddy got led from the villa they call Majorca across the lawn to the gazebo by Mr. Bair and our poet Will Lashlee. More dread irony, Father, since Mr. Lashlee would become the Bitch's first victim. As they stepped into the gazebo, Miss V began reciting a monologue from a Lashlee drama, a lament in heaven by Helen of Troy in which she grieves for the burden of her beauty that wasted the lives of great men. Ha! Madame Esmé knew the score.

The orchestra struck

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up the bridal march as Venus and her retinue of Cuban girls stepped from the mosque where they had dressed her. Her hair was plaited with flower buds. Her shoulders were bare. The white silk gown hadn't a frill or pleat. Designed by Madame Esmé, it was loose, unbelted with a tapered waist, and sheer so you could see the jostling of her body beneath, the points of her nipples, the roll of each hip and forward press of her thighs. She looked like a virgin being led to sacrifice. Madame Esmé, who taught by symbols, must have been chortling at the joke she had made — Daddy was the one to be slaughtered.

Hickey laid down the book, walked out and down the hall to the rest room, wondering about the comment that a poet named Lashlee would be the Bitch's first victim. He stood over the toilet, brooded about Emma Vidal, almost surely Miss V. Tonight, he vowed, Cynthia was going to tell him about the "avalanche." Whatever it took, he'd convince her.

He zipped his slacks,

splashed water on his tired eyes, decided to run downstairs to the drugstore for coffee. At the landing he met his partner hobbling up the stairs. Leo's iron-colored eyes peeked indignantly out of crinkled sockets. His graying walrus mustache twitched, as though pointing at the swollen crest of his cheekbone, at the bruise that looked like somebody'd pelted him with an overripe plum and it had stuck there. His hat was off, gripped in his right hand. He slapped it angrily against his knee. "Go ahead, chew me out, punch me in the nose, where

the other guy missed. I got it coming." Leo waddled past Hickey into the office, tossed his hat onto the rack as he rounded it, and flopped onto the love seat.

"Where's the girl?"

"Gee, Tom, if I knew, maybe I'd be on her like I'm supposed to. In case you give a fig who slugged me, it was a Negro fella, young enough he oughta been in uniform. Wearing leathers and a Texas sombrero. Drove a limo, big silver Chrysler. I checked it out. Belongs to Charlie Schwartz. See, the limo pulls up in front of the girl's place, she struts

out, talks to the driver, and points at me. I don't know we're playing rough, so I leave the .38 in my glove box. I get out and stand by the car. He strolls up, implores me to give the girl some privacy, then suckerpunches me a couple times, and while I'm down he snatches the keys and heaves them into a yard full of watchdogs, three man-eating German shepherds. The wise guy runs off laughing. By the time I hot-wire the Buick, they're way the hell down India Street. I kept them in sight until they crossed Broadway. Last half

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hour I been driving around the Gaslamp district, looking for them, down into National City.... Wouldn't be scotch in that bottle, would it?"

Hickey delivered the pint of Dewar's, walked back to his desk chair, and sat down hard. "Christ," he muttered.

"What do you figure?" He sighed, made fists, and socked them together. "Either the girl scored the money she wants and she's going to pay Katoulis, or Charlie Schwartz is gonna give her the money." He stared at Leo, hoping the old guy would offer him a prettier solution.

"Why would Schwartz give her money?"

Plucking the manila envelope off his desk, he slipped Cynthia's publicity photo out, walked it over to Leo. "There's why." - Ken Kuhlken

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Since 1988, I have been a strict vegetarian. A bowl of

miso soup, a chunk of tofu, and a plate of steamed broccoli over brown rice were my idea of a perfect meal. I drank only herbal teas or decaffeinated coffee; I used brown sugar or honey for sweetener. Why? Because, daily, great tracts of rain forest were being destroyed so that cattle meant to become McDonald's hamburgers might graze. Because the Monsanto Corporation was cornering the seed market in order to bioengineer our foods. Because the World Bank

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places like Whole Foods and Henry's, stores that offered organic produce) as a personal mission. It was me against the corporate world, against globalization. It was me for the little man and against the big guys. Then on that night in

Huffman's Barbecue

February, I tasted gumbo. Earlier I'd chewed on a piece of alligator, but my undoing came with the gumbo. For those who might not know, some definitions: "Gumbo" is the Bantu word for

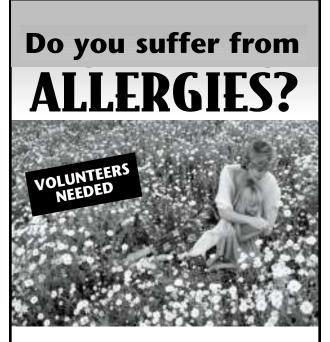
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okra, that innocuous vegetable that is crunchy when battered and fried and that, when boiled, secretes a clear and slimy liquid that allows the pod to slip effortlessly down the throat. "Gumbo" is also the term for the French patois spoken by blacks and Creoles in Louisiana and the French West Indies. Finally, "gumbo" is a kind of soup, and it was this that was served that evening.

Walter and Margot had made reservations for the three of us to dine at a restaurant in the Gaslamp Quarter. It advertised New Orleans "Cajun" cuisine.

"Paradise!" Margot said as we stepped into the restaurant.

Outside, the night was chilly, but inside, the dining room was heated by the staff, who bustled about, repeating the evening's specials and taking orders, pouring drinks and racing for the kitchen, costumed with heaps of



cheap plastic necklaces and carnival makeup. Mardi Gras was just days away. "A good choice!" said

Walter, yelling to be heard over the happy din. Our mood was upbeat until our waitress appeared. The Mardi Gras fun beads and getup did little to mask her ill humor. What do you want to drink, she asked, directing our oversize menus to us with three stabbing motions. We thought maybe just glasses of ice tea. She eyed us. Were we ready to order, then? We reminded her that we'd only just gotten Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food

our menus. Could we not take but a moment to consider? She gave a curt nod, said all right, and shot into the kitchen with a warning that she'd be right back. "Remember," we leaned in close, whispering like conspirators, "we are here to enjoy ourselves!"

I'd known Walter and Margot (not their real names) for ten years. We were neighbors in adjoining units of an apartment complex, all of us orphans to midlife crises and career changes. I was leaving academia, Walter was organizing a startup computer firm, and Margot, a former elementary schoolteacher, was to run the office once the company took off. Which it soon did, and nearly as quickly, so did they. They vacated our apartment building in a U-Haul to ensconce themselves in a four-bedroom, orange hacienda-style beachfront home an hour away by car, but in fact a distance more accurately defined by megabucks. Margot's teenage children, crippled by their intimate proximity to her unhappy first marriage, filled the three extra bedrooms every

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other weekend like war orphans, wide-eyed and fearful of when the next bomb blast would occur. The children grew up and went away, and Margot and Walter now found themselves in a palazzo several sizes too large, hoping that grandchildren would one day come. In the meantime, despite the economic slump, their business did well. They were advised (for tax purposes) to lease their autos, and they leased a new one each year. Margot got a big blue diamond one Easter because they had to spend some money quick (again for tax purposes). They owned the expected cell phones and Palm Pilots; their study, with its wall of monitors and computer consoles, looked like Cape Canaveral. They worked hard, had few friends, and got home late from the office most nights. Margot wandered through their immense kitchen, prepar-



ing a grilled cheese sandwich and the cup of cocoa that Walter preferred while working on the computer or staring at the television screen. We went to dinner as a relief from those

sandwiches and cups of cocoa and so that Walter could keep me updated on the dot-com world. For Walter, the Information Age beat out the Second Coming, and cyberspace

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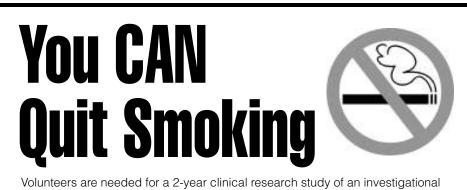
In a book of essays (according to Walter, a moribund form), Resisting the Virtual Life: The Culture and Politics of Information (1995), one conJuanita's Place

tributor writes that as more and more cultural objects find their way onto workstation screens, these representations will become confused with the objects they represent. "This is part of a general leveling effect (equating abstracts of experiences for the experiences themselves) that appears to be an integral part of contemporary life." According to the author, this is not unlike "eating at McDonald's and calling it a meal."

But how to argue the point with Walter? After all, he was a success, and it was not easy to argue with

success, especially if you were not one, as I was (not). I was the guy that friends and family had listened to about the novelin-progress. They had heard about a new character development or new plot twist, but so far they had never heard that most precious of phrases, "It's finished!" At first friends and family were touched and moved to tenderness by my expressions of distress. But presently this changed to pity, which had something humiliating about it. Then came the stage in which advice was offered. ("Just go for it! Give yourself six months and kick ass!") Finally, along with the usual "So how is your novel coming?" there had come the unspoken scorn. Nobody loves a loser. That night Walter had progressed to the giving-of-advice stage.

"You should write about being black. There's always a market for that," he told me. "But keep it short — short words, short sentences. They scroll easier." People want to read about real life and real people, he said, and I pretended not to hear the note of condescension. I didn't tell him that my novel was dead, or nearly, and that it had broken my heart. The three of us met every other month or so, always for a meal and a movie.



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Tonight, after eating, we'd planned to see the new Robert Altman film. Tomorrow I would sit down in front of my word processor and try to give first aid to a corpse.

The food arrived, delivered to our table with a speed that invited an equally quick digging in. For an appetizer, Walter had ordered a cup of gumbo. For his entrée, he'd ordered grilled alligator, the most startling item on the menu. Walter liked to order the most startling item on the menu.

"They have alligator farms, where they raise them, like salmon," he informed us.

Eating an alligator, even one grown in a water trough, was like squeezing the life out of a boa constrictor. Fascinated, I asked for a bite. "Give up being a vegetarian?" No, I said, I just wanted to know what alligator tasted like. Walter, who enjoyed having the dish others wanted to sample, was eager to oblige. His alligator, served with wild rice, sautéed vegetables, and an orange sauce, had been cut into cubes before cooking. I chewed on a small cube. The thing tasted like tough chicken cooked with garlic. As for the other entrées, in a blindfolded taste test Margot's barbecued pork (in a thick stew with corn bread) could have been mistaken for hamburger. So she said. My stuffed bell pepper (with wild rice, baked tofu, and a peppertomato sauce) was nicely seasoned. I was the big winner.

We were not as hungry as the speed with which we ate suggested, but the packed restaurant, the noise, and our waitress did not set a mood for a leisurely meal. The dessert menu, and then dessert itself, arrived moments after our dishes were removed. My French Silk Chocolate Pie was smooth and light. Margot's Creole pecan pie was sticky and heavy. Walter's bread pudding was moist and tasty. While we were deep

in our respective sugars, Walter noticed that the waitress, in her haste, had not removed his cup of unfinished soup.

"Here, Margot, taste this. Pretty good, right?"

"Yes, it is good!" In their relationship, Margot subbed as a cheerleader and yes-man.

"How good?" he prompted. Walter needed affirmation.

"Very good!" she answered.

"Wanna taste?" he asked, turning to me.

The thought of gumbo on top of my French Silk pie, what the menu described as "creamy light chocolate moose [sic] in a crispy vanilla wafer crust,

You never forget how to break up eggs and stir them into the grits before tasting.

topped with slivered almonds," did not rest well. But Walter seemed unwilling to hear an objection, and Margot, her blue lemur eyes bright with confederate alliance, seemed deaf to the word "no." It was very good, she assured me. I might have reminded them that I was a vegetarian, but minutes before I'd chewed on alligator.

My spoonful of gumbo instantly stole the taste of my French Silk pie. According to the menu, the seafood gumbo was cooked with okra and andouille sausage, yet the dominant flavor that filled my mouth had nothing to do with sea or sausage, or with the green okra that is essential to gumbo. What I tasted was watery bean soup.

My friends studied me, eager for my assessment. And I studied them.

Margot, when she stood, was a tall woman, but when she sat, because she was long legged and short waisted, she collapsed like an accordion and peered at the world from behind the great cliff of her breasts. Walter, eight years younger and nearly

whose blue-blackness owed everything to a bottle. Success may have endowed him with the stature that nature denied him, but I believed he still saw himself as a shrimp. Why else did he have to have the last word in a discussion, to order the most startling dish, to be the arbiter of taste? And why else did we let him? Like so many friendships, ours was grounded on a condition of low upkeep: we knew each other well enough not to demand too much of the other. Walter was a fiercely competitive pygmy, Margot had abandoned her children, and I was an angry black man. We made

that many inches shorter,

was not Mexican, but with

his mustache he looked

like one of the marionettes

sold in Mexico of the

comedian Cantinflas. He

met Margot when he came

to her school to train teach-

ers in a weeklong "Become

Computer Savvy" hands-

on seminar. By Friday, and

after two visits to a nearby

motel, Margot was hooked.

The following Monday,

her bags packed, she snuck

out on her unhappy mar-

riage while her kids were

at school and her husband

was in flight to a meeting

in Chicago. Now, 12 years

later, Walter still wore lifts

in his shoes and combed

his hair upward in an Elvis

Presley-style pompadour

sure none of those buttons got pushed. But all that was about

to change.

"Isn't it great?" he said. The way I look at it, the first mistake was Walter's forced demand of Margot and her quick complicity. The second was their urging me to taste the now-cold broth. (I accept responsibility for tasting it.) The third mistake was this: "Well, isn't it?" he

asked again. I am of a generation

that preceded fast food. My mother cooked everything from scratch. She stuffed turkeys and baked cakes, and even for a while made ice cream. Our kitchen windows steamed up and our walls went slick from the bubbling pots on the stove. She cooked fresh vegetables, and she baked biscuits and corn bread. We ate well, but there was a dark side. I watched her gut and scale and dismember whole schools of different fish. I saw chickens' necks rung and the lifeless creatures submerged in boiling water to make plucking their filthy, smelly feathers easier. Masses of collard and turnip greens arrived fresh from the garden with great clumps of brown soil falling from their roots like bodies recently disinterred. I witnessed lobsters banging against pots while being boiled alive; and to this day the sudden eruption from the pressure cooker gauge, like the hissing of an angry cobra, fills me with dread. Eating was nothing like

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ordering a meal from an overhead menu board, then stepping to the cashier to pick it up, bagged and ready to go. Food and its ingestion was a living experience with violent overtones, and my choice of vegetarianism offered, like my conscientious objector status, a chance to say no to war.

Much of what we ate at our home at 19th and L Streets has since come to be called soul food (or, more recently — and in contrast to McDonald's, et al. — slow food). Soul food/slow food is not a racial thing, nor is it just about eating. It is about nourishment, about feeling full, as in fulfilled; and not everyone could do the job. Soon enough - having spooned grits as smooth as pudding and those as lumpy as stew; having bit into corn bread that melted in the mouth and corn bread that was black on the bottom; hav-

ing forked a barbecue rib of fall-off-the-bone delectability and one that was charred and dry ---you learned. Neither did all black folks know how to cook the food we liked to eat, but even eating took some learning. Take chitterlings (pronounced "chit'lins," a pig's small intestines). They have a foul odor, are gray colored, and have a rubbery consistency when cooked. They remind one of elephant skin. Tripe is the same way - foul odor and rubbery bite, but it is a sick-looking white shade. However, once you learned not to look and not to smell, and if you had some Tabasco sauce handy, ah! Which brings us to gumbo. It is said that gumbo

originated in Louisiana, where the haughty Creoles, famous for their beauty and mulatto refinement, ordained how it should be prepared. In the catalog of soul food, it is a dish for which there are acceptable variations, but all must meet a level of flavor. But it is a savage, murky soup, chock full of uncertain parts of once-living things, sometimes slimy with okra, sometimes having the distinctive taste of gumbo filé, a taste that

kers over the plate and makes slurping and chomping and grunting noises, it is a sign of total engagement; if he ingests irregularly, it is a signal of a dish's mere acceptability; if he pecks at the plate, it is because good manners require it in the face

Because it was still early, I took an order of Aunt Bessie's Chicken Wing Basket (six fried chicken wings and fries) and an order of banana pudding for later.

takes getting used to.

Many of my friends might swear on the tastiness of the seafood gumbo that I sampled that February evening. But few would have made the mistake of asking my opinion. Most of us know that opinion is conveyed in the course of eating: if the diner hunof all but outright poison. As for good soul food, initially it puts a hurt on conversation as it does on table manners. The foot dances, dinnerware is abandoned, fingers and mouths get greasy, secret eyeballing assesses the likelihood of second helpings, and there is plenty of reaching. It is only after the first tasty hit passes and the mouth is released from its task of ingestion that conversation begins to flow. Inevitably, good food leads to *le bon mot*.

"It's lousy," I spat out, and my friends' dinnertime smiles faded.

Erasmus, the medieval scholar, felt that vomiting was not shameful and that it was perfectly acceptable to spit (though he recommended withdrawing before doing so). At that moment, I wanted to spit. To make my point.

"Whoa," said Walter, "don't take it so personally!"

But if anything distinguishes soul food, it is the requirement to take it personally. What could be more personal than the fact that someone has prepared something you take inside your body? (The parallel between eating and sexual intercourse has often been made.) In the same way that food is meant to nourish, heal, and comfort — and good food supremely serves these functions — so bad food starves, sickens, and distresses. And what I had just tasted was b-a-d.

"But surely," Margot, in her role as the Great Pacifier, said, laughing, "it's not such a big deal." But that was just it. It

was a big deal!

Seafood gumbo is a simple enough dish that originally derived its parts from the nearby river and the garden, while it gathered its flavors from its slow cooking down. Even before the dish moved inland, away from the Louisiana bayous of its birth, the humble chicken, and the even humbler sausage, had found their way into the gumbo pot. Under these circumstances, the dish became known simply as "gumbo," with the "seafood" or "chicken" tag applied for purposes of specificity. The dish was

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best served over rice.

When bourgeois America discovered gumbo, the once poorman's meal was transformed into the expensive appetizer of a culturally aware middle class. Gumbo's more expensive parts, particularly shrimp and lobster, growing ever more costly, were proportionately reduced, and in their place rice, and next beans, were used, as they offered the advantage of adding bulk. Today, to the despair of the Louisiana cook, rice and beans can dominate the dish. And because cooked okra, especially the slimy variety, is an acquired taste, many commercial kitchens no longer put into the soup the ingredient for which it was named.

Gumbo offers an example of how elastic, how amenable to changing circumstance, is soul food. In this sense it mirrors the culture from which it comes. While French cooking relies on sauces for its flavors (whose subtleties are said to reflect French culture itself), soul food is not distinguished by subtlety. Instead, words like "simple," "direct," "generous," and "authentic" come to mind. Certainly with its ingredients basic and its flavors long brewed, soul food does not lie.

And at that critical moment neither could I. "It's worse than lousy, it's a lie!" I said, delivering my most telling critique.

Because this was not just about gumbo. Or rather, gumbo is about more than a cup of soup, just as soul food is about more than some food on a plate.

Our meal had been rushed. We were crammed into a corner table. Conversation had been reduced to parsed remarks delivered over the hubbub chatter of other diners. Our waitress could hardly be called obliging. And to put in perspective the ridiculousness of the affair, I'd tasted alligator, for God's sake! about it?"

"It's not soul food!" I said.

"But isn't this place 'Cajun'?" said Margot, looking around as if the word were to be found chiseled into the walls.

"Yes, and 'Cajun' is a form of soul food," I said, but I was suddenly unsure of myself on this point, on technical grounds, and heard the uncertainty in my voice. And so did Walter. "So what's the difference?" he demanded. "What do you want," I retorted, "some definition?" Walter said, actually, yes, that that might help. "Get out of your virtual world," I sneered. "You don't eat a definition, Walter, you eat food!"

Even in the restaurant's dim golden illumination, I could see the color drain from his face. It was a low blow, a veiled insult that I'd hurled at my computer-tech friend, mostly because I was on shaky ground. Just then the waitress appeared with his credit card. "Let's just get out of here," he said, snatching the plastic card and pushing away from the table.

I grabbed a handful of peppermints from a jar on a counter at the door. Tearing the cellophane off one, I sucked hard on the round red-and-whitestriped candy, eager to show how necessary I felt it was to clear my palate. We said little as we made our way to the movie, and little more as we settled into the showing of Gosford Park, in which, in the course of an English country weekend, the maid first poisoned the rich squire, who happened to be her abusive ex-lover, and then the butler (the now-grown son of that long ago union, who was not recognized by his father and who in turn failed to recognize the maid as his mother) stabbed the squire, but because the old man was already dead, the butler was technically not guilty of murder. In the end, no one was held responsible: the squire was a mean old



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bird who deserved what he got.

On the way home, Margot asked how I liked the movie. I answered that I thought it was pretty good.

Walter slid up to the curb in front of my apartment. "I'm surprised," he said. "I figured you wouldn't." I did not ask why. He left the motor running as I climbed down. (Their silver SUV, the size of a small tank, required something like a vertical descent.) "Thanks," I said. Margot smiled down at me, the fleshy moon of her face shining a brief sweet palliative on the scene. In that moment I was prepared to say something that might have eased the tension, something about how I didn't really mean it about how you eat food and not a definition, but Walter had no time for my white flag of truce. Perched behind the wheel, he gunned the

motor, peeled rubber, and was gone, his red taillights dimming and quickly extinguishing.

Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder of the female a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock, put her finger on the matter in a 1992 interview with Bill Moyers. When the slaves were given their liberty, she said, they got no land and no money for their years of toil, but they had their culture.

"Culture places you and makes you know that you are a child of the universe," said Reagon. "African-American culture is one of the most powerful in the world because so much business was done in that arena." Reagon said its value derived, in part, from the fact that it was "the only territory which we had control over."

Soul food is an expression of the African-American experience and its power to transcend severe limitation. (Many of the foods were the undesirable leftovers — pigs' innards, knuckles, and tails, for example.) When my friends, surely in all innocence, made decrees about the quality of gumbo, they unwittingly demanded from me a pronouncement on some-

Sister Pee Wee will tell you in a minute that she does not use recipes. ("I use what comes to mind.")

thing of personal significance. I could not lie. However, to recall Erasmus once again, he said, apropos to the business about vomiting and spitting, that "the essence of good manners consists in freely pardoning the shortcomings of others although nowhere near falling short yourself." I went to bed conveniently ignoring the implied injunction.

James Hickerson straddled a stool at the counter at Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food. Hickerson, an associate minister at Greater Trinity Baptist Church on Ocean View, was a large man whose friendly aspect took a serious turn when he was eating.

"Anything I can get for you, Reverend?" asked Sister Pee Wee.

He did not look up. "Doing just fine, Sister Pee Wee. Just fine." Two or three times a

week, Hickerson sat here, balanced on one of the stools, mixing his eggsover-easy into his grits, and then digging in.

I asked him about the

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food.

"Good grits," he replied shortly.

For more than 35 years, since 1966, the faded, hand-painted sign, "Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food," had hung in place on 30th Street and Imperial Avenue. In that time, Sister Pee Wee had offered more or less the same menu: Breakfasts came with bacon, ham, or sausage, plus grits and two eggs made to order, toast, and coffee; for lunch and dinner, she offered a generous portion of one meat (barbecued chicken, turkey wings and smothered steak, neck bones, barbecued ribs, pig's feet, Southern fried chicken and chitterlings) plus two of the following: rice, corn, pinto beans, black-eyed peas, greens, and yams. The café was open six days a week, from seven "until the food runs out."

The ten stools at the L-shaped counter (there

were no tables) were filled, for the most part, with old-time customers who came for the food, which was excellent, and for that thing that attaches itself to the very notion of soul food — the human connection. In The Rituals of Dinner, Margaret Visser wrote that since ancient times, food has been "the symbol of fellowship with the host," and here everyone was in fellowship with Sister Pee Wee, or you didn't eat. This is not to imply that she was not warm and obliging, because she was, but rather that in her diner she ruled supreme. And like any absolutist potentate, she had her own way of doing things. Rather than address Hickerson by name, Sister Pee Wee referred to him as "Reverend" — a term at once familiar and formal — because it gave her negotiating space. Sister Pee Wee, who liked elbow room in which to oper-

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ate, now stepped from her kitchen.

"What can I get for you?" she asked, giving me a quick once-over, a headto-toe visual frisk. She was not on the lookout for hidden weapons (she had never been robbed) as much as for a bad attitude. If you've got a problem go elsewhere, because Sister Pee Wee do not play.

She took my order, then retired to the kitchen. Through a cutout in the wall she could keep a benevolent eye on her customers (for the moment, just Reverend Hickerson and me) and join in on the conversation. But it was early and she was not as yet in the mood for chitchat. Sister Pee Wee was the mother of 9 and grandmother of 17, and the demands on her were many and not always easy to bear. For example, while the particulars were not clear, even to her, yesterday the kitchen of her home had been partially destroyed. The mother of one of her grandbabies was key to the incident, which meant that today Sister Pee Wee must spend time on the telephone with insurance people, check her mounting annoyance, deal with her feelings about the careless young woman, and all the while see to the needs of her customers. It was a little after nine and she was not prepared to do more than tiptoe up on the day she had ahead of her.

She brought my plate of food and set it down before me: two eggs overeasy, sausage, grits, and a couple of pieces of toast. For years my first meal of the day had included fresh fruit, almond butter spread over Wasa bread (crackers), and decaffeinated green tea laced with soy milk. But you never forget how to break up eggs and stir them into the grits before tasting, or that first bite of sausage fried crisp on the outside but still moist inside, or even the childish thrill of spreading purple grape jelly across sunshine yellow margarine

and the two together over golden brown toast. "Coffee?" she asked. I didn't even think of asking for tea, and I saw only one coffeepot on the brewer and it did not have that telltale orange lip to indicate it was decaffeinated. But then, what is a country breakfast without a caffeine buzz?

"Sure," I said, and once fully set up, I dug in. Reverend Hickerson was right about the grits.

"That's the thing about Sister Pee Wee's grits," he said. "She knows how to cook them so that they're smooth, not lumpy, not too wet, and they come to you *hot!*" A native of Louisiana who grew up eating breakfasts like the one before him, Hickerson was particular about his grits. "You have to be from the South to know what grits are supposed to taste like."

Sister Pee Wee looked at us from the kitchen, acknowledging the compliment with a nod of the head that would have done Queen Elizabeth proud. Over the years, she had heard all there was to hear about her grits, her smothered steak, her fried chicken. When Don Sutton of the L.A. Dodgers pitched a game against the Padres, he liked to stop by. Muhammad Ali ate here too. Sister Pee Wee did not much care for grits herself, but as she has said, "My customers would feel mistreated if I didn't have them."

Mr. Carter expertly negotiated his wheelchair through the door and took a place at the far end of the counter. "A pint of chili and a yard of moonshine!" he called out. Sister Pee Wee stepped from the kitchen and poured him a cup of coffee. They were exchanging morning pleasantries when a tall and handsome woman, striking even in her absence of makeup, appeared at the door. "What can I do for you, Miss Lady?" asked Sister Pee Wee, her tone softened. Scripted above the coffee brewer was the

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phrase "Home Away From Home." This was the promise Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food made to its customers, and the exchange between the women was one more likely to be heard between neighbors. Miss Lady was hunting for the phone number of someone Sister Pee Wee had also known. The two traced the woman's most recent moves around the neighborhood, and it turned out that the number Sister Pee Wee had was old.

"That's all right," said Miss Lady, heading out the door. "Thank you anyway. I know somebody else I can ask."

A man flew into the café, collapsed onto a stool, and asked, most urgently, what Sister Pee Wee was serving for dinner that day. A young man, disheveled in the way of someone who has just rolled out of bed, he was also of an unusually sloppy corpulence, as if he was

carrying an extra 30 or 40 new pounds that he had not yet learned how to live with. His fat was as new as his anxiety was clear.

"There will be neck bones with greens, peas, and rice," she explained. "Do you serve chicken-

fried steak?' "No chicken-fried

steak! We ain't that color!" She barked a laugh, then explained that black folks don't refer to the dish as "chicken-fried.""It's gravy," she instructed. "The steak makes its own gravy!"

"Gravy, then," said the man."Do you make that?" Sister Pee Wee would

tell you in a minute that she does not use recipes. ("I use what comes to mind.") She divulges few of her cooking habits, but she explained now to the man that for her smothered steak she grilled round steak and then tenderized it in the oven by cooking it in its own juices for a couple of hours. As culi-

nary secrets go, this was not much, but Sister Pee Wee appeared to regret having shared even this tidbit.

"When will dinner be ready?" "Come back at 11 and

I'll fix you up." This apparently did

not allay his anxiety or

Four cooks (two of whom work "the pit") mixed and seasoned the gumbo and broke down the long rib planks with heavy cleavers.

satisfy his craving. The man looked over at Reverend Hickerson's plate, then at Sister Pee Wee. "Are you still serving breakfast?" "Sure," she said, and

listed what was available. The man asked for grits and sausage and scrambled eggs. "I'll take it with me."

She slipped into the

She nodded and told him to come back then. "Can I call first?" She said yes, and he rushed out. The exchange had been peculiar for the man's near hysteria, but no mention was made of the fact. Reverend Hickerson stood and thanked Sister Pee Wee for the meal.

kitchen and in less than

five minutes returned with

his food bagged. "Five dol-

money, grabbed the bag,

and turned toward the

door. "Eleven, you said?"

he asked over his shoulder.

"You said I could get an

order of neck bones then?"

He threw her the

lars," she says.

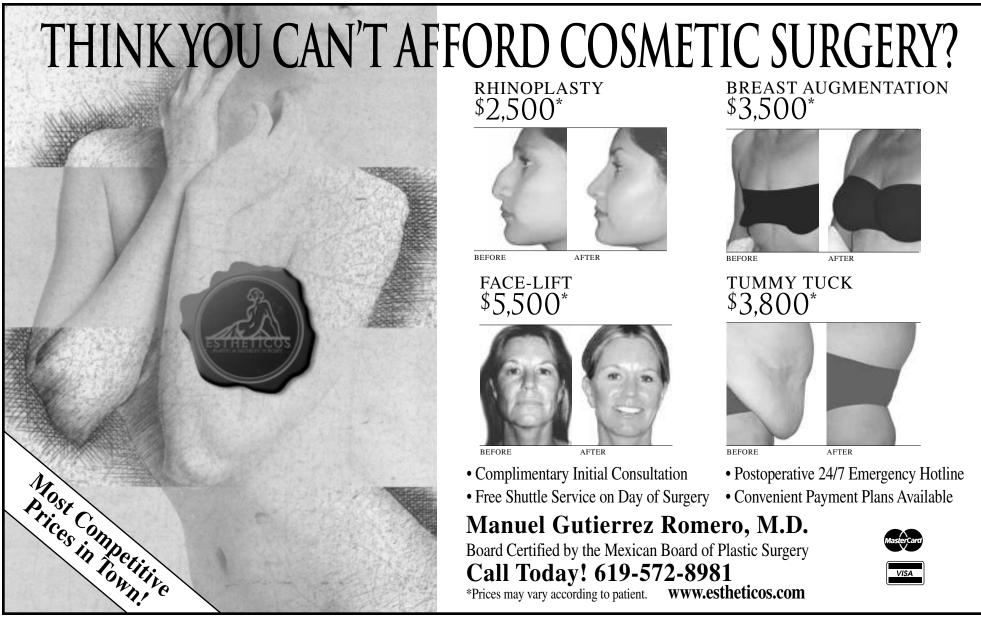
"You have a good day

now," he told her.

"I'll try, Lord willing." She sighed. "Keep me in your prayers, Reverend."

Today, in addition to dealing with the insurance people over her burnt kitchen and her grandchild's mother who bore some responsibility for it, she would have a family powwow and slide a little money to one of her grandsons, feed a halfdozen customers and clean up after them, and order a man out of her restaurant — and all before her anxious customer returned for his neck bones. As she would explain by telephone to the building's owners, she threw the workman out because he came into her café, stepped behind the counter, and began to take measurements for a floor he was to lay without identifying himself, without explaining what he was there for. "So I told him he had to leave," she would say. The workman, who happened to be white, had disrespected her, and Sister Pee Wee don't play that.

Born Barbara Brown, she moved west from Arkansas with an aunt in 1950. Arriving first in Fresno, she made her way to San Diego, where, at 16, and no more than a tiny thing, she was given the name Sister Pee Wee when she joined Pastor A.L. Brown's Holiness Pentecostal Church. The name stuck, for while she might have been small, her ambition was not (and the name catches some of that combative air). After training, she worked as a licensed vocational nurse at Mercy Hospital and earned extra money by ironing shirts at a laundry. She was married and a mother and her cooking was known when she opened her restaurant. It took just one day for Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food to establish itself. She recalled that on her first day



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on Imperial Avenue she earned enough to pay the month's rent on the café.

It was hard work, but no one would know it from the way she looked. Today, her scarlet blouse and black pants showed off her curves and her flawless complexion. (She guarded her cooking habits fiercely but made public her beauty regime: Joy liquid detergent in her tub when she wanted a bubble bath and rubbing alcohol wiped on her face when she felt the need for a deep cleansing.) Despite the many hours she worked over a hot stove, washed dishes, and scoured pots and the griddle, her hands remained smooth and unlined. Her nail polish was bright red. She was wearing sneakers today. They gave her traction.

In quick order, three men entered the restaurant. The first, Mr. Armstrong, gray-haired and lean from years of construction work, asked for his eggs cooked sunnyside up. "That's the way an old man likes his eggs," quipped Sister Pee Wee. Mr. Armstrong, thrown off guard, stuttered, "I didn't say anything about being young!" His retort for some reason earned a smile from the cook. Sister Pee Wee enjoyed a good laugh and made a happy mix of worldliness and no-nonsense spirituality. Stickers pasted onto the walls offered evidence of both: "Helen Waite is our credit manager. If you want credit, go to Helen Waite." "Hire a teenager while they still know it all." "This is not Burger King! You can't have it your way." "God has time to listen if you have time to pray.""We're insured by Smith & Wesson." "Sure you can have my gun! Bullets first."

The second man to arrive, an anonymouslooking Mr. Lewis, asked for bacon and his eggs soft-scrambled. Last, Porter Gibson entered and sat. Natty in a running suit and baseball cap, Gibson, a Fresno resident, was in San Diego with his wife, who was at a conference on residential-care treatment. Sister Pee Wee was his cousin. He asked her to fix him a plate.

And so it went, with Sister Pee Wee clearly enjoying having family about and having her café as the center of community spirit on the nearly deserted Imperial Avenue. Fifty years before, I ran up and down this street, my grandfather stepping from his barbershop to watch me. Now I slipped out of the café and passed the commercial building my father built and, across the street, my grandfather's barbershop — sold to his partner when my grandfather retired and now closed — and headed on down the street toward downtown. Walking off my breakfast, I took in how Mexicans, the area's newest residents, had brought spots of happy colors and a kind of fes-

Breakfast will take you only so far, and the next day, late in the afternoon, I wandered farther up Imperial Avenue to Juanita's Place.

tiveness to the avenue. I didn't know how long I walked, but by the time I returned, the anxious man had picked up his food, the workman had been sent packing, and two pairs of men were sucking on neck bones piled high on their plates. Sister Pee Wee was just lowering herself onto a stool, ready to take a breather, when one set of her customers indicated that they had finished. Sister Pee Wee got up, removed their plates, and wiped down the counter with a wet towel.

"That was really good," said one diner, taking out a toothpick. "Really good, Sister Pee Wee." She thanked the man, who, like his companion, wore baggy clothes and an undistinguished middle age. "Well, let me get out of here!" he said, and had taken one step back away from the counter when bill back a second time. It was a game of sorts, the kind one might play with a child; as an exchange between adults, it seemed meant to humiliate. But when Sister Pee Wee said, "And how long are you going to continue to waste my time?" it was clear that she could play this too. The man handed over the money, accepted his change, and left with his friend.

she said, "Lay down some

money and you can leave!"

and he, stopped cold by

her look, opened his

mouth to speak. But what

would he say? That he had

already paid, didn't she

remember? That he for-

got his wallet? That he had

no money? Whatever it

was, Sister Pee Wee had

heard it all, and for one

long suspended moment,

while she stared the man

down, the air in the room

was still. A couple of stools

away, the other men point-

edly ignored the scene.

Muttering to himself, the

man with the toothpick

brought out a \$20 bill. He

said, "Here, this is for the

both of us," meaning him-

self and his companion, but when Sister Pee Wee

extended her hand to take

the money he snatched it

back, then again stretched

forth to hand it to her, and

when she attempted again

to take it, he snatched the

The two men, still eating, murmured over their plates.

"Now you know why I don't like fast food," said one, digging into his greens with clear delight. "You know what I'm going to do?" asked the second, talking as he pulled apart the last of his neck bones and sucked out the meat. "I'm going back down South and buy me a woman who can cook!" I had pretty well



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cleared my own order of neck bones and greens when a well-dressed older couple entered the café. She was a chattering vision in lavender; he followed silently in a three-piece suit."...And I said, let me go to Sister Pee Wee's and see what she has today!" The woman was calling out her remarks ahead of herself. It turned out that they had just come from a funeral. They mentioned the name of the deceased, a former member of their church who, they discovered, Sister Pee Wee had also known. The three discussed the conditions of the woman's last illness while a young Mexican woman and her Anglo boyfriend glided inside. He was a little stiff but curious, while she was smiling and clearly comfortable here. Sister Pee Wee cut her conversation short to take their orders. then ducked into the kitchen.

"Now Sister Pee Wee," sang out the lady church member, "please tell me you have some yams! No one makes yams like you!" Sister Pee Wee returned

with two bowls of blackeyed peas and placed them in front of her customers.

"Sorry, baby. We had those yesterday!"

"Lord Jesus!" cried out the woman as if she'd been shot. "Will you be having some tomorrow, baby?"

"Tomorrow we're having pork chops and turkey wings, plus chicken and whatever else."

The woman froze, the image of despair, then collected herself. "Well, we'll just have to see you the next time we're in the neighborhood."

With promises to return, the woman led the way out of the restaurant, her husband, who had hardly said a word, following. Sister Pee Wee told her young customers that their chicken was cooking, then went into the kitchen to fill the sink with water. The water running, she returned to pick up a tub full of dirty plates from under the counter. The man was scraping his bowl with his spoon. Sister Pee Wee smiled. "Let me get you some more," she said, and retreated to the

fast will take you only so far, and the next day, late in the afternoon, I wandered farther up Imperial Avenue to Juanita's Place. While Sister Pee Wee worked solo, offered no menu, and counted on pedestrians for trade, at Juanita's Place there was a menu and a full complement of staff, and many

On holidays, the cooks went through 1200 pounds of beef ribs and 900 pounds of pork ribs.

kitchen. She was back in a moment. "There! Now go for it!" She spoke kindly as she picked up her tub and retreated with it to the kitchen, from which came the smell of chicken frying.

I left then, but I was back for breakfast the next day, and for much of the rest of the week. But breakcustomers arrived by car. Located at 69th Street and Imperial Avenue, the restaurant had a generous parking area. I arrived as the late-afternoon sun pasted itself against the large glass windows and gilded the scene — the counter, the tables and chairs, the TV set going quietly in the corner. Moving about the modest dining area like tropical fish adrift in a lighted aquarium were the staff. Everyone here was related to the eponymous Juanita Davis, an African-American matriarch, even the smiling Daniel Lopez, a thin young Mexican who cooked and took orders. He was regarded as an adopted member of the Davis family. Because at Juanita's Place, it was all about family.

"We're happy my mother lived to see us open up," reminisced Carl Davis, a large man with an engaging, overheated boyish enthusiasm.

In October 2000, just two months before she died, Juanita Davis was rolled up to the restaurant the day of its opening. From her wheelchair, the San Diego native, suffering from advanced diabetes, had said that she was happy her family had successfully joined together in the venture. Her children and grandchildren recalled warmly how she cut the ribbon, just as they remembered her earlier, when she was well and liked to drive her station wagon around picking up the disabled and homeless to bring them back to her place for a meal. Juanita Davis had an open-door policy when it came to her dining room table. At the funeral service, at the New Hope Friendship Baptist Church on Harrison Street, one person after the other stepped up to the open casket and spoke of her kindness and generosity. Much was made of her food ("You haven't eaten until you tasted her enchiladas!"); someone said Juanita was the only person she knew who could make a cake without using a mixer, just a spoon; more than one person recalled coming to her troubled and leaving fed and comforted. Food as a means

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of connection, an expression of compassion, generosity, and fortitude: Juanita Davis gave definition to the term "soul food."

In the course of a long life, she started two businesses and with her husband raised five children -Carla, Dale, Lee, Carl, and Lauran, her severely developmentally disabled youngest child who remained in the house until her mother's death and then went to live with her brother Lee. The funeral home did well by Juanita Davis, though the color was off and the furrows between her eyebrows, while smoothed out, still showed. Life cannot have been always easy. Someone from the

choir sang "The Wind Beneath My Wings," reminding those in the church that Juanita Davis had indeed been "a hero." Yet surely if she were to have heard the praises offered at the church or seen how her children had gone on to turn her personal ethics into a family legacy, she would have smiled and offered her noncommittal assessment of the matter.

"Isn't that something!" she liked to say.

Today, customers to Juanita's Place were likely to find Juanita's daughter Carla at the door ready to greet them as they entered, Juanita's sons working in the kitchen, or grandson Tony Dill, quarterback for the championship Mt. Miguel football team of 1984 and now a businessman, crunching numbers in the office. They were in their second year of operation. Analysts say it takes five years for a restaurant to establish itself and that getting to that place is hard work.

As for the food, Juanita's Place boasted a long list of customers eager to speak for it. Bill Greer, 45, a friendly man with an open expression and a special taste for catfish, was working locally as a housepainter when he heard by word of mouth about the





eatery. He had since become a regular. Because of customers like Greer (who happened to be white), catfish and red snapper, once offered only as Friday specials, were now served regularly. According to Greer, "The key is their batter."

Gerald Good came for the pastrami. "In L.A. we had places like Johnny's Pastrami at Adams and Western and Steve's on El Segundo and Normandy, so I was pretty picky." Now Good, a beefy landscape gardener, planted himself at one of the tables at Juanita's Place three or four times a week.

In addition to the pastrami — a huge sandwich made on a roll (with thinly sliced pastrami, kosher pickles, and chili peppers, and flavored with drippings from the meat, which they called *au jus*) — the staff offered a Philly cheese steak sandwich and a popular variation, made of chicken, called a "Cali." There were hamburgers and hot dogs, chili, chicken wings, six drummettes prepared with a spicy sauce, and fried chicken gizzards. Side orders included french fries, onion fries, soups, and salads. The distributors at Skyline Farm Market and the local Big Value Market made sure that the

meat, produce, and foodstuffs were top quality and fresh.

I was there Tuesday afternoon, studying the menu, when Jennifer, a pretty young woman still wearing a nurse's uniform, jumped from her new pale green Nissan and dashed inside. A psychiatric nurse at Sharp Hospital (because of her work she hesitated to mention her full name), she said she was usually too busy to cook, and on the way home she liked to grab a Philly cheese sandwich, french fries, and a soda. Occasionally she would just get a pecan pie to go. "The pies are excellent," she said.

In addition to the sweet potato and pecan pies, other dessert items included cakes and banana pudding.

On April 10, 1987, the San Diego City Council offered a special commendation to Sister Pee Wee: "You epitomize soul food. Your special touch, love and faith fill our hearts as well as our tummies." What was said about Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food could be echoed of Juanita's Place. The food was good, but something more helped to define the soul food experience here. On their menu, the Davis family listed as their commitment "to offer a special and quality experience to this San Diego community we all know and love.... Our effort to bring to you (our friends, family, and patrons) this special experience built on a foundation laid by the values and spirit instilled in us by Juanita Davis and all who represent past generations. It is the values of ambition, hard work, and family. It is the spirit of love, gentake-out order, many of the dishes were named after family members. For example, the chicken-basket dish was named after Juanita Davis's aunt. As a child, Tony called his grandfather "Popo"; now Carl Davis, the deceased family patriarch, was honored with the Popo Dog (quarter-pound beef hot dog on a roll with a choice of fixings: Chicago-style mayo, mustard, ketchup, lettuce, tomato, and onion;

If one was not prepared, the list of 45 offerings, affixed on a huge menu board overhead and behind the cash register, was likely to stun one into distraction and uncertainty.

erosity, and faith. It is the essence of 'Juanita' and 'Juanita's Place.' "

I ordered a Cali Chicken Philly (tender white chicken, grilled with sautéed peppers, topped with provolone and jack cheese, and served on a ten-inch roll), onion rings, and a Coke. Because it was still early, I took an order of Aunt Bessie's Chicken Wing Basket (six fried chicken wings and fries) and an order of banana pudding for later. Like my

the "monster-style" Popo Dog, served at no extra cost, came with bacon, chile, and cheese).

In the parking area, I checked my watch and then rushed to make a bargain-matinee performance of The Count of Monte Cristo, an update of the Dumas tale in which a son arranges for the murder of his father and best friends duel to the end. * * >

"Wasn't dinner fun? Let's do it again soon. Walter

sends his love. Please call and tell us how you are."

This was the message I found on my answering machine when I got home Tuesday evening. Dinner, of course, had not been fun. Moreover, usually months were allowed to elapse before we arranged to meet again; and, finally, Walter was hardly the kind to send love. Of the message, the only part that hinted at the dilemma we faced was the last remark: please call and tell us how vou are.

Look at it this way: if I speak to someone in English who doesn't know English, he will not understand me. Not only must people speak the same language to be understood, but they must hold the same conceptual systems, or have an awareness of the existence of other systems and of the relative weight accorded a particular concept in a subculture. George Lakoff, in an interview transcribed in Resisting the Virtual Life, said, "So if I speak to another speaker of English, from a very different subculture, about a subject where the difference in subcultures matters a great deal, then we may not be communicating.... In addition, the person I am talking to may have to have pretty much the same kinds of relevant life experiences; he must understand the context in pretty much the same way."

Walter, Margot, and I liked one another well enough. But in the end, did it come down to the fact that their experiences as whites and mine as a black man consigned us to an eternal Babel, where we not only spoke different languages when we were apart but also never fully understood each other when we were together? I was not sure, and my very uncertainty left me in doubt about the hope for a thriving American multicultural society. Certainly that evening, I wasn't willing to give it much of a chance.

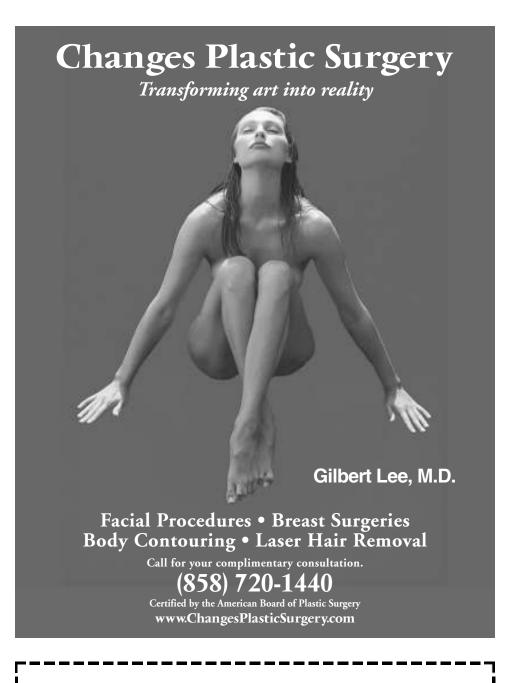
The next afternoon, the third straight day that I'd walked past my work in the study and out of the house, after having breakfast at Sister Pee Wee's and running errands around town, I found myself in the parking area outside Huffman's Barbecue on Imperial Avenue. Huffman's Barbecue was a local landmark.

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place to include a pick-up counter, comfortable table seating, and a video game room. Today the on-site operation included, in the main and outer buildings, three heavy-duty commercial stoves with 18 burners, three ovens, four fryers with eight baskets, and six freezers. Three times a day, outside behind the main building, the massive nine-foot-long covered charcoal pit was filled with 25 slabs of pork and beef ribs. In the outer house, a huge pot stood. It was used to cook 50 gallons of gumbo at a time. Four cooks (two of whom worked "the pit") mixed and seasoned the gumbo and broke down the long rib planks with heavy cleavers. Later, after cooking, the ribs were broken down to smaller units suitable for individual orders. Hoisting the pots and pans, stoking the charcoal pit, breaking down the meat, and feeding it into the pit, all this required muscle. Barbecuing was hard work. Huffman's was always

busy, but on holidays the place was jammed. Memorial Day and Labor Day were big, but the Fourth of July was the biggest. On these holidays, the cooks went through 1200 pounds of beef ribs and 900 pounds of pork ribs. African-Americans like to celebrate New Year's with a soul food meal, and in anticipation of this, the previous year the cooks at Huffman's had produced 1200 pounds of pig's innards --- chitterlings -that sold out on New Year's Eve. Thirty-five years ago, when Brooks Huffman first opened, he offered sandwiches of barbecued beef and barbecued bologna, as well as barbecued chicken and ribs. Today, the menu for callin orders listed barbecued pork and beef ribs, a whole chicken, sausage links, and combination plates. There was fried chicken, chitterlings, chicken gizzards, and hot wings, as well as gumbo and red snapper, shrimps, oysters, and a seafood platter. The list of

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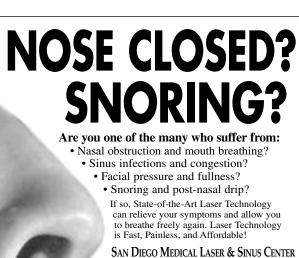
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"specials" included pork chops, roast beef, short ribs, smothered chicken dinner, and chicken strips. There were several sandwiches, including a "jumbo" beef, chicken breast, and the reliable hamburger. The impressive list of side orders included greens, red beans, rice 'n' gravy, baked beans, yams, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, macaroni salad, red beans with links, fries, onion rings, okra, hush puppies, and muffins. If one was not prepared, the list of 45 offerings, affixed on a huge menu board overhead and behind the cash register, was likely to stun one into distraction and uncertainty. What to choose? Faltering under the many possibilities, I went for a

combination plate of barbecued beef and pork ribs and a side order of greens. I ordered take-out. Then, spurred by the smoky odors of barbecue mixing with the subtler odor of cooked greens, I roared out of the parking lot and raced for home.

The United States is the home of 100 million head of cattle. By eating an enormous quantity of corn, protein supplements, and drugs (including antibiotics and growth hormones), a calf that weighs 80 pounds at birth will weigh 1200 pounds in just 14 months. For much of its life, the creature will convert some 32 pounds of feed (25 of them corn) into 31/2 pounds of flesh every day. All this according to Michael Pol-

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lan, who wrote in a March 2001 *New York Times Magazine* story on the American beef industry, that "since we inhabit the same microbial ecosystem as the animals we eat, whatever happens to it also

gen runoff from that crop all the way down the Mississippi into the Gulf of Mexico, where it has created...a 12,000-squaremile 'dead zone.' " In this trenchant

report, the author followed

Among the cafe's appetizers were the Tokyo Blues Egg Rolls (stuffed with shredded collard greens, julienned carrots, diced red peppers, blackened shrimp; served with plum soy sauce).

happens to us." He noted, "We are what we eat," but also, "we are what what we eat eats too." Pollan reported that the beef industry was dependent on corn — an "80-million-acre monoculture that consumes more chemical herbicide and fertilizer than any other crop.... [Y]ou can trace the nitro"the fertilizer needed to grow that corn all the way to the oil fields of the Persian Gulf" and reported that the adult steer "will have consumed in his lifetime roughly 284 gallons of oil." He concluded, "We have succeeded in industrializing the beef calf, transforming what was once a solar-powered



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I ate to enjoy and I ate to forget that my week was, by now, a bust: I had not written a word, and I knew that I would not. So while I ate at the kitchen table, I forgot. Or more correctly, ignored. But one cannot eat forever. After eating what felt like half a cow, I was not in the mood to read, and with the Olympics in progress there was not much on the tube. I checked the newspaper, but even with my tearing into Hillcrest, which I did, I would have missed the beginning of The Fluffer. Luckily, there was a mixup about which theater in the multiplex the film was to show, so between the mix-up and the delay while the audience was herded into a second theater, I was able to catch from the beginning the unrated film about a young gay man and his relationship with a male porn star (described as straight but who performed in gay films for the money and because of a deep narcissistic need). It was a sad story of obsession, in which one man was murdered and there was much ado about pork (from which the title of the film came).

* * * "The Bondwoman's Narrative" is the earliest known novel written, presumably, by an African-American woman. The manuscript, penned sometime around 1855, was purchased by Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., who gave an account of its provenance last year in a New Yorker article. He declared that the author, who called herself Hannah Crafts, wrote "as an opinionated, keen insider, capturing the way black people talked to, and about, each other when white auditors were not around - not as abolitionists thought they talked, and not as black authors imagined they should talk, or wanted white readers to believe

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they talked." Quoting a portion of the text, with the author's idiosyncratic use of grammar and original editing marks, Gates cited Crafts's portrayal of the field slaves' living conditions as an instance in which the author, a house slave, "demonstrates both her sense of superiority and her understanding of the dehumanizing misery of slavery."

> There was not that division of families I had been accustomed to see, but they all lived promiscuously anyhow and every how; at least they did not die, which was a wonder Is it a stretch of imagination to say that by night they contained a swarm of miserv, that crowds of foul existence crawled in out of gaps in walls and boards, or coiled themselves to sleep on nauseous nauseous heaps of straw fetid with human perspiration and where the rain drips in, and the midnight dew imparts some and the damp airs of midnight fatch and carry malignant fevers....

Many of these huts now verv ancient Thev were even older than the nation, and had been occupied by successive generations of slaves The greatest curse of slavery is it's hereditary character The father leaves to his son an inheritance of toil and misery, and his place on the fetid straw in the miserable corner, with no hope or possibility of anything better And the son in his turn transmits the same to his offspring and thus forever

If the huts were bad, the inhabitants it seemed were still worse Degradation, neglect, and ill treatment had wrought on them its legitimate effects All day they toil beneath the burning sun, scarcely conscious that any link exists between themselves and other portions of the human race

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Their mental condition is briefly summed up in the phrase that they know nothing care for nothing, and hope for nothing

It is a stretch to attempt a connection between this unyielding picture of despair and today's African-American cuisine, yet it can be made. The link is found not so much in the content as in the spirit of Craft's story. Soul food's reliance on simple cooking methods and an "uncultured" palate harks back to a time when meats simmered for hours while the slaves were out in the fields. (And what soul food aficionado today fails to

sop up the leavings in the pot, called "pot liquor"?) When Sister Pee Wee said her smothered steak took its flavor from cooking for a couple of hours in its own juices, she was underlining the time factor. Time is the crucial element, but not time as measured in 2002, when worldwide telecommunication is effected in milliseconds. Under such circumstances "a couple of hours" is an unhappy eternity, but as with Sister Pee Wee, time is a measure made from experience, which is to say "naturally." This "natural" sensibility (an agrarian, close-to-the-earth mindset) translates itself into many aspects of African-

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American culture, from food preparation to the lyrics in its music, and in its humor. For another stretch, we take the first episode of the Fox channel sitcom The Bernie Mac Show. Here we first meet Bernie Mac, in real life a dark-skinned comedian in his mid-40s, with round jujube eyes that convey rage and wonder at the same time. In his show, he lives with his executive-wife in a large home in Los Angeles. It is a character setup familiar to TV viewers, since in the 1980s Bill Cosby introduced us to the comfortable middleclass Huxtables. Here, however, things get an in-the-'hood twist when Mac gets a call to take the three children of his sister, a drug addict who has been ordered into rehab by the court. Much of the show's

humor comes from the exchanges between the perpetually aggrieved, embattled, and beleaguered Uncle Bernie and his three piratical young charges. It is a clash in cultures. At one point, looking at the camera and speaking directly to the TV audience, Bernie talks with relish about busting 13-yearold Vanessa's head "till the white meat shows." In that instance he rejects the niceties of his adopted class and goes for realness, as we say. And he quickly adds, as if anticipating his audience's response, "That's right, I said it. And I ain't ashamed that I said it, and ain't nobody gonna make me take it back." In affirming a cultural ethic tougher than those generally ascribed to in his L.A. suburb, Mac reclaims for himself (and his audience) the

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gritty reality of an age less effete than this one.

The extraordinary physicality in the image of a skull erupting with its "white meat" showing, and Mac's obstinate refusal to retract his comment, echo in humor what Hannah Crafts achieved in narrative commentary more than 115 years ago. She offered a view of the world of black people. Just as Bernice Johnson Reagon has reported that she named her singing group "Sweet Honey in the Rock" as a description of the African-American woman — tough on the outside and sweet inside --- so something of the same may be said of African-American culture and its cooking: Tough, brash, even harsh, yet with pleasing distinctions.

All the soul-food joints I visited that week bore the names of the cook or, in the instance of Juanita's Place, the woman who inspired its opening, with the exception of the Juke Joint Café. Set on the southern edge of the Gaslamp Quarter on Fourth Avenue, the café (which has since closed) retained the high ceilings and concrete floors of its former life as a factory. Trey Brady, the owner, opened the Juke Joint Café in 1997 after extensive renovation. He said he was guided by a concept in which quality entertainment was matched with soul food "that responded to the preferences of the health-conscious Californian."

"In food, we aimed for a broad selection, a sense of presentation and quality and flavor. And in music we have aimed for something of the same thing," he said.

On Wednesday, the Juke Joint offered traditional jazz (jazz standards and vocalists). Thursday was "club night" when there was house music and "straight ahead" jazz. On Fridays, the club rocked with rhythm and blues and hip-hop groups. Saturdays was another hip-hop night, trading with soul and Latin music. Sundays found vocalists performing to Brazilian and rhythm and blues numbers.

I was there on Thursday evening, eating with my brother and his wife, when Brady stopped by our table. A slim man with a quiet, introspective air, he wore glasses and an unflappable impenetrability. The café required his full-time attention. He said he would not have bought out his partners if he had known the constraints that would be placed on his time. (He'd spent the day on his 750cc Honda — the red and black Shadow — that

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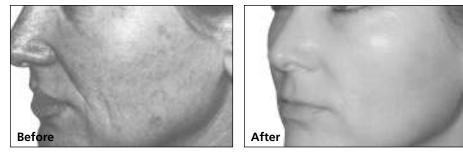
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"But then again, I like demanding projects," he said and smiled. Brady's monkish demeanor, an aura of lonely isolation, gave a peculiar preciousness to his smiles.

Trey Brady came by his love of jazz from his father, Leon Brady, the acclaimed jazz percussionist and instructor. After earning a degree in electrical engineering and working in the marketing departments of General Electric and Hewlett-Packard, the younger Brady ditched the corporate world to open, in 1985, A Taste of the Past, a "concept" ice cream parlor that he furnished with his collection of antiques. Four years later came Café Zero on the UCSD campus. That same year, in 1989, another concession operation, Desserts Limited, was installed at the convention center, and the next year he opened a second Café Zero, in Hillcrest. For eight years, during the course of this business expansion, Brady was on the board of the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation and in that tenure served one year as board chairman. In 1996, he spearheaded the Neighborhood National Bank, at 35th Street and National Avenue, in a successful effort to establish a bank for residents of the southeastern section of the city. A busy man, Brady

liked to say that he competed against himself, for, in order to survive, the Juke Joint Café had to be better than other nightspots in the Gaslamp Quarter. Just a few years ago, few people ventured so far south downtown, but now, Brady told me, "they come especially for us because they know that they will enjoy themselves. They get good service, good food, and a taste of black culture and, in particular, its unique contribution to American culture: jazz." Alicia Keys, last year's singing sensation, had requested his place as her



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"If I walk away from this, I'll know that we offered something special to the city." Brady was then in a court battle over the issues of noisy patrons congregating in front of the café at night and the music volume that was emitted during performances. In the meantime, he was preparing to open a second Juke Joint Café in Kansas City at 18th and Vine Street, described by many as the birthplace of jazz.

Brady spoke of the possibility of closing the Juke Joint Café with the same nonchalance Humphrey Bogart displayed when, in Casablanca, he spoke of closing his nightclub, Rick's. The comparison with Bogey held as Brady left our table to move from one room to the other. Model-lean and raffish in a silk shirt and gabardine slacks (he dreamed of designing men's clothes), he took the evening's pulse, stepping into the kitchen, retiring briefly to his office, offering a word of praise to a musician, advising a customer on the menu selection. He was the lifeblood of the place.

"Catfish happens to be our most popular dish," he'd told us, but as a fan of a simple hamburger and french fries, he preferred the Juke Joint meatloaf, the nearest alternative.

Among the café's appetizers were the Tokyo Blues Egg Rolls (stuffed with shredded collard greens, julienned carrots, diced red peppers, blackened shrimp; served with plum soy sauce) and Juke Popcorn (a combination of shrimp, catfish, and crawfish breaded in a seasoned cornmeal, served with black pepper tartar sauce and Juke Joint Hot Sauce). There were po' boys (like Yardbird on Fire: grilled chicken breast seasoned with a spice blend), Dizzy's Catfish, Moody's Meatloaf, and Ella's Shrimp (shrimp fried in a seasoned cornmeal with rémoulade). Entrées included the Juke Joint Seafood Platter, which combined Big Mama's Crab Cakes (seasonal crab cake patties served with cocktail and tartar sauce), Big Daddy's Catfish (fried catfish and hush puppies), and Sarah Vaughan's Fried Prawns (prawns fried to a golden brown and served with a tangy rémoulade). There were soups and salads and Gaslamp Gumbo (roux-based stew loaded

with chicken, sausage, and okra).

For the first time in four days, I sought a reprieve from meat and ordered an eggplant dish (grilled with herbs and spices and topped with Creole sauce). It was delicious. Thelma, my sisterin-law, got the Carmen Jones Fried Chicken (golden crisp and tasty). York, who liked his food simple, had decided on Brady's favorite, Moody's a little "down and dirty," of being *outre*. That gave spice to the evening, and the next afternoon, when I stepped into Sherman's Cajun Creole Buffet, I knew the worst was over. Yes, I was still deep into meat, but as evidence of last night's meal, its clutch was beginning to loosen. I knew that at Sherman's I could choose as much or as little as I wanted.

The restaurant, located on El Cajon Boulevard

Their beef hot links, pork sausage patties, fried chicken livers, bacon, hash browns, hominy grits and country gravy, buttermilk biscuits, pancakes, catfish, barbecued ribs, and a whole lot more were calling me.

Meatloaf (traditional-style meat loaf seasoned with bell pepper, onion, and sweet corn bread topped with red Creole sauce). We not only praised the food but discovered that the servings were generous enough to bag some and take it home. Not incidentally, the jazz was good.

The café invited the unusual (and mistaken) impression of being undiscovered. It held the allure of the unexplored, of being near 73rd Street, sat far back from the street, on a slight incline and behind a large parking area (Sherman's has also since closed). Plunked down among some trees and behind a towering bird of paradise, the entranceway, a mix of architectural styles, had a series of carmine-colored steps that hung forth like a wagging tongue. Without anything as obvious as minarets, the place seemed out of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves." That feeling held upon entering the building, where Sherman's decor of black and red ran through its banquet hall, sports bar, stages, and the dining area near the buffet islands. The restaurant served lunch, dinner, and Sunday buffets, as well as food to go. Co-owners Sherman Hargrave, chief chef, and Bryan Powell, head of business operations, were preparing to duplicate the restaurant in Los Angeles and farther north to Oakland. The dinner buffet, with its "All you can eat!" dare, included Louisiana and vegetable gumbo, fried catfish, fried shrimp, jambalaya, barbecued beef ribs, Southern fried chicken, baked chicken, candied yams, collard greens, red beans and rice, macaroni and cheese, crawfish étouffée, and much more.

"We move food constantly," said Powell, and cited the 3000 pounds of catfish that were ordered from a Mississippi fish farm each month.

The 43-year-old businessman, with the air and looks of someone half his age, maintained a bottomline no-nonsense approach to the restaurant business. What happened to the profit margin when customers were invited to eat as much as they like?

"Research shows that on the average, people eat only about a plate and a half of food," he said. This translates to about \$4.50 per customer.

Powell, who until recently had been spending much of his time in Colorado, where he headed an audit of a \$1 billion pension plan, had settled in San Diego and become familiar with the city's demographics. Powell said that of 2.2 million San Diegans, only 120,000 were black. This meant that the thriving restaurant drew most of its customers from outside the African-American community.

"But Sunday is church day, and that's when you'll find more blacks here."

Like Trey Brady at the Juke Joint Café, the owners of Sherman's were facing opposition. The evening that I visited, while eating my plate and a half of food, Powell explained that the City of La Mesa "does not want us here."

Sherman Hargrave's dream, very much like that of Trey Brady's, was to offer good food and quality live entertainment. But on those occasions when musicians had been onsite, the police had sent

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patrol cars to line the street outside. Powell explained to the local authorities that the appearance of the police inflamed the situation and was told, he said, "Your dreams are too big for La Mesa."

While they continued to negotiate with the city, the co-owners made plans to plant themselves elsewhere. And Sherman Hargrave was ready.

A handsome man in his 40s, he first learned the rudiments of cooking from his first teacher, his father, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana. Hargrave was a cook in the Navy and later went on to the Sheraton Grande in La Jolla and the Marriott hotels in San Diego. Along the way he earned a degree from the Culinary Institute of America, but most importantly, he said, was the fact that he won out

"The gentleman was 65 when he got clean," said Hargrave. "And he was that way for his last ten years." It is this, he said, that made the man's death a celebration. "He was proud that he was dying clean."

Trey Brady recalled Humphrey Bogart in his

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over a drug addiction.

"I was strung out in the Navy and lost a kidney because of my addiction. I went into treatment, but when I came out I went back to using. I'd cry every time, but still I would use."

He was grateful to the Navy, for he was sent again for treatment. This time it stuck. Now, Hargrave supported others in their struggles to break their addiction cycles. The afternoon we spoke, he had just come from the funeral of a man for whom he had served as a 12-step sponsor.

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a few days, had become most celebrated role, but familiar. In an effort to it was Sherman Hargrave, a handsome man with a avert trouble, I called my complexion light enough friends Clarence and Fredto pass for white, who actudie Brown and begged an ally looked like Bogart. He invitation to stop by their acknowledged the resemhome in Linda Vista. blance with a sigh ("I'm told that a lot"), then two years before. At the turned the conversation time, Clarence had spotoward the two things ken of writing a cookbook (with the exception of his that included his own family) that were closest recipes as well as those of to his heart: cooking and his 82-year-old mother, Mildred McNair, a retired cooking as a counseling tool to assist women and cook at one of Stanford men in recovery from alco-University's sorority hol and drug addiction. houses. Mother and son "By gaining skills in the shared recipes, but like culinary arts," he said, "exmany cooks when quesaddicts can find a way back tioned too closely, Clarence into the workforce." His always said the same thing:

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There were 20 employees

working in Hargrave's

restaurant and kitchen,

and 16 of them were in

of the offerings: fried cat-

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died yams, red beans and rice. Afterwards, I went to

see A Beautiful Mind, a

movie about the real-life

mathematical genius and

Nobel laureate John Nash,

who successfully won out

in a lifelong struggle with

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the movie would go on to

win the Academy Award

for best picture. As for the

death toll in this film, a

couple of undercover

agents died when they were

run off the road, but it

turned out that they were

actually phantoms of

the mend, but things were

still iffy. For the first time,

the next morning, Satur-

day, I did not drop by Sis-

ter Pee Wee's for grits and

eggs. Yet by midafternoon,

I could feel the craving

mounting. My hunger,

however, was not for soul

food, for meat, for pig (a

friend, following a health-

ier regime than I at the

time, warned that Sister

Pee Wee put pig in every-

thing, including her lemon-

ade), but for what, in just

My own mind was on

Nash's breached mind.

I ate a little bit of many

recovery.

"Wait till you read my book." Today, however, I could not wait. Clarence

I'd met the Browns

Brown retired as a cook in the Navy and went to work in local restaurants; he also catered luncheons and club meetings. A tall man, he carried none of the weight one might expect of a professional cook, like Paul Prudhomme or the great elder of American cooking, James Beard, and because he was the silent type, his conversation did not sparkle and give a hint of what was to be found in his food. A Julia Child he was not. Clarence could have been an accountant rather than the magician in the kitchen that he was. It was Freddie, his wife, who brought the pizzazz. Full of personality, she was striking with her full head of steel gray hair. Both were born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, and shared the conversational habits of a long marriage. They finished each other's sentences, corroborated facts, and supplied missing details.

It was Freddie who invited me in. I found Clarence in the cool living room, seated on the couch. The drapes were drawn, but the glass case, which held a portion of their black memorabilia treasures, was illuminated. At the door, Freddie had whispered that Clarence was a little under the weather.

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"Just one of those things," he explained, giving a weak smile. He monitored his blood sugar, and today it was high. The drawn shades lent a sickroom atmosphere.

"I'm sorry we can't offer you anything," Freddie said, nodding toward her husband, "but he just wasn't up to it." As a faithful vegetarian, I'd always stuck with his desserts, his pies and his moist fruitcake that happened to be Freddie's favorite. I asked if Clarence was up to talking about food.

"What do you mean?" "I wonder," I said, "if you would mind talking about what you would have served. That is, if you'd served a full meal."

They stared at me. I elaborated: "You know, sometimes how cooks can read a cookbook and just tell what something tastes like?" (Clarence nodded and said that happened to him.)

"Well, I wonder if I could do that. I wonder what would happen if I just listened."

To their credit, they did not throw me out. But they still looked uncertain.

"Could we just try it and see if it works? That's, of course, if you're up to it."

"Let me get this straight," said Clarence. "You want me to tell you what I was going to make?" I said yes, and he said he'd have made a cake, maybe. I explained that I needed a whole meal, from soup to dessert. Bemused, he said that he'd probably start off with an appetizer. "Then maybe roast pork - yes, pork roast with orange sauce. How about macaroni and cheese? That, and we'd need some vegetables with color, like green beans. Maybe a tossed green salad with vinaigrette dressing. And some dinner rolls. Hot."

"Nothing to drink?" I said. "Nothing for dessert?" He said he'd have lemonade to drink and peach cobbler for dessert.

This was good, I said, but I needed him to be more specific. "Like, how about gumbo for the appetizer?"

"Sure," he said, his hands in his lap. "Okay." "But Clarence, how

would you make it?" "How would I make it?"

"Yes, how would you make it."

"Oh, I get it." He pointed at me. "Okay, here we go. First, you have to make up your stock," he said, and I settled back in my chair. He described cooking down fish bones, "or salmon collars," he said, recalling my need for specificity. "You cook them down for three-quarters of an hour, then strain them to make a quart of stock. Then you add — what is that called, Freddie?"

"Filé gumbo?" On the couch next to her husband and opposite me, Freddie was smiling. They thought of me, affectionately enough, as weird. This afternoon would not help to change their minds.

"Yes, filé gumbo. You buy that at a store. It gives you your gumbo taste. Then you chop up your onions, your celery, and your green peppers. You cook this with Creole seasonings, maybe add some cayenne and saffron and include this in your stock." Lastly, he said, you drop raw shrimp, okra, oysters, and crab into the stockpot and let them simmer until cooked.

I could all but taste my unreal, my virtual, gumbo. It never struck me that my mind-over-matter experiment was exactly what I'd warned Walter against. "Now, what about the roast pork?" I said.

Clarence sat forward, and Freddie actually chuckled.

He said first you buy the meat, and he decided on an eight-pound shoulder portion that was then cooked for four hours at 325 degrees. "When the shoulder is done," he said, "you pour on the orange sauce." (A mix of sugar, orange juice, orange flavoring, and arrowroot, for thickener.) "You pour it on like gravy."

Clarence said the rolls should be clover-leafed dinner rolls. (I suspected that they were the kind available in stores.) The green beans should be cooked with chicken stock, thinly sliced onions, and canola oil. "For your salad, you have your lettuce in one container and your tomatoes and cucumbers in another."

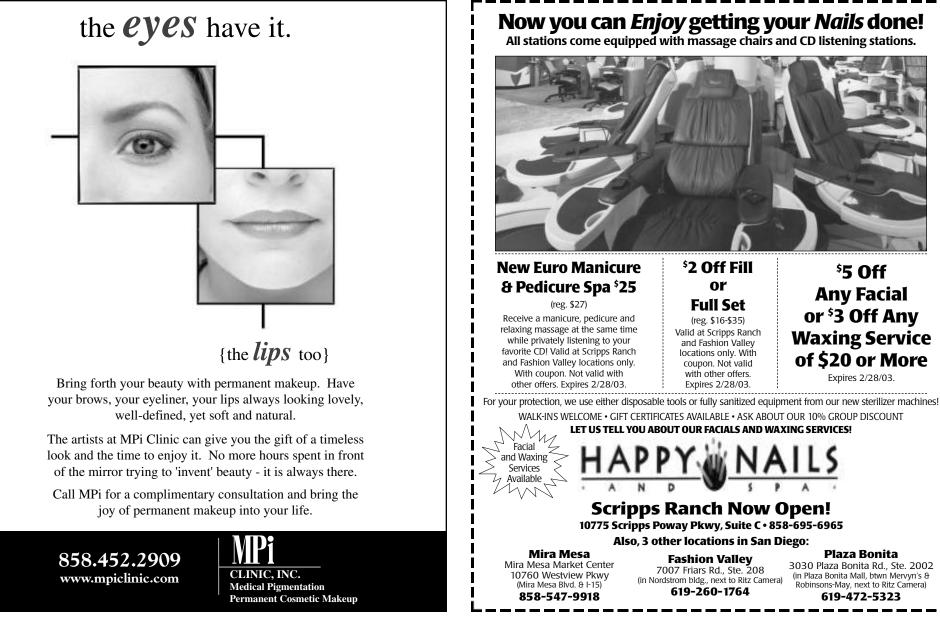
Was he catering a party? No matter. We went on to dessert.

"Now for your peach cobbler, you roll out your pie crust that is an eighth of an inch thick. Put it in your pan and bake in the oven until it is golden brown. Then you take your peaches, two 16-ounce cans, add two cups of sugar. To the peach juice you add nutmeg and butter and boil." He described how the peaches and juice were poured onto the crust and then a second crust was used to cover the pie, and three holes (he was specific about the three holes) were cut into the top. The pie was baked 30 to 45 minutes, until the crust was brown. Sugar on the top, he said, would make the crust crispy.

"Whenever you cook," he said, echoing the rules his mother had taught him, "be sure it's good. Don't make cheap substitutes, like margarine for butter, to save money. It's got to taste good."

Talking about my lunch had given Clarence a boost. Indeed, he felt well enough by the time I





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was ready to leave to step outdoors and fill two shopping bags with bright yellow lemons from his tree. I complained that I could never go through so many lemons.

"They're going to rot!" Freddie picked up one to show me. "These are good-tasting lemons, nice and mild, so what you do is squeeze them when you get home and pour the juice into ice cube trays, and then save the cubes. This way, whenever you want lemonade, just put a couple of cubes into a glass."

Later I reflected on what Freddie had sug-

gested about the lemonade. Soul food was meant as a no-fuss operation. This principle was very much in evidence, for example, in Ethel M. King's glazed ham recipe from Culinary Classics "Plus" by members of the Women's Day Committee of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem. (I include it here while the world awaits Clarence Brown's cookbook.) The recipe calls for a boneless ham (8½ pounds), 1 cup of currant jelly, and 1/2 cup hot mustard (½ cup dry mustard powder, 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1/2 cup sugar, and 1 large egg).

To make the mustard: mix the mustard powder and vinegar in a noncorroding saucepan. Cover and let stand overnight. Whisk in the sugar and the egg. Place over boiler water and cook for one hour, stirring occasionally.

To prepare the ham: slice it into ¼-inch slices and tie it back together. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the ham in a roasting pan. Mix the jelly and the mustard together. Pour over the ham to coat thoroughly. Place the ham in the oven and baste every 20 minutes, baking it about 15 minutes a pound. When fin-

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ished, untie it and serve. (Yields 12 to 16 servings.) Clarence had talked

me through my soul food jones. The thrill was gone.

At eight, I made the call. Margot answered. In the background, I could hear the television going on. I asked if they wanted to go out to Sunday brunch.

"That sounds lovely. Let me just ask Walter."

The telephone hit the table with a clunk. Over the muted sounds of TV, I heard the murmur of voices. Then Margot was back. She cleared her throat. "Walter has been a little under the weather," she said, struggling to bring credulity to her excuse. "Tomorrow may not work for us."

I helped her out. "I heard that there's a bad flu going around," I said. "Yes!" She sounded relieved. "We don't want

to push things." I promised to call back soon; then I hung up and told myself that friendships come and go and that we were not such great friends anyway. And indeed that might have been the death knell on the relationship had I not turned on my TV set and seen sometime after the ten o'clock news an ad that was introduced with long sweeping piano phrases. Late-night TV ads usually have high production value; you can tell right away if the ad is, for example, for a car. I'm sure it's meant to happen that way: instant ID. With this ad, there was no recognition. The tune conveyed a vague melancholy, and then a woman (the actress Linda Hunt, I thought) asked, "Why do we leave? Why do we keep coming back? Why do we seek adventure, yet long to return?" For each question, there was an image: children staring out the window of a departing school bus, a middle-aged couple dancing, a young man lying on the grass. Meanwhile, the voice droned on pleasantly, and more images appeared. "Why do we say

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there is no place like home, and why can't we always stay there? Why do we travel to distant places, and look for familiar faces? Why can't we stay connected, and yet be free? Can't we have both?" Finally, the camera set the viewer in the backseat of a limousine with a bride and groom. As the car drifted away from the curb, leaving behind a line of well-dressed guests, the voice enthused, "Now we can! With mLife." There was a replay of earlier shots, but now all the people were talking on cell phones. The last image was of the bride and groom. She held her new husband's hand while the camera panned down to show a tiny phone on the floor between them. "Welcome to mLife!" The screen went white, showing only the blue logo of AT&T Wireless. I saw red.

I wasn't sure what "mLife" actually was, but I was sure that the cruddy feelings of loneliness and

despair that I sometimes got were not about to be wiped out by some telephone system. That made as much sense as the idea that I'd be both strong and manly by owning a Ford truck ("Built tough!"). And what offended me as much as the ad's duplicitous offer was the fact that AT&T, according to a New York Times article by Timothy Egan in October 2000, was in the pornography business. Egan wrote that AT&T owns a company that offers adult movies to 1 million hotel rooms and that "one in five of AT&T's broadband cable customers pays an average of \$10 a film to see what the distributor calls 'real, live all-American sex - not simulated by actors." I knew of the article because I'd recently seen a Frontline special on the hard-core sex industry in which the telecommunication giant was named. AT&T refused to

send a representative to speak before the cameras, though an unnamed executive reported that the company was simply attempting to keep itself competitive in the \$10 billion-per-year porn industry (in which, it was announced, other major corporations, like General Motors, were also players).

Let me be clear: What got my goat was not the company's links to the porn industry nor the idea of pornography itself, but rather the company's intention to have it both ways. AT&T, a household name, a bearer of American values, and at the same time a panderer to those willing to pay for "all-American sex not simulated by actors." And there was that telephone on the car's floorboard, between the newly married couple. Exactly why I should have found this so insulting, I cannot say. I only know that after a week of eating grits and greens and plenty of meat, I felt a righteous indignation unlike anything I had felt for years. And I also felt lucky.

African-American culture, with its outsider perspective, offers a special and long-standing advantage. The culture, claiming for itself the earthiness of its African tribal roots and its members' relocation to the rural South, celebrates as authentic and valuable the immediacy of all expression (not just the kinder kinds) and the centrality of contradiction. Being born black continues to mean, for most of us, less than full partnership in the American system. Because race invites the near certainty of a hitch, a proviso, a qualification, it also means that those likely for such treatment recognize (early or late) that the game is fixed. Racism thus radicalizes.

I went to bed that night intending to kick some ass.

* * *give me a ham baked all day long; Help me to the couch Help me to the sofa, Put some quiet music on, I'll lie and think about that ham. Long after it is gone.

I want some slow-owow food,

slow-oow-ow fo-0-0-0-0d.

"What's that?" asked Margot, buckling her seat belt. "I like it."

On my cassette player, Greg Brown, his voice gravy-thick, was singing one of his songs, "Slow Food." I said that it had been taped from a concert. "Interesting," she said.

"Slow Food" happened to be an international movement that began in 1989. It had a website and thousands of members (called eco-gastronomes, who argued that their movement was for the protection of the right to taste). They operated on the concept of pleasure. And so did I, but mine was a covert operation.

I asked Walter if he knew about mLife from AT&T

"Oh sure!" he piped up from the back. "We've had it for a while. Why?"

No reason, I said. I hit the gas, heading for the freeway.

"This is a treat," said Margot. "Isn't it amazing. We just saw you a week ago."

"Can't you turn that music down?"

I checked Walter out in my rearview mirror. Half an hour earlier, husband and wife had been in bed; now an irascible Walter, his pompadour askew and minus its usual pomp, looked peculiarly isolated in the backseat. "Sure," I said, and turned the vol-







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ume down a smidgen. "I'm here to please."

> I don't want no food with funny names No neon on the sign A man can't live on advertising slogans And conceptual design Let somebody else go surf and turf, Somebody else can go carry out I want my food to know itself Before it knows my mouth

I want some slow-owow fo-o-o-od, slow-ow-ow fo-oo-o-od.

"Your windows don't work!" he said.

Margot cracked her window and I cracked mine so that two thin drafts of freeway air whistled in. "Is that better?" asked Margot, fine wisps of hair whipping about her face.

"Better," he said. I'd arrived at their home with notice that I was taking them to brunch and that afterwards we'd catch a matinee showing of The Lord of the Rings. Margot, who liked surprises, was thrilled. "Come on!" I said, "Let's go!" I gave Walter no time for excuses. Nothing was said of his flu.

But where to go? Sister Pee Wee's grits and eggs might have suited, but she was not open on Sundays. At Juanita's Place on Imperial Avenue, the Davis family was on hand with good vibes and great take-outs, but there was no breakfast fare. And what was breakfast without the possibility of eggs and pancakes and french toast? Ribs are good any time of day, but I knew Walter and Margot were not ready for Huffman's. The Juke Joint Café offered a sit-down atmosphere and plenty of exceptional offerings, but it was strictly a nighttime affair. I headed east. Sherman's served brunch. Their beef hot links, pork sausage patties, fried chicken livers, bacon, hash browns, hominy grits and country gravy, buttermilk biscuits, pancakes, catfish, barbecued ribs, and a whole lot more were calling me. I checked my watch. They'd be open by the time we got there. Then I remembered that on the weekends, Vernon Sukumu, a friend of some years, served what he called "a gumbo brunch" at the Aswan African Cafe on University Avenue in La Mesa. What sweet revenge, I thought. And we were already heading in the right direction.

> Oh, honey let's start it in the morning Leave us plenty of time for loving We can home-make hot fresh bread Make the whole house smell like an oven Let it all just simmer cookin,' Those good juices and the greases Improve itself by a process of osmosis All into syntheses

I'm talkin' 'bout slowow-ow fo-o-o-od, slow-ow-ow food

Vernon Sukumu and his son Teule were just inside the front door greeting guests, showing twin smiles of welcome. Then Teule, leading the way, directed us to our booth at the same time that Jahari Weir appeared with an extra chair.

"This way you can each have plenty of room," said the pretty 27-yearold. "I hope you're hungry. Would you like to start with some gumbo?"

I did not look at the others. "Yes, I think we'll all have some."

She left for the kitchen. "It's nice here," said Margot, looking around.

Sunlight streamed through the windows. Our booth, painted in blue and wheat colors, had at once the intimacy of a breakfast nook and the spacious feeling of a sunroom.

Leandra Frost, 18, a beaming smile lighting her face, appeared to show us the buffet tables. "Shall we?" she said, and we fol-

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lowed her to the omelet station, where orders were taken. She pointed to the carving station, where a man in chef's white gear was carving deep-fried turkey and roast beef. There were pancakes and french toast and waffles, grits and eggs and corn bread, catfish and potatoes, red beans and rice, greens and yams, jambalaya and sambusas (an East African hors d'oeuvre), seafood pasta, dorowat chicken (a spicy Ethiopian dish in which chicken is served in red sauce with whole boiled eggs), barbecued ribs, and salmon. In the adjoining room, tables were loaded with fruit, bread pudding, cobblers, chocolate mousse, and lemon squares.

Our plates were full when we returned to our places. Jahari had been there and left three bowls of gumbo. Margot wondered how we were going to eat everything. "What

is this?" said Walter, scooting into his side of the booth. "Gumbo," I said. He pushed his bowl aside to make room. "I've got plenty already." Margot was about to do the same when I said, "Whoa! Both of you!" I held up my hand. "Stop!" They looked at me. "Please, I want you to taste the gumbo. It's the appetizer." There was an uncomfortable pause. After all, just a week ago we'd had our gumbo incident. "Please," I said, "taste it."

Margot, ever willing, took up a spoon. She said it was good, as I expected her to; then she took another spoonful, and a third. Walter tasted his as well and, like his wife, took a second spoonful, and then a third. (I happened to know the reputation of Sukumu's gumbo.)

"How about it?" I asked.

"What do you mean?" I could have said, "How does it compare?"

but Walter knew what I meant. I shrugged and he went back to his gumbo. I began eating from my plate (I was back on the meatless wagon; no gumbo for me), when my napkin slipped off my lap and onto the floor. I bent down to pick it up and noticed that Walter's little foot, shod in leather, was dancing in place under the table.

"Oh, Walter! Why don't you tell him!" said Margot.

'Tell him what?" he said, picking up a portion of lobster with his hands and sucking out the meat. "I'm eating!"

Later, Jahari and Leandra both stopped by the table to fill our coffee cups and ask if there was anything they could bring us. At one point Walter made a grab for one of Margot's beef ribs. Her hand shot out, the diamond ring glinting in the sunlight. "No!" she said. "Get your own!"

"Your cheek is greasy." She took her napkin and went to wipe it when he made another grab. This time she pulled her plate closer. "But you're not going to eat everything," he told her.

"How do you know?" "I don't want to get back in line."

Margot said that if he wanted more he was going to have to.

Later the cook, freed briefly from his kitchen duties, stopped at our table to ask how we were enjoying the meal. Margot exclaimed that everything was delicious.

"Especially the gumbo," added Walter (not looking at me). "We had some gumbo a while ago, but it was nothing like this!"

The chef explained that it was Sukumu who made the gumbo. "He comes from Louisiana, where gumbo is a big deal," he said, and accepted the compliment and promised to share it. Urging us to be sure to come back, the cook stepped over to another table.

"Is this soul food?" asked Margot, picking up her third rib. (She'd asked Walter to get it when he'd gone back for seconds.)

"It's not just what you eat, it's the whole thing," I said, taking in the restaurant, the cook, the waitresses, the sunlight. I meant the easy informality, the leisure with which one was encouraged to eat, but, of course, and paramount, the quality of the food.

The next day, Monday, I would return to my novel and discover that the break had been good for me. I went back to the book a new man. And for my week of carnivorous debauchery, I imagined Juanita Davis, who had spent a long life giving meaning to the term "soul food," saying in her sweet grandmotherly way, "Isn't that something!"

But in the meantime, Walter and Margot and I still had the matinee performance of Lord of the Rings to go to. Which we did. Full to the gills, we watched with pleasure the film of peril, adventure, and friendship. At one point, Frodo, the ring-bearer and major protagonist, told the wizard Gandalf,"I wish the ring had never come to me.... I wish none of this had happened." The wizard answered, "So do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

Advertised as "a motion picture for our time," in this film (the first of a trilogy), vast hordes die as Good and Evil struggle over the fate of civilization. It's a safe bet that, with the end of the third film, the good guys win.

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LETTERS

tinued from page 1 grunge or some other fad that the herd tends to follow until the trend fades. You must know that people are omnivores, if you're already this militant, so just let it go. Some of us like the taste of meat and realize that we hold the power over these animals. I personally love the taste of beef. I don't particularly care for pork, but it does season a spaghetti sauce quite well. I know what the sharp pointy teeth God gave me are for, and I'll keep on using them to rend flesh from bone, and love every minute of it.

Joshua A. Smith

Exercise In Disappointment

In reference to the *Best 2003* issue, I was happy to see that Bikram's Yoga College of India was listed as having the best Hatha Yoga in the city — it does. However, the writer didn't do his/her research. In the article, the

and El Cajon are the newest Bikram Yoga locations, when in fact the La Jolla school has been open for almost two years! Kearny Mesa, El Cajon, and Chula Vista are the newest locations (all three have been opened within the past four months). The writer also listed the membership prices (from one school) as if all the schools were the same price — and they are not. Each school is individually owned, and therefore each school has its own pricing structure. There was no mention of this point. I placed a call into your paper and informed the person whom I was told was in charge of that article about the incorrect and incomplete information that was printed. When I asked about doing an amendment so that the readers could get the correct and complete information on Bikram's Yoga schools, I was told that nothing could be done. I have always been under the impression that any quality publication took full responsibility for printing incorrect information

writer stated that La Jolla

by printing a correction it seems like this is not so in the case of the San Diego *Reader*. I am very disappointed in you. Please remember that your readers rely on the information you print.

> Toni Riki Director Bikram's Yoga College of India Kearny Mesa

Unlearn Bad Habits

In your recent cover story "DUI" (January 2), you referred to a group called START. The correct name for this organization is SMART Recovery, for which I am a group coordinator. SMART is an acronym: Self-Management and Recovery Training. We focus on helping ourselves overcome addictive behavior, be it with substances like drugs and alcohol or activities like gambling and sex. Scientific knowledge and reason are the ultimate principles that guide our program. While most addiction treatments view addiction as a disease,

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Randy Hencken

Bigger Nowhere

Regarding the *Reader*'s November 27 article ("Nowhere Zone") by Abe Opincar.

Despite resident opposition, the nowhere zone continues east along Adams Avenue, now as far as Marlborough. Sprung on the Community Planning Committee at a January 8 meeting was a proposed nine-unit loft apartment with commercial shops at the first level. Once again, Gary Weber sat through the meeting listening to architects Hawkins and Hawkins describe a nine-unit box to replace three historic California bungalows. Crowded Adams Avenue had to absorb more street parking, more noise, and more congestion. Obvious to the 140 homeowners at the meeting was the ugliness of the project, the noise of the new traffic, and the crowding. Property values would drop. At the conclusion of the planning committee meeting, a show of hands revealed a six-to-one majority against the project. Yet, under city policy, this ugly project will

still be built.

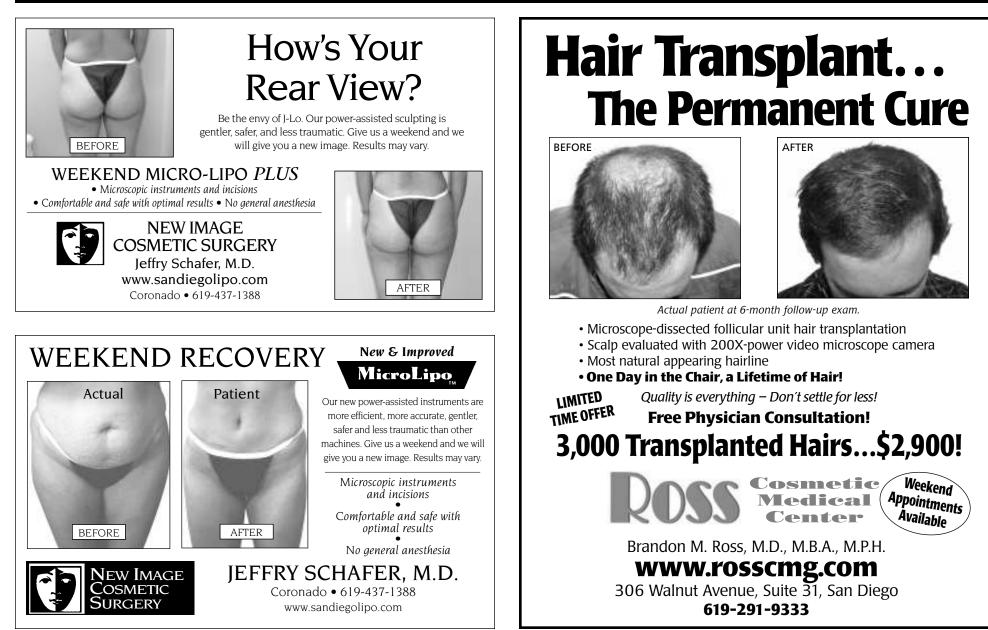
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Stop Silly Shading

I'm calling about your "News of the Weird." I like that feature — I read it every issue but I wish you'd stop your silly shading format, or whatever you call it: the first column has a gray background and then the second column has a white background and then the third column has a gray background and then the fourth column has a white background. It might achieve an interesting shading effect, but it is hard to read. The black print on a gray background is hard to read.

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Calendar

Cross-Country Paradise

Saturday Hike into McCain Valley

t's no secret, and certainly not a shameful one, but Walkabout International's regulars, both leaders and participants, have grayed in recent years. As a result, the terrain they traverse is often no more rugged

than the sidewalks of La Jolla. This weekend, however, 76year-old hiker Al Holden will lead a Walkabout group on an eightmiler in McCain Valley that promises to be strenuous, physically challenging, even a bit daring at the outermost reaches of

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the trail. McCain Valley is public land about 70 miles due east of downtown, in the In-Ko-Pah Mountains. "I like the wildness of the place," says Holden, a retired mail carrier who lives in University Towne Centre and who has hiked that area since the 1960s. "It's a LOCAL crosscountry EVENTS paradise

with rock outcroppings you can scramble onto, and little caves, and longdistance views in every direction." Holden describes its terrain as a "high-desert transition zone." Meaning? "You're not on the desert floor; you're not in the mountains. You're in between, so you have both environments. The brush is sparse, and the ground is soft and sandy." There's something besides

the terrain that draws Holden and others to the place. "It's full of Indian artifacts — pottery shards, grinding holes." It is also one of the "most significant rock-art sites in San Diego County," according to state archaeologist Russ Kaldenberg. Holden knows some of those sites, which date back thousands of years. "Descending down McCain Valley into Canebreak Canyon, there is a cave with Indian pictographs," he says. "In another canyon, there's a rock shelter that the Indians used as a summersolstice observatory. On that day, the rays of the sun shine into the roof of this shelter where the Indians drew little sunbursts. The sun strikes those symbols at sunrise." When that happened thousands of years ago, says Holden, "the Indians knew that the season had turned."

McCain Valley was named for George McCain, a homesteader who



settled there in 1852. "The McCains were old pioneers who raised cattle and developed water sources," says Holden. The lore of the valley includes stories about the McCains, and Holden has one of his own, featuring "Tule Jim McCain," a member of the fourth or fifth generation.

"He was a rancher down in the lower canyon living inside the Indian reservation. There are lots of tule [pronounced 'tooley'] bushes down there. That's how he got the name. Well, about a dozen years ago, my son Al Holden, McCain Valley

and I hiked into the McCain Valley and when we were coming out, it was getting dark and cold and starting to snow. We got to the car, but the battery was dead. So we hiked into the reservation and came upon McCain's ranch house.

"He answered the door with a shotgun under his arm. We explained our situation, and he put us in his old pickup truck to take us to a gas station, where we could get a wrecker to tow us. Whether he was sleepy or drunk, I don't know, but he was driving crazy, and we went sailing off the road into a meadow. So we left him with the truck and started walking. A couple of Indian people picked us up and drove us to a wrecker. We went back, fished out Jim, turned him around, and sent him home. But we had to coax the wrecker driver to go into McCain Valley. He said it was snowing too much. Finally, he did it. We went eight or nine miles on that old road — all the way in. And he towed us all the way out."

Within the year, Tule Jim died. "He was leading a funeral for one of the Indians on the reservation. He was carrying the cross at the head of the procession, and as he was walking along, he dropped dead."

On Saturday, Holden will deliver more commentary as he leads hikers along Gasp Ridge. "It's a real rough ridge," he says, "about a mile long, and at the end there's a viewpoint at which you can look down into Carrizo Gorge and see the railroad tracks and trestles. The ridge is shaped like a battleship with the viewpoint at the tip of the bow, and the ones that want to can scramble right along the rocks and on and on until they get to the end and then scramble back."

Those hikers who don't want to scramble may hang back in Redondo Flat. "It's full of Indian signs," says Holden. "It's obvious that it once was an Indian village. There's a spring there. It's a pretty little spot."

People interested in carpooling to the trailhead should meet at 7:45 a.m. on the street in front of the First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley. Be prepared to drive yourself to the trailhead if no other carpoolers appear.

Everyone should bring lunch, lots of water, and be in good physical condition.

— Jeanne Schinto

Walkabout International Saturday Wilderness Hike McCain Valley Saturday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Free Info and directions: 858-558-0308 or www.sandiego-online.com/

forums/walk/



Events that are underlined occur after January 30.

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BAJA

"Ojos Desobedientes, Poemas y Esas Cosas," it's the title for a multimedia presentation of poems by Laura Jáuregui and Camila García planned on Thursday, January 23, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (found at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Admission is free. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for more information. (TJUANA)

Salsa Night at El Lugar del Nopal is slated for Friday, January 24, beginning at 9 p.m. Tijuana's own Armando "El Gume" Vidal performs Latin-American music "singing in his own unique style" every Thursday and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. during January. Pianist Emilio Caicedo performs "a wide variety of music" every Wednesday night at 9 p.m.

Admission is free to all of the events. Find El Lugar at Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328. For information, call 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Moviemaking and Lobster, spend a day exploring Rosarito Beach and its surroundings during this outing hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, January 25, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Participants will visit Foxploration, the new theme park at Fox Studios, stop for a lobster or fajita lunch in Puerto Nuevo, learn the history of the Rosarito Beach Hotel, and wind down with shopping or walking on the beach. The nonmember fee is \$79 for adults, \$69 for children 6-12. To register, call 619-255-0203. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Whale Watching, guided excursions sponsored by the Museo de Ciencias de Ensenada are offered Saturdays and Sundays through March. See the migrating gray whales in Todos Santos Bay. The museum is located at 1463 Ovregon Street. Admission is \$20 adults, \$15 children. For more information, call the museum at 011-52-646-178-7192. ENSENADA)

The Mexicali Grand Prix motorcycle race is slated for Sunday, January 26, at 8 a.m. For routes and other details, dial 011-52-686-566-1277. (MEXICALI)

Music by Beethoven, Ligeti, Xenakis, and Estrada may be heard when the Arditti String Quartet from the United Kingdom performs on Tuesday, January 28. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Teatro Benito Juárez (on Guadalupe Victoria Street, between Second and Fourth). Tickets are \$15 U.S. For tickets and information, call 011-52-646-177-2090 or 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

GETAWAYS

Arte y Literatura, the series continues when Mexican writer Daniel Sada presents his novel at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, in the Sala de Lectura at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission is free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For further information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Getting Sleepy? Hypnotist Taurus do Brazil returns to the stage at the Tijuana Cultural Center for performances through January. Shows begin at 6 and 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays. The center is found at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For further information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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-forone 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. The center is located at Paseo de

los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Tree Aloes, the familiar succulent plants with red-hot-poker-like flower

clusters, are at their showy best this month. Large clumps of aloes can be seen at La Jolla Cove, Mission San Diego de Alcalá, and scattered along the embankments overlooking Highway 163 in Balboa Park.

Ice Plant is responsible for many of the carpet-like splashes of yellow, pink, red, and purple we're beginning to see around San Diego. Popular as a ground cover for concealing ugly cuts or stabilizing steep, easily eroded slopes, ice plant covers the shoreline bluffs at La Jolla, road embankments in Rancho Santa Fe and Balboa Park, and front yards from Point Loma to El Cajon.

San Diego County's Waterfalls, future storms permitting, should be at their very best during the next month or two. Three of the most accessible are Green Valley Falls at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park; the falls below the first palm grove in Borrego Palm Canyon (Anza-Borrego Desert State Park); and the falls at the midpoint of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve a three-mile walk from either its east or west entrance. Hikers and climbers can explore many other waterfalls (some with heights up to 100 feet) in remote areas of the county.

Gaze at Heavenly Bodies when the San Diego Astronomers Association sets up telescopes for night sky viewing on Friday and Saturday, January 24 and 25, at the Vallecito Stage Station (near Agua Caliente County Park, 39555 Great Southern Stage Route S-2). Free. For information, call 858-694-3049. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Explore Normal Heights, Kensington, and an antique row with Walkabout perambulators on Friday, January 24. Meet leader Roger at Lestat's Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue) at 1 p.m. Expect an easy, half-speed pace over flat, paved terrain while discovering the contrasts and unique businesses in these neighborhoods that haven't lost their individuality. An optional dessert stop concludes the walk (bring money). 619-501-6987. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

There's Especially Good Winter Birding expected when the Audubon Society birdwatchers head to Kit Carson Park on Saturday, January 25, 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)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, January 25, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Rediscover Escondido during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Saturday, January 25. The outing starts at 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

What's the Story Behind Running Deer Rock? Find out when docent Sanford Walcott leads a 1.5-hour, easy to moderate hike in Oakoasis Preserve on Saturday, January 25, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn about wildlife and plants, and view the charred boards on the west side of the log house built in 1936. Bring drinking water and snacks, and wear comfortable shoes. To make the required reservations, call 619-561-0580. The parking fee is \$2. (LAKESIDE) 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 Hawkwatch, 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.

The next event will be Saturday and Sunday, January 25 and 26, 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. Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

Salton Sea Wild Goose Chase, visit extensive irrigated agricultural fields, artificial reservoirs, marshland, riparian vegetation, the Salton Sea, and suburban neighborhoods and parks during this program hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, January 25, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The \$69 fee for nonmembers includes van transportation. To register, call 619-255-0203. (IMPERIAL COUNTY)

Enjoy a Winter Campfire when the staff at Kumeyaay Campground presents a campfire program at the amphitheater at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 25. Find the campground at Two Father Junípero Serra Trail; noncampers should use the day-use parking lot. For information, call 619-668-2748. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Small Things of Nature, this walk planned by Les Braund, president of the San Diego Mycological society, will emphasize the small things such as mushrooms, liverworts, and lichens. Participants will learn about the interactions between wildlife and mushrooms or lichens in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, January 25, at 10 a.m. Meet in the Mercy Road staging/parking area, upper level (at the junction of Mercy

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Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, January 25, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Find the park at Two Father Junípero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

A Family Fun Hike is planned in Svcamore Canvon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, January 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. Leader Carol will mine the rich history of the preserve, the Stowe Trail, and look for plants and animals during the outing.

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)

A Bird Walk for Beginners is planned by birder Wayne Harmon along Tecolote Creek on January 25. Participants will look for red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, Cassin's kingbirds, and common yellow-throats. The outing starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9961. These outings take place on the fourth Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view the migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center continues on Saturday, January 25, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations and obtain directions, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Support Your Local Wildlife Helpers! Wildlife Assist volunteers

rescue wild animals in trouble. Two orientations are planned on Saturday, January 25, beginning at 2 p.m. Get the information at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street) and at the Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) Free. For information, dial 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Help Remove Refuse and Invasive Plants along the San Diego River with Audubon Society volunteers on Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes, boots or sturdy shoes, and bring work gloves and a weeding tool if you've got them. To reach the site, take Sea World Drive to the South Shores Park stop light; turn south and drive about 20 feet to the service road running along the river's edge. Turn right and go about one-half mile to the sign-in table. For information, dial 858-273-5242 or 619-682-7200. (MISSION BAY)

A Variety of Native and Nonnative Plants grow in Crest Canyon. The Canvoneers will head out along a gradually ascending trail through coastal sage scrub and chaparral on Sunday, January 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will look for Torrey pines, coyotes, and a field of early-blooming ceanothus. The one-mile jaunt starts at the lagoon system surrounding the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

To reach the trailhead, take I-5 to the Via de la Valle exit and head west; turn left (south) onto Jimmy Durante Boulevard. Just after crossing the bridge over the San Dieguito River, turn left (east) onto San Dieguito Drive, which becomes Race Track View Drive. Continue through the stop sign and park on the road shoulder. Free. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (DEL MAR)

Sights and Sounds, naturalist Carol Stanford leads an easy 3.5-mile, mostly flat, discovery walk along the Jack Creek Meadow Loop on Sunday, January 26, in Daley Ranch. Meet at 10 a.m. at the shuttle stop in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Lovely Lake Hodges, Heather leads an easy to moderate six-mile hike in San Dieguito River Park on Sunday, January 26, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., focusing on Native American history and the native plants found in the area. To make the required reservations, call 858-674-2275 x31. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

Venus and the Waning Crescent Moon pair up rather close (five degrees apart) in the eastern sky at dawn on Tuesday morning, January 28. This is one of several early-morning moon-Venus conjunctions taking place monthly until May of this year.

DANCE

Adventurous, Daring, Innovative'the Wally Cardona Quartet presents the West Coast premieres of Morph: Live Remix, manipulating space, light, and sound January 23-26, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. The performances are "highly structured" and "ever changing," as "audiences participate in each event by choosing their vantage point to view the performance and how long to watch.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. Tickets are \$20 general (the 26th is "pay what you can' night), available by calling 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Zydeco Party, the Bayou Brothers provide the hot music for the Bon Temps Social Club party planned on Thursday, January 23, at the Balboa Park Club (next to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater). Doors open at 7 p.m., dance lessons begin at 7:30 p.m., and live music is on offer from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, free for kids. No partners necessary. For information, call 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Hop to Dance when Frank Hoppe et al. makes the music and Susan Michaels calls for the contradance on Saturday, January 25, 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)

The Monthly West African Dance workshop led by Nikola Clay takes place on Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Coast Athletics (613 Westlake Drive). Live drumming will be provided by Los Angeles-based Jason Hann. The fee is \$15. For information, call 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

Fumbling Towards Ecstasy, based on Gabrielle Roth's "5 Rhythms, this movement experience will be offered on Saturday, January 25, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue) \$15. Call 619-298-2687 for information. (HILLCREST)

What's a "Lindy Hop Swingout"? If you know the answer, you're invited to take part in the workshop planned by Jim and Margie of 2toGroove on Tuesday, January 28, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. (some swing experience is suggested). 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: \$5. It's at the Portuguese Hall, near Shelter Island, off Rosecrans. 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

"Women Rebels," the next production for Eveoke Dance Theatre, is described as a "creation celebrating the work of local, national, and international heroines." The piece reveals work of great women through history as well as women working for social justice in our city. Choreographer Gina Angelique conducted interviews with 34 San Diego women "and has selected moments from the recordings to compose a soundscape of thoughts with music from around the world."

The show opens with a preview on Thursday, January 30, and runs Friday, January 31, through Sunday, February 9, at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Performances Thursday through Saturday begin at 8 p.m.; the 2 p.m. Sunday matinees are followed by postshow forums. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 for stu-dents and seniors; Thursdays and Sundays you're invited to "pay what you can." For reservations, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Care for Salsa? Hajji Baba hosts salsa dancing to DJ music every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Find the spot at 1065 Fourth Avenue. Call 619-595-7887 for more information. The cover charge is \$4. (DOWNTOWN)

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FILM

Support Your Local Filmmakers, show your work and meet other film and video makers when the Media Arts Center San Diego hosts an open screening night on Thursday, January 23, at 7 p.m. New short movies from San Diego and Tijuana will be screened; the event is hosted by filmmaker Paul Espinosa.

Admission is free. For details on including your own piece in the screenings and other information, call 619-230-1938. Find the Media Arts Center at 921 25th Street (between Broadway and E Street). (DOWNTOWN)

A "Tom Sawyer-ish Tale of Child**hood"** is on offer in Lisandro Duque Naranjo's *Invisible Children* (2001), in which the divisive politics of Columbia and its future struggles are glimpsed through the eyes of innocent children. The film screens in Spanish with English subtitles for the Film Forum on Tuesday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Laughter and Larceny" is the theme for the Carlsbad Library's film series this month. Woody Allen, Tracev Ullman, and Hugh Grant star in Small Time Crooks, screening on Wednesday, January 29, 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-squaremile park, Goodall established what has become the longest continu-

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ously 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 May

. 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 28.

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 with Wild California on Friday nights in January, and on the first Friday of February and March.

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

Need a Change? "Learn How to Write a Successful Résumé and Land a Job in a Shaky Economy" when Sherry Tucker presents workshop on **"Two for the Road:** Sketchbooks of Thursday, January 23, at 7 p.m., at Patricia Patterson and Manny Farthe Mission Valley Library (2123 ber" are currently on exhibit at the Fenton Parkway). Participants will Athenaeum Music and Arts Library learn about résumé writing, cover

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(1008 Wall Street). Patterson will dis-

cuss the exhibit and their work on

Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Free. Call 858-454-5872 for infor-

Gain an Intriguing Glimpse of Pe-

ruvian ethnobotany at the San Diego

Museum of Man on Thursday, Jan-

uary 23. Douglas Sharon, until re-

cently the director of the museum, is

now the director of the Phoebe Hearst

Museum of Anthropology at UC

Berkeley. He'll return to his old

stomping grounds to discuss "Medic-

inal Plants and Folk Healers of North-

ern Peru" at 7 p.m. in the museum's

auditorium, addressing the research

that he and a team of SDSU professors

and students conducted last summer

in Peru. Admission for nonmembers

Take a Journey through "Mexico's

Copper Canyon" when Roseann

Iovine of Outdoor Travel Adventures

and photographer Tommy Baynard

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uary 23, at 7 p.m., at the Images of

Nature Gallery (7916 Girard Av-

is \$7. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

mation. (LA JOLLA)

858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY) "Golden Eagles: The Ultimate Umbrella Species" is the subject when Wildlife Research Institute executive director Dave Bittner speaks for the Audubon Society on Friday, January 24. Bittner's slides will take the audience through the life cycle and mating of these magnificent predators. His eagle research project began in 1987 and includes golden eagle nesting data collected as early as 1895.

and thank-you letters, interviewing,

and more. Free. For information, call

The program starts at 7 p.m. at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Call 619-682-7200 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

How Does Iris Structure, birth order position, and family genetics influence our relationships, health, and well-being? Find out when Jim Verghis presents a lecture for the San Diego Chat Club on Friday, January 24, at 7 p.m., at the Clairemont Community Center (behind Vons in Clairemont Town Square, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Admission is \$3. For information, call 858-569-9343. (CLAIREMONT)

"Violencia Doméstica 2000," this book will be signed and discussed — in Spanish — by authors David B.

Wexler and Christauria G. Welland on Friday, January 24, at 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). For more information, call 619-299-9331. Free. (HILLCREST)

"Cross-Cultural Dialogues," it's the theme for this year's Docent Guest Lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art. Curator Betti-Sue Hertz will give a slide-illustrated lecture on "Axis Mexico" on Friday, January 24, at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Western-Style Calligraphy with a Japanese Influence will be demonstrated when Nguyen Van Moch presents a calligraphy demonstration on Saturday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. 619-232-2721. Demonstrations are included in regular garden admission. (BALBOA PARK)

Bon Appétit! Personal chef Jonna Talbott will put techniques and menus from Bon Appétit magazine to work on Saturday, January 25, at 1 p.m., at the Macy's School of Cooking. Magazines will be given out while supplies last. Free. Find Macy's in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina. For information, call 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

What's Up With the S.D. Archaeological Center? Find out when program coordinator Annemarie Cox discusses the center's move to the former San Pasqual Valley Elementary School and its mission for the Vista Historical Society at 1:30 p.m.

on Saturday, January 25, at the Wildwood Community Center (651 East Vista Way). Free. For information, call 760-630-0444. (VISTA)

Better Birding, the San Diego Audubon Society hosts its annual intermediate birding course taught by Phil Pryde. The class is conducted on six Saturday mornings beginning on January 25, 9 a.m. to noon, and include at least two guided field trips. The primary subject of the course will be identifying the more difficult or confusing local species. The fee for nonmembers is \$85. For registration and location, call 619-465-9492. (SAN DIEGO)

"The Super Bowl of Writing and Illustrating for Children" is the theme for the San Diego Children's Writers'/Illustrators' regional conference, slated for Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Quality Resort. Fantasy author Bruce Coville will present the keynote talk, and there will be talks on a variety of subjects. The day begins with "Basics for Beginners" for new writers and illustrators at 7:30 a.m.

The conference is open to the public. The fee is \$105, which includes lunch. Find the Ouality Resort at 875 Hotel Circle South. For space availability and information, call 858-485-8151. (MISSION VALLEY)

So How's Your Soil? Improve the soil and save money on fertilizers when the San Diego Master Composters present a back-yard composting workshop on Saturday, January 25, at 8 a.m. at the San Diego Zoo. Free. To register, call 760-436 7986. (BALBOA PARK)

Make Your Own Valentine's Gift after Pat Hammer of Samia Rose Topiary leads a class on "Creating Topiary Hearts" on Saturday, January 25, at 9 a.m., at Dig Gardening Boutique (Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle). The \$40 fee includes materials. To make the required advance reservations, call 858-481-3478. (DEL MAR)

Beethoven's Opera Fidelio will be discussed in a multimedia presentation by Ron Shaheen on Saturday, January 25, at 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. For information, call 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

All the News That's Fit'the meaning, in human terms, of the mass destruction spoken of on the nightly news is the subject when Elie Shneour speaks for the Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, January 26. Shneour is research director and CEO of Biosystems Research Institute. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). The requested donation is \$5. Dial 619-421-5844 for information. (HILLCREST)

Serious About Writing Screenplays? Lisa Alden — who "has been an executive at Universal Pictures, Lynda Obst, and New Line" - leads a screenwriting workshop on Sunday, January 26, from noon to 4 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). The fee for "Nice Work if You Can Get It" is \$100. For reservations, call 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

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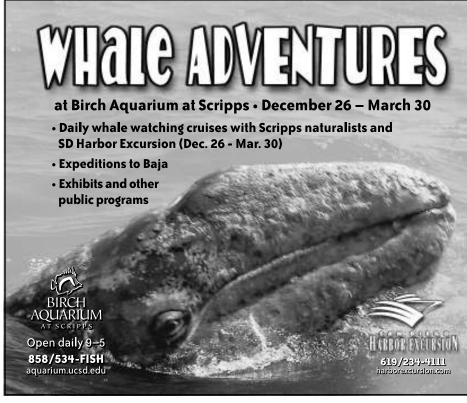


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"Research in Natural Areas: Preservation of Pristine Areas of Particular Vegetation Types for Research" is the topic when Cleveland National Forest biologist Kirsten Winter speaks for the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club on Monday, January 27. The group convenes at 2 p.m. in the upstairs seminar room of the Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). 760-741-0829. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Explore "The Art of Personal Narrative" with writer and teacher Karen Kenvon during a three-class series beginning on Monday, January 27, at 7 p.m., at the Book Works. Participants will develop new work, receive feedback, and learn writing techniques. Classes continue on February 3 and 10. Find the shop in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle. The fee is \$50. To make the required reservations, call 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

An Overview of "Music from Spain" is on offer when teacher and performer Claudia Tornsäufer presents this series including slides. video material, and live music, at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library.

The series gets underway with "The Art of Flamenco: The Song, the Dance, the Guitar" on Tuesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. The lecture explores the philosophy of flamenco and how the art of flamenco music is simply an outward expression of the "flamenco way of life." The guest will be Carissa Romero.

The nonmember fee is \$17 per talk, or \$45 for all three. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street. To make the suggested reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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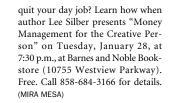
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"Antiques and Collectibles," learn how to search the Internet for antiques, collectibles, collectors and appraisers; learn about search engines, auction houses, auction malls, and resource directories. The class is taught by the staff of the Art, Music, 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 Posses sion 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 Ouartet), 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)

Whaddaya Know About Reptiles? The San Diego Zoo is hosting a series

of lectures featuring the zoo's reptile team keepers. Senior keeper Ken Morgan focuses on "Leaping Lizards" on Wednesday, January 29. He'll discuss the zoo's work with caiman lizards — a species that is quite rare in captivity — and bring a live caiman

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Admission is \$12 per talk, or \$31 for all three programs. For the required reservations, call 619-557-3962. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. (BALBOA PARK)

Tune Up, REI shop technicians offer a bicycle maintenance clinic on Wednesday, January 29, at 7 p.m. Learn the essentials of fixing flats, brake and derailleur adjustment, and more. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive. To reserve a spot, dial 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

He Was an Advisor to Ehud Barak. but Jacob Goldberg quit the job when he realized that the prime minister wouldn't "listen to my advice" because he was "still operating as a general." Goldberg, described as an international expert in the Middle East, especially Saudi Arabia, focuses on the "Crossroads in the Middle East" on Wednesday, January 28, at 7:15 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel (2512 Third Avenue, at Laurel). Tickets at the door are \$20. For information, call 858-638-9818. (DOWNTOWN)

Nutrient Recycling, find out how organics can be diverted from the waste stream and how nutrient recycling can help "save Earth by reducing the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides" when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this class on Wednesday, January 29, at 7 p.m. The \$69 nonmember fee includes van transportation. To reserve a spot, dial 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Axis Mexico" Art Talk, Norma Iglesias, professor and researcher at the Collegio de la Frontera Norte in Tijuana, tours the exhibit with curator Betti-Sue Hertz on Thursday, January 30, at 6 p.m., at the San

Diego Museum of Art. Admission is \$10 for nonmembers. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Mystery Noir, Helen Knode reads from her debut novel The Ticket Out on Thursday, January 23, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). The book is said to offer "an intimate glimpse of the seedy, sleazy under-belly of the film industry." Questions? Call 858-755-2707 for answers. Free. (DEL MAR)

Busy on Thursday? Knode will also sign and speak on Saturday, January 25, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books. Free, Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by dialing 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Debut Author Sheree Petree will sign and discuss Number, Please on Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

With a Career Spanning Four Decades and 40 Albums, the Chieftains are Ireland's premier musical ambassadors. The group plans a concert on Friday, January 24, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Harpist Derek Bell, who had been one of the Chieftains for over 30 years, died in October 2002; "pop cellist" Caroline Lavelle will take his place onstage.

Tickets range from \$34 to \$54. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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Are You a Savvy Traveler? Meet Rudy Maxa - a.k.a. the Savvy Traveler when he presents a lecture at La Jolla Spa MD on Friday, January 24, at 6 p.m. Find the spa at 7630 Fay Avenue; 858-459-6868. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Didja Ever Wonder... if Andy Rooney would visit La Jolla? Roonev will be in town on Friday, January 24, at noon, to sign copies of Common Nonsense at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). For information, call 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Support the Folkies! Head to UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium for a concert by Washington Square Memoirs on Friday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m. Named after the legendary Sunday hoots in Greenwich Village park, the group includes Loudon Wainwright III, John Hammond, Tom Paxton, and Mike Seeger.

Tickets are \$25 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available

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

Embracing Life's Challenges is part of the story in For Who For What: A Warrior's Journey, by NFL All-Pro running back Ricky Watters. He'll sign books on Friday, January 24, at 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814) and on Sunday, January 25, at 4 p.m., at the Borders located at 668 Sixth Avenue (619-702-7420). (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, GASLAMP OUARTER)

Mystery Authors Mike Lester (An Occasional Dream) and Betty Webb (Desert Wives) will sign and discuss their work on Friday, January 24, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free, 858-268-4747, (CLAIREMONT)

Embrace the Legacy of Langston Hughes during his 100th birthday celebrations planned on Friday and Saturday, January 24 and 25, at 7 p.m. each night, at the City Heights Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). The program includes performances by Khetia Semia, the Selah Dance Company, Jahsun Edomonds, Shrehe Yamaisha, Roze Hollins, and others. Admission is free. For information, call 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

An Advanced Drama Showcase presenting "A Night of Scenes and Monologues" is planned on Friday,

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January 24, at Hilltop High School (555 Claire Avenue). The curtain rises at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 619-426-0556. (CHULA VISTA)

Super Bowl Gospel Celebration, "in association with the NFL Concert Series" (who knew there was such a thing?), the Hopeville tour hits the stage at the San Diego Sports Arena on Friday, January 24. The roster includes Kirk Franklin, Donnie McClurkin, and Yolanda Adams, as well as "Broadway staging, short skits, and funky cos-" The preshow concert includes tumes. some of San Diego's gospel and Christian choirs and groups.

The free preshow starts at 5:30 p.m., with the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration getting underway at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Well-Known Comedian, Husband (to Roseanne for a time), and author Tom Arnold signs his (wonderfully titled) autobiography How I Lost Five Pounds in Six Years on Saturday, January 25, at noon, at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. Call 619-295-2201 for details. (MISSION VALLEY)

Canadian-Born Singer and Songwriter Phil Christie presents a concert for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$12; call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

Comic Jamie Foxx and Friends perform at the Spreckels Theater on Saturday, January 25, at 8 p.m. Foxx was on In Living Color and appeared in *Toys* with Robin Williams, as well as Booty Call, Any Given Sunday, and Ali. Tickets are \$43.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the theater at 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Motivational Speaker and Author Carolyn Gross discusses her book Staying Calm in the Midst of Chaos – in which she "shares tips on how to become calm and centered in the midst of our overscheduled world"on Saturday, January 25, at 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road). Call 619-562-6791 for details. Free. (SANTEE)

Classic Jazz may be enjoyed when Joe Marillo's Jazz Trio performs on Saturday, January 25, at 2 p.m., at the Chula Vista Library's South Branch (389 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-585-5755. (CHULA VISTA)

North County Funnies, the fun continues when Fred Burns, Patrick Deguire, and the sketch comedy group known as the Pearl Street Play ers perform on Saturday, January 25. The laughs begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets are \$15 at the door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

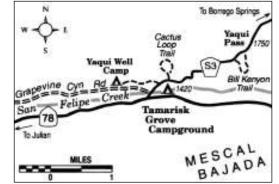
There's a Vaudeville Show - boasting jugglers, musicians, comics, and specialty acts - planned on Saturday, January 25, at 8 p.m., at the Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12. For reservations and information, dial 619-647-4958. (HILLCREST) The Second of Ten Qualifying Slams for Team San Diego '03 is part

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Throughout the Anza-Borrego Desert, the expandable tissues of native barrel, beavertail, cholla, fishhook, and hedgehog cacti may soon become as bloated as they ever get. Flush with supplies of water they can hoard for months on end, these plants will soon put their utmost efforts into urgent matters of reproduction. By March, cactus flowers should help suffuse the desert with a sweet, not-quite-describable orgiastic scent.

With continued rainfall, tourists could be out in droves sniffing the desert flowers,



of the Last Sunday Poetry Slam on January 26, at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). The first round is open to the first 18 in line. Sign-ups start at 7 p.m., with slamming around 7:30 p.m. The requested donation is \$2. 619-299-GRND. (HILL CREST)

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Psychotherapist and Hypnotherapist Susan Quinn discusses ideas from her book The Deepest Spiritual Life for the 9:15 a.m. forum on Sunday, January 26, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). Free. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Poetsperformance, this open reading convenes in the "poetry-perfect" Red Room on Sunday, January 26, 4 to 6 p.m. Bring your own work to

littering the roadsides with parked vehicles But in at least one area — Yaqui Pass there's lots of parking space, and plenty of room to roam over the rocky hills. Yaqui Pass lies along County Highway

S-3, 11 miles south of Borrego Springs. From the large parking lot there, which doubles as an overflow camping area, the Bill Kenyon Trail loops around the windswept, rocky, cactus-studded slopes to the east. In a couple of spots along the trail there's a near-aerial view of Mescal Bajada, a vast,

sloping sheet of alluvial deposits to the south. South of the pass, near

Tamarisk Grove Campground, two other desert trails invite your exploration: the Yaqui Well Trail and Cactus Trail. On the latter you can make your acquaintance with the Bigelow. or teddy-bear cholla cactus. Although its bristles may look soft and cuddly from a fair distance, one botanical expert has made a distinctly more accurate assessment in the form of this statement: "The

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vegetable kingdom has not produced anything else so fearfully armed." By removing (very carefully) the straw-covered, papery sheath that coats each spine, you will discover how thin and wickedly sharp each spine tip really is.

The three short trails mentioned above are just a starting point for exploring this, or any other part of Anza-Borrego. To really get to know the place — and avoid most other visitors at the same time - just start walking in any direction. The number of people out and about in the desert wilderness declines with the square of the distance and with the cube of the elevation gain from the nearest road.

> (1775 Dove Lane). The requested donation is \$5. Call 760-729-3383 for details. (LA COSTA)

A Big Orange Tomcat led "reformed biologist" William Jordan to a "simple and humble spiritual transcendence and made him a human being." Jordan visits Warwick's Bookstore to discuss and sign A Cat Named Darwin on Tuesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Calling All Conspiracy Theorists, William Pepper was a close friend and attorney of Martin Luther King

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Then let not winter's ragged hand deface In thee thy summer, ere thou be distill'd: Make sweet some vial; treasure thou some place With beauty's treasure, ere it be self-kill'd. That use is not forbidden usury, Which happies those that pay the willing loan; That's for thyself to breed another thee, Or ten times happier, be it ten for one; Ten times thyself were happier than thou art,

If ten of thine ten times refigured thee:



Then what could death do, if thou shouldst depart, Leaving thee living in posterity? Be not self-will'd, for thou art much too fair To be death's conquest and make

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fairs Bookstore to sign and discuss An Act of State: The Execution of Martin Luther King on Tuesday, January 28, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 2536 University Avenue; 619-795-9899. Free. (NORTH PARK)

"Kooky Characters, compelling revelations on modern-day life, and an examination of little things with global repercussions" are on offer when Lory Tatoulians presents her one-woman show "Sitting Twisted, Talking Straight." Expect "bellydancing, highway hallucinations, and jazz singing."

Performances begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, January 28-30, at the Culy Theatre (338 Seventh Avenue). Tickets range from \$10 to \$15. Call 619-338-0526 for reservations. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Songs Are Guaranteed for performers taking part in the open-mike event planned every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Celeste Center (861 Hornblend Street). The fee is \$5. 858-274-8658. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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)

Local Author Garth Murphy will read and sign his novel The Indian Lover on Thursday, January 30, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). The book is set in California during its last days as a part of Mexico, when San Diego was its richest port. For information on this free event, call 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

"International Guitar Night" is slated for Thursday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street), Guitarists Brian Gore (USA), Ralph Towner (USA), Martin Taylor (Great Britain), and Marco Pereira (Brazil)will perform for "all jazz, classical, and steel-string aficionados." Tickets: \$21. Call 619-440-2277 for reservations. (EL CAJON)

SPORTS

Tennis, Everyone! Whether you've just started playing tennis or have been playing for years, organizers beckon you to the Pro-Celebrity Tennis Festival planned at the Balboa Park Tennis Club (2221 Morley Field Drive). The festival begins at noon on Friday, January 24, with registration, tennis clinics, and racquet demos. Play begins at 2 p.m.

Play begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, and there's a luncheon, tennis fashion show, wine tasting, and music later in the day. Semi-finals start at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 26, with the finals beginning at 10 a.m. (and play finished by noon so participants will be able to watch the Super Bowl).

Guests include "tennis guru" Vic Braden (who will conduct clinics on the 24th and 25th) and former touring pro Gretchen Magers. There are no fees for clinics and free play. The tournament entry fee is \$20. For information, call 619-224-5746. (BALBOA PARK)

How About Some Pop Warner? Head to Patrick Henry High School's football field for the Ricky Williams Pop Warner Celebrity Football Classic on Saturday, January 25, at noon. The Snoop Dogg All-Stars, visiting from Chino Hills' Junior All-American League, will meet up with Ricky Williams and the Alvarado Patriots from the Mighty Mite division.

Tickets are \$10. For information, call 206-760-9809. Find the school at 6702 Wandermere Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Super Run, the 22nd annual Super Run with 10k run and 5k run/walk is slated for Saturday, January 25. Events start at 7:30 a.m. at South Shores Park (located east of Sea World). For more information, call 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

Super Time! Super Bowl XXXVIII — featuring the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers — hits Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, January 26, beginning at 3 p.m. The game is sold out, so unless you've already got tickets, watch the show on ABC. (MISSION VALLEY)

Cycle Through Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, and Poway with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Sunday, January 26. The 75-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). For information, call 858-277-7499. Free. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Kayak in Mission Bay during the outing hosted by Hike Bike San Diego on Sunday, January 26, at 9 a.m. The \$45 fee includes kayak rental, water, and snacks. To register, call 858-551-9510. (MISSION BAY)

Big Hills in Bonsall, attempt some major hills in the Fallbrook/Bonsall area with the Knickerbikers on Sunday, January 26. The 35-mile ride for experts begins at 9 a.m. at the Jack In The Box found at Highway 76 and Mission Road. Bring snacks and money for lunch at Rio Rico. Call 760-747-8622 for information. (FALLBROOK)

SPECIAL

Five Different Parking Lots in the downtown area will be "transformed" into lively entertainment pavilions from January 23-26. Expect live entertainment and food during the Fifth Quarter in the Gaslamp. Admission is free. Show hours are 6 p.m. to midnight on January 23 and 24, noon to midnight on January 25, and 5 to 11 p.m. on Sunday. The parking lots in question are located on Fifth and Sixth Avenues. For information, call 619-236-1212. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

'Tis the Season for Football! The NFL Experience, an interactive football theme park featuring a variety of games and activities for all ages, continues in conjunction with Super Bowl XXXVII through January 26 at Embarcadero Marina Park South. Guests will be treated to fireworks at 9:15 p.m. on the 25th.

Hours are 3 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, January 23; 3 to 10 p.m. on Friday, January 24; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, January 25; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 26. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids under 12. Questions? Call 866-TIX-4NFL for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

Someday My Prints Will **Come...**the 11th annual print fair at the San Diego Museum of Art is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, from 1 to 8 p.m. Ten print dealers will be on hand to "guide visitors through the fascinating world of collecting fine prints." Entry is included in regular museum admission. For more information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Even the Busiest San Diegans can put in some community service hours thanks to the Volunteer San Diego organization's Flexible Volunteer Program. A representative from the organization visits Borders Books and Music on Thursday, January 23, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The shop is found at 159 Fletcher Parkway. There are informational meetings at a variety of locations planned throughout the next few months. For details on these meetings, call 858-636-4124. (EL CAJON)

Buttoned Up, the San Diego Button Club's seventh annual winter regional is slated for Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Fourteen dealers from California and Arizona will offer their wares, with specimens ranging in age from the 18th Century to the late 1900s, during this antique button show. For details, dial 760-789-4133. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The Annual Orchid Auction hosted by the Cymbidium Society is slated for Saturday, January 25, noon to

4 p.m., at the Women's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). The plants are donated from members' collections and from California growers, and there will also be art, books, and plants. Admission is free. For further information, call 760-212-7905 or 619-444-3233. (CARLSBAD)

Warm Up the Kaypro! In honor of the upcoming Super Bowl, the Com-puter Museum of America hosts its 'Super Turn-On" through Saturday, January 25. A variety of antique type-writers will be "turned on" so the public may observe them in operation. The program will be offered from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Admission is \$2 general, \$1 for seniors, military, and kids, free for children under 3. Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Book Sale, the Lemon Grove Library hosts its first book sale of the year on Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All manner of books will be on offer. The library is found at 8073 Broadway; 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Take a Taste of 18th-Century Shipboard Life when the Hawaiian Chieftain replica tall ship and 122-foot topsail schooner Lynx visit the Maritime Museum through Sunday, January 26. Tours are offered from 4 to

6 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, January 20 (no tours on January 24). Tours are included in regular Maritime Museum admission (\$6 general, \$4 for seniors and those 13-17, \$2 for kids 6 to 12, free for those 5 and under).

Battle reenactment sailing with costumed crews takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The fee for these sailing adventures is \$40 for adults, \$20 for children. For reservations and information, call 800-200-5239. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

Launch! The National Skatepark Expo 2003, hosted by SkatePark magazine, hits the San Diego Convention Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 28 and 29. The seminars on a variety of topics will "cover everything communities need to know to get a skatepark built." Seminars run 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with skatepark demos and contests from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 619-233-7979. Find the center at 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"How to Live Happily Ever After....With Your Dog" teaches vital training secrets needed to help prevent and manage unwanted dog behaviors before they become a problem. Participants will learn the basics of housetraining, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, encouraging calmness, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with their dogs.

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

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This isn't a self-help book, but it is a book about how Geoff Dyer could do with a little help. In mordantly funny and thoughtprovoking prose, the author of Out of Sheer Rage describes a life most of us would love to live and how much that life frustrates

and aggravates him. From Amsterdam to Cambodia, from Rome to Indonesia, from New Orleans to Libya, from Detroit to Ko Pha-Ngan, Dyer finds himself both floundering about in a sea of grievances and losing himself in moments of transcendental calm. This aberrant quest for peak experience leads, ultimately, to the Zone: to the Black Rock Desert in Nevada where — to quote Tarkovsky's Stalker — "Your most cherished desire will come true."

Geoff Dyer

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Solana Beach Community Center (133 Pacific Coast Highway). For information, call 858-552-0331. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Rose Canyon: A Walk Through **History"**— this San Diego Archaeo-logical Center exhibit explores the geologic, natural, and cultural history of one of San Diego's loveliest places. See the show through January in terminal two at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Artifacts included in the show were excavated from Rose Canyon.

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For information, call 760-291-0370. Viewing is free. (SAN DIEGO)

Who Was Duke Kahanamoku? What was the first surfing magazine? Get answers to these and other questions when viewing the history of surfing exhibit on display through Monday, February 3, in the donor corridor of SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The exhibition includes books, magazines, photographs, posters, and album covers. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From Publishers Weekly: Dyer's ninth book, a collection of 11 personal essays covering his travels around the globe, begins in New Orleans when Dver is in his late 20s and concludes in the Nevada desert some 20 years later. In between he touches ground in destinations such as Bali and Amsterdam, usually seeking a "peak experience." More often than not, he is disappointed in his quest, but makes engaging stories of many aimless walks, such as wandering stoned through Amsterdam in search of a lost hotel, touring the ruined Roman city of Leptis Magna, or stumbling upon a suicide on South Beach. Even more intriguing than the far-flung locales he describes — such as Cambodia, Libya, and Thai-- are the seemingly pedestrian ones he makes exotic. His essay "The Rain Inside," on experiencing a near emotional breakdown at a techno music festival in Detroit, is a masterpiece, equal parts introspection and cutting observation. Though the moments and perceptions he records are fleeting, Dyer deliberately provides touchstones - repeat references to Auden; the durability of his Teva sandals — that mark a path through the book. Fittingly, it's only when he finds himself in the metaphorical nowhere of the TAZ (Temporary Autonomous Zone) at the Burning Man Festival, that this postmodern pilgrim finally finds his place in the world. This original book from a genuine writer — a modern Montaigne — should provide serious readers with a lasting high.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Geoff Dyer was born, he said, "in 1958 in the midwest, the midwest of England, that is. In Gloucester. A small town in the heart of England. I went to the local grammar school. After that it was the classic route of the scholarship boy. I got a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where I did English for three years. When I left university I had no desire to get a job. Because basically my parents were working people, and it just seemed an awful thing to have a job. Some jobs, of course, are nicer than others. I sort of drifted into this life of semi-creative idleness: 1980 in England was the heyday of vast unemployment, and what that meant

FOR KIDS

"Rapunzel" is performed by the Phoebeke Puppets through January 26 in the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. The Weaving of a Dream, described as a Chinese New Year's tale, will be performed by the Weaver's Tales January 29 through February 2. Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Stand, this event hosted by Oakland Raider Tim Brown is scheduled for Friday, January 24, from 7:24 to 9:35 p.m. at the San Diego First Assembly (8404 Phyllis Place). The event encourages youths "to make a difference in their community, their education, and their life purpose. Guest speakers include St. Louis

was that there was a whole culture of people doing nothing. Because so many people were unemployed, the state wouldn't put too much pressure on you to get a job. So you get quite happily on the dole. And living on the dole like that, in South London, that is where I first of all discovered a whole new range of writers who I'd never heard of at university. People like Roland Barthes, Walter Benjamin, Milan Kundera, John Berger. He's my absolute mentor and hero, Berger is. And as you may or may not know, my first book [The Colour of Memory] was a sort of rather tedious critical study of him. And so I sort of started writing a few short things. Book reviews, mainly. And then things that were a bit longer and gradually got more freedom, and my first book, the book about Berger, came out in 1986. As I say, that was a rather sort of timid, subacademic kind of book." Dyer presently lives in England.

Dyer is author also of But Beautiful: A Book About Jazz; The Missing of the Somme, about World War I; and the widely acclaimed Out of Sheer Rage: Wrestling with D.H. Lawrence. He is author also of three novels, The Colour of Memory, The Search, and Paris Trance.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we talked - early morning in California and early evening in London - Geoff Dyer began by referring to his novel Paris Trance. "I had always had this idea of wanting to do a version of Tender Is the Night, which is one of my two favorite books, the other one being On the Road. I'd put off writing it for a long, long while, and then I did write it, and I felt in some way that was sort of it, that I didn't have anything else that I really wanted to say in the film or the novel. It had been preying on my mind for so long, the fact that I was failing to write this book, which I'd been wanting to do. And then when I did it, I felt a great sense of, oh, kind of accomplishment, which, of course, is usually always then followed by a great feeling of emptiness. And this is what I felt then, the great emptiness.'

'And how old were you when you finished Paris Trance?'

"Let me think. It would have been my late 30s, or maybe I was even 40 then.³

Rams quarterback Kurt Warner. Admission is free. For information, call 858-560-1870 x0. (MISSION VILLAGE)

The MusicVentures Family Activity Day is planned at the Museum of Making Music on Saturday, January 25. Children and parents will be able to design, create, and perform on their own instruments in the "Make It/Play It" workshop beginning at 11 a.m. Children are encouraged to explore the new and different ways of creating music with everyday household materials.

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The day's events feature a singalong/play-along/dance-along with the entertainer Persephone at 2 p.m. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive. To make the requested reservations, call 760-438-5996 x219. (CARLSBAD)

What Makes Gray Whales So Unusual? How do they communicate, what food do they eat and how do they capture it, and why do they migrate 10,000 miles every year? Find out when the Birch Aquarium-Museum offers a look at the "World of Gray Whales" for those in grades one through three on Saturday, January 25, at 9:30 a.m. Each participant will create a gray whale model to take home.

The fee is \$25. Find the aquarium at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Straw, Sticks, or Brick? Enjoy The Three Little Pigs when the San Diego Actors Theatre performs "Children's Classics" on Saturday, January 25, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes The Mad Tea Party, Hansel and Gretel, poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Arts and Activities, kids three and older are invited to the crafts and activity program planned on Saturday, January 25, at 11:30 a.m., at the shade structure at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Theater Arts Workshops for children four to nine years old are conducted by the San Diego Actors Theatre on the fourth Saturday of every month, including January 25, at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino Del Mar). Workshops run from noon to 1 p.m; \$10. To make the required reservations, call 858-268-4494. (DEL MAR)

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"That's about the time that kind of thing happens — the sense of great emptiness."

"Yep...in the middle of the journey. And I think also I've never really been one of these writers committed to the novel, and I've always felt that I lacked certain of either talents or interests that are considered indispensable to the novelist."

"What do you think those talents and interests are?"

"Well, let's say story I'm not big on, or that I've got no interest in, and I can never think of any stories. I'm not particularly drawn to character, either. The books that I really like I tend to be more interested in tone. But anyway, I felt that although there were still some things I wanted to say, there weren't really ready traditional ways that I wanted to use to say them. But I started to feel much more comfortable in this idea of writing books that were neither one thing nor the other, that had maybe elements of fiction and used all the kind of devices that we associate with fiction but which weren't novels, I suppose, is all I'm saying. And so this new book occupies that uncertain interstitial space between many different types of books."

"But," I suggested, "one really doesn't have anything much to say, does one? Isn't it more that you want to write down, to record and to play with, subjects and scenes that interest you? As you were interested, say, by Lawrence, or by your own ennui?"

"I suppose. I felt that whatever it was that I was interested in, I mean, it wasn't going to find its way into a novel, really. I kind of still feel that, in a way. I'd be very surprised if I wrote another novel. And generally speaking, I think I'd even say I don't think the novel really is where the action is, which is not to say that really important novels aren't being written, because they are, of course. But I think there's a lot of interesting work being done now in this kind of fringe or shadow area. I think that now there's the option of writing creatively in a more novelistic way, whereas there was a time when if you were interested in writing creatively or imaginatively, then that meant you wrote novels. So, I'm now trying to make a more general case out of

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The Power of Youth, this bilingual youth theater, poetry, and music event hosted by Teatro Con Safos

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what is really a personal or idiosyncratic indisposition."

I suggested that the English writer John Berger, about whom Mr. Dyer has quite eloquently and interestingly written, has given writers younger than he permission to write in what Mr. Dyer calls the "fringe or shadow area."

"Definitely. Yes. John has really opened up those possibilities, absolutely. And he's been a really, really, really big influence on me, of course."

"What did you first read of Berger's?"

"As is the case with so many people, *Ways of Seeing*, which made these boring old pictures of men in funny hats seem interesting. I think I wouldn't have become a writer without the example of Berger, who made certain kinds of freedoms available in a way that combined the essayistic and the narrative with the critical."

"Berger," I said, "shows new ways that the writer can use the narrative 'I.'"

"True. I mean, although he says 'I' a lot, he's not at all an autobiographical author. I'm much more sort of obsessively preoccupied with myself than John is with himself. You know, so the stuff that I write is much more autobiographically grounded than it is in his work."

"But," I said, "you create an interesting persona to do your narrative work."

"You're right — it's a persona. It's just got elements of me, it's not exactly me, but it's a kind of me, it's a particular tone, to come back to that word again, which enables me as a writer to cover a number of different interests and a number of different ways of processing experience, but with a consistency."

"How do you locate a voice for your narrator?"

"I found that I'm one of these people who's very influenced by other writers. I've been through all sorts of phases where I've been particularly influenced by somebody. This was true for me from the beginning, from a very early age. But what I find is that even when I was trying my hardest, for example, to sound like Don De Lillo or John Berger or whoever, still, the voice always ended up,

and other characters from the Toy7::Story movies on the ice at the San11Diego Sports Arena for "Disney/Pixar'surToy Story 2." The show features an in-1:ternational team of award-winning5:figure skaters.TiPerformances begin at 7:30 p.m.ab

on Wednesday and Thursday, January 29 and 30; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 1; in Spanish at 1:30 p.m., and in English at 5:30 p.m., on Sunday, February 2. Tickets range from \$8 to \$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA) Learn About the Critters living at La Jolla Shores when the Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots on Thursday, January 30, 1:30 to 3 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. (LA JOLLA)

always came out sounding not quite like them and more like some failed version of them. So it always ended up getting filtered through something. And of course, this is quite common, really, that by trying to sound like other people, you default to your own voice. There now is this sort of recognizable voice of mine, which has been arrived at by all sorts of failed attempts to sound like other people."

"Do you chat with yourself about what you are going to write before you write whatever that is down on paper?"

"Sometimes I do. I mean that kind of thing when you lie awake in the morning and get thoughts going through your head. But for "Even when I was me, mainly, the writing needs to

"Even when I was trying my hardest to sound like Don De Lillo or John Berger, the voice always came out sounding not quite like them and more like

some failed version of

them."

to preserve it, you also have to change things, so that the experience that you do end up with is largely an invented one, quite often."

"For people of your generation, what poets are really important for writers? Is Auden still important?"

"Definitely. There was an article in the *New Yorker* recently by Adam Gopnik, where he was saying that Auden has had this second coming in part because, in the wake of the 11th of September, (continued on page 92)

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happen at the desk. Or quite

often I'm having an experience

about which I think, 'Oh, yeah,

this I'd like to preserve.' Per-

haps the parallel would be there

are these occasions when you

read poems and you know that

the poem has arisen very defi-

nitely out of a specific experience.

Take an obvious example,

Larkin's 'Aubade' [see page 92].

Quite often that goes on with

me that I have experiences which

I think of as magical or special

and so want to preserve them.

But as we all know in an attempt

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities include locating, collecting, docu-

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everyone was quoting Auden's 'September 1, 1939' [see page 93]. But even more generally it seems that Auden has some kind of particularly close relationship with the present. He feels very, very immediate to me, and I think to a lot of people at the moment, in a way that Eliot does not. Sure, Eliot is still a great, great poet, but he doesn't seem to have that particular sort of resonance with the present that Auden does.

"For me, what I've been struck by recently is I really like poems that make me laugh, and I have belatedly gotten into John Ashbery. So I

really have been enjoying him although I get fed up with Ashbery when it gets too close to what seems nonsense. I like it when the lines follow each other for at least three or four lines. Going on from Ashbery, you can really feel his influence on the poet Dean Young, whose poems I came across in the *Threepenny Review*. For a long time I've been really mad about Brodsky. So yes, there are a lot of poets that I respond to. And it seems to me that at the moment, most everybody is writing a novel about poetry, but it still feels pretty special.

"When I was writing certain sections of this book, I was reading a lot of Ashbery in the hope that I would end up sounding a bit more like him, but I think he's so weird and so just like himself that it's not an easy influence to assimilate."

Mr. Dyer mentioned that Ashbery recently had been in London, reading, and that he went to hear him. "He read for a really long time, actually, and since all Ashbery poems are pretty much the same, it was, I felt, a bit too much at one time. But then, I often feel I can't read that much Ashbery at one sitting."

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, the museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon

packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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 I asked Mr. Dyer about who some of his other favorites might be.

"Well, I suppose during the time that I was writing this book, I became absolutely convinced that my favorite book of the 20th Century was definitely not *Ulysses*, which is the one you're meant to choose, but it would be Rebecca West's *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon: A Journey Through Yugoslavia*. I really, really love that, partly because it seemed to me so completely uncategorizable and because I so liked the tone of it, and I liked the way — for example, just a little thing is that she keeps referring throughout to 'my husband.' I really liked the tone of that, and I like the way that she was able to convey her experience with great immediacy and then with no change of gear at all would go off into some great metaphysical digression. I really like a book that records both a literal journey and a discursive one. So that's what I really like, that combination of things.

"And also, while we're on this thing of tone, I do like these very dry, funny people like Fernando Pessoa. And also this Romanian nutcase whose name I can never pronounce — E.M. Cioran. Because I think he's very funny. Of course, I like Thomas Bernhard. And then coming out of Bernhard, you get W.G. Sebald, and I very much like him."

"All the writers you mention," I said, "might be thought of as Kafka's children."

"Yes, they are in a way. They really are."

the fourth Tuesday of every month.

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic col-

lection of items - including displays

on phonographs, clocks, electric

trains, and 20 other types of collec-

tions — 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."

Boulevard. For more information, call

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Mu-

seum, housed in a historic building,

the museum features five permanent

galleries with artifacts, uniforms, ve-

hicles, weapons, and photographs

depicting Marine Corps history. The

museum is located in Building 26 at

MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific

Parsonage Museum of Lemon

Grove, the contributions of local res-

idents whose front-line combat,

nursing corps bravery, assembly-line

labor, and hometown victory gar-

dens are honored in "Lemon Grove

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uniforms, medals, draft cards, cen-

sored letters, ration books, war bride

wedding gowns, and much more are

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Find the museum at 4233 Park

619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

We talked a bit about V.S. Naipaul. Mr. Dyer said, "It's funny what's happened to him. There's the literary side of Naipaul, but perhaps what's more interesting, I think, is what's happened to him as a person, really; that with all this success, the Nobel and all that, is that he is so terribly unhappy. His books that have made the greatest impression on me are his first two books on India. The third one isn't as much to my liking because all he's done is transcribe the interviews. But the first two India books would be good examples of this kind of first-person narration where you don't know how exactly that person is partly an invention. But it's a great success of tone as well as an incredible kind of insight into India and is, again, an

> bels 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 Growers 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 Sunday, June 22. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and illusion.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," 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. example of this combination of the immediately experiential with the digressive about which we've been talking."

'So are you coming again soon, back to America?"

"I'll be doing a tour to promote the book. The last one I did for the Lawrence book, I ended up in all sorts of weird places where I'd never been before. I'd never been to St. Louis, Missouri, and I'd never been to Austin, Texas. So I like that. What happens to me is, however miserable and depressed I'm feeling in London, as soon as I've finished my conversation with the immigration official, I'm happy in America. Just quite extraordinary the change that comes over me when I set foot in your great little country."

— Judith Moore

Aubade

I work all day, and get half-drunk at night. Waking at four to soundless dark, I stare. In time the curtain-edges will grow light. Till then I see what's really always there: Unresting death, a whole day nearer now, Making all thought impossible but how And where and when I shall myself die. Arid interrogation: yet the dread Of dying, and being dead, Flashes afresh to hold and horrify.

The mind blanks at the glare. Not in remorse — The good not done, the love not given, time Torn off unused — nor wretchedly because An only life can take so long to climb Clear of its wrong beginnings, and may never; But at the total emptiness for ever, The sure extinction that we travel to And shall be lost in always. Not to be here, Not to be anywhere, And soon; nothing more terrible, nothing more true.

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)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, the business of fashion in the movie industry provides the focus for "Popcorn Venus," on exhibit through Monday, April 21. Hollywood served up glamour to the stylehungry 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

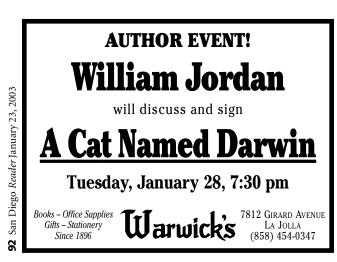
A history of the motion picture industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city's image during a century of movie making is charted in "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot." From the earliest silent films through the recent movies *Traffic* and *Almost Famous*, directors and producers have long 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, 2003.

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 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 Em-



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This is a special way of being afraid No trick dispels. Religion used to try, That vast moth-eaten musical brocade Created to pretend we never die, And specious stuff that says No rational being *Can fear a thing it will not feel*, not seeing That this is what we fear — no sight, no sound, No touch or taste or smell, nothing to think with, Nothing to love or link with, The anaesthetic from which none come round.

And so it stays just on the edge of vision, A small unfocused blur, a standing chill That slows each impulse down to indecision. Most things may never happen: this one will, And realisation of it rages out In furnace-fear when we are caught without

We must suffer them all again.

Where blind skyscrapers use

Their full height to proclaim

Each language pours its vain

Out of the mirror they stare,

And the international wrong.

Cling to their average day:

The lights must never go out,

The music must always play,

All the conventions conspire

Lest we should see where we are,

Who have never been happy or good.

To make this fort assume

The furniture of home;

Lost in a haunted wood,

Children afraid of the night

The windiest militant trash

Is not so crude as our wish: What mad Nijinsky wrote

Is true of the normal heart;

Craves what it cannot have,

For the error bred in the bone

Of each woman and each man

Important Persons shout

About Diaghilev

Not universal love

scribed as "the largest of its kind out-

side 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

exhibit "Footsteps through Time:

Four Million Years of Human Evo-

lution" features five galleries filled

with "more than a hundred touch-

able replicas of early humans, pri-

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I sit in one of the dives On Fifty-second Street Uncertain and afraid As the clever hopes expire Of a low dishonest decade: Waves of anger and fear Circulate over the bright And darkened lands of the earth, Obsessing our private lives; The unmentionable odour of death Offends the September night.

Accurate scholarship can Unearth the whole offence From Luther until now That has driven a culture mad, Find what occurred at Linz, What huge imago made A psychopathic god: I and the public know What all schoolchildren learn, Those to whom evil is done Do evil in return.

Exiled Thucydides knew All that a speech can say About Democracy, And what dictators do, The elderly rubbish they talk To an apathetic grave; Analysed all in his book, The enlightenment driven away, The habit-forming pain, Mismanagement and grief:

barcadero 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, 2003.

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 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 handcrafted Mexican folk art from the museum's permanent collection, de-

People or drink. Courage is no good: It means not scaring others. Being brave Lets no one off the grave. Death is no different whined at than withstood.

Slowly light strengthens, and the room takes shape. It stands plain as a wardrobe, what we know, Have always known, know that we can't escape, Yet can't accept. One side will have to go. Meanwhile telephones crouch, getting ready to ring In locked-up offices, and all the uncaring Intricate rented world begins to rouse. The sky is white as clay, with no sun. Work has to be done. Postmen like doctors go from house to house. - Philip Larkin



From the conservative dark Into the ethical life The dense commuters come, Repeating their morning vow; "I will be true to the wife, I'll concentrate more on my work," And helpless governors wake To resume their compulsory game: Who can release them now, Who can reach the deaf, Who can speak for the dumb?

All I have is a voice To undo the folded lie, The romantic lie in the brain Of the sensual man-in-the-street And the lie of Authority Whose buildings grope the sky: There is no such thing as the State And no one exists alone; Hunger allows no choice To the citizen or the police; We must love one another or die.

Defenceless under the night Our world in stupor lies; Yet, dotted everywhere, Ironic points of light Flash out wherever the Just Exchange their messages: May I, composed like them Of Eros and of dust, Beleaguered by the same Negation and despair, Show an affirming flame. - W. H. Auden

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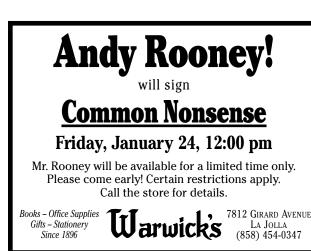
or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

The museum also offers train ad-



goons, 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)



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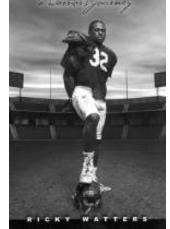


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Life, Love, and Music Go On

Kaplan knows how to make the most of his glorious 1685 Stradivarius.

iolinist Mark Kaplan, with pianist Yael Weiss, gave a thrilling Beethoven-Brahms recital at the Athenaeum.

Kaplan has been known to San Diego music lovers chiefly through his participation in the Golub-Kaplan-Carr Trio. This

splendid group was one of the most beautifully integrated piano trios of our time. Pianist David Golub, cellist Colin Carr, and Ka-

plan were all of the same stamp: large-scale musicians, consummate masters of their instruments, at once lyrical and powerful, with great scope and sweep, and a compelling ability to fuse emotional intensity and the dynamic delineation of musical shape. The similarity of their artistic temperaments gave the Trio its distinctive quality — as opposed, for example, to the Beaux-Arts Trio, which through its many incarnations has always been remarkable for the *differences* among the three players.

The much-lamented death of David Golub put an end to the Golub-Kaplan-Carr Trio, as well as to the career of one of our finest pianists and conductors (Golub's final recording as conductor, an amazing reading of Haydn's opera La Fedeltà Premiata, has just been released). But Kaplan's recital last week continued the tradition established by the Trio's appearances and recordings over many years. Golub-Kaplan-Carr recorded much of the standard piano-trio repertoire — Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Dvořák, Tchaikovsky (unfortunately, they never got around to recording Beethoven) - and on those CDs you can hear admirable samples of Kaplan's supple and incisive playing, the sweetness and rich resonance of his violin's sound, and the boldness and intensity of phrasing and expression that he shared with his collaborators. The wonderful twodisc set of the Brahms Trios is especially impressive in this regard, with Kaplan exhibiting the same Romantic warmth and the same intimacy of stylistic understanding that the audience at the Athenaeum heard in his performance of the Brahms A Major Sonata, Opus 100.



Kaplan's empathy with Romanticism is evident in a number of his own recordings, notably the Schumann Violin Sonatas (relatively neglected works that Kaplan's sensational performances suggest deserve major repertoire status), the Schubert violin works

(with David Golub), and Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*. In 20thcentury music, his Bartók CDs (the Second Concerto and the

Sonatas) are superb, as are his recordings of the Stravinsky and Berg Concertos.

The Athenaeum concert made one wish that Kaplan would also record the Brahms Sonatas, as well as his gripping, fiery, and at the same time shapely Beethoven (the program included the "Kreutzer" Sonata and an arrangement — not a very effective one, although it was exquisitely played — of the G Major Romance, Opus 40). There is nothing like a live performance, however, to get the full measure of a musician, and at such close quarters (the Athenaeum's compact size is one of its attractions) one had an even more sensual experience of the violinist's concentrated passion, and of his tone: the silvery brilliance of the upper register, the burnished luster of passages on the G string (as in the gorgeous, heartfelt melody that opens the final movement of the Brahms Opus 100), and the creamy vet vibrant smoothness throughout. Kaplan knows how to make the most of his glorious 1685 Stradivarius. But beyond the quality of his instrument, his style and sound are essentially Russian: his playing at this concert repeatedly made me think of David Oistrakh.

The Brahms and Beethoven Sonatas, of course, are not works for solo violin, or for violin with accompaniment. The calibre of the pianist is of signal importance, and even more crucial is the give and take between the two musicians, the way they listen to each other, the way they support each other, the way their individual personalities complement each other. In this respect, Kaplan seemed to be as ideally matched by Yael Weiss as he was by his colleagues in the Golub-Kaplan-Carr Trio. Weiss's own sensitivity to Brahms — indeed, to the profound and subtle gestures of late Brahms — was made ravishingly clear by her solo performance of the three *Intermezzi*, Opus 117. The C-Sharp Minor, in particular, was played with infinite somber delicacy: an autumnal vision of life's tragedy, in which all grief has been pared away, and nothing is left but a resigned, welcoming sadness.

The highlight of the concert — if musicmaking so consistently luminous can be said to have highlights - was the stunningly dramatic reading of the "Kreutzer" Sonata. The "Kreutzer" of many a distinguished violinist has been enfeebled by a pianist who, while perfectly competent, is just not in the same class: Oistrakh's Lev Oborin, for example, or Heifetz's Emanuel Bay. What's wanted here is a pair of strong-minded equals, as with Gidon Kremer and Martha Argerich (for all their eccentricities); or - in a great recent recording — Pamela and Claude Frank; or, precisely, the combination of Kaplan and Weiss.

In fact, it was in their "Kreutzer" that the interplay between the two musicians was at its most exciting. Their unity of approach made for an electric performance in which every motif was tightly integrated and not an expressive opportunity was wasted. When both Kaplan and Weiss had a chance at the big, heroic E Minor tune in the first movement, each of them rose grandly to the occasion, with the same sense of relentless, volcanic energies being barely held under control. The second movement, which can be played in a rather light and relaxed manner, was instead given sharp focus and a sense of urgency (albeit a graceful urgency). And the Finale, for once, provided a vivid counterweight to the dazzling first movement. Kaplan and Weiss made the

listener hear how right Beethoven was to use this material, which had been eliminated from an earlier sonata. The composer knew, the performers knew, and now we too can be sure (if we ever doubted it), that the same titanic exuberance of spirit driving the first movement animates the third too, with ideas and figurations toward the end of the work unmistakably recalling their con-



Mark Kaplan

Mark Kaplan, violin; Yael Weiss, piano Athenaeum Music & Arts Library

Brahms, Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 2 in A, Opus 100, and Intermezzi for Piano, Opus 117; Beethoven, Romance in G, Opus 40, and Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 9 in A, Opus 47 "Kreutzer"

geners in the first movement's most heightened moments.

Kaplan and Weiss (as he told us in introducing their encore, the *Finale* of Beethoven's "Spring" Sonata) got married just a month ago. If they live together the way they play music together, they are going to have a vital and joyous marriage. ■



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The Spotlight Series hosted by Mainly Mozart gets underway with concerts by the Mainly Mozart Flute Ouartet, Ensemble members Timothy Day (flute), Ida Kavafian (violin), Cynthia Phelps (viola), and Ronald Thomas (cello) will play Mozart's "Flute Ouartet in D Major," "Jet Whistle for Flute and Cello" by Villa Lobos, the Handel-Halvorsen "Passacaglia for Violin and Viola," and Beethoven's "Trio in G Minor No. 1."

Concerts may be heard on Thursday, January 23, at 7 p.m., at the Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard; call 858-404-0580 for space availability); on Friday, January 24, at 8 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive; 619-239-0100); on Saturday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center on the campus of EastLake High School (1120 East-Lake Parkway; 619-216-5054); and finally on Sunday, January 26, at 2 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street; 619-440-2277).

Ticket prices vary by venue. For further information on any of the concerts, call 619-239-0100. (DEL MAR, LA JOLLA, CHULA VISTA, EL CAJON)

"World of the Violin," national fiddle champion and classical virtuoso Mark O'Connor presents this lecture/concert series beginning on Thursday, January 23, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. During the performance, O'Connor will survey violin music from around the world with special guests. Tickets are \$20 for nonmembers, available by calling 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Ludwig van Beethoven's Only Opera, Fidelio, is the opening production of the season for the San Diego Opera. The courage of a wife prepared to risk her own life for that of her husband provides the drama in the opera, said to have been inspired by the revolutionary ideals of the late 18th Century. The leading roles are taken by Danish soprano Eva Johannson, American tenor John Keyes, American baritone Greer Grimsley, and German bass Reinhard Hagen. The opera is performed in German with text projected in English above the stage. Enjoy the production — con-

ducted by Christof Perick and directed by Michael Hampe — at 7 p.m. on Saturday and Tuesday, January 25 and 28; at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 31; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$140. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street, For reservations, dial 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Mozart's Rarely Performed Aria "Per Questa Bella Mano" is on the program when the Hutchins Consort, joined by bass-baritone Phillip Larson, performs on the "eight new violin family instruments" on Saturday, January 25, at 8 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. What else will be performed? Janáček's "Suite

for Strings," "Blue Rondo a la Turk" by Brubeck, and Gershwin's "Summertime," and a composition by the Oregon composer Kevin Walczyk entitled "Octet Comparsas."

The ensemble plays on the eight scaled violins of the violin octet designed and built by luthier Carleen Hutchins. Find the church at 890 Balour Drive, Tickets are \$20, available by calling 760-632-0554. (ENCINITAS)

Talented Young Students (aged 9-17) from the Fairbanks School of Performing Arts present an educational concert on Saturday, Jan uary 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Admission to this "Introduction to Classical Music" is free. 858-259-2503. (DEL MAR)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces, the San Diego Young Artists certs boasting Bizet's "Carmen Suite No. 1," the Mozart "Concerto for Flute and Harp" with Kerry Pound (flute) and Cathy Litaker (harp), and the "Symphony No. 60" by Haydn on Sunday, January 26.

The music starts at 4 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 4061 Ibis. An offering will be received. For more information, call 619-235-8067, (MISSION HILLS)

"The Birth of the Virtuoso Harpsichord" is explored when Gilbert Martinez presents a concert on Sunday, January 26, at 4 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). The program includes selections by Cabezon , de Heredia, Macque, Venosa, Bull, Byrd, Farnaby, Sweelinck, and Tomkins, among others. The requested donation is \$15 general. For more information, call 619-465-7323 or 619-583-3385

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, January 26, at 2 p.m. Call 619-702-8138 for information on the free concert. (BALBOA PARK)

Wish They All Could Be...the California Quartet, an ensemble of women playing in symphony orchestras throughout Southern California. The group performs for the mini-concert planned at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at noon on Monday, January 27. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Music by Beethoven, Ligeti, Xenakis, and Estrada may be heard when the Arditti String Quartet from the United Kingdom performs on Tuesday, January 28. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Teatro Benito Juárez (on Guadalupe Victoria Street, between Second and Fourth). Tickets are \$15 U.S. For tickets and

information, call 011-52-646-177-2090 or 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

Awarded First Prize at the Geneva **International Music Competition** in 2002, percussionist Aiyun Huang plans a duo recital with violinist Päivikki Nykter on Wednesday, January 29. Huang and Nykter will perform works by UCSD alumnus Andrew May and UCSD graduate students Joseph Michaels, Jason Rosenberg, Peter Edwards, and Allison Johnson.

Tickets are \$8 general. Catch the music-making at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center.

Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Brazilian Pianist Luciane Cardassi will perform a recital including "Night Thoughts" by Aaron Cop-land, Elliot Carter's "Night Fantasies," and premieres by UCSD graduate students Sean Griffin. Stephanie Robinson, and Brazilian composer Celso Loureiro Chaves. The concert is slated for Thursday, January 30, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. Dial Call 858-534-4830 for additional details. (LA JOLLA)



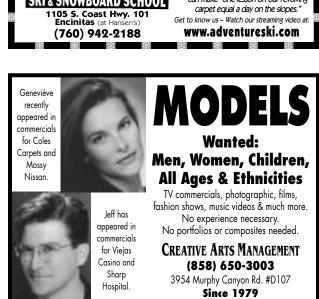


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Forlorn Oddities

"It's a way of making a person into someone who can't get away from the camera and thus can't get away from his own history."

wrote last time about women artists who make a peculiar claim on our imaginations. To my examples of Dorothea Lange, Georgia O'Keefe, and Frida Kahlo, I'd add Diane Arbus. A boy holding a hand grenade fakes a

spastic stance; in a small Bronx living room (you can almost smell the cabbage cooking), a "Jewish giant" stoops toward his parents; patients at a mental hos-

pital frolic in masquerade across the hospital grounds like a Watteau commedia dell'arte scene reimagined by Fuseli or Goya; a black crossdresser in hair curlers pencils himself in, so to speak, with thin gull-wing eyebrows. The pictures seem to be studying us, scrutinizing our response. Her subjects (unlike Lange's) float in the medium, most of them loners or marginalized, shut off from public view or meeting public life with a mask.

Arbus haunts the exhibition of Roger Ballen's photographs on view at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown. His picture of a white man standing, slightly stooped, in a room that looks too small to contain him and his seated, sullen black maid is derived straight from Arbus's giant picture, though it has political implications Arbus's pictures never do. Ballen, an American, has lived in South Africa for 20 years, photographing near-destitute white



and black populations in places most of us have never heard of: Ottoshoop, Carnarvon, Nieu-Bethseda, Bethanie, De Aar. His cast of characters is made up mostly of forlorn oddities, but the material is so embedded in recent South

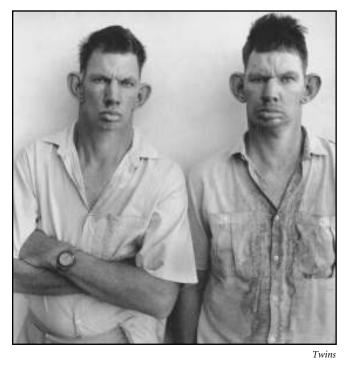
African history that in his moral regard for his subjects he's a world apart from Arbus. This is a major show, which

I've been slow to catch because I've just come back from Berlin. The show is essential viewing for anyone interested in contemporary photography (or South Africa). The Friday afternoon I was there, the galleries were empty. Because it's not clustered with other museums in Balboa Park and is far from the tony ambience of the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla, the MCA Downtown is a bit off the map, though the Broadway strip, the rumbling light-rail system, and the grand Santa Fe Depot across Kettner Street give it a special appeal to this city boy. Ballen's pictures, rough and unseemly and dogged, are in their way appropriate to the surroundings.

Ballen was born in New York City in 1950 and, since his mother was a picture editor, grew up in an ambiance of photographic art. When he graduated from college, after a few years spent wandering and learning how to take pictures, he settled in Johannesburg in 1982 to work as a mineral economist. The job took him to *dorps*, the Afrikaans term for poor villages, where he began to make straight-on objective images of landscapes, interiors, architecture, and the occasional portrait. The images were like anthropological documents. A 1986 photograph of a man shaving offers no intimacies. It has the sterling disinterest and stillness of a Walker Evans image, along with the kind of signage familiar in Evans's work.

By the early 1990s Ballen was working almost exclusively in portraiture but closer to the vest. He shot with a flash, so the softened shadowing of available light was drained. The pictures have an alarmed, confrontational frontality. "It's a way of making a person into someone who can't get away from the camera," Ballen has said, "and thus can't get away from his own history — from his own shadow, in a sense." He was spending considerable time with the rough-cut, uncomely folks he photographed and became a familiar presence in their mean dwellings. In some

of the pictures a thin film of grime seems spread on every surface. Apartheid, supposed to guarantee economic security for white Afrikaners, instead imposed on many of them degradation and despair. The white government denounced



Roger Ballen: Photographs Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard, downtown Through Sunday, February 16. For additional information,

call 619-234-1001.

Ballen's pictures, feeling that he presented as freaks a population it wished to present as wellbred, prosperous, and contented.

The best known of these pictures, the sort of image that takes hold of the imagination and



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won't let go, is a 1993 double portrait of twins from Western Transvaal. These aren't pretty boys. Their thick, nearly identical frown lines roll like rhino skin, the noses are blunt and stony, the ears stick so straight out from their heads (like little satellite dishes) that they parallel the picture plane, and from the lips of each dangles a thread of drool. Ballen wants, I think, to present the twins' inbred ugliness as an expression of animal nature in intelligent beings. He's not exploiting them, he's using them as a motif to restore to us, as good photography does, the realities of our nature. One of the people Ballen befriended, a



factory worker named Attie, turns up in several images. In one he holds up for our view a portrait of his grandfather, his pose clenched, defiant, "serious," quite unlike the dotty hilarity he shows in Cat Catcher: in one hand he holds a beefy cat by the scruff, in the other a wire cage around his head.

Even the grimmest interiors have wall decorations corny home samplers, lithographs of rosy children, graffiti (names, messages, phone numbers, drawings of mice, stars, cars, houses), or wires - wires practically everywhere, in fact, like occult glyphs scribbled on bare white



Labourers

walls. Sometimes they're the under a bulging hive of barbed sole motif. While Ballen's subwire mysteriously suspended jects are uncomely and poor, above his head; in another, a he photographs them not as fat white man sits on a bed holding — embracing, really — a wild pig. Many of grotesques but as inhabitants of a certain place. "My subject," he says, "is not only the people, but the entire construct the pictures combine whites and blacks. One of Ballen's acquaintances, a poor farm laborer named John (dressed In recent years that construct has become even more in sooty white shirt and trench constructed. Ballen now stages coat), is so stunned by the moset-ups, inviting his subjects to ment that we can see the barren locales - abandoned whites of his eyes. Standing on either side are his black roomand introducing animals and mates, wrapped in blankets. oddities. His models partici-All seem terminally depressed, pate in the process, trying out especially John, whose look is poses or introducing props. In the result of shell shock from one image, a black man fighting in Angola — he even-

tually stopped eating and

as presented in the frame."

official buildings usually -

wrapped in a blanket cowers

drinking and finally died. Another of Ballen's subjects, "Tommy," appears with another figure in an abandoned school inhabited by squatters; he's stretched out because, we're told, he got depressed and had to lie down.

There's no depth of field in Ballen's work. In the newer pictures especially, each exposure is a blast that fastens the subject to an unforgiving flatness. Flat as they seem, many of the pictures require return viewings. They keep yielding complex feeling tones with a remarkable simplicity of means. A lot of art these days is pretty dreary because it wants to do our thinking (and draw conclusions) for us. Ballen's work, especially the newest, is dangerously open-ended and ambiguous, but it's the sort of danger good art can't get enough of. ■

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GALLERIES

"Proofs: Evidence, Experiment, and Record," this group show with work by Corrie Colbert, Danny Jauregui, Simone Lueck, Kim Manchester, and Sonjia Paulino in the Herbert Marcuse Gallery closes with a reception on Friday, January 24, at 7 p.m. The five artists exhibiting are working with or against the tradition of documentary photography.'

Find the gallery at the Visual Arts Facility on the UCSD campus. For information and directions, call 858-534-2860. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. (LA JOLLA)

"Bodies of Work" by Ani Garrick, Gene Nocon, and Glenn Cormier are on exhibit through Saturday, March 1, at the Lumina Gallery. Meet the trio during a reception slated for Friday, January 24, 7 to 10 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Find the gallery at 1601 Kettner Boulevard, suite 3, and by dialing 619-284-5250. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Memories of Iva and Zora" is the title of the show by Peter Suczek, the featured artist at the San Diego Art Institute. His art is on display along with "San Diego Regional Artists" and "One Foot" shows curated by Pam Fong. Meet the artists during a reception planned on Friday, January 24, at 6 p.m. The current David G. Fleet Young Artists Gallery exhibit highlights "Youth Art Month" (the reception for this show is on February 2).

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 619-236-0011. Regular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

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Best Known as an Abstract Expressionist Painter and an influential art teacher, Sheldon Kirby was at the forefront of the city's contemporary art scene in the 1950s and 1960s. The La Jolla Museum of Art (now sporting the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art moniker) hosted an 85-piece one-man show of Kirby's work in 1968.

"Sheldon Kirby: Works from 1950 to 1990" features approximately 40 paintings, works on paper, and sculptures. The posthumous retrospective may be seen simultaneously at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street; 858-581-9934) and at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway; 858-573-5007) through Tuesday, March 25. Opening receptions are planned at both libraries on Saturday, January 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. (PACIFIC BEACH, MISSION VALLEY)

"Film Show" offers a critical perspective to understand film's insatiable influence on our everyday lives, dreams, and fantasies. Each of the artists — including Jesse Amado, Eleanor Antin, Rick Danielson, Guillermo Gòmez-Peña, Gustavo Vazquez, Ethan Jackson, Les LeVeque, Annu Palakunnathu Matthew, Yasumasa Morimura, Stephanie Snyder, and Ryan Stone — examines film through subjective strategies and ideologies. Their works attest to the importance of cinema.

The exhibition opens in the Gotthelf Art Gallery with a reception on Tuesday, January 28, at 7 p.m., with curator Rupert Jenkins and artist Stephanie Snyder discussing the show. The exhibit closes on Thursday, February 20. The Gotthelf is found in the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For information, call 858-362-1174. (LA JOLLA)

The 2003 Spring Semester opens in Grossmont College's Hyde Art Gallery with an exhibition of "Sculptures" by Jaye Lawrence and the installation "Sweet Tooth" by Terri Hughes. The opening reception is planned on Tuesday, January 28, at 7 p.m. The show concludes on Thursday, February 13.

Grossmont College is found at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. For information, call 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

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, 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 headdresses, 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 be-

tween 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, rectangular "figure/ground' canvases consisting of precisely shaped and balanced forms in one or two colors set against a strongly contrasting "ground" color are on offer in "Ellsworth Kelly: Red Green Blue." The project explores the processes by which the artist distilled his lines, forms, and colors "from recollections of real-world sources," delineating the interest and approaches that came to define his inventive and pro-lific career. The show — boasting 48 works: 10 major, large-scale paintings and 37 related sketches, collage studies, and photographs - concludes on Sunday, April 13. Kelly has made a new work, Red Green Blue, 2002, for this exhibit.

Los Angeles-based sculptor Peter Shelton has unveiled his newest work, *ghandiG*, cast in bronze and standing nearly 30 feet high. The work's elongated appendages and truncated torso exemplify the playful anthropomorphic qualities of Shelton's organic creations. The piece, inspired in part by the physique and clothing of Indian statesman Mahatma Gandhi, will remain in the museum's plaza for at least two years.

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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." Large color photographs from Peleliu Island by Fee fils 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," concluding on Sunday, March 23, includes vintage photographic publications, cinematic montages created with filmmaker Dziga Vertov, and portraits by Rodchenko's contemporaries.

Images by a noted frontier photographer are on offer in "Edward Curtis: The Shadow Catcher." The exhibit features orotones including *An Oasis in the Badlands* and *Signal Fire to the Mountain God.* Curtis (1868-1952) spent his career documenting the lives, beauty, and religious ceremonies of over 80 Native American tribes. View the exhibit through Sunday, March 23.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, late-period watercolors of eight artists selected from the extensive collection of E. Gene Crain go on view at the museum on Sunday, January 26. "Paintings from the E. Gene Crain Collection" includes selections by Judi Betts, Rex Brandt, Keith Crown, Phil Dike, Joan Irving, Barse Miller, Millard Sheets, and Robert E. Wood, and continues through Sunday, March 23. The collection presents a look at the history of California regionalism, represented by 50 watercolor paintings from the '60s, '70s, and '80s.

The museum hosts "An Evening with Gene Crain" on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m. (tickets are \$5 for nonmembers). Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, postwar designs in America were dominated by curvilinear forms inspired by nature. Just how ubiquitous organic form evolved and made its way into almost every facet of American life during the 1940s and 1950s is explored in "Vital Forms: American Art and Design in the Atomic Age, 1940-1960." With more than 265 items, this exhibition organized by the Brooklyn Museum of Art includes painting, sculpture, architectural photography, fashion, textiles, ceramics, jewelry, furniture, glass, toys, and graphic design. The show, closing on Sunday, January 26, 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.

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.

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.

The museum's permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)







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Weak Spine

"There are 13 at the table; that means somebody's in love."

ast week was sold out, maybe this week too, but try if you can to see Chekhov's *Three Sisters* at UCSD. It's one of *the* great plays, and director Kyle Donnelly's ignited it with life. Chekhov usually gets staged behind the fourth

wall. We watch the Prozorov sisters' dreams devoured from afar, almost as if in a painting — and, depending on the director's concepts, which often lean toward the

dour, many productions move little more than one. But the play exudes activity, and mystery, and many moments of happiness (in all four acts, someone is happy to the point of giddiness, in fact). So how does a director release that energy and keep so many onstage characters alive at once?

Donnelly and scenic designer Ryan Palmer don't have a "set" per se. It's more an installation, using the entire Forum Theatre Studio. The stage floor is shaped like a Maltese cross. The audience, in bleachers, sits at two, four, eight, and ten o'clock, the cross's four open areas. This arenalike configuration creates numerous playing spaces, including several behind the bleachers. In effect, we're inside the house. We see the soup in the tureen.

The design gives the audience partial omniscience. We see more than the characters and hear not just what but how they hear, from birds and howling winds outside, to anguish in a bedroom to the muffled pistol shot of a duel. As in



all Chekhov, we watch activity, but the main action takes place behind us, offstage. We see causes and reactions, but not the act itself.

Chekhov writes as if his people exist in parallel dimensions. He often has two, sometimes more, unrelated moods or emo-

tions happening at the same time. What's so exciting about the UCSD "set": it makes for plural theater. You can't just watch one

part of the stage. Something else is always going on. Example: as Kathleen Mary Carthy's careworn Olga complains of migraines and entropy, like a white zephyr Dikla Marshall's Irina sprints across the stage and does a joyous *jeté*.

Or when Daoud Heidami's Solyony — a solemn loose cannon — cracks wise about violence, his target, Baron Tuzenbach (a gentle Michael Keyloun), tells a friendly joke in another room.

Individual performances also have this plural quality. Chekhov's people usually get stamped with one ruling trait (Solyony is a malcontent, Chebutykin is a rummy drunk) and get played that way throughout. Not at UCSD. Try to label Joy Osmanski's breathtaking Masha. Bipolar? Tri? She's so forward with every impulse, including failed attempts to disguise them, that every moment becomes a new start. She's furious at her husband for being "your average, simple man." She falls in love with the dashing battery commander Vershinin — falls so suddenly, in



The Three Sisters

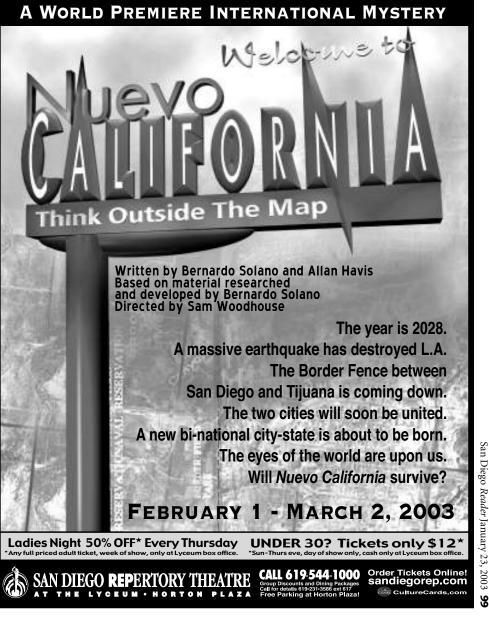
The Three Sisters, by Anton Chekhov, translated by Carol Rocamora Mandell Weiss Forum Studio, UCSD

Directed by Kyle Donnelly; cast, Kathleen Mary Carthy, Dikla Marshall, Joy Osmanski, Jim Winker, Michael Keyloun, Suzanne Agins, Bethany Lockhart, Daoud Heidami, Adam Day, John Staley, David McMahon, Alex Smith, Emily Donahoe, Eric Evenskaas, Nick Triplett; scenic design, Ryan Palmer; costume design, Raquel Barreto; lighting, Patricia Nichols; sound, Stephanie Robinson

Playing through January 25; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. For information call 858-534-4574.

fact, you can see Cupid's arrow *thwop* her third eye, as if a new sun just swooped into an empty solar system. But Masha is never just in love, or just angry, or just anything. She's a whole community of feelings, always. Unlike their characters, who are metaphysically stuck, watching ideals recede, the actors make smart, apt choices. The combination of vivid, unpredictable acting and Chekhov's people spinning wheels is an ongoing highlight of





Calendar Theater

UCSD's production. But why are the sisters, and brother Andrey, so stuck?

Two hundred pages into Seek My Face, John Updike's resonant novel about late-20th-century art, Hope cuts loose: she's been thinking, she tells Kathryn, who's been asking National Enquirer questions, "about the biological machinery that gives us consciousness, and how we mostly throw it away; even if we don't commit suicide, we presume to find life dull and be bored most of the time, and discontented, and just waste it; I bet that's why Hamlet appeals to us so much, out of all Shakespeare's plays, it's the one we take personally, it expresses this disregarded quality of life, the waste of our minds, our bodies, of everything that should make us joyful and careful."

That's an okay reading of *Hamlet*—which is more about the consequences of the taking, rather than the disregarding—of a life, but it fits Chekhov's works to a T. For the Prozorovs, the grass is greener elsewhere. They're always regarding their disregarded lives. They talk of work, of doing, but when they find work, as Irina bemoans, it never fulfills. The dream of greener grass—be it

Moscow, or the world 300 years from now — is their condition.

At the end of Act One, the group assembles in the dining room for a buffet lunch. Kulygin notes, "There are 13 at the table, that means somebody's in love." But, as a program note points out, there are only 12. The note uses the occasion to invite the audience to become the 13th person. But number 13 is hanging on the wall: a portrait of the Prozorovs' domineering father, a general, commander of the brigade, dead "12 months to the day."

The UCSD production, so capable elsewhere, doesn't make much of the play's spine: a five-year changing of the guard. General Prozorov (whose portrait could be more prominent) ruled his family. He gave them order, direction, though not purpose. His death created a vast gulf that tyrannical Natasha — Emily Donahoe, a mite too Minnie Pearl - regulates with militaristic fervor. The rise of Natasha gives the house a new center. Demoted again to buck private, the passive Prozorovs wonder why they suffer like few in drama — as happy music plays.

You want to pep-talk 'em one for the Gipper. "Hey, rise and shine! Go to Moscow! C'mon, let's rock!" And maybe this is one of Chekhov's payoffs: it's hard to watch *The Three Sisters* without hearing a wake-up call. Which is another reason why the UCSD production is so worthy. The intimate playing space encircles the audience in the family's torpor. It's also why San Diego should have a staging of *The Three Sisters* every January, as close to New Year's Eve — and New Year's resolutions — as possible. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show Beehive celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as

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Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. Worth a try. THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: THURSDAY THROUGH SAT URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT

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; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 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 INFOR-MATION CALL 619-561-8673.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

DFS Productions and the Star Theatre present a comic sprint through the works of William Shakespeare: "37 plays, 3 guys, 1 dress." STAR THEATRE, 402 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, FRIDAY, JAN-UARY 24, THROUGH FEBRUARY 2; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-721-9983.

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, THROUGH FEBRUARY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.



An English Music Hall

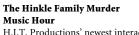
La Jolla Stage Company stages this "gaudy, bawdy, and a little bit naughty" old-time music hall revue. Turn-of-the-century songs include "Don't Go Out Without Your Hat Pin" and "Nobody Loves a Fairy When She's Forty." Wayne Tibbets directed. THE STAGE AT THE LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, 5661 BIRD ROCK AVENUE, LA JOLLA, 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.

Forbidden Broadway

California Center for the Arts hosts the 20th anniversary tour of this popular spoof of the Great White Way, created and directed by Gerard Allesandrini. CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ES-CONDIDO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 2; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Gross Indecency: The Three

Trials of Oscar Wilde Diversionary Theatre stages Moises Kaufman's drama about England's first "trial of the century." Rosina Reynolds directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

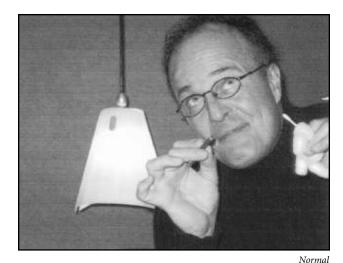


H.I.T. Productions' newest interactive mystery. Everyone says Aunt Zelda electrocuted poor Uncle Vern while playing "Feelings" on the accordion. Don't be so sure. SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Hippolyos

The Greek gods were the great dysfunctional family. At home on Mount Olympus, they got along fine (which makes sense: being immortal they must live together forever). But they took out personal animosities on hapless mortals. Euripides' tragedy (428 BCE) points at two gulfs: one between men and women (the latter, in ancient Greece, had almost the status of slaves); the other between humans and the fickle gods. Hippolytos, illegitimate son of Theseus, worships Artemis (chaste virgin of the hunt). Jealous of his inattention, Aphrodite smites Phaedra with eros — a "terrible desire" — for Hippolytos. Phaedra is Theseus's wife. Hippolytos is a committed virgin and all-Hellas misogynist. Inexorable horror ensues. As a welcome extension of its Weeks of Greeks staged readings, 6th @ Penn Theatre will give several dramas full productions. Its first, Hippoly-





the spot, is difficult enough. Years

done competitively. He got the idea

from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked

yelled insults and grannies waved

their handbags"). National Com-

edy Theatre, an offshoot of John-

stone's TheatreSports (artistic di-

rector Gary Kramer says the two

football"), resembles an athletic

troTurf. The night I caught the

compare like "rugby and American

event more than an improv. Teams

wear uniforms and compete on Ac-

show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against

players from the San Jose franchise.

Using suggestions from the audi-

pathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with

ence, they played "Emotional Sym-

judges awarding points to the best

scenes. Klunkers and groaners got

booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of

contest: people acknowledged fail-

ure, abundantly, then forgot it). It

funny, evening. And Gary Kramer

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In the 10th of Randall White's 11

monologues, the Reverend Nor-

man W. Blessing gives a sermon

about flaws in the Bible. Halfway

haired, sanctimonious white males,

they decide what is, or is not, "nor-

tion their rigid definition. Normal

Some monologues (Cassandra, the

goofy dance therapist; Gary, redis-

tributing wealth with a computer)

are one-note and finished long be-

Liz Esperanza's story at an AA

seen everything...), and Mrs.

his own) make for a funny,

meeting (and she thought she'd

Robert M. (Tara) O'Hara's unex-

pected confession, and Kristopher's

harangue against bias (that neglects

provocative evening. White performs the 95-minute, intermission-

less piece with only slight pauses to

light, dons a hat or scarf, returns as

a new person. Sometimes, to make

White cartoons his people with ex-

cessive — and unnecessary — fil-

only questions the church elders'

mal? Who in their right mind would want to be?"

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AT 3:00 P.M

definition, it raises another: "Nor-

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URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY

lips. By evening's end, the show not

sure the humor comes across,

change characters. He leaves the

fore they end. Others, however, like

mal." White's monologues ques-

highlights marginalized people.

through, horrified church elders

congregate in the foyer. Silver-

the most refreshing parts of the

made for a lively, often quite

is one talented comedian.

MAROUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA

RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT

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Worth a try.

Normal

Priests, while mums and dads

ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if

tos, is ragged around the edges but strong down the middle. One could wish that the Chorus were on the same page throughout, and that Diep Huynh, as Hippolytos, would put his passion into the lines rather than into breathing loudly — and that the production would rethink introducing scenes with music, which gives the atmosphere a Hollywood feel. On the plus side, Darlene Cleary's a delight as the foolish-wise Nurse (one of the most coveted roles in Greek theater). John P. Silva's creepy then moving King Theseus shows us a mountain being leveled. And, best of show: Laurie Lehmann-Gray makes Phaedra a song of pain.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH JAN-UARY 29; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MON-DAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

Irish Dance Cabaret

Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song — and a three-course Irish dinner.

DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB & GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY, DIN-NER AT 6:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-239-5818.

Joey and Maria's

Comedy Italian Wedding The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Morph: Live Remix

Sushi Performance & Visual Art presents the Wally Cardona Quartet. Manipulating space, light, and sound — and using a performance landscape of "islands" inhabited by four dancers — the piece blurs distinctions between audience and artists.

SUSHI PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ART, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, THROUGH JANUARY 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Music Man

The Welk Resort Theatre offers the popular heartland musical about fast-talking Harold Hill, trouble in River City, and a modest tuba player in a band with 76 trombones. Lewis Wilkenfeld directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 29; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUES-DAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on

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. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, THROUGH FEBRU-ARY 9; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

The Rocky Horror Show

The Jack Dodge Theatre has extended its run of the "newly revised 2000 Broadway version" of the cult movie about Brad, Janet, and liberating alien abduction. JACK DODGE THEATRE, 335 SIXTH AV-ENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SAT-URDAY AT 10:00 P.M.

Rounding Third

It takes seconds to see that Michael and Don, the two Little League coaches in Richard Dresser's comedy, are Felix and Oscar wannabes. And only a few more to see where his lightweight, compulsively safe script is headed. As the season progresses, the odd couple will change hats. Sensitive Michael will become more butch, gruff; horse-hide Don more sensitized, somewhat. And you can be certain the play will avoid anything inflammatory. Given the subject — what with Little League parents killing each other, enormous pressures placed on preteens — not to bump into a serious theme demonstrates an evasive dexterity. Maybe even a gift. Rounding Third is tourist theater. You see only from Kodak vantage points, carefully selected to conceal the untoward. Even when something irksome peeps out (Don's socks must reek to high heaven), the play isolates it, like a virus, and pelts it with glib humor. Rounding Third shelters its subject. and its audience, like a controlling parent. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH FEBRU

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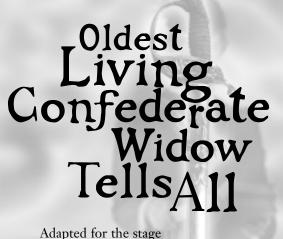
Sabrina Fair

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Samuel Taylor's romantic comedy: boy meets girl, another boy wants girl, and girl? Sherrie Colbourn directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN DAY AT 2:00 P.M.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the au-dience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking sugges-tions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented 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 Johnstone, has written one of

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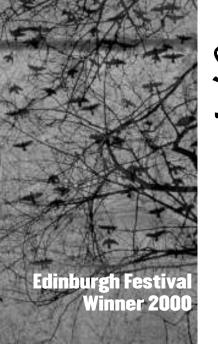
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the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making the ater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks!

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, 6th @ Penn offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' Medea, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at

polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a sugges tion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-onfire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates dona-

tions. Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION, AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS, CALL 619-688-9210.

Sitting Twisted, Talking Straight

The Culy Theatre presents Lory Tatoulian's one-person show, which "explores issues of cultural identity, gender and ethnic community dynamics, to issues of assimilation, balancing contemporary culture with the voices of tradition.' CULY THEATRE, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28,

THROUGH JANUARY 30: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-338-0526

The Sopranos' Last Supper Dillstar Productions presents an

evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun " CULY THEATRE, 338 SEVENTH AVENUE,

DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Stories About the Old Days

Clayborn used to sing the blues so well he could "give them to the Good Humor man." Then a white woman mojoed away his songs and he has nothing "to ward off all them night noises." He caretakes a

church, on Detroit's east side. about to be demolished. He never goes outside, may never again. Like Clavborn, though she won't admit it, Ivy Watson's life has been "steaks then, leftovers today." At first they're an unlikely pairing; she's as uptight as he is open. During the course of Bill Harris's comedy-drama a bond forms - they have much more in common (almost astonishingly so) than first appears — then grows. The material's fluid, but the North Coast Rep's opening-night performance was flat, even sleepy, in places and wanting higher notes, in others. The production needed more rehearsals, the dialogue more dynamics. A relaxed, assured Antonio "T.J." Johnson had Clayborn, a tender bear, down. Ivy, however, is much older than Monique Gaffney, who played her tentatively, as if not quite sure how much to give. The design work was ready, especially Marty Burnett's royal red church interior, winged by stained-glass



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Triple Espresso

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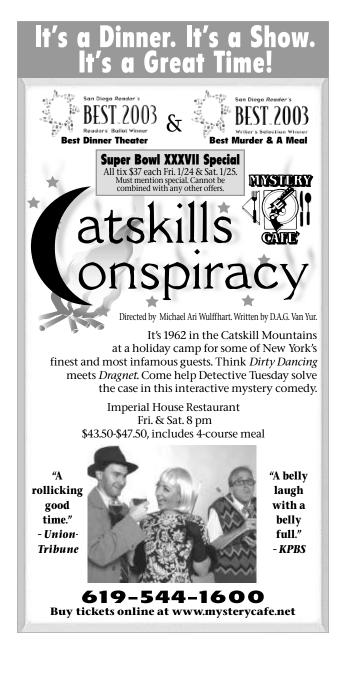
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Triple Espresso: A Highly

Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend -'Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" -Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and

Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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"If he had have told us in the beginning, 'You are going to play for free,' we wouldn't have cared. But it's a matter of principle.



The guy said he was going to give us a percentage of the bar. If, at the end of the night, he would have said, 'Here, here's one percent of the bar,' we would have been happy with it.'

Nick Razor was discussing a successful four-band show at the Longshot on January 10. The Longshot is a San Marcos restaurant/bar that recently underwent an ownership change.

"We flyered the shit out of that show," said Razor. "We hit music stores, record

stores, everywhere. The place was packed. There were at least 300 people."

Noise God, the Shooters, and Razor's own band, G.F.L. were on the bill. Razor provided the P.A. for all the bands.

"When we get there, [manager] Johann [Acevedo] informs us he had made this

show 18 and over. He told us

it was 21 and up when it was

brought all their friends from

heard from the doormen, the

bartenders, that this was the

biggest crowd they had ever

seen in ten years. There were

people outside waiting to get

capacity.... After all the bands

Johann and asked about pay.

in because it was filled to

played, we walked up to

He said, 'You don't get

anything.' I said, 'You

booked. He added a fourth

band called the Tub. They

San Marcos High School. I

promised us a percentage of the bar.' He said he wasn't going to pay us because he bought radio time on 92/1 to advertise the show. I said, 'That's not our concern.' He

> said, 'I don't care.' "An agreement is an agreement," said Noise God lead singer Kristyn Hendrix.

Razor said that four days after the show, his goodnatured drummer met with Acevedo and was paid \$120 to cover all four bands and the use of the P.A.

"That's \$30 a band," said Razor. "We had to haggle for

"Punk bands are not the crowd I'm looking for," said Acevedo of the hectic night. "The tone of the night went all wrong.

that.'

When I brought up the issue of pay, Acevedo responded, "I told them no profanity. They went against that.... Nick doesn't know the whole story. I was dealing with the drummer.'

"I did talk to him directly," said Razor. "I talked to all the bands, and they informed me that none of

them were told about the profanity issue except the Shooters. The only thing they said was that he told them to keep it to a minimum. He said nothing to our band about profanity. The bartenders claimed they made \$800 each in tips. The bar must have made well over

\$3000.' The Longshot's long-term concern may not be with unhappy bands but over state administrators. "The sheriffs came," said

Razor. "They surrounded the entire venue. They were ushering kids out of the



G.F.I. LEARNS THE TRUTH ABOUT BAR OWNERS

parking lot and throwing away beer bottles." Carl DeWing, a spokesman for the state ABC

(the California Alcoholic Beverage Control), said that the Longshot's liquor license does indeed permit minors in the establishment, but only as restaurant patrons. "If

it is operating as a nightclub with all-age [patrons], they are violating the conditions of their license."

G.F.I. appears January 30 at Brick by Brick with Nasterium, Cheap Sex, and Iron Sharpens Iron at 8 p.m. (\$5). – Ken Leighton

Lou's Records is the only independent local indie store big enough to buy its product directly from the Big Five (Sony, WEA, EMI, BMG, and Universal).

In spite of the dismal state of the record business (CD sales were off 11 percent last year, and four of the five major record conglomerates lost money in 2002), most independent stores are forced to get their product through "one-stop" middlemen such as Florida-based Alliance Entertainment or Norwalk Distributors of Anaheim. Consequently, there is an ever-shrinking pool of San

Diego indie record stores. Gary's Record Paradise and four Music Trader stores close up next week. "They should serve us



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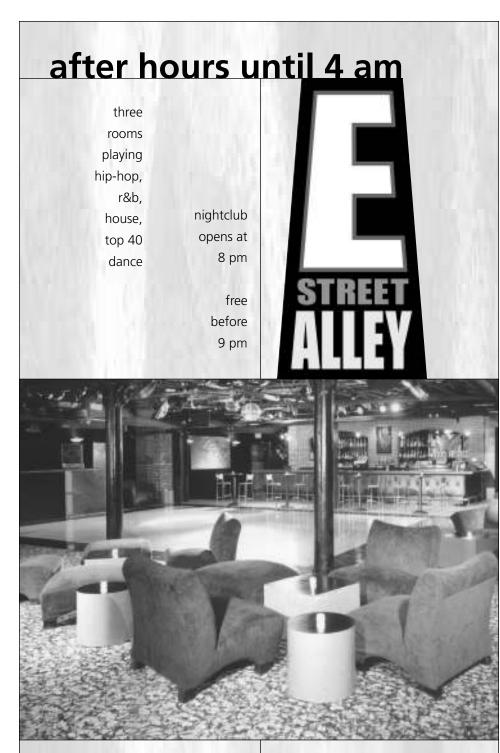
directly," said Norm Leggio, who owns Blue Meannie Records. "Smaller independent stores are the ones that break bands. But they aren't looking at it that way. The majors want it so that the only place you could buy music is at Costco or WalMart or some other big conglomerate. When are they going to realize that it's stores like us that break new bands. We're the ones who turn people on to new music. True fans of music all shop at independent or specialty stores.'

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All five major record distributors were contacted. When asked why they force smaller independents to go through "one stops" (an old record industry term) in the face of an industry slump, none would comment.

Leggio makes it clear he is not mad at Lou's. "I just accept that that's the way it is.'

Ken Costa of Spin Records in Carlsbad says forcing stores like his to use middlemen may push indies into extinction.

"I would like them to reconsider and take on smaller stores and help us survive, but it's beyond my control," said Costa. "I guess it's iust not worth their while to deal with us." He said he found an Iron Maiden boxed set for sale at one of the majors for \$60. 'That's \$8 cheaper than what I have to pay to get it at one of the one stops."

Lou's general manager Tony Vic had no comment. Leggio said on the rare

occasion that he does get love from major labels, it's a goodie he can't use. "Sony, for instance, will

sell to you if you buy 30

copies of one artist. I can't move 30 copies of Mariah Carey.'

— Ken Leighton

Local hard rockers like Pushed and Cage will benefit the most from the recent changes in radio shows dedicated to local music. When Al Guerra announced January 12 that he and his *Latitude 32* show were leaving Rock 105.3 after ten years,



TEA-BAG SEEPS ON TO FM station program director Shauna Moran decided to replace it with the hardrockin' Another State of Mind show that used to follow Guerra at 11 p.m. Hosted by Norm Leggio and Jack Kwiatkowski (a fill-in DJ for

105.3), Another State of Mind

now airs from 10 p.m. to midnight, with plans to eventually expand it to three hours. The plan, says Moran, is to eventually get Another State to play a 50/50 ratio of local bands to national artists. Leggio shamelessly admits

he will use the opportunity to give his own band Tea-Bag more spins on the air. "I also want to

play [local bands] like Stretcher, Mower, Divided by Zero, and Chaotic Culture. We'll throw in a couple songs by the Lovelight Shine here and there. They are the Led Zeppelin and Queen of San Diego."

Meanwhile, Al Guerra launches his new all-local show on FM 94/9 on Feb. 2. The Local 94-9 will air

Sundays, 8–10 p.m. - Ken Leighton

"Realistically, they can't be in San Diego today and on MTV

tomorrow.'

That's from Jason Jenkins, 17, a fan of the Used who attended their sold-out show January 13 at the Scene. It was announced on the day of the show that the Salt Lake City punk band would not be appearing that night because of "a family emergency," according to a press release from House of Blues

Concerts, which promoted the show.

The Scene went ahead without the headliner and staged a \$5 show with the three opening bands. (The tickets had previously been \$12.) Most fans held on to



their original tickets and were promised they would be good for a make-good Used show March 22.

Some fans at the Scene were skeptical about the "family emergency," especially considering the band had to appear at MTV's TRL countdown the next day, which airs live at noon Pacific time.

"If they wanted to postpone the show for MTV, that's fine, but why didn't they just say so?" wondered E.J., 16, who sings and plays guitar in a local band called Hubris.

The Used appeared the night before in Phoenix. According to John Reese, the

Used's manager, the San Diego show was the only show out of 230 that the band canceled. When asked, Reese would not say what the family emergency was or which band member was affected. I asked him if the rumor was true that it was a family member of guitarist Quinn Allman.

Yes," said Reese.

"Did he leave to be with that family member?" I asked. "I'm not going to answer that," said Reese.

No one contacted at House of Blues knew exactly what the family emergency was. Jim Baltuitis, the band's publicist at Reprise/Warner, said he didn't know what the emergency was either, but he would find out and get back. He called back three hours later and said he could not find out.

One of those skeptical is Sean Brandes, co-owner of the Scene. "I talked to one of the merchandise guys [selling T-shirts for one of the other bands]. They said they knew the Used were going to cancel this date two weeks ago."

The cancellation also has other benefits. According to Brandes, it could allow them to move the March 22 makegood show to the much larger SOMA. The original January 13 show at the Scene sold out in two days.

Used fan Stefanie, 17, has her own theory. It's based on Used lead singer Bert McCraken and his well-

publicized relationship with Kelly Osbourne (Ozzy Osbourne's daughter). "As soon as Kelly got a hold of him, she got them to get in with the MTV teenybopper crowd."

- Ken Leighton

The search is on for the scammer who

allegedly stole \$16,000 in ticket receipts for a "fake' Björk concert. Michael Luciano bought two \$40 tickets directly from promoter Bryan Pollard and DI Liquid Groove, a.k.a. "Keanu," who Pollard says stole the money from his La Mesa home over



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the first weekend of January. Luciano's webpage, www.thecoreyshow.com/bjork, posts phone numbers for the SDPD and Economic Fraud



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Division. He picked up a refund claim form at the Flame but says, "If you read the fine print, it says that you are requesting a claim form and refund and that once you sign it, you no longer hold Bryan Pollard and/or the Flame liable for any losses. It never actually says that you will get a refund."

Luciano went to the Flame on January 15 to inquire about the disclaimer. "When we pointed out the fine print, the staff member, whose name was Mo, informed us that she hadn't actually known about the fine print until two days earlier. She told us to hold off on filling out the form."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Last month Clear Channel dropped talk on KLAC 570 AM in L.A. and

replaced it with a music mix that Saul Levine said sounds remarkably like his Surf format (XSURF 540 AM), a Tijuana station that serves San Diego and Orange Counties.

"Clear Channel

abandoned this format [in L.A.] a year and a half ago. So we picked it up and made it better," Levine said. "The Surf," which is also simulcast on an L.A. station he owns, mixes in contemporary cuts by artists like Norah Jones and Steve Tyrell with standards by Sinatra, Bennett, and Peggy Lee.

"It was a fresh, bright, modern approach to American standards. The evil empire looked at what we were doing and said, 'That looks great. Why didn't we think of that?' So they copied us.

"Four weeks ago one of their head men called me and said he feels bad [about] what they are doing to me...[That] got me riled up. We Americans don't like to be pushed around by bullies." Levine decided to run the

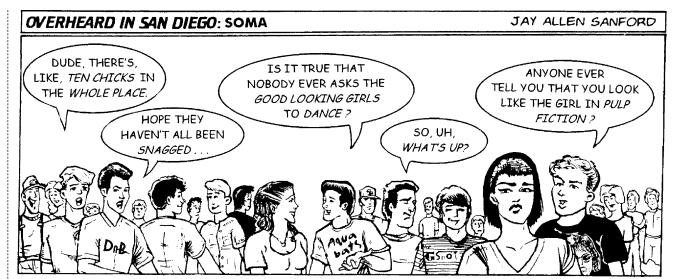
Surf commercial free for at least 90 days. "People ask me, 'How can

you do that?" " Levine said he is paying the salaries of five Surf DJs "by dipping into my own pocket."

He hopes the commercialfree station will draw listeners away from KLAC and San Diego's KPOP 1360 AM both are Clear Channel owned.

— Ken Leighton

The last time San Diego hosted a Super Bowl (Green Bay vs. Denver in



1998), Keith Nordling, longtime owner of Yogi's sports bar in Cardiff, was the Packers' "entertainment director" for a night.

"One of our regulars at Yogi's was Rich Moran. He used to play for Green Bay. He was leaving the NFL just as [quarterback] Brett Favre was coming in. They were buddies."

On the Monday before the 1998 Super Bowl, Moran brought Favre "and at least 15 others" to Yogi's. "It's the tradition for the quarterback to take the whole offensive line to dinner....I'm looking outside to see a bunch of limos and big vans pull up in front of Yogi's." The pack of Packers had dinner. Now it was up to Nordling to pick a nightspot. He picked the Belly Up in Solana Beach.

"DFH [Disco Funk House] was big back then. They didn't want any advance publicity. We arranged to come in the back door. As soon as we get in, Brett sees these go-go girls dancing onstage. He jumps onstage and starts dancing with the girls. He was up there for 15–20 minutes." I recall that Favre was not the most fluid dancer.

"Well, he was looking good, but he was no Soul Train."

I also recall that a *North County Times* editorial cartoon suggested that the Packers lost the Super Bowl because they were partying too much before the game. "Nah. That was a whole

week before the game." — Ken Leighton

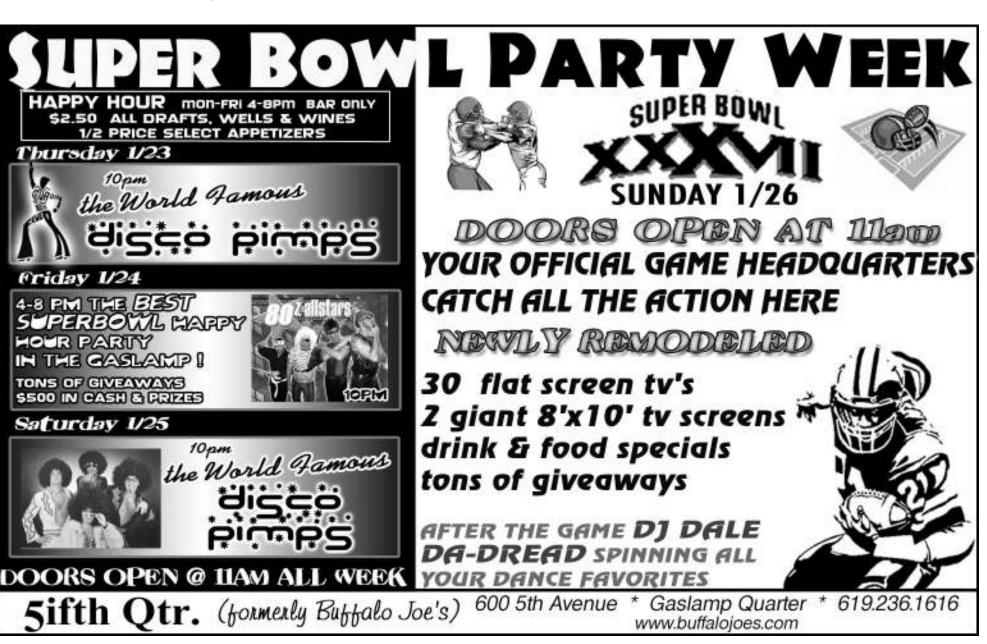
"I have two staples in

my head due to a contusion. My left hand is immobile for two weeks. My brother lost his two front teeth and has four or six other broken or chipped teeth. He's really messed up. Our friend got 12 staples in his head. We all three got concussions."

Singer/bassist John Reynolds, 21, plays in the Imperial Beach pop punk band Primitive. The band canceled gigs so Reynolds could recuperate from a brutal January 10 attack on the Imperial Beach pier.

The Reynolds brothers and a friend were confronted by four men. "They said, "What are you looking at? Do you have a problem?" " Reynolds said they were armed with police-style Mag-Lite flashlights. "The sheriff's substation is 100 yards away, but it is never manned." He said anyone with leads should call 619-585-7232. — Ken Leighton

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Today's Rock Sucks

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"As odd as it sounds, I would compare them to Marilyn Manson and Nine Inch Nails just because they are pretty rowdy too."

achel Bombaci Year of birth: 1984 What's your favorite rock album?

What music being made today do you consider "rock"?

" 'Youth of a Nation' by P.O.D. Incubus, Linkin Park, and Puddle of Mudd are hardcore rock.'

What aspects of the music make you consider it rock?

"There's heavy guitar, bass, and drums. The vocals are really loud. It's just crazier than other music.

When you think of old rock music, what artist or song comes to mind?

"Well, obviously the king of rock, Elvis Presley Other than him I'd say the Beatles." What aspects of that music make you con-

sider it rock? "The music itself was more loose and free."

What's the first rock album you remember hearing?

"The Rolling Stones; I can't remember which album specifically.'

Why do you think it made an impression? "They were so radical for their time."

Had you ever heard of the band Ratt before? "No.

Have you ever heard their 1984 album Out of the Cellar? "No."

Do you dislike it? (The interviewee listens to a song on headphones.)

"I hate it. The singer has such a whiny voice. Everything sounds the same, both with the instruments and the vocals. It's repetitive, and that makes it boring."

What do you like or dislike about the lyrics? "I thought there would be more to it. I write songs, and there is so much you can put into them. Between the lyrics and the way it sounds, there isn't much to this music.'

What music being made today can you compare it to?

"I try not to listen to bad music, so I wouldn't know.

Do you think rock music being made today is better or worse than 1980s rock?

Today's music is better. Way better. I know that there were some great bands like the Police, but the '80s had to be the absolute worst decade

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auren Ponder Year of birth: 1987 What's your favorite rock album?

"It's a tie between Ozzy Osbourne's The Ozz Man Cometh and David Bowie's [Rise and Fall MARY MONTGOMERY of] Ziggy Stardust.

What music being made to-

day do you consider "rock"? 'The music today sucks. I don't consider any of it quality rock. The closest would have to be Nirvana, but you know what happened there.'

What aspects of the music make you consider it rock?

"Electric guitars, the Fenders, the vocals, not rap rock vocals like Linkin Park but just loud...the whole bumping beat."

When you think of old rock music, what artist or song comes to mind?

"Oh God, so many...Van Morrison's 'Brown-Eyed Girl,' Mötley Crüe and 'Girls, Girls, Girls,' any Black Sabbath, and the Rolling Stones."

What aspects of that music make you consider it rock?

"It was rebellious, hard core, loud. The lyrics are about gross feeding upon women, and it was all about the sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll."

What's the first rock album you remember

"It's so cliché, but I remember my parents listening to the Beatles; of course, they were more pop than rock, but I remember hearing 'She Loves You,' yeah, yeah, yeah, and 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.'"

Why do you think it made an impression? 'It was different; they were a lot more out-

Had you ever heard of Guns 'N Roses before? Yeah. I've actually liked them for a really long time. I first discovered them when my sister was in junior high. She liked this song called 'November Rain.' I think it was on Use Your Il-

lusion. I loved that song too.' Have you ever heard their 1987 album Appetite for Destruction?

"Yeah, but I don't own it."

Do you like it?

'Yes, I love Guns 'N Roses. Slash is an amazing guitarist...I like Axl's voice too.

What do you like or dislike about the music?



Slash, Guns 'N Roses

"On certain days I can't stand the loud, obnoxious screaming.'

What music being made today can you compare it to?

"I don't want to put a bad name on it by comparing it to other music. They don't really sound like anybody. As odd as it sounds, I would compare them to Marilyn Manson and Nine Inch Nails just because they are pretty rowdy too.

Do you think rock music being made today is better or worse than '80s rock?

"Eighties hair bands like Poison and Quiet Riot were just so typical for that time. The sound of rock today has definitely gotten worse."

harles McMillan

Year of Birth: 1986 What's your favorite rock album?

"Led Zeppelin IV."

What music being made today do you consider "rock"?

"The only thing close would be the Lateralus album by Tool. Everything else is mediocre.' What aspects of the music make you con-



Robbin Crosby, Ratt

sider it rock? "Danny Carey on drums is excellent."

When you think of old rock music, what artist or song comes to mind?

"Buffalo Springfield's 'For What It's Worth'; the Beatles too, I guess."

What aspects of that music make you consider it rock?

"With Buffalo Springfield, it was the social issues they incorporated into their music."

What's the first rock album you remember

hearing? "Zeppelin I."

Why do you think it made an impression? "My dad has been a drummer for 40 years.

I grew up listening to rock."

Have you heard of Van Halen?

'Yeah. Through my family, we have all the vinvls.

Had you ever heard their 1986 album 5150 before?

"Yeah, I actually own it."

Do vou like it?

"I like the technical aspects of it. Eddie Van Halen is my favorite guitarist, besides Jimmy





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What do you like or dislike about the lyrics?

'Van Halen was one of the quintessential '80s bands. I don't listen to it for the social issues; I listen to it because it's lots of fun.

What music being made today can you compare it to?

"The only thing that even comes close is John Petrucci and his work with the Liquid Tension Experiment. He's, like, the number-one-ranked guitarist in the world."

Do you think rock music being made today is better or worse than '80s rock?

"Definitely better in the '80s. Today's rock is terrible. It's all watered down, and there's no emphasis on learning how to play your instrument."

manda Janney Year of Birth: 1985 What's your favorite rock album?

"Everywhere and His Nasty Parlor Tricks by Modest Mouse."

What music being made today do you consider "rock"? 'Rob Crow and all of his

projects. Also, especially, the song 'Crutch' by Pinback."

What aspects of the music

make you consider it "rock"? "The guitar-driven songs with meaningful lyrics. A fast tempo is nice, but slower indie bands are still 'rock' to me.' When you think of old rock

music, what artist or song comes to mind? "Led Zeppelin and all of IV."

What aspects of that music make you consider it "rock"?

"The wonderfully crafted percussion.'

What's the first rock album you remember hearing?

"I don't know about the first rock album I heard, but the first full rock album I fell in love with on the first listen was Weezer's Blue album." Why do you think it made

an impression? "Because of Rivers Cuomo's

voice and the catchy riffs.³ Have you ever heard of

Aerosmith before? Yeah. I discovered them

in the fourth and fifth grade when I first started watching MTV.... I remember their videos for 'Crazy' and 'Crying,' and most of all for having the girl from Clueless in their video.²

Had you ever heard Aerosmith's 1985 Done With Mirrors? "No.'

Do you like it? (The interviewee listens to a song on headphones.) "I like it for its comical

value.³ What do you like or dislike



"They're funny. The way

about the music?

of sound in each song, but I don't know if it's a CD that I could put in my stereo and play it over and over. It takes them kind of get tired of chorus, gui-tar, solo, chorus, guitar, solo."

today can you compare it to?



Joe Perry, Aerosmith

"As weird as it sounds, I would compare it to more metal rock, like Slayer or Iron Maiden, but then again, those are bands of the same generation.'

Do you think rock music being made today is better or worse than 1980s rock?

"In the '80s, rock was taken more seriously."

atrick Sattler Year of Birth: 1983 What's your favorite rock album? "AC/DC's Back in Black." What music being made to-

Angus Young, AC/DC

day do you consider "rock"? "I really don't want to be the one to judge what is rock and what isn't.

What aspects of the music make you consider it "rock?"

"The fast tempo, lots of percussion, and the heavy guitar.'

When you think of old rock music, what artist or song comes to mind?

"The Rolling Stones' song 'Satisfaction.'

What's the first rock album you remember hearing?

"Oh, that's hard...it was one by the Rolling Stones, I think."

- Have you ever heard of Def Leppard before?
- "No.' Have you heard their 1983

Pyromania album? "No.'

Do you like it? (The interviewee listens to a song on headphones.)

'Yeah. I like the style...the drums sound good; the guitars sound good. Their sound is similar to AC/DC's.

What do you like or dislike about the lyrics?

"There is nothing that I dislike about the lyrics. You can understand them, they aren't too fast, and they aren't just screaming."

What do you like about the music?

"It's structured. The fact that it's drum and guitar based with other acoustical backing makes it come across strong.

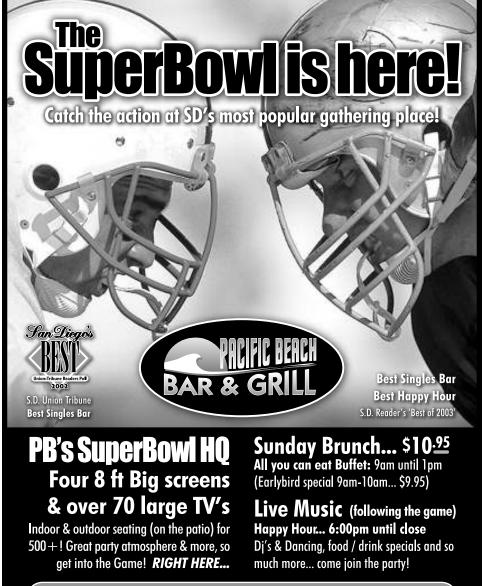
What music being made today can you compare it to? "Nothing."

Do you think rock music being made today is better or worse than 1980s rock?

"I wouldn't go as far as to say that today's rock is worse, but I personally like '80s rock better because it's more catchy."

Compare the attitudes of today's rock musicians with those in the '80s.

"The attitude is pretty much the same, I can't give a reason why. A rock star is a rock star."



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Eddie Van Halen

about the lyrics?

Steven Tyler says things, it's like, 'I'm macho, I'm in a rock band.'

What do you like or dislike

"I like the short little bursts

four minutes to express something I got in two minutes. You

What music being made



Balkan Samba

It could be worse: I could be taking you to a Shriners' convention in Cincinnati.

were headed off to Paris this week to check out the record stores and visit the composer Betsy Jolas, but I'm afraid we've got to make a detour back to the San Francisco Bay Area and attend a dance performance. It could be worse: I could be taking you to a Shriners' convention in Cincinnati. I seldom go

to dance performances, but this should be an extra-good one: first, the choreographer, Janice Garrett, is supposed to be of the first stripe; second, my friend Heidi Schweiker is one of the dancers, and I've never seen her dance. So there we are.

Of course, I'm not here to write about dance. That's an entirely different pool of knowledge, and I'm not

even in the wading area. But where there is dance, there is, inevitably, music. And not only was the dancing all that I hoped it would be, but the music was excellent, and I made a discovery.

The music was diverse, to be sure, and there were four separate dance pieces, each requiring different music. But there was a lot of work by a trio I'd never heard of called the Tin Hat Trio, which appears to be a San Francisco-based or originated out-

fit with a gent named Mark Orton handling strings including guitar, prepared guitar, Dobro, banjo, and tenor banjo; another gent, Rob Burger, who takes care of the keyboard and related instruments including accordion, piano, pump organ, harmonica, marxophone (a new one on me), prepared piano, toy piano, field organ, and celeste; and finally, a gal named Carla Kihlstedt, who runs the violin end of things including not just the ordinary violin but something called the trumpet violin (also a new one on me), along with the viola. She also handles the odd vocal here and there. I have three CDs by this group in hand, the most recent from 2002, and you can't have any of them. They're mine. I'm going to keep them. Tough noogies.



Tin Hat Trio

style, and I'm tired of "Willow Weep for Me." But having a star like Nelson on board should help the group commercially, and they deserve all the attention they can get.



Golden Arm Trio. I would be very surprised if the Tin Hat folks didn't have a long hard listen to the Texas group. Both groups have a madcap inventiveness and affection for the tango. They also share a sense of

humor, rare in music. Both groups are hellaciously good musicians who take big chances and land on their feet.

This trio generates an awful lot of different

timbres and harmonies, and their original com-

positions are full of the most imaginative, lively,

asymmetrical, shifting rhythms and tempi. Their

programs are nothing if not eclectic: blues, Cajun,

bluegrass, gypsy, Balkan, Latin, jazz, avant-garde/ex-

perimental. And it is not uncommon for several

of these styles to find their

way into any given num-

ber: a real mix 'n match

affair going on. I can't find

an unsatisfying cut on any

of the three discs, and I'm

a big grump, so that's pretty

good. Well, maybe a guest

appearance by Willie Nel-

son singing "Willow Weep

for Me," which is not so

The Tin Hat numbers proved a tough act to follow and were. The next piece was a rather static composition by Arvo Pärt for keyboard, "Fur Alina." The Estonian Pärt is an important composer given to prayerful work that alternates between the neo-Baroque and minimalism. One of the techniques he's identified with is called

"tintinnabula" — or that's what he calls it which explores different phases of a particular chord. But the choreography handled the challenge with a mildly interesting result.

The final piece, "Ostinato," from a collection of the same name by Jordi Savall and his Hes-

pèrion ensemble, consisted of late-Renaissance and early-Baroque dances. The ensemble consists of four violins, cello, harp, organ, harpsichord, assorted lute/guitar instruments, violas de gamba, and percussion. I didn't have the program in front of me, but I could tell the music's vintage by the liveliness of the numbers and the element of percussion, both Renaissance musical characteristics. The later pieces, exhibiting more contrapuntal texture and complexity — I'm thinking here of the pieces by Merula (1595–1665) and Marini (1587–1663) — were composed on the cusp of the transition from the Renaissance style to the Baroque idiom and

made an intriguing contrast with the earlier 16thcentury compositions, a contrast emphasized by Ms. Garrett in her choreography, which began with the earlier compositions and developed chronologically, pretty much along the lines that Savall and his ensemble do on this excellent CD. We tend to forget how much of secular mu-

sic is rooted in the dance, just how much of Baroque music consists of a series of dances making up a suite: allemande, sarabande, gavotte, Gigue (jig), bourée, menuet, rondeau, and so on. When you're listening to Bach's instrumental work, you're hearing a suite of dances, as often as not. The Baroque composition usually has so much going on that it's easy to ignore the fact that it's a dance form we're listening to. With the Renaissance dance, it's almost impossible to forget because

of the insistence, the directness of the dance rhythm. * * *

Whenever I'm in San Francisco and in the mood for music, I try to catch the jazz pianist Larry Vuckovich, a Yugoslav-born musician, arriving in the U.S. as a teenager in 1951, when bebop was king. Vuckovich is very much a fixture in the Bay Area jazz scene and not known nearly enough outside it. This CD, Blue Balkan, consisting of sessions from 1980 and 2001, provides an excellent program of where Vuckovich is at and what he can do.

In a sense, his music does what the Tin Hat Trio's music does: it mixes idioms - in the case of Vuckovich, jazz and the sound of the Balkans, especially



Serbian folk music. A typical example, insofar as there is a *typical* Vuckovich, is the composition "Belgrade Blues," in which Vuckovich makes use of a minor blues form on the bottom of the piece while coloring it in with Middle-Eastern scales and motifs on top. This might sound like an oil-and-water affair, but it's not; more like oil and vinegar, very tasty.

Nor is his reper-

toire restricted to Balkan flavorings: the disc includes a samba, albeit a Balkan-flavored samba ("Serbo Samba") and a tango ("Mediterranean Nights"). In another composition, he blends the African-American spiritual "Motherless Child" with the Serbian folk melody "O Javore." Only someone with an extraordinary harmonic vocabulary can bring off this sort of musical miscegenation and make it appear seamless. Of course, there are well-documented marriages in jazz between cultures: the aforementioned samba and tango among the most celebrated: bossa nova and Cuban forms, because of their urgent dance rhythms, have also proved attractive to jazzmen. Jazz itself is a hybrid of African-American rhythms and scales along with European song forms. Even those Baroque suites I spoke of before are a mixture of dances: French, Italian, English, And where did those French, Italian, and English dances come from? Dig, dig, dig: you dig? ■

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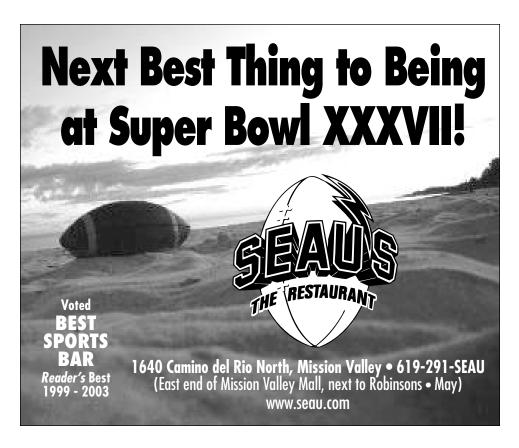
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The Drive-By Truckers [488] and Gunfighter: The Casbah, Thursday, January 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

"Washington Square Memoirs" featuring Loudon Wainwright III (842), John Hammond (961), Tom Paxton, and Mike Seeger: UCSD Price Center, Friday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

The Chieftains: California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 24, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 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.

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SATURDAY

Kathy Mattea [778]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, January 25, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

TUESDAY

Rocket from the Crypt [237], the 21st Century Lepers, and the Manifolds: The Casbah, Tuesday, January 28, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

The Wallflowers [*507*] and **Warren Zanes:** 4th & B, Wednesday, January 29, 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.











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 619-440-2277.
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FEBRUARY

Jason Mraz: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, February 1, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

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619-440-2277. Nashville Pussy [154]: Brick by Brick, Thursday, February 13, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with **Benny Green** and **Russell Malone:** Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla.

858-454-5872. The Scorpions [521], Whitesnake, and Dokken [532]: Cox Arena, Friday, February 14, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Supersuckers [367] and the **Bronx:** The Casbah, Sunday, February 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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Cyndi Lauper: Viejas DreamCatcher Show Room, Tuesday, February 18, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

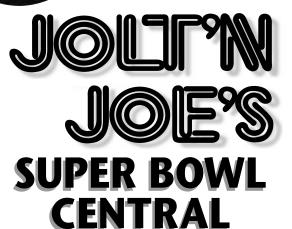
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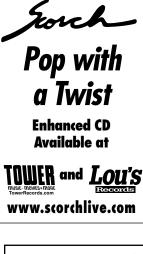
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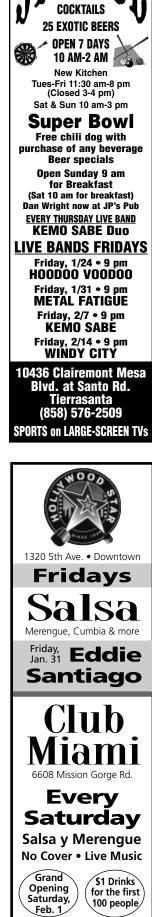
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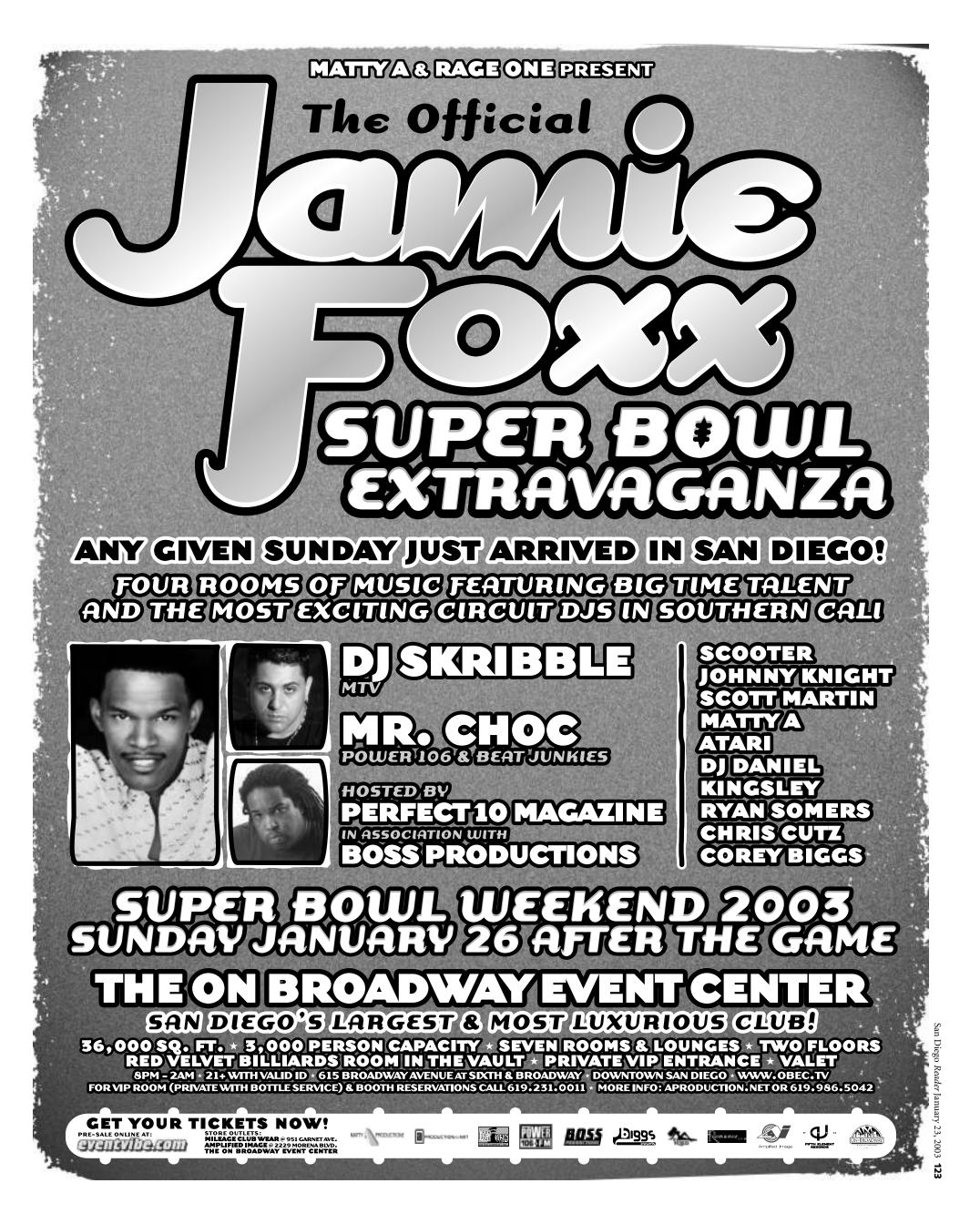
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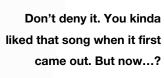


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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

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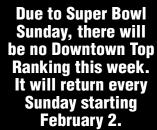
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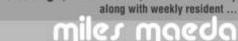






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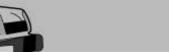
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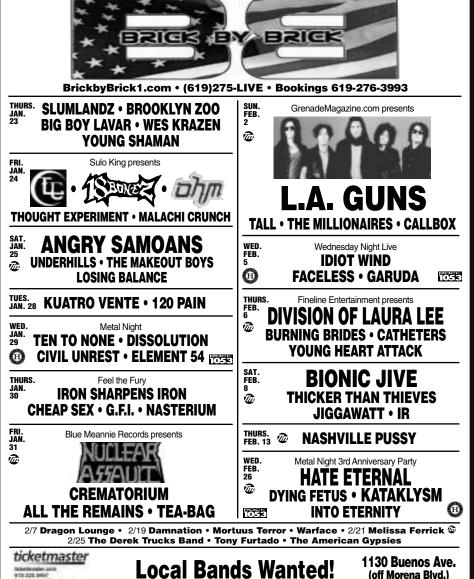
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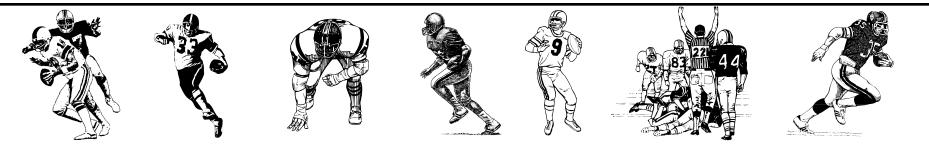
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San Diego's Best DUI Defense Attorney What To Do If You Are Stopped For Drunk Driving

The following is the opinion of the author and is not intended to give legal advice to any specific person. The reader is advised to seek legal counsel if prosecuted for DUI. This information is of general nature intended for readers age 21 or older and is based on California law. Let's start with some basics. Driving while under the influence of alcohol or any other drug is antisocial behavior. The horror caused by the death or maiming of a loved one by a "drunk driver" is unthinkable. The pain caused by such an incident scars forever not only the victims

but the drinking driver, who is usually a decent, law-abiding citizen. No sane person would want such a thing to happen, not even one time. However, what if elected officials use this terrible blight on society as an excuse to whip the general public into a frenzy and to capitalize on the human misery flowing from this carnage, only for the purpose of getting votes in the next election? And what if other effective remedies to the Driving Under the Influence problem are ignored deliberately? Finally, what if the liquor and restaurant industries pay big bucks into the political coffers of these same elected officials or chapters of MADD to lobby against legislation directed at the liquor and restaurant industries' contribution to the problem?

"Control" is the key word. You will not wipe out DUI any more than you will wipe out any other disease. But a healthy body is a body in "control," and the same applies to a healthy society. Let's look at some facts. There is little doubt the 0.08 percent blood alcohol law is window dressing and avoids the real issues. The fact is 0.08 percent is so low a blood alcohol level that local police officers have told me they cannot possibly tell the difference between 0.07 percent and 0.08 percent based on objective symptoms during the roadside sobriety test. Consequently, if you admit to having had a drink or if the officer smells alcohol on your breath, you are going downtown for further tests, no matter how you do on the field sobriety test or roadside breath test. The foremost authority in the world on DUI, A. W. Jones from Sweden, refers to them on "monkey tests" and of no value in DUI testing

So, why do these embarrassing roadside tests at all? Don't do them is my answer; don't ever take the so-called field sobriety test. First of all, it is not a sobriety test. It is a coordination test, and many people who clearly are not under the influence of alcohol simply are not coordinated. That's a fact. If they want to use a coordination test to measure sobriety, they should require you to take a similar test once each year to provide a baseline from which to measure your performance at roadside.

econdly, the tests are subjective and the officer can conclude you failed even if you are the most coordinated person in the world. He later will tell the jury at trial that you did poorly to prove he was right in arresting you and bringing you downtown for further testing. Once downtown, your blood alcohol level may have increased and may, in fact, be 0.16 percent (over double the legal limit) or higher at that later point in time. Depending upon when you had your last food and drink of alcohol, however, you easily could have been 0.04 percent, 0.06 percent, or 0.07 percent blood alcohol level at the time you were driving. The only blood alcohol level that is relevant or important under the code is the blood alcohol level at the time of driving. The fact you are determined to be 0.08 percent or more at a later point in time does not natically make you guilty of breaking the law, under CVC Section 23152B. Furthermore, any conclusion to be drawn from a blood alcohol level assumes the machine is measuring accurately, which often times is

not the case. In order to challenge the blood alcohol level, it becomes necessary to retain a competent attorney to point this out to the jury and to show the arresting officer is not an objective, detached third-party witness. He wants to see a conviction to vindicate his decision to arrest. Obviously, the officer will exaggerate and distort in order to prove his point, and he is able to do so because very few of the field sobriety tests truly are objective. Which raises another question: Instead of ordering the accused to recite the alphabet while the officer writes into the police record the alleged results, why not allow the accused to actually write the alphabet out in his own hand? This would be direct evidence of the accused's ability to demonstrate his dexterity and hand coordination directly to the jury. Taxpayers have purchased expensive video and audio taping equipment for our law enforcement agencies, but those agencies rarely use the equipment in driving under the influence cases, thereby denying the jury firsthand evidence of the accused's actual state of sobriety. Instead, the officer simply testifies before the jury about how badly the accused did on one test. He actually is telling the jury, "Trust me. I have no motive to lie. If I say he did badly, that should be enough for ". When I asked a local television moderator to question the police about what happened to those 16 expensive video cameras dona the San Diego Police Department by Aetna Insurance and which the local newspapers touted as the "doom of drunk drivers," the local police person said, "They are all broke." Right! And I just saw Elvis last week, too.

The fact is the officer does have a motive to lie, and, sadly, stretching the truth to gain a conviction seems to be the rule, rather than the ception. A retiring CHP officer recently interviewed for an investigator position with my firm told me he could double his annual salary by \$50,000 working overtime making court appearances in DUI cases. He lamented that he disliked working nights because it required him to ride with a partner. This veteran CHP officer explained that if he stopped a suspected DUI and formed the opinion following the field sobriety test that the driver was not DUI, very often his patrol partner, eager for overtime, would say, "If you don't take him downtown, I will." Doesn't a \$50,000 increase in one's annual salary provide a motive to lie about performance on the field sobriety test? Police officers and overzealous young prosecutors often are heard around the courthouse rationalizing less-than-candid police officer testimony in marginal cases saying, "If re not drinking and driving, they wouldn't be in trouble in the first place." That may be MADD's law, but it is not the law in any state of this United States. A public policy saying "The end justifies the means" didn't work for the communists and it won't work in a free society.

For these reasons, if you are stopped, do not take these trick roadside sobriety tests, and if you are a juror, demand to see the written alphabet, video/audio tape recordings, or other firsthand evidence of impairment. It is very easy to provide. The law is a search for the truth and should not be a witch hunt guided by hysteria, half-truths, and self-serving statements of the arresting officer.

Recently, a San Diego police officer told me as part of his training he was required to attend a school on the breath machine. He was ted when a fellow officer was administered known amounts of alcohol in an effort to demonstrate the workings of the alcohol breathtesting machine. What amazed him was he saw the officer consume seven gin and tonics, yet the breath results registered only 0.04 percent, well below the legal limit. I saw the same thing occur in alcohol studies I attended in forensic laboratories in Los Angeles, and it illustrates my point. If the officer weighed 200 pounds and each drink he consumed was one ounce, the resulting blood alcohol level should be 0.13 percent. So, either the machine was testing improperly or the officer was tested right after drinking and before the alcohol fully was absorbed into his blood stream. That is exactly what happens to the citizen who is stopped just as he is leaving a bar. He is 0.04 percent or 0.05 percent and "OK" to drive at that point in time, but 30 minutes to two hours later, as the alcohol becomes absorbed into his blood stream, he increases his blood alcohol level to 0.12 percent or 0.14 percent, over the legal limit. Incredible, but true. Because of this physiological phenor people convicted of driving under the influence even though they are not guilty of violating the 0.08 percent law "per se." Thousands upon thousands of people every day plead guilty based on a chemical test result over 0.08, never knowing they actually are innocent.

The statistics from the National Traffic Safety Council state that 80 percent of the DUI drivers. We in the trade call them the "Gamma Alcoholics." These are sick people who repeatedly go through the court's revolving door, each time coming out a little more stripped of their social status, and each time coming out a little more dangerous to the rest of us. That is because no one in the present system of justice has addressed adequately the causes for this continual abuse of alcohol. Elected officials insist on making public policy decisions that look good to the voters but are not good for society. Instead of providing state resources for "Social Model Alcohol Rehabilitation Houses," which have as much as an 82 percent non-recidivist rate and cause alcohol abusers to stop drinking for life, they'd rather lock them up in jails where they get no help for their drinking problem.

The biggest injustice, however, is the cruel, callous disregard our lawmakers show for the rights of the thousands of 0.05 percent and 0.06 percent drivers who are arrested for DUI and eventually blow over 0.08 percent 30 minutes to two hours after they were driving. These people are in truth, and in fact, innocent of Driving Under the Influence, but because of a misdirected emphasis by the government, these hapless individuals must hire an attorney competent in this area of the law and science, and pay for the services of a medical doctor or toxicologist if they hope to have any chance of avoiding huge fines, jail time and a very serious criminal record. And remember, these are ordinary citizens just like you and me who go to work every day, play by the rules, yet still find themselves charged with a serious crime (not just a traffic infraction) and are treated by the courts just as if they cor mmitted a robbery or carjacking. And what's worse, it's on their record for the rest of their lives, not just the 7-10 years the judge tells them.

When you see the great number of new liquor licenses being issued to small gas station convenience stores who easily can sell beer

and wine to young drivers; when you see the bright lights advertising liquor and encouraging people to drink because alcohol sales make up 80 percent of the net profit for the restaurant business and provide a huge tax base for our state; when you also consider only two beers can equal a 0.08 percent blood alcohol level in a small person, you must ask yourself whose pockets are being lined to keep the law enforcement and legislative emphasis on the citizen who has just consumed a couple of "after-dinner" drinks and is snagged by a cop "who just happened to be cruising by" and noticed the license plate light was not properly illuminating the license plate as the driver was pulling out of a restaurant's parking lot to go home. To make matters worse, the United States Supreme Court in 1996 held that an attorney cannot challenge the subjective motive of an officer for making a traffic stop in open court. This means that if a police officer wants to pull you over only because he saw you exit a bar and figures you've been drinking, he can use the fact that your license plate is not properly illuminated as a basis to stop you and smell your breath to see if you exhibit the odor of alcohol. Under this Supreme Court decision his real motive in stopping you cannot be challenged. This decision encourages perjury (a felony) and is a national disgrace. Every right-thinking American should hang his head in shame over Whren v. United States.

Injustices always will occur. You, the reader, however, can help to put a curb to these abuses right now. First, when you are a juror, remember a police officer has done his job when he arrests a person for "mere suspicion" of DUI. Your standard as a juror is completely different. Your job is to determine the truth, "beyond a reasonable doubt," based on testimony and specific evidence you hear during the trial. You should demand to see a written alphabet test and audio/video tapes of the person who was drinking depicting their condition as close in time to the time of driving as possible. Consider evidence of impairment taken 30 minutes or more after the accused was removed from his vehicle as not relevant in determining the alcohol level at the time of driving. And if some police officers are so arrogant they expect you to take only their word without some independent corroboration, reject the unsupported testimony of the officer. If that is done often enough, you will see cleaner, more professional police work.

Secondly, stick to your guns as a juror. We paid a dear price for our constitutional rights. Many courageous young men have died on pieces of real estate all over the globe so each of our rights would be preserved and to protect us from an oppressive govern ent. And one of the most important of these rights is that it takes a unanimous verdict by all 12 jurors to convict an individual of a crime. If you, as a juror, go along with a guilty vertice only because 11 others feel the accused is guilty and pressure you to agree, then you also are guilty of not following the law. More importantly, you have let down those who have sacrificed their lives so others could be free. In other words, if you are the lone juror and you are not convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt," it is your legal and moral duty to hold out and not give in.

Many jurors are confused by the burden of proof in a DUI case. They ask, what does "proof beyond a reasonable doubt" really mean? Let me give you my test. You enter the courtroom and the defendant sits all through opening arguments, the presentation of evidence and finally closing arguments with a hood covering his identity. You deliberate and give your decision to the judge, who then reads it out loud in the courtroom. As the hood is lifted from the head of the accused, you see the person accused is your son or daughter. If you still are satisfied that you did the right thing, then you know for sure that you were convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt." In making this important decision it is important to always remember. This is a criminal case and a citizen may end up in jail for six months, lose his job and suffer the disgrace of a criminal conviction because of your decision in his trial. As a lawyer, I am not allowed to tell you during the trial about the penalty my client will suffer, but now I can, and I think you should know.

Before I leave the subject of jurors and DUI, let me comment on a common point of confusion. Unlike other crimes, the DUI almost always are charged with two violations, 23152A and 23152B. The "B" charge is driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or more in one's blood. The "A" charge is driving with enough alcohol in your system so you no longer have the ability to drive your car as a reasonable and prudent person would. Many times a juror who is not quite convinced will decide to split the difference and find the citizen guilty of the 23152A but not guilty of 23152B, figuring the citizen on trial will get a lesser sentence. The fact is that the citizen will get the full ce of up to six months in county jail if you find him guilty of either count. So don't be misled. What should you do then if you intend to legally drink and drive?

1. Before you go out, check all brake lights, license plate lights, and look for any minor imperfections a policeman will be able to use for an excuse to stop you. 2. Be cautious driving after 11 pm or always when crossing the border. Come to full and complete stops – no California stops

3. If you see a policeman following you, pull into the first place possible without arousing suspicion.

4. If stopped, be respectful at all times

5. Respectified the the field test based on this article stating such tests are subjective and often impossible to do. If you write to the address below, we will give you a card to hand to the policeman. If you are afraid they will arrest you immediately and take you downtown, rest assured that since it is impossible for the officer to determine if you are 0.07 percent or 0.08 percent based on your performance on those

same field tests, you will be going downtown anyway if you have admitted to drinking anything at all. 6. Do not allow the officer to pass his finger or pen or other objects by your eyes and ask you to follow while not moving your head, as this test is very controversial and highly discredited in some scientific circles.

- 7. Another problem is a number of people are confusing the small hand-held breath device about the size of a package of cigarettes with the larger breath-testing machine usually employed at the police station itself. The hand-held unit is part of the field test and if you are 21 and over you <u>always</u> should refuse to blow into it because it may be highly inaccurate, while the blood or breath test at the hospital or police station, on the other hand, is required by law. You must complete one of those two tests: Blood or breath. Again, when I talk about you blowing into the breath machine, I absolutely do not mean the small hand-held device in the field. In my opinion, it may read inaccurately and convict you of DUI when you clearly are not. It may, in my opinion, falsely convict you and give you a criminal record for life. I said for life - not just seven or ten years. Note: If you exhibit objective symptoms of drugs, they can require you to take a second blood or urine test, if you choose breath as your first option.
- 8. You will not lose your license automatically for failing to do the field sobriety test under the "Stop and Snatch Laws," which came into effect July 1, 1990. There is a lot of misinformation in that regard. You do not have to take a roadside breath test either. You still have your choice of blood or breath, and you always should choose breath testing down at the station house as your first choice. If you cannot provide a breath sample at the main testing facility, only then allow a blood test. A favorite trick played by the officers is to put a scowl on their face when you explain politely to the officer you know your rights and the law does not require you to blow into the small hand-held unit on the side of the road. Rest assured when they reach the point of having you do a field sobriety test you will be going downtown no matter what. I have had reports that some officers become so frustrated they have lied and told clients, many of whom are responsible business people, that the law recently changed and now requires they blow into the small hand-held breath machine. Don't allow yourself to be taken in by this outright lie. If the law changes, DMV will notify you. Knowledge is power. If you exercise your right to remain silent and refuse to do the roadside acrobatics or any field sobriety test, it will be extremely difficult to almost impossible for the police to make a provable DUI case against you. Also, the officer may get aggressive and snap orders that you now are required to take a blood test downtown. Such is clearly not the law unless you exhibit clear signs of drug intoxication or the breath machine is out of order.

Police work, if done professionally, should be a search for the truth. The laws are there for the protection of all. Regarding the "Stop and Snatch Law": They will take your license if arrested and you take the blood test or if you take a breath test and blow 0.08 percent or higher. T police will issue you a temporary license good for 30 days. Be careful, though. You have only 10 days to call the DMV and ask for a hearing; otherwise, your right to drive is gone for four or more months. Your attorney will appear with you at the DMV hearing

Conclusion: There are many professional officers on the road trying to keep our streets safe. Always be polite, but refuse to do the field tests. There is absolutely no statute or code that requires it.

If you want to learn more about your rights, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Eugene Ellis, Attorney at Law, 2232 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92104.

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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Rickacha: Chuey's Numero Uno The Rockaholics: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Rush 2: The Honey Bee Hive The Scavengers: On The Rocks Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee) Shaggin' Wagon: Winstons Side Pocket: Blind Melons Sidekick: Brick By Brick Smokey: Cannibal Bar Sprung Monkey [513]: Moondoggies The Stilettos: Henry's Pub Strangefolk: Winstons 3 Against 1 [456]: Winstons Top Dog [492]: Dream Street Tubby: Blind Melons, Winstons 21st Century Lepers: The Casbah UVR: Blind Melons Viva L'American: The Casbah Viva Santana: Humphrey's The Wallflowers [507]: 4th & B Young Shaman: Brick By Brick Warren Zanes: 4th & B

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel The Disco Pimps: 5ifth Qtr. The 80z Allstars: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp), 5ifth Qtr. Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel Island Breeze: Humphrey's Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp) The Legends: Viejas Casino Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop Rick Lyon: The Imperial House Makai: Viejas Casino, Humphrey's The New Breed Band: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort

Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill NRG: Jimmy Love's Quiet Storm [682]: Humphrey's

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and Spirits

Super Funk Fantasy: Henry's Pub, Jimmy Love's Patti Zlaket: Claire de Lune Coffee

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Afinity: Il Forno Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina Bill Andrews: Dizzy's

Ivar Antonsen: Dizzy's The B-Side Players [649]: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies Bastista: Trattatoria La Strada Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mike Cea: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies **The David Patrone Quartet:** Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Jerome Dawson: Epazote, Humphrey's Delte Nove: Blind Melons Fattburger: Humphrey's

Aubrey Fay: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge The Aubrey Fay Band: The New

Bristol Hotel **Glen Fisher con Alma** [638]: Croce's Jazz Bar

5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge

Dora Hall: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge The Cynthia Hammond Quartet:

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge Rick Helzer: Dizzy's

Inner Voyage: Bayou Bar & Grill Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

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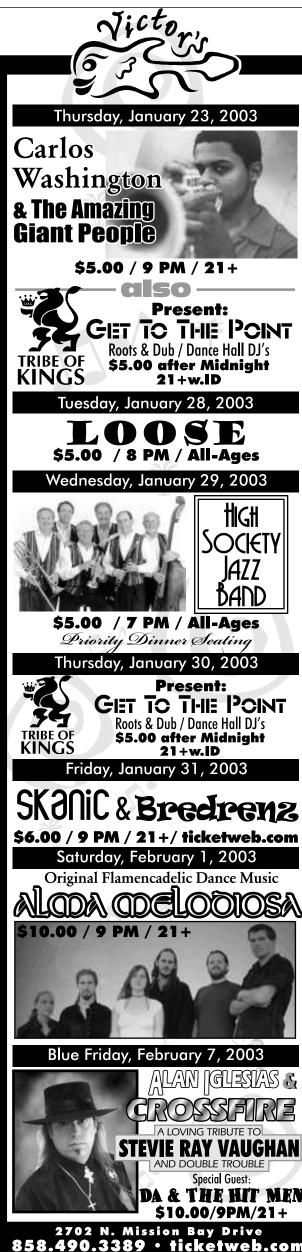
The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill



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| Cannibal Bar | \$2 off admission |
| Club Montage | <u>No cover</u> |
| Croce's | Free cover with dinner |
| 4th & B | 2 free comedy tickets |
| Girls Nite Out | <u>2 for 1 cover</u> |
| Hard Rock Cafe | No cover VIP |
| Have A Nice Day Cafe | <u>2 for 1 cover</u> |
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| Sevilla | <u>\$2 off cover</u> |
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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's The Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marri **The Shep Meyers Quartet** [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Duncan Moore: Dizzy's Mystique: Jimmy Love's The Robert Parker Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

John Poltz: Mocha Market Place Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern

Calvin Romance: Humphrey's Rick Ross: La Costa Coffee Roasting

Rick Ross-Piano [659]: Moray's Lounge Sambajazz: Roxy Restaurant

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: Tony Soraci: Danato's Ristorante

CAM

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza John Stowell: Dizzy's Ioe Tarrantino: The Wyndham

Emerald Plaza Torre & Novelli: Elario's Bistro & Sky Loung

Trio du Jour: The Beach House The Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo: Anthony's Star of the Se

The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare The Vanguard Players: Bayou Bar &

Grill The Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo: Il Forno

Carlos Washington's Giant People: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Ikah Love: Cannibal Bar Psydecar [740]: Blind Melons Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Beach Shine Eye: Cannibal Bar Star Shak: Henry's Pub

Sun.-Tues.

Will Edwards: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and

Fusion Acoustic: Hennessey's Tavern(Gaslamp)

Amber Gaia: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Gene's Pool: McP's Irish Pub and

Jenn Grinels: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould Sod

Mark Jackson: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Brian Koehler: Tomiko Bar & Grill

The Justin Brothers: The Beach

Grant Langston: Claire de Lune

Leftover Salmon [816]: Belly Up

Kippy Marks: Sassafras Bar and Grill

Bill Mayes [836]: Hot Monkey Love

Pariah: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Tommy Price: Kelly's Pub,

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Saba: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Satish: Miracles Cafe

(Carmel Mountain)

Ron's Garage: Zip & Zack's Filling Station, Dick's Last Resort

Chris Stuart: Borders Books & Music

Alan Land: The Metaphor

Company

Grill

Company

Coffeehouse

Cafe

Company

Coffee Lounge

Evans: Kelly's Pub

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Chess Set: Black Sheep Inn High Desert: Don's Cocktail Lounge Wanda Jackson [773]: Tio Leo's Lounge

Nitro Express: Island Sports & Spirits

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

The American Folk Singers: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company Berkley Hart [880]: California Club Tom Bowles: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Company Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill Tom Brousseau: Twiggs Tea and

Coffee Company The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and

Coffee Company Tim Corley: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Derek Duplessie & the Desert Poets [767]: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge





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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers: Covote Bar and Grill

Big Mo: Patrick's II

The Blues Brokers: Patrick's II

The Boogiemen: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Tommy Budd & Windy City [957]: . Fat Katz

Chill Boy: The Kraken

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: O'Connell's Pub and

Nightclub, Chateau Orleans Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Edge: Humphrey's

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Red Lane: Patrick's II The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]:

Patrick's II Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro &

Sky Loung Mississippi Mudd: Tio Leo's Lounge

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Billy Seward: Patrick's II The Small Town Heroes: Hennessey's

Tavern (Carlsbad) The Soul Persuaders [945]:

Humphrey's The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: Tiki House

The Swingin' Kings [916]: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II Earl Thomas & the Blues

Ambassadors [946]: Winstons Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars

[920]: Patrick's II Billy Watson: Covote Bar and Grill

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze Sammy Dale Canonidado: Cafe LaMaze

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel Ioe Guevara: Bavou Bar & Grill Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Honey Bucket [986]: Winstons Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado Gordon Kohl /983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

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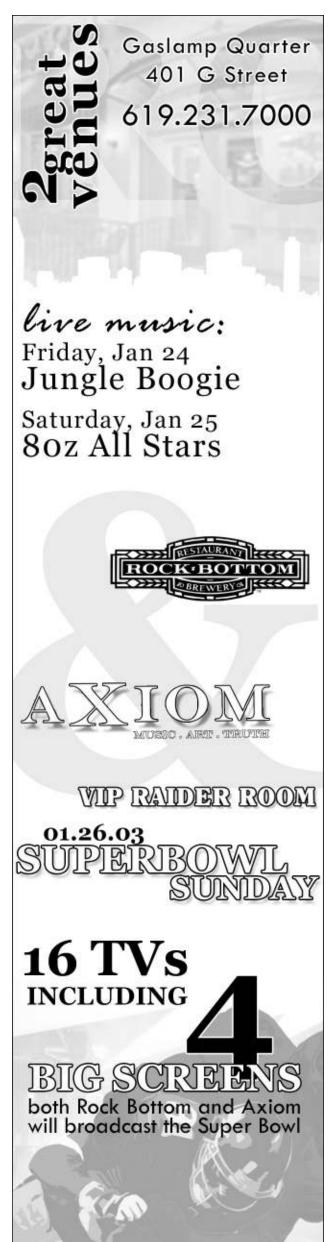
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Bolivian Restaurant Son de la Tierra: Sevilla

Timbalaya: Sevilla

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Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, Ladies *Night*, DJ Iron Mike spins hip-hop, soul, breaks, and dancehall. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-8743.

BK Lounge: Fridays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

Brown Sugar: Fridays, good vibes and urban music with DJ Myxzlplix. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2233.

Cathedral: Saturdays, cyberpunk, future pop, tribal, neo-folk, dark techno, Goth, industrial, and more Open midnight; 18 and up with ID. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

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Darkwave Garden: Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

Fluid: Saturdays, dance, hip-hop, and house. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780

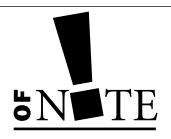
Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

Neon Beat: Mondays, DJ Eternalux and Abe spin '80s new wave hits, misses, and obscura. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

The Pompeii Room: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, Latin, reggae, and dance classics. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040

Pure: Saturdays, Liquid, ladies' night, resident DJ Showtime spins hip-hop and Top 40. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; 21 and up. 8125 Balboa Avenue (at Highway 163), Kearny Mesa, 858-538-PURE (7873)

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark



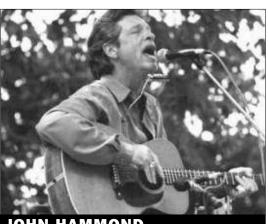
BY DAVE GOOD

I can forgive John Hammond for that affected voice, and I can even spot him a few points for being a white guy from an affluent background singing about life on the plantation with the verve and enthusiasm of a Sesame Street Muppet. Seventy years ago, his act would have been laughed off the stage, but times have changed. Rolling Stone magazine has called Hammond a "blues popularizer," and with the migration of blacks away from the blues in favor of R&B, hip-hop, and rap - without John Hammond, you'd probably never even hear the old music.

But Hammond doesn't copy the songs note for note. He adds his own flourishes, overplays, sweats, toots a harp, and pounds his feet on the floor. And his selection of material is flawless. Hammond is a country bluesman, generally acoustic, and plays a resonator, or tri-cone guitar, which in its day of 1925 or so was the loudest thing going. The aluminum pans inside the instrument naturally amplified the sound such that the guitar could compete unamplified with horns or the general racket of street corners. For a slide, Hammond favors an 11/16th Sears Craftsman deep-well socket. The old technology fits Hammond like a glove - close your eyes while he's playing, and you can almost smell Delta mud.

A relatively young man, Hammond has recorded with a slew of old-school men like

Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, and John Lee Hooker. He has released almost an album a year since his first Vanguard recording at age 22. Ironically, Hammond's Wicked Grin has been called the best album of his 40-year career, even though it is essentially a Tom Waits tribute, produced by Tom Waits and more or less featuring Tom Waits, who wrote all but one of the songs. Everything considered, Hammond is an earnest performer who is impossible to dislike, even though his albums



JOHN HAMMOND

generally don't sell. Loudon Wainwright III, Tom Paxton, and Mike Seeger also perform

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros e. Solana Beach, 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8:30 pm, *the Big Provider* and *Tower 7*, alternative. Friday, 9:15 pm, the Mother Hips, Jackpot, and 5 Foot Tuesday, alternative/rock. Saturday, 9:15 pm, Leftover Salmon, alternative. Tuesday, 8 pm, Cowboy Mouth with the Peak Show, rock. Wednesday, 9 pm, the Regal Line, Gunfighter, and Lovelight Shine, alternative

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989, Fridav and Saturday, Night Shift, 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, the Robert Parker Trio, jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, Chris Stuart, folk, country, bluegrass.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock. Saturday, *the McNallys*, rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Rhythm Method, rock. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Swingin' Kings, blues. Sunday, 7 pm to 10 pm, Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers, swingin' blues Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Billy Watson*, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Northstar, classic 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

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733.

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Friday and Saturday, Footloose, country rock

Epazote, 1555 Camino Del Mar (in the Del Mar Plaza), Del Mar. 858-259-9966. Wednesday, Jerome Dawson, jazz.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-943-7768. Friday and Saturday, *Tommy Budd & Windy City*, blues.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, *Cheap Date*, rock. Friday and Saturday, *Detroit Underground*, rock, soul.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, the Small Town Heroes, blues. Saturday, Tommy Price, acoustic.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 4 Easy Pieces. Friday, the Flat Out Liars, rock. Saturday, Chill Boy, 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, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Saturday, Mike Cea, jazz.

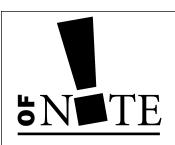
Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, Momentum

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Call club for information.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, Arneso acoustic rock. Saturday, Alan Land acoustic

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 pm, to 10:30 pm, *Satish*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, live music

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Nina Hagen isn't just one of the most bizarre figures to come out of the new wave/punk days; she's one of the most interesting people in rock history. Sporting impossible makeup and hairstyles, she looks like a completely different character every time she poses for a photo. (I once attended a lunchtime event at which she showed up wearing a latex bondage outfit with seveninch heels.) And her appearance is just part of it. Her vocals can shift from demonic growl to operatic soprano to rock 'n' roll holler within a single line.

What's more, her biography reads like a punk melodrama. Raised in East Germany by a dissident songwriter and a prominent

760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to

10:30 pm, John Poltz, 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, hiphop. 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.

Roxy Restaurant, 517 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-436-5001. Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, Sambajazz, Brazilain and American

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101),

Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, the GD S.O.B.'s, rock. Saturday, Max Blasto, alternative

actress, she studied classi-

cal music and then sang

Janis Joplin songs in cover

bands behind the Iron Cur-

tain. After her stepfather

was exiled. she fled to Lon-

don, where she discovered punk and started a new

band. She quickly became a

sensation in Europe, singing

idiosyncratic covers and

even stranger originals in

German and English. She

claimed to see a UFO while

pregnant with her first child.

took up acting, married (and

later divorced) a fan 15

years her junior, and got into a messy international cus-

tody battle over her second

child. She became fasci-

nated with India and recorded an album of

straightforward Hindu devotional songs. And

throughout her career, she has staged bene-

fit concerts and been active in a variety of

charities. She has documented much of this

in an autobiography, That's Why the Lady Is a

Punk, but the text is in German. Most of us

David J.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587.

Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, Ben Powell, blues, jazz. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, Brian Koehler, acoustic Zip & Zack's Filling Station & **Pickup Joint,** 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-

9393. Friday, 8 pm, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *the Corduroys*, rock.

BEACHES Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Side Pocket*, UVR, and G-

Spot. Friday, Psydecar, Tubby, and Delta Nove, reggae, funk, rock. Saturday, Rad Bones, the Plug Uglies, and Lunacy, rock. Sunday, Maxx *Cabello Jr.* Wednesday, *Down Low* and *Sonic Tongue Click*, hip-hop.





'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean

otherwise noted. Thursday, Kinetic

Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless

Source and Tiger's Temple. Friday, Mix Master Mike. Saturday, the B-Side

Players, Latin jazz, with the Joey Bowen

Band. Wednesday, Nina Hagen and

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran

Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081.

Thursday, call club for information.

Friday, 9 pm, *Shine Eye*, reggae. Saturday, *Orquesta Macondo*, salsa.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street

Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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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, Sprung Monkey, alternative.

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, the Simple *Life*, alternative.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *Todd Stedman* & the Fat Tones, blues

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay, 858-490-3380, Thursday, 9 pm Carlos Washington's Giant People, Get to the Point, and Tribe of Kings, jazz/rock/reggae.

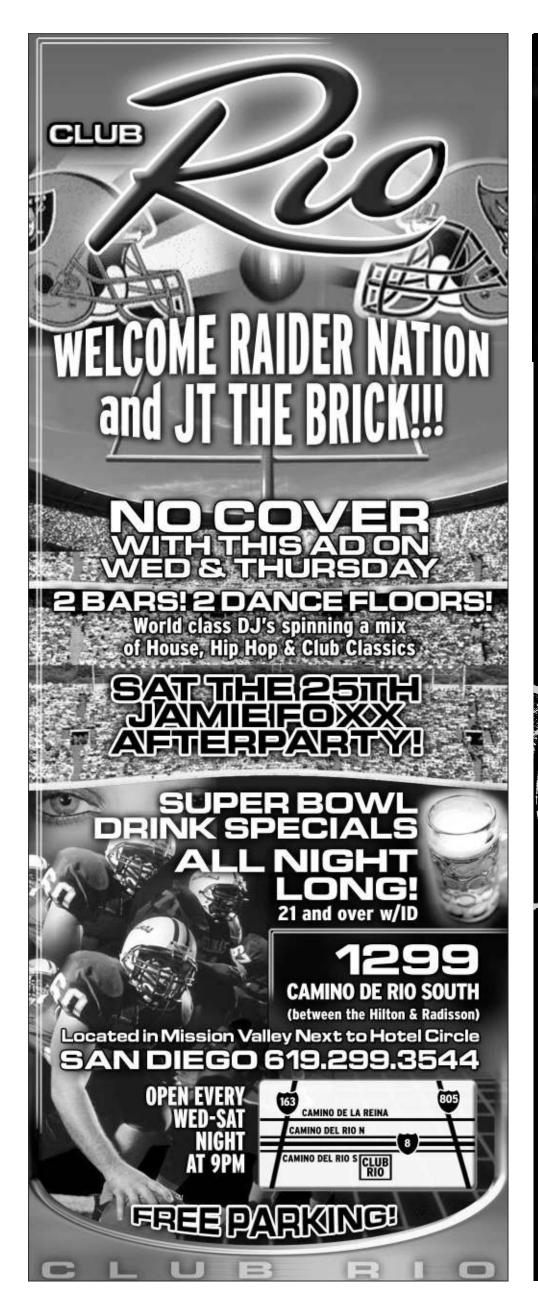
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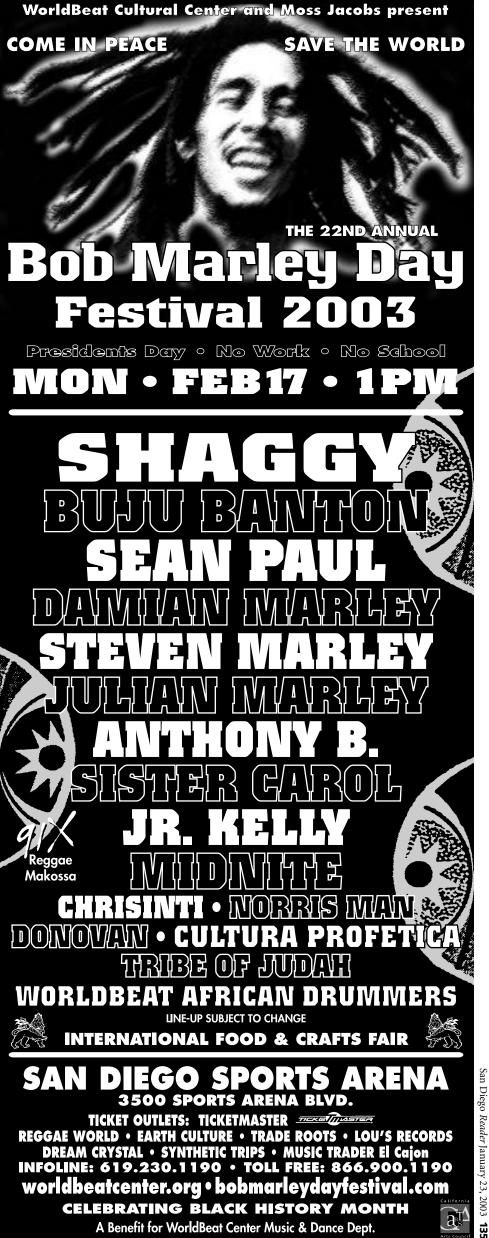




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Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo Brazilian-Latin jazz.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue. Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Slumlandz, Brooklyn Zoo, Big Boy Lavar, Wes Krazen, and Young Shaman. Friday, 18 Bonez, D.H.M., the Thought Experiment, and Malachi Crunch. Saturday, the Angry Samoans the Underhills, the Makeout Boys, and Losing Balance, Tuesday, Kuatro Vente and 120 Pain Wednesday. Ten to None, Dissolution, and Civil Unrest.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Saturday, *Berkley Hart* and *Gregory Page*, acoustic. Wednesday, *the Big Rig* Deluxe, rock.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 pm, Derek Duplessie & Desert Poets, folk. Sunday, 8:30 pm, Patti Zlaket and Grant Langston, pop.

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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, Fifth Wheel, Cult Hero, Don't Hit Your Sister, Name Taken, and Playing For Keeps.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, live rock and blues, call club for information

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, the Boogiemen, blues. Sunday, noon to 3 pm, Svoboda & Benedetti, Flamenco.

Henry's Pub. 618 Fifth Avenue. downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, Superfunk Fantasy, disco, retro. Tuesday, the Stilettos, 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.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Quiet Storm.* Friday, 10 pm, *Viva Santana*, Santana tribute. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *The Edge*, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop. Sunday, 8:30 pm, *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. Monday and Wednesday, call club for information. Tuesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, Rick Lyon, contemporary keyboard.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego* Concert Jazz Band.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, Hoodoo Voodoo, rock.



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Album Name: Ape of the Kings (2002) Artist: Stickfigure

Label: Garage Stomp Music

Songs: 1) The Grave 2) One Down 3) Hey, Man 4) Long Drag 5) Just Like Them 6) Clumsy Regretter 7) Hour of Day 8) Say It Mean 9) Olivia Mae 10) The Action 11) Call Me Crazy 12) Wedded Show 13) No One Has to Know

Price/Where Available: whatarerecords.com for \$13.99 Band Members: Jack McDowell (vocals, guitar), Mike

Hamilton (quitar), Mike Mesaros (bass), Kevin Stoller (organ), Josh Freese (drums)

Extra Info: After an 11-year career in Major League Baseball pitching for teams including the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees, and Cleveland Indians (and earning a Cy Young award), lead vocalist Jack McDowell now lives in Del Mar and plays music. Website: www.stickfigure.com

On their third album, Ape of the Kings, alternative rock/pop foursome Stickfigure offers 13 tracks of melodic but not necessarily memorable songs.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Caion Boulevard. College Area. 619-286-0400. Thursday and Friday, live alternative/rock. Saturday, Evans, acoustic, Wednesday, Tommy Price, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, the Residuals and Flying Douglas, alternative. Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams

Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Songwriter's Showcase. Friday, Mark Jackson. Saturday, Amber Gaia. Sunday, Pariah. Monday, open

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, Brax, rock, Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet* Brothers, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday, *Bandiego*, rock. Saturday, *Night Life*, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, 8:30 pm, open mike, hip-hop. Friday, *Acts of Aggression, Brick Bath, Hard* Echo, and Cage. Saturday, Epicedium, Exhausted Prayer, and El Santo.

Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Call club for information.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, One Last Time, State of Beyond, Hubris, and Falling for Alba. Friday, OK Go. Saturday, GBH, the Forgotten, Toxic Narcotic, and 46 Short.

Sun., Jan. 26

The attitude that permeates Stickfigure's sound can be found somewhere in between emotionally captivating alternative rock and the muted angst expressed in teenybopper pop. The album starts off as an energetic trip through mainstream pop/rock with the first four tracks. However, it soon begins to flounder as it reaches "Just Like Them" and "Clumsy Regretter," both midtempo ballads with a focus on ostentatious guitar techniques and a cheap feeling - they'd make good commercial jingles. The melodies of these songs are not bad, just a little overdone.

The album really doesn't pick up again until the 11th track, "Call Me Crazy," in which the swinging notes of the guitars and muffled bass generate a rockabilly rhythm. McDowell sings too much in

Wednesday, Noise Ratchet, Piehald, Minus the Bear, and My Chemical Romance.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *the* Rockaholics, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *High Five*, alternative.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 7:30 pm, *All* Pride Aside, Magdelene, Dogmatic Inner Limit, and Blue 88. Saturday, 7:30 pm, Letter Kills, Cold Weather Rescue, Hot Like a Robot, Halifax, and Big Reward.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park 619-542-1462. Thursday, Wanda Jackson, the Cadillac Angels, and Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly, Friday, Mississippi Mudd and Hellbound Saturday, the Blazers, rockabilly , nd Eddy





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his throat on this song. He could benefit the sound by raising his soft palate. A good voice teacher could help him. When there are harmonies, the songs are more fulfilling because the tenor-heavy sound is spread across a wider band of pitches.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-296-0616, Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Will Edwards, Tom Bowles, and the Bitty Bums. Friday, the American Folk Singers, Gregory Page, and Tom Brousseau. Saturday, Sab, Tim Corley, and Jenn Grinels, Sunday, 4 pm, the Celtic Ensemble, folk. Wednesday, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Joe Guevara, piano, 9 pm, the Vanguard Players with Lady Dottie, R&B. Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Francisco Ojeda* and *Joe Guevara*, 9 pm, *Absinthe*, rock and roll. Saturday, 9 pm, *Inner Voyage*, jazz. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9 pm, *Absinthe*. Monday, 9 pm, *the Derren Raser Band*, rock and roll.

Blarnev Stone Pub. 502 Fifth Avenue. downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, Steve Brewer, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 pm, Javid, Flamenco.

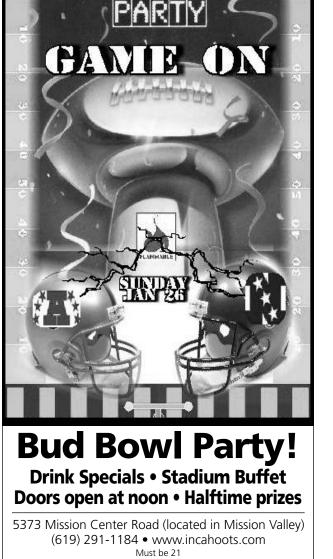
The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Drive By Truckers and Gunfighter. Friday, DeFacto, GoGoGo Airheart, Kill Me Tomorro Champagne Kiss, and Dosage & Usage. Saturday, the Melvins and Altamont. Tuesday, Rocket from the Crypt, 21st Century Lepers, with the Manifolds. Wednesday, Viva L'American, Death Ray, Resolver, the Detachment Kit, and the Pinwheels.

Chuey's Numero Uno. 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, *Rickacha*, rock.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Jazz Quartet. Friday and Saturday, Primo. Sunday and Monday, Glen Fisher con Alma. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Peter Robberecht/Pianoman, pop/Top40.



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Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue downtown. 858-270-7467. Monday, John Stowell and Rick Helzer, jazz. Wednesday, 8 pm, Ivar Antonsen, Duncan Moore, and Bill Andrews, jazz.

5ifth Quarter, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616, Thursday and Saturday, the Disco Pimps. Friday, 80z Allstars.

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Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, 9:45 pm, NRG. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 pm. Super Funk Fantasy. Sunday, 6:30 pm Masterpiece, jazz, funk, R&B. Monday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, the Jazz Allstars. Tuesday, *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *the Soul Revue*.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, *the David Patrone* Quartet, jazz.

The New Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue (between Broadway and C Street), downtown, 619-232-6141 Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, the Aubrey Fay Band, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues. Thursday, the Blues Brokers, blues Friday, 5 pm to 8:30 pm, *the Blues* Brokers, 9 pm, *the Bill Magee Blues* Band. Saturday, 4 pm to 8 pm, Big Mo, 9 pm, Family Style. Sunday, Billy Seward. Monday, Red Lane. Tuesday, Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars. Wednesday, the Texas Twisters.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, Jungle Boogie, pop. Saturday, the 80z Allstars, pop.

Sassafras Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, *Kippy Marks*, violinist. Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Victoria* Rose, classical guitar and Celtic harp.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, Son de la Tierra.

Tuesday, Primo, Wednesday, Timbalaya

Trattatoria La Strada, 702 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-239-3400. Friday and Saturday, *Bastista*, Brazilian/Latin music

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The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown, 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Sunday, *Julio & Fran*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, Karen Giorgio, piano and vocals. The Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, Peter Robberecht/Pianoman

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, Danny Lopez, ntemporary.

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Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, *the Evil Twins*, rock. Friday and Saturday, R.O.K., rock.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes, or Vicki Eriqat, European and ethnic accordion.

The Hi-Ball Lounge, 626 E Street, Chula Vista. 619-425-3800. Friday, funk. Saturday, special guests.

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MUSIC ➤ jazz on Friday and Saturday, 7–10 p.m. **SPECIAL NIGHTS** > none

CLIENTELE ➤ tourist families; older locals (average age 45); 90 percent Caucasian

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HOURS ➤ restaurant and bar open 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.

DRINKS > nothing on tap; bottles of Coors, Sierra Nevada, Corona, Budweiser, and more at \$3.25 a bottle: seven different specialty martinis including the Lucy & Desi Distraction (Lucille Ball stayed here often, according to their website) **FOOD** ➤ in restaurant, entrées average \$25 (roasted wild salmon, duck, Colorado lamb, and seven others); in Durante Pub, items

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McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Gene's Pool*, folk. Friday, the Noise Boys, rock. Saturday, 4-Way Street, acoustic. Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic folk.

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average \$11 (turkey club, salmon cakes, grilled shrimp pasta, fresh swordfish sandwich, and more); six desserts at \$6 each

ACCESS ➤ valet parking only (validated in restaurant or pub) **DRESS** \succ no dress code, but they were all semi-formal in the restaurant: in the pub there were some sweatsuits and jeans **DANCE FLOOR** ➤ none (all carpeted in lobby where the band

plays) **BATHROOMS** ➤ men's had three stalls (with doors that look like dressing rooms), two urinals, three plants underneath the two sinks; big air-conditioning unit on wall, and nice fragrance; women's had four stalls and two sinks and small waiting area with mirror; both clean

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FURNISHINGS ➤ the restaurant looks elegant; lobby had three tables (which you are allowed to eat at), ten chairs, and several couches; lots of room to stand and watch the band; the terrace had eight tables and is spacious: the bar is the smallest I've ever been in: only eight bar stools, and four tables that seat two: lots of horse racing and polo paintings

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 93 decibels from 20 feet away (92 at the Flying Bridge last week)

QUOTABLE ≻ "I don't know if putting a picture of Jimmy Durante in the pub menu did much for my appetite "

The Mark Lessman Trio - piano player, saxophone, and stand-up bass - were playing when I got

here. Ten people were watching them. Two left when their table was called. Five were friends or family of the band (the band sat with them when they took a break)

We were told on the phone that reservations weren't necessary for after 7, but when we got there at 7:10, they told us we couldn't be seated until 8:30. We ended up ordering from the Durante Pub, eating in the lobby, and watching the band. This way we could actually watch them. You can hear the band inside the restaurant or pub, but you can't see them. And with a fire going in the fireplace right next to us, on this rainy night, we were happy it worked this way.

When I went out onto the terrace, a guy was standing in the drizzle. I joked about that, and he said, "Hey, I'm from Seattle. This is hardly what I call rain."

– Josh Board

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *FZ13*, rock.

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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock. **Don Primo's Bolivian Restaurant,** 9570 Murray Drive, El Cajon. 619-466-2912. Saturday, 8 pm, the Rhythm Kings, Latin.



The Fox's Den

It's the peak of whale-watching season in Baja right now. If you're heading for Ensenada hoping for a close-up view of a huge cetacean, you may want to enjoy a lavish, warming dinner the night before you hop on some tiny boat to freeze your bones at sea. And I'm not talking tacos.

The most exciting restaurant in Ensenada is a two-year-old with high ambitions and a menu that's anything but typical. As you stroll along the main tourist drag, Avenida López Mateo, glance eastward when you reach the corner of Riveroll. You'll spot a small sign: "Manzanilla — Rare Mezcal, Live Abalone, Regional Cuisine." Abalone? Regional? When I saw that, I knew where my next meal was coming from.

My two friends and I peeked in. We found an entry room with brown brick walls, with a dark, dim bar fronting on a bright, open kitchen with whitesmocked chefs and sous chefs in full close view. Chef-owner Benito Molina was hacking away at a daily catch of local lobsters, readying them for the mesquite grill. There are a few tables along a corridor to the right of the bar. Framed copies of several laudatory articles about the chefs are barely legible in the semi-dark. Huge, moody paintings - not exactly standard Baja restaurant decor — hang on the upper walls and along the stairway at the left side of the room, which leads to a larger dining area on a high platform overlooking the bar.

Solange Muris Evans (Molina's wife and cochef), a stunning brunette, emerged from the kitchen to greet and seat us. She led us to the candlelit upstairs dining room, lined with banquettes covered in African-looking black-and-white geometric-patterned cloth. Sulky Europop, tropicalismo, and angry mid-'60s jazz blasted serially out of the sound system. The ambiance takes you out of Baja and straight into some artists' hangout in Paris or Prague.

Dinner begins with a signature bowl of juicy, locally grown green olives, sweeter flavored than the Manzanilla olives of Spain, and good fresh breads (house-baked focaccia and country French) with a dip of green, flavorful local olive oil and rather harsh wine vinegar. That evening's amuse was a crostini of dark, woodsy-tasting house-smoked rockfish with ground almonds on delicate, crisp bread. Smokiness is a pervasive theme at the restaurant: "The smoke is not just a way of cooking, it's an ingredient to me," Benito would later tell me.



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We were happily digging into our appetizers when a foxy-looking, long-haired dude in a Victorian caped suit strode into the dining room. Trailing in his wake were another handsome gent and a pretty girl, both casually dressed. It took a few seconds to figure out their combination of period and modern garb. The Russell Crowe sea saga, The Far Side of the World, was shooting

at the Fox Studios lot in Popotla, some 20 minutes north, and at least one cast member evidently loved his dashing costume too much to change

for dinner. It made perfect sense that movie people would head south for Friday supper: Manzanilla lures them with the most creative "chef cuisine" and heady atmosphere within driving distance of the studio.

Despite the "Abalone" sign outside, I didn't see any haliotis on the menu. When I asked, I was told, "We only have it sometimes, when we can get it the day it's harvested." This wasn't one of those days. (The owners are hoping to have their live tank fixed by the time you read this, to ensure a steadier supply.) Instead, we began with tender, lightly smoked oysters on the half-shell with browned butter and tarragon, a felicitous match of flavors. "They come from local oyster farms," said Solange as she served us. "We use small Kumeyaay oysters to serve cold with lavender mignonette sauce, medium ones to smoke." Local farmed clams were steamed in a wine-orange sauce with the clean, sharp nip of ginger. Both types of bivalves were emphatically briny,

compared with their north-Pacific cousins: Warmer water tends to hold more salt than icy seas. An array of baby lettuces were

dressed in an engaging, subtle vinaigrette with a delicate cheese undertone. The lettuces, Solange told us, are grown in Maneadero, a lovely farming valley about a half hour south of Ensenada, near the famed La Bufadora "blowhole." One of my tablemates, a botanical consultant in nearby Mission Descanso, was certain the lettuces must be greenhouse grown, since they were so tender. "Some vegetables, like cucumbers, are greenhouse grown, some are field grown," she answered. "It depends on the time of the year. In cold weather, we get basil and some other things from further south, grown in Todos Santos."

"Is it organically raised?" I asked.

Manzanilla ★★★ (Excellent)

Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico; 646-175-70-73 (from U.S., start with prefix 011-52)

HOURS: Wednesday–Saturday, 2:00–11:00 p.m. PRICES: Appetizers, \$3.50–\$10; entrées, \$9.50 (pastas) to \$28 (steak). Three-course prix fixe dinner about \$12 per person; seven courses, \$38 (entire table must participate). Prices estimated, depending on exchange rates.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Mexican nueva cocina emphasizing seafood, featuring mesquite smoke and fine local ingredients in sophisticated combinations. Full bar specializing in tequilas and Baja wineries.

NEED TO KNOW: Menu is in Spanish, but the owners speak fluent English. Credit cards accepted. Reservations advisable for Friday and Saturday nights. Arty ambience. Sound system often cranked up very loud.

LA GUERRERENSE:

Street-cart parked at northeast corner, Lopez Mateo and Alvarado, Ensenada. Very fresh-tasting seafood ceviches and tostadas, under \$1 per item, open daytimes. Spanish only, but pointand-shoot works. (See "About the Chefs.")

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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"The onions are officially organic — but in Mexico, most produce comes from little farms, and they can't afford the expensive chemical products from the States. They have to farm naturally."

Solange noticed that we were eating familystyle, sharing all the dishes, and proposed serving our entrées singly, in sequence. This proved so pleasurable that I wish more restaurants would follow

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the practice - it encouraged us to pay full attention to each dish in turn. We began with spaghetti in a simple, satisfying sauce of plump, lightly smoked tomatoes, rich green local olive oil, and fresh basil.

Then, lightly smoked, tender medallions from half a large spiny lobster arrived atop a heap of moist, slightly sticky risotto interspersed with earthy, soft black beans. The bowl was rimmed with a smoky marinara. which proved a clever touch. As we ate, the tomato slowly slid down from the rim and into the rice, creating a whole new flavor for the second half of the dish.

Our final entrée was one of the two meat dishes on the menu, an aged rib eve steak. (The rest of the menu changes with the seasons, but you can always count on the steak.) It took a while to convince our vouthful waiter that we really wanted the meat cooked "rojo, muy rojo," not "medio," but the meat arrived exactly as rare as we requested it, rubbed with salt and black peppercorns and lightly charred all over on the mesquite grill. Putting the lie to old shibboleths about skinny Mexican cattle, this Sonoraraised hunk of steer was juicy, tender, deeply beefy tasting - not just fully equal to the best stateside steakhouse beef, but, thanks to mesquite, even better. It came with a small mound of polenta and precisely one baby zucchini, one young carrot, one lissome green bean, one slender snap pea, a piece of grilled mushroom, and a squash blossom with a tiny zuke at the stem end. I believe that the serving of these singleton veggies is in no way an indication of stinginess, merely a means to

emphasize the preciousness of each little bite. The effect is, well, a little precious. Even more precious, and decidedly extravagant, are the graceful, pearl-handled Laguiolle-Sabatier steak knives that arrive (merely on loan, alas) to cut the steak.

Unlike most Baja restaurants, Manzanilla offers a real dessert list, not just flan. To my disappointment, though, most choices mirror the standard array at upscale restaurants this side of the border. A guava mousse was the evening's most interesting selection, the puréed fruit pulp swirled into dense, barely sweetened whipped cream. The flavor was enjoyably tart, sharper than the Philippine-grown guavas in California supermarkets. A "chocolate cascade," the most popular dessert, was vet another version of chocolate lava cake, verv good but in no way revolutionary. That night, the crème brûlée was vanilla (and, rather burned out on plain brûlée, we didn't try it). If you're fortunate, you may luck upon an evening when the custard is flavored with fresh lavender.

By that time, the Fox folk had long since finished their dinners and adjourned to the loud, lively scene at the bar downstairs. It was Friday night, 11:00 p.m., and we felt good after eating well. Outside the restaurant, the streets were alive with music - or racket, depending on your tastes. A nearby disco sported bright, multicolored dancing lights, with people in motion visible on a terrace high above the street. Ensenada's weekend had begun.

ABOUT THE CHEF:

Benito Molina, from Mexico

City, and Solana Muris Evans, from Cuernavaca, were both inspired by grandmothers who were wonderful cooks. His was a native of Campeche (Yucatán), and hers, German-Russian and Mexican (cooking for a French husband). Both chefs started out to study for a profession but soon realized they were meant for the kitchen. Benito started working at Maxim's, a well-known French restaurant in Mexico City, spent some time on a tuna boat off southern Baia ("a beautiful experience!"), and went on to study classic French cuisine at the New England Culinary Institute in Vermont. After graduation, he worked at Todd English's famed Olives restaurant in Boston. Solange, in turn, studied at the University of North Carolina Culinary College.

Both eventually returned to their hometowns to open restaurants with friends. Seven years ago, Benito accepted an offer to move to Ensenada and serve as head chef for La Embotelladora Vieja, Santo Tomás winery's highly reputed restaurant, where he worked for about four years. "There I met my wife, who was the chef for La Esquina de Bodegas, the other restaurant for Santo Tomás.'

Benito was actually the one who brought her, sight unseen, to Ensenada. "They needed somebody for La Esquina, the little bistro inside the Santo Tomas winery," Solange recalls. "I did not know Benito, but I knew his mother ---- she's a very good friend of my aunt, and I think the two women did some kind of witchery together. I didn't even know where Ensenada was, but I loved it right away. I was amazed by the

olive trees, the olive oil, the fish, the wonderful, fresh produce. One year later, Benito and I quit Santo Tomas and decided to open on our own, and that's how Manzanilla was born.³

Manzanilla means "little apple" (etymologically if not literally). It's the name of a type of olive, and also the Spanish word for the apple-scented herb chamomile. "The most important is the olive," Benito said, "because Baia is one of the only places in Mexico where the olive survived. At some point, the Spanish crown realized that Mexico was starting to compete against the Spanish olive oil and wine industries, so they banned growing olives and vines in Mexico. But since Baja is so far away from Central Mexico, I guess they didn't look here. The oldest olive trees are still here. That's why we named the restaurant Manzanilla — but also for chamomile, and also for the Manzanilla sherry from Andalusia in Spain. So it's a drink, an herb, an olive — all food-related.

"For the last seven years," he says, "I've been promoting the ingredients of Baja - the produce, the oysters, the clams, the mussels, of course the tuna. People in the States don't realize how good our ingredients are. A lot of our seafood is shipped to Japan. We have very deep water right off the coast, so we have a lot of fish, and many different kinds of fish. I also use traditional ingredients from Central Mexico, like cuitlacoche and many types of dried chiles, which I've loved since I was a little kid. In English we call our style 'modern Mexican food,'

but in Spanish, I call it cocina Mexicana de vanguardia – 'avant-garde Mexican food. My favorite dishes are cooked over charcoal or wood, not gas. We use mesquite smoke like an ingredient. In the modern world, where things are going so fast, you have to take some time to remember that fish used to be cooked that way.

All seafood used at Manzanilla is fresh. Some comes from the Mercado de Mariscos. Ensenada's dockside fish market, some comes direct from the fishermen, and the largest portion comes from a local company run by an oceanographer, who also ships seafood to major restaurants in Mexico City and Guadalajara. "As an oceanographer, his treatment of the fish is a lot more conscientious," Benito says. 'We don't keep frozen fish,' he adds. "We just serve whatever type of fish we can get fresh that day, including the abalone. The abalone are all farm-raised. At five years old they're still very small, and people who used to be able to get the large, wild abalone are usually disappointed because these are not the same at all, but that's how it is now. We do them a little differently - not pounded, but smoked a little over the grill, served with a smoked tomato and epazote sauce. Abalone don't last very long out of water, but I'm getting the fish tank fixed, so by mid-January I should be able to have them all the time.'

I asked what the couple's plans were. "I love Ensenada," says Benito, "but it's a small town, and I miss the rush of

everyday cooking. I'm thinking about opening in Tijuana and making Manzanilla more casual, just tapas, with our main restaurant in Tijuana." Solange ruefully agrees, "People here just come in on weekends. To really be able to create, you need to be cooking for enough people who appreciate it."

LA GUERRERENSE

While we were at Manzanilla, I quizzed Solange about other good places to eat in Ensenada. She immediately mentioned that her favorite lunch comes from a seafood tostada cart called La Guerrerense, a block from Manzanilla. "The owner since the '70s. Her food is so fresh, so good! She buys her produce from the same guys that we do, so it costs a little more, but it's very good quality. Benito and I agree that the most important thing in food is to use produce that's from close to you."

The next day at lunchtime I headed to La Guerrerense, which serves just two items ceviche by the cup or seafood tostadas, with crisp, smallish corn tortillas laden with the ceviche of your choice. You can get octopus, clams, shrimp, or all of them together, campechana (Campeche style). All versions of the ceviche are laden with fresh tomato, lime juice, and onion, with optional avocado slices on top. Having been deeply disappointed by a couple of fish joints we'd tried near the Mercado de Mariscos, it was refreshing to find the real thing. Solange has a palate — but we knew that already. ■

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Unplugged Pesto

While David was giving his fingerprints for his alcohol-license application, he met Don Lee, "the one-man band."

t caught my eye as I tramped down B Street from City College just now. This little island of light shining across the car park from C Street, like the café at the end of the universe.

Now, walking across the trolley tracks to it, it still looks good. "Uptown Café," it

says. "Wine. Great Food. Jazz.' Huh. They have wooden chairs and candlelit tables on the sidewalk outside, along with green umbrellas, a shiny metallic standing heater, and a white iron fence. City sign says No Loitering, so I walk right in.

Now I remember. This used to be the Café de Paris. Mr. Faiz. But, man, it's changed. We're talking zinc-topped tables, chunky wooden chairs, foot-square white tiles on the floor, walls in maroon and white, matte black ceiling, long dangling lights with yellow shades, a high counter where you can sit and eat, little chrome-and-glass candle holders on each table, poster art on the walls ("Teatro Buffonesco," "Ŝpumanti Martini"), planters, beautiful creamy cloth napkins, and cool jazz soundtrack.

I sit down at a table, but I'm feeling a little over my head.

Then I see the sign on the sandwich board. Across the top it reads "99-cent Chicago-style Pan Pizza. Slices." We may survive this after all.

Waiter comes up. "Menu?"



This hour, it's dinner prices, of course. Cheapest thing is the Chicago Pan Pizza. You can get it in the "individual" size for \$3.95, adding 25 cents for each topping; or go for "the works" for \$5.95. Half pans start at \$7.95, and full pan at \$13.50. I

order up a coffee. Salads go for \$6.00 to \$7.00. I see they serve pasta dishes for around 10 to 12 bucks. Little beyond me. But hold it: these prices are for "two large servings

"If it's just you, we can serve less and charge you less," says the waiter, Owen. "Like \$6.95." Aha.

Okay. Now we can look. I check the pasta column. Classic spaghetti and meatballs is \$10.75 for "two large servings." The roasted pepper pasta with basil pesto ("red, yellow and green peppers sautéed lightly with garlic and garlic pesto with just a touch of lemon and parmesan cheese") is \$12.25 for the double serving. The list includes angel-hair pasta with creamy mushroom sauce (\$11.25), and penne with chicken and wild mushrooms in red sauce (\$12.25).

Sounds good. I order the penne and settle back. But not for long. First Rosie, the assistant, brings water. Pours it into a fine-wine glass. Then Owen brings a salad with mushrooms and green and red peppers, plus ranch, Italian, and Thousand Island dressings. "Uh, is this part of the order?" I ask. "Of course," he says. Then Rosie brings out a

plate of hot garlic bread with a big blob of pesto butter. Now we're talking. The pesto is, like, addictive. And with Italian on the salad, it's a little meal in itself. Finally Owen brings out the penne. Lord. A bi-ig oval platter stacked with the pasta, large chunks of tomato, lots of sauce, mushrooms, and bits of chicken. For \$6.95, this is turning into a deal.

"I was always inspired by a family place near O'Hare in Chicago," says David, an ex-electronics guy who's the main owner here. "They put out bowls of pasta, sauces, salads, and the whole table shares the food. Family get-together style. That's what I want to get going here.

The guy's nothing if not original. "I built all this furniture myself. Tables, chairs, the bar counter. The art on the wall's stuff I had." His girlfriend's dad got the zinc for the tabletops. Her mom has come and done the plants, and while David was giving his fingerprints for his alcohol-license application, he met Don Lee, "the one-man band." Now Don plays unplugged jazz-blues on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights.

David says he's serious about turning this into

a wine-bar-restaurant. "I'm going to bring in 2000 different bottles of wine, and I'd like to start a wine-storage business, so loft residents around town could store their wine here, then come eat and call for their own bottle from the cooler."

But, heck, first he has to survive. So his business partner, Richard, has started \$1.99 breakfast specials like biscuits and gravy, and \$1.99 lunch specials like hamburgers. Tough for them, great for us.

I've asked Rosie to pack most of the penne so I can take it home to have at it with Carla. And a couple of wedges of cheesecake (\$1.99) - which they bake right here. Chocolate for her, strawberry for me. I've already started mine. Oh, the rich, crumbly base. Beautiful.

By the time I walk out, I'm feeling like a king, if you want to know the truth. It's that combo of beautiful cutlery and tablecloths and the real decent prices. The danger: it's on the route from City College to the bus. This could happen again.

Out in the night, the red trolleys rumble by. People look in and wish they were here.

The Place: Uptown Café, 819 C Street, downtown (619-231-2929) Type of Food: Italian-American

Prices: Two eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes or toast, and home fries, \$1.99; two biscuits and gravy with side of grits, \$2.95; lunch special, hamburger, chili cup, Philly cheesesteak (among others), each \$1.99; beef-and-cheese croissant sandwich with soup, small salad, or fries, \$4.95; LBJ's Texas-Style Chili, with roast beef, beans, \$5.95; individual pizza, \$3.95, add toppings, 25 cents; Italian country bread soup, with zucchini, sweet peppers, onions, topped with Italian flatbread, \$3.75; spaghetti-and-meatball dinner for two, with bread, salad, \$10.75; angel-hair pasta with lemon and chicken (for two), with bread and salad, \$12.25; fettuccine Alfredo (for two), with bread, salad, \$11.25; spaghetti special, with red sauce and same sides, \$4.25

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday to Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday; 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday

Buses: All downtown

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What came first, the chicken or the egg?



Actually, it's the shrimp. Then salads, artisan cheeses, bagels and lox, eggs Benedict, waffles, French toast, omelettes made to order, carved beef sirloin and, of course, finish with great desserts and pastries.

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Perverse Industry

"New Jersey has a great rule; they have a blacklist. If you're a restaurant and you haven't paid me, you can't buy wine from anybody."

MATTHEW LICKONA

orrey Wines president Mitch Hill was a grad student at San Diego State when he got a job as a merchandiser for Bohemian Distributing, a major wholesaler out of Chicago. His assignment was "doing displays for Liquor Barn,"

a local chain. "But the first week on the job, the salesman was nearly killed in a car wreck. He retired, and they just promoted me. All of a sudden, I had 13 stores that bought 200 Cabernets and 200 Chardonnays."

Hill must have been doing something right. Bohemian promoted him to general salesman –

'you called on bars and sold them Smirnoff and that stuff." But though it sounds like a cush assignment, Hill attests that "it was horrible. I didn't do it for very long." He returned to wine, working for a San Francisco distributor with a big book of imports. But mismanagement sent the distributor into bankruptcy around 1990, and Hill was out of a job. Happily, the distributor gave him a goingaway present, setting him up as a broker for their portfolio so he could begin selling wines on behalf of the wineries themselves. From there, he began to branch out on his own, starting with winemaker Nils Venge's Saddleback Cellars. "He was the winemaker for Groth and had made the first 100-point wine. That put him on the map. I met him up in L.A. when he was still working at Groth, and he needed someone to sell his own wines." Hill was in the right place at the right time and has brokered Saddleback — along with several of the wines Venge makes for other wineries ever since.

As a broker, Hill has had a lot of experience with little guys, producers too small or too unknown to be worth a distributor's while. "The wine industry is perverted, in the sense that you've got so many producers. There are what, four or five guys making cars? You look at any product, and there are a couple of big guys and maybe a few hangers-on. But there aren't 1000 producers of Coca-Cola out there.

That's because, in the real business world, you can't do that. In the wine business, people don't make wine based solely on economics, but for many other esoteric reasons. Then they come to me when they realize they can't sell it."

These days, they come to Hill in part because he's been around awhile and has the trust of folks in both the retail and restaurant trades. By now, he's an experienced brand-builder. "A lot of people believe a brand is best built through restaurants, but I don't necessarily hold to that. I think you can build through retail — though maybe not exclusively. A lot of boutique wineries would like to see their wines nowhere but in restaurants. They want the retail business for themselves." That's in order to avoiding being discounted by wine shops, a common occurrence in Southern California. Often, a distributor has purchased the wine, and if the distributor cuts a deal with a shop on price, there isn't much the winery can do about it. The fear is that a customer will see the wine in a discount wine shop for \$15 and then be outraged when it shows up on a restaurant list for \$45 - more outraged than if the wine were priced at \$20 retail.

But Hill doesn't think that people track it that closely, "especially if the producers are small wineries that people don't know about." But if they see Kendall-Jackson at Costco for \$7.99, and then on a wine list for, say, \$24, that's another story. "It's amazing to me that the restaurant business just continues to sell big-name wineries. People are complaining about the list prices because they see the wine in an end display at Costco or Vons. It would be so easy for restaurants to avoid that" by simply carrying less commonly available wines. "But I don't think they want to try to sell something that nobody knows. People complain about the price, but they know the wine, so they buy it. As opposed to 'I've never heard of this, so I'm not going to buy it, even though it might be a good deal and the price isn't offensive.

Hill has nurtured several brands into full-blown success, only to see them fly into the cash-laden embrace of distribution giant Southern Wine & Spirits. He understands their reasons, the growth and security that comes from being a cog in a well-oiled machine. But the in-

fluence of the big boys still irks him, especially when it touches his bottom line. Besides losing big-selling wines, he sometimes feels the pinch in other, more indirect ways. "There are a lot of rules that little wineries don't follow that closely. In the state of California, if a customer hasn't paid you in 30 days, you can't ship them any more wine. Almost all the little wineries ignore that rule." The wineries don't want to lose a placement, so they cut the customer some slack. But if the winery doesn't get a check, the broker doesn't get his commission, and Hill loses out. "New Jersey has a great rule; they have a blacklist. If you're a restaurant and you haven't paid me, you can't buy wine from anybody. In California, if you haven't paid me, you can still buy wine from Southern and anybody else.

Hill contends that a giant like Southern "has tons of power and wines that everybody wants, so buyers always pay Southern and screw the little guys. A lot of customers have never paid me, just because I have to go and sue them in small claims court [to collect]. But up to the end, they'll pay Southern right on time.



"I proposed changing that rule to the Family Winemakers of California [a group that represents smaller wineries]." But the group responded that the current policy encouraged business. "They thought a lot of customers would say, 'To heck with it. If I buy from this little guy and don't pay him, I can't get wines from Southern. So I just won't buy wines from the little guy.'"

A possible solution to this problem for Hill may be buying inventory from the winery as needed and selling the wines himself, thus avoiding the issue of commissions altogether. As for the problem of labels leaving him, he has begun importing wines from Chile under his own label, 'because that way, they can't leave. The big wineries in Chile, Santa Rita and Concha y Toro, used to buy fruit from growers. But over the last ten years, they've bought a lot of their own vinevards." Eager for a new outlet for their grapes, "a group of smaller growers allowed me to come down and choose whatever I wanted from five smaller wineries to put under my own label." And no matter how good — or big — they get, they're staying put.





RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-caneat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is \$32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — *E.W.*

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really *rocks*. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

KIM'S RESTAURANT 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch some shellfish is evidently obtained

What the Chef Eats

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP WITH PEAR-APPLE CHUTNEY

Executive Chef, Bernard'O Restaurant, Rancho Bernardo

As a young man I traveled around Europe and lived with the family of a Belgian friend, Marc Hermand, in Brussels. Madame Hermand's daily routine was to prepare a multicourse midday meal, which often started with a soup. She made wonderful soup with little effort, because while she was cooking, her stock would simmer. Later. trimmings would be added — a potato, seasonings, and voila! Soup. To make a great soup you must begin with a great stock.

frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service HOW TO DO IT Make chicken stock: Put one chicken in a large pot and add some chopped leeks (washed), carrots, celery, and onions, quartered. Add a few bay leaves, thyme, and whole peppercorns. Cover all with cool water, bring to a boil, and then immediately reduce heat to a lazy simmer. Cook for 90 minutes. Strain and discard the solids. Your entire house will now smell wonderful, and you have the base for many soups and sauces. (To save for future use, pour into a

lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01) **KNOCKOUT PIZZA** 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineap-

ple, we don't do chicken. We don't do

plastic or glass container, place in refrigerator and let cool, uncovered. When cool, cover and refrigerate for up to four days. Before using, skim fat from top if desired. Broth may be frozen for later use.)

Peel two medium butternut squashes, cut in half lengthwise, and remove seeds with a spoon. Chop into 1-inch cubes. Chop leeks and wash. Roughly chop yellow onions into ½-inch pieces. Heat 2 ounces olive oil in a large pot, and sauté leeks, onions, and squash. Add cinnamon

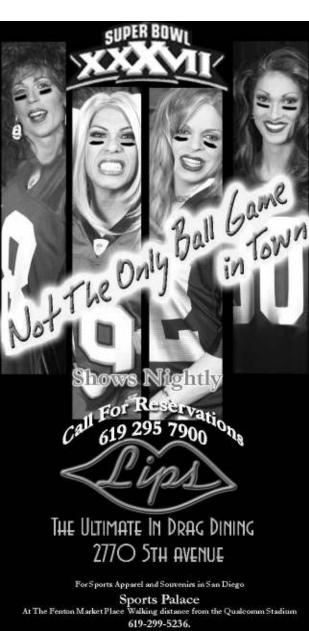
18-inch. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and flavors like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "Whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)



and nutmeg. Add chicken broth and bouillon cubes, bring to a boil, and then simmer for about 30 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste and cool slightly. Transfer small amounts to a blender and blend in batches.

Pear-apple chutney is a must with this soup. Peel and dice 2 apples and 2 pears, being sure to

> PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call







What the Chef Eats

remove seeds, and set aside. Slice 11/2 cups shallots. Sauté in olive oil until they just begin to caramelize. Add sugar and cook until sugar just begins to caramelize. Add cider vinegar and reduce for a few minutes. Add lemon juice, cinnamon sticks, honey, pears, and apples. Cook over medium heat, stirring often until chutney has thickened, approximately 20 minutes. Garnish each

for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

TOMIKO 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at

Best Western, just west of I- 5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting

overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion

cooking and sushi in a serene but lively

dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can

be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-

master also keeps an eye on the restau-

rant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken

black cod" are rewarding, as are the

simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood

entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays

only, dinner nightly. Moderate. -

N.W. (3/02)

bowl of soup with a generous tablespoon of chutney. Cheers!

INGREDIENTS

- Chicken stock: 1 chicken, or about 3 pounds chicken parts (wings, backs, necks, etc.) 1 or 2 leeks, rinsed, chopped, then washed thoroughly to remove sand 2 or 3 carrots, coarsely chopped 2 or 3 sprigs celery, including tops, coarsely chopped 2 or 3 onions, peeled, quartered
- or 2 bay leaves
 pinch of thyme
 4 or 5 whole black peppercorns
 Soup:
 8 cups peeled, chopped
 butternut squash (from 2 large squashes)
 4 cups chopped leeks, wellwashed (whites and tender greens of 2–3 large leeks)
 4 cups chopped yellow onion (from 4 medium onions)
 2 oz. olive oil

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 pinch ground nutmeg

ner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; nor-

mal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E. W.*

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black

Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this

splendid Indian restaurant. The setting

is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tan-

doori dishes. Numerous selections are

available for vegetarians. An all-youcan-eat lunch buffet is served daily.

Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640

Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel

Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho

Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The

same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are

12 cups chicken broth 4 chicken bouillion cubes Salt and pepper to taste Chutney: 2 firm apples (such as Granny Smith, Macintosh, Pippin) 2 pears 1½ cups sliced shallots 1 oz. olive oil ⅓ cup sugar ⅓ cup cider vinegar 4 cinnamon sticks Juice of 1 lemon 2 tablespoons honey

even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W*.

> THE FIRESIDE 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French-Continental — think duck à *l'orange*, tournedos Rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. All steaks and

prime rib are USDA Choice or better, dry-aged for maximum flavor, cooked to your preference. You can taste the difference. Sometimes an octogenarian pianist tinkles out old show tunes. Isn't it romantic? It is. Dinners nightly, with bargain-priced weeknight twilight dinners, champagne brunch Sundays. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain-priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE WAYSIDE CAFE 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

GOLD COAST

ARTERRA Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine souffle pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W.* (4/02)

HIDE AWAY CAFE 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and Jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL, AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.* **RED TRACTON'S** 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mam-

NORTH INLAND

ABBEY'S REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-rry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and din-







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tre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Cen-ter, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediter-ranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la

Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max's Pizza are outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexnsive to moderate. — E.W. (3/00)

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open nightly for dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (1/00)

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

THE MARINE ROOM 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high ad-venture, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Ma-rine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The ex-hilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes ev-ery visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain a roval feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

MICHELE COULON PASTRIES 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son pre side in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light,

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Happy Dinner Hour

moist, rich, and available as wholes. slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. At lunch there are European-style salads, house-made paté, fresh vegetables, and two or three substantial entrées — often including the family's famed cassoulet and a seductive quiche Lorraine featuring a light, satiny cheese custard in a crumbly crust. Wine and Belgian ales available Open daily, breakfast through late af-ternoon; during the summer, dinners available on Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02) P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

dinner. Dinner menu available from

opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calo rie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best zabaglione (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. Firstrate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

KING'S FISH HOUSE 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and fol-low the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come vith soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of Ameri can-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appe-tizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommo-date special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted Mc-Donald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

SAM WOO BAR-B-Q RESTAURANT 7330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #A103, Clairemont Mesa 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies — without busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Delicacy" Combination will fill you nicely Tung kong salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honeyglazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably jook, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork or-

gans, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House Tea With Pearl — iced tea with *boba* (caramelized tapioca balls) floating in it. You suck the boba up with the tea through the triple-wide straw and Isn't this the way shopping chew. should be? Daily, 9 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rain-bow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. 'seafood dumplings are especially The re markable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (4/99)

THE BEACHES

CAFE ATHENA Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont Street), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. The food is uneven but basically pleasant at this popular Greek destination. Good soups and appetizers (but skip the *tara-masalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting desserts. Rather noisy when crowded. Reserve for dinner, especially weekends (or risk an hour-long wait). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

GO GREEK CAFE AND GRILL 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *tara*masalata (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically or Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

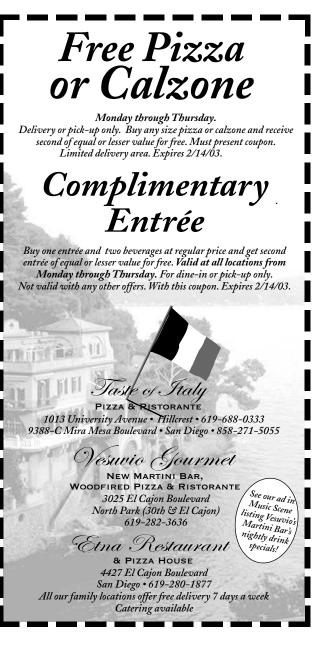
LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really ro-mantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.W. REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sisterrestaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

THE THIRD CORNER 2265 Bacor Street (at West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. On the former site of The Belgian Lion, Ed Moore and his long-time chef from Thee Bungalow (across the street) focus on Mediterranean-style seasonal seafood, with some meat and poultry entrées for dedicated carnivores. The house style is creative but rational try the ethereal (not an oxymoron) cabbage-wrapped seafood "chartreuse" with sauce Nantua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crusted salmon, or the lake whitefish in any preparation. A huge wine list offers food-friendly bot tlings chosen to complement the cui-sine at below-normal markups. To request a specific wine from Thee Bungalow's larger cellar, call ahead. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/02)

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THEE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including com-fort-food entrées like grandmaman used to make. And like mamhre's, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the overrated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W.* (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

AWASH ETHIOPIAN RESTAU-**RANT** 4979 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-583-9225. Small eatery, but great place to sample some of Africa's best vittles. Come off El Cajon Boulevard into clean white walls, Ethiopian art, haunting music, maroon cloth-covered tables, and white napkins. Awash (named after an Ethiopian river) serves pretty much everything on *injera*, the giant soft crumpet you rip and wrap around foods arranged in beautiful piles on top. (Don't expect cutlery; the iniera serves that function.) They have plenty of meat or vegetarian choices, among them *yebeg alicha* (lamb stew), *kitfo* (raw chopped beef with spices, red peppers, and Ethiopian cheese), or *yedoro wot* (spicy lamb cooked in red pepper *berbere* sauce and butter). For a late breakfast, try the *foul* (crushed beans, onions, tomato, and green peppers with French bread) or the *sambusa* (a pastry shell filled with lentils or beef). Ethiopian beers or the Awash's *tej* (honey wine, with or without alcohol) go well with this food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. More-los-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), huevos rancheros, and menudo or po*zole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped charge all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market Street (at th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309 Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesserknown delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. -N.W. (2/01)

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue (at I-15), Kensington, 619-283-7546 This small, friendly café. a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, pota-toes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, maca-roni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday through Sun-day, breakfast through early dinner. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and din-ner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day - you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skir



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MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mex-ico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal sur-rounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treat-ment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dryroasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is stud-ded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesdsay through Saturday, Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

ORCHID THAI AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really. really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pep-per steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is deli-cious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet co-conut milk. Other tasty dishes include prik pow beef, som tum (papaya salad), panang curry, and mee ped (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sen-gsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

SHERMAN'S CAJUN AND CREOLE BUFFET 7353 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-8797. According to Sherman Hargrave, the owner-chef, the difference between Cajun and Creole is that Cajuns were country French and Creoles were mixed-race town sophisticates. And their food reflects this background. Must-know: "Gumbo's a soup and Cajun," says Hargrave, "jam-balaya's a casserole and Creole. But onions and peppers and celery are the base of both traditions." His all-youcan-eat lunch buffet (including a salad bar) is the best on-the-job way to get educated. His long center table has ev-erything, from Louisiana gumbo, vegetable gumbo, fried catfish, barbecued chicken, and jambalaya, to beef hot links, baked and Southern-fried chicken, candied yams, collard greens, dirty rice, macaroni and cheese, crawfish étouffée, and really good, crumbly corn bread. And do not leave without a bite of (dangerously addictive) coconut coffee bar. Price includes a choice of soda or coffee. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

FAR EAST

THE HIDEOUT STEAKHOUSE AND **SALOON** 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ys-abel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Friday through Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

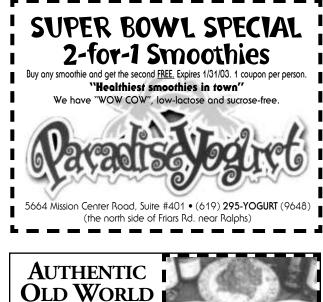
THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was *a banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00) **OWL CAFE** 674 Main Street, El Cen-

OWL CAPE 6/4 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays; closes 4 p.m. on Saturday. — E.B. (9/01)

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combina-







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BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking - tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8 a.m., and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos dances — that happened here. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and cof-fees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — E.W.

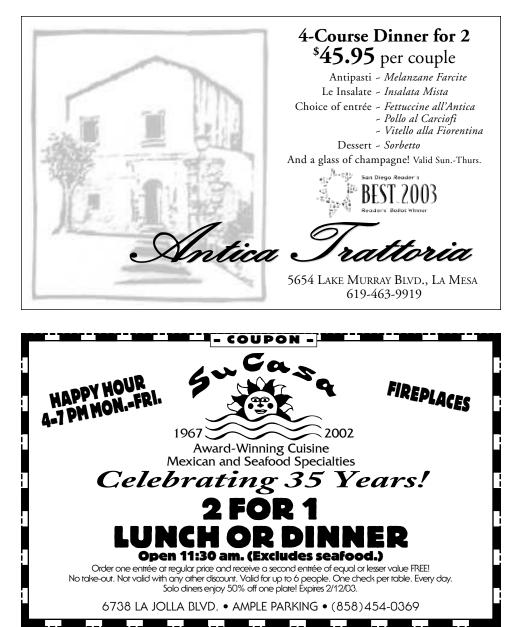
JIMMY CARTER'S CAFE 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middleclass eatery has a surprise - great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Or vegetarian vin*daloo.* Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy Street), uptown, 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner; closed Monday. Low moderate to expensive. E.W. (3/00)

MISSION HILLS CAFE 808 Washington, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neigh-borhood restaurant — nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Open Tuesday through Sunday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner; closed Monday. Breakfast items available until 4 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (6/99)

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W.

SASSAFRAS 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-4745. This restau-rant 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. He's pioneering "new" Cajun cooking: kinder, gen tler, and more sophisticated. His Aca



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dian seafood gumbo, which includes spicy house-smoked andouille sausage, is one of the best in any town; oysters Bienville features barely-warmed oysters with a lush spinach topping. Also superb: paper-wrapped shrimp, seafood Evangeline, and crab-corn soup. Among the entrées, the must-try is the signature Sassafras Chicken, stuffed with jambalava. On Wednesday nights during the season (January to June), there's an exuberant crawfish feast on the enclosed patio, with mud-bugs shipped live from Louisiana cooked with andouille and corn in a tasty house-made "boil." Dinner nightly. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)* SPEAKERS' CORNER BRITISH PUB & GRILL 2664 Fifth Avenue (near Nutmeg Street), Banker's Hill, 619-232-5456. Think British and most people will go straight to the Shake-speare or Princess Pub. But Speakers' Corner boasts a loyal following of Brits and Colonials — and lots of locals who come not only to drink, play darts, and exchange job tips, but also to eat. Yes, the food's awfully British, but not that awful. The fish and chips are darned good, with the batter made daily. Curried chicken pizza is clearly a transfer from the Raj, Britain's "Inja' adventure. And, de rigueur to any redblooded Englishman, steak and kidney pie, steak and mushroom pie, shep-herd's pie, or bangers (sausages) and mash are always on the menu. Best deal: fish and chips at lunchtime. Lunch to late dinner, six days; kitchen closed

Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02) **ZOCALO GRILL** 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out

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of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining yearround. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

A LA CARTE ON SIXTH AVENUE 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

DUBLIN SQUARE 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

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 moderately priced USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. The meat comes with a choice of 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)*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of goldframed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MOMO 555 Market Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-231-9000. A 15,000-square-foot room done in American Provincial style boasts 150 feet of Asian-style seafood buffet. There are literally hundreds of buffet selections: salads, iced seafood, cooked seafood, meat and chicken dishes, fried Asian appetizers, *teppan-yaki*, a couple of soups, sushi and sashimi, and a host of desserts. Most of it is, alas, of pedestrian quality, and it gains no flavor by sitting there hoping somebody will eat it. Go early for the freshest food. Some sushi available made-to-order. Good sake list includes Momokawa Pearl. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

OCTOPUS GARDEN 314 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-1653. Not-tobe-missed Japanese and Continental preparations. Superb sushi and ashimi, unique hot appetizers, fish with continental sauces. Ahi tuna steak and sea bass outstanding. Upstairs seating for large parties. Delightful atmosphere and service. Open nightly for dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (700)

OLD WORLD RESTAURANT 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SALLY'S ON THE WATER Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Square (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-687-6080. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. The fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood; the dishes are tossed off with ease and consummate assurance by Alsatian chef Stephane Voitzwinkler. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes (fresh Maryland blue crab with minimal interference) or the tender salmon *en croute*. Among the entrées, the porcini-crusted ahi and the classic bouillabaisse are worthy of attention. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the conservative tastes of hotel diners, you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people with 48 hours notice, and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly-California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (12/02)*

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/01)

THE SNACK GALLEY Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don't expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it's open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage, or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

TAMALE CART Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanishspeaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B* (10/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — *E.W.*

THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PAN-CAKES 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

GRANDMA'S PANTRY RESTAU-RANT AND BAKERY 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma's notice — pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says "Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First." The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to "Hot Juan" frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their "All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat" special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB's pier. Breakfast and







early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado, binagoongan,* and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweetand-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare,* beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit,* Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LA BELLA PIZZA GARDEN 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

ZORBAS FAMILY RESTAURANT 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. All-you-can-eat Greek buffet daily, lunch, midweek dinner, weekend dinner with entertainment of belly dancers and Zorba's dancers. Plenty to eat. Not gourmet food, but fun. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W*.

BAJA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

EL GALEON One street before you reach the oceanside street-market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs basts an open kitchen and a cozy downstairs bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local kitchen-made "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

LA DIFERENCIA Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy,



even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (1/02)

LA ESCONDIDA Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. "The Hidden One," located in a converted mansion, boasts two gardens and patio dining, and is especially beautiful at night. The roasted baby goat, roasted quail, and the Châteaubriand (for two) are all worthwhile. Very civilized experience, complete with live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente. Proceed on Agua Caliente past the racetrack, approximately onehalf mile. Turn right at Las Palmas. Two short blocks up, turn left at the "Pescaderia Playas" sign. The entryway to La Escondida is straight ahead. Open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 130 a.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W*.

LA VUELTA 2004 Avenida Revolución, Tijuana, 685-7309 or 684-2611. For an extravagant evening of mariachi music, good food, and high spirits, remember that La Vuelta is open every day, 24 hours a day. Mariachi available daily. Authentic Mexican food and atmosphere. English spoken. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LONCHERIA REYES 862 Callejón del Travieso (off 2nd Street), Tijuana, 685-3150. *Callejón del Travieso* translates as "Mischief Lane." It's packed with dentists, copy shops, a granero (granary), and a veterinary pharmacy alive with crowing roosters, cooing turtle-doves, rabbits, and yapping pups. You'll smell their wonderful *casera* (home-style) corn tortillas before you get there. Big pots bubble on stoves under an iron hood. You usually have a choice of three meals, involving beef, chicken, or pork, which come with a nutritious soup filled with meat-onthe-bone, corn cobs, potatoes, and vegetables. Corn tortillas and a glass of tamarind juice are included. Maria and her husband Juventino cook it up behind the counter where you sit, watching Tijuana television or chatting with the locals. Breakfast and lunch to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its var-ious branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky

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enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. -N.W. (9/01)

IL FORNAIO 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. *"II fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bistecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquitegrilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato,

mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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A Whole Lot of Nothing

What the actor-slash-director seems to be banking on is the spectator's starry-eyed goodwill.

n adaptation of the "unauthorized autobiography" of Chuck Barris, *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* licenses screenwriter Charlie Kaufman once more to shut

himself up inside a brain, a pattern of behavior that casts doubt on his stated intentions in *Adaptation* to attempt a straightforward

treatment of the Susan Orlean book, The Orchid Thief. It was his own brain he burrowed into in that one; it was, ostensibly, John Malkovich's in Being John Malkovich. And in this one, the self-flatteringly described Dangerous Mind is that of a TV game-show producer — The Dating Game, The Newlywed Game, et al. - and moonlighting CIA hit man. Says him. Perhaps Kaufman has been spending a bit too much time penned up in somebody's head; perhaps it is time to stretch his legs, take a stroll around the block, see how things look from the outside.

We meet the protagonist (played with maximum smarm and supreme sleaze by Sam Rockwell) holed up, Manson-haired, naked, close to catatonic, in a New York fleabag in 1981, where, with what will prove to be his cus-

tomary grandiosity, he

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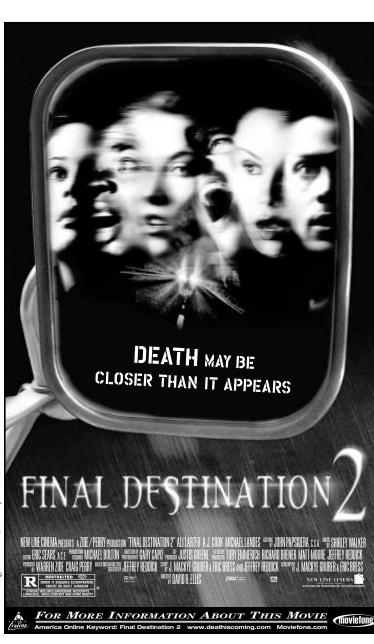
writer the details of his wasted life" as a "cautionary tale.' The genre that would better fit what unfolds is the "fish story." The chronological flow of the narrative gets interrupted with jumps in time, return trips to the New York hotel room, and present-day inserts of talkinghead interviews with real people who knew the man (Dick Clark, gameshow host Jim Lange, game-show guest Jaye P. Morgan), and it was probably a good idea to remind us where we're headed - The Gong Show, ultimate-- when we're mired in a fuck-youfuck-you duet from the early days. The smeary, crumbly, solarized, de-



saturated image of those days — a cheap "antiquing" method — adds little interest to them and less credibility.

First-time director George Clooney, overseasoning and overcooking like a culinary amateur, certainly makes his presence felt, as well as actually *seen* in the role of the CIA liaison whose pasted-on mustache also adds nothing in credibility. What the actorslash-director seems to be banking on, in place of credibility, is the spectator's starry-eyed goodwill. And in truth, the cronyism whereby Clooney's cohorts from *Ocean's Eleven*, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon, pop up in bit parts as passed-over contestants on *The* Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

Dating Game, and then Julia Roberts in a bigger part as a Garbo-hatted Mata Hari, will no doubt tickle the sillies in attendance. It might even give them the "inside" feeling of being cronies themselves. (Application for change of name: George Crony.) Even so, goodwill will be sorely tested. The amount of time allotted to the hit-





Opens in theaters January 31.

man sideline — Barris claims to have combined his Dating Game chaperon duties with his assassination assignments in "romantic" places like Helsinki — makes it impossible to shrug off the claim as an idle boast. The cloak-and-daggerism recalls the equally preposterous espionage bits in A Beautiful Mind (where was Charlie Kaufman when they were looking for a screenwriter on that one?), and you must concede, at the very least, that this movie springs the bigger surprise in that these bits turn out not to be delusions. It is difficult, though, to gain much perspective on a life from a vantage of disbelief.

Darkness Falls is not just the name of a movie, but the name of a New England town where Matilda the Tooth Fairy, hanged as a child-killer in the deep dark past, and now a fluttering flapping thing in a porcelain mask, still makes vengeful visits on the occasion of a resident's last, lost baby tooth. That's about all there is to it (that, and an easy-to-remember, hard-to-obey rule: "Stay in the light: stay alive"), a threadbare scare show, at a stretched-out hour and a quarter, with a "scream-track" so loud that you cannot be sure whether anyone around you is screaming along with it. Though the movie is slickly made, I didn't recognize any face or name on either side of the camera — apart from the Stan Winston imprimatur, if not his actual input, on the creation of the creature — and honestly I wouldn't mind if I never did.

National Security is a bickersome mixed-race buddy action-comedy, whose action is little distinguishable from the action in many noncomedies. Steve Zahn, with bristly hair and mustache of equal length, and the general demeanor of a man trying to bench-press 300 lbs., manages to stay in character, or near it, while Martin Lawrence stays nearer the mike on a concert stage. Cars and vans crash through glass doors, fences, barrels of water, port-a-potties — six, seven, eight times, always in slow-motion. Bullets ping, chip, splash, shatter, splinter — six, seven, eight hundred times. Pay for this line of work must be significantly higher than for the assembly of Big Macs, but job satisfaction must not.

A Guy Thing is a nothing, or close enough to make no difference, about a groom-to-be who wakes up after his bachelor party with a Tiki Girl in his bed. The Tiki Girl turns out to be the bride-to-be's cousin. An attack of the crabs, a simulated bout of diarrhea, a pair of "dirty" panties, and other indignities never suffered by Cary Grant and Irene Dunne, Rock Hudson and Doris Day, follow. The principal players — Jason Lee, Julia Stiles, Selma Blair — do not bring along the Independent Spirit of, say, Chasing Amy, The Business of Strangers, and Story*telling*, respectively — so much as they strive, like true troupers, to blend into the Establishment. Where else has that push-faced pug, Julia Stiles, shown such friskiness

Just Married I was going to skip altogether until it became for one fleeting week America's Number One Movie: a myopic, borderline xenophobic romantic comedy about a couple of blissfully self-obsessed young Americans — Ashton Kutcher, a name that sticks in your teeth if not in your memory, and Brittany Murphy and her upturned nose and her upturned lip — on a European "honeymoon from hell." I now have a bone to pick with each and every ticket buyer on the opening weekend. And I will not likewise be lured into seeing the new Number One, *Kangaroo Jack*.

Zero plus zero plus zero plus zero plus zero equals.... But complaints will not be tolerated from anyone who is not completely caught up on *The Hours, About Schmidt, Adaptation, Nicholas Nickleby, Gangs of New York, The Pianist....*

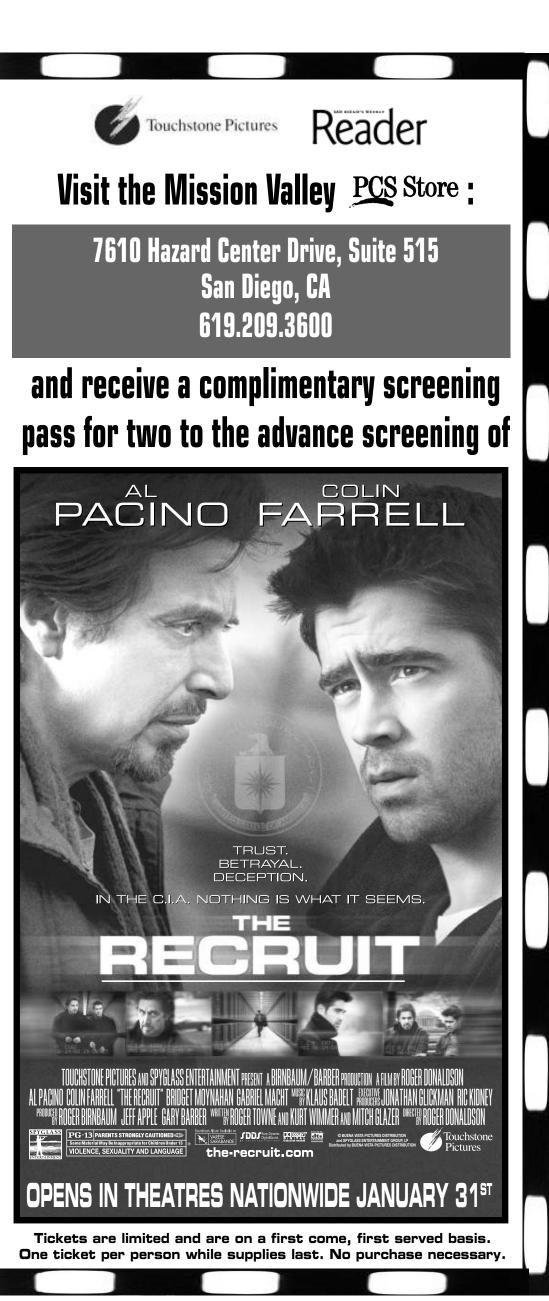


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About Schmidt — Alexander Payne's latelife-crisis comedy about a retired Omaha insurance executive who now begins to wonder what it was all about. Jack Nicholson may be too big a star, or too hip a one, in relation to his surrounding cast (chosen with 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-vearold 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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; 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 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 be 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, postmodern 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. ★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15;

GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 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. • (HARBOR DRIVE IN)

Antwone Fisher — Written by the selfsame Antwone Fisher, in recollection of the time in his life when he was (by this account) a bottled-up, cork-blowing sailor who, through the solicitude of a nice girl

and a Navy psychiatrist ("I love you, son"), confronted and conquered his inner turmoil over his abandonment by his mother and his abuse by his foster family ("I'm still standing! I'm still strong!"). Also the directorial debut of Denzel Washington, one of the most magnetic figures on the contemporary American screen. Somehow the magnetism does not come through as strongly from the other side of it. A dream scene, surely, is a bad way to begin a directing career, especially when the dream is a pastoral idyll of a little black boy introduced to his smiling ancestors and a stack of flapjacks. Nor does it seem a very smart strategy for the uplifting climax of the debut to be the literal Dream Come True. Not uncommonly for an actor turned director, Washington gives plenty of TLC to his cast - newcomer Derek Luke in the title role, Joy Bryant, Salli Richardson, Novella Nelson, Viola Davis, and Washington himself as the psychiatrist — although he presses up so close to the faces as to leave suffocatingly little space and air around them. Luke, who gamely holds his own opposite The Magnet, runs the full, backand-forth, lung-bursting gamut of emotions; and the happy face at one end of them certainly, and touchingly, looks like a goal worth fighting for. 2002. ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Blonde Venus — Dietrich, in her fifth film for von Sternberg, strips off a gorilla suit (to reveal a platinum Afro, among other things) and sings "Hot Voodoo." That aspect of her character is more swallowable than the aspect of Self-Sacrificing Wife and Single Mom. The hallucinatory vision of America's seamy side is what counts, not the character's "motivation." With Herbert Marshall and Carv Grant. 1932. ★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 1/23 AND 24, 9:10 P.M.)

The Blue Angel — Emil Jannings's puritanical professor interposes himself between his impressionable students and a cabaret artiste called Lola-Lola; but in so doing he succumbs himself to the spell of this pitiless femme fatale, and he sinks lower and lower in order just to be near her, donning clown makeup, crowing like a rooster, and peddling erotic postcards of his aloof inamorata. Josef von Sternberg's lugubrious love ballad, which first brought Marlene Dietrich to the attention of American audiences, moves with the weight of ineluctable doom. 1930. ★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 1/23, 7 P.M., AND 1/24, 1:30 AND 7 P.M.)

Bowling for Columbine — Michael Moore's engaging and enraging documentary on gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and

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McConaughey

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 wellarmed 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

the climate of fear in America. Dishevelled

purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face - Kmart capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore's quixotic quest to change the world. His search far and wide for connections and causalities, for an explanatory nexus, can at times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." (Joey Ramone's sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much *unslick* as strategically and pragmatically *anti-slick*. The film mirrors the filmmaker. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton Heston, 2002.

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA PALOMA, FROM 1/24)

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: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; 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, John C. Reilly, Queen



from Kidman, and Moore and Streep and Ed Harris make 'The Hours' seem like minutes. The score, from Philip Glass, crosses the line into art and carries you inside the lives of these women.

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 $^{ imes}$ Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf? Not the screenwriter David Hare. Not the director, Stephen Daldry. And surely not the all-star combo – Kidman to Meryl to Moore – the acting version of baseball's fabled 'Tinker to Evers to Chance'. Ms. Kidman's portrait of Virginia Woolf is stunning. One of the year's most important films. 'The Hours' is a marvelous picture to escape to.³³



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Confessions of a Dangerous Mind — Reviewed this issue. With Sam Rockwell, Drew Barrymore, Julia Roberts, and George Clooney; directed by Clooney. • (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/24)

El Crimen del Padre Amaro — Carlos

Carrera's modernization, and Mexicanization, of a 19th-century Portuguese novel by Eça de Queiroz, a disciple of Flaubert. The film was a boxoffice bonanza in its native land, perhaps surprising in view of the sedateness and sobriety with which it looks at its subject. The subject on the other hand - priestly indiscretions - is muy picante. And there are moments worthy of Buñuel: the palming of a dollar from the collection plate, the spitting-out of a communion wafer to take home to the cat, the attempted force-feeding of a wafer to a palsied invalid. With Gael García Bernal, Sancho Gracia, and Ana Claudia Talancón. 2002. ★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Darkness Falls — Reviewed this issue.
With Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield, and Lee Cormie; directed by Jonathan Liebesman.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/24)

Derrida — Kirby Dick's and Amy Ziering Kofman's documentary portrait of French deconstructionist Jacques Derrida. (KEN. 1/24 THR0UGH 30)

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.

★ (PARKWAY PLAZA 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. • (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Far from Heaven — At the outset, Todd Haynes carries us on a crane over a Peyton Place-y town square (or square town) and into the glossy world of the 1950s "women's picture." It is mildly amazing how straight he plays it, or anyway how deadpan, although there are nonetheless as many laughs as there would be if a present-day audience were to sit and watch *Imitation of Life or All That Heaven Allows*, the two Douglas Sirk soapers that provide the most overt inspiration. One flagrant difference between this and those is the taboo subject matter that never could have seen the light

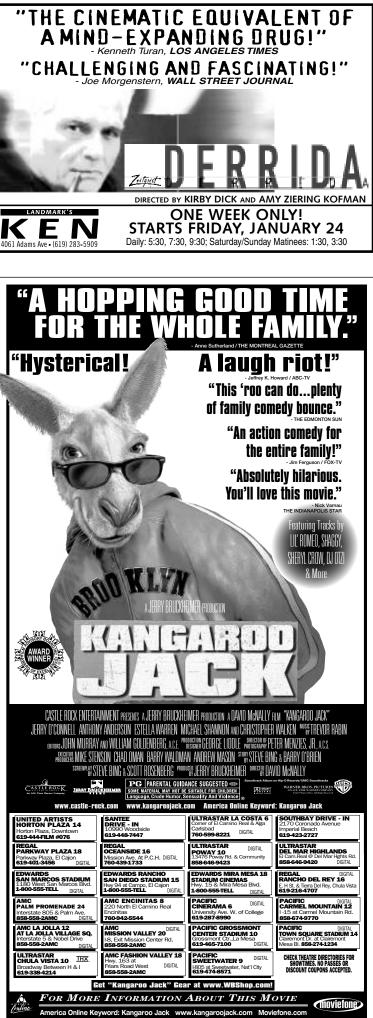
of day on the old Universal Studios backlot: the struggles of a white-collar family man with his suppressed homosexuality ("I know it's a sickness, because it makes me feel despicable") and the possibility, if not the actuality, of a clandestine affair between a liberal-minded suburban housewife and her cultured "Negro" gardener. Somehow the director's deadpan does not hide every hint of his condescension, self-congratulation, and higher evolution. Off screen, which is to say in interviews and in the press notes, he will insist on how relevant and universal as distinct from Universal — the material continues to be, but this might have been easier to swallow if he had updated the setting. When Rainer Werner Fassbinder paid his own homage to Sirk in Ali: Fear Eats the Soul, he made the same point, and made it better, by taking an old soapy story (All

That Heaven Allows cross-pollinated with Imitation of Life — and clearly Haynes owes as much to Fassbinder as to Sirk) and then 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)

Frida — Belated contribution to Fridamania. 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





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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-bythe-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 colorful 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. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION

VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY;

HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

A Guy Thing — Reviewed this issue. With Jason Lee, Julia Stiles, and Selma Blair; directed by Chris Koch.

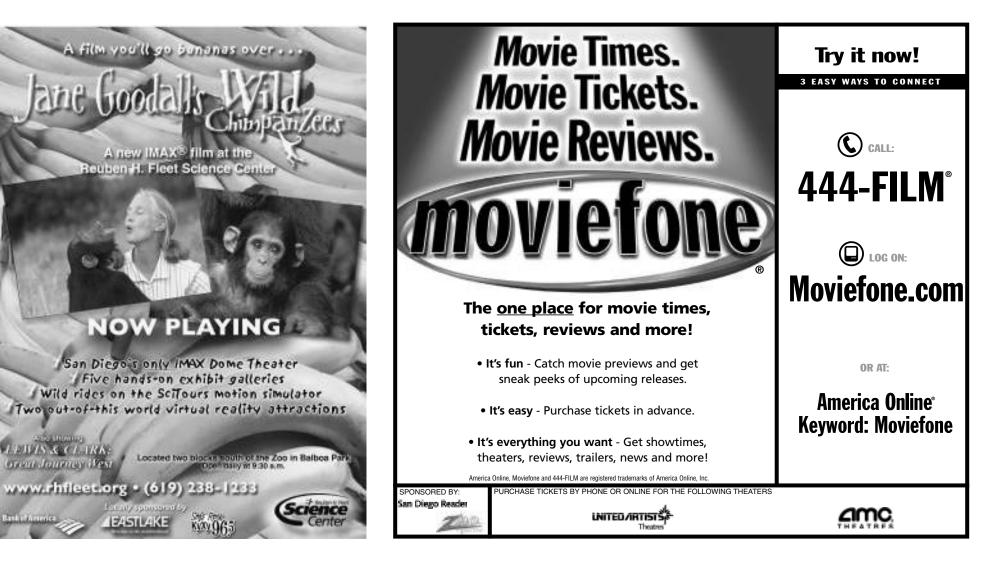
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Harry Potter and the Chamber of

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 Arvan-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 computergenerated 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 seambursting 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. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Hours — No disrespect is meant in describing this as a consummate "women's picture." But inasmuch as the major-studio women's picture is practically a thing of the past, it will have to be a high-toned, highflown one with illustrious literary connections. Two such connections, to be exact, the first to the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Michael Cunningham on which the film is based, and the second to Virginia Woolf, who is a principal character in it, battling madness in her rural sanctuary while composing her day-in-the-life novel, Mrs. Dalloway. The two other principal characters in this three-ring circus are lattergeneration Mrs. Dalloways, one of them a post-WWII Los Angeles housewife and mother who is in the process of actually reading the book and acting on it (the danger of fiction!), and the other a presentday New York literary editor who most certainly has read it in the past and has been nicknamed "Mrs. Dalloway" (her forename is Clarissa, but there's more to it than that) by her AIDS-afflicted former lover. Each of



these, in common with the titular Mrs. Dalloway, has an "occasion" to prepare for, a husband's birthday and an ex-lover's poetry prize, respectively. And the action in each time zone, following the pattern of the Woolf novel, is concentrated in one day: "A woman's whole life in a single day," muses the author herself. Suicide is a prominent theme, a prominent option, in all three zones, as well as in Woolf's novel: "Someone has to die," the author again explicates, "that the rest of us should value life more. Implicit in the structure — the parallel lives in chronological strata — is a ringing testimonial to the universality and immortality of literature in general, and (resistant though some might be to the appointed representative) Virginia Woolf in particular, as well as a testimonial to the sisterhood of women of all ages and eras. And the omniscience of the point of view, the loftiness of the perch, comes with an uncommon complement of other attributes of the divine: compassion, clemency, absolution. Nowhere are these called so actively into play as when, at the end, two of the parallel lives turn out to be not strictly parallel but converging, and two powerhouse actresses - Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore - sit down for a crossgenerational tête-à-tête that has all the electricity and intensity, if none of the animosity, of a heavyweight championship fight. If, when the dust settles, the movie can be said to be, like so many others, "lifeaffirming," it is important to add immediately that the affirmation is so tortured, so skeptical, so qualified as to give it, for a change, real meaning and impact. With Nicole Kidman (behind a distracting putty nose in the part of Mrs. Woolf), Ed Harris, John C. Reilly, Stephen Dillane, Miranda Richardson, Toni Collette, Allison Janney, Jeff Daniels, Claire Danes; directed by Stephen Daldry. 2002.

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Intacto — Solemn whimsy, somewhere in reach of *The Twilight Zone*, in which luck is seen as an occult power, and those who have it compete in an elimination tournament for the right to challenge the reigning Luckiest Man in the World. (Final round: Russian roulette with five bullets and one empty chamber.) The elaboration of the idea stresses its filmisiness. With Leonardo Sbaraglia, Eusebio Poncela, Monica Lopez, and Max Von Sydow; directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/24)

Just Married — Reviewed this issue. With Ashton Kutcher, Brittany Murphy, and Christian Kane; 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)

Kangaroo Jack — Marsupial comedy with Jerry O'Connell, Anthony Anderson, and Estella Warren, directed by David McNally. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

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The Life and Times of Hank

Greenberg — The inspirational story of the "Jewish Jackie Robinson," the six-footfour Detroit Tiger first baseman and left fielder in the Thirties and Forties, a magnet at the time for ethnic slurs and a stronger magnet for ethnic pride. (The anecdote of an on-field run-in between the veteran Greenberg and the rookie Robinson is particularly, and quite literally, inspiring.) It is a nice story, told with feeling and with fine detail and with abundant athletic drama. But it must be pointed out that the inspirationalism has nothing to do with the pedestrian documentary method of talkinghead testimonials and oral biography, illustrated copiously and sometimes compulsively (a mention of Hitler or Pearl Harbor will call forth a substantiating shot of Hitler or of Pearl Harbor, and a clip from *Gentleman's Agreement* exemplifies anti-Semitism in action) with archive footage of varying degrees of fuzziness, blurriness, scratchiness, and graininess. Directed by Aviva Kempner. 2000. $\bigstar \ddagger (HAZARD CENTER 7, 1/24, 4 P.M.;$ 1/25, 12:15 AND 11 P.M.; 1/26, 1 P.M.)

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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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)

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.

 (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM
 PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Self-

anointed "Frump Girl" meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he's not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage ("My cousins have two volumes, loud and louder"), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the "personal" angle stirs sympathy. With John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7; VOGUE)

Narc — Down-and-dirty cop thriller, as hard to follow as it is to stomach. The pellmell direction of tyro Joe Carnahan is geared to grab attention, and it definitely caught the eye of Tom Cruise, who threw his weight behind it as an after-the-fact executive producer. With Jason Patric, Ray Liotta, Busta Rhymes, and Chi McBride. 2002.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

National Security — Reviewed this issue.
With Martin Lawrence, Steve Zahn, and Eric Roberts; directed by Dennis Dugan.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 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)

Nicholas Nickleby - Worth seeing if for nothing more than the 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 selfconsciousness. Still, writer-director Douglas

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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 consider 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.

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horsewhip to our emotions, manages deftly to sidestep the pitfall of self-consciousness. With Charlie Hunnam, Jamie Bell, Christopher Plummer, Tom Courtenay, Jim Broadbent, Juliet Stevenson, Edward Fox, Timothy Spall, Anne Hathaway. 2002. ★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Pianist — The true survival tale of Wladyslaw Szpilman is the most basic, most elemental, most elementary Holocaust film since Schindler's List, right down to a recitation of the "If you prick us" speech

from The Merchant of Venice. Episodic, anecdotal, rich in detail as well as in brutality, absurdity, degradation, and horror, it covers the arrival of Naziism in Poland, the establishment of the Warsaw ghetto, the embarkation of the trains to the camps, the uprising and its quelling, and the eventual collapse into chaos, all from the point of view of the Jewish protagonist (Adrien Brody), who, after the roundup of his family and his retreat into hiding, enjoys a ringside seat on some of these events from an upper-story "safe house," before he is rooted out in a frighteningly staged assault

on the apartment building. It has been well chronicled how the Polish-born director, Roman Polanski, was himself cut off from his family under similar circumstances in his boyhood; and the commitment he brings to the subject is plain to see. One respectfully wants to suggest, however, that it is only through our cultural puritanism that this will be seen as a finer job of filmmaking than The Ninth Gate (to name the director's most recent), and that his inerasable early experiences have no doubt informed all of Polanski's best work, albeit less literally. Or in other words, more artfully. With Thomas

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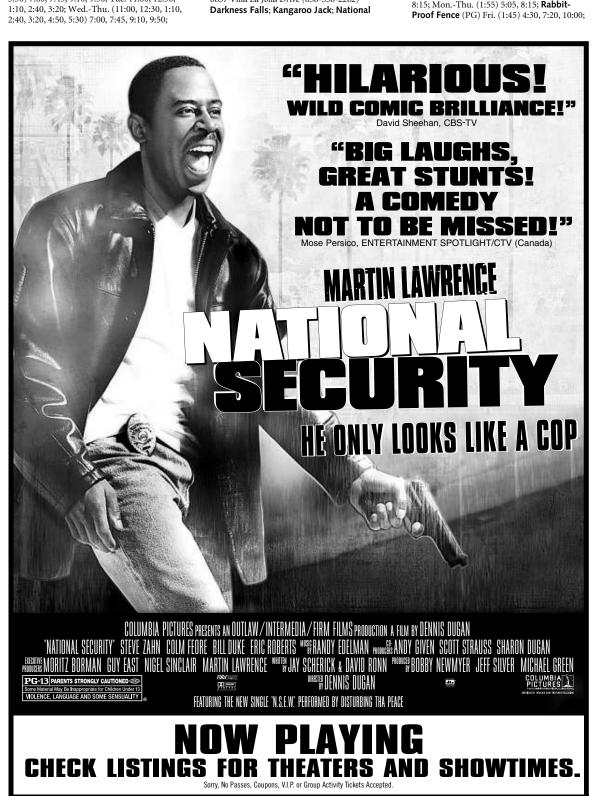
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Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Rabbit-Proof Fence — Factual folk tale of three little half-caste girls who in the early 1930s, by authority of the Aborigines Act, were taken from their home and transported 1200 miles away to an "assimilation" camp, whence they promptly escaped and set out homeward on foot, using the titular structure — "the longest fence in the world" — as their road map. The

assimilation policy, scandalously on the books into the 1970s, is no doubt deplorable, and as a dramatic subject, in consequence, it inspires easy indignation and self-satisfaction, as well as such dogeared images as the mother running tearfully alongside, and then collapsing in the dust, of the vehicle spiriting away her children. And Kenneth Branagh, as the prissy pen-pusher in charge of enforcing the policy, all too plainly relishes his blandly villainous lines: "In spite of himself, the native must be helped." (Director Phillip Noyce's subsequently shot but almost

simultaneously released The Quiet American, from the Graham Greene novel, ventures into grayer morality.) The trek itself makes an acceptable if unexciting adventure story, with the girls going through a variety of terrains and helpers. And the appended documentary footage of two of the real girls as old women administers a guaranteed heart-tug. With Everlyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury, Laura Monaghan, and Davil Gulpilil. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/23;

LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/24)

Rebecca A Hitchcock special — a creamy, thick, sweetish blend of genres, with ingredients from detective stories (what really happened to Rebecca?), Gothic thrillers (the haunted house, the unspokenof past, the creepy housekeeper), and tearjerkers (Joan Fontaine's fern-like young wife struggling to preserve her marriage to Laurence Olivier, who's still in the grips of his Heathcliff gloom). Based on a Daphne Du Maurier book. With George Sanders, Judith Anderson. 1940. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 1/26, 2 P.M.)

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

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NATIONAL CITY

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Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) Darkness Falls; Kangaroo Jack; National Security; A Guy Thing; Just Married; Catch Me If You Can

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)

About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:40; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:10; Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05 9:55; **Chicago** (PG-13) Sneak Pre-view Sat. 5:35; Sun. 7:45; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10, 10:35; Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (2:00) 4:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:45, 10:10; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:00, 10:05; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:50, 8:30; Sun. 4:50, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:45) 8:10; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 7:55, 10:10; Just Married (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25, 9:35; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:20, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:30, 5:30) 7:30, 9:35; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:55) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:15, 7:25, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, (11:00, 2:35) 5:15, /:25, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, D 3:10, 5:20) 7:25, 9:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 4:30, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:50) 8:20; **Narc** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:00 (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:00; National Security (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:05) 5:10, 7:20, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:15, 5:15) 7:20, 9:25; **Two** Weeks Notice (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:25) 7:35, 9:50; The Wild Thornberrys Movie (PG) Fri.-Sun (12:30, 2:35); Mon.-Thu. (2:30)

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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

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Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Confessions of a Dangerous Mind; Dark-ness Falls; Kangaroo Jack; National Security; A Guy Thing; Just Married; Narc; Antwone Fisher; Catch Me If You Can; Two Weeks Notice; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; The Wild Thornberrys Movie; Maid in Manhattan; The Hot Chick; Drumline; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; The Ring

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Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **25th Hour** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 3:00, 5:45) 8:30; Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:05) 5:30. 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30, 5:55) 8:20; Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00; **Gangs of** New York (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 8:05; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:10, 4:20) 6:30, 8:40 How to Lose a Guy In 10 Days (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 8:00; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 5:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 5:55); Narc (R) Fri. (11:50, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Sat. (11:50, 3:15) 5:35, 10:20; Sun. (11:50, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:20, 5:40) 8:10; **Nicholas** Nickleby (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 3:10, 5:50) 8:30; The Pianist (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:55) 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:55, 5:50) 8:45

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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Antwone Fisher (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45;

Darkness Falls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:00, 2:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; El Crimen del Padre Amaro (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Narc (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; National Security (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

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Manhattan; The Hot Chick; Empire; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 4:00) 7:05, 10:30; **Charly** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; **Con**fini file (2:05) 2:05 (2:06) file (10) file (2:07) 9:30; **El Crimen del Padre Amaro** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:10) 7:15, 10:00; **Gangs of** New York (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:25) 6:55 10:25; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:15; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05) 7:00; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30) 7:45, 10:20; Kangaroo Jack (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:35, 2:25, 2:50, 4:40, 5:05) 6:50, 9:40; The Lord of the Rings: The Two

Towers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, (12:00, 3:45) 8:00; Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:05) 7:20, 9:50; Sat. (12:30, 3:05) 9:50; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:05) 7:20, 9:50; Narc (R) Sun.-1hu. (12:30, 3:05) / 2:0, 9:50; Narc (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:00) 7:35, 10:10; National Security (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:10, 4:25) 6:40, 7:25, 9:35, 9:55; Shanghai Knights (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:30; Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:20) 7:20, 9:45; The Wild Thornberrys Movie (PG) Fri.-Thu. (3:35) 10:25

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:00; Star Trek Nemesis (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 9:45; **Treasure Planet** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00

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made it? Where'd it come from?" She has exactly one week to find the answers Directed 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)

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. ★ (VOGUE)

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Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; Darkness Falls (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun, Thu, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30; Just Married (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu, 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15, 500, 12:45, 7:05, 12:45, 7:05 5:30, 7:45; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; **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; National Security (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:00, 8:15; **Two** Weeks Notice (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00,

23 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15 SAN MARCOS Reader

San Marcos 18 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)

 ³⁰ 25th Hour (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:25,
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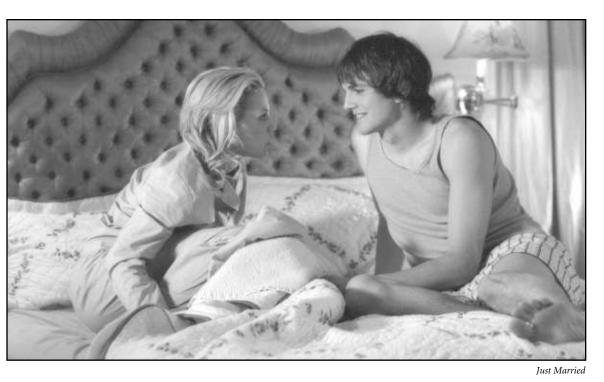
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DEL MAR

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Hegedus and Jehane Noujaim (with a diluted watery image in its transfer to film), on the rise and fall of an Internet company called "GovWorks.com," founded by a couple of buddies from high school: "We help government *work*." The camera, as in Hegedus's *The War Room*, is an unintrusive onlooker, but for a few intimate interviews. The subject, on the other hand, is not inherently as interesting as in *The War Room* (Clinton's first presidential campaign), and the issues, the drama, and their resolutions remain a little elusive. 2001. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 1/25, 9 P.M., AND 1/26, 5 P.M.)

Stranger Than Paradise — Independent filmmaker Jim Jarmusch gets a little out of a little. His film stock is the grainiest black-and-white, and his soundtrack sounds hollow. Each scene is shot in a single take (a common time-saving device), with blank frames in between. There is a brief reference to Yasujiro Ozu, but the stylistic rigors of Jim Jarmusch have little in common with those of Ozu (more with those of Warhol). And in fact the occasional use of a wideangle lens betrays a rather suspect sense of composition — Ozu's strong suit. For all that, the movie reaches a level of lowlife inaccessible to any but an underground film. And the poverty-row subject matter and production circumstances are such as to safely lower one's expectations. Numerous critics have done their worst to heighten these, but low expectations are surely the

Antwone Fisher (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30,

only sort that will be met and surpassed. The narrative is divided into three geographical acts - New York, Cleveland, Florida tracing the adventures of a Hungarian immigrant named Eva, and two New York buddies who have developed their own personal standards of hipsterism. (Richard Edson, with his roving Harpo Marx eyes, his reedy Dead End Kid voice, and his Emily Post commitment to small talk, steals the show from the others.) The third act rather disappointingly breaks stride, and shows a conventional urge to deliver a big payoff. 1984.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 1/24 THROUGH 30)

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 brought it to the screen.) The first half, delineating the central quartet of a male nurse, a bald journalist, a lady bullfighter, and a comatose dancer who embodies the Mystery of Woman, is played with such simplicity and sincerity as to raise the interest and hopes of the director's nonfans, 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 vellow, 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 sophisticate, flatulence jokes for the innocent, and rollicking Korngold-esque musical passages for the nostalgist - and the whole thing exudes the warmth of a cash register. 2002. • (VOGUE)

25th Hour — Pretentious, heart-on-sleeve

New York movie pointedly set post-9/11: the blue beacons of light that stand where the Twin Towers once stood; the clean-up operations in the pit below the windows of one of the main characters; the Osama bin Laden wanted posters; the firefighter shrine at an Irish pub; the "In Memoriam" list of the fallen from one FDNY unit in the closing credits; the lugubrious score by jazz trumpeter Terence Blanchard (every individual musician, from the entire cello section to the Uilleann piper, credited by name); and the Bruce Springsteen ballad for exit music. Little of this has anything directly to do with the last night on the town of a busted drug dealer (Edward Norton) who must report to prison at first light. Though it contains some of Spike Lee's most assured direction, the movie also features some terrible embarrassments, some fatuous dialogue, some improvisational aggravations, and a non-sequitur rap number by the protagonist's mirror image (yes, his reflection in a mirror): "Fuck this whole city and everyone in it!" The total package does not, to say the least, hang together. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Barry Pepper, Rosario Dawson, Anna Paquin, Brian Cox, and footballer Tony Siragusa as a Ukrainian mobster. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SOUARE 14)

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; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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 SOUARE 14)

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Thing (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05, 5:40) 8:05, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (1:50, 5:40) 8:00; Just Married (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 10:10; Sun.-Thu. (2:00, 5:20) 7:45; **Kan-garoo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 9:55; Sun.-Thu. (1:20, 4:40) 7:40; **The** Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:45) 8:30; Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:55, 5:15) 8:00, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (1:40, 5:30) 8:10

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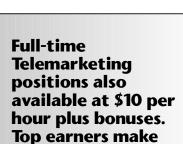
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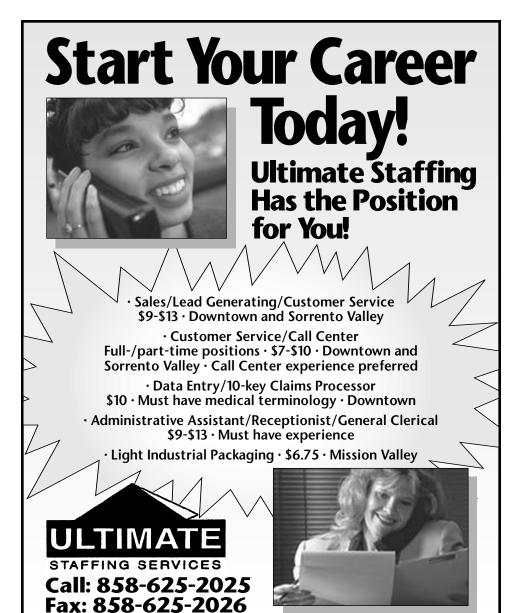
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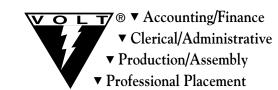
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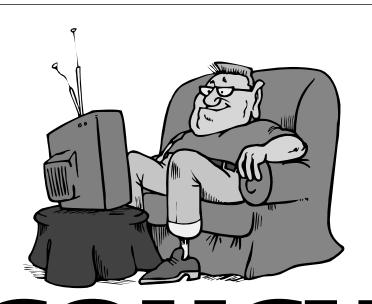
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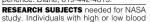
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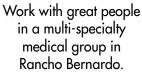
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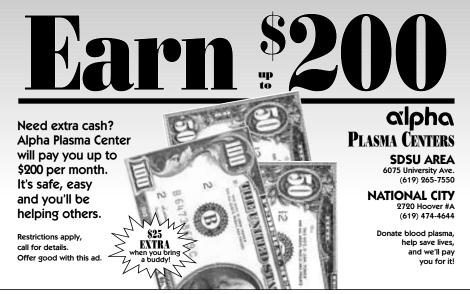
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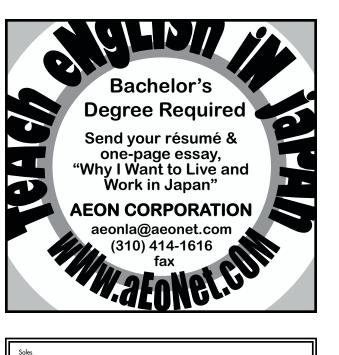
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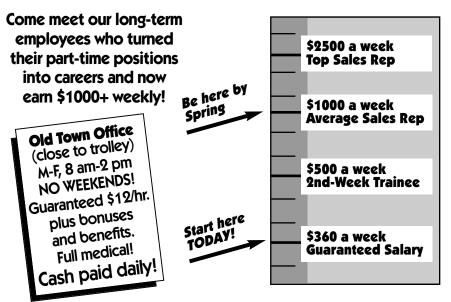
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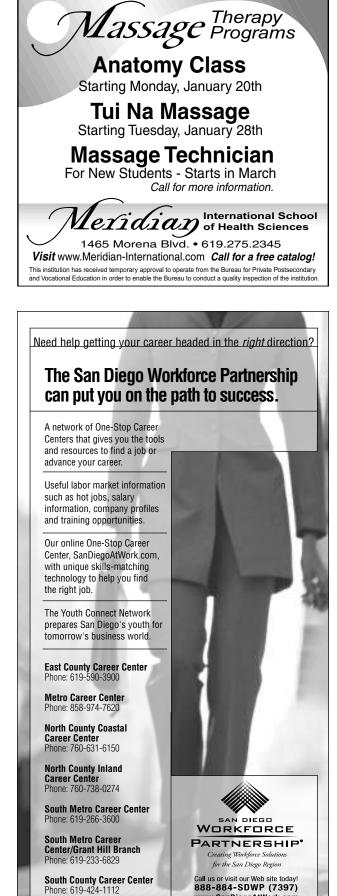
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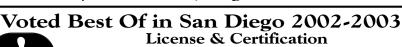
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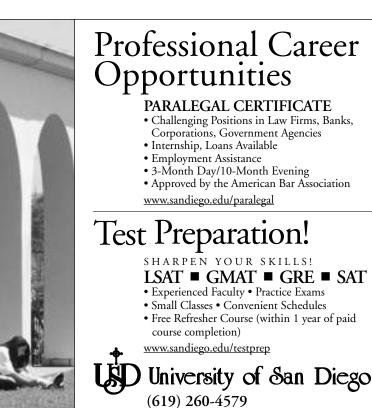
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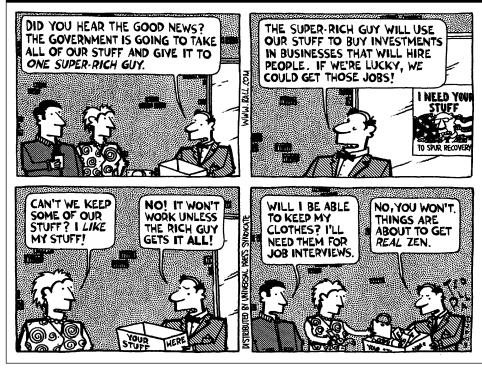
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50, fit, attractive, funny, active, profes-sional, warm and looking for that special guy. (1/29) **2**50263

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EASYGOING, TALL, monogamous, pro-fessional, 39, leans toward handsome likes movies, music, humor, sports, dining out. Seeking active, attractive, humorous lady, 30-45, for endless possibilities. (2/5) **2**49973

WHITE MALE, 43, TALL, dark and nice composition of the second s

TEACHER, 36. Cooler than Al Gore, warmer than Saddam, sexier than Dick Cheney. (1/29) **2**49871

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ROMANTIC, AFFECTIONATE, sensual passionate, easygoing, down to earth. Seeking a Caucasian, 18-35, for friend-ship or relationship. Let's share some fun times together! (1/29) 2 49847

Ance AND DREAM under desert sky. Magic making partner. You: 30s, traveling light. Me: 40s, have the vehicle. New year no fear. (2/5) ☎49959

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SINGLE, PROFESSIONAL, intelligent, generous, affluent, 6'3", fit, handsome, likes travel, books, film, excitement, seeks a younger, very attractive, feminine com-

gentleman companion. I am 5'3", 130lbs, have light-brown hair, gray/blue eyes. love cookies, sweets, pie. (2/5) \$50316 Tool Bell, TRUCK, craftsman, kind. Boyfriend wanted for hip decorator, 40ish, petite, brunette/blue. Healthy, bik-ing, nature lover. More to life than football, there's me. (1/29) \$50283

there's me. (1/29) **27**50283 **TALL, EDUCATED,** successful, upbeat Caucasian, 39, enjoys music, social events, dining, travel, personal growth. Seeking intelligent, communicative, ex-pressive, positive, cultured, commitment-minded guy, 34-44. (2/5) **27**50339 ATTRACTIVE, ALMOST 56, outgoing RN, widow, employed. Seeking available, em-ployed man, 56-66, nonsmoking, no kids. We like the arts, movies, music, good restaurants, long relationship. (1/29) 750/258

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LET'S TRY AGAIN. Latin woman, physi-cally fit, active, romantic, loving, caring, seeks male, 55-60, healthy nonsmoker, fi-

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S E panion for dinners, world-wide travel and fun. Should be as at home in Armani as a bikini. (2/5) **조**49999

CHRISTIAN RECOVERING alcoholic, 44 gentle, kindhearted, affectionate, open, trustworthy, reflective, not shallow. Like reading, personal growth, scripture, health, cooking, nature. Seeking christian woman, similar interests. (1/29) **2**:49907 **GREAT LOVER**, average looks, 6', 180lbs., 45, white, skiing, bowling, sense of humor, movies, dinner. Seeking aver-age or better woman, 30-50, excit-ing. (2/5) **2**49946

56, LOOKING FOR SOMEONE my own agé. Tall, easygoing, teddy bear type. Love to snuggle. North Park area. Non-smoker, drinker. (2/5) **क**49967

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LOTS TO OFFER: professional, balanced, unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attrac-tive, romantic, 52, homeowner, sponta-neous, Midwest values, educated. Seek-ing compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (1/29)

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HAPPY, FUNNY, SMART, the 3 best things about people and what I most like. If you can't laugh your way through life what's the point? (1/29) **2**49874

BRITISH/AMERICAN seeks intelligent fe-male to romance for long term relation-ship, 30-35. Please be healthy, wealthy and wise. Able to travel. (1/29) 249850 GOOD LOOKING, BLACK gentleman, 6'1", educated, financially secure, to meet white female, very attractive, indepen-dent, educated, 5'6'+, reality grounded, sophisticated. (2/5) **2**49995

sophisticated. (2/5) **3**49995 **TALL, LOVING, CARING,** very affection-ate, white male, 52, blue eyes, easygoing, sense of humor, playful, seeks affection-ate female for love and intimacy. Age/ weight unimportant. (2/5) **3**49964

SHARE MY SUCCESS. Mature winner. Kind, nurturing, witty, evolved. Seeking casual dating relationship with slender, petite woman, 30-45. Let me be your friend and mentor. (1/29) **2**49876

Triend and mentor. (1/29) **249**876 **DECENT LOOKING, QUIET,** easygoing. Enjoys camping, kayaking, exploring. 40, no kids. Ready for healthy relationship with nice looking woman of sound mind and body. (1/29) **24**9920

LOOKING FOR a happy new year and a fresh start? Me too. I'm 50, seeking some-one funny, adventurous, to enjoy San Diego, got fun? (1/29) **2** 49851 ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR, 39, book author,

tall, blue eyes, fit, plays guitar, enjoys mu-sic, creative accomplishments. Seeking sensitive, honest, loyal, intelligent, attrac-tive, growth-oriented, single female. (2/5) 249988

SEEKING 30s, ARTIST, singer, creative type, preferably catholic. I'm 48, work SEEKING 305, type, preferably catholic. I'm 48, wurk-with university students, enjoy Landmark films, live with father. Unique combina-tion: anneal to you? (1/29) 2 49864

tion; appeal to you? (1/29) 27 49864 NICE GUY, 53, RESPECTFUL, sincere, re-liable, honest, homeowner, hoping to meet that special someone to spend the rest of my life with, future begins now. (2/5) 27 49969

DYNAMIC, INTELLIGENT, attractive, fun loving, professional, 44, 577°, 160lbs., seeks attractive female with personality and intelligence for relationship offering enjoyment and growth. (1/29) **2** 49854

OUTDOORSMAN, 55, looks 45, acts 35! Biking, hiking, kayaking, canoeing! Mu-sic, moves. Fun loving, adventurer seeks fit, attractive, 40+, sensitive, caring. Friends first, possible romance. (1/29)

HELP, I MUST FIND LOVE. Warm, honest, fun, muscular daddy with toddler seeks LILL , INDELEVE. Warm, honest, fun, muscular daddy with toddler seeks beautiful, smart, secure, thin companion for travel, sports, laughter. Nonsmoker, under 35. (1/29) **27** 49918 LATINO MAN, fit, slim, 5'8", 49, educated, never married, adventurous, free spirited. Seeking companionship with kind, caring woman, age/race immaterial. (2/5) **27** 49947

DEMOCRAT, NONRELIGIOUS, fit, active fun, tennis, ski, all activities, emotionally/ financially secure, decent looks. Seeking 40-55, like-mind, neat, sweet, petite, af-fectionate, nonsmoker, lasting relation-ship. (1/29) **2** 49922

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CHRISTIAN, TALL, FIT, blond, 40, Coastal, educated, content, prayer, bible study, fellowship, ministry, books, Scrab-ble, conversation, hiking, kayaking, cy-cling, Baja, nature, seeks godly woman that appreciates life's simple plea-sures (1/29) **T** 49884

TALIAN/AMERICAN, passionate, opti-mistic, 5'11", 195lbs., 57, looks 47, emo-tionally/financially secure, nice looking, fit, deeply ethical, homeowner, seeks quality, nonsmoking, slender, sensuous woman, 47+. (2/5) **3**49961

SINGLE PERSIAN MALE, 36, 5'8" 160lbs., handsome, honest, open, non 160lbs., handsome, honest, open, non-smoker. Looking for someone between 25-34, for long term relationship with trust, love, respect and honesty. (1/29) 249903

YOU: PRETTY, THIN, 27-35, white or atina, smoker OK, no drugs, romantic ind humor a must. Me: 34, Australian, truggling screenwriter, looking for sure (2015) 55 100 2020 struggling screenv love. (2/5) 249989

PLAYFUL, CARING, intelligent, sensual, handsome, 53, 59", 175lbs., loves na-ture, arts, sciences, humor. Desires slen-der, cute, 40 something, playmate. Ad-venture, personal growth, laughs, hugs. (2/5) **T**49963

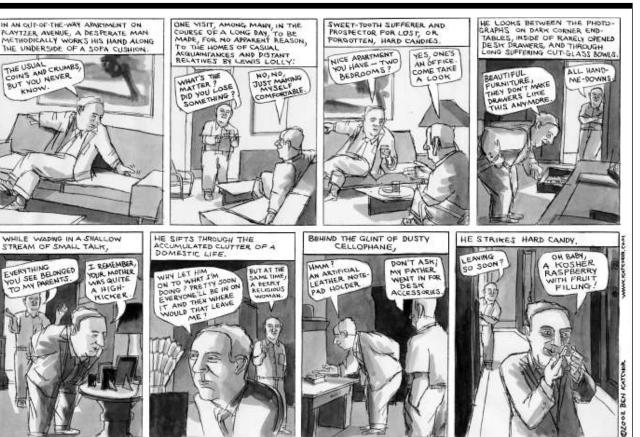
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YOUR WISHES, MY DESIRE. Strikingly handsome, 6'1", 47, 185lbs., emotionally/ financially secure, trainable. Seeking tall, assertive, mature, sublime woman to love, honor, respect and obey. (2/5) **2**49941 YOU VOLUPTUOUS, SEXY, curvaceous, avotic lady? I'm a 35, se YOU VOLUPTIOUS, open-minded, exotic lady? I'm a 35, se-cure, white, adventurous gentleman, looking for a mutual, fulfilling relationship. Fniov playful pleasures. (1/29) 249852 SINGLE, HANDSOME MALE, 52, found himself in Texas. Back home looking for warmth and humor in relationship. Love outdoors, cooking, camping, homeowner, La Mesa. (2/5) 249972

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MARRIAGE-MINDED. Age 41, 5'7", Caucasian, healthy, honest, sensitive, roman-tic, sincere, athletic, adventurous, home and business owner. Seeking unencum-





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GLASSES GET PASSES. Male, late 30s, for real, seeks pleasantly plump lady with glasses on for a no strings attached friendship, fine dining and fun. (1/29) 49877

East Indian Man

Looking for your knight in shining amour, the most important man in your life? Seeking white female. Me: 28, 5'7", 140lbs. Seeking committed relationship. You: 33-36. Love travel, adventure. (1/29) **2**49914

BLACK MALE, YOUNG 48, 6', South Bay, retired marine seeks younger, slender lady with quality for relationship. Race open, no games, 1 small child OK. (2/5) #49939

PROFESSIONAL DOCTOR. Caucasian, 5'8", blue eyes, fit, energetic, adventur-ous, nonsmoker. I do everything and like to do anything that you do. You: 35-45. (2/5) **2**49971

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pany, more. Let's share our passion/ hearts. Prefer mature woman, any age, young at heart. (2/5) **क**49958

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Time. (1/29) 2 49927 NICE BUT LONELY, 53, 5'6", guy looking for nice, lonely woman to start a meaning-ful and satisfying relationship together. Simple ad, simple request. (1/29) DOWN TO EARTH ADVENTURER, seeks

independent, intelligent, creative, and caring female to explore the world. Me: 6', 200lbs., reflective listener. You: ready for adventure! (1/29) **2**49892

WARMHEARTED, single, white male, 50, tall, attractive, sincere, fit, funny, friendly, looking for an attractive woman with a good sense of humor for a relation-ship. (2/5) 249951

ship. (2/5) 2749951 AMIABLE HUMORIST seeks female wiseacre to compare notes. Ex-hippie/ war protester OK. Me: 5'9", Caucasian, tim, 50s, humanoid. Vou're petie, Cau-casian, 40-58, nice body. (1/29) 749856 casian,

SINCERE, ROMANTIC, 38. Looking for good humored, intelligent, affectionate, nice eyes, great smile, petite, white fe-male. Companionship, friends, relation-ship leading to whatever happens. Let's talk. (2/5) **2**49979

ATTRACTIVE, 35, professional, fit, tall. seeks 35-45, in shape, cosmopolitan woman for dining out, beaches, live mu-sic, working out, relaxing, you won't be disappointed. (1/29) **2** 49879

HUGS, JOKES, TRAVEL, hiking, beach walks, financial independence, no wor-ries. If optimistic, fit, under 39, non-smoker/drinker, not pretentious, and love life, please respond! (2/5) **2**49950 I AM A CERTIFIED MASTER of the Lam

bada, that's the forbidden dance. Inter-ested? I do shadow puppets too. Must have all appendages. I have mine. (1/29) **3**49937

RUSSIAN WOMAN SOUGHT for friendship, beach walks, Russian language and introduction to other Russians. Anxious to

meet you over coffee, Please call. (2/5) 2 499 lunch or dinner ASIAN WOMAN DESIRED. Me: Cau-

casian, emotionally open, educated, pas-sionate, nurturing, communicator, physi-cally fit, 58, 178lbs., 5'10", nice looking, You: passionate, loving, English speak-ing, attractive, stable. (1/29) **2**49860 **GOOD LOOKING, BLACK** gentleman, 6'1", educated, bright, financially secure, to

GOOD LOOKING, educated, bright, financially secure, ... meet white woman, blonde, very attrac-tive, independent, educated, 5'5"+, arounded. (1/29) 2749866 looking, great sense of humor, seeks sen-suous, fit, fun female for dining, dancing, karaoke, concerts, travel and awesome kisses. (1/29) **2**49891

CAN A GOOD BLACK MAN FIND a good woman? Me: 44 years old, no drugs, love music, theater, huddling and cuddling. How about you? (2/5) \$\Pi\$49977

YOU ARE 5'2"-5'6", 49-50s, slender

medium build, nonsmoker, nondrinker, sensuous, affectionate, cuddly. I same plus beaches, homeowner, humorous, lovable, educated, music, semiretired teacher. (1/29) **2**49909 spontaneous woman that enjoy life. You: 25-40, likes camping, desert, romance, happy. No games, no smoker, just be yourself. (1/29) **2** 49853

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ATTRACTIVE architect, 42 TALL. Nicholas Cage type, warm heart, great passion, seeks 24-37, slender, very shapely, white female, nonsmoker please. (2/5) **2**49987

please. (2/5) **3** 49987 **I'M INTO WINE.** I'm 37 and looking for a beautiful, young lady who enjoys the bet-ter things in life; great food, wine and friendship. (1/29) **3** 49890

COASTAL ROMANTIC: 6⁺+, spiritual, car-ing, comunicator, retired, travelled, eclectic, electric. Seeking tall, American/ foreign, creative woman, trim, unencum-bered, ready for life's best half. Ready, glow! (1/29) ☎ 49898

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, North County, pro-fessional, 41, 6'1", slim, athletic build, fessional, 41, 6'1", slim, athletic build, loves to travel and play. Seeking athletic lady for biking, tennis. Thick legs a plus! (2/5) **37** 49994

EASY ON YOUR EYES. 35, white, 6'1", 180lbs., athletic, seeks dinner and activi-ties partner. I'm ready and willing to in-vest in a great gal. (1/29) **2**49915

Let's Go Skling, white male, 51, 6'2", 220lbs., physically fit, active, seeks fe-male nonsmoker, for skiing, travel, dating, Baja. Let's go. (1/29) 249867 WHITE, HAZEL/BROWN HAIR, medium

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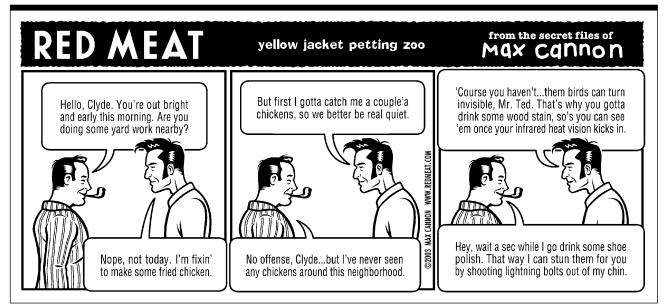
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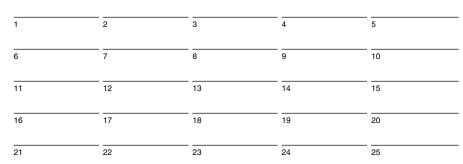
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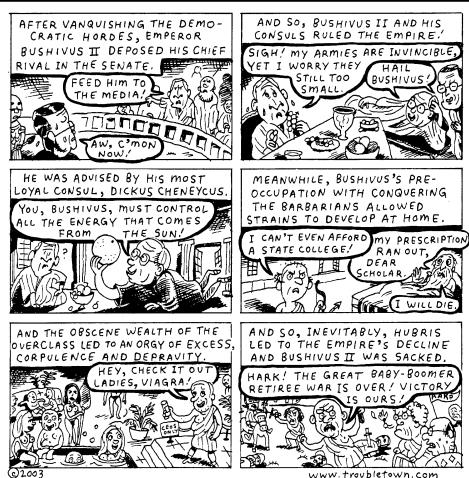
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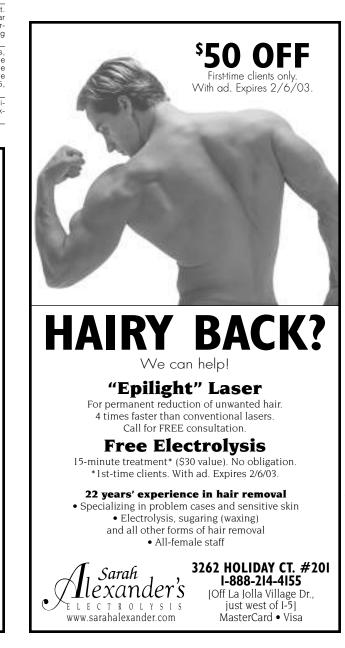
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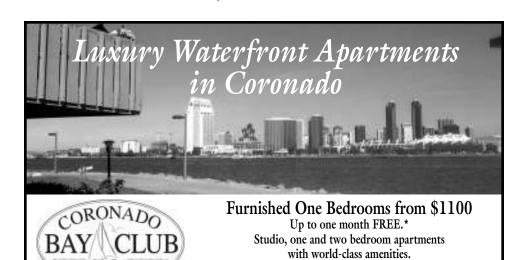
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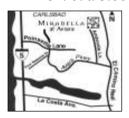


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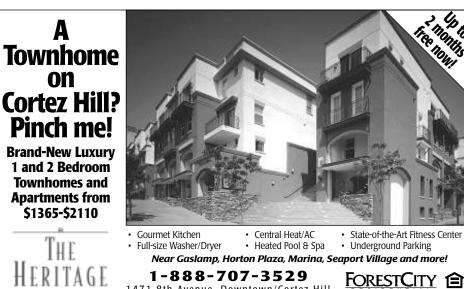


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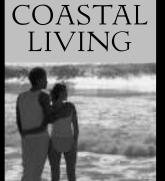
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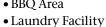
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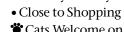


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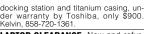
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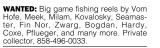
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NoRTH PARK, Super Saturday! Garage sale, Saturday, 1/25/03, 9am-3pm. Exer-cise equipment, household items, women's clothing, shoes and lots more. 3669 Mississippi Street. NORTH PARK. Moving sale. 8am-noon, Saturday and Sunday, 1/25 and 1/26. Leaving country, everything goes. 3375 29th Street at Linas.

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5838 Tulane Street. UNIVERSITY CITY. Moving sale. Satur-day, 1/25, 8am-2pm. Refrigerator, kids stuff, CB radio, coffee table, crib, clothes, etc. 2926 Governor Drive.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, moving sale, Sat-urday 1/25, 8am-12pm. Lots of junk and a few nice things. King bedroom set, TV, patio, barbecue, etc. 4460 Arch Street. UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Yard sale. 9am, Saturday/Sunday. Random cool stuff, women's modern clothes, lamps, kitchen appliances, furniture, tiles. 4452 Missis-sippi Street.

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LEAD STORIES

- Punta Gorda, Fla., inmate James "Happy" Borland, 41, suffered a near-fatal concussion in December from being roughed up by inmates Lemuel "K-Money" Ware, 32, and Corey Andrews, 32, because Borland had accused Ware of stealing his pet spider and renaming it "Pinky." According to a Florida Department of Law Enforcement report, Borland had demanded his spider back, but Andrews intervened. Ware, who said he had purchased the spider fair and square, felt he had to go after Borland because Pinky (in a small box in Ware's shirt pocket) "told" him to.

- After the police chief of Portland, Ore., defied a local judge and said he would continue to examine suspicious people's garbage without search warrants (because, he contends, curbside garbage is public property), reporters from the local Willamette Week newspaper examined (under cover of night) a December day's curbside garbage thrown out by the chief, the district attorney, and the mayor (who is officially the chief's boss). The newspaper published an inventory of each official's trash, finding much banality (e.g., what the mayor planned to watch on TV) but nothing illegal or improper. When told what the reporters did, the police chief got hostile and the mayor, said the reporters, "went nuclear."

Readers' Choice

- The former Bob Craft filed a lawsuit in November against the owners of the reckless-stunt-filled MTV program (and movie) Jackass, claiming it has defamed him; five years ago, he had his name legally changed to "Jack Ass," which he thought would call attention to his national campaign against drunk driving. Ass, who lives in Montana and filed the lawsuit there, claims that the TV show and movie have damaged his reputation ("which I have worked so hard to create," he wrote) to the tune of at least \$10 million.

Government in Action

- London's Observer reported in November that the British government is exploring whether to require convicted pedophiles to receive microchip implants that would allow them to be tracked by satellite after their release from prison. The government would know not only whether pedophiles visited schools or parks but, based on a proposal by one company whose software monitors astronauts' bodily functions in space, whether the pedophiles are feeling nervous or excited (but so far, sexual arousal cannot be tracked by the software).

- State authorities raided a Honolulu artifacts dealer in December and filed criminal charges against him for possession of rare or extinct birds without a state license. However, as dealer Don Medcalf pointed out to them at the time (to no avail), not only are the rare birds merely stuffed animals, but they were killed and stuffed sometime in the 1800s, not only before the possession law was passed but before Hawaii was even a state. In January, the prosecutor dropped the case because he "felt [the charges] wouldn't be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.'

- The Immigration and Naturalization Service is being incorporated into the Department of Homeland Security just in time. In November, the INS revealed that it had routinely granted citizenship to a man with ties to the radical Islamic group Hezbollah during a time that he was under direct scrutiny by a joint FBI-NYPD terrorist task force. One week after that, a General Accounting Office review found that the INS could not find nearly half of the 4100 supposedly registered immigrants that the federal government wanted to interview in the days after Sept. 11 because the agency had been so lax in enforcing the registration law.

Great Art!

- For 12 days in November, Yugoslav performance artist Marina Abramovic, 56, confined herself to three raised desks at a New York City gallery, where she denied herself all external stimulation (except being stared at by visitors), subsisting on water, and carrying on all bodily functions in full public view, in order to heighten her senses so that, she said, she and the audience could efficiently transmit energy between them. Previously, for the same purpose, she and a partner sat at ends of a long table for seven hours, not moving and trying not even to blink.

- In September, art student Nathan Banks, 22 (of New York's Purchase College), painted randomly chosen words on about 60 meandering cows in order to see if they would inadvertently line up to form poetry. At about the same time, in England, writer Valerie Laws, 48, did the same thing with sheep (except that she chose the words

of only one poem, to see if the sheep could form another poem). An arts council granted Ms. Laws about \$3400 for her project, which she said would break down the boundaries between "literature" and "quantum mechanics."

Creme de la Weird

- According to police in Red Bluff, Calif., Andrew McCrae killed one of their officers in November and fled to Concord, N.H., where he was arrested a few days later. According to his website postings, McCrae (a former "human shield" in Israel) thought the alleged murder would create sympathy for his views on war, police brutality, globalization, and corporate social irresponsibility. He allegedly told friends that he was immune from prosecution because he had had the foresight to incorporate himself beforehand in a state other than California (corporate name: Proud and Insolent Youth).

Least Competent Criminals

 In November, Blair MacKay, 32, was fined about \$600 for invasion of privacy by a court in Dingwall, England, after testimony that he had barged into a neighbor's apartment and asserted, "I don't listen to phone conversations," after the woman had just minutes earlier told her companion over the phone that Blair MacKay was probably listening to them. In other wiretapping news, the Agence France-Presse news service reported in October that a German police surveillance campaign had been compromised when a software mix-up by the O2 mobile phone company mis-takenly notified criminal suspects that their phones were being tapped from a voice-mail phone whose number was printed on their Septemĥer bill.

Recurring Themes

- Ng Lai Ping, 39, complained in October that an official at Hong Kong's Central Library had demanded that she stop breastfeeding her child in public and gave as the reason signs posted at various places in the building, "No Food or Drinks." And Arab News reported in December that a hospital in Jidda, Saudi Arabia, had refused to hand over the body of a deceased baby until after father Wajeeh Suleiman (of Turkey) pays his bill of about \$48,000 (U.S.).

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Also, in the Past Month ...

- Officials were understandably alarmed when 24 residents of a nursing home tested positive for marijuana, but it turned out to be a reaction to a prescription for acid reflux (Claiborne County, Tenn.). And among the celebrated "first babies' born on Jan. 1 was one produced by artificial insemination to a female-female couple in Fairfax, Va., and one born to a father on the lam from the law (who was quickly picked up by police after a news story on the birth) in Spring Hill, Fla. And the Castaways Travel agency of Houston has booked a May 3 clothing-optional Boeing 727 flight to Cancún, Mexico (but the crew will be clothed and cabin temperatures warmer).

The District of Calamity (continued)

- The FBI charged in November that the nowresigned head of the Washington, D.C., Teachers Union may have embezzled more than \$2 million in union funds (while broken-down public schools lack books and supplies for students) to support an Imelda Marcos-like clothing, furnishings, and artwork habit. On another matter, the D.C. public school system admitted in December that it had continued to pay out \$5 million in employee benefits during the year to ex-employees who had already left the government. Other parts of the District government were suspected of doing the same thing.

Our Civilization in Decline

- The Guardian (London) reported in December that multinational food giant Nestle continues relentlessly to demand about \$6 million from dirt-poor Ethiopia as payment for that government's having nationalized a Nestle subsidiary 27 years ago. According to the Oxfam humanitarian group, \$6 million would feed a million people for a month. And Florida inmate Garv Alvord, 55, who escaped from a Michigan mental institution and killed two women in Tampa in 1973, this year begins his 30th year on death row.

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BY ANNE ALBRIGHT

Sleepover at Angela's

kid

Angela turned eight last week. Eight. I remember the day she was born. Unlike my other four children, Angela had to be delivered by emergency Cesarean section. A week before her due date, Angela flipped over in my belly and tried to come out toes first. I remember lying in my hospital bed after the surgery and after they had moved me from recovery to my room. They brought Angela to me bundled up in her soft flannel swaddling blanket and cotton knit cap. I lay for hours with the head of my bed adjusted up and a big fat pillow under my knees so I could rest the warm, sweet bundle of Angela's tiny body against my thigh and gaze at her brand-new face.

On Angela's eighth birthday, we celebrated quietly. I took 27 plain glazed donuts to her second-grade class in the morning. After dinner, she opened a few presents from her grandparents and my sister. As Angela got ready for bed, she stopped to squeeze my hand and look hard into my face. "I can't wait until Friday," she told me. Her greenbrown eyes almost shut, she smiled so hard.

"I know, sweetie," I answered and squeezed her hand back. "It's going to be so much fun."

For the past two years, Angela has been asking to have a sleepover. Ever since her older sister Rebecca had a sleepover for her eighth birthday, Angela has viewed the sleepover as the eight-year-old coming-of-age rite. Occasionally, as Rebecca had other, nonbirthday sleepovers, Angela tried to push the date up. If Rebecca had a friend or two stay over on a Friday night, Angela invariably asked, "Can I have a sleepover?"

'No, sweetie," my husband Jack or I answered. "You're not old enough for a sleepover.'

"It's no fair," Angela complained. "Can I have a sleepover when I'm eight like Rebecca did?"

"Yes."

As Angela's eighth birthday approached, she reminded us of our promise.

"Isn't she too young for a sleepover?" Jack asked me.

"Rebecca had one for her eighth birthday," I told him.

Which is how I found myself lying in bed around midnight last Friday listening to Angela and her friends walk back and forth from the living room to the kitchen. "What are they doing now?" Jack asked from the rocking chair where he sat reading by the window in our room.

"It sounds like they're getting another drink of water. I just heard the refrigerator door open.'

Earlier in the evening, Jack had taken Angela and three of her friends — Amy, Dominique, and Trinity - to Teddy Crafters in North County Fair to make teddy bears. They'd come home to Angela's favorite dinner, steak and mashed potatoes. After Angela opened her presents, we sang "Happy Birthday" and ate yellow cake with confetti frosting.

After dinner, the girls got ready for bed, then flopped on the family-room couch to watch Monsters, Inc. Angela's younger siblings, Lucy, Johnny, and Benjamin, squeezed onto the couch or lay sprawled on the floor. Rebecca was at a sleepover at her friend Meghann's house. Jack popped popcorn, and I filled seven Sippy cups full of cold, sweet apple juice. The kids munched popcorn and laughed at the movie. Ben, who turned two in September, walked around the room and continually greeted the girls. "Hi, Trinity," Ben boomed as the movie began.

"Hi, Ben," Trinity answered.

"Hi, Dominique," Ben said and waved to Dominique a few minutes later.

"Hi, Ben," Dominique said without looking away from the television screen.

"Hi, Amy," Ben said as he crawled into the papa-san chair next to Amy.

"Be careful, Ben," I warned. "Don't spill Amy's popcorn.'

"Hi, Amy," Ben repeated.

"Hi, Ben," Amy said and scooted over to make room.

After the movie, the girls brushed their

teeth. We said prayers downstairs in the living room where Jack had laid out blankets to make one big bed on the floor for the four girls. Ben kept trying to climb under the covers.

'No, Ben," Jack said and lifted Ben's squirming body out of a blue comforter.

"Hi, Dominique," Ben said.

"Hi, Ben," Dominique dutifully answered. At the final "Amen," Jack and I took Lucy, Johnny, and Ben upstairs. Angela and her friends burrowed under the covers and giggled. Their laughter and chatter grew louder. "Keep it quiet," Jack hollered down the stairs. "We're trying to put the little kids to bed."

Lucy, Johnny, and Ben fell asleep within five minutes. Amy and Dominique dropped off a little before 11:00. Angela and Trinity were still whispering when Jack and I went upstairs at 11:30. The next morning, Angela claimed they had been awake until after 1:00. "We checked the clock every time we went into the kitchen to get a drink of water," she told us.

Angela and Dominique woke up a little after 5:00 a.m. and tiptoed into the family room to play Barbies. The rest of the morning passed in a blur of giggles and Barbies and an impromptu tea party Angela organized in her bedroom.

A little after ten Saturday morning, when all the girls had left, Angela collapsed on the couch. "I'm so tired," she moaned. She leaned back and closed her eves. For a moment, I thought of my baby girl resting in my hospital bed eight years ago.

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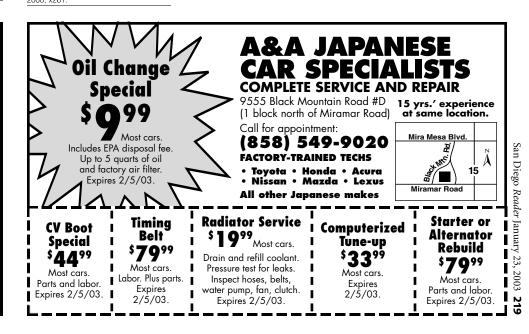
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