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Ginny Silva

TIJUANA SONGBIRD

WHEN GINNY SILVA began her singing career, Tijuana's Avenida Revolución was infamous, a raunchy place of strip clubs, where hookers and drug pushers worked in the open and where we young fellows went if we meant to get blasted and cut loose, or, if horny and shy, we preferred fantasy over real live

girls. If we hoped to meet a companion who didn't charge for her sweetness, yet probably hadn't taken a vow of chastity — or else she wouldn't go to Tijuana — we'd choose one of the dance clubs. Usually Mike's Bar.

I remember Mike's as flashing strobe lights,

sparkling outfits, sharp-dressing Mexican guys hitting on the *gringas*, who, in those days at least, were considered easier targets than non-pro *mexicanas*.

Marriage lured me away from Avenida Revolución. Thirty-some years passed between my youthful visits to Tijuana nightclubs and the one I made to watch Ginny Silva.

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Sarcastic Bravo
This letter is intended for Matt Potter, who wrote “Mama Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up to Play Football,” January 23. I am truly ashamed of your cover story. I work for Peggy L. Moore and provided many of the legal services on the Jamal Williams case. You twisted the truth regarding our motion to be relieved as attorney of record for the Respondent. Your comment that “Peggy L. Moore filed a statement with the court declaring she could no longer get along with him” is not only misinformation, it is an outright lie. Our motion was based on lack of communication; nothing more, nothing less. I am enraged by your article: the half-truths, lack of investigation, and unprofessional journalistic skills you have obviously chosen while coming up with this piece. Great timing too (Super Bowl in San Diego). Bravo! I hope you feel good about yourself on this one.

Heidi Sorensen

Matt Potter responds: Moore’s office did not return phone calls seeking comment regarding the story. The quotes regarding the “irreconcilable differences” she said she had with her client are taken directly from the document she filed with the court seeking to be relieved as his counsel.

Get Over It!
Geez, Ed, you really pissed off some guy named Joshua A. Smith (Letters, January 23) with your last review (“Tin Fork,” January 16). It was actually pretty funny; apparently, he’s under the impression that you’re some kind of “militant” vegan on a mission to bring down the meat-eaters. And for some reason, he thought we’d all be interested in his heart

rate and exercise habits. If I were you, I’d tell him to, oh, I don’t know...*get over it!* And maybe read your column every once in a while to find some delicious, inexpensive food around town. Personally, I love all of the great *burgers* you find us.

Anastasia Brown

Meat Demons
Re “Pointy-Teeth Pride” (Letters, January 23). I am a vegetarian, though not a vegan. I am not a vegan because I love yogurt, not to mention cheese, ice cream, and eggs. So you see, like meat-eaters, we all have our demons. If you study the digestive tracts of carnivores and herbivores, I believe you will see the human digestive tract most resembles that of the latter. I believe our systems learn to tolerate meat because it is fed to the young at such an early age. Little by little, the digestive tract adapts. If your system is not used to meat, it is like swallowing a rock. There are many practical and virtuous reasons to be a vegetarian, but we all find our own paths. It is better to surround our fellow humans with love than with judgment.

Nancy Pearson Drew
Normal Heights

Fragile Show
Thank you very much for the excellent article on glass-blowing by Eve Kelly in “Best Buys” in the January 23 edition of the *Reader*. Unfortunately, the article failed to mention that I will be in an upcoming sculpture show. I thought some of your readers might find it interesting to visit the show, which will be at the Torreyana Grille inside the Hilton, La Jolla, Torrey Pines. The show opening is this Saturday night, and it is open to the public. The exhibit will run through June 1.

James Stone

Excellent Daugherty
Nice job on the Jarrod Boswell piece (“Lakeside’s Big Man,” January 16). It was good to read an in-depth article of Daugherty’s for a change. Also, he did an excellent job of prognostication in “Dead Man Walking” (“Sporting Box,” January 16)...the ink hadn’t even dried yet, etc.

John D.
La Jolla

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Fall of the mighty The most notable politico missing in action during last week's Super Bowl buildup was **Susan Golding**. When she was San Diego mayor, Golding devoted



Dick Silberman and Susan Golding

much of her time to serving the needs of Chargers owner **Alex Spanos** in hopes he would be a key financial backer of her ultimately failed run for the U.S. Senate. Getting the big game to come to San Diego was one of her top priorities. But today, done in by the Chargers ticket guarantee she championed for Spanos, Golding is a virtual nonperson, a political pariah unwelcome at any public event. In the ultimate irony, it was none other than ex-Democratic governor **Jerry Brown** — a onetime political intimate of



Dick Murphy and Jerry Brown

Golding's ex-husband, **Dick Silberman** — who ended up in the Super Bowl spotlight. On Saturday, the Oakland mayor and failed liberal presidential hopeful posed for pictures with the Raiders cheerleaders, made bets with Tampa's mayor, and gamely accepted gifts of plush Shamu dolls from Golding's successor, **Dick Murphy**, while the cameras rolled. Silberman, the Jack In The Box fast-food mogul who ran Brown's political money operation before marrying Republican Golding, was also nowhere to be seen. Silberman ultimately wound up in federal prison as a result of a drug-money sting. His son **Jeff** is now married to the sister of **Lisa Foster**, wife of San Diego schools chief **Alan Bersin** ... *L.A. Times* sports columnist **T.J. Simers**, no big fan of the Spanos clan, was in town for the game and took a shot Saturday at the Chargers ticket guarantee and *Union-Tribune* "editor in chief" **Herb Klein**, along with another unnamed member of the San Diego sports corps. "The ticket guarantee was endorsed across the board at the time by the local media," wrote Simers, "which included an ex-Charger working in TV sports on all three major stations here, and the town newspaper run by a former Nixon press secretary who has been on very cozy terms with the Goofs, you know, Alex and Dean Spanos, who own the Chargers."

Politics as usual House Speaker **Denny Hastert** reportedly snuck into town on Wednesday for a five-day fundraising foray on behalf of congressional Republicans. *The Hill*, a Washington weekly, reported last week that Hastert and his pals, including GOP congressman **Randy "Duke" Cunningham**, had received an undisclosed number of game tick-

ets at \$500 face value, which they then packaged with golf, rooms, and parties, and sold to about 140 Capitol Hill lobbyists at an undisclosed premium. Qualcomm lobbyist **Dan Mattoon**, who is close to Hastert, was quoted by the paper as saying the company was hosting a dinner for lawmakers attending the game. "It is a working dinner. There will be a great deal of substance. It's an opportunity for the leadership at Qualcomm to discuss where the company is going." Democratic senator **Barbara Boxer** was also reportedly in San Diego for a fundraiser ... Burlington Northern Santa Fe parked a passenger train, made up of



Super Bowl party train

vintage sleeping and bar cars, at the Santa Fe Depot for the weekend festivities. A public relations woman for the company would not reveal who was aboard, other than to say they were the company's "special guests." Railroad staffers were spotted early Saturday evening loading a towering pile of golf bags aboard ... Glowing reports in the *U-T* about how spiffy downtown streets looked omitted mention of how many streetlights were dark along lower Broadway ... Channel 39, the TV station owned and operated by NBC, breathlessly reported last week that the vice squad was shutting down a lingerie show set for the mucho exclusive *Access Hollywood* Super Bowl party. A complaining party planner was featured prominently in the coverage. A defense was offered by the vice chief. Only at the end of the segment was it disclosed that the party was being put on by an NBC subsidiary.

End of the road The Auto Club is planning to move out of its longtime headquarters on the back of Cortez Hill and into new digs it wants to build in Mission Valley near the San Diego River on Hotel Circle Place off Interstate 8, just down the way from Old Town. Problem is, the club jumped the gun and began excavating before it had a development permit. Work at the site was forced to a sudden halt. "We got a building permit, but we didn't know we needed this separate permit. We relied on our contractor," says **Carol Thorp**, the club's managing PR director, who adds that the insurer hopes to move in by September. Not so fast, says Mission Valley environmentalist **Randy Berkman**. The permit is set for a hearing by the city planning department February 19, and even if the city gives its approval, the matter can still be appealed to the planning commission.

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Dr. Deheyn with brittle star

Dirty Bay Self-Cleans

By Ernie Grimm

Two researchers, Dr. Derek Lovley, of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Massachusetts, and Dr. Dimitri Deheyn, of

the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, have conducted research in San Diego Bay that challenges some prevailing wisdom regarding pollution in the bay.

Deheyn, 32, is from Belgium, though he has worked at Scripps since 1999. There are two chairs in his small, cluttered office overlooking the Scripps Pier, but the gray-eyed, strong-faced scientist stands while he dis-

cusses his work. "I have been studying the contamination of the bay," he explains, "particularly with metals. You have a lot of heavy metals in the bay, and heavy metals are pollutants that can be found in sediment and in water as a result of industry, of shipyards, or from paint on vessels. So you expect to have a lot of those metals in the bay."

Deheyn continues, "[In

San Diego Bay] you have a lot of zinc, iron, chromium, copper — a lot of copper because it is used in vessel paint. Because copper is so toxic, it protects the boat from all those little species of organisms that will ordinarily attach to the boat. If they try to do so, they die because the copper kills them. But the copper diffuses from the paint into the water and then goes into the sediment. That is the general behavior of a contaminant. It will rarely stay suspended in the water. It has to combine with something, and so it will usually combine with something in the sediment or with an organism."

More than a century of heavy use as a commercial and naval harbor, plus seasonal urban runoff, have formed a steady source of pollution for the bay. And the pollution tends to stay in the bay, Deheyn explains, "because it is a closed bay. There is no opening in the back of the bay, and there is no water flowing into the bay, no fresh water. There is no real river. So basically the only way for the water to be renewed in the bay is by tidal exchange. With the cycle of high tide and low tide, you have an exchange of wa-



Mud on San Diego Bay across from Nassco and Southwest Marine

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Scandal Bridge

By Ernie Grimm

The three lanes of Torrey Pines Road between the state reserve of the same name and Del Mar crown a half-mile sand berm separating the Pacific Ocean to the west and Los Peñasquitos lagoon to the east. Near the north end of the berm, the road narrows to two lanes as it crosses a concrete bridge erected in 1932. The bridge, about 100 yards long, spans the mouth of the lagoon. From underneath, it doesn't take a structural engineer to see it needs replacing. The 72 concrete piles holding it up are heavily weathered. Constant tidal



Robert Gilleskie

flows have cut away at the columns so that the portion below the high tide line is thinner than above. "The current bridge is in bad shape," says Kris Shackelford,

a senior civil engineer with the City of San Diego's Engineering and Capital Projects department. "The sufficiency rating is 19 out of a 100 possible. And anything under 50 is in need of replacement. We need to replace it badly."

A plan to do just that is in the works. In fact, the \$12.5 million project — \$10 million in federal highway funds, and \$2.5 million of city money — has been in the works for nearly a decade. In July, the California Coastal Commission approved the city's plans. After pending approvals from the federal National Environmental Protection Agency and the state of California Environmental Quality Agency — better known as NEPA and CEQA — the city council will vote on the project, which is not without its critics. One is Diana Bergen, president of a local preservation group called the Torrey Pines Association. Standing in the North Torrey Pines Beach parking lot, just east of the bridge in question, Bergen points to the decaying span. "The bridge needs rebuilding. There's no question about that. The bridge is

in really bad shape."

What Bergen does question is the city's design, which calls for three lanes instead of two. The plan dates back over a decade, to a time when the City of San Diego owned half of the higher bridge, a quarter mile to the north. The City of Del Mar owned the other half. Crossing over the railroad tracks, the "north bridge" — or "high bridge," as it is variously known by locals — is now owned solely by the City of Del Mar.

"When the City [of San Diego] started in the early 1990s to redo these bridges," Bergen explains, "they had in mind that they would make these into three- or four-lane-wide bridges. It was part of their whole plan regarding Carmel Valley and the 56.

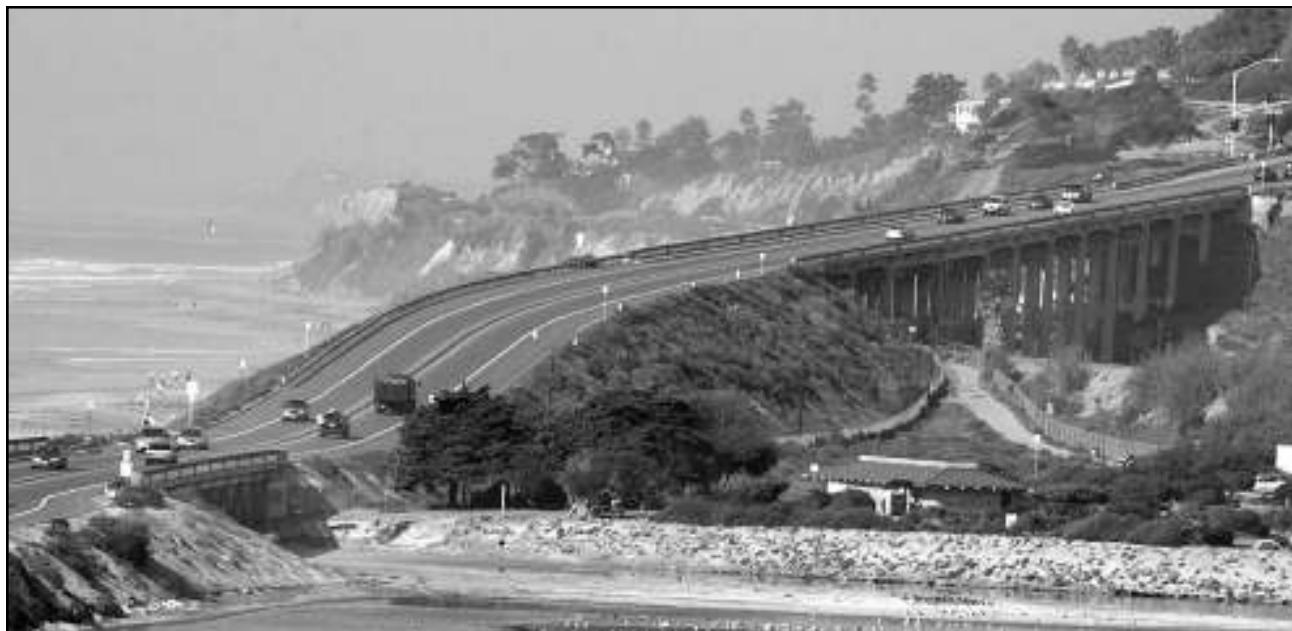
The City of Del Mar didn't like that idea because they have been fighting to have the main road through their little town be just a two-lane road. They even just recently redid the bridge on the north side of their town, and it's a two-lane road. They used Laguna as an example, because Laguna just kept widening their road until they had a four-lane highway going through their little town. I don't know all the details, but the City of San Diego, in an effort headed by [former councilman] Harry Mathis, said, 'Del Mar, give us a dollar. You now own the North Bridge, and you can take care of the fiscal responsibility for that bridge.' Del Mar accepted, and they proceeded to have it named a historical bridge."

Robert Gilleskie serves as chairman of the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board. "We oppose widening the bridge because there is no need to do it," he says. "The city adamantly wants to stick with an old plan which was made obsolete several years ago when the City of Del Mar decided to keep their bridge at two lanes. Either because of hubris or because of some silly reason that I don't know of, they want to maintain the idea of making it three lanes wide, and we are going to have a much wider bridge there than is necessary."

Gilleskie, who is an engineer, agrees that the bridge must be replaced. "For two reasons," he explains, "one, for seismic requirements, and

two, to improve flushing of the lagoon. But either design is the same with regard to tidal flushing. In either case — three-lane or two-lane — they go from 72 supports down to 4." The high number of supports on the cur-

Gilleskie and Bergen attended the July coastal commission meeting in Huntington Beach, where the city's plan to build a wider bridge was approved. "Frankly, that was a whitewash," Gilleskie says. "They had their minds



North Torrey Pines Road showing south bridge (left) in San Diego and north bridge ("high bridge") owned by the City of Del Mar



North bridge or "high bridge," owned by the City of Del Mar

rent bridge causes sand to accumulate and block the lagoon opening. "But there is as much as an acre of extra concrete," Gilleskie continues, "in their three-lane design. That's an acre of unnecessary concrete in a well-protected preserve. For the coastal commission to say that is okay is, I think, scandalous. It is a terrible thing."

made up before we even got in there. They said [their design] was going to improve tidal flushing in the lagoon. But our plan would improve it just as much. As I said before, it is irrelevant whether the bridge is two lanes or three lanes wide, as far as the flushing of the lagoon goes. The understructure would be

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Neal Obermeyer



Dirty bay

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ter. And so on average we would say that, around Point Loma and Shelter Island, it takes between two and ten days for the water to be renewed in that part of

the bay. If you threw a buoy in the bay at Harbor Island, it would take 2 to 10 days for the buoy to go out. But, in the back of the bay [south of the Coronado Bridge], it takes between 20 and 100 days. But that doesn't mean

that the sediment will be transported with the water. And the sediment is where the pollutant accumulates because, as I told you, once you put a chemical in the water, the chemical has to combine to something,

whether it is an organism or a sediment."

Because of the rapid water renewal in what Deheyn calls the front of the bay, from the mouth to the bridge, accepted wisdom has been that the water was

cleaner there than in the back of the bay. Deheyn believes his research shows that idea to be only half-true. "It doesn't take into account," Deheyn says, "the notion of what we call

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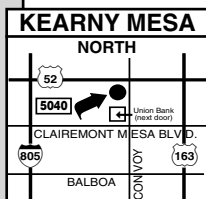
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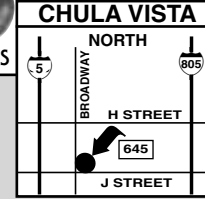
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Dirty bay

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ments or in the mud at the bottom of harbors. It was thought that once polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons got into the sediments that microorganisms would not be able to degrade them, because they needed oxygen in order to break them down. But — and we first saw this in San Diego a number of years ago — we saw in sediments from the bay that organisms had the potential to oxidize these polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons to carbon dioxide, which of course is harmless, using sulfate naturally present in the sea water. Now that I'm in Massachusetts, we had better access to Boston Harbor sediments, and we more carefully looked at the degradation of the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons that are present in the sediments. We also for the first time looked at some of the larger polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons that are of most concern — some of the nastiest ones, the biggest ones — and found that they were degraded."

Like the metals, the primary cause of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons is shipping. "Most of the sites that we looked at were fairly heavily contaminated with some kind of petroleum input and creosote from wooden pier pilings. Those are the major sources, though they come from a variety of sources."

Lovley's research over the past nine years has been funded by grants from the Office of Naval Research. "We've had three different grants," he says. "They're typically in the range of \$300,000 to \$400,000 for three years."

The next step in his research, he explains, "is sequencing a genome of one of the organisms — they're known as sulfate reducers — that can carry out this reaction. We're getting more into the molecular biology of the organisms themselves because now we know that they do it, but it's not understood how they do it. Once we know, maybe we can change conditions a bit to promote their activity. With environmental restoration, which is the stuff that I've worked on, the more we

understand about the microorganisms, the better we can manipulate their activities to speed up contaminant degradation."

Lovley's research challenges another prevailing notion: that you have to

dredge in order to remove contaminated soils. "I think that's one of the major outcomes of this," he says. "It just shows that there's a greater self-purification capacity in these environments than was previously

recognized."

Asked about dredging in relation to contaminants, Deheyn answers, "Once the metals are bonded to the sediment — and they are deep, like a few feet below the bottom — they are not

available. So a starfish, a crab, whatever, would not be exposed to the sediment that is down there below. So the sediment could be highly toxic, but the water could be clean, and the organism that is living in it

could be noncontaminated and would not be exposed to toxicity. If you start digging, mixing everything back into the water, the chemical bond between the contaminant and the sedi-

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ment will be loosened, and the chemical might be released into the water looking for something else to bond to. It is like starting the whole pollution process

again. But you also have to keep in mind that the bay naturally fills up with sediment, and ten years from now, if you don't remove sediment, you will be able to walk across the back of the bay." ■

Scandal bridge

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identical. So they basically played with words to make it sound like they were doing something good for the en-

vironment, when in fact they were allowing the City of San Diego to build a bridge much wider than they should."

Gilleskie adds another complaint, "[The City] told us that it would be \$3 million

more expensive to build a two-lane bridge than a three-lane bridge. Does that make sense to you?"

Shackelford believes it does make sense. "When the project was first conceived in 1990," she explains, "it was a

plan for both the south bridge as well as the north bridge to be widened, for that whole corridor to be widened. So the bridge was designed for the three lanes. [To redesign for two lanes] would be very costly, and it's money that we don't have. It would also set the timing of the process back. We would have to do both the CEQA and the NEPA environmental documents again, because the two-lane bridge would require a totally different document. More important is [the question of] how to move the existing traffic without disrupting it. And part of the beauty of doing a three-lane bridge is that we are going to be doing stage construction. So we are going to move the traffic to one side and demo part of the bridge and then build the other side. So there will be no disruption in traffic during construction at all. And we won't have to build temporary bridges, which would encroach into the lagoon or into the beach and which require totally different environmental documents."

Shackelford continues her explanation. "And building a three-lane bridge is what we have to do in order to keep the traffic moving [in the future]. It backs up every day; everybody knows that. So the bridge was designed for the three lanes, and that is what we are pursuing."

Bob Lewis, former chairman of the Torrey Pines Planning Commission, doesn't buy the traffic-flow arguments. "Traffic circulation will not improve," he says. "The choke point will still be there because Del Mar has made the statement, 'We will not widen our bridge.'"

Shackelford concedes that Del Mar has no plans to widen the north bridge. "They had it named a historical landmark," she says, "and their plan, when I last spoke to them, was to retrofit the existing bridge."

Owens, Gilleskie, and Bergen all speculate that the City of San Diego is building the wider bridge in the belief that Del Mar will someday relent and widen its bridge. Shackelford declines to address such speculation directly but offers, "This bridge that we are building will have a life span of 75 to 100 years." ■



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Hey, Matt:

So, over the holidays, I'm back East sitting with my folks and my sister's family (all dr's and rn's) and the topic of graveyard shift comes up. They all say that this term comes from a few hundred (?) years ago when someone sat in a graveyard waiting to hear the tinkling of small bells that were put into motion by the recently buried. The deceased had a string tied to their finger, and if they should waken, they moved their finger, which activated the string connected through six feet of earth to a bell topside. This was done because a graveyard had been moved and marks inside some of the coffins exhibited post-burial activity. I blew them off. No way this can be true. How could they possibly bury someone who may still be alive?

— Brad (bury me with a sawzall), the net

Post-eggnog conversation, I can tell. If you'd had just another cup or two, Brad, you'd have bought the whole story, and we wouldn't have to deal with it now. We voted you the relative least likely to be invited back next year. But that's not what you came to us for. So we sent the elves out for some Southern Comfort and Mountain Dew, and after a slug or two, here's what we say. Your family of wacky practitioners has stitched up a body of common knowledge that includes bits of fact, urban legend, and seductive nonsense. The patient's critical, but the prognosis is good.

It's ironic that the term "Rest in Peace" should be associated with graveyards. Victorian burial grounds were really jumping. They became grand gardens of contemplation, appropriate for Sunday strolls, carriage rides, and picnics. At night body snatchers dug up the customers as fast as they were put in the ground, then sold the exhumed to medical schools. Families tried to outdo each other with statuary and mausoleums. Mortuaries hawked caskets with the latest doodads guaranteed to keep the deceased in the ground and happy. In the latter decades of the 1800s, the subjects of death, dying, mourning, sentimentality, romanticism, and memorials were hot, hot, hot.

Historians believe all this death frenzy and the popularity of authors like Edgar Allen Poe stirred up peoples' natural fears of being buried alive. And to be honest, given the state of medical science and the frequent epidemics, it was at least a possibility. One infamous chap in Scotland had the job of boxing up cholera victims and shipping them off for burial. It was said he regularly ignored clear indications from the coffin that the person might not be quite as dead as everyone had thought. Fear of these illnesses made ordinary people do some very scary things. Physicians began to ask, "What exactly are the medical indications of death?" Entrepreneurs began to ask, "How can we make a buck from this?" A few entrepreneurs came up with the idea of selling us coffins with flag or bell or voice-communication systems linked to the outside so you could exhume Aunt Sarah if it turned out she'd simply fallen into a very deep swoon.

So there's the true part of your family's ramblings. These coffins did exist. The story about the scratches on the lids, well, that's mostly Poe, but not impossible. The bunk element is that the people who sat around the cemetery waiting for Aunt Sarah to ring the bell were working the graveyard shift. That term evolved later, early in the 20th Century, referring to people who worked the gloomy hours between 11 at night and 7 in the morning, when the workplace was as quiet as a graveyard. Well, not a Victorian graveyard.

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I am puzzled by my kitty's habit of sloshing his drinking water around with his paw before drinking it. I have tried coloring the water, theorizing that he is unable to see how high the water is in his dish. This doesn't seem to be the answer. Please tell me why kitty engages in this odd ritual. Do all cats demonstrate the same habit, or is mine especially strange? Would kitty counseling help?

— Purrplexed, San Diego

Especially strange is just the normal state for kitties, yes? Who knows what peculiar thoughts lurk in the obtuse feline brain. It's any cat's manifest destiny to taunt and bewilder its owner.

But here's one explanation I've gleaned from several cat experts (kitty likely would get a chuckle out of that concept). Domesticated cats still have their primal hunting instincts, but there's not much in their indoor environment that can serve as prey. That's why kitty goes nuts over yarn balls, flies, dust specks, fringe, toes, and hallucinatory images only the cat can see — anything it can chase that behaves like potential prey. Pouncing and batting at things with its paws are all part of the hunting process in the wild. Some cats are particularly fascinated with dripping or moving water, apparently thinking there are live fish in their bowls, though it's probably just shadows or reflections. Certain wild cats feed on fish and catch them by scooping them up in their paws. Most likely, yours is just exercising its frustrated hunting skills playing Fluffy, King of the Jungle.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

You Are Teacher. I Am Student

Okay, football is out of the way. Now, it's on to — thud — baseball. Two weeks hence, San Diego Padres pitchers and catchers report for spring training in Peoria, Arizona.

Regulars know I don't cover baseball. Between now and November you'll usually see an occasional Padres-are-abysmal column, a Padres-ballpark-extortion column, the familiar Bud-Selig-is-a-cretinous-dumb-fuck column, and, maybe, a World Series column, if the NFL allows.

I could tell you, and it would be true, that this is a weekly column, and I don't need the fill that eight months of baseball offers. There are more sports going on in San Diego than I'll ever be able to write about. I could say that, but the real reason I don't write about baseball is that I don't find the game interesting. Baseball bores me.

I played as a kid — second base and pitcher — and I loved it. But even then, watching other people play baseball was a once-a-year World Series deal. I don't get where the fun is watching baseball. For me, the game consists of a few seconds of excitement interspersed with long periods of men standing around, chewing gum, and spitting.

This year, I'm going to try something different, and I'm asking for your help. I should add that this is real. This is straight off the top of the deck. I want to learn about baseball, and I'm asking readers who love the game to teach me.

I don't mean rules or the play of the game. What I want to find out is what it is about watching baseball that gives millions of people pleasure. What is it that gives you pleasure? Perhaps I can learn to enjoy it too. Failing that, at least I can find out why other people love the game.

So, how do you watch a baseball game? What goes through your head while you wait for the batter to hit the ball? What are the little things you notice and appreciate while marking time until the next hit or catch or run? What, in fact, keeps you in the game as time passes?

Do you have a favorite position? In other words, are pitchers more interesting to watch than third-basemen? Is studying a left-fielder more exciting than watching a catcher?

Tell me about the Padres. Why do you follow the team, other than geography? Is there anything special about the Padres that you particularly enjoy? What other clubs do you follow? Who are your favorite players and why? What broadcasters do you trust and why?

Is the history of baseball important to you? Does it add meaning to the game as it's played today? If it does, how, exactly, does that work?

Did you follow baseball when you were a kid? Where were you raised, and what teams did you root for? Was your father a baseball fan? Who did he root for and why? Did you listen to baseball on the radio? If so, do you remember how you imagined the game?

If you attend Padres games, how do you get ready to go to Qualcomm? How long does that take? What do you carry with you? What is the difference between being there and seeing the Padres on TV?

Talk to me like I'm a seven-year-old kid

seeing baseball for the first time. What would be the first thing you'd tell me? What would be the second? How would you explain a Padres/Giants game to a Klingon?

I will do my part. As prologue to this season, I have acquired two baseball books: the well-regarded *Men At Work* by George Will, former member of the Padres board of directors; and the eternally essential *Baseball for Dummies*, ghost-written by Richard Lally. I will enlarge my baseball library upon your recommendation.

I've bought a baseball video game (*All-Star Baseball 2002*) and will learn how to play. I will purchase more games upon your recommendation. I will visit baseball sites on the Internet and read baseball goings-on in newspapers. I will watch baseball on TV and attend baseball games.

What other suggestions do you have as to how I should go about the business of learn-

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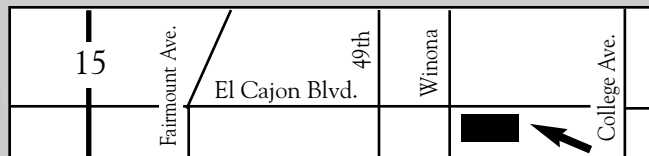
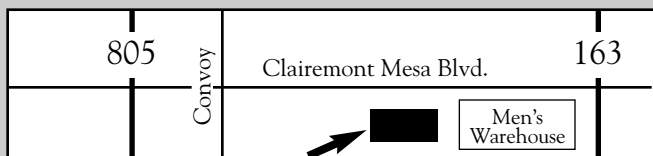
ing to like baseball? Send me an e-mail, and if what you say makes sense, I'll try it on and report back.

Again, this is a straight request. And again, I vow to approach the 2003 baseball season with a clean slate and an open heart. At the core, this is probably a matter of the heart. I know how the game is played; I don't know how the game is enjoyed.

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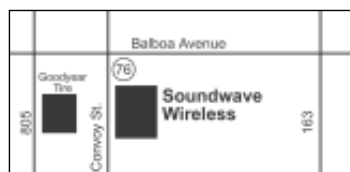
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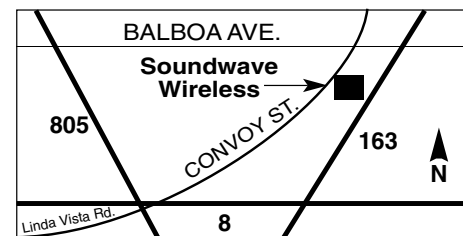


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Early last week 69-year-old Reverend

Ed Bryan of North Coast Christian Fellowship spoke with me about his denomination's attitudes toward war and politics. I'd always thought of Adventists as peppy vegetarians, health-minded boosters of lentil loaf, athleticism, and stop-smoking clinics.

Reverend Bryan told me that from the end of January till the end of February, Adventists traditionally observe a month of sermons and Bible studies dedicated to the subject of religious liberty.

"It's all grounded in our theology. We believe that every freedom America enjoys has its roots in the Reformation, which was really a rediscovery of the Gospel. Christ wants *everyone* to be free. We believe that the United States was authorized by biblical prophecy to bring religious freedom to the world."

For Adventists, then, the separation of church and state is of divine origin, part of God's masterplan for humanity. As the U.S. spreads American-style democracy across the globe, it not only encourages such rights as freedom of speech, but also fosters societies in which people are free to choose Christianity.

"I'm not an advocate of going to war," Reverend Bryan told me. "But I believe our country has a right to defend itself and protect its interests."

Last Sunday morning when I visited North Coast, I wasn't surprised to see an enormous American flag tacked to the sanctuary's north wall.

"We put it up right after 9/11," Reverend Bryan said. "And we had a special service, invited all the community's police officers and firefighters, just to honor them and the work they do."

North Coast is a simple modern structure that four years ago was home to a Chris-

tian Science congregation. "There wasn't even a single blade of grass growing here," one North Coast member told me. Reverend Bryan's congregation has spent a lot of time landscaping the property. They've even fashioned a pleasant "Prayer Garden," filled with camellias and day lilies, around the shady north side of the church.

I and a handful of others were on hand for the traditional service. I noticed behind the podium a battery of drums and an electric piano — instruments for the contemporary service, which, Reverend Bryan later told me, "would have been anathema 50 years ago. But Adventists have loosened up." We sang several old-fashioned hymns. A young girl, Brittany, and two of her friends performed a brief skit about the evils of shoplifting. Flanking Brittany, an "angel" and "devil" whispered in her ears while she considered whether or not to steal lipstick. Virtue triumphed. The "devil" collapsed to the floor, groaning in defeat.

Reverend Bryan introduced his sermon

by showing us, via overhead projector, an editorial cartoon from the *Los Angeles Times*. The cartoon mocked the efforts of Germany, France, and Russia, to prevent Bush from waging war against Saddam Hussein.

"Now that we're on the brink of war, what should be our position as Christians?" Reverend Bryan asked. "What do we mean by freedom? As a marriage counselor and therapist, I know that many people have strange ideas about freedom. They think that romantic love will bring freedom, that marriage will bring freedom. We must ask ourselves, do we today feel more free and secure than we did, say, 30 years ago?"

"In a world in which we can never determine who our friends are, who our allies are, we can see that freedom cannot be based on political

realities. I've often said that American Christians have more to fear from Christians who want to impose a theocracy on this country than they have to fear from atheists. Religious extremism is a disease born of perfectionism. Religious extremism is a disease more difficult to cure than alcohol or gambling addiction.

"So, when we consider our freedoms, we have to understand that their importance comes from how we apply them. We must never take this for granted. As Christians, we must understand that there really isn't any freedom outside the love of God in the human heart."

Correction: In last week's column about The Church Which Is Christ's Body, by omitting a single word, I implied that Christ's Body members were like Methodists in their views on salvation. However, like Calvinists, Christ Body's folks believe that salvation can not be lost. I apologize for my error.

— Abe Opincar



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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I'm a guy in my late 30s and dad to two sons. One of my joys in life has been helping to coach teams my boys are on: Little League and junior basketball. Lately my pleasure in watching them develop as athletes and good sportsmen has been dampened by one of the other coaching fathers. I'm friends with this man, who's a fine fellow except when he gets riled on the field. Then he turns into some other person. When one of the kids makes a mistake, he goes ballistic, gets red in the face and so loud and angry that some kids are scared of him. That's during practice. It's worse during actual games, when he will yell at umpires often, rudely questioning calls that go against us. I know this man is a recovered alcoholic and has "anger issues." I'm sympathetic, but he is setting a rank example for the kids (his son as well). Some of the other coaches and parents are getting annoyed, and there are rumblings about asking him to quit. What should I do?

SAD ESCONDIDO DAD

Dear Sad Dad,

I think you need to jump into the breach and talk to your fiery tempered pal, now. It's not okay for him to be modeling this terrible behavior for the kids involved, and if he doesn't get himself under control, he's going to be fired from coaching, which will be painful and humiliating and probably make him even more furious. Talk to him privately about the problem. You could try to get him to agree that when he goes off the deep end during practice or a game, you're going to call time out and quietly remind him that he promised to keep a cooler head, or he's simply not going to be able to keep coaching. It's his decision whether he wants or needs to seek some kind of professional help to get a grip so he doesn't continue to go ape on the field. But either he has to gain some self-control fast or bow out of coaching gracefully before he's kicked out. The situation can't continue as is.

Dear Readers,

If you've been keeping up with this column you know that a great water debate has been raging over the past month or so. I've had letters and responses to letters arguing back and forth about whether humans really need to drink eight glasses of water per day for optimum health, or whether that's just an urban myth. I was hoping to get a qualified health professional to air their views on the subject, and my prayers are answered below. I thank N.L. for sharing her knowledge with us.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

As a registered dietitian, my patients commonly asked me how much water to drink and why? As basic as it sounds, water is one of the most important

nutrients in your diet. Water plays many important roles in human health. Along with hydration come the following functions. First, in your blood it transports glucose, oxygen, and fats to your working muscles and carries away byproducts such as carbon dioxide and lactic acid. Second, water regulates body temperature through sweat. Third, it helps digest food through saliva and gastric juices. Fourth, it lubricates joints and cushions organs/tissues. Lastly, it eliminates metabolic waste products through urine. Therefore, the darker the urine the more concentrated the wastes.

The recommendation of eight cups of water a day comes from the following formula. The average person consumes approximately 2000 calories per day. For every 15 calories the body metabolizes, the body burns 1 tablespoon of water (2000 calories divided by 15 calories/tablespoon divided by 16 tablespoons per cup is equivalent to 8.3 cups). Exercise and sweating will increase this need. General guidelines recommend an additional eight ounces for every 15-20 minutes high intensity activity. To reach the recommended eight cups or 64 ounces of water per day, one does not need to drink straight water. Nonalcoholic and caffeine-free beverages such as the following are all considered fluid sources to reach your water requirements: seltzer, juice, decaffeinated/herbal teas, lemonade, sports drinks, broth-based soups, milk and smoothies. Don't forget: watery foods such as oranges, lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers are 85-95 percent water by weight and can also contribute to fluids. Caffeine-containing beverages have a diuretic affect, meaning they dehydrate the body. Alcohol also has a dehydrating affect.

These are general guidelines and, depending on medical condition, weight, age, and calorie goals, fluid requirement will vary. It is important to sit down with a registered dietitian on an individual basis and have your nutrition guidelines, such as water, tailored to you specifically.

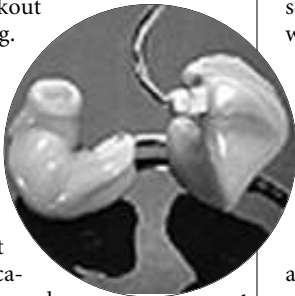
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-EVE KELLY

Dad swims, Mom walks. It has been this way for as long as I can remember. Both use their exercise outlets to keep fit and young. The only bother with swimming for Dad is water in the ears. On account of this, Dad has been on the lookout for a decent ear plug. "The Mack's Pillow Soft Earplugs," [\$1.67 for two pair at Wal-Mart] bemoaned Dad, "are the best over-the-counter plug that I have found. But they do leak on occasion. They are clear and sticky and made from silicone. Physician's Choice sells a similar plug called Ear Putty Ear Plugs [\$2.77 for four pairs and a carrying case at Vons]. I have tried the Howard Leight AquaSeal Floating EarPlugs [\$2.99 for a pair plus case at Rite-Aid], and they are useless."



I could feel the frustration in Pop's voice, so I decided to call a veteran earplug user, my friend Serena. "It is very important to wear plugs," said my friend, "because my husband has had high frequency hearing loss from a lifetime of riding motorcycles, chain sawing, and shooting without plugs. With my own kids, I have been very diligent. There have been some times when we have run out of earplugs for everybody when we have gone shooting out on my in-laws' ranch. We used the butts of cigarettes. With swim plugs, it is difficult to put the putty earplugs [Mack's Pillow Soft Earplugs Kids Size — \$2.54 for six pair at Wal-Mart] into the child's ear since their ear canal is so small. I haven't found one that I like yet. Call me when you find a decent plug," she chuckled.

I turned to the professionals. Monica Dietsch, owner of Dietsch's Hearing Aid Centers filled me in on a variety of earplug options. "Have you ever tried to wear a dress that is one-size-fits-all?" Dietsch asked. "The over-the-counter plugs leak because they are not custom fit. If you put your finger on your ear and talk, you feel the movement. The custom plugs don't move with the ear." Dietsch walked me through the process. "We take an impression of the person's ear. A cotton or a foam piece with a string attached to it is placed into the ear and that will keep the material from going anywhere near the ear drum.



There are two different types: a silicon or what the company calls 'Blend,' which is a vegetable-oil base and a powder which is mixed together. You put the Blend or the silicone into a syringe, and inject it into the ear. The block is there keeping the material away from the ear drum. That sets for a few minutes, and, like testing a cake, you touch it and if it bounces back, it is down. You pop it out,

"The plugs come in any color, even polka dotted."

it is still flexible, and you have a replica of the inside of the person's ear. That is sent into the laboratory and they make the mold from that impression."

The swim plugs (\$75 a set) are a big seller with adults and children. "Children who have had tubes put in their ears cannot get water in their ears," Dietsch explained. The swim plugs are dense but they float, in case the kid pulls them out." There are also cords and clips that can be bought to attach the earplugs to the bathing suit. "The plugs come in any color, even polka dotted. I had a client who collected cows and she wanted to have plugs made in black and white."

Dietsch continued, "People that are out in the ocean need earplugs, because there is all kinds of stuff floating around in the water which can get into the ears. The ear canal doesn't go straight in, it kind of goes in and bends toward the nose. So water stays in, and it is a warm, damp, and dark place, and that breeds bacteria."

The swim plugs sometimes do need resizing. "With adults, if they gain or lose weight, the plugs may need to be redone. Children's plugs need to be remade as they grow. If the swim plug is properly custom fit, it should be waterproof. The plugs come with a 90-day warranty."

Joanne Miller, hearing-aid dispenser at Dietsch's, added a comment on hearing loss. "Noise-related hearing loss is very common. We are seeing a lot of clients that were in World War II, that now have hearing loss as result of all the artillery noises. And I am sure that in the future, people that are now in their 20s and 30s, we will be seeing them with hearing loss from listening to the radio, or rock concerts, or from being in a band." Among the biggest sellers at Dietsch's Hearing Aid Centers are the police molds, which attach to their radios and run \$57.50 a set. Sleeping plugs run \$86 a set. Another big seller, the musician plugs, which are for anyone wishing to reduce noise levels down to a certain decibel but be able to hear up to a certain decibel, cost \$145 a set.

There are five Dietsch locations around the city. The main office is on 30th Street in North Park (619-297-4145).

A few other prices of custom plugs around town: HearX sells swim plugs for \$90 a set. Musician plugs cost \$150 a set.

A-Adams has swim plugs for \$65 a set. Musician plugs range from \$70 to \$100 a set, depending on the filter.

Sears Hearing Aids charges \$62 a plug for the swim earplugs. Each musician plug costs \$80.

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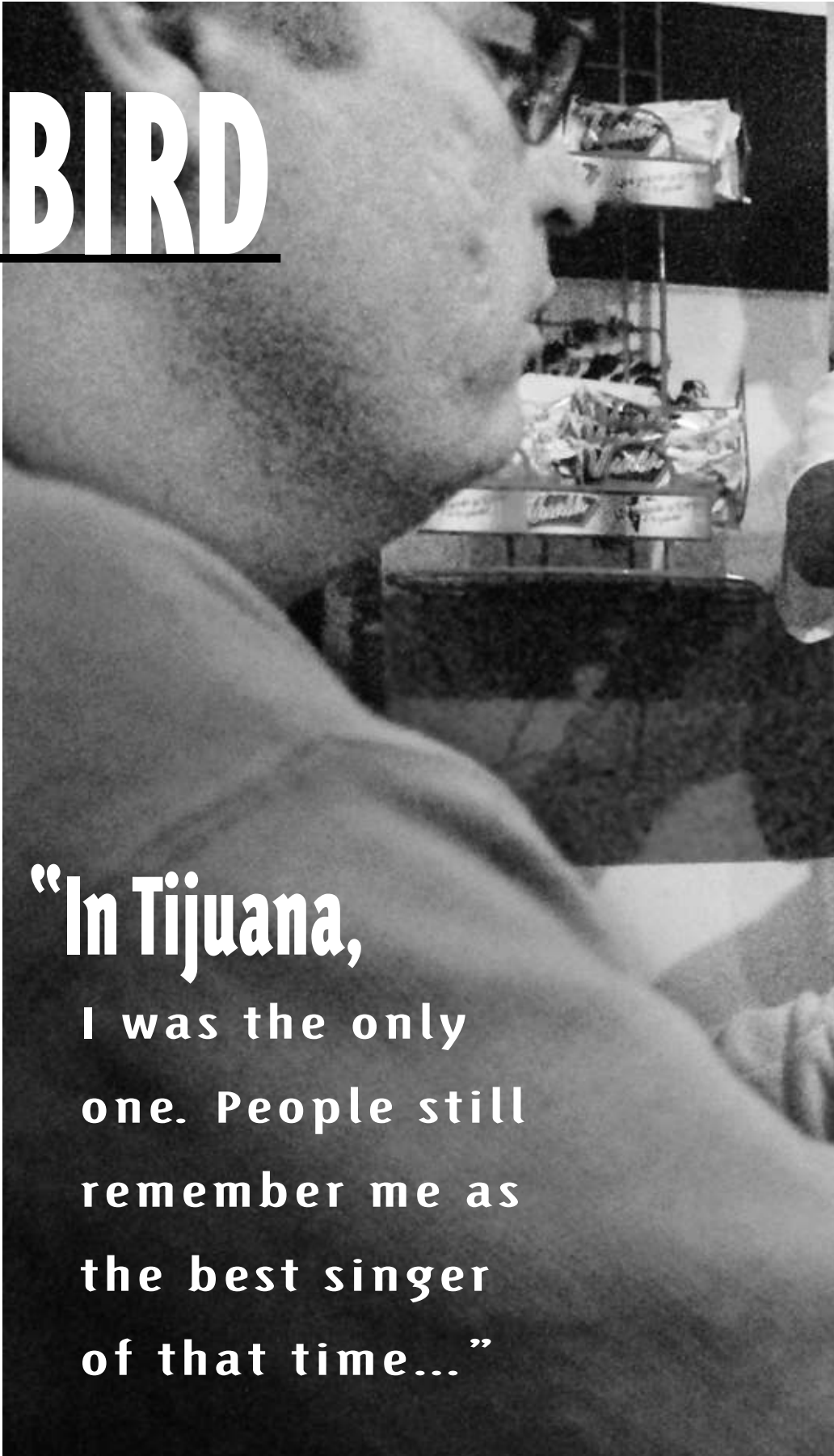
TIJUANA SONGBIRD

ON THE WAY, I worried about writing her story, as I suspected the most dramatic part would be her stay in Tijuana's La Mesa prison. Suppose she wanted to talk only about her musical comeback after 14 years offstage and asked me to leave out the criminal stuff? Then what would I write — a publicity whitewash or a ruthless exposé of somebody who, on the phone, seemed humble and kind and who was trying to revive a sidelined career? I'm no PR person or hard-nosed investigative journalist but a novelist with an affinity for anybody attempting a comeback.

Como Que No!, near the Plaza Financiera in Tijuana's river district, is a clean, friendly restaurant and dance club. Most or all of the customers besides us were Mexicans, but Ginny and her band sang every number in English. She opened with a Carole King song, followed it with "Hello Stranger," which had me sighing with nostalgia that the dreaminess of Ginny's voice inspired. Then "Midnight Train to Georgia." Gladys Knight might've chafed with envy at the way Ginny's voice, rich and a little throaty, shifted without a hitch into an upper range.

A few days later, I went to her home, a small place, cottage-size, on a commercial street a couple of blocks toward the border from the north end of Avenida Revolución. Though the neighborhood appeared quiet enough, she'd moved the front door because the old one opened onto a loitering place for drug addicts. In the patio between her house and the sidewalk, her daughter Dulce cooked and sold hamburgers and teriyaki chicken burgers off a vendor's cart she had bought recently and meant to take to a better location once she could afford a vendor's license.

Ginny's son Omar, a CD player hooked to his belt and an ear-phone in place, and her younger daughter Cristina passed back and forth from the kitchen to outside while Ginny and I sat in the living room next to the stereo. I asked for her story, from the beginning.



**"In Tijuana,
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"Okay. Nineteen sixty-three, at the end of the year — I remember because it was when the Beatles came out on record — I started in a group named the Nightowls. But after a little while I sang with a different group on Sunday afternoons, at a place at the Playas called Taurino, and from there we went to play at parties. And then I became famous overnight."

A shy laugh, and she said, "I worked on Revolution Avenue at two places before I went to Mike's Bar.

Mike's was the best place on Revolution. I opened at Mike's around 30 years ago, and I played there about 9 years. And we played at parties and went on tour down south, to Mazatlán and to a lot of places. At that time, I was with a group called the Stukas, and we were very popular. With the Stukas we spent so much time traveling, the guys in the band took their families with them. We had a big truck, like a stake bed, we had all the luggage and even a washing



Ginny Silva and guitarist Carlos "Charly" Hernández Vallejo (right)

machine. I took a picture, in Cancún, and the guitar player is sitting on top of the luggage. We were on tour, coming and going, for five years, in the '70s."

"Did you make any records?"

"No. Today a lot of people are looking for new talent. Back then, they preferred music from other countries. I always sang in English, and for records in English they had all the groups from the States and England. I did make some record-

ings and signed the contracts, but the records never came out. The record people in Mexico preferred beautiful singers — I mean singers who look good on the stage; they have beautiful shapes and faces. They preferred the girls who would come out with different kinds of clothes than I wore. I never liked to dress like they dress now, almost naked. The shortest thing I wore was hot pants, but even that was too much for me. I didn't feel

comfortable.

"My style was always soul. When I first started, I used to sing Connie Francis, Brenda Lee...and one night the guitar player gave me a record of Ike and Tina Turner, 'A Fool in Love.' He goes, 'Here, learn this song.' It was like screaming, and it took me a long time to get the feeling of that song. And then I started to get into Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Dionne Warwick.

"In my time, there were no girl

singers in the clubs. There were a lot of good groups that used to play Beatles songs and songs from all the English groups and Blood, Sweat and Tears and Chicago, but nothing by girl singers. In Tijuana, I was the only one. People still remember me as the best singer of that time, maybe because there weren't any other girl singers, and I brought a different style, and every time they hear a soul song or rhythm and blues, they think, 'Ginny used to sing that.' Now

they see me and think, 'She still sings the same.' The people that come to Como Que No!, they're the same ones that used to see me in Mike's, or at the Odyssey, where I used to play with another group, called Bاندولرو, in the '80s.

"Most of the musicians from my time are living in the States now, in San Diego, or playing in Las Vegas or L.A."

"Like Carlos Santana."

"I never met him," she said, "but he used to play on Revolution at the same time, I think at the Convoy Club. He didn't play there very long. He did good when he crossed the border. That was the best thing he could've done."



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Ginny and Charly

"I got my chance. The opportunity came to me, and I didn't take it. It was in New Mike's. Some people from

Motown came and heard me sing, and they wanted to take me. I was around 25 and very insecure and afraid to

go by myself. I wanted to take the group, and they said, 'No, we want you only,' and I said, 'No thanks, then.'

"The other singer in our group, the guy singer, he told me, 'You're so dumb, Ginny, you should've gone. It was your opportunity.' And I didn't take it. So I always say, 'Opportunity knocks once and never comes back.' But I think God lets things happen for a reason."

"I worked in groups, in nightclubs, for 25 years or more, and a lot of the musicians were drug addicts. At that time, in Tijuana, it was easy to get any drug. Marijuana, acid, heroin, cocaine, and all the kinds of pills. Now, the police are always around and looking for people selling stuff. But not so much back then."

"All these drugs and users, but I didn't

do any of that. I didn't even drink. Then, you know, something happened and I started to do cocaine because I wanted to help my kids' father." A smile colored with irony, and she said, "I wanted to understand why he didn't stop using it. To help him, I thought I had to understand. But I liked it. Then I was stealing from him and he didn't know. I used cocaine only when I worked, because I danced a lot, and it was easier to dance all night on cocaine, and I started losing weight. Everything was okay until he told me he had an affair."

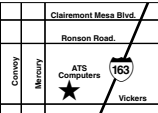
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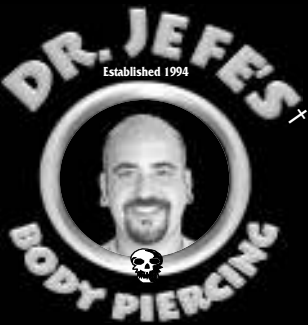
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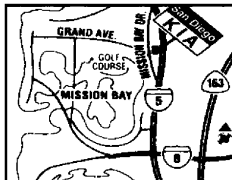
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mate that really hurt. And that's when I started abusing the drugs. And I wanted to die.

"At work, people noticed that I was drinking, but they never talked to me — nobody said anything — and I felt so lonely. I would drink and abuse cocaine and scream at God to take me away because I didn't want to suffer anymore. I used to cry a lot, and I would hear a voice inside me, like when someone's in pain, like a lament, real loud, and I would think that if someone was standing beside me, they could hear, the voice was so loud. And I felt that nobody cared for me or if I lived or died, and nobody cared how much I was paid. 'I'm a good singer,' I thought, 'and they're not paying me as much as I'm worth,' even though I was the best paid of any of the musicians in the Tijuana clubs. At the Odyssey I was making \$300 a week, and that was a lot of money then, before my son Omar was born, and he's 20. But still I was complaining.

"I think God hears when we call Him, even if we scream at Him and complain. He knows. And He had to do something that I guess He didn't want to, but He had to. He let

me get arrested. That was the only way to separate me from everything, because I would tell myself, 'I'm not going to do these drugs anymore,' but I didn't quit. And what else happened to me, if I would shake my head, I felt everything inside my head move. My brain, I believed my brain was shaking around in there.

"And my memory was all messed up. I was miserable, and I asked God to take me away, and I guess that's what He did. Like when you send a drug addict to a

to set up the people you bought from?" I asked and hoped it wasn't too indelicate a question.

"Sure," she said. "But I didn't tell them anything. So I thought they were going to beat me up very badly because they didn't believe my story, and I didn't believe it myself. They knew I was lying.

"I used to pray to Jesus Christ, when I was selling drugs. Even though I didn't know anything about Him, I would make a prayer we call Justo Juez, the Just Judge. I prayed for the Just Judge to pro-

"I asked God to take me away, and I guess that's what He did."

place where he's going to get better. That's what He did. He sent me to prison.

"What happened, I was selling too, and they set me up. A guy that used to buy from me, he got caught, so the police had him set up the drummer in our group. See, the drummer used to take the cocaine to the guy, and the police marked some bills and they came back to me. But the drummer didn't know. He was in prison with me."

"Did they want you

tect me so I wouldn't get caught. And when I was in the police station with the *federales*, and I wanted to kill myself, more than ever I wanted to die because I didn't want to go to prison and I was scared that the *federales* would beat me up, because they did a lot of things to the people there. I prayed hard, with all my heart. I asked the Just Judge, 'Don't let them beat me up.' And after I said that prayer, I didn't want to kill myself anymore.

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let them, they didn't hurt me badly. "The lawyer said I would get out in a year, and when the trial

came, I was a year in jail already, so he said, 'They're going to sentence you to one year and let you go because

you already served it.' But they sentenced me to ten years for less than an ounce. "When I was sen-

tenced to so long, I saw my man, my kids' father. The way he looked, I think he lost hope. I guess he heard 'ten years' like I did. 'Ten years,' I thought. 'Ten years to live in that prison. I'm never going to get out. I'm going to be so much older then.' "If you get sentenced here for ten years, you have to be in prison at least for six years and eight months. I thought I would get sentenced to a year and they sentenced me to ten years. I was very angry for that, and more angry because the guy who got caught, the one that helped the police set up the drummer and me, they told me he was free. Then I felt like the world fell on me.

"In prison you lose your freedom and you feel impotent, and they always remind you where you are and who you are. You're a prisoner, and they treat you all the same, the really bad people and the better ones — except, if you have money, you can get what you want. If you don't have money, you're nothing. "Where they put me, there were bunks, one on top of the other, six bunks, so 12 women in the room. And you need somebody to give you food. If people don't have anybody — no family — the Christians come and feed them, but only once a week, and they give out clothes and shoes. "My youngest daughter was there

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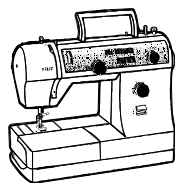
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“When I wanted to watch TV or sleep or hear the radio, I used to hate the Christians because they would be outside singing and praising God, and I used to get really mad because I couldn’t hear the TV or whatever.

“When people aren’t instructed in God’s things, they make

"He ordered the other judge to sentence me again and give me my freedom immediately."

hear. If they hear something bad about a priest or whatever...that was what happened to me; I used those things as an excuse not to go to

church.
“A woman comes
into the prison — it’s
her ministry — she
goes there and preaches

and makes prayer groups, and she was starting one. Already she had two leaders, and they invited me. But I never went.

Because I didn't want to hear. I used to spend all my time crying and reading my future with tarot cards. And I would be on the phone all the time asking my kids' father for money, and when he came we had big fights and I wanted to kill him.

“I used to say, ‘When I go out, I’m going to sell big. I’m not going to use anymore, but I’m going to go to an *espiritista*,’ an occultist, one of these people that do things to take the bad luck from you. It seems like a good thing, but it’s bad, like a Satanic thing. But

that's what I used to say. 'When I get out, I'm going to go to the *espiritista* and let them do a *limpia*, a cleansing, and I'm going to sell big and make big money and make up for all the time they made me waste in here.' For revenge. Because they put me in there for ten years, so long.

“You know, at the prison they allow conjugal visits. And when the Christians in the prison talked to me about the commandment ‘Don’t commit adultery,’ I didn’t feel anything. I didn’t think of my relationship with

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my kids' father as adultery.

"In the prison, Father Vitorio, he was from the Misioneras de la Caridad, the order of Mother Teresa. When I met him he was just ordained and he came to the prison and did the masses on Sundays, and I would go to him and confess. Every month I would have to tell Father Vitorio, 'I sinned again.' And after a while, he told me, 'I can't absolve you, because you have to make a decision.'

"He said I had to get married or quit my adultery. And I thought, 'How am I going to eat in here?' How was I going to do without what my kids' father did for me? He used to give me, like, a hundred dollars a week. He was selling drugs, that's why he had the money. When I told him that I went to confession, he asked, 'What happened?' So I told him I wanted to get married and he said, 'Oh, don't worry, we'll just go on like we're doing and when you get out we'll get married.' Just lies.

"And then when he came for another conjugal visit, I had all these images on the walls of my room and I could feel them watching me. And I couldn't do it." Ginny laughed. "I wanted to get married, because when I started doing God's things, I wanted to get married by the church. I didn't want to sin anymore. I wanted to start over, being good. But he said, 'No, when you get out, we'll get married on the outside,' and I said, 'No. Here.' And he didn't want to. Now I'm glad he didn't.

"What happened in prison, first one of the other women, a prisoner, she invited me to pray the rosary. So my conversion started with the rosary."

As I'd never been Catholic, I asked how the rosary worked.

"What we do first," she said, "is pray for the people, for the needs of the world, for the sinners, so they get converted, for the poor, so

they have ways to eat or get a job. For the sick, for the people who don't have anybody. You make the petitions at first, then you say a Holy Father and then ten Hail Marys. And you say a Glory to God,

and then you say the *Misterio*, the mystery, and it depends on the day. One day we're living Jesus' conception, and then when Mary goes to Elizabeth and tells her the news, and then when Jesus is

born, and then when He is presented at the temple, and then when His parents can't find Him and He is in the temple teaching. That's five mysteries. And next is when Jesus is at the Mount of Olives, and

another is when He is whipped, and next is His crown of thorns, and another is when He's carrying His cross, and the other is when He is crucified. The last five mysteries are the *Gloriosos*, and they start

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when He is resurrected, and the next is His ascension, and the third is the Holy Spirit, when it came. The fourth is when the angels took Mary in body and soul to heaven, and the last is when she was crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. That's 15 *Misterios*.

"This woman who comes to the prison, she told me that I was the first converted woman in the 14 years that she'd been serving there. But she never gets discouraged. Every week she goes. And she went for me to a lawyer in Mexicali. I already

was four years in there. And the judge in Mexicali said, 'Why is she in prison?' Because there wasn't enough evidence for me to be in there. And he ordered the other judge to sentence me again and give me my freedom immediately. That's when I finally knew it was God who was keeping me there in prison, because He wanted me to meet Him. And at the right time, He gave me my freedom. This is a miracle, because when I was ready to go out, He gave me my freedom. I was already in there four years, and by that

time, I was ready to go.

"Mary is like my mother. I can call her and she comes. I can feel her. I can almost

lot to do with my conversion, so I pray with her. I don't pray to her, because we don't pray to her, we pray with

"The singing was hard at first because my vocal cords were cold. I didn't use them for so long."

see her, even though I can't really see her because I'm a sinner, you know. But I can feel her all the time.

"See, Mary had a

her. For her intentions. Her intentions are our intentions, yours and mine. So when we say, 'We offer this rosary to you for your intentions

of your immaculate heart,' that means we're in her heart too, even if we don't care for her. A lot of people don't understand her because they haven't discovered her in the Bible. She's there. She was left at the foot of the cross as our mother. When Jesus tells John that she's his mother, John represents humanity, all of us. She was not a sinner at all. She was created to be God's mother.

"Now I belong to Comunidad Alianza. We are evangelists and we serve wherever there is a need. We've gone to Santa Rosalia and many

places in Baja, to L.A. a few times, San Diego. Right now, I don't have a visa — I can't go to the States — and I don't have much time to go anymore because of my work, my singing.

"The way my life has changed, it's a miracle. Before I met Jesus, I thought I was happy, except when things were going bad and I was depressed, you know. But you have a false vision of life when you don't know anything about God. When you start getting into the knowledge of God, you change your way of

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thinking. You start realizing that your life wasn't good before, not at all, that you had a false conception of things. So when God starts revealing Himself to us, our eyes are open and we start seeing things that were really wrong.

"Some people think the Bible is just a book to teach us how to live well, but it's not. It's God's word. And God's word is Jesus Christ. It's a person. It's not a book, it's a person. See, 'In the beginning was the word,' God's word, and God's word was Jesus, from the beginning. And everything was made from Him, through Him. When God speaks, that's Jesus. So the Bible is Jesus.

"A lot of people in the church, when I say I'm singing again, they make an expression that says they don't approve, and at first I felt bad because they think that I'm going the wrong way. But singing for me is a gift I was born with. And for a long time, 13 years, I didn't want to sing at all anymore, because I was afraid I would go back to the same things. Maybe I would fall into temptation.

"Before I decided to go back and sing professionally, I prayed a lot, and I got really confused, but then I said, 'Lord, confusion doesn't come from You. Give me a light, show me the way.' Because it took me a long time to decide, and I felt like singing was the right thing for me, but later I felt like it was wrong. But when I wasn't singing, I was just getting by. Every time God would give me money, it would be to pay the bills. Exactly what I needed, no more. I said, 'Lord, I want to live by Your divine covenant, but everything costs. And I'm a singer, that's my gift.' "

She looked as if she'd run out of story, but I wanted more. "Do you think about God when you sing?" I asked.

"Yeah, when I sing 'You Needed Me,' it goes, 'I cried a tear, you

wiped it dry. I was confused, you cleared my mind,' and when I sing that, I think about God and try to hold that thought in my heart. But I have a lot of distraction there in the nightclub.

"One song I think He gave me for a message. 'Sweet Love,' by Anita Baker. A part of it goes, 'Sweet love, hear me calling out your name, I feel no shame, I'm in love. Sweet love, don't you ever go away,

it'll always be this way.' When I first sang that, I felt like my heart was getting very hot, even before I thought about the words. My heart getting hot made me pay attention."

About my affinity

for comebacks, at my last high school reunion, I heard dozens of remarks like "It's been a good life," and while fleeing that place I wanted to yell, "Hey, we've got another 30 or 40 good years maybe."

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to cast spells over their opponents.

So I wanted still more about Ginny's comeback, and I asked, "What was the hardest part of starting over?"

"Well, the singing was hard at first because my vocal cords were cold. I didn't use them for so long. With Comunidad Alianza, I sing Christian songs, and I made three tapes, but they're not like singing 'Lady Marmalade' or 'Midnight Train to Georgia' or 'Hard for the Money.' "

"Your vocal cords must've warmed up," I said. "You make those riffs seem so easy, especially jumping from

came, the keyboard player told me, 'Hey, you sound really good tonight, huh.' I said, 'Yeah, well, I warmed

"I was tied up, like in chains, by a lot of things."

down deep to up high. How do you do that?"

An impish smile, and she said, "Last Friday, the night you

up,' and he said, 'Yeah, but you know, when you do the falsetto, you can't hear the change.' I said, 'It's a trick.'

"And it was a little hard for me to start singing again, because a lot of people knew I was going to come back, and when we started to rehearse 'I Will Survive,' I couldn't phrase right and I got panicked. I thought maybe I couldn't sing anymore, but I kept trying.

"One of the things I have learned from the Bible is that you have to be a yes or a no; you can't be in the middle. I can't be doubtful. I can't have second

thoughts. Because there are other people involved. The guys in my band, none of them are Christians, but they are good guys. Only the guitar player was with me before, in Rosarito. That's where I was playing when we got arrested, at the Rosarito Beach Hotel.

"And when I told people I was going to sing worldly music again, it made me sad to see the expressions of the ones that don't like the idea that I'm working. Maybe they think

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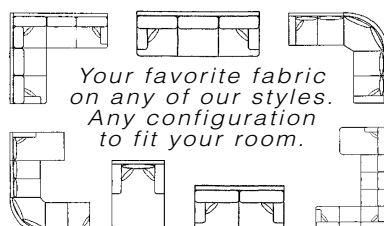
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that I'm going to leave the *comunidad*, but I'm not. And some of them are happy for me. They say, 'That's great. Go on and sing. And even if you don't talk about God or sing about Him, when you are finished you can say "God bless you." And with that, you give your testimony.' And when people come to me at Como Que No! and they say, 'Well, I'll see you; bye, Ginny,' I say, 'Yeah, and God bless you,' and they say, 'What? Oh yeah, you too.' I always say 'God bless you.' At first I couldn't say it, but I got used to it and now I feel good saying it. Because when people say 'God bless you' and they're sincere, a blessing comes.

"In the Bible, John says, 'You will know the truth and the truth will make you free.' And I met the truth, because the truth is a person. I met Him and He made me free.

"I wasn't free ever until I met Him. I was tied up, like in chains, by a lot of things. Because I was very insecure. I never talked on the microphone, and if I ever did I had to study and memorize every word, and if I forgot one word, I would go blank. Now, when I go and serve with the *comunidad*, I take a tape for background and I sing, and I can talk freely.

"Some people won't believe this, but when you have an encounter with Jesus, you fall in love with Him. I don't have a husband or boyfriend. I don't need one, and it's been like this for a lot of years.

"I hope when musicians that remember me read this article that they come to see me and to talk with me. I'm not going to talk to them about God. I want them to see what

He has made in me and to know that He can make them into something good if they let Him. Because He loves us all and He doesn't want us to get lost, and everything's possible with Him.

"And I want to give glory to God, because He's responsible for you being here. I feel flattered because I never thought that anybody from the *Reader* would be interested in me — it never even crossed

my mind — and I know that Jesus made this possible, and for His reasons. Maybe He's starting something and He wanted me to be part of it. The night you came to Como Que No! I talked to Him. I

said, 'Lord, I am so happy for this opportunity You are giving me to open my heart to all San Diego and say my testimony openly, and I am so thankful for You to give me this gift.' He's such a loving

Father, sometimes He spoils us." Because I'm making a comeback too, as a father with a brand-new baby, I'd be an ungrateful wretch if I didn't say "Amen." ■
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While Hickey wheeled out of the lot and up Fourth toward Broadway, he was trying to decide where to take her.

Gambling with a Stacked Deck

Wartime San Diego’s Tom Hickey is a private eye by trade and co-owner of the nightclub Rudy’s by desire. That’s how he stumbled onto songstress Cynthia Moon Tucker — the young beauty sings in his club — and his current case: he got embroiled in her disappearing act, her plans for murder, and her crazy family. (How does he know this? He read it all in her journals.) But hers wasn’t the only disappearing act that had him wondering. Just where was his wife, Madeline? And how much did his partner, Rudy Castillo, have to do with her unhappiness with Hickey? And how was all this affecting his beloved daughter Elizabeth? All he needed now was more problems, and those were about to find him.

CHAPTER 14

At 5:15 Rudy’s salad-and-dessert cook was yelling at his assistant and the pot washer. From what Hickey made out, *borrachos* was the key word. Waiters and bus-boys fussed over the table settings. Castillo sat in the office, holding a pen and scrutinizing a stack of receipts. When Hickey stepped in, the Cuban leaned his chair against the wall, pursed his lips, drew his eyebrows together.

Hickey set the ledger books on the file case, draped his overcoat and hat on the rack. “You seen the girl?”



The Plunge, Mission Beach, 1932

Moving his head sideways an inch, Castillo said, “Only she called me about noon. I say she don’t get no money till maybe tomorrow, the bird hangs up on me. I tell you, I don’t like

how people been treating me today. First she’s waking me up, then you don’t show this morning like you said to talk with me.” “Damned shame, partner.” Hickey was tempted

to follow with an inquiry as to just how good pals Castillo and Madeline had become. But that could wait. “I’m here now. You wanta tell me something, or ask?”

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Castillo ran two fingers through his slick hair, clasped his hands behind his neck, and stared like a warrior relegated to the bargaining table. "What for the girl needs this money?"

"Family business," Hickey said. "She's got a sick daddy in the Catholic rest home. You know Catholics, if she don't pay up, they're gonna excommunicate him or something."

After a pause to calculate while he gathered the receipts and crammed them into a desk drawer, Castillo leaned forward, leading with his nose. "She wants two grand, okay, we sign her to a contract. We're taking 20 percent, whatever she makes for two, maybe three years. You tell her. I got a dinner engagement."

Hickey watched the man stand, edge around the desk to the door warily as if they were wrestlers and the bell just rang. True to form, Hickey thought. The girl's in a fix, Castillo figures an angle, a way to squeeze her. There was a businessman for you, a guy who slept with his antennae out, scanning the atmosphere for chances to grab the advantage. A gambler who won't play without a stacked deck. The kind Madeline always wanted Hickey to be.

He walked out front, told Phil, the maitre d', to look out for Cynthia and fetch him the minute she showed, and returned to the office; he sat on the desk, picked up the phone, and dialed his home number. On the sixth ring, Elizabeth answered, panting into the receiver.

"Who's chasing you?" Hickey asked.

"The Big Bad Wolf," Elizabeth chuckled and caught her breath. "I rode my bike to the plunge, Dad. Swam 20 laps, but I could hardly ride back. I almost stopped and called a tow truck."

"Talk to your mom yet?"

"No, but maybe she's here. I'll go look. I just walked in. Ran, I mean."

As Hickey sat waiting, lighting his pipe, the door got pounded, Hickey shouted, "Yeah," and Romero, the dessert-and-salad chef, strode in. He was a wiry little fellow,

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hardly five feet including his chef's hat, who lived inside a cloud of smoke that he constantly fed by sucking down and blowing out Lucky Strikes, consuming each one in three or four drags.

"How you like this, boss?" Romero screeched. "That *cochón* Felipe is hacking lettuce, he knocks a big head on the floor, he kicks it around the cutting table like a *fútbol*, he picks it up, he dips it in the dishwasher's greasy water, he throws it back on the cutting board and starts hacking again."

"No sign of her, Dad," Elizabeth said. "Didn't leave a note either."

Hickey sat still a

moment, making fists, flexing the muscles of his arms and shoulders, squeezing his eyes shut. Finally he barked at Romero, "So fire him!"

As Romero spun and marched out, Elizabeth asked, "You there, Daddy?" "Yeah."

There came another rap on the door, and Phil shouted in, "The girl just pulled up in a limo."

"Listen, babe," Hickey said. "Soon as you see or hear from her, call me, huh? Promise?"

"Sure. Sorry, Dad."

Hickey said good-bye, jumped up and around the desk to the door, then remembered the ledger books. He turned back,

grabbed and stuffed them into a file drawer, and hustled out front. Cynthia leaned on the hatchback counter. She wore an emerald green sleeveless dress, a white shawl around her shoulders, and white gloves, no hat, only an orchid, ivory white and violet, pinned into her hair above the left ear. In heels that leveled her with Hickey, she glared at him, her pupils dilated.

Her voice sounded 20 years older, racked by smoke and booze. "Why'd you sick the old fat guy on me?"

Hickey grabbed her arm and whisked her across the floor, through the kitchen, out the back way

to his car. She only resisted by trying to walk slow, stiffly holding onto her poise.

In the Chevy, she took a compact out of her purse, checked her makeup, dabbed a little powder onto her chin. While Hickey wheeled out of the lot and up Fourth toward Broadway, he was trying to decide where to take her. Someplace deserted, where nobody could hear her scream, where he couldn't get pestered by Good Samaritans or the law.

She kept mute all the way down Broadway and partway up Harbor Drive. Finally she snapped, "Where do you think you're taking me?"

"Someplace we can talk. How about the scene of the crime?"

"What crime?"

"How many you done?"

Cynthia wheeled her face toward her window. On the sidewalk beside the docks, couples strolled, a drunk staggered perilously along the rim of the harbor. A fisherman standing beside a pile of nets shoved another man, who coiled up and flew at the guy, throwing a roundhouse. Just beyond the county offices, as Hickey slowed for a stop sign, the girl flung the door open and lunged that way, but he caught her arm and yanked her back, squeezing cruelly.

She yowled, but Hickey wouldn't let her go or ease off until she got righted in her seat and had closed and locked the door.

"Bastard," she hissed. "Get this — I'm not talking, and you better cut me loose. Drop me at the Pacific Ballroom or else. I know guys lots tougher than you."

Hickey straightened his hat and tie. "Bring 'em on." ■

— Ken Kuhlken

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My worst, most blockheaded mistake was neglecting to put sunscreen on before frolicking at a water park for eight hours. That might sound trivial, but I'm so fair-skinned, I make Casper look like a bronze beauty; I'm glow-in-the-dark white. But, on that summer day, I was more concerned with keeping my swimsuit out of my bottom than with UV rays bombarding my bod.

When it was time to go home, I felt a tad warm, but I figured it was nothing to worry about. A few hours later (when I had gotten the water out of my brain), I realized I had turned brick red. Actually, it was more of a stoplight red — pedestrians would halt when they saw me passing by. Everything — my face, my arms, even my toes — took on this hue. I could bear the humiliation, but the pain and blisters were frightening. Even after taking loads of Tylenol and cool baths, the soreness never subsided. My mother suggested a trip to the emergency room, but I was too mortified to go. After five days of impersonating a bloated cardinal, the fun began. I started peeling like cheap wallpaper in a public latrine. This did have its upside, as peeling layers of skin provided amusement during boring moments of the day. Overall, though, it was a major bummer.

During my hour of need, you'd think my family would support me. But, no — my sister sold me out to the neighborhood freak show. Sooner than you can say "whatawitch," I was dubbed "The Lost Red Hot Chili Pepper" and gawked at by every child within a ten-mile radius. Two years later, though the redness and blisters are gone, the embarrassment still makes me blush.

— *Stephanie Feldstein,*
Bonita Vista High School

One of the biggest mistakes of my life was letting go of a great girl. Some people would say that falling in love at 14 years old is a little young. That may be true, but sometimes you know when a person should be a big part of

your life. I did everything that I could think of to impress this girl and be with her. When she decided to give me a chance, it worked out for more than a year.

During the time I was with her, it seemed like my life was going in the right direction; she cared about me, I was doing well in school, and I wasn't getting into drugs like some of the people I hang out with. As soon as we broke up, my life started to go downhill. I was more intent on having fun and being with the "popular group." Experimenting with weed and alcohol was one of the first things I did when we broke up. My grades in school were low, and I was a mess.

Analyzing my life, I asked myself several times, "Why am I doing these things?" I kept questioning everything I did, and finally I found a way to bounce back and recover from the predicament I'd put myself in. After a couple years of chaos, I called my ex to see how she was doing. That was the first time in more than two years I'd heard her voice. I was fortunate to have another chance. On that day, I decided to never let her leave my life again.

— *Alecsis Ducusin,*
Morse High School

During middle school, my identity crisis flourished into a mad search. I turned toward the conventional forms of rebellion: smoked a little pot, ditched some school, shoplifted for thrills. I strived for individuality, not realizing that I was conforming to unconformity, and so were my lungs. At 13, no matter what anyone said, smoking looked cool. I didn't want to end up like my parents and depend on cigarettes every day, but I pushed myself. I sucked in each drag with disgust and tried my hardest to like it.

This quest for identity culminated one day when I swallowed eight Coriciden cough and cold pills with the inten-

tion of getting high. I walked through the streets of La Mesa, numb to my surroundings, until it hit me. Violent attacks of vomiting made me decide to find the nearest emergency room. I slurred myself into the "overdose" section of the hospital, where I had to face questioning doctors and, worst of all, my parents.

Landscape artist Bob Ross once said, "There are no mistakes...only happy little accidents." The series of accidents I made were not very happy but proved to be beneficial. I can look back and see what I've grown from.

— *Sonia Saxon,*
West Hills High School

I have made many mistakes in life. Among those that haven't caused property damage or bodily harm to another individual is one of my bigger mistakes: the day I brought a particular guy home to meet my mother.

This guy was not the kind of person you would ever want to bring home. He was brazen, disrespectful to everyone, kind of creepy, and had a bit of a checkered past. Looking back, I can't imagine why I was attracted to him. The only explanation I have to offer is that most girls — at least at one point in their lives — are attracted to this type of guy because they find some aspect of the "bad boy" image enticing.

Driving about 60 through residential streets with the radio blaring heavy metal, we came to a screeching halt in front of my house. My mom was home, so I told him to come inside and say hello. He reluctantly got out of his car and followed me up the walkway, walking with this punk-ass stride that he had to have practiced. I turned the key and opened the front door. My mother, being the personable individual she is, greeted us both warmly and extended her hand toward him. He nixed the handshake as if my mother was holding an explosive device, and he rudely exclaimed, "I was just leaving." He prac-

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tically ran out of the house. My mother and I watched from the window as he climbed into his car, radio still blaring, and attempted to speed away, not realizing that the street I lived on was not a through street. About two seconds later we heard his car skid and watched him turn around so abruptly that he ended up jumping the curb and driving on the sidewalk for at least five feet. His car soon disappeared due to the rate of speed at which he was traveling, leaving only rubber behind.

Soon after his departure, I had to listen to my mother question me on what could have possessed me to befriend such an individual, much less why I had ever gotten into a car with this person behind the wheel. To this day, she questions my choice of friends.

— Mary Montgomery,
Point Loma High School

My mom always said that something bad would happen if I didn't do my math homework. Letting my older brother distract me from my algebra workbook was the biggest mistake I ever made.

Throughout elementary school, I behaved like one of Mark's limbs; wherever he moved, I moved too. One summer afternoon before second grade, he went to the kitchen to make some iced tea. I followed, relocating to the table to do my math homework. Mark removed the lid of a new can of Nestea and scooped the powder into his glass. Suddenly, he turned around and called to me, "Julie, let's play Ninja Turtles!" Tired of multiplying variables, I got up. He flung the aluminum lid, and it penetrated my foot the moment I heard him say, "Jump!" The lid cut into my right foot, revealing muscle. At first, I didn't believe what I saw. The Ninja Turtles evaded all attacks on TV, so how could I,

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an honorary female NT, have missed a measly Nestea lid? My brother rushed to my side. My mom was on the phone, so Mark grabbed a cloth bandage, wrapped it around my bleeding foot, and told me to stay silent.

Half an hour later, my mom walked into the kitchen. She was furious — not only had I neglected my math homework, but I also managed to stain the marble tile with blood. She made Mark call the emergency room and carry me to the car. The doctor gave me 16 stitches in the most painful operation of my life. For the month afterward, I had to cover my bandaged foot with two socks and use crutches. At lunch, in the company of my potato salad, I sat on the blacktop watching my friends play basketball. I also had to wear a plastic bag around my foot whenever showering.

I still have the nearly two-inch-long scar. It remains a pale pink shade that clashes with my tan skin. Now, in addition to my mom's frequent reminders about the importance of math homework, I have a permanent and visible reminder.

— Julie Yen,
Mt. Carmel High School

My biggest mistake led to my biggest life lesson. I was 11, in sixth grade. It was during lunch period. I had become annoyed with my best friend (whom I shall call Sara) at the time because she was competing with me for attention. I had not seen it as a "competition," but she apparently did. When she was not the center of attention, she would act as though she was sad and had no friends. We would feel sorry for her and guilty for our actions.

That particular lunch period, I was venting my anger and feelings to my other best friend, who was feeling the same way. We didn't

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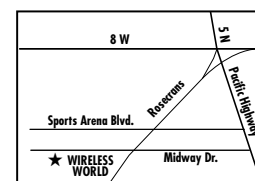
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know that another friend of Sara's was nearby, savoring every word because she would be able to tell Sara about how we were talking behind her back. When I realized that this girl had been listening to our conversation, I thought that it would be no big deal and that the situation would blow over as easily as every other fight and argument had blown over in the past.

How wrong I was. The next few days were a blur. Sara, my best friend of six years, was angry with me for not only talking badly about her, but also for talking behind her back. My other friend, to whom I'd been venting, turned her back on me and went back to being Sara's sidekick. I was alone and it felt terrible. This fight began during the last week of school

and lasted through the summer. When I realized that this crisis was not going to end the next day or the next week, I understood how much I had hurt Sara, mostly for talking behind her back rather than confronting her. Since then, I have never spoken badly about a friend behind his or her back.

— Sirisha Prathipati,
Torrey Pines High School

Considering that I am only 18, I'm sure I haven't made the biggest mistake of my life yet; however, because I am still a teen, I have made some unwise decisions. My biggest mistake so far wasn't an incident that occurred once, but over a time frame of two years in high school during which I wasn't the best-behaved kid for my mother to raise.

I come from a single-parent home. I realize now and appreciate how my mother provided for me from when I was a baby to who I am today — a college freshman. But during those couple of years of high school — though I wasn't the most out-of-control, drug-addicted, impregnated teenager that daytime talk shows so often spotlight — I didn't act the way I

should have. All the tears, anger, "groundings," and fights are what I regret the most. I should've just listened to my mother when she said, "I know what's best for you." I should have talked to my mother more about what was going on in my life. I should have said I loved her more. We should have been able to be like best friends, when in fact we weren't friends at all.

Even though mistakes create terrible situations, they can be fixed or worked on. While my relationship with my mother may not be the best as a result of what happened in the past, I know that it's something I can work on and hopefully we'll become closer.

— Jessica Itschner,
El Cajon Valley High,
class of 2002

One, two, three...ready or not, here I come," yelled my mother to me as I — at age five, in my red polka-dot dress and pig-tails — played hide-and-seek with her. I ran around the house from corner to corner. "Is it getting colder or hotter?" she'd ask. "Hotter — no, colder," I replied, trying to trick her even if she was closer.

When she caught me, I started to run away and play catch-me-if-you-can. Having fun, I did not listen when my mother warned me that running was dangerous and that I could trip or fall and hurt myself. I ran like a wild animal from one room to another before finally falling and hitting my eyebrow on the corner of a coffee table. Blood burst from the open wound. My laughs gave way to screams. I hadn't imagined that this game would lead to the hospital and stitches on my brow. Though I was five, I'd understood my mother when she told me I wasn't being safe and that I should be cautious. But, I chose not to listen. ■

— Lana Vadiyants,
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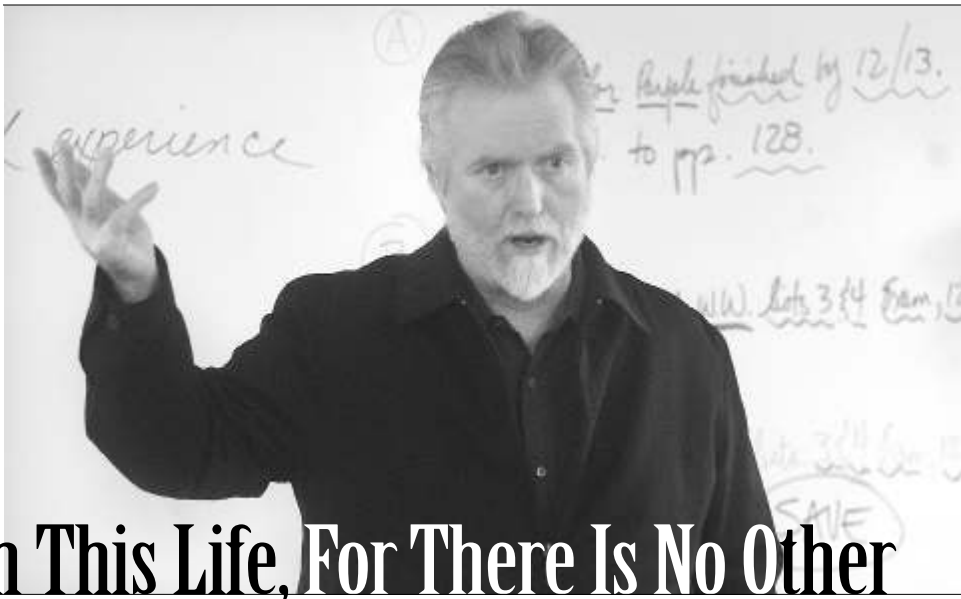
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All Or Nothing In This Life, For There Is No Other

Bruce Boston

A recent issue of *Poetry International*, a journal edited and published in San Diego, offered a poem titled “New Year’s Eve at the Santa Fe Hotel, Fresno, California” (see page 57). The poem, by Larry Levis, was dedicated to Bruce and Marsha. The Bruce dedicatee is Bruce Boston, who, since the fall of 1974, has taught English at La Jolla Country Day School. Bruce Boston is also the B.H. Boston who is *Poetry International*’s managing editor. Marsha is Bruce’s wife. The Bostons are the “two friends” at the poem’s end, who, Levis writes, “Some nights, some days, gave me everything.”

Larry Levis died May 9, 1996. He was 49. At the time of his death, he was author of five collections of poems and a book of enigmatic stories

titled *Black Freckles*. Since his death, at least three posthumous publications have emerged. The person who found Levis’s body said, in an interview, “He’d been working on a poem. He got up to do something and dropped dead.”

In *The Afterlife*, Levis’s second book, is this poem:

The Morning After My Death

My body is a white thing in the sun, now.
It is not ashamed of itself,
Not anymore. Because today is
The morning after my death.
How little I have to say;
How little desire I have
To say it.

And these flies sleeping on doorsills
And hugging screens; and the child
Who has just run out of the house
After touching my body, who knows,
Suddenly, how heavy a dead man is...

What can the sun do but keep shining?
Even though I don’t especially need it
Anymore, it shines on the palm fronds
And makes them look older,

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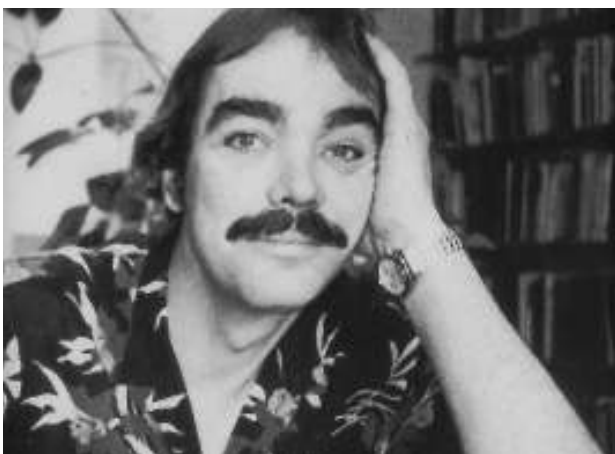
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Far off, a band is playing Sousa marches.
And, as the conductor, in his sun stained
Uniform, taps his baton for silence, and all
Around him the foliage is getting greener,
Greener, like the end of things,
One of the musicians, resting
His trumpet on his knee, looks around
A moment, before he spits and puts the horn
Into his mouth, counting slowly.
And so I think of the darkness inside the horn,
How no one's breath has been able
To push it out yet, into the air,
How when the concert ends it will still
Be there, like a note so high no one
Can play it, or like the dried blood inside
A dead woman's throat, when the mourners



Larry Levis, from cover of *The Afterlife*

Listen, and there is nothing left but these flies,
Polished and swarming frankly in the sun.

Bruce Boston and Larry Levis met in 1965 in the human-
ities building at Fresno State College (now California

State University Fresno). "I believe we were both 19,"
Mr. Boston told me. "Larry was born in September 1946,
and I was born in June that same year. I was the older
one."

In "A Poem of Horses" from *The Afterlife*, Levis writes:

It was 1946 and the war was over.
Your father hung his trousers on the bed.
Your mother undressed and shook out her hair.
They moved closer.

Larry Levis was raised in the San Joaquin Valley on a
ranch near Selma, a tiny town 17 miles south of Fresno.
"His father had a good-sized spread of grapes and
orchards," Mr. Boston said. "The house was beautiful, older
California style. No stucco."

In an autobiographical sketch, published posthu-
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the end of “a long gravel driveway lined with orange and olive and tangerine and cypress and palm trees...and the gravel looks almost white in the moonlight.” From upstairs windows in this house, you could see vineyards stretching clear to the horizon. In an interview conducted in 1982, Levis said that the landscape in which his home was set “looked beautiful and hopeless.”

“Picking Grapes in an Abandoned Vineyard,” from *The Dollmaker’s Ghost*, recalls Levis’s teenage years on the Selma ranch.

Picking grapes alone in the late autumn sun
A short, curved knife in my hand,
Its blade silver from so many sharpenings,
Its handle black.
I still have a scar where a friend
Sliced open my right index finger, once,
In a cutting shed —
The same kind of knife.
The grapes drop into the pan,

And the gnats swarm over them, as always.

Later in “Picking Grapes in an Abandoned Vineyard,” Levis remembers Parlier, a town a few miles across the free-way from Selma:

At seventeen, I discovered
Parlier, California, with its sad, topless bar,
And its one main street, and its opium.
I would stand still, and chalk my cue stick
In Johnny Paroles’ East Front Pool Hall, and
The room filling with tobacco smoke, as the sun set
Through one window.

Levis writes in an essay that the town in which he grew up “could fill a young man with such rage and boredom that the bars of Saigon might twinkle like a brief paradise. You could die in a town like that without lifting a finger.”

And in a poem, “The Town,” published in his first book,

The Wrecking Crew, Levis writes:

The town I grew up in
has a drug store where men
gather, since their words
fall into the tiny graves
rain makes in their tracks.

In his autobiographical sketch, Larry Levis recalls, “When I was 16, I decided, one night, to try to write a poem. When I was finished I turned out the light. I told myself that if the poem had one good line in it I would try to be a poet. And then I thought, no, you can’t say ‘try.’ You will either be a poet, and become a better and better one, or you will not be a poet. The next morning I woke and looked

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at what I'd written. It was awful. I knew it was awful. But it had one good line. One. All the important decisions in my life were made in that moment."

Born in Oakland, Bruce Boston moved with his family to the Sacramento Valley when he was 12. They lived "in Colusa, one of the only California towns that actually loses population every year. It must be deserted by now." By the time Boston was a teenager, he, like Larry Levis, knew that he wanted to write.

Even on that day that Bruce Boston and Larry Levis first met, at the university Levis characterized as "Dust and Wind State," Mr. Boston realized that his new friend was exceptional. "I thought it was obvious, even on first meeting, that Larry had a fierce determination and a kind of aura that made it clear he was destined for great

things. I never doubted it."

Boston and Levis enrolled in Philip Levine's weekly evening poetry-writing workshop. Born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1928, into a working-class family, Levine received his B.A. and M.A. from Wayne State University and an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa. At Iowa, Levine had studied with Robert Lowell and John Berryman. After Iowa, Levine spent a year as a Stegner Fellow at Stanford, where he studied with Yvor Winters. In 1958 he began teaching in Fresno State's English department. In a recent interview, Levine said that, back then, Fresno State "was really second-rate, at very best. It was a rather crummy school."

However, by the time Boston and Levis arrived at Fresno State, Philip Levine had become a name in the poetry world,

and his poetry workshops attracted talented students. "Was Levine particularly fond of Larry, when Larry was his student?"

"Yes," Mr. Boston said. "Levine has said that after his first meeting with Larry he 'knew the semester was going to be a triumph.' That's what I mean about Larry's commitment to poetry and his enormous talent; it was just inescapably there."

Philip Levine wrote in his foreword to Larry Levis's posthumous collection, *Elegy*, "He was the most gifted and determined young poet I have ever had the good fortune to have in one of my classes."

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might have had if I hadn't met Levine, if he had never been my teacher... I can't imagine it. That is, nothing at all appears when I try to do this. No other life of any kind appears. I cannot see myself walking down one of those streets as a lawyer, or the boss of a packing shed, or even as the farmer my father wished I would become. When I try to do this, no one's there; it seems instead that I simply had never been at all. All there is on that street, the leaves on the shade trees that line it curled and black and closeted against noon heat, is a space where I am not."

"Both you and Larry," I said to Mr. Boston, "came early to poetry."

"Actually, yes, I guess we did. Larry had been preparing more seriously than I had, although I had managed to memorize a lot of *Waiting for Godot*, some Frost, some Williams, some Millay, some Dylan Thomas. Larry had been reading the modernists. He had put away much of Yeats's and Eliot's work. I know that he had 'Prufrock' by heart and probably the Sweeney poems, 'Geronition,' much of 'The Waste Land.' He had already read Wallace Stevens. He had 'Sunday Morning' by heart. He was read-

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We drank Fundador late, & I went out
Alone in the cold New Year to find
No one on the street, no trains
Pausing in their own breath in the depot
Behind the hotel, no soldiers, & no lovers
Either. What I heard & saw were a hundred
Sparrows gathering in one small tree,
Their throats full of some ridiculous
Joy or misery at being sparrows, winged,
Striped, & handicapped for life. I thought
That coming back here always showed me just
How much this place has changed; but no. The only
Real change is me. Now, when I sit
Across from two friends at a table, I am
Whatever's distant, snow beginning to fall
On the plains, a thief's fire. Someday I won't
Be home to anyone. Some days, it takes
Two hours of careful talk before I'm me
Again. I miss that talk, although I think
I'm right to be alone, in the gift of my
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“In Larry’s case, I think it was as inevitable as facial hair. He pursued poetry on his own and largely in secret. Because he knew that it was not anything anyone else would have supported. He read again and again the two books of poetry in his high school library that he was drawn to most, one of which was Eliot’s *The Waste Land* and *Other Poems*. Much of the rest, for whatever reasons, had been yanked off the shelves.”

Mr. Boston remembered college study sessions. “Larry would sit on one side of the kitchen table, and I’d sit on the other, and we’d each open a Norton Anthology. At one point, Larry was reading for a class in Continental masterpieces, and I was taking a course in romantic English literature. We’d read our assignments for five or ten minutes, max, and then one of us would say, ‘Wow, listen to this.’ Larry would read a passage from Baudelaire to me, or I would read something from ‘Christabel’

to him, and we would eventually become silent for another five minutes until we were compelled to read aloud to each other again, impelled to talk. Around

midnight, we’d usually head through the tule fog for Cedar Lanes Coffee Shop. Cedar Lanes still survives, a bowling alley in Fresno. Over coffee and burgers we’d continue our rap about poetry, friends, politics, music, and, often enough, we’d imagine escaping the San Joaquin Valley for some other place.”

Larry Levis received his B.A. from Fresno State in 1968. He went from there to Syracuse University, where he studied with Donald Justice, who had been Philip Levine’s classmate at Iowa. Levis received his M.A. from Syracuse University in 1970 and a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1974. His first book, *Wrecking Crew*, was published in 1972. In 1976, Levis’s second book, *The After-life*, was the American Academy of Poets’ Lamont Poetry Selection.

From 1974 to 1980 Levis taught at the University of Missouri; from 1980 to 1992, he was an associate professor at the University of Utah, directing the creative writing program; in 1992 Levis went to Richmond, Virginia, where he served as a professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University.

By the time I got around to talking with Bruce Boston, I had read almost all Larry Levis’s poems and prose that were available to read in books. I had typed out and printed these lines from “Elegy with an Angel at Its Gate.” I taped the printout on the wall in the

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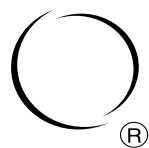
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The vast rigging of some lighted ship
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Stray a little from your task....
Walk with me a little, just for company....

I read and reread the Levis poems. He seemed to loom
over many of the pages. His big head seemed to lean
down over the text and shade entire stanzas.
I asked Mr. Boston, "Was Larry tall?"

"Yes," he said. "He was probably at least six feet tall,
with something of a slouch. He was also double-jointed.
He'd throw his arm out over the back of a chair and
something would happen at the elbow and wrist that
you'd never seen before. He'd been on the swimming
team in high school. I imagine that looseness, that sup-
pleness, served him as well in the water as it does in the
poems."

I hesitated to ask Mr.
Boston about his friend's
health, and then I went
ahead and did. I asked,
"Was Larry one of those
people about whom we
say, 'He did not take good
care of himself'?"

"I think he ate pretty
much whatever he wanted
to eat. He smoked. The
first time I met him he was
lighting up a Camel. His
ultimate concern was not
with his health; it was with
the poems. It's always aston-
ished me that, given every-
thing else he was doing,
he found time to write so
much. You never get the
sense that anything was
ever just dashed off."

We talked about the
exceedingly gaudy Hawai-
ian shirt that Levis wears
in his photograph on the
cover of *The Afterlife*. The
shirt's fabric is a dark print
strewn with large flowers
and leaves and what appear
to be birds in flight. Mr.
Boston said, about the shirt,
"It's been through, I'd guess,
many washings. It was a
classic."

D.W. Fenza, a Levis
student at Iowa, wrote in
American Poetry Review
that Levis often looked as
though he had just slept
under his mattress rather
than on top of it. I asked
Mr. Boston, "Did Levis
have awful taste in clothes?"

"He was entirely
unconcerned with it," Mr.
Boston said. "And he had
amazing style. He owned
one of the most beautiful
coats I've ever seen, a long
coat I think he got in New
York, probably a gift. When
he was an undergraduate,
he seldom wore socks, even
in the freezing Valley win-
ters. What seemed at the
time like a fashion state-
ment was probably sim-
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We talked about Levis's
large, dark mustache in
the photo that graces *The
Afterlife*. I said, "It's a kind

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of boulevardier, man-about-town, Ernie Kovacs mustache. It's so big that it practically covers his whole face. A mustache like that would take some tending."

The mustache, Mr. Boston believed, appeared at some point after 1970. "I remember that it was even more impressive and in charge than the one in the picture on *The Afterlife*. I also see that sort of boulevardier look in the eyebrows."

"Those are serious eyebrows," I said, meaning that they were thick and full.

"They're very funny eyebrows," Mr. Boston said, misunderstanding the intent of my statement, but sounding, at last, somewhat happy.

Did Mr. Boston ever watch Levis at work? On poems?

"I've watched him work but probably not after under-

graduate school, except when he would be working, say, in the morning, at the kitchen table, when he visited us here in San Diego."

"Did he work by hand?"

"Absolutely. He would type things up afterwards. But he would fill countless notebooks with that rapid, forward-sloping scrawl of his, in fountain pen."

Some poets, almost seconds after they finish a poem, submit that poem to magazines and journals. I asked Mr. Boston if Larry Levis regularly sent out poems to publications.

"He first sent everything he ever wrote to Phil Levine. And, like Phil, Larry responded very quickly to letters. He was turned off by careerism, by the suck and the sell."

Larry Levis's occasional prose is collected in the

posthumously published *The Gazer Within*. The essays and interviews in this collection make clear that Levis, all his life, surrounded himself with books. "He read," I said to Mr. Boston, "so prodigiously, but the poems don't have a library feel to them."

"No, they don't. Larry took inspiration and ideas and what he needed from what he read. But it was always his own voice that ended up on the page. One can trace influences in his work, but they've been turned to his own hand, for his own purposes, and there's never any sense that the poem is suffering for having had one influence or another."

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The San Joaquin Valley, Mr. Boston said, “may be, at first, a rather richly alien landscape for some of Larry’s readers. But not for long. Besides, for those who are familiar with the Valley, it’s an intimate reference to lived experience. And then it becomes something else. That transformation of the ordinary is something that drew Larry to poetry in the first place. Somehow he found an

affirmation of the marvelous, of the beautiful and the terrible, of the sublime in the ordinary there.”

Horses keep showing up in Levis poems. Flipping through his poems, a reader won’t have to flip many pages to find a horse. There’s “At the High Meadow,” the tenth in the long poem titled “Linnets” (from the collection titled *The Afterlife*).

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The gnats go in and out of its ears,
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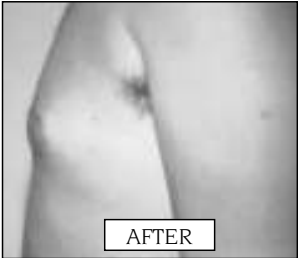
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Mr. Boston said, about the Levis horses, "They're an extraordinary, natural, mysterious force in the poems. Often in Larry's poetry the horses are Swiftian in their nobility. You know, Gulliver comes back from his travels and realizes he prefers horses to people? There are aspects of power and trust and goodness, patience, dignity, kindness, understanding. But the horses are never sentimentalized."

"Spiders, too," I said, "show up in many of his poems."

"That's true. Black widow spiders. A black widow showed up in one of my poems shortly after he died. I thought, 'This is a gift from Larry.'"

In an interview included in *The Gazer Within*, Levis told his interviewer: "I think in the case of *The Dollmaker's Ghost*, I had an idea that I wanted a kind of linear energy — something that went across a line. But I also wanted a kind of vertical energy to move down through the poem, thanks to the way in which the stanzas were shaped. One of the things that helped me do this was a particular kind of enjambment, a violent

runover of the line. But they're not enjambments so violent that the reader can't sense my pause at the end of the line. I want the individual lines to always keep a certain integrity. To capitalize the letter of each line also helps to draw attention to that fact, helps to say that it's still a line and not something arbitrary."

The poems of many contemporary poets use capitalization only at the beginning of sentences. Larry Levis's poems, like most poems of the 19th and early 20th Century, use capitalizations at the beginning of each line. I asked Mr. Boston why he thought that was.

"It announces the integrity of each line as a line. That's one of the differences between prose and poetry. Larry probably would have said something like this: 'The difference between a narrative poem and fiction is that an important part of the action in a narrative poem occurs on the page; the action in fiction usually occurs beyond the page in some way.'

"What Larry did with narrative was something unlike anyone else has done, and it was something that no one else could really figure out, even though many poets have tried to imitate him. And that had to do with this leaping from one narrative opening to another narrative opening to another, until eventually the reader returns

astonished to where he thought he began. And everything has changed. Remember those lines in Eliot's *The Four Quartets*:

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

"There's some formal quality and at the same time, it's wild as hell; you end up going where you never expected to be and finally return somehow transformed. And your old, comfortable sense of the world has come undone."

I said that when I was reading some of the long poems, I imagined Levis laughing as he wrote. "There is," I went on to say, "a sense of tongue in cheek. And also of, 'Look, look what I can do!'"

"Yes. The thrill of a downhill racer. I think that's true. And also the magician, as in, 'Watch me turn this glove inside out, and suddenly it's not going to be a glove anymore, and this isn't going to be an auditorium, and you're not going to be who you thought you were. And the poet magician vanishes.'"

I confessed to Mr. Boston that some of the Levis poems left me feeling unsure and shaky. Like this, from "Linnets" in *The Afterlife*, where the words seem to evanesce right off the paper on which they were printed:

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My sisters walk gravely in circles.
My wife sees through it, through blankness.
My friends stop laughing, they listen
to the wind in a room in Fresno, to the wind
of this page, which is theirs,
which is blank.

They are all tired of reading,
they want to go home,
they won't be waving goodbye.

When they are gone,

the page will be crumpled,
thrown into the street.
Around it, sparrows will be feeding
on bits of garbage.
The linnet will be singing.
A man will awaken on his deathbed,
not yet cured.

I will not have written these words,
I will be that silence slipping around the bend
in the river, where it curves out of sight among weeds,
the silence in which a car backfires and drives away,
and the father of that silence.

Mr. Boston said, "He's scary and wonderful. There's a
kind of existential, secular miracle that occurs in many
of the poems as everything
begins to empty itself. Do
you know Antonio Porchia's
aphorisms?"

"I don't," I said.
"There's a marvelous

book of Porchia's work that W.S. Merwin translated —
Voices: Aphorisms. Porchia has an aphorism that addresses
a similar element of being and language when he says some-
thing like, 'He who has seen everything empty itself is
close to knowing what everything is filled with.' I think
that's one of the many gifts in Levis's work: we move
closer to knowing what everything is filled with. That's
quite an achievement."

"Why," I asked, "do you think that he never got the
big prizes? — the Pulitzer or the National Book Award?"

"He won the Lamont and he won the Pitt prize, and
I naturally expected with every book that followed he would
win something else. Each book evolved in enormously
unpredictable, qualitative leaps. Larry was embraced and
admired and loved by many readers and other poets.
Who knows what happened politically when some of
those decisions were being made? One hopes that now
his work is being noticed by more interested readers."

We talked, then, about "New Year's Eve at the Santa
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poem dedicated to the Bostons that I'd read in the recent
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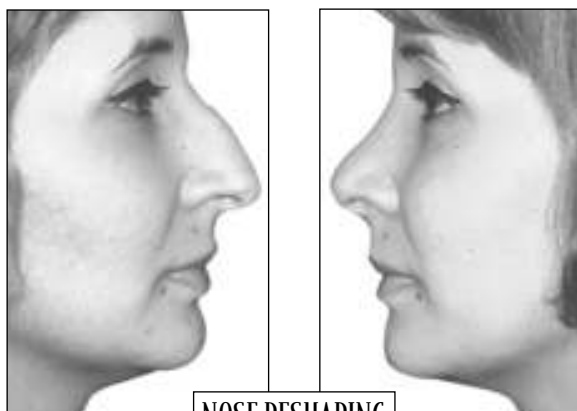
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Mr. Boston explained about the poem's occasion. "Larry would come to San Diego with a generous and blessed frequency. If a year had passed and we hadn't seen each other, I would try to arrange a reading for him at La Jolla Country Day School; at least once I arranged for him to read at San Diego State as well. After driving from Salt Lake City to San Diego, Larry would spend two or three nights with us, sleeping on our foldaway bed, before he returned home or moved on to Mexico.

"During these visits we'd catch up on the particulars of our lives. We also simply had a joyous good time. Incidentally — and this is a source of some frustration to my wife and to others — I seldom ask personal questions of my friends unless they are interested in volunteering such information. Occasionally what other people might like to hear from me after such a visit is simply not available or forthcoming.

"Larry and Marsha and I would usually connect immediately, even after long periods of separation. On occasion, there would be, naturally, a brief transition period, which reminds me of the poem where Larry seems rather distant and only gradually moves into the immediate present. All of those times with him were marvelous — talking about our work, going out to the beach at night, or driving up the coast to see Charles Wright in Laguna Beach, whatever it was that caught our fancy. And everything usually seemed right."

"Did you in fact spend a New Year's Eve at this hotel in Fresno?"

"Yes, that New Year's Eve party actually occurred. There are always celebratory dinners over winter break in Fresno, around Christmas and New Year's Eve. To this day, Larry would come back for those occasions and stay with his mother on the ranch in Selma.

"The Santa Fe Depot and the Basque restaurant are landmarks for those of us who studied poetry writing in Fresno with Phil, for those of us who also studied with his colleagues and successors."

"This poem is deceptively simple, don't you think?"

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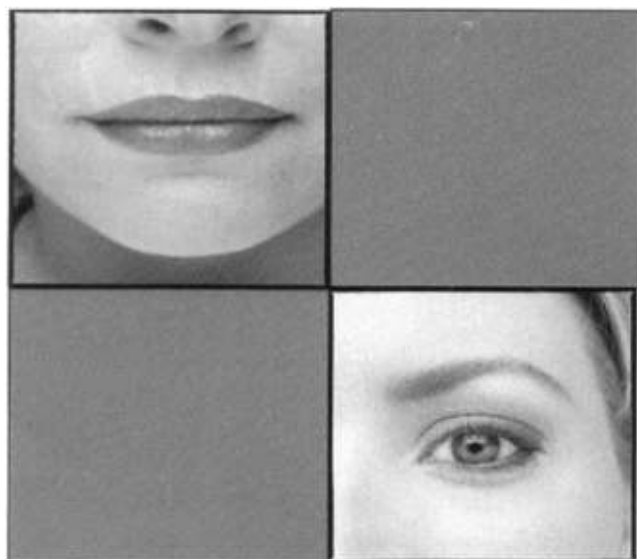
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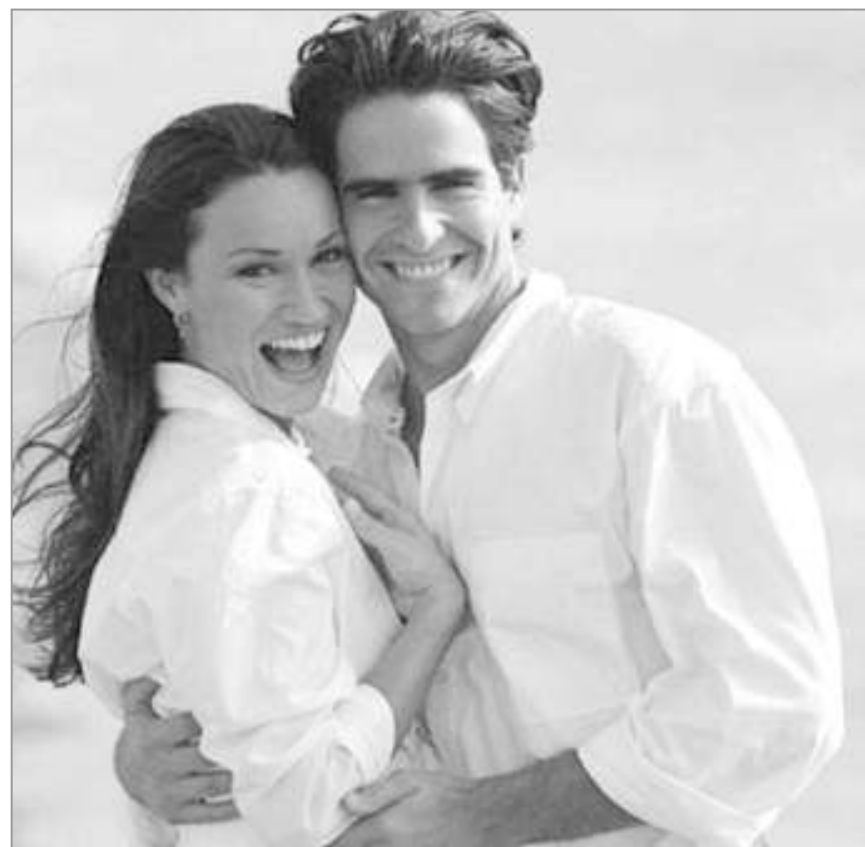
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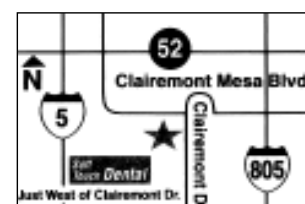
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reader takes off into extraordinary places and times and then returns to the hotel only to discover himself seated again at a table in San Diego. In that movement, I think, Larry achieves what he told Chris Buckley he wanted to do when he was in his 20s: he stops time. One's creaking sense of time as some linear progression measured by instruments invented by our doppelgängers is entirely obliterated. But I don't pretend to be able to explain how Larry does this. It's magic; it's poetry, after all."

I drew Mr. Boston's attention to these lines:

Now, when I sit
Across from two friends at a table, I am
Whatever's distant, snow beginning to fall

On the plains, a thief's fire.

I suggested that in these lines a reader can easily see why Levis chose to capitalize the first word in each line.

Mr. Boston concurred. "Yes, and the integrity of the line that announces itself with those capitals, just in case we might not be attentive to the fact that this is a poem."

After a moment, Mr. Boston continued. "One of the things I've been marveling at recently is Larry's use of something like syzygy, you know, what occurs between words. Poe loved syzygy and overused it. 'Quoth the Raven, "Nevermore," — quoth, the, and raven, never, that's syzygy. A kind of synapse between the end of one word and the beginning of the next. He achieves extraordinary, subtle music in this way. Of course, in Larry's

poetry, it's not so obvious; it's delayed and unpredictable, like jazz."

"I wonder what your old friend Larry would make of all of us poring over his poems."

"Oh, it would probably give him a certain kind of amused pleasure. It's about time."

"Do you think that he knew that he would die so young?"

"You see something in those poems that's impossible to ignore. David St. John says at the end of the afterword in *Selected Poems* that 'One of the profound ironies of these poems is that Levis takes as his project the befriending of death, in order to honor — yet to reconcile and neutralize — the drama of its power, its grip on our consciousness. It is sometimes the ease of the befriending

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ing of these poems that feels especially disturbing and prescient.’ ”

Mr. Boston paused, then said, “What Larry set out to do is dangerous. And costly. And the reader should understand that. It’s true and right and tragic; in Larry’s case, ultimately, there was a terrible price exacted for that kind of gazing.”

In his autobiographical sketch, Levis writes that he believes his parents were truly happy together. “I’ve been married three times and divorced three times. But I did at least once witness a marriage that was happy, one that lasted. In my case, I could say, with Yeats, that one must make a choice between one’s art and one’s life. Once or twice, I have done that, I suppose.... But to actually split

up with someone because you believe it is a sacrifice for Art is, it seems to me, a kind of semiprecious delusion, as Yeats suggests as he concludes his poem.”

I mentioned the lines “Someday I won’t/ Be home to anyone.” I said to Mr. Boston that his friend Larry “must have envied you and your wife Marsha your domestic bliss.”

“I don’t think envy is the right word. It seems to me that here he’s alluding to his own final exit, his own death.”

“He must have wanted, though, sometimes, to be home to someone. I think that’s also in that poem.”

“Yes. At the end, where he says, ‘I think I’m right to do what I’m doing,’ he defends the project he’s taken on. Not necessarily with any regret.”

“When was the last time you saw each other?”
“It was in 1993 or ’94 at a little restaurant on University Avenue in Hillcrest, which has since closed. A French bistro. I can’t remember the name of it. We — Marsha and I — were there with Bob Jones and Larry. So it was Larry, Bob, Marsha, and me. Bob had recently returned from Utah. I think that Larry had probably just moved to Richmond. We had a terrific lunch together — I think we all relished the braised lamb. As usual Larry was very funny, very sweet. It was just before Christmas.”
In November 1997, Bruce Boston flew to Richmond, Virginia, for Larry Levis’s memorial service, held in the church where Poe is buried. ■
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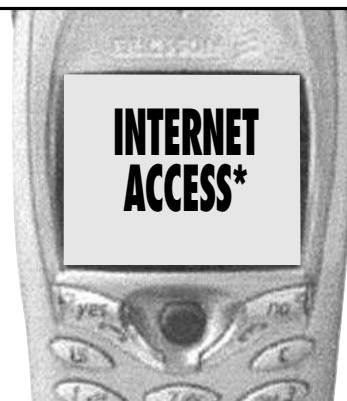
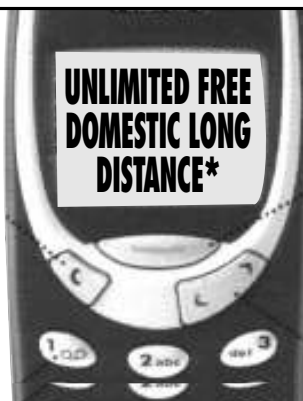


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Don't Fish with Snoopy

Free Fishing Class

The fish will go to bite something, but then it will feel the tension of the line and spit it out. People will see the rod tipped just once, and then the fish is gone."

That's Hugh Marx, talking about a fish that got away from somebody at Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District, where he is the general manager. Marx makes fish sound smart. But they aren't, at least not as individuals. "It's just that they're biologically programmed to respond in certain ways to certain conditions. The trick to catching these guys is predicting their behavior."

It's clear that Marx knows fish, bait, lures, and the lingo. But he knows how to talk to beginners, too, especially on Saturdays, when there is a free class.

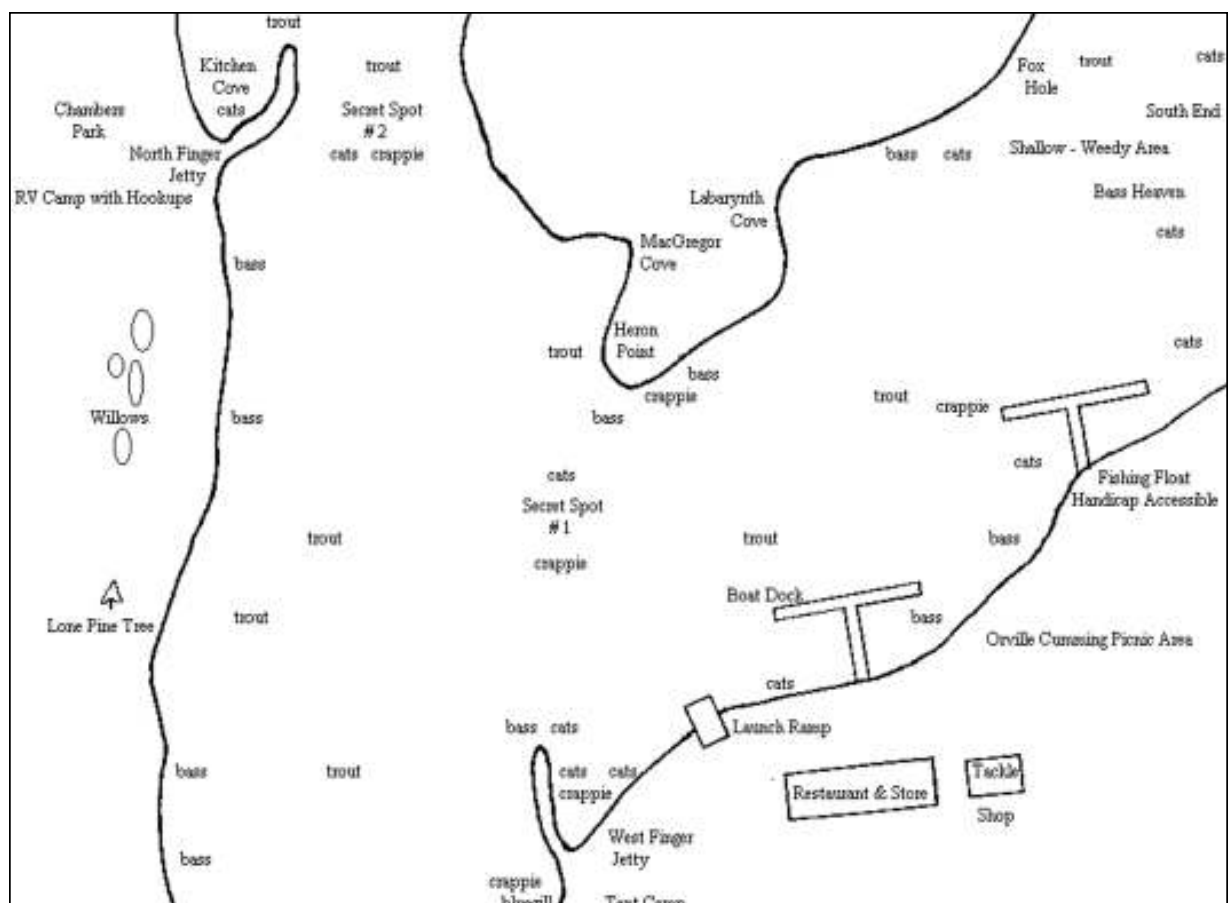
"What we teach is what's working best for that particular week, so that people have the best chance of catching fish."

Right now, due to the weather, trout is the object of the game, says Marx. Because of the lake's elevation, they aren't exactly jumping into anybody's boat. Trout like it cool, not cold. "But for all the lower-elevation lakes, trout fishing is what's hot right now."

More adults than kids attend the class. You'll find the group at the launch ramp. Can you actually catch a fish from there? "Most of the time, not," says Marx. "The ramp just makes a convenient spot for getting a group together." But a catch does happen sometimes. "In fact, the biggest trout I ever caught in my life was from the ramp." This was on the Saturday after Thanksgiving four years ago. It was a bitterly cold day. Nobody was catching much. And nobody had signed up for the class, either. So Marx was fishing, himself. "Well, with my second cast I hook up a fish that runs me about 300 feet down to the boat dock and back.



Hugh Marx, holding a rainbow trout



Lake Cuyamaca fishing spots

I'm handing my rod over and under all these folks." The fish was a six and a half pound rainbow. Marx got a few customers for the class after that.

Attendees bring their own equipment or rent a rod and reel from the tackle shop (\$6). "If people are serious about taking up fishing, we suggest that they not buy equipment until after the class," says Marx. "We can suggest a single rod and reel that can handle most fresh-water fish in this area."

Fishing with the wrong equipment can ruin a beginner's first experience. "I advise parents not to buy the little Snoopy poles. They are a parent's worst nightmare. Typically they last two hours. They fall apart, or they don't function properly, and the next thing you know, both the kid and the parent are having a horrible time."

Who goes to the head of this fishing class? "The people who have the best success are those who repeat it two, three, four times, and then as the season changes, they return to learn about other fish."

The class is inevitably just a start. "Successful fishermen have to take in all the environmental factors. For example,

if there's a full moon out, it makes a huge difference probably ten months out of the year." Because fish can see the light? "Yes. Most fishermen will tell you that you've got to be out on the lake at dawn. And it's true that most fish — particularly bigger fish — feed in low light levels, early morning and evening." But they also feed at night, says Marx, and by the light of the moon, they can feed more efficiently. "When there's a full moon, I think it's a waste of time to fish until late afternoon," because not until then will the fish be hungry again.

Beyond the techniques that they have learned and the knowledge they have accumulated, who takes best to fishing in general? Is there a personality type?

Marx answers only obliquely. "People fish for lots of different reasons. Certainly we all fish because we enjoy the tug of the line. But for many, it's much like what draws people who hunt. It's the totality of the experience: the gear, the rituals — baiting the hook, tying the knots — and being outside. Coming in this morning, I raced a coyote. It ran along the road for probably 500 feet. And he was running away from two other coyotes. The

wildlife that we see here is just spectacular. You'll be sitting out on the lake and you'll watch one of our great blue herons fishing right beside you, and he's catching more fish than you are. There's so much going on out here; it takes your spirit and puts it in a place other than the real world."

— Jeanne Schinto

Free Fishing Class
Saturday, February 1,
(and subsequent Saturdays)
10:00 a.m.
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and Park District
15027 State Highway 79, Julian
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79 North until you see the lake; 15
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Cost: Fishing permits required
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BAJA

Arte y Literatura, the series continues when Mexican writer Daniel Sada presents his novel *Luces Artificiales* at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan-

uary 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)

Calling All Bugs...and other Volkswagen automobiles, to the off-road race running from Friday, January 31, through Sunday, February 2. The VW Autoparts 250 begins at Laguna Salada. For additional details, dial 011-52-686-566-1277. (MEXICALI)

Getting Sleepy? Hypnotist Taurus do Brasil 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)

“Across the Line/Al otro lado: The Poetry of Baja California” — this anthology of work by 53 poets will be discussed by residents Harry Polkinhorn and Mark Weiss on Friday, January 31, at 7 p.m., in the Sala de Lectura at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for information. (TIJUANA)

GETAWAYS

Salsa Night at El Lugar del Nopal is slated for Friday, January 31, 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)

Los Jaguares present a rock concert on Saturday, February 1, at the Auditorio Municipal on Boulevard Agua Caliente. Tickets are \$18 U.S. Questions? Call 011-52-664-681-6474. (TIJUANA)

There’s a Mountain Bike Ride beginning at the Tijuana City Hall, in the Zona Río, on Sunday, February 2, at 8:30 a.m. For routes and other information, call 011-52-664-630-3496. (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-for-one entrance on Tuesdays. The center is in the Zona Río, at the corner of Paseo de los

Héroes and Mina Street. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Journey Into *The Human Body* when the film screens at the Omni-max 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

Acacias, festooned with myriad fluffy yellow blossoms, are brightening streetsides, freeway embankments, and backyard gardens throughout the San Diego area throughout February. Although many acacias are native to subtropical regions, nearly all we see today in San Diego were introduced from Australia. Anza-Borrego’s native acacia is the notoriously thorny “catclaw,” known by early desert pioneers as “tear-blanket” and “wait-a-minute bush.”

Jupiter lies at opposition to the sun on Saturday, February 1. Look for this bright, yellowish planet over the

east horizon as evening twilight gathers. Jupiter remains in the sky all night, setting at sunrise.

Lots of Geese Will Be Seen when the Audubon Society birders head out to the Salton Sea on Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2. Participants usually list over 100 species for the weekend, which includes Finney and Ramer Lakes, plowed and burned-over agricultural fields, and areas around Brawley. To sign up for the trip, call 619-692-3246. (IMPERIAL VALLEY)

Hike Through Windswept Vegetation, chaparral scrub, and sheer cliffs of the Bayside Trail in Cabrillo National Monument with the Canyoners on Saturday, February 1. Participants will see San Diego Bay on this two-mile round-trip trail, “home to some of the best remaining maritime succulent scrub habitat in the county” and also some remnants of World War II defense installations.

From Point Loma, follow Highway 209 to Cabrillo National Monument. Park and in the lot and meet on the sidewalk to the lighthouse. The admission fee is \$5 per car. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (POINT LOMA)

Botany for Beginners is dispensed when Coastal Sage hosts a native plant walk at the Point Loma Native Plant Preserve on Saturday, February 1. The walk starts at 9 a.m. at the corner of Greene Street and Mendo-

cino Boulevard. Free. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Love Those Lichens, lichens are found virtually everywhere in healthy habitats. Learn about these organisms when naturalist Gina Connoy leads an easy 2.5-mile hike on Saturday, February 1, at 8 a.m. Join the group in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive) with water and hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and Owls, 19 species of raptors can be found in the skies around Ramona. The Wildlife Research Institute offers its tenth annual 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, February 1 and 2, 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)

Railway Hike, see the 600-foot trestle bridge in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park when Hike Bike San Diego leads an adventure on Saturday, February 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m. After visiting the bridge, take a side trip out to the rock paintings at Indian

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Hill, described as a favorite spring campground of the Kumeyaay.

The total trip distance is 13 miles; travel time is approximately two hours each way. The \$75 fee includes snacks, water, and lunch. To make the required reservations, call 858-551-9510. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Observable History, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, on Saturday, February 1, at 10 a.m., starting at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Boots and Paws, take a ranger-led interpretive walk with your dog and learn about the importance of dog care when in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, February 1, at 8:30 a.m. Bring water for yourself and your canine friend, along with a bag to pick up after your pet. Join the group in the Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Explore the Plant World around the Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger during a native plant walk on Saturday, February 1, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Many native plants from different habitats around Southern California are found in the park. Meet at the visitors' center (One Father Junipero

Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

A Guided Nature Walk is slated for February 1, at 9:30 a.m. (and on the first Saturday of each month), in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through the oak and sycamore trees and chaparral, pointing out the birds and wildlife who call the park home. To reach the staging area, take the Regents Road exit off Highway 52 and look for a parking lot and restroom on the west side of Regents Road. 858-525-8219. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Highland Valley History, take a journey through the past with docent Mike in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, February 1, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will discuss the area's history, including Sikes Adobe and Mule Hill, as well as ethnobotany. To make the required reservations, call 858-674-2275 x31. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. There are two orientations planned on Saturday, February 1, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (in the gray building at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue) and at the Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731

Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

"Geologic Drama in the Desert: A Visit to Split Mountain" is hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, February 1, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Participants will examine the structural geology in the desert eastern edge of San Diego County. The \$69 nonmember fee includes transportation. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Check Out the Sand Tube Worms and look for octopus when a naturalist from the Birch Aquarium-Museum leads a tidepooling adventure at Swami's on Saturday, February 1, 2 to 4 p.m. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 13. Advance registration is required; to make reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

See the Rare Vernal Pools and possibly some wildflowers when Diana Gordon leads a walk on Saturday, February 1, at 9 a.m. To reach the trailhead, take Carmel Valley to El Camino Real and head south; at the intersection with Carmel Mountain Road, proceed straight on what has become Carmel Mountain Road. Go up the hill several blocks to East Ocean Air Drive; turn left and park at Fairport and Shorepointe. Wear hik-

ing boots and bring water. 858-484-3219. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Groundhog Day comes Sunday, February 2. If the sleepy woodchuck sees his shadow, so the story goes, he'll hole up for another six weeks of winter cold. None of this means much in San Diego, where a February warm spell can easily push the thermometer into the 80s.

A Smiling Moon, low in the west at dusk this Sunday (February 2) and Monday, announces the beginning of the current lunar cycle. On the dark portion of the moon — the part that does not include the bright crescent — look for "earthshine" (poetically called "the old moon in the new moon's arms"). This faint glow is our view of sunlight reflected back into space by the earth and reflected once again by the moon.

Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts this bilingual nature walk on February 2, at 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, the walks introduce visitors to the wonders of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find the center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive; 619-409-5903. The programs are offered on

the first Sunday of each month. (CHULA VISTA)

Nature Hike, local naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including February 2, at 1 p.m. With over 30 years of study in the area, he'll explain the lake's history and the mountain ecosystem, including birds, plants, and animals. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars if you have them.

The hike is free, but there is a \$6-per-car day-use fee. The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center is at 15027 Highway 79. Call 877-581-9904 for details. (JULIAN)

Architectural Heritage Tours are offered by the Committee of 100 on the

first Wednesday of each month, including February 5. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the visitors' information center, located in Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

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

DANCE

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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 students and seniors; Thursdays and Sundays you're invited to "pay what you can." For reservations, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Enjoy a Full Evening of Modern Dance when the Butterworth Dance Company performs on Friday and Saturday, January 31 and February 1, at 8 p.m. both nights, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. The program includes *Kaleidoscope*, *Imprints*, *Red Hot Cool*, *Convergence*, *Glimpse*, and *Transcendence*. Tickets are \$10 general. Sushi is located in the Rein-Carnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations and information, call 619-501-5037. (DOWNTOWN)

"When Movies Were Movies," the San Diego Civic Dance Company performs January 31-February 16 at the Casa del Prado Theatre (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard). Guests will be treated to interpretations from films including *The Lion King*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *An American in Paris*, *Sweet Charity*, *Oklahoma!* and others. Sixty-eight dancers (from children to adults) participate in a variety of genres.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 31; at 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, February 1, 8, and 15; and at 3 p.m. on Sundays, February 2, 9, and 16. Tickets are \$5 and

\$8. For reservations, call 619-702-3408. (BALBOA PARK)

Contra-Temps, JoAnn Koppany calls and Cobblestone makes the music for the contradance on Friday, January 31, 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)

Fifth Friday Square Dance, the Sandpipers Square Dance Club hosts a dance with calling by Phil Farmer and Steve Moore and cueing by Peter Gomez on Friday, January 31, at St. James Catholic Church (625 South Nardo Avenue). Rounds begin at 7 p.m., with alternating squares and rounds from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The donation is \$6. For information, call 760-436-0685 or 858-481-8411. (SOLANA BEACH)

Calling All Jitterbugs, Ida Garcia from Jazz 88's *Rugcutter's Swing* is the guest DJ on Friday, January 31, at the Cafe Savoy Swing Club. Doors open at 8 p.m., swing lessons get underway at 8:15 p.m., and the dancing runs 9 p.m. until midnight. \$7. Find the club in the Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard,

near College Avenue). 619-729-2900. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Modern Wonders," choreographers Faith Jensen-Ismay, Molly Faulkner, Jean Isaacs, Patricia Sandback, Sadie Weinburg, and Heather Zornes-Almanza will all have work featured during concerts planned on February 1 and 2. Selections include *Bach Steps*, *Wham*, *The Prayer Within*, *Tabula Rasa*, *Running With Scissors*, *Passings/An Indication*, and *Cold Stone Blue*.

The dancing begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Tickets are \$10 general. Call 760-744-1150 x2453 for reservations. (SAN MARCOS)

"Bellydancing Fusion" is promised when the Urban Tribal Dance Company performs on February 1 at the Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Performances begin at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The cover is \$5. For information, call 619-234-1344. These shows take place on the first Saturday of each month. (LITTLE ITALY)

Waltzing Workshop, instructor and competitor Carrie Kloss teaches an intermediate waltz workshop on Saturday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m., at Starlight Dance Studio (6506-H El Cajon Boulevard). The workshop cost is \$20 for nonmembers, which includes admission to the following dance party (8 p.m.); admission to the dance only is \$7. For information, call 858-277-1845. (SDSU)

Learn to Dance Sevillanas, described as a folkloric partner dance in sets of four *coplas* danced at festive gatherings in Andalucia, Spain, during the 13-week session for beginners starting on Sunday, February 2, 10 to 11 a.m., at the Stage 7 School of Dance (3980 30th Street). The series fee is \$13 per class, or \$145 in advance. For information, call 619-846-5030. (NORTH PARK)

All We Are Saying, Is Give the Global Peace Dance a Chance, head to the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts for a Global Peace Dance on Sunday, February 2, at 7 p.m. Organizers promise "the very best in visionary, tribal, family music, Gypsy Moon, Fantuzzi, and Alma Melodiosa."

The event begins with Sufi dancing. All ages welcome; tickets are \$12 general, free for kids under 16. Questions? Call 760-943-8269 or 760-634-8498 for answers. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Calling All Swing Dancers, Jim and Margie of 2toGroove plan a smooth Lindy workshop on Tuesday, February 4, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. (some swing experience is beneficial). 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)

Dance in a Variety of Styles may be enjoyed when the dance department of the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts presents its

Winter Dance Concerts at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, February 5-7. Tickets range from \$4 to \$6. Find the campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. For reservations, call 619-470-0588. (PARADISE HILLS)

FILM

"Up With Hip-Hop," this series hosted by the UCSD Cross-Cultural Center and Hip-Hop Club Life gets underway with a screening of *Slam* on Thursday, January 30. The film features the "metaphor mastery" of Saul Williams and Sonja Sohn, taking viewers on a journey through the cold metal of time and the tick of the inner-city clock that pushes Williams's character to "discover his path to salvation."

The screening starts at 6 p.m. at the Cross-Cultural Center on the UCSD campus. Admission is free. For information and directions, call 858-534-9689. (LA JOLLA)

Get the Story Behind the Film when the Director's Studio presented by the Independent Film Society convenes on Saturday, February 1, in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library. Host Bree Walker interviews writer and director Gavin Grazer following a screening of his "cuisine 'n' crime comedy" *Chow Bella*. Just what happens when a food critic gives a Mob-owned restaurant a distasteful review?

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



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A Nakedly Emotional Celebration of Love and Sensuality is on offer in *Innocence*, Paul Cox's tale of love lost and rekindled late in life starring Julia Blake and Bud Tingwell. The film — made in Australia in 2000 — screens for the Sunday Matinee on February 2, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

How About a “Chilling Portrait of Conscience in Action”? Check out Nancy Kates and Bennett Singer's *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin*. The documentary maps the moral and strategic choices Rustin made and their impact on the civil rights struggle in America. See the film when it screens for the Film Forum on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The following discussion will be led by CSU San Marcos sociologist Sharon Elise. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

International in Scope, the 13th annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival runs February 6-16, boasting more than 40 feature films, documentaries, and short subjects from 11 countries. Among the films: *Amen*, *Lifetime Guarantee*, *Yellow Asphalt*, and *God Is Great, I'm Not*, among many others. There will also be filmmaker appearances, postscreening discussions, and family films.

Screenings take place this year at the AMC La Jolla 12 Theatre in La Jolla Village Square, Hazard Center Madstone Theater, Ultrastar's Creekside Plaza 10, and Ultrastar's La

Costa 6 Cinemas, and the Garfield Theater at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. For information and reservations, call 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA, MISSION VALLEY, POWAY, LA COSTA, LA JOLLA)

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

LECTURES

“Axis Mexico” Art Talk, Norma Iglesias, professor and researcher at the Colegio 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)

Architecture and Design Issues are examined in the lecture series hosted by Woodbury University beginning on Thursday, January 30, when Brazilian architect Angelo Bucci speaks. On Thursday, February 6, urban theorist and author Mike Davis (*City of Quartz; Ecology of Fear*) takes the podium.

The talks begin at 6:30 p.m. Free. Find Woodbury University at 1060 Eighth Avenue. For more information, call 619-235-2900. (DOWNTOWN)

“Knowing Mushrooms” is the subject for a lecture by Dennis Sharmahd on Friday, January 31, at 7 p.m., at Coastal Sage. The lecture is followed by a field trip on Saturday, February 1, at 11 a.m. The fee is \$20 per event, or pay \$30 for both. Find Coastal Sage at 3685 Voltaire Street. For information, call 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

“Cross-Cultural Dialogues,” it's the theme for this year's Docent Guest

Lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art. Orville O. Clarke, an associate professor of art history at Chaffey College, recalls the Works Progress Administration's Federal Art Project on Friday, January 31, at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

“My Ancestral Place of Origin Is a Mystery to Me” — this is one of the topics when German native and genealogist Marion Wolfert presents a seminar for the German Research Association. She'll also focus on “Different Types of German Records,” “Prussia, a Border on Wheels,” and “German Traditions and Customs.”

The seminar is slated for Saturday, February 1, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m., at the Joyce Beers

Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). The fee is \$15. For information, dial 619-420-4557. (HILLCREST)

Help the Garden, Fold a Bag! Volunteer your “folding services” and make origami bags for the upcoming Valentine plant sale at the Japanese Friendship Garden when instructor V'Ann Cornelius leads classes on February 1 and 3. Workshops run 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 3 p.m. on Mon-

day. Classes are free with reservations, made by calling 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

A World in Miniature, learn to create a terrarium with a Chinese-inspired landscape replete with garden path, twig trees, hills, and houseplants on Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m. to noon, at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). The fee for the class, hosted by the San Diego

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Natural History Museum, is \$40 for nonmembers. To register, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

How the Body and Brain process extreme experiences will be explored when Peter Levine presents “Tools for Times of Terror and Turbulence: A Body-Based Approach to Trauma” on Saturday, February 1, at 7 p.m., in the Manchester Conference Center at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Levine is the author of *Waking the Tiger-Healing Trauma*. \$15. For information, call 505-995-0221. (LINDA VISTA)

She Was Called “One of the Best Pianists in the World” by composer Alberto Ginastera, and on Saturday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m., acclaimed pianist and author Barbara Nissman will share an evening with her favorite composer “friends” at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The composers in question include the aforementioned Ginastera, as well as Sergei Prokofiev. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street. Tickets are \$10 for nonmembers. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Pastel Artist Aaron St. John will demonstrate his artistry techniques for the Pastel Society of San Diego on Sunday, February 2, at 2:30 p.m., at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). 858-488-3864. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

February Is the Only Month to submit a permit to climb the Mount Whitney trail. Learn how to simplify the process, what gear you’ll need for the trek, and how to prepare for the climb when REI presents “Mt. Whitney Basics” on Tuesday, February 4, at 7 p.m. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive, 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

His Quest: To Ascend All 14 of the world’s 8000-meter peaks (before any other Americans do so). Who are we talking about? The charming and accomplished climber Ed Viesturs, who presents a slide-illustrated lecture on his mountaineering career on Tuesday, February 4, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Viesturs will highlight his last attempt on the East Ridge of Annapurna. The fee is \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door. For reservations, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Are Women Having Any Impact on the Legal Profession?” Find out when Chief Judge Mary Schroeder, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, presents her opinion on Tuesday, February 4. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in UCSD’s Center Hall; a reception follows the talk. For directions and information, call 858-534-1704. (LA JOLLA)

Art Books provide the subject when Erika Torre, director of the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, speaks for the Carlsbad Newcomers on Wednesday, February 5, at 9:45 a.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (at Carlsbad Boulevard and Beech Street). 760-754-2806. (CARLSBAD)

“Making of the Modern World: The Short Version” is being examined in a five-lecture series offered by UCSD’s Center for Humanities and Eleanor Roosevelt College. Participants will take a tour of global trends and events from the Age of Enlightenment to the rise of radical religious movements in contemporary times.

This public series gets underway when Stanley Chodorow, UCSD professor emeritus and former dean of Arts and Humanities, focuses on “The Enlightenment in 18th-Century Europe” on Wednesday, February 5. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the

UCSD Institute of the Americas Copley International Conference Center. Free. Call 858-534-0999 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Tour the Night Sky when Fleet Center resident astronomer Dennis Mammana presents “The Sky Tonight” planetarium show at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5. After the show, view the real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and the San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Admission is \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

“Incantations: Images and Objects” includes photographs and objects bridging “the threshold of art, magic, and mysticism” by photographic artist Albert Chong, in celebration of Black History Month. Chong presents a lecture and demonstration in conjunction with the exhibit in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos, on Thursday, February 6, at noon. Free. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road; 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Western Artist Mark Martenson will demonstrate his techniques of painting a western landscape in oil for the Foothills Art Association on Thursday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lamplighters Community Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

History Alive! This series hosted by the Lemon Grove Historical Society continues with a presentation by Glenda Richter on the life of Juana Briones, a major figure of the California Gold Rush, on Thursday, February 6. Richter will sign copies of her book *The Story of Juana Briones: Alta California Pioneer*. The talk starts at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. Free. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Get Cooking, Barbara’s menu features *pere caramellate con scaglie de Parmigiano* (carmelized pears with Grana wedges), *risotto all’odore di limone* (risotto with lemon scent), and a special Valentine sweet for dessert when she conducts a cooking class on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). The fee is \$20. To make the required reservations, dial 858-488-9315. (LITTLE ITALY)

Hollywood Script Consultant Jeff Kitchen focuses on “Four Dynamic Tools for Effective Screenwriting” on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., at Qwest Communications (8899 University Center Lane, suite 220). The fee is \$12 in advance, or \$15 at the door. For further details, dial 760-594-0722. (SAN DIEGO)

Sexual Awareness Week 2003 is being commemorated in Solis Lecture Hall at UCSD on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., when author and sexologist Marty Klein presents “Intimacy, Romance, Truth, and Dating.” Klein will sign his latest book, *Beyond Orgasm: Dare to Be Honest About the Sex You Really Want*, prior to the event at 6:30 p.m. Free. Call 858-534-4390 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Galileo’s Remarkable Daughter Virginia was a cloistered nun whose correspondence with her father Galileo Galilei provides much of the information in Dava Sobel’s terrific book *Galileo’s Daughter*. Sobel, whose new book is *Letters to Father*, will speak for the Revelle Forum on Tuesday, February 11. 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)

Heroic Individuals Through History have awakened their society’s consciences to the point of laws being changed. Two 20th-Century examples: Mahatma Gandhi and Martin

Luther King Jr. Distinguished South African playwright, director, and actor Athol Fugard will focus on an earlier individual when he presents “A Catholic Antigone: An Episode in the Life of Hildegard of Bingen” on Monday, February 24. The lecture starts at 8 p.m. at the La Jolla Playhouse, Mandel Weiss Forum, on the UCSD campus. Admission is free; parking is \$3. For information, call 858-452-0285. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

“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)

Adventurer and Author Pam Flowers will recount her adventures traveling solo (and unsponsored) with an eight-dog team across the “frozen roof of the world” when she presents a slide show on Friday, January 31, at 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). She’s charted her travels in *Alone Across the Arctic: One Woman’s Epic Journey by Dog Team*. Admission is free. Call 858-279-4400 for details. (KEARNY MESA)

Poetry Unlimited, the featured poets are Kathleen Elliot Gilroy and Una Nichols Hynun when the group gathers on Friday, January 31. Pianist and singer Ken Kopelson will perform before the program begins; the featured artist is Virginia Ann Holt, and Phyllis Sweeney, founder of the Encouragement Gallery, will share a variety of art. The evening gets underway at 6:30 p.m. at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

Bringing the Family, Arlo Guthrie and Family take the stage on Saturday, February 1, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard, at Valley Parkway). Tickets range from \$22 to \$42, available by calling 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Q: Can You Name the Largest Touring Harp Ensemble in the World? The honor is said to belong to Harp Fusion, an ensemble with 12 harpists performing classical, jazz, new age, and folk music. The group plans a concert on Saturday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). An offering will be received. For further information, call 858-509-9219. (CLAIREMONT)

Busy on Saturday? Harp Fusion may also be heard on Sunday, February 2, at 7 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). Offering. Call 619-232-7513 for more information. (DOWNTOWN)

Straight-Ahead Jazz and Traditional Jewish Music are mixed when the Jewazz Quartet, featuring Yochanan Sebastian Winston, performs in concert on Saturday, February 1, at 8 p.m., at Congregation Beth El (8660 Gilman Drive). Tickets are \$10 for nonmembers. For information, call 858-452-1734. (LA JOLLA)

There’s a Concert Planned by the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir on Saturday, February 1, at 7 p.m., at Bethel Memorial AME Church (3085 K Street). For information, call 619-697-6246 or 619-232-0510. (SAN DIEGO)

Chicano Icon and Storyteller Ramon “Chunky” Sanchez of the legendary Los Alacranes will take the stage at Voz Alta for Roots Rock

Raza. He’ll play a few *rolas* and participate in a discussion and audience question and answer period about the band’s work “as Chicano musical ambassadors who use folk songs to inspire and educate.”

Events begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, at Voz Alta, 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Acoustic open mike follows, hosted by local writer Victor Payan (sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m.). 619-230-1869. Admission is \$7 general. (DOWNTOWN)

Ocean Authors Day is slated for Saturday, February 1, at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. Five local authors will give short presentations related to their books on topics ranging from sea turtles to Hawaiian shark folklore. A signing will follow each presentation.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). The presentations are included in regular museum admission (\$9.50 general, with discounts for seniors and youths). For information, call 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Spreading Messages of Hope and Joy, the Grammy-nominated African Children’s Choir tours the world; singers 5 to 12 years old are selected from thousands of orphans and “disadvantaged” children in West and East Africa. The choir makes a stop on Sunday, February 2, at 7 p.m., at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church (700 D Avenue). An offering will be received. For information, call 619-435-5691. (CORONADO)

Travel Photographer Glen Allison shares his adventures and misadventures in *Penis Gourds and Moscow Muggings*. He has spent the past eight years photographing 131 countries and territories. Allison will sign and discuss books on Sunday, February 2, at 3 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue; 619-702-7420). Free. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Busy on Sunday? Allison will also visit the Borders Books and Music located at 1072 Camino del Rio North to sign books on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m. Free. For information, call 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Mardi Gras Celebrations are planned for the Enrichment package at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, February 2. The Bayou Brothers will play their unique blend of “Bluesiana,” zydeco, and Cajun tunes. The cabaret-style concert starts at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the theater and includes a buffet dinner. Tickets are \$25. Call 858-748-0505 for reservations. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). (POWAY)

Del Mar Author Debra Ginsberg will discuss her book *Raising Blaze* on Sunday, February 2, at 2 p.m., at the San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). The book is the tale of “bringing up an extraordinary son in an ordinary world.” 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

The Concert Series hosted by the La Jolla Presbyterian Church continues with a recital by the Sweet Adelines International Chorus Champions on Sunday, February 2, at 7 p.m. Find the church at 7715 Draper Avenue. An offering will be received. For information, dial 858-729-5531. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz Favorites are promised when the Joe Marillo Jazz Quartet performs for the San Diego Mini-Concert on Monday, February 3, at noon at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Tenor sax master Marillo will be joined by Mikan (piano), Bob Magnusson (bass), and Barry Farrar (drums). Free. The music lasts about 50 minutes — bring your lunch! 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

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stage at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Tuesday, February 4, at 8 p.m. Aeros — combining gymnastics and theater “using a totally new movement vocabulary” — was created by renowned choreographers Daniel Ezralow, David Parsons, and Moses Pendleton, in collaboration with *Stomp* creators Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas.

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Innovative Banjo Playing is promised when the Andy Rau Band performs for the San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club gathering on Tuesday, February 4.

Rau is joined by guitarist Les Johnson, Evan Anderson on mandolin, and George Boravich on bass. Events begin at 7 p.m. at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Free. Call 760-726-8380 for more information. (ESCONDIDO)

Who Was the First Female elected to Florence's Academia del'Arte? The answer is 17th-Century artist Artemisia Gentileschi, today considered a major contributor to the history of Western art. Local author Susan Vreeland will read from and discuss her latest novel, *The Passion of Artemisia* and her first novel, *The Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, for the First Tuesday Local Author Series on February 4. The program begins at 6:30 p.m., in the Turrentine Room at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4329 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Vreeland will also read from and discuss her books on Wednesday, February 5, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

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at Red's Espresso Gallery on Tuesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. There's no limit, other than common courtesy and no censorship. You're invited to “explore freedom of thought and expression.” Find Red's at 1017 Rosecrans; 619-523-5540. (POINT LOMA)

“Jazz in the Park,” the series continues with a “Tribute to Barney Kessel” by guitarists Kenny Burrell, Howard Alden, Ron Eschete, Mundell Lowe, and Anthony Wilson on Wednesday, February 5, at 5:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The performers are donating their fees to help defray Kessel's medical expenses, and tickets to the benefit are \$15, \$25, or \$45 (depending upon proximity to the stage). For reservations, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Juke Box Giants, relive the sounds of the '60s and '70s when the Association, Al Wilson, and the Shirelles perform in concert on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$35 and \$41, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Are You an Aspiring Actor? Brad LeMack will sign and discuss *The Business of Acting* on Wednesday,

February 5, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). For information, call 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Traditional Irish Music and Dance are on tap when Alanna Callaghan-Dragosz dances to tunes performed by Cobblestone for the Escondido Library's First Thursday series on February 6. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4329 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Out, Damned Spot! See “MacHomer: The Simpsons Do Macbeth,” the one-man show starring Rick Miller, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, February 6-8. Tickets are \$35. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Traditional Indian Music may be enjoyed when Tony Karasek performs on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Karasak has been featured on recordings with William Aura, Richard Burner, and

“as an onstage musician with Ravi Shankar for four years.” Admission is free. For information, call 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Across the Line/Al otro lado: The Poetry of Baja California” — this anthology of work by 53 poets will be discussed by editors Harry Polkinhorn and Mark Weiss on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Free. For more information, call 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

Los Angeles Screenwriter and Thriller Author Ray Shannon will sign and discuss *Man Eater* on Thursday, February 6, at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). For more information, call 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Laugh It Up when Billy Crystal and guest David Steinberg perform on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22, at 8 p.m., at the La Jolla Playhouse's Mandell Weiss Theatre. The performances are benefits for the Playhouse's new play development program. Tickets range from — take a deep breath — \$100 to \$1000! For reservations and information, call 858-550-1010. (LA JOLLA)

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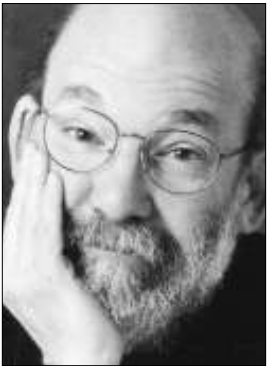
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READING

A Memory of War



Frederick Busch

W.W. Norton & Company, 2002; 352 pages; \$25.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: **Psychologist Alexander Lescziak savors a life of quiet sophistication on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, turning a blind eye to the past of his Polish émigré parents. Then a new patient declares that he is the doctor’s half-brother, the product of a union between Lescziak’s Jewish mother and a German prisoner of war. The confrontation jolts Lescziak out of his complacency: suddenly, his failing marriage, his wife’s infatuation with his best friend, and the disappearance of his young lover and suicidal patient, Nella, close in on him. Lescziak escapes into the recesses of his imagination, where his mother’s affair with the German prisoner comes to life in precise, gorgeous detail. The novel unfolds into a romance set in England’s Lake District in wartime, as Busch shows how our past presses on the present.**

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: The legacies of betrayal, illicit love, guilt,

and loss haunt the protagonist of Busch’s powerful new novel, a meditation on the long reach of history, and its aftermath of alienated souls. The son of Polish immigrants who escaped the Nazis by fleeing to England and then to the U.S., Alexander Lescziak is a successful Manhattan psychoanalyst, well trained in eliciting the secrets of the heart. Now middle-aged, long married to Liz, a painter, he becomes aware that his own life’s secrets are threatening to overwhelm him. During his childhood, his mother’s mysterious neurosis damaged Alex, rendering him distant and aloof. His marriage is slowly dying of desiccation, and it’s possible that Liz is being unfaithful with their best friend. Alex himself has committed the ultimate moral and professional sin by commencing a passionate affair with a suicidal patient, Nella Gensen, herself a child of Holocaust survivors. Nella disappears, and a distraught Alex is simultaneously faced with another dilemma, the challenge of a smarmy man who claims he’s the illegitimate son of Alex’s mother and a German POW with whom she had a clandestine relationship during the family’s stay in England’s Lake District. Moreover, the purported half-brother, William Kessler, is a spokesperson for a group claiming that the Holocaust is a myth invented by Jews to vilify innocent Germans. (The novel is set in 1985, with the furor over President Reagan’s visit to SS graves in Bitburg providing historical context.) Almost overcome with depression, Alex retreats into his imagination, conjuring up vivid scenes of his mother’s adultery and his father’s secret sacrifices. While the novel’s emotional landscape is bleak, Busch’s portrait of a man trying to surmount his demons is masterful. The author of *The Night Inspector* and 18 other novels again explores the human condition with precision and compassion.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Frederick Busch was born in 1941 in New York City. He received his B.A. from Muhlenberg College and his M.A. from Columbia University. Since 1966 he has taught English and creative writing at Colgate University in Hamilton, New

York. He is author of 25 books and is a regular contributor to various magazines and journals.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we talked, Mr. Busch was at home in upstate New York, where he lives with his wife. Behind their house is a barn that serves as his writing hideaway. Mr. Busch spoke to me from his desk in that barn.

Previous to reading Mr. Busch’s newest novel, I’d started at least eight other new novels from major publishing houses, not a one of which I’d been able to stay with beyond the first chapter. I said all this to Mr. Busch, adding that with each of these novels I quickly became bored with the characters and the language. I didn’t give a hoot what happened next. I could hardly lift my hand to turn the page.

A Memory of War drew me on from page one. The characters who are first to appear on the page — Lescziak as a boy and his father, Janusz — are set down on a Saturday afternoon in a “high, gaunt house” in Ann Arbor in the earliest days of winter, “when it nearly rained and when the rain, had it come, might have rapidly turned to a kind of driving snow ...” Sylvia, Alex’s mother, is asleep upstairs because she suffers from a “headache that crushed her temple bones into her brains, as she seemed to enjoy describing it.” Janusz and Alex huddle in the kitchen. Janusz makes “vegetable soup for them by opening a can and adding water and boiling the mixture in a small white enamel saucepan.” I could feel the steam rise up from the mugs into which Janusz poured the soup. I could smell “the hot metal-and-tomato tasting liquid.” I could see the low grey sky out the kitchen window. I knew something interesting and complicated was about to happen. I was correct. Over the next few days, each time I picked up *A Memory of War* and began to read, my California world fell away. I was in the world inhabited by Alex and Janusz and Sylvia and the other residents of Mr. Busch’s book.

The Historical Art Form of taiko is broadened by San Jose Taiko, a group that’s been mesmerizing audiences for over 28 years with rhythms derived from African, Balinese, Brazilian, Latin, and jazz roots. The troupe performs at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium.

Tickets are \$20 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Making Music With Everything...Including the Kitchen Sink! The eight-member percussion ensemble “Stomp” will thump, bump, jam, and make all kinds of wonderful rhythms while performing at the San Diego Civic Theatre March 4-9. It’s terrific, creative fun — you’ll never look at a hubcap the same again.

Tickets range from \$22 to \$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday,

March 4-6, 8 p.m. on Friday, March 7, at 5 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, and at 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. Find the theater at 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Over 30 Rounds of Boxing are promised on Friday, January 31, with the first bout beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Show Palace (1527 Mission Avenue). The card includes a bout between Efen Hinojosa and Carlos “Sanguinario” Ramirez, Jaime “Jimmy” Orrantia versus Jorge “El Piston” Martinez, and Mary “Mulita” Lehman versus Rita Valentino. Tickets are \$25 general, \$35 ringside, \$60 VIP. For information, call 619-476-1288 x306. (OCEANSIDE)

Run or Walk! The Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk on the first Saturday of every month, including February 1. The four-mile

outings start at 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue and last a little over one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability are welcome. Participants are welcome to join the group at a nearby restaurant after the walk. For more information, call 619-742-4151 or 858-454-5433. (DEL MAR)

Coasting Along the Coast, there’s a mystery lunch planned at the Living Room (but which one?) when the Knickerbikers meet for a 30-mile bicycle ride for intermediates on Saturday, February 1. The ride starts at the Carlsbad/Poinsettia Coaster station at 9 a.m. for a ride to Old Town. Participants will return on the 1:10 p.m. Coaster, which arrives in Carlsbad at about 2 p.m. Bring money for the train and lunch. For information, call 760-603-9351. (CARLSBAD)

Give Me 20 Jumping Jacks! John Nichols, owner of Bootcamp San Diego, is beginning an outdoor mil-

itary-style fitness program in Balboa Park. An ongoing basic level class starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, with more advanced classes beginning the next week. The class fee is \$18. Find the other Bootcampers at the southeast corner of Laurel and El Prado and Sixth Avenue, in the open field. 619-296-6567. (BALBOA PARK)

Surf’s Up, Dude, the National Scholastic Surfing Association hosts competition on Saturday, February 1, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the south side of the Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. Call 714-960-9107 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Fun in Terrain presents a Winter Commemorative Orienteering Series at Buena Vista Park on Sunday, February 2. Orienteering is the sport of using a map and compass to navigate to various control points. The group offers bicycling orienteering, foot orienteering, an adventure run, and terrathlon.

Registration for each event begins at 9:30 a.m., with starts from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Courses close at 3 p.m. Instruction is available prior to each event. Fees range from \$8 to \$20, depending upon the event; compasses rent for \$3. Find the park at the Antigua and Shadowridge Drives (just west of the intersection of South Melrose and Shadowridge). For further information, call 760-598-2630. (VISTA)

Sockers Take on the Heat, the Harrisburg Heat is in town for games against the San Diego Sockers on Thursday, February 6, at 7:05 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. Call 619-224-4171 for information and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

This (Empty) Old House, the San Diego Historical Society’s 30th annual showcase gets underway with

Empty House events January 31-February 2. This year’s makeover takes place at the home built in 1914 found at 4405 Trias Street. The preview party on Friday runs from 6 to 9 p.m., with a light supper and self-guided tours. Tickets for nonmembers are \$15. For reservations, call 619-232-6203 x112.

The house is open for self-guided tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$7 for nonmembers. For more information, call 619-533-7355. (MISSION HILLS)

Celebrate the Year of the Goat at the City Heights Library Performance Annex January 31 through February 2. This commemoration of the Vietnamese Tet Festival promises music, dance, food, and cultural shows, beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find the annex at 3795 Fairmount Avenue; 619-641-6100. Admission is \$2. (CITY HEIGHTS)

The Chinese Year of the Ram, 4701, begins on February 1. Celebrate at

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I was curious about the names of Mr. Busch’s characters. I asked about the last name of Mr. Busch’s principal character, Alexander Lescziak, “Does the name ‘Lescziak’ have a particular meaning?”

“No. I wanted something that looked very Polish and European. I wanted to evoke what was left of old Europe in the 1940s.”

“When you choose names for characters, how you do it?”

“It depends on the character and it depends on the region. Sometimes if I’m looking for an upstate New York name, then I’ll grab a telephone book. I like to keep a little reference library up here in my work room, and that includes some phone books for names and some encyclopedias, stuff like that. Sometimes I just make up names.”

“Do you ever change names?”

“Yes, always. In fact, a lot of the names of the characters in this book changed until I got them right.”

“When you change a character’s name, does it change his or her voice?”

“It changes how I feel about them, and that could change their voice, yes. It is peculiar. In this book I couldn’t get Lescziak’s mother right until I named her Sylvia. And then she became who I needed her to be.”

“I always wonder how and why this works as it does, this business of characters’ names.”

“Well,” Mr. Busch said, “I think it probably has to do with the fact that writers work with sounds as much as with sense — with rhythms and the music of the lyric in English.”

“I wonder, too,” I said, “from where fictional characters arise.”

“And,” said Mr. Busch, “what happens to all these poor characters you’ve misnamed? They hang up there like suits in a closet.”

“Alex is so interesting.”

“For sure. He’s the lens, and if you write a novel truly, the lens has to be as interesting as what it helps the reader to examine. And he struck me that way. He’s both very aware and simul-

taneously awkwardly unaware, at times, about things. He wanted to be a good psychoanalyst. And he did it wrong a lot. Never knowing when he was right. And he did try to practice some healing arts.”

As I read Mr. Busch’s newest novel, I said, I thought, “This storyline is so complicated.”

“Isn’t it? It frightened me often while I was writing it.”

“And your transitions from past to present are so quicksilver and smooth.”

“I had been playing with that in some other books I wrote. And I thought, in this book, ‘I’m going to go cross over the line here and do it one more time and see what I can do with that mixture of past and present.’ I promised myself if I could survive another war then I could write a really simple book. I’m trying to now. But it’s not ending up as simple as I wanted.”

Repeated references are made in Mr. Busch’s novel to former President Reagan’s laying of a wreath at Kolmeschohe Cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany, a cemetery where 49 members of the notorious Waffen SS are buried. I asked about these references and the meaning, for the novel, of Reagan’s participation in this event.

“The whole damn book started there,” Mr. Busch said.

“Will you tell me about how that happened?”

“I spent \$1800 on a research assistant, something I had never done. This was a woman who had been my student and who is a friend of ours. She lives in New York and she wanted some freelance work, and I did not want to read about Ronald Reagan. I love doing research for my books, but I couldn’t bear the thought of wallowing through the Reagan years again. So I asked her to find information on this for me. That’s what younger friends should do for an older friend. And she found tons of stuff for me. What Bitburg was about. I diminished and diminished and diminished it as I wrote. You probably know about this. You start out and you say to yourself, ‘Oh, this book is about X.’ But by the time you’re halfway through, the book is announcing that it’s about Y. And X

is a vague whisper of perfume in the background.

“I was interested in setting the book in 1985 and making everything revolve around the decision by this American president to go lay this wreath in this cemetery where these 49 SS officers were buried. Lots of people have done dumb things in public. That wasn’t what made it interesting. What made it interesting was his — Reagan’s — weird belief that nobody is alive who had been involved in that battle or involved with the Waffen SS.

Elie Wiesel pointed out to Reagan that the troops who guarded the concentration camps were taken from the Waffen SS. Reagan essentially said that was nonsense and that nobody would remember that, it was immaterial. This visit to Bitburg was such an act of historical revision that it seemed to me I wanted that connected to the more private acts of historical investigation and revision that were going on in the book. So I was simply trying to write a big public event that was analogous to the smaller private events.”

During World War II, Alexander Lescziak’s parents lived in the Lake District in England. Many of the novel’s scenes are set in that time and place. Mr. Busch’s descriptions of the area are wonderfully detailed. I asked how he recreated that era and that location.

“We — my wife and I — have dear friends in the Lake District who were our landlords in 1974. We rented a marvelous stone

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the Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Faire planned on February 1 and 2. Lucky Lion Dancers and Chinese acrobats will perform, and there will be children’s activities, Asian Story Theater, cooking and cultural exhibits, music and dancing, vendors’ booths, and more.

Admission is free. Ring in lunar year 4701 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Third Avenue and J Street. For information, call 619-234-7844. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Russian Novelist, Playwright, and Short-Story Writer Nikolay Gogol’s story “The Overcoat” will be discussed by the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, February 1, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). For details, dial 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Birthday Celebrations are planned in honor of the tenth anniversary of the Heritage of the Americas Museum on Saturday, February 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Collections never before exhibited will be on display, and there will be dancing by Eric Runningpath, music by Tinku, entertainment, an Indian village, and cultural demonstrations.

Admission is free. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Book Sale, the San Carlos branch library holds its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 1. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

The Company of Strangers, are you interested in leading walks around San Diego and Tijuana, staffing an information desk at a downtown hostel, and cooking culturally diverse meals with hostel guests? Hosting International presents a volunteer orientation for folks interested in doing just that on Saturday, February 1, at 1 p.m., at 521 Market Street. To reserve a spot, call 619-236-0828. (DOWNTOWN)

A Marine Mammals Trip to the Coronado Islands is planned by the San Diego Natural History Museum on the 88-foot *Pacific Queen*. Partic-

ipants will watch for migrating gray whales, elephant seals, harbor seals, and pelagic birds on Saturday, February 1, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee is \$78 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 to register. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

Enjoy Wearing Costumes? Interested in California history? Like to talk to people? The Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is looking for vol-

unteers in many of the park activities including living history demonstrations, historic holiday celebrations, and historic food demonstrations. The six-week training program begins on Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the McCoy House, 4002 Wallace Street. For information, call 619-220-5422. (OLD TOWN)


Ever Had a “Flower Reading”? It’s just one of the types of readings promised when the Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association hosts a psychic fair on Saturday, February 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Psychics, mediums, and spiritual readers “of the highest caliber” will offer their services; 15-minute readings are \$20. Find the grove at 2975 Washington

Circle (at the south end of Country Club Lane). Call 760-745-9176 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

Psychic Times, a metaphysical conference and psychic fair is scheduled at Alexandra’s BookStore noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay \$20 per reading. The

shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Adopt-a-Pet, many cats and dogs will be offered for adoption when FOCAS (Friends of County Animal Shelters) hosts a pet adoption event on Sunday, February 2, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in front of the International Hospitality Houses (at the first stop sign on



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cottage from them. The four of us became fast friends. When they told me one night that they remembered seeing German prisoners of war there during the war, I was transfixed. I said, ‘What prisoners of war?’ They began to talk about how they recalled them in the town of Barrow, where they both were young kids. And somehow, you often do — in Europe and surely in England — feel World War II pushing down on you. Anyway, it started out as a jolly lark because I could write about that area, and I could go over there and do research, which I love to do, and it would be tax-deductible.”

I said that Mr. Busch wonderfully captured the cold weather and the lack of heat in homes. I confessed that I even felt cold while I read his “cold” passages.

“I’m an expert,” he said, “on cold.”

Alexander Lescziak spends considerable time in the New York City 42nd Street library’s Reading Room. I asked about that setting.

“That’s really what I was doing. Sitting there with my poor sore head trying to connect with the past, and that’s what Alex was doing. It was quite wonderful. This book is going to be kicked off not with a reading but by my giving a talk in that library, in the 42nd Street library, and I’m going to be talking about doing that research.”

In his role as a psychoanalyst, Alexander Lescziak sees a patient who claims he was a Vietnam veteran. The patient spins out Vietnam combat stories. I asked Mr. Busch how he acquired all these tales.

“I read some stuff about the war, and I made up some stuff.”

“The vet’s voice,” I said, “you got so perfectly. And, too, his voice was so different from others in the book.”

“Yes. And that’s where he became almost noble in his anguish. I was very moved by that stuff.”

Lescziak and the Vietnam vet end by taking a scary car trip together. I mentioned to Mr. Busch that I’d felt quite frightened by that scene.

He agreed. “I was really worried about what was going to happen on that upstate trip. I wasn’t sure. I wrote it to find out.”

I suggested that people who don’t write don’t realize that writers often do write to find out what will happen.

“That’s right. It takes me so long to convince college writing students that they’re working from their unconscious, and they need to write a story a few times before they know what it’s about. Because in all the other English classes they take, they get told all those pretty fables about the writer’s intention and his plan and his blueprint, which is not the way it is. The writers I talk to always are moaning, because they don’t know why they’re writing this or that novel. They’re 200 pages into it, and they can’t figure out why they started it.”

“Having at the center of your novel a psychotherapist who sees a variety of patients,” I said, “gives you, the author, an opportunity to introduce many different voices. A novel like this operates rather like a repertory theater.”

Mr. Busch did not disagree. “There’s a scene I love,” he said, “when Alex and Liz [Alex’s wife] are in the maid’s room in their apartment. And Liz taps him on the head and says, ‘Who’s in there?’ And he says, ‘Well, everybody.’ And her eyes are huge and full of tears. And at that moment I realized, ‘Oh my God, I’m also talking about a novelist.’ And in a sense this is about any artist. But, yes, the novel is like a little repertory theater. I think that’s one reason why this is such a strange novel for me to write. Most of my novels had families, where there were a few characters who orbit around each other. And here, in this novel, this man Alex is under an onslaught; his consciousness is being pulverized constantly.”

In several scenes Alex strides rapidly through Manhattan streets, searching faces for the suicidal patient with whom he has had sexual relations. I asked Mr. Bush if he was aware how unsettling these scenes were.

“I sensed his desperation. I mean, anybody who has spent any time in New York, much less lived in New York, knows not

only the total futility of looking for somebody that way, on the New York streets, but the probability that one might really meet them. I’ve run into people in London whom I haven’t seen for 20 years in America. And there’s just enough of that in the world to keep the poor soul convinced that maybe he will meet her. The desperation was horrible.”

“When you were a little boy, did you read all the time?”

“Yes. I was an athletic little boy, and I played ball, and I had a most healthy life, but I had a room of my own, and I could shut the door against my family. I was a real private kid. But it’s a real middle-class privilege; you can shut your door against your family, but you can also then open your door when you need them. And it was a nice house in Brooklyn on a shady street. And I was reading all the time.”

A small section of *A Memory of War* struck me as strongly autobiographical. In this section Alex, as a schoolboy, is shown writing a poem. I asked if Mr. Busch began writing when he was young. He did, he said. “Real young. And I know that a poem I wrote in the fourth grade, with Miss White, kept her from wanting to kill me. My fourth-grade teacher wanted me to die.”

I asked if that were not pure autobiography, Alex’s writing the poem.

“Yes. That was Miss Casey. I used her real name. I loved Miss Casey, and she somehow got me through the seventh grade alive and was good to me. She was this marvelous, tough Irish kid. She was very important for me.”

Mr. Busch’s female characters wear scents that seem particularly well suited to them. Given that so many male writers tend to give their female characters only Chanel No. 5 or My Sin, I was pleased to read a character who wore Norell. I mentioned this to Mr. Busch, how well he did with perfumes.

He laughed. “I have been known from time to time to give my wife some perfume. But I have been told that I write ‘scent conscious’ books. A friend of mine said about my last novel that

Presidents Way, at Pan American Way). 619-685-3536. (BALBOA PARK)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale are all part of San Pasqual History Days, taking place from 11 a.m. to 2\!s>p.m. on Sunday, February 2, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Flatheads, Fliptops, and Fairlanes, there’s a “Fabulous Ford Festival” during the San Diego Auto Swap on Sunday, February 2, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). View vehicles on display and for sale, along with “acres of parts and accessories.” Admission is \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

“Long Gone: The Literature and Culture of African-American Migration” is the theme for the next “Let’s Talk About It” discussion series planned at the San Diego Public Library. The program brings readers together for discussions focusing on these books exploring the impact of changing place on migrants themselves or on their descendants.

The series begins with a look at the Chester Himes book *If He Hollers*

Let Him Go on Wednesday, February 5. The library has books available to borrow before the meeting. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room at the library, found at 820 E Street. For more information, call 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

Bird Lovers Are Flocking to the seventh annual San Diego Bird Festival, organized to encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the local native wildlife in its natural setting. This year’s event — running February 5-9 — promises many birding trips, classes, lectures, field trips, an exhibit fair with commercial vendors and nonprofit organizations (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. February 8 and 9, at the Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way), and more.

For more information on any of these activities, call 619-516-0139. (SAN DIEGO)

Tea for You? There’s a “Victorian Valentine Tea” planned at the Villa Montezuma on Saturday, February 8. The \$15 tickets include a full English tea and tour of the furnished Victorian home. Tours begin at 10, 11 a.m., noon, 1, and 2 p.m. To make the required reservations, dial 619-463-1772. Find the Villa at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Draw All Day, the Arts College International hosts a drawing marathon

on Sunday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Organizers promise three live models, three still-life setups, live music, a catered lunch buffet, and an instructor on hand. Bring your drawing supplies. The fee is \$75; call 619-231-3900 to reserve a spot by Wednesday, February 5. Find the college at 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

Learn About Dragons, Lion Dancers, and other Asian New Year traditions when John McAllister presents an educational program for those five and older on Thursday, January 30, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Participants will learn about the differences between Chinese and Vietnamese new years celebrations, how the dragon costumes are made, and more. For information, dial 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

“The Weaving of a Dream,” described as a Chinese New Year’s tale, will be performed by the Weaver’s Tales through Sunday, February 9, in the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

The Cowboy and the Space Ranger — that is, Woody and Buzz Lightyear — are joined by Rex, Hamm, Jessie, Stinky Pete, Bullseye, and other characters from the *Toy Story* movies on the ice at the San Diego Sports Arena for “Disney/Pixar’s Toy Story 2.” The show features an international team of award-winning figure skaters. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 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)

Pulse, it’s described as “the tightest event in North County for high school and college students aged 13-22,” and it takes place on Friday, January 31, at 7 p.m., at His Church Christian Fellowship (620 South Andreason Drive). Expect live music, skate demos, and live “pumpin’ atmosphere to brighten your weekend” with music by Embrace the Ashes and Josiah’s Hope. Free. For more details, call 760-480-6233 x154. (ESCONDIDO)

Make Paper Lanterns to celebrate the Chinese New Year and listen to *Dragon New Year — A Chinese Legend* by David Bouchard during the story time events planned on Saturday, February 1, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road). The events are four those four to ten years old. Free. 619-562-6791. (SANTEE)

“A Day in the Life of Two Pups and a Cub,” this children’s program for those in grades one through three includes a peek into the life of a tiny cougar cub, a young black bear cub, and a coyote pup through the eyes of animal photographer Larry Allan. The class runs 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The fee is \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

Picture the Classics for Kids, listen to Mussorgsky’s “Pictures at an Exhibition” when the Classics for Kids Philharmonic and San Diego Pantomime Theatre unite for a performance on Sunday, February 2. The program includes Stravinsky’s “Pulcinella Suite.”

The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets range from \$7 to \$15 for children and \$15 to \$22 for adults, available by calling 619-435-9111 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Red Green Blue, Ellsworth Kelly painted large canvases using these colors, establishing himself as one of the most important American abstract artists of the postwar period. During the Free-for-All activities planned at the Museum of Contem-

porary Art San Diego, La Jolla, on Sunday, February 2, participants will use these three colors to create their own paintings and drawings exploring the geometric shapes and forms around them. Events run 2 to 5 p.m. at 700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Explore the Polar Regions while learning about polar bears, penguins, and a variety of whales and seals during a class hosted by the Birch Aquarium-Museum on Sunday, February 2, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The class promises hands-on activities and a craft. The fee for “Polar Pals” is \$25 per child (with an adult chaperon admitted free). The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, February 4, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six). Meet at the visitors’ center located directly north of the parking lot, at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; 760-436-3036. Free. (ENCINITAS)

A Youth Production of School House Rock Live! Jr. based on the Emmy Award-winning cartoon series runs February 6-9 at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). The production is directed by Andrea Schuck. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for students, seniors, and military. Call 760-931-8709 for reservations. (CARLSBAD)

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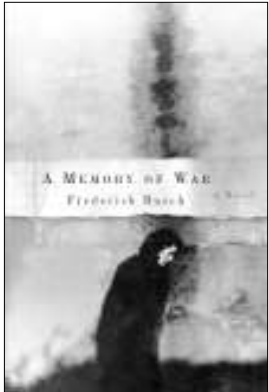
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he'd never read a book with so many smells in it. Getting in the senses is a way of making sure that something you write isn't austere and full of rationality, because we don't work only that way. We're animals."

"Your clothes too," I said, "are good. Especially Alex's wife's clothing."

"Liz was the character I got wrong the first time around. The first time I wrote her, I made her only angry. And, of course, she ended up seeming like a harpy. And that wasn't what it was about. It was about sorrow, and I had forgotten what would make him love her, which would be some kind of generosity. I loved Liz. I fall in love with all the women in my books. She was the hardest to write, and then she was the best I wrote. Well, Sylvia maybe. Sylvia came easily the first time."

One of Alex and Liz's best friends is a psychiatrist, Teddy Levenson. Dr. Levenson not only is a skilled doctor, but he also is a serious gourmet. I said how intriguing a character he is. I added, "He just fills up the page."

"He's the world's most self-assured man. I was able to bray about food and wine through him. And I was able to directly lecture Alex about what he was doing wrong so that the reader would remember that even though Alex is our protagonist, he's full of culpability. So Teddy was useful to that extent."

A Memory of War, I said, "is, in a way, a history book."

"Yes. The book is about history. Absolutely. I mean, history becomes, I hope, a character in this book."

"Another thing," I said, "that attracted me in this book was

the subtext about immigrant life and people giving birth to themselves, re-creating and re-making themselves."

"That's absolutely what it is. People giving birth to themselves. It's another aspect of history, of how we tell our history — we make it up, we create it. An aspect of that that I really liked was when Lescziak realizes at least the possibility that if his mother had an affair, that his father knew about the affair, that his father wasn't just this agreeable bumbler, but, in fact, was this tough physicist who had a mind like a trap and who had exerted his will. That's possible."

"And," I said, happy, as always to discuss characters in a great novel as if they were the next-door neighbors, "Alex's mother Sylvia always with the headache and always taking to her bed."

"Yes. Poor Sylvia. I feel bad for Sylvia. What I loved about her was that toward the end of the affair, how she kept telling herself that she must remember this because one day she would be without it. I thought that was the saddest thing about love. One of the saddest truths about love."

Busch writes, about Sylvia:

She is memorizing the room. For it will be in a future room, which she will know better than she wishes to, where she will remember, will strain to remember, the Salthouse cottage and the dining room in which her German prisoner, Otto Kessler, invented the music to which they gracelessly, happily, seriously danced.

We talked, Mr. Busch and I, about the passage above. He said, about this passage and those passages before and after it, "I did a profound amount of revision and editing and rewriting and reimagining with this novel before I thought I had it right, and every time I came to that section, I had the tremendous satisfaction of knowing that I had written those notes right. The book was right."

"I find Sylvia very moving. I find a lot of this book's characters very moving. This book was a profound emotional experience

for me, the writing of it. From beginning to end. It gave me more trouble than any novel I've ever written. It gave me — I don't know if that's true though, because as I say these words, I feel like I've said them about every book I've written."

Another aspect of his novel I admired, I said to Mr. Busch, was that its ending is not happy.

"I didn't see how it was possible."

"I often feel insulted by happy endings."

Mr. Busch concurred. "I do too. And that kind of sentimentality is either in there to sell the book or to make the book into what they used to call, in Hollywood, 'tragedies with happy endings,' where the writer is convinced that just by writing the rhetoric that way, you can make the reader believe that everything is okay."

I asked Mr. Busch if there were anything else I should ask him.

He paused before responding, "I've been living on the inside of this book for a couple of years. I'm sure I still don't know the answers to some of the questions that you have asked me. But what else should you ask me? Will the English hate me for it? Maybe. Because I played with their war. And they take exception if you alter a fact about their war. So I ask myself, now, 'Did I get 1944 right? Did I get the English right?' I worked with the street maps [of the town in England where Alex's parents live during World War II]. So I knew exactly where they were going. I always work with lots of maps, photographs, charts."

And what were Mr. Busch's plans for the new year?

"I'm leaving teaching at the end of this year with the great hope that I have more to write. It's time. I've been doing two jobs full-time for a long time. I came to Colgate as a 24-year-old — and I'm not leaving it as a 24-year-old. It's a long time. Too long in one place, probably."

"Will you move to the city?"

"My wife loves the land, we both do, but she especially, and we'll try to go in to the city more frequently."

— Judith Moore

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area and is run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; call 619-469-1480 for more information. (SPRING VALLEY)

California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling the stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text. Many of the photographs, surfboards, and other artifacts have never been on public display before.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and that way-cool megastar from Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interesting living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. The facility is home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the mud flats and marshes of San Diego Bay. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. At other exhibits, visitors can pet sharks and rays, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. For

more details, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America, "Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum, part of the National Security Agency, has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was

used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Visitors will learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube,

sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along

with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

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Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at

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Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 BC) through the Ming periods (AD 1368-1644) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China.” From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as proudly worn ornaments in life. Jades were symbols of dignity and rank (as early as the Late Stone Age) and were status symbols closely connected with the conviction that jade brought long life. A new acquisition is now on exhibit: a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 BC to AD 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). The jade suit continued the quest for immortality. Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. A mural by Mona Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist’s extensive study of this ancient “City of the Gods” that was once home to 200,000 people in central Mexico. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art.

Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the

1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. On exhibit are Indian artifacts from the Kingery family. The museum is open on the last Saturday and Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m., at 2116 Tavern Road. For information, call 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

Museum of History and Art, handcrafted, bejeweled, and dazzling Christmas ornaments created by the late artist Florence Hord (1904-1995) are on display at the museum through Thursday, February 20. While many of the 50-plus ornaments included in “Bejeweled: Ornaments by Florence Hord” are Christmas-themed, the museum has also incorporated some of her Valentine’s Day ornaments into the display. Hord used corsage pins, seed pearls, ribbon, metallic beading, velvet, satin, and semi-precious stones to make her one-of-a-kind creations contained in this “Curtis and Ilene Swartz Family Collection” of ornaments.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, “From the Other Side of the Glass” is a collection of “behind the scenes” photographs taken by Eddie Kramer, the recording engineer known for his work with Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones, Santana, Frank Zappa, and Jimi Hendrix. Kramer’s photographs are described as “candid and casual.” The exhibit concludes on Friday, February 28.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Pressed hard and fast against the densely populated Los Angeles County community of San Pedro, the rocky ribbon of coastline between White Point and Cabrillo Beach looks out over a 20-mile watery gap separating Santa Catalina Island from the mainland.

On clear winter days the island seems to float like a dusky shadow over the sparkling surf. The following three-mile hike, easy or difficult depending on the exact route, takes you east from White Point to the mile-long strand of sand at Cabrillo Beach.

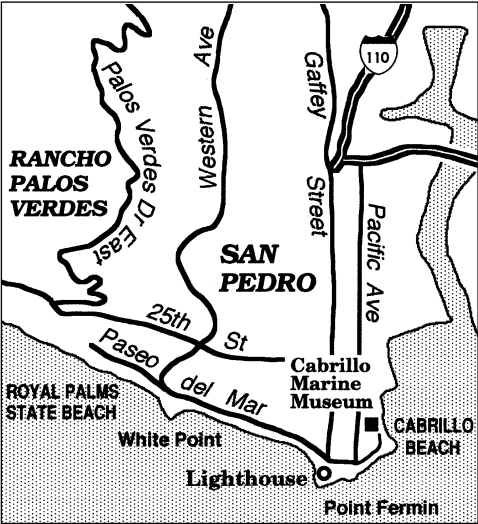
Low tides will make it easier to walk well above the water’s edge, and luckily there are several opportunities to do this on weekends soon to come. Extreme low tides dip to about minus one foot on the afternoons of February 1, 2, 15, and 16 and March 1, 2, 15, and 16.

Start at Royal Palms State Beach, close to where Western Avenue meets Paseo del Mar in San Pedro. You can park inside the gate for a fee, or outside along Paseo del Mar for free. Down by the water’s edge head east (down-coast) past White Point, making your way over tilted slabs of sedimentary rock and small boulders. Here, and on the bluffs above, are the skimpy remains of early-20th-century resorts and spas that capitulated

to the 1933 Long Beach earthquake and suffered further pounding by decades of storm tides and heavy surf. The checkered history of this stretch of coastline is interpreted in a display at the Cabrillo Marine Museum, which you’ll find at the conclusion of this hike.

At about 1.5 miles, before the shoreline terrace you’re following narrows to practically nothing at Point Fermin, you’ll spot some metal steps going up the bluff. This is your safe ticket to getting past Point Fermin — as opposed to following the rocky shoreline. At the top of the stairs, a path leads to the west end of Point Fermin Park, a grassy strip popular among joggers and strollers. Keep heading east along the edge of the cliffs, passing the antique Point Fermin Lighthouse, built in 1874 with materials shipped around Cape Horn.

Farther east, you turn inland a little to reach Shepard Street. Follow this street east, to Pacific Avenue, and continue straight ahead on Bluff Place down to Cabrillo Beach. Here you can enjoy the only true beach for miles in either direction, and pay a visit to the Cabrillo Marine Museum, which features some excellent marine and historical exhibits.



rodeo rider. Women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. For more information, call 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the U.S. Air Force and the Boeing Corporation have donated a global positioning satellite (GPS) for the permanent “GPS Satellite” exhibit. This GPS is “the only one of its kind on display in the world.” Members of the women’s flying club the Ninety-Nines have donated personal memorabilia, trophies, flight logbooks, and photographs for inclusion in “Pacific Air Race”; items on view alternate every six months to highlight the accomplishments of local women aviators from the six local chapters of the group. Other permanent exhibits include “You’re in the Pilot’s Seat” and “Global Hawk” (UVA).

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, the flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from the Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to the Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. For additional information, call 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff’s Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff’s department is highlighted at the museum, which is located “just feet away” from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. View four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. For admission and museum hours, call 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, follow the trail of how dogs and humans have related and how their roles have changed over time, in “Dogs: Wolf, Myth, Hero, and Friend,” opening on Saturday, February 1. Visitors explore the evolution, behavior, diversity, and cultural significance of dogs, both wild and domesticated. The show closes on Tuesday, September 2.

“Fore! The Planet” is described as an actual indoor, 18-hole minia-

ture golf course designed to teach about the nature of life on Earth and how human actions affect the environment. Visitors putt their way through dinosaur extinction, butterfly metamorphosis, and spawning salmon. Play the course from Saturday, February 1, through Sunday, May 4.

An assemblage of museum specimens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and animals tell stories about the region’s prehistoric and current habitats in “Natural Treasures: Past and Present.” The ongoing exhibition is said to “display old treasures most loved by the community and to introduce new fossils that have never been seen by the public,” as well as highlighting the museum’s extensive paleontological collections. Visitors will also discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the “giant-screen films” *Wolves and Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico’s Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, “Treasures Uncovered: Trade and Exchange at the San Diego Presidio” features artifacts recovered from the Presidio archaeological site, dating to the first European settlement in California (in 1769) when Father Junipero Serra established the Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. “Treasures” in the form of ceramics, religious, and personal goods representing just a fraction of the more than one-half million excavated to date at the Presidio site are on view. See the show through summer.

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego’s history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It’s located at the site of the West Coast’s first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

In “Secrets of the Seahorse,” guests explore the unique adaptations and biology of seahorses and their relatives while learning about the current threats to their survival and what can be done to conserve this diminishing creature. The exhibit showcases 13 species of live animals, both local species and those from abroad.

Technology, motion, and illusion combine to create a realistic environment to “challenge and stimulate the mind” in Morphis: Movieride. Morphis is described as “a 20-seat motion theater featuring three ride films: *Riding With the Dolphins*, *The Water Cycle*, and *Astro-Canyon Space Roller Coaster*.” Each film is around three minutes long. Tickets are \$4 (in addition to the regular admission fee). Children must be 42 inches tall to ride.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For more information, call 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents’ office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There’s an audio-visual theater presenting short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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Hungarian Zest

The transitions between the two roles brought the audience to the edge of their seats.

The visit of the Hungarian National Philharmonic to Symphony Hall was the most exhilarating orchestral concert I've attended in years. Everything — the orchestra, the conductor, the soloist (who was the same as the conductor, or perhaps his identical twin), and the program — conspired to fill the auditorium with excitement and exaltation. This was music to make you feel alive!

Up to that evening (which opened the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Celebrity Series"), I had known Zoltán Kocsis as a pianist, and as an exceptionally fine one. I treasure his recordings of Liszt and Debussy, of Haydn and Mozart, and — above all — of Bartók (his complete survey of the composer's solo piano music is a revelation). But I had not encountered him as a conductor before. Here was a chance to hear him in both roles at once — spectacularly so, as it turned out.

The element of spectacle was at the forefront in the performance of Liszt's E-flat Piano Concerto. It is certainly no innovation for a pianist to conduct from the keyboard, but in the ordinary run of such things the conducting consists chiefly of vehement nods: the pianist basically sticks to his keyboard and depends on a well-rehearsed orchestra to carry things off on its own. Not Kocsis. Through the entire program he showed himself to be an interventionist conductor, communicating a great deal more than merely the beat and the cues; and he did not change his ways in the Liszt Concerto. Whenever it was physically possible, he was on his feet and actively in charge of the orchestra, to which he vigorously conveyed his very dynamic and expressive concept of the score. This was big, dashing, flamboyant, heartfelt Liszt, consummately Romantic (without ever being self-indulgent), and so was the Liszt we heard in Kocsis's own playing: grandiose sound, dazzling technique, felicitous shaping of phrases, and what seemed like a total identification with the composer's stupendous musical personality.

It was the transitions between the two roles, however, that — by unconscious physical empathy — brought the audience to the edge of their seats. Kocsis, as conductor, would be standing several feet from the piano bench, energetically engaged in urging the orchestra on, and seemingly unaware that anything else was required of him. Then, at the very last second, and with a smoothness and swiftness that were hard to believe, he would slide onto the bench; his hands would go on conducting until the instant they

touched the keyboard; and all at once he would be metamorphosed into Kocsis the pianist, often in a radically different mode of thought and expression (for Liszt revels in sudden changes of direction and in startling contrasts between the discourses of orchestra and soloist). It was altogether breathtaking to witness this feat — especially because the performance itself, by orchestra, by soloist, and by their combination, was so thrilling to listen to.

The intense mutual admiration and rapport between the Hungarian orchestra and their conductor (he has been music director since 1998) was palpable, not only in the Concerto but throughout the concert. These partners deserve each other. Kocsis's artistic abilities are well known to anyone familiar with the eminent pianists of our time (as I write this, I am listening to his soaring and poetic performance of the Rachmaninov Fourth Piano Concerto, available on the set devoted to Kocsis in Philips's *Great Pianists of the 20th Century*). But one may at first be a bit hard put to identify the Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra. No problem. Record collectors who have long admired performances by the Hungarian State Symphony can feel comfortably at home: these two names represent the same organization, at different stages of its history.

Judging by the Symphony Hall concert, the orchestra is now at one of its peaks. Every section is brilliant. The strings' absolute unanimity of pitch gives their sound a rich body, and their discipline of rhythm and articulation results in the most delectable clarity. The woodwind players are as superb musicians as you will find anywhere: the orchestral writing in the works of Liszt and Kodály gave them all an occasion to shine (the principal flutist's rhapsodic riff in Kodály's colorful "Peacock Variations" was especially ravishing). The brass (what horns!)...the percussion (what a triangle player — no kidding)...the fabulous timpanist...the harp...the ensemble...the balance...and with all this, a youthful freshness and an attitude of buoyant confidence that the audience found contagious. Every feature of this orchestra made the listener take notice, and helped to illuminate the "Hungarian" music that made up the program.

Exactly how Hungarian this music is may be disputed (if one cares to dispute such things). There can, of course, be no doubt about the Kodály pieces, one of them that gorgeous set of variations on the Hungarian folksong, "The Peacock," and the other a collection of dances inspired by gypsy band music from the village of

Galánta. Brahms (whom Kocsis proclaimed an honorary Hungarian) was brought in for an encore, with one of his thoroughly *echt*-sounding *Hungarian Dances*. As for Franz (or Ferencz) Liszt, he was authentically Hungarian by birth and blood, although his family was German-speaking, and although he spent most of his career as a cosmopolitan citizen of Europe, speaking French by preference. Still, it was Liszt who — with his *Hungarian Rhapsodies* — brought the musical language of Hungary's gypsies into the mainstream of serious music, and no one (not even the wonderfully idiomatic Kodály) has ever done it better than he did.

There is admittedly no touch of local ethnicity in the Liszt Kocsis chose for his Symphony Hall program: the Piano Concerto, and *Les Préludes*. In these works, Liszt did not need folksongs, gypsy dances, or national traditions to express his vision of life. The origin of *Les Préludes* is literary: initially a series of obscure texts by Joseph Autran, and ultimately the famous poem by Alphonse de Lamartine that gave Liszt's tone poem its title. The relationship between Lamartine's poem and the program Liszt claimed to have derived from it is instructive for what it tells us about Liszt's mind and character, and it explains why (however Hungarian or non-Hungarian he may have been) his presence on this program was so apt.

In Lamartine's *Les Préludes* (a group of diverse lyrics with a framing situation), the melancholy poet invokes his poetic gift to help him find meaning in a life that seems sterile and dead. He sings of tender love for a woman, but the song cannot help him because (he says) he has lost his beloved, and beautiful words without a flesh-and-blood object for them are hollow. He invokes a wild storm at sea, hoping that the danger will rouse his numbed emotions; but this too is a failure. A lengthy description of a military battle serves only to depress him further, with its pain, blood, grief, and futility. He then recalls the bucolic surroundings of his youth, and for a time loses himself in consoling memories of a simple life nurtured by the benevolence of nature. But once again his muse peters out. Those days are gone forever, the past is mere chimera, you can't go home again. There is no hope in life (he concludes rather abruptly, as though having lost interest in this artificial poetic construct); the only effective consolation lies in heaven.

Thus Lamartine, one of the least upbeat poets of French Romanticism. Liszt is a Romantic of another stamp (he has much more in common with the robust Victor Hugo). All of Lamartine's material — so picturesque, so rhetorical, so emotion-laden, so melodramatic — appeals to him, but he uses it for very different purposes. His tone

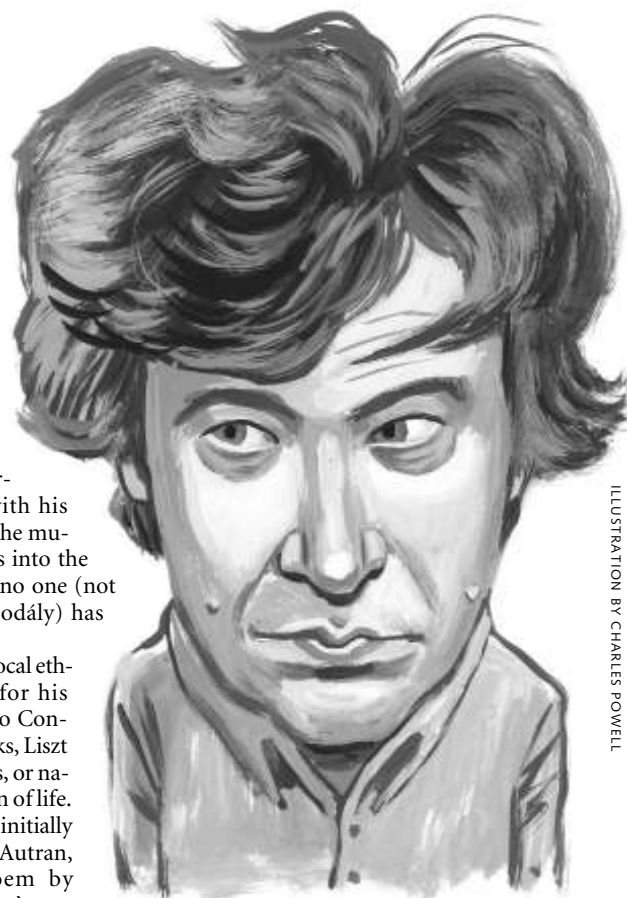


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Zoltán Kocsis

Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra
Zoltán Kocsis, conductor and piano soloist
Copley Symphony Hall (La Jolla Chamber Music Society)

Kodály, Variations on a Hungarian Folksong ("The Peacock"), and Dances from Galánta; Liszt, Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 1 in E-flat, and Les Préludes.

poem generally follows Lamartine's structure, without the framing device (Liszt holds the episodes together more organically, through imaginative motivic transformation). He turns the poet's melodious but rather boneless descriptions into sturdy musical equivalents. And he alters the whole point. For Liszt, passionate love is a supremely gratifying experience, the storms of life are welcomed, rustic nature fills the soul with abiding happiness, and if there is to be combat, it will be heroic, fraught with purpose and meaning, and triumphant. As to the consolations of heaven, Liszt refers to them in his programmatic summary, but there's not a sign of them in the music (they appear — exquisitely — in some other compositions of his).

For the Liszt of *Les Préludes*, life is a great opportunity, to be relished for its color and its energy, and to be enjoyed with zest. And that is exactly what this entire concert was. Liszt's Hungarian culture may not have been as deep-seated as that of Zoltán Kocsis and the musicians of the Hungarian National Philharmonic; but when it came to exuberant affirmations of life and art, they were all Hungarians together. ■

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Brazilian Pianist Luciane Cardassi will perform a recital including “Night Thoughts” by Aaron Copland, 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)

Scrumptious Songs and Savory Motets are on the menu — er, program — when the Orlando Consort performs for the San Diego Early Music Society on Friday, January 31. Listen for “sacred motets and secular songs saluting the culinary skills of medieval and Renaissance French chefs, the German penchant for eggs, and the Italian fondness for amusingly shaped veggies” when this British quartet of male singers takes the stage at 8 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$18 general. Dial 619-291-8246 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Grieg’s “Quartet in G Minor” may be heard when the Miami String Quartet performs on Friday, January 31. The program includes Haydn’s “Quartet in D Major No. 5 (Largo),” and the “Quartet in F Major No. 1 (Rasumovsky)” by Beethoven. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

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 — conducted by Christof Perick and directed by Michael Hampe — at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 31, and 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)

Philippine Tenor Nolyn Cabahug performs in concert with soprano Carol Anne Drastal, baritone Stephen L. Chan, and pianist John Danke on Saturday, February 1, at 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at

the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$25, \$30, and \$35, benefiting the Lazarideus Foundation, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For information, call 619-461-2722. The concert will be repeated on February 8 at the Ark. (LA JOLLA)

“Mozart and More” may be enjoyed when MiraCosta College’s North Coast Symphony Orchestra presents concerts on February 1 and 2. The orchestra will perform “Don Giovanni” and the “Haffner Symphony No. 35” by Mozart, as well as Debussy’s “Petite Suite,” the first two movements of the “Concerto for Oboe d’Amour in A Major” by Telemann, “The Hollow Men” by Persichetti, and selections by Rameau and Elgar.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the MiraCosta College Theater, One Barnard Drive. Tickets are \$7 general. Call 760-795-6815 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Q: Can You Name the Largest Touring Harp Ensemble in the World? The honor is said to belong to Harp Fusion, an ensemble with 12 harpists performing classical, jazz, new age, and folk music. The group plans a concert on Saturday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). An offering will be received. For further information, call 858-509-9219. (CLAIREMONT)

Busy on Saturday? Harp Fusion may also be heard on Sunday, February 2, at 7 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). Offering. Call 619-232-7513 for more information. (DOWNTOWN)

The Chamber Concert Series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues with a solo piano concert by Barbara Nissman on Sunday, February 2. The recital is dedicated to works by keyboard masters Liszt, Prokofiev, and Ginastera, including Liszt’s “B-Minor Sonata,” the “Sonata No. 6” by Prokofiev, “Sonata No. 3” by Ginastera, and other works.

The recital starts at 7:30 p.m. at 1008 Wall Street. Tickets are \$23 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Sundays at Six, the chamber music ensemble Camarada presents “Strings in the Earth and Air” on February 2 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Camarada will perform Berio’s “Chamber Music,” Ravel’s “Introduction and Allegro,” and selections by Debussy, Jolivet, and others. Los Angeles-based fiber artist Estelle Carlson will exhibit some of her work, and ballet dancer Denise Dabrowski of the California Ballet will perform.

Ensemble members include Ann Chase (soprano), Beth Ross-Buckley (flute), David Buckley (violin), Elena Mashkovtseva (harp), Edmund Stein (violin), Mary Szanto (cello), Dorothy Zeavin (viola), and Theresa Tunncliffe (clarinet). The performance begins at 6 p.m., followed by a reception. Tickets are \$25 general. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For information, call 619-231-3702. (DOWNTOWN)

Picture the Classics for Kids, listen to Mussorgsky’s “Pictures at an Exhibition” when the Classics for Kids Philharmonic and San Diego Pantomime Theatre unite for a performance on Sunday, February 2. The program includes Stravinsky’s “Pulcinella Suite.”

The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets range from \$7 to \$15 for children and \$15 to \$22 for adults, available by calling 619-435-9111 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Master Guitarists Fred Benedetti and Robert Wetzel band together as the Odeum Guitar Duo to present a concert following the 5 p.m. even-song planned on Sunday, February 2, at Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg); 619-298-7261. An offering will be received. (MIDTOWN)

The Beethoven “Archduke” Trio and trios by Fauré and Shostakovich may be enjoyed when the Trio Point Loma presents a concert of chamber music on Sunday, February 2, at 4 p.m., at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church (5150 Wilson Street). Ensemble members include pianist Paul Kenyon, cellist Bill Clemmons, and violinist Philip Tyler. An offering will be received. Questions? Call 619-463-6633 for answers. (LA MESA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, February 2, at 2 p.m. Call 619-702-8138 for information on the free concert. (BALBOA PARK)

Guest Performer and UCSD Alumnus Dan Koppelman will present a piano concert on Tuesday, February 4, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

How About a “Rich Tapestry of Choral Music”? The St. Olaf Choir — hailing from Minnesota — plans a concert on Tuesday, February 4, at 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street).

The first half of the concert features the Brahms motet “Schaffe in mir, Gott,” and Grieg’s “Hvad est du dog skjön,” and “Praise to the Lord.” The second half includes a set of compositions entitled “Songs of Rejoicing, Lament, and Love,” a piece exploring human emotion through the works of composers including Elgar, Penderecki, and West Coast musicians Kirke Mecham and Eric Whitacre. The program concludes with folk hymns and spirituals from Scandinavia and the United States.

Tickets are \$20, \$25, and \$28. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. Call 619-273-7423 for more information. (DOWNTOWN)

Composed and Improvised Works for piano in combination with digital audio, live processing, computer interaction, fiber optic-based touchpad, and MIDI controller may all be heard when visiting artist Daniel Koppelman performs on Tuesday, February 4. The repertoire includes compositions by UCSD alumni Christopher Dobrian and Eric Lyon, as well as pieces by James Mobberly, Benjamin Broening, Wayne Peterson, William Kleinsasser, and Koppelman.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Tickets: \$10 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

First Wednesdays, the series continues when classical guitarist Brandon Yip presents a recital on February 5, at 4 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets are free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway); 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Guitars in the Galleries, a program of selections by Mexican composers for guitar may be heard when Jason Vieaux performs on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., in the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$18 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Pianist Andrew Infanti presents his DMA recital on Thursday, February 6, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. Admission is free. For details, dial 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

This Art Won't Dissolve

The imagery spills over with appetite, hysteria, strife, and violence. Nuño picks up on these, but his tone is humorous-grotesque.

Walter Benjamin was probably the most influential critic of the last century, an old-style man of letters who worked across the disciplines. Politics, book collecting, 19th-century Paris, theater, movies, fiction and poetry, the craft of translation, shopping arcades — his speculative intelligence played brilliantly upon these and many other subjects. He lived, to use Hannah Arendt's phrase, in a dark time, born in 1892, dead in 1940. Stopped at the Franco-Spanish border while trying to make his way to America, and as a Jew fearful of being sent back to Hitler's Germany (the Gestapo had already looted his library), he committed suicide.

During the months I recently spent in Berlin, I read Benjamin's quirky, affectionate reminiscence of the city. Because I was also spending a lot of time in museums, thinking along the way about what we expect of works of art and how expectations get created, I reread Benjamin's best-known essay, "The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction," in which he argues that the photographic and lithographic processes of the 19th Century, which allowed hundreds of reproductions to be speedily printed

from an initial image, changed our oldest assumptions about the work of art. His ideas have been so internalized by modern culture that they now sound almost trite.

"What withers in the age of mechanical reproduction is the aura of the work of art."

"The presence of the original is the prerequisite to the concept of authenticity."

"The technique of reproduction detaches the reproduced object from the domain of tradition."

Berlin's Gemäldegalerie, which contains mostly Renaissance Italian and northern European art, is, of course, packed with one-of-a-kinds. A favorite of mine, a little portrait of a young woman by Petrus Christus (1444-1475) that I looked at whenever I went, has for me an aura as powerful as anything in the museum. (And there's much else: rooms with Mantegnas, Cranachs, Dürers, and so on.) Chalky complexion; a pouty, sly, self-possessed expression; a tall black fez held in place by a plush velvet chin strap wrapped around a face with a high-finish inner light, though her look is aloof, elusive, almost hidden. The heavily cracked canvas — it looks assembled from hundreds of minuscule

tiles — makes her seem even more remote and fragile. The Timken collection in Balboa Park has an elegant *Death of the Virgin* by the same artist, a deftly handled, crowded but not congested constellation of three events associated with Mary's Dormition, and since Christus made only 30 paintings, like the Gemäldegalerie's girl, it's a rarity.

These days you can meditate on it, then cross the plaza to the San Diego Museum of Art and visit the *Axis Mexico* exhibition, where you'll find a series of pictures by Domingo Nuño with titles such as *Who Needs Porn When You've Got Me* and *Shanghaihaed Acrobatics*. Blasting with neon reds and frigid blues, they're image inventories where fragments from American comics, Japanese prints and anime, pin-up art, family snapshots, Kama Sutra illustrations, and tabloid imagery collide, overlap, and re-compose into an operatic jangle of sex and violence modeled on *fotonovelas*, the feverish, illustrated narratives popular in Latin America. *Fotonovela* imagery spills over with appetite, hysteria, strife, and violence. Nuño picks up on these, but his tone is humorous-grotesque. He collects diverse sorts of imagery, manipulates them digitally, then prints out the file, so the pictures are (hypothetically) infinitely reproducible. They have a seething declamatory



Untitled, from the series Shanghaihaed Acrobatics, 2000, Domingo Nuño

Axis Mexico: Common Objects and Cosmopolitan Actions
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presence but, in Benjamin's terms, no aura.

More to the point of this show, Nuño, like the others represented (most born between 1960

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ART

and 1975), is a Mexican artist negotiating his way between mid-20th-century innovators (in his case Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, James Rosenquist) and contemporary Hispanic sensibility. *Axis Mexico* illustrates what young artists have made (or unmade) of the historical continuities they've inherited and how they're in dialogue with Minimalism, Pop, Conceptualism, and Abstraction. The critic Cuauhtémoc Medina thinks that the enormous interest in installation, objects, performance, and photography indicates a new position, that young Mexicans (like many artists everywhere) have rejected the belief that the artist is "someone who expresses *something to somebody*, in favor of the contrary notion of the artist as someone who signals his astonishment at the circulation of meanings."

Artists now commonly use terms to describe their work that come from the vocabularies of the social sciences. One of these, "identity issues," is the subject of constructs made by the performance team Marcela y Gina (Marcela Quiroga Garza and Georgina Arizpe Garza), who manipulate faked (i.e., *inauthentic*) photo-identity cards like driver's licenses and voter-registration cards to play with notions of assumed or false identity, document as proof of existence, and border crossing. The photos depict the artists themselves in different guises, a conceit taken from Cindy Sherman's theatrical self-portraits. The impersonations are so goofy that they lighten the mood, but the ironies tend to be facile and self-evident. When one assemblage spells out FAKE, we get it.

Fernanda Brunet's abstract paintings negotiate different terrain. Her liquid, oceanic forms have coherent internal rhythms, as good abstraction usually does. They splash, crest, and backwash. But for all the apparent action of the forms, the pictures are strangely inert and lack the speed that Pollock, de Kooning, and Gorky achieved, though she works in a softer pictorial idiom. Ab-



Eruption, 2000, Fernanda Brunet

straction succeeds in part by engaging through surprise — surprise that gets fresher with subsequent viewing. I don't feel much of this in Brunet's pictures. There's plenty, however, in what might have been a predictable enterprise, two series of photographs by Claudia Fernández. *Omnibus* is a field of imagery composed of the colorful sides of Mexican tour buses; *Door* does the same with garage and carport gates. Fernández mixes the jazzy dynamics of Stuart Davis with cool Ellsworth Kellyish minimalism but isn't hostage to their influence. The pictures' political suggestiveness — outsiders viewing exotic "others"; the affluent protecting material riches by confining them — is the context for formal adventures. In the bus series the aerodynamic forms and stabbing colors do a vitalistic dance together. It's a refreshing, maybe an advancing, of photographic abstract realism.

I've admired Daniela Rossell's kicky work, represented here by pictures from her *Rich and Famous* series, garish glam-photos of aristocratic or well-to-do Mexicans in madly overdecorated interiors. They remind me of a famous line from a turn-of-the-century Italian poet, Guido Gozzano, who refers to upper-middle-class acquisitions as *le*

buone cose di pessimo gusto, good things in the worst possible taste. In one of Rossell's pictures, a sassy blonde in a cobalt cat suit stands on a parquet floor polished to a queasy vermilion. Behind her hang ponderous, overripe paintings. Over the head of a woman in another picture hang colorful serapes, blouses, and dresses displayed as they would be in a market, a "decor motif," no doubt, but also a parody of Mexican "local color." The most visually suffocating image is of a teenage girl surrounded by the junk of India: elephant tusks, plush stuffs, egg-shaped *brahmandas*, stout pillows embroidered with juggernaut scenes, and so on. Cultural melancholy and satiric hilarity are smartly kneaded into each other. These terrific pictures won't let us relax into creaky assumptions or political commonplaces.

What does all this have to do with Benjamin? These artists take as a given, have internalized so early on that it doesn't even exist as a thought, what Benjamin set out to prove: that mechanical means have created the possibility for new meanings in art. Some of what's included in *Axis Mexico* is a closed system; it does our thinking for us. That's one way of not dissolving but *refusing* aura. Nearly all of the art is embedded in a politicizing



Untitled, from the series Ricas y Famosas, 1999, Daniela Rossell

secularism. Benjamin, after talking about the aura of art being traditionally tied to cult, to religious belief and ritual, says something that illuminates the contents of this exhibition better than anything I can offer.

"For the first time in world history, mechanical reproduction emancipates the work of art from its parasitical dependence on ritual. The instant the criterion of authenticity ceases to be applicable to artistic production, the total function of art is reversed. Instead of being based on ritual, it begins to be based on another practice — politics." ■

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GALLERIES

Two for the Price of One, "Under the Skin of Grace" by Suda House is on exhibit in Gallery I at the Boehm Gallery at Palomar College. "Imparting Grace: The Feminine in Form and Nature" in Gallery II features works by Joan Austin, Tricia Avant, Faiya Fredman, Susan King, Allwyn O'Mara, and Louise Russell. Meet the artists during the reception planned on Friday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

"Classic," this solo exhibition of work by San Diego-based artist Jason Gould opens with a reception on Friday, January 31, at 7 p.m., at the Farm art space. The show includes new paintings and collected works from 1997-2003, highlighting "the formal aspects of contemporary abstract painting with elements of Pop Art imagery from Southern California's surf iconography and hot-rod car culture."

The show closes on Sunday, February 9. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment. Find the Farm at 1946 Broadway; 619-595-0677. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Chicano Pop-Homie Homemages" — this exhibit curated by artist

Robert J. Sánchez at Voz Alta is described as a visual homage to the Chicano popular culture figures/characters called homies. Each of the six participating artists — Laura Alcaraz, Berenice Badillo, Patricio Chavez, Ricardo Islas, Michael Molina, and Elaine Ruiz — has created two works utilizing the homies as a springboard for aesthetic inspiration.

The opening reception is slated for Friday, January 31, at 8 p.m. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues. Call 619-230-1869 for information. The show closes on Friday, February 28. (DOWNTOWN)

"Spirit into Matter: Visions in Bronze and Clay" by Carolyn Ames and Karen Bouse features archetypal female figures, metaphysical dinnerware, and bodhisattvas. The show is on display through Monday, February 24, at the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery. Meet the duo during a reception planned on Saturday, February 1, 2 to 5 p.m.

Find the gallery at 651 East Vista Way. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Call 760-639-6164 for information. (VISTA)

Affairs of the Heart, works in a variety of media by over 20 artists are included in "Heart to Heart V," opening at the Next Door Gallery with a reception on Saturday, February 1, at 5 p.m. Enjoy these heartfelt selections through Sunday, March 9, at 2963 Beech Street (between 30th and Dale Streets). For more information, call 619-233-6679. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Four New Artists" have work on display at the 101 Artists' Colony through Sunday, February 23. The show features mixed-media sculpture by Kevin Nagatani, acrylic paintings by Laura Lyn Walker, oil paintings by Lorraine Lichon, and mixed-media paintings by Ida Chi Voss. Meet the artists on Saturday, February 1, 6 to 9 p.m.

The gallery is located at 25 East E Street. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For information, dial 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

New York Artist Ron Witherspoon of Rondell's Fiber Art and Kevin Robinson of Kevin's Creations will be on hand for receptions planned on February 1 and 2 at Jered's Fine Art Gallery. See the work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Find the gallery at 4752 Federal Boulevard (near 47th Street); 619-527-6975. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

"Inspirations from the Heart" opens at the Joseph David Gallery with a reception for the artists included in this group show on Saturday, February 1, at 6 p.m. The gallery is located at 760 Eighth Avenue; 619-702-6290. Regular hours are

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“**Youth Art Month**” is being commemorated at the San Diego Art Institute with an exhibit in the David G. Fleet Young Artists Gallery. You’re invited to a reception planned on Sunday, February 2, at 2 p.m. The featured artist at the gallery is Peter Suczek, along with the “San Diego Regional Artists” and “One Foot” shows curated by Pam Fong.

The shows continue through Sunday, February 16. 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)

“**Nature: Above and Under Water,**” an exhibition of color underwater photographs by Eric Cheng, opens with a reception on Sunday, February 2, at 4 p.m., at the Taiwanese-American Community Center Gallery (7170 Convoy Court). For hours and information, call 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

“**Incantations: Images and Objects**” includes photographs and objects bridging “the threshold of art, magic, and mysticism.” In celebration of Black History Month, this exhibit of work by photographic artist Albert Chong opens with a reception on Wednesday, February 5, at 3 p.m., at the CSU San Marcos library and continues through February.

Chong presents a lecture and demonstration in conjunction with the exhibit in Academic Hall 102 on Thursday, February 6, at noon. Free. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. For viewing hours and other information, call 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

“**Afterglow and Still Not Dead...**”this exhibition by Netherlands-based artists Carlson Hatton and Mirjam Kort includes numerous video works amongst site-specific sculptures and drawings. The show — commencing at Sushi Performance and Visual Art with a reception on Thursday, February 6, at 5 p.m. — is described as “an amalgam of pop music, folklore, and art history...reflecting the psychotic reality of a visual culture that has lost all coherency.”

Interested? The show continues through February. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For more information, call 619-235-8466. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “Public Projects” is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural in-

stallations 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 head-dresses, necklaces, and bracelets. View these artifacts through Sunday, March 16.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, native New Yorker Roger Ballen has lived in South Africa since the 1970s, creating “startling, confrontational, and intensely personal photographs.” Ballen’s art is said to blur “the boundaries between documentary

photography and constructed installations.” “Roger Ballen: Photographs,” explores “themes as diverse as the doomed apartheid system, the nature of contemporary photographic practice, and the artist’s intensely introspective nature.” The exhibition closes on Sunday, February 16.

“Cerca” is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It’s also the title for a year-long series of exhibitions at the museum presenting works created by regional artists — specifically from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Baja, California — and to create a forum in which artists explore common cultural issues. Helen Altman explores the relationship between humans and nature, reality, and fiction by using familiar imagery in “Natural Inclinations.” This exhibition features delicate torch drawings of animals, moving blankets painted with illustrations from schoolbooks and field guides, and pyramids of artificial fireplace logs. Altman’s show closes on Sunday, February 16.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, 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 prolific 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.

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 *films* 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 are currently on view. “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, 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 me-

dia. “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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“How can theater reconstruct history?”

Act Two of Moises Kaufman's *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde* begins with an odd, maybe original, choice. Up to now the play's been a *Rashomon*-like melange of conflicting accounts — personal and newspaper reports, biographical reminiscences — about the first trial. Then professor Marvin Taylor, Wilde scholar at NYU, sits down for an interview. Like a built-in critic/commentator, he sums up the play. Wilde wasn't in court just for his relationship with Lord Alfred Douglas, he “was being tried for his subversive beliefs about art, about morality...about Victorian society.”

It was a witch hunt. Flamboyant aesthete, literary genius, Wilde took the stand in April 1895. In his writing, from *The Importance of Being Earnest* to *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, he contended that society is a “tissue of lies” and cannot function without them. To preserve that tissue, the trials demolished him.

They did more, says Taylor: “After the Wilde trials people began identifying themselves as a specific type of person based on their attraction to people of the same sex... It created the modern homosexual as a social subject.” Also, Taylor concludes, the trials tried to “contain the disruption which Wilde represented” — of class, of gender, of sexuality — within this subject. The powers that be, Wilde often bemoaned, are the powers that define.

For the rest of Act Two, and Act One now in hindsight, we witness the birth of a stereotype. At the same time, the Wilde we see ranks among the least stereotypical people imaginable. His passions for art and beauty are religious, his kindness practically empyrean, and his courage — to take the stand, on three separate occasions, and not flee — is august, and his contradictions myriad.

Days before he died, Wilde was asked about his life by a hotel proprietor. “Some said,” he replied, quoting from *The Importance of Being Earnest*, “that my life was a lie, but I always knew it to be the truth; for like the truth it was rarely pure and never simple.”

As played by stylish, engaging Farhang Pernoon in Diversionary's fine production of *Gross Indecency*, Wilde's as much a hero as a sad and needy showman. When he makes a *bon mot*, Per-

noon waits for, then reacts to, the audience's response. With polished prose he plays to us, even looking for approval, as if performing in a staged drama, rather than locked in a courtroom where rigid legalities cancel his freedom. For Wilde, art and life were one. Pernoon suggests that Wilde, at times, forgot the difference.

David Weiner's set enhances this doubled view: a Victorian music hall — fan-shell footlights down front, elegant green drapery in the rear — and a courtroom where the trials take place. The first time I saw the Diversionary interior — an intimate rectangle with a diagonal from low-left to high-right, stage on the left, audience, right — I wondered if designers could work with that odd, sidesaddle geometry. Weiner's recent designs prove that he, and the space, can do anything.

Kaufman's experimental script raises similar staging questions. “How,” he asks, “can theater reconstruct history?” His answer — and he's awfully highfalutin here, since others have mapped and paved the way — is to create “a new world that could exist *only* on a stage.” If you just listened to Moises Kaufman on theater and Charlie Kaufman praising his own film script for *Adaptation* (“you force people to interact with the movie in a new way”), you'd think these guys invented cross-genre anti-formalism, when in fact they're both pale imitators.

Following Brecht and Erwin Piscator, Kaufman presents an assemblage of historical accounts without transitions from one to the next. The audience gets not history, per se, but the texture of an event. Actors, however, get clusters of non sequitur cues and lines spoken out of context. For Diversionary, director Rosina Reynolds deserves credit — nay, a commendation! — for melding nine actors of various abilities into a deftly paced, rapid-fire ensemble. This production *moves*, and becomes quite moving.

What happened after the trials? While in Reading Gaol, serving a two-year sentence, Wilde wrote a letter to Douglas. Called “De Profundis” — “from the depths” — it may be the most sustained cry of agony in literature. At one point, Wilde recalls a moment of kindness from a poor thief who

“whispered to me in the hoarse prison-voice men get from long and compulsory silence: ‘I am sorry for you: it is harder for the likes of you than it is for the likes of us.’”

The stand-up mike centerstage; piano just off, left; and the world's tackiest tinsel curtain: *Forbidden Broadway*'s back in San Diego, satirizing the Great White Way. The four cast members perform with Broadway-quality skill, decrying the lack of quality on Broadway. New targets: Julie Taymor's bulky, cartoonish costumes for *The Lion King*; The actors wear neck braces and moan, “Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?” *The Producers* takes one on the chin when Jonathan Hadley's Mel Brooks boasts, “I put the ‘hit’ into Hitler.”

Old favorites return. The *Les Misérables* turntable gets another good mocking. And Tom Plotkin plays Cameron Mackintosh. Singing “My Souvenir Things” — a takeoff on “My Favorite Things” — he shills mementos from his productions: “It costs 100 dollars to see the show — and 100 more to leave.”

The most devastating parodies tag individuals. Bebe Neuwirth's ersatz contortions in *Chicago* threaten anatomical limits. Mandy Patinkin's gushy vocal deliveries get fried. Instead of “Supercalifragilistic...” — well, you know — Patinkin sings “Super-frantic-hyperactive-self-indulgent Mandy.” And multi-talented Christine Pedi takes true aim at Kathleen Turner's dull-as-oatmeal Mrs. Robinson in *The Graduate*, who may expose her “double-D cupcakes.”

Not being singled out's probably worse than getting slammed. San Diego can be proud, I guess, that many Broadway shows originating here take a drubbing: among them, the La Jolla Playhouse's *Thoroughly Modern Millie*; the Globe's *Full Monty* and *Into the Woods* — which becomes “into the words” and trips over Stephen Sondheim's staccato lyrics like a Morse-code ticker on the fritz. ■



Robert Borzych, Douglas Ireland in *Gross Indecency*



Forbidden Broadway

Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde, by Moises Kaufman

Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights
Directed by Rosina Reynolds; cast, Farhang Pernoon, Angelo D'Agostino-Wilimek, Douglas L. Ireland, John Martin, Karl Backus, Vincent Smetana, Wes Culwell, Devlin Dolan, Robert Borzych; scenic design, David Weiner; costume design, Liam M. O'Brien; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Paul Peterson
Playing through March 8; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. For information call 619-220-0097.

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California Center for the Arts, 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido

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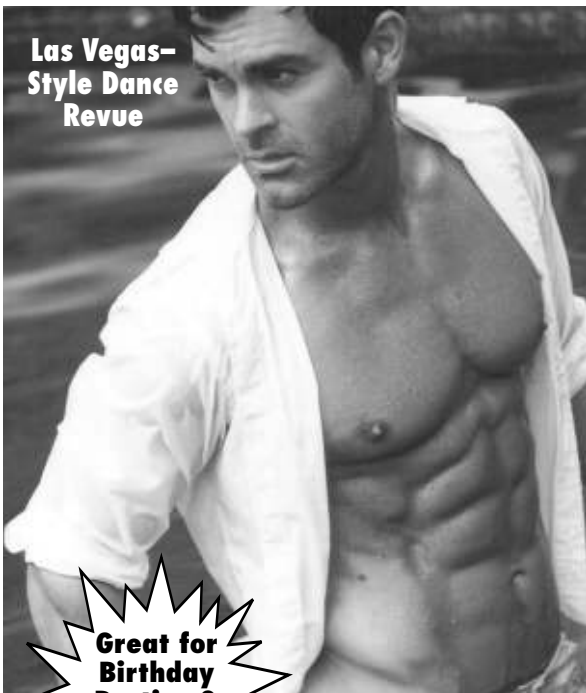
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Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'") back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

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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.
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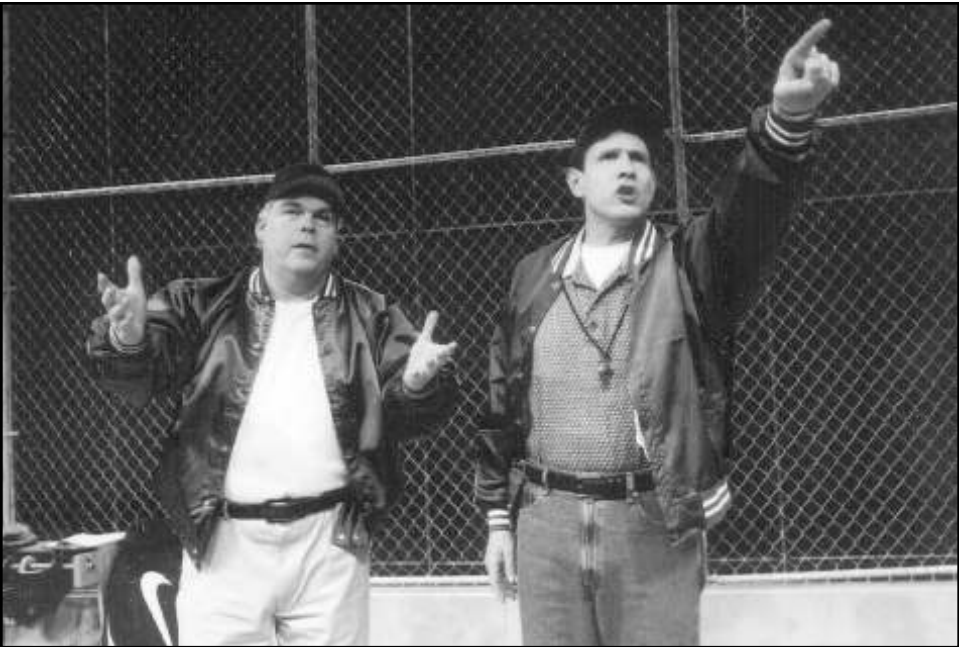
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Rounding Third

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a “challenge match” against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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Normal
In the 10th of Randall White’s 11 monologues, the Reverend Nor-

man W. Blessing gives a sermon about flaws in the Bible. Halfway through, horrified church elders congregate in the foyer. Silver-haired, sanctimonious white males, they decide what is, or is not, “normal.” White’s monologues question their rigid definition. *Normal* highlights marginalized people. Some monologues (Cassandra, the goofy dance therapist; Gary, redistributing wealth with a computer) are one-note and finished long before they end. Others, however, like Liz Esperanza’s story at an AA meeting (and she thought she’d seen everything...), and Mrs. Robert M. (Tara) O’Hara’s unexpected confession, and Kristopher’s harangue against bias (that neglects his own) make for a funny, provocative evening. White performs the 95-minute, intermissionless piece with only slight pauses to change characters. He leaves the light, dons a hat or scarf, returns as a new person. Sometimes, to make sure the humor comes across, White cartoons his people with excessive — and unnecessary — fillips. By evening’s end, the show not only questions the church elders’ definition, it raises another: “Normal? Who in their right mind would want to be?”
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rious mathematical proof is discovered. Michael Bloom directed.
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The Sopranos' Last Supper

like a virus, and pelts it with glib humor. *Rounding Third* shelters its subject, and its audience, like a controlling parent.

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Poway Performing Arts Company stages Samuel Taylor’s romantic comedy: boy meets girl, another boy wants girl, and girl? Sherrie Colbourn directed.

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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 audience 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 suggestions 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 the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

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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 Clayborn, 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 windows, and Jan-

nifer Mah’s costumes — rigid, churchgoing apparel for Ivy; loose, free-form for Clayborn. And maybe the production will become readier, as the run progresses.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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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 cracker-jack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-234-9583.

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"They don't have a label right now."

That's one promoter's speculation about why Jane's Addiction is playing the

for tickets, but 94/9's general manager Darrel Goodin said they were denied. One promoter outside the Clear Channel loop said this could have ramifications.

"You have two Clear Channel companies — concerts and radio — working together to exclude other radio stations. This is a

presentations, ticketing, venues, and marketing, are limiting the public's right to access a wide variety of music styles and musicians."

Greg Terlizzi, spokesman for Clear Channel Entertainment, says that the band's manager knew about the ticket deal.

"Management approved an exclusive promotion arrangement with 91X so that they were the only radio station given promo comps."

What puzzles some is that the free-spirited Farrell, who himself has made public statements in support of non-corporate ventures, would have approved the arrangement.

Do the members of Jane's Addiction know about it? Band manager Adam Schneider did not respond to a request for comment.

Could the radio snub backfire? Could it hurt the chances of a new Jane's Addiction record getting played on 94/9?

"Just because we were denied tickets, I don't think we want to punish our

listeners for that," said Goodin. "If Jane's Addiction makes a great record, and our



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JANE'S ADDICTION SELLS OUT?

listeners want to hear it, we're not going to let petty politics stand in the way of playing it."

— Ken Leighton

"They woke him up surrounded by guns,"

said a spokesperson for the Honolulu Police Department last Thursday about Alex Conate, a.k.a. DJ Liquid Groove, who allegedly ran off

with \$16,000 after the sale of bogus Björk concert tickets. Honolulu PD also said that he was in custody waiting for extradition to California, which would happen "within 15 to 30 days."

Local club DJ Bryan Pollard said he and Mary Young, owner of the Flame nightclub in Hillcrest, bought into the con job constructed by Conate (who also called himself Keanu). Conate claimed he was a world-famous Brazilian DJ who had toured with Björk and that he could arrange to have the Icelandic superstar play an intimate show as a favor. Four hundred tickets were sold at \$40 apiece. Pollard said Conate skipped town January 1 or 2 with the money.

Conate was arrested thanks to a Honolulu nanny who thought her girlfriend was getting swept off her feet by a con artist.

"He asked my girlfriend to marry her after only one week," said Chelsea Shizuru. "But his stories never seemed right. He said he was scouting for San Diego strip clubs like Pacers and Cheetahs. He said he was the CEO of Pacers. I called them and they said they never heard of him. I

said that's not right. I'm a pretty good judge of character. He didn't rub me the right way. My girlfriend bought him a wedding ring. He didn't buy her one. So I ran his name on MSN [a search engine]."

That led her to the Flame's website, which had a story on the Björk concert fiasco, which in turn led Shizuru to Pollard's website (www.klubs.com).

"That's when I contacted



BOGUS BJÖRK BUDDY BUSTED

Bryan."

Pollard credits the arrest to Chelsea "and one lady from *Crime Stoppers*."

"He promised my girlfriend a Lincoln

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the inside track

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The Spreckels date sold out immediately.

This entire tour was handled by Clear Channel Entertainment, and tickets will be given away on the air on Clear Channel radio station 91X. FM 94/9 (not a Clear Channel station) asked

perfect example of restraint of trade. Can you say 'monopoly'? This sounds like an issue for the feds."

Congresswoman Susan Davis (Democrat, 53rd District), in a written response, states, "San Diego radio listeners...deserve to have local radio outlets that provide a truly competitive opportunity to hear a variety of music. I am greatly concerned that monopoly control, not only of radio outlets in our market but also the related control of concert

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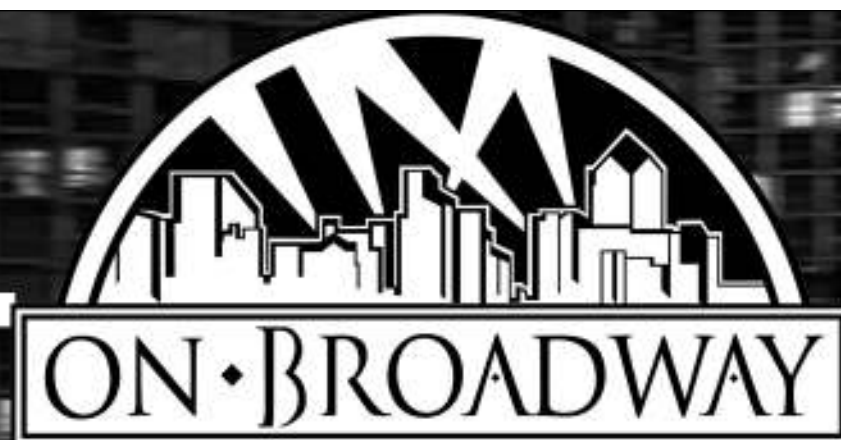
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Blackwood," said Shizuru. "He said he had a seven-bedroom house in San Diego."

"He told me he had a seven-bedroom house in Brazil," said Pollard.

— Ken Leighton

"He is the sixth person

I was personally friends with who has been released from the record industry in the last month. It tells me the industry is hurting, and it has a lot to do with burning product for free."

Encinitas-based manager Rick DeVoe talked about the abrupt resignation of MCA Records president Jay Boberg. Along with Boberg's exit came published rumors that MCA may disappear as a label entirely. Three of the bands DeVoe handles — blink-182, Boxcar Racer, and New Found Glory — are signed to MCA.

"We're going to wait and see what happens with MCA," said DeVoe. "blink is scheduled to have an album due in late summer. New Found Glory has one out in the fall."

If the MCA imprint disappears, it is assumed those discs would be released on a sister label. MCA, Interscope, Geffen, and A&M are all part of the Vivendi/Universal music group.

There was a time when all of DeVoe's artists were signed to MCA. That changed last year when he took on the



DEVUE'S RED WEST SURFS ATLANTIC

Transplants, who record for Epitaph. Last week Atlantic Records signed the Red West, an Orange County band that

DeVoe marketed as the new sound of the SoCal surf culture.

"The Red West averages 92 CDs a day [in sales]," DeVoe said of the band that is on tour with Something Corporate and currently merchandises its own music. "They sold more merchandise than the other bands on the bill." DeVoe took the Red West under his wing and shopped the band to major labels after being introduced to the members by world-famous surfer Tim Curren.

MCA Records was once nicknamed "Music Cemetery of America" by members of the record industry for its last-place status. DeVoe/blink and Boberg were there for MCA's late-'90s turnaround. "We were part of the glory years." But MCA Records' fortunes took a sharp downturn last year, as profits plunged 51 percent for the first nine months of 2002.

Last year's self-titled *Boxcar Racer* CD went gold (500,000 units sold), and blink's *Take Off Your Pants and Jacket* (2001) sold 2 million plus.

Meanwhile, the Red West has secured a two-record deal with Atlantic. DeVoe said recording for the yet-unnamed blink album is already underway at an undisclosed studio in San Diego County.

— Ken Leighton

"I'm in the Czech

Republic playing ice hockey. It's 1993. I venture into a small town called Kadan [pronounced kah-DON]. In the middle of communist housing projects we find an intact medieval city. It's surrounded by a wall, with turrets just like a castle. In the center of this town there was the place where they used to execute people by chopping their heads off with an axe. I walk into this small café expecting out-of-date music, but it has all this great cutting-edge drum-and-bass and lounge music."

That's why co-owner Chris Heaney decided to name his new Normal Heights club Kadan. "It's also the town where I met my wife."

Kadan (it's where Tuba Man's and Homer's used to be) hosts a different DJ every night of the week. There is no cover.

The inspiration behind the names of other nightclubs?

Brick by Brick — Heaney had a hand in naming this Bay Park club as well. He bought the Spirit Club with Tim Hall in 1995. They wanted a new name.

"I was talking about how we were short of funds and how we had to build it up brick by brick. Tim said, 'That's the name of an Iggy Pop record. That's our name too.'"

I note to Heaney that *Brick by Brick* was not Iggy's best album.

"I know. We didn't want to have something that was popular."

Heaney and Hall have long since sold their interest in Brick by Brick. (Max Paul, no relation to Soma's Len Paul, owns it now.)



HEANEY NAMES BAR AFTER CZECH MATE

Squid Joe's — "In Cabo [San Lucas] they call Americans 'Joes,'" said Tom Stewart, co-owner of the Carlsbad bar that hosts live bands six nights a week. "There's a bar down there called Squid Row's. It's a cross between the two."

The Belly Up Tavern — Cofounder Dave Hodges said he opened the bar in 1974. At first it was a watering hole for the construction trade.

Hodges said he picked the name because all his friends said the place would soon go "belly up" and go out of business.

Casbah — Celebrating the beginning of its 15th year, co-owner Tim Mays says he's not sure. "It's been so long, we can't remember. I do know [co-owner] Bob Bennett actually came up with the name."

Mays did rule out one common misconception: it did not come from "Rock the Casbah" by the Clash. "The song had been out before we opened, but it was not based on that."

Blind Melons — "I was told it was a cross between the Cheech and Chong [character] Blind Melon Gellin' [Blind Melon Chitlin] and some term for a blues singer," said bartender Jason Thrasher.

'Canes — This beachfront bar formerly known as Sirens, Belmonts, and Chillers was renamed for Florida's tropical storms by new owners in 1996.

"The owners went to school [University of Miami] in Miami," said 'Canes talent buyer Pamela Johnson. "Their football team was the Miami Hurricanes."

Here in SoCal, the name had to be abbreviated for legal reasons.

Says Johnson, "There already was a Hurricanes in Orange County."

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San Diego band Noise Ratchet just got signed to a major label having never played at the Casbah — the traditional local showcase for A&R reps.

Rick Rubin, the bearded mastermind who cofounded the Def Jam label in 1984 and is credited with the success of Run-DMC, the Beastie Boys, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, came to the Scene in Clairemont Mesa two months ago to see Noise Ratchet. Last week he signed them to his American Recordings label.

Noise Ratchet's six-song EP was recorded at Big Fish recording studios in Olivenhain. Niels Schroeter, a locally based manager who handles Brian Setzer, Jason Newsted (formerly with Metallica), and Gary Hoey, brought in Rubin.

"What sealed it for us is Niels flew out from San Diego to see us in Birmingham, Alabama," said

Joel Hosler, lead singer of Noise Ratchet. "He spent three hours in pouring rain helping us get our tire fixed. He came back in where we were playing looking like a drowned rat."

"I first saw them in January of 2002 at that college in Point Loma," recalls Schroeter, who works with Dave Kaplan Management in Encinitas. "They played for, like, 20 people. I was totally blown away."

— Ken Leighton

"If it's called 'Spotlight San Diego,' don't you think it should spotlight San Diego bands?"

A full-time musician who just goes by the name Jake played at the Belly Up



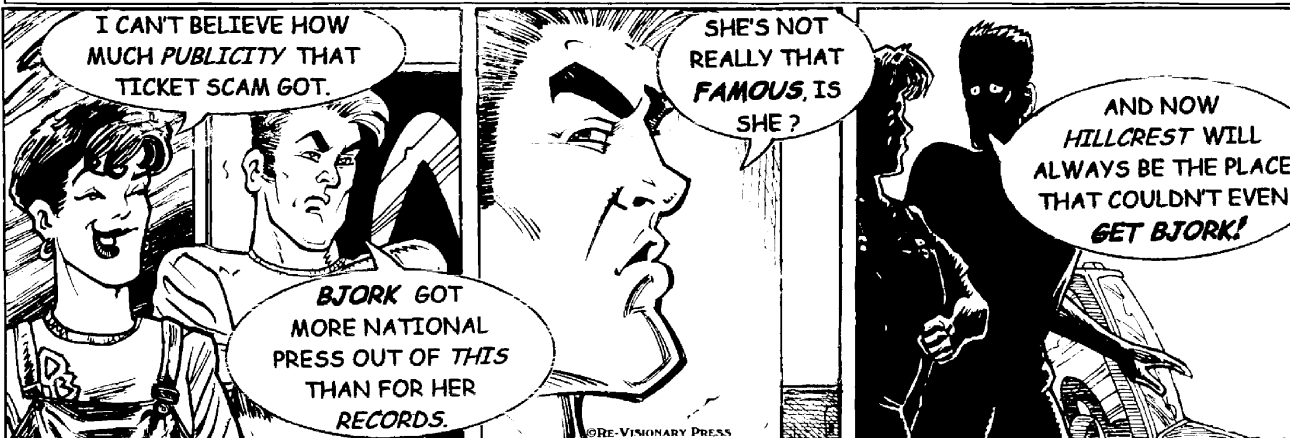
JAKE — CLEARLY A LOCAL

Tavern's Tuesday night local band showcase last week. The former stock trader-turned-guitarist and

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OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: THE FLAME

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



his drummer were one of three artists on the bill — which included North County's Plug Uglies and a five-man group called the Local Band.

But they weren't.

"I was a little surprised we played with a band from L.A. called the Local Band," said Jake. "There are a lot of good bands from San Diego who would love to play that gig."

"I had a band cancel and they [the Local Band] wanted to come down," said Scott McDonald, who organizes Spotlight San Diego for the Belly Up. The local connection, he said, was that two of the members of the Local Band used to go to school here. "This is still for San Diego bands. But in this case,

it was more in an audition capacity."

— Ken Leighton

Club Xanth finally calls it quits.

"We closed the club because there was lack of parking," Jay J. Brawley, the owner of Club Xanth, said over the phone. The all-age Xanth closed its doors for the final time and does not plan to reopen.

"Next-door neighbor North Park Service Center was fed up with punk rockers parking there." Brawley said the gas station next store constantly complained to the San Diego Police Department about club patrons parking in its lot.

"We had 4 parking spots

but needed 17 more spaces to satisfy the club's 200-people capacity."

Club Xanth is located at 4225 30th Street off of El Cajon Boulevard in North Park. Brawley said that he attempted to rent space from Vons (on the next corner), but the manager wanted nothing to do with Club Xanth. He admitted that the grocery store was unhappy about the club's patrons. "The punk rockers stole beer from Vons," Brawley said.

"The city said we needed to install a ramp for wheelchairs. Physically it was impossible to install." According to Brawley, the zoning laws stipulate that the ramp would have had to extend 30 feet across the

club with at least one landing. "The chances of a musician in a wheelchair playing at Xanth are a million to one," Brawley argued.

Brawley's new company, Xanth Productions, will promote future concerts at Wabash Hall, known for its history of punk rock concerts featuring bands like Black Flag and Dirty Rotten Imbeciles. For more info go to clubxanth.com.

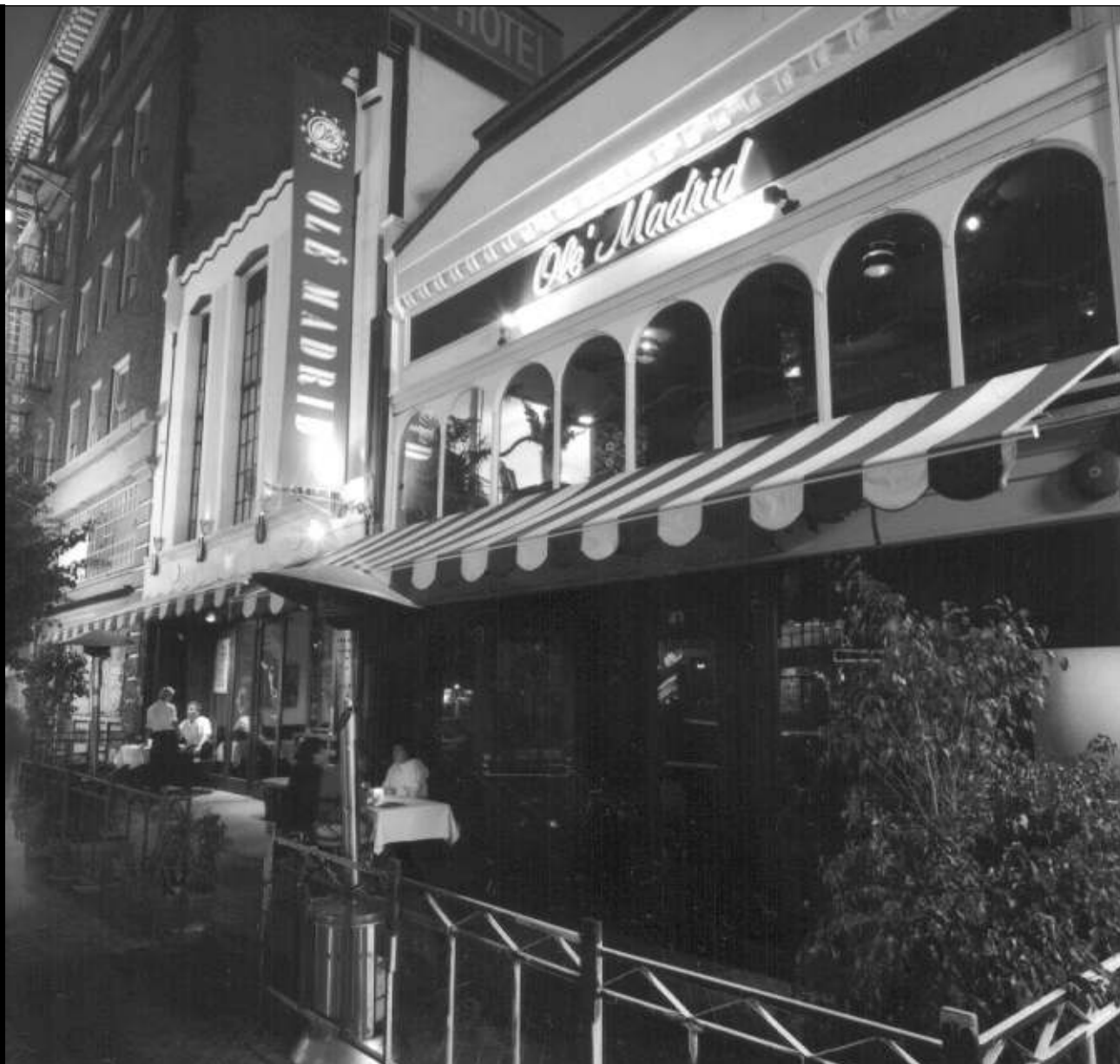
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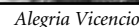
"I would freak out if I saw an eight-year-old dressing like Britney Spears at her concert."

"She's selfless; I don't think she's selfish at all."

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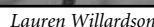
"No, I do not. I don't like her music because it

"I'm 16 and I'm not even allowed to get my belly



“Twenty-five percent chance, because she hasn’t reached the big, big stardom that Mariah Carey reached. Mariah Carey was accepted from all ages, not just by the teens. And she’s all over the tabloids anyways, and since she can deal with that, she’ll be all right.”

“Yes. I like the way she is so caring towards her little sister.”



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Do you think Britney is selfless or selfish?

“I don’t know. I think she helps other people, I don’t think she’s all in it for herself.”

Do you know anyone who tries to imitate Britney Spears?

“Yes, on *Wannabes* on MTV. It’s a show where they dress people up like her, and then they try to sing her songs. It’s funny.”

At what age do you think it’s okay for girls to begin wearing low-cut jeans and belly shirts?

“Whenever they have the body for it. I’ve seen girls at, like, seven dressing like that, but, you know, I don’t really care.”

At what age do you think it’s okay to get a pierced belly button?

“Obviously, when you are 18, but it’s okay before, if your parents will take you.”

Do you think Britney has breast implants?

“I don’t think so. She says she’s a virgin and that she hasn’t had them done. I believe her.”

At what age do you think it’s okay for girls to get breast implants?

“Whenever they have the money for it. They can do whatever they want.”

What do you think about Britney’s 11-year-old sister entering show biz?

“Everyone will expect her to be Britney Spears, instead of whatever the hell her name is.”

How much longer will Britney Spears be famous?

“Till she gets fat; in, like, ten years.”

If she got out of show biz, what do you think would be a good job for Britney?

“A porn star, because she’s got a nice body. I’d watch a porno with Britney in it.... There’d be hundreds of guys who’d want to see it.”

What chance does Britney Spears have of having a mental break-

down similar to Mariah Carey’s? “Fifty percent; it could happen.”

Lisa Dakis is a 16-year-old who isn’t afraid to speak her mind. Although she isn’t involved in many school activities, she works at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center as an exhibit interpreter.

Do you like Britney Spears’ music?

“Uh...no. I don’t like the fact that she only sings music to make herself more popular; she doesn’t care what she sings about. She just wants attention.”

Did you see her movie Crossroads?

“No, because I didn’t want to see her on the big screen, flashing her ass everywhere. Some of my friends saw it, and they said



Lisa Dakis

it was too much of a chick flick; way too sentimental.”

Do you think Britney has influenced today’s popular fashions?

“Yes, all the styles for the little girls. All their backpacks and pencils and paper with Britney’s face on them, and her Britney line of scandalous clothes.”

Do you like the way Britney dresses?

“Not really. I think it’s okay, because she has the body, but sometimes it’s really, really tacky. It’s original, though, because no one would dare to wear things like that.”

Do you think Britney is a good role model?

“No, because she wants to be seen, be heard, and be noticed, instead of just being herself.”

Do you think Britney is selfless or selfish?

“Selfish, because she always has to be popular and noticed.”

Do you know anyone who tries to imitate Britney Spears?

“Yes, a girl at my school dyed her hair blonde and posted pictures of Britney Spears and glued them onto her car.”

At what age do you think it’s okay for girls to begin wearing low-cut jeans and belly shirts?

“Sixteen; that’s when you are old enough to handle your own maturity. You know how to handle guys coming on to you and stuff.”

At what age do you think it’s okay to get a pierced belly button?

“Sixteen, because you are old enough to handle cleaning it and stuff. You’ll be responsible about it.”

Do you think Britney has breast implants?

“Yes; just because everyone says she does.”

At what age do you think it’s okay for girls to get breast implants?

“At least 21, and that’s when you stop developing and growing. And if you get them before, you might end up having, like, HUGE boobs later, and you’ll just be, like, ‘Oh, shit, what do I do now?’”

What do you think about Britney’s 11-year-old sister entering show biz?

“I think it sucks, dude. It’s just like that poor kid Aaron Carter, who just wants to be in the spotlight like his older brother. I wouldn’t want to do that. I mean, she’ll be accepted, but just because she is Britney’s sister, not because she has talent of her own.”

How much longer will Britney Spears be famous?

“About two years.”

If she got out of show biz, what do you think would be a good job for Britney?

“Stripper, because she knows how to dance and she has a good body.”

What chance does Britney Spears have of having a mental breakdown similar to Mariah Carey’s?

“It could go both ways, so 50 percent.”

Sixteen-year-old Betsy Bamberger is always busy. With AP classes, field hockey, and community service, it’s no wonder why she doesn’t have time to listen to much music. “Still, you can’t escape Britney Spears,” she laughed.

Do you like Britney Spears’ music?

“Yeah, it’s okay. I like ‘I’m a Slave for You’ and ‘Don’t Let Me Be the Last to Know.’ I can’t really name them all, but I hear them on the radio a lot. I don’t like the fact that her songs feel rushed and badly written [on the CD]. The only good ones are the ones that make it onto the radio.”

Did you see her movie Crossroads?

“No; she’s a singer, not an actress. Even though it’s still the entertainment industry, I don’t believe that you can get the best of both talents if you do both. People should stick to one field.”

Do you think Britney has influenced today’s popular fashions?

“A lot of the younger girls look at her for clothes, because she’s always on TV. But I also think her popularity is declining; I don’t think she’s going to be as big an influence as she once was. She’s made popular really low cut jeans, and little itty-bitty clothing, in general.”

Do you like the way Britney dresses?

“Not for me, but, whatever she wants. I mean, it forces you to look at her like that, instead of for her musical credibility. It’s too little, and all the time. It’s not like once in a while that she wears something sexy, it’s all the time. It makes her look like

a skank.”

Do you think Britney is a good role model?

“I don’t think she’d be the best role model to pick, but I think



Betsy Bamberger

people look to her for guidance as far as, like, fashion. Not for me, though. I like to look at other things besides who can write a song, who can sing a song, who can wear the best clothes, for a role model. A little bit deeper than outward appearance.”

Do you think Britney is selfless or selfish?

“Selfish, but you know, who isn’t? The whole entertainment industry is a market for self-interest, to make money. She keeps most of her money, though she does donate some to charities and organizations and that kind of thing.”

Do you know anyone who tries to imitate Britney Spears?

“Christina Aguilera, and other pop stars. They think it works for Britney, so it should work for them too, if they’re cute, or they think they can get away with it. Even the way their songs sound, kind of poppy and ‘blegh.’”

At what age do you think it’s okay for girls to begin wearing low-cut jeans and belly shirts?

“I just don’t like them. So — never.”

At what age do you think it’s okay to get a pierced belly

button?

“Never. Because by the time they’re mature enough (or supposedly mature enough) to get it, their body won’t look good in those. You might as well avoid it. I don’t understand the necessity of that kind of thing.”

Do you think Britney has breast implants?

“I think she just wears lots of bustiers and push-up bras. I don’t think she got implants, because she’s too young. Isn’t that illegal?”

At what age do you think it’s okay for girls to get breast implants?

“Never. I think reductions are okay, because if you have too much on top, then that’s bad. I don’t think you should have surgery to increase breast size.”

What do you think about Britney’s 11-year-old sister entering show biz?

“She’s too much like her sister. We’ve had enough of Britney. I don’t think she has a lot of talent either. I mean, she has so much money; she could get into whatever she wanted. She’s not like Britney, who was found in some little Southern town or whatever. So, no, it’s just not going to work for her.”

How much longer will Britney Spears be famous?

“Forever — no, I’m kidding. For a year, maybe.”

If she got out of show biz, what do you think would be a good job for Britney?

“I don’t think she can get out of show biz; I mean, what else does she know? It’s not like she has some big education [from] somewhere else. So maybe she should just sit on top of her big pile of money or something.”

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We are in San Francisco, at the moment, on a musical detour before heading off to Paris. (Fret not; I shall get you there soon enough: *bifteck*, *moules*, *chic mademoiselles*, and *musique* are all on the horizon, just a wee jump over the Pole.) But since we're in San Francisco, let's visit the shop of one of America's premier harpsichord makers, Kevin Fryer, who, among other things, has been an advisor to the San Diego Harpsichord Society. After meeting Mr. Fryer for only ten minutes, I felt sure he conveyed only the best and most reliable advice to that estimable organization.

Mr. Fryer's studio is an enormous cinderblock structure resembling a decaying Bulgarian penitentiary in the Bayview section of San Francisco, an industrial area on the fringe of a rather modest neighborhood where the youthful O.J. Simpson and his pale once ran riot. The cabdriver who took me out there was a Tibetan hipster in his 60s named Gualden, who showed me where O.J.'s mother used to live. Gualden had the local jazz station on, and it turned out we knew quite a few people in common from the University of Wisconsin, where Gualden studied anthropology; that is, after leaving Tibet, studying in Communist China in the '50s, and living in a detention camp

in India. Gualden, I got the distinct impression, could have done anything he liked — he was one sharp dude — but he enjoyed the independence of driving a cab, which he's done for 22 years. He didn't find it at all odd that I was going to visit a harpsichord maker at the end of bleeding nowhere.

Mr. Fryer, a fit-looking chap I would place in his mid-to-late 40s, came to San Francisco from Illinois to study conducting at the S.F. Conservatory of Music in 1976. He found he had no particular gift in that direction and went instead into furniture restoration, where he did turn out to have an aptitude. At some point not long after, he became interested in making harpsichords from kits (one can do such things, you know). That activity seemed to line up well with his musical- and furniture-making inclinations. Fryer seemed to favor the

Zuckerman over the Hubbard kits. The Zuckerman people, whom he met at workshops, needed a San Francisco representative for selling their kits and spotted a winner in Fryer straightaway. (He's an impressive, serious character and easy to spot.) So Fryer became an agent for Zuckerman, meanwhile setting up his own shop for harpsichord-kit building in 1984. His apprenticeship for building harpsichords of

his own involved the assemblage of some 30 Zuckerman kits. Also during this time he began taking harpsichord lessons from one Kathy Perl, who not only teaches harpsichord but repairs them.

The atmosphere in Fryer's studio is an appealing mix of the furniture maker, musician, and musicologist. He is a repository of knowledge about all three and something of a treasure on account of it. But he is not unique in this, at least not in the Bay Area, which has supplanted Boston as the most vital American center for harpsichord-building in these United States. San Francisco is a center for various kinds of these artisanal pursuits still, even with its bloated rents.

Nor is he alone in his labors at the Bayview studio; he has an associate named Adrian Card, who takes care of the decorative aspects of the harpsichords being built and repaired at the Fryer studio. Mr. Card has his own studio a few doors down and was kind enough to join in the conversation.

Adrian Card is a Jersey boy, like yours truly, so I immediately liked him. He attended the Philadelphia College of Art and studied printmaking but soon wearied of the commercial aspect of his studies and came to the Art Institute of San Francisco in 1985 to study printmaking outside of any commercial context. (The Art Institute is unique in not teaching art with commercial application.) Mr. Card, who looks to be in his 30s, became involved in furniture decoration upon graduating. At some point he decided to get more serious about things and moved into what is called "historically

based decorative painting" — that is, I should not forget, after a brief stint as an animator, painting cells and all that.

Some months back I wrote a series of pieces about harpsichords and discussed that the instruments were valued not merely as keyboard instruments, purveyors of lovely tones and melodies, but *objets d'art*, handsomely painted and ornamented pieces of furniture. Not a few of these harpsichords, along with virginals and spinets and clavichords, not only decorate the homes of the well-to-do but are currently in museums across the Western world (mostly to be looked at, not played).

Which is not to say some of these gorgeous creations are not put to the uses for which they were built, and at least one of them, at the Musée d'Unterlinden in Colmar, France, built by Joannes Ruckers in 1624, is perhaps the most celebrated among the original harpsichords, which survive not only as decorative objects but as magnificent-sounding instruments. It is the instrument that most intrigues Fryer, and he has built at least one reproduction of it that you can hear on the Delos recording of Bach's *Goldberg Variations*.

Allow me to quote some of Fryer's remarks on the instrument:

The Ruckers instruments were famous for their evenness of tone and their astonishing resonance... Of the Ruckers harpsichords that survive today, one particularly fine example is the Joannes Ruckers at the Musée d'Unterlinden in Colmar, France. Built in 1624, it was



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I asked Mr. Fryer what his harpsichords tend to go for, ballpark. "Oh," he said, "somewhere between \$35,000 and \$50,000." I asked him how business was. "Very good," he said. "I have a backlog of orders that will take years to complete." I asked him if he could describe the tone of the Ruckers, as opposed to and including other harpsichords. He said the descriptions of tone tend to sound like descriptions of wine. I told him how a reader complained that in one of my pieces, describing the Ruckers and other harpsichord tones, my adjectives were more conducive to wine tasting. I pressed him to offer a few of his own adjectives.

Of the Colmar Ruckers, Mr. Fryer, describing the upper register, called the tone piquant but at the same time retaining an element of sweetness. He also said the timbre was "incisive." Of the lower register, he called its tone "velvety, chocolaty, but also incisive." Of the larger French models of the next century, Fryer explained that their increased size and volume resulted in the energy dissipating from the strings more slowly, resulting in "wetter" sound with less definition than the Ruckers, the Italian harpsichords and, latterly, the German. Mr. Card joined in, describing the French models as "triple-cream."

Mr. Fryer also has reproduced a Vaudry harpsichord from 1681, the original to be found at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London (which I shall tell you all about in the fullness of time). That particular Vaudry, from a family of Parisian makers that continued well into the 18th Century, is the only original Vaudry extant, and it is believed to have been built for the daughter-in-law of Louis XIV. The original, unlike the Colmar Ruckers, is in fragile condition. Fryer described the Vaudry as an aged beauty, still vain, in whom one can make out the remnants of the lovely cheekbones, regal nose and brow, but alas, an 82-year-old beauty far along in decline; whereas the 1624 Colmar Ruckers, in Fryer's words, was "a magnificent 22-year-old triathlete," never sounding better.

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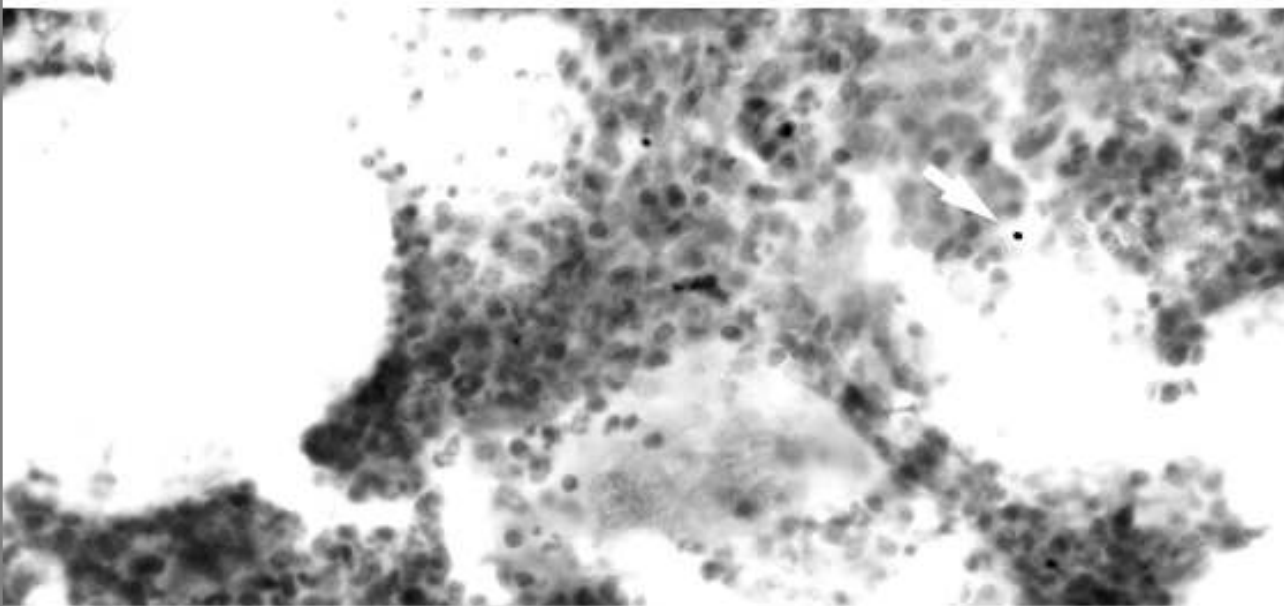
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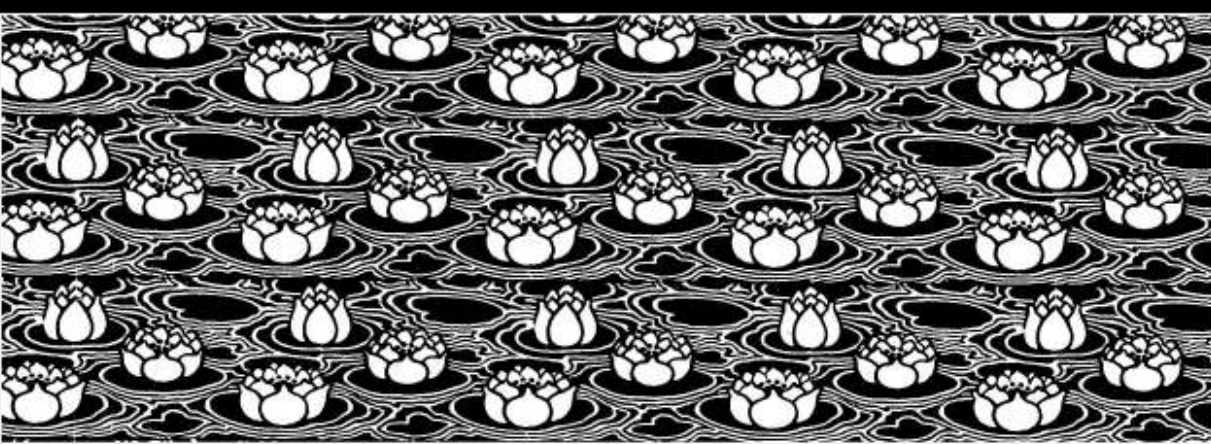
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EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

"International Guitar Night"
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Martin Taylor, and **Marco Pereira**:
East County Performing Arts Center,
Thursday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., 210
East Main Street, El Cajon.
619-440-2277.

FRIDAY

Quiet Riot, **Sirens Wail** [535], and
the **Experiments** [419]: Canes Bar
and Grill, Friday, January 31, 9 p.m.,
3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission
Beach. 858-488-1780 or
619-220-8497.

No Knife [309], the **and/or's** [227],
and **Afterparty**: Belly Up Tavern,
Friday, January 31, 9:15 p.m., 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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SATURDAY

Arlo Guthrie: California Center for
the Arts, Saturday, February 1, 8 p.m.,
340 N. Escondido Boulevard,
Escondido. 800-988-4253 or
619-220-8497.

Jason Mraz: Spreckels Theatre,
Saturday, February 1, 121 Broadway,
downtown. 619-235-9500 or
619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Bobby "Blue" Bland, **Oscar Barbens**,
and **Len Rainey & the Midnight
Players** [921]: 4th & B, Sunday,
February 2, 345 B Street, downtown.
619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

L.A. Guns, **Tall**, the **Millionaires**, and
Callbox: Brick by Brick, Sunday,
February 2, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay
Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

MONDAY

Berkley Hart [880], **Alice Peacock**,
Gregory Page [186], and **Tom
Brousseau**: The Scene, Monday,
February 3, 7514 Clairemont Mesa
Boulevard, Kearny Mesa.
858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Los Amigos Invisibles: Belly Up
Tavern, Tuesday, February 4,
8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,
Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or
858-481-8140.

WEDNESDAY

Joe Satriani [506]: 4th & B,
Wednesday, February 5, 345 B Street,
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619-220-8497.

The Blind Boys of Alabama [927]:
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The Wailers [759]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 5, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

Los Straitjackets [528], Throw Rug, and Lust [511]: The Casbah, Friday, February 7, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Bob Weir and Ratdog: 4th & B,
Saturday, February 8, 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
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Jane's Addiction [160] and **S.T.U.N.:**
Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, February
8, 121 Broadway, downtown.
619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Anne Murray: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

“Jazz at the Athenaeum” with the Claudia Acuña Quintet: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Sunday, February 9, 9:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Neil Finn and Rhett Miller: 4th & B,
Monday, February 10, 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
619-220-8497.

Blue Oyster Cult [458]: 4th & B,
Wednesday, February 12, 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
619-220-8497.

Insane Clown Posse [516] and 2 Live Crew: 'Canes Bar and Grill,
Wednesday, February 12, 3105 Ocean
Front Walk, Mission Beach.
858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam [774]: 4th & B,
Thursday, February 13, 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
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Paul Anka [608]: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, February 13, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 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, 9:30 p.m.,
1008 Wall Street, La Jolla.
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The Scorpions [521], Whitesnake, and Dokken [532]: Cox Arena, Friday, February 14, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Supersuckers [367], Camaro Smith, and the Afterparty: The Casbah, Sunday, February 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

“The 22nd Annual Bob Marley Day Festival” featuring **Shaggy [286], Buju Banton [750], Sean Paul, Damian Marley, Steven Marley, Julian Marley, Anthony B., Sister Carol, Jr. Kelly, Midnight, Chrisinti, Norris Man, Donovan, and Tribe of Judah:** San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 17, 1 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. Info line: 619-230-1190.

Cyndi Lauper [603]: Viejas
DreamCatcher Show Room, Tuesday,
February 18, 5000 Willows Road,
Alpine. 619-445-5400 or
619-220-8497.

Shawn Colvin [854]: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

"Sno-Core 2003" with Sparta and Glassjaw: SOMA, Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Aleks Syntek: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with the Denny Zeitlin Trio: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [502]: 4th & B, Friday, February 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Melissa Ferrick [278]: Brick by Brick, Friday, February 21, 1130 Buenos

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"Brazil Carnaval 2003": 4th & B,
Saturday, February 22, 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
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Julietta Venegas [600]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 22, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Kottonmouth Kings [129], the **Phunk Junkeez** [287], and **Mower:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday,

February 22, 3105 Ocean Front Walk,
Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or
619-220-8497.

The Average White Band: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 23, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Pretenders [436] and the **All Mighty Senators:** 4th & B, Monday, February 24, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Keiko Matsui [650]: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday,

February 26, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Calexico: The Casbah, Wednesday, February 26, and Thursday, February 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"Henry Rollins Spoken Word": 4th & B, Thursday, February 27, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

“Jazz at the Athenaeum” with the **Kevin Hays Trio:** Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February

27, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

MARCH

Aterciopelados: 4th & B, Saturday, March 1, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers [770]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

The Roots /267/ and **Cody Chesnutt**:
Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, March 2,
9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,
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The Neville Brothers /507/: Belly Up
Tavern, Thursday, March 6, 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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Keller Williams /863/: Belly Up
Tavern, Tuesday, March 11, 143
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Ricky Skaggs: East County
Performing Arts Center, Friday,
March 14, 210 East Main Street, El
Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Sea and Cake /524/ and
Califone: Canes Bar and Grill,
Sunday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., 3105
Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach.
858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Mary Black /857/: East County
Performing Arts Center, Saturday,
March 22, 210 East Main Street, El
Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Patti LuPone: East County
Performing Arts Center, Thursday,
March 27, 210 East Main Street, El
Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Young Dubliners /438/: Belly Up
Tavern, Friday, March 28, and
Saturday, March 29, 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

APRIL

Etta James /931/: Belly Up Tavern,
Monday, April 7, 143 South Cedros
Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497
or 858-481-8140.

Peter, Paul, and Mary: California
Center for the Arts, Friday, April 11,
8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard,
Escondido. 800-988-4253.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra: East
County Performing Arts Center, Saturday,
April 12, 210 East Main
Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**George Thorogood & the
Destroyers**: 4th & B, Wednesday,
April 16, 345 B Street, downtown.
619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

MAY

Yanni /998/: Cox Arena, Friday, May
2, SDSU campus, College Area.
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Youssou N'Dour: East County
Performing Arts Center, Friday, May
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ALTERNATIVE

- The Afterparty:** Belly Up Tavern
- Agent 51:** Soma
- All That Remains:** Brick By Brick
- Alta May:** The Casbah
- Altara:** The Kensington Club
- The and/ors** [227]: Belly Up Tavern
- The Apes:** The Casbah
- The Apples:** The Scene
- ATF:** Squid Joe's
- Atomic Crowd:** Epicentre
- The Barnyard Ballers** [125]: Tio Leo's Lounge
- Bartender's Bible:** The Casbah
- The Bipeds:** Canes Bar and Grill
- The Bitty Bums:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
- Blackout:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Bob Log III:** The Casbah
- Books on Tape:** Scolari's Office
- Brag Doll:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Callbox:** Brick By Brick
- The Cause:** The Scene
- Causeway:** Soma
- Center of 5:** Brick By Brick
- Cheap Sex:** Brick By Brick
- The Classified:** The Kensington Club
- Concord:** Brick By Brick
- Counterfit:** The Kensington Club
- Crematorium:** Brick By Brick
- The Cypher:** Hot Monkey Love Cafe
- DJ Kazy:** Club Montage
- Dogwood** [141]: Soma
- Downpour:** Canes Bar and Grill
- Early Times:** Soma
- Eleventeen:** The Kensington Club
- F.O.N.:** Soma
- Faceless:** Brick By Brick
- Fetus Kabob:** Dream Street
- The Furious IV** [107]: Martini Ranch (Encinitas), The Kensington Club
- G-Spot:** The Scene
- Garuda:** Brick By Brick
- The Glossines** [134]: The Casbah
- Grimby:** Soma
- Gringo Star:** Dream Street
- The Groovie Ghoulies:** Canes Bar and Grill
- The Heartaches:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Hole Hog:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Hornswaggled:** Soma

- Hyaline:** Canes Bar and Grill
- Idiot Wind** [130]: Brick By Brick
- Iron Sharpens Iron:** Brick By Brick
- The Irritators:** Squid Joe's
- The Joggers:** The Casbah
- Judge Jules:** Club Montage
- Judging Korah:** Epicentre
- Just a Joke:** Soma
- Kramer's Rule** [171]: Brick By Brick
- L.A. Guns:** Brick By Brick
- Jaimie Lee:** Epicentre
- Los Creepers:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Magnuson:** Epicentre
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- Mikey's Attic:** Soma
- The Millionaires:** Brick By Brick
- Moving Units:** The Casbah
- The Mutes:** The Scene
- Nasterium:** Brick By Brick

- No Knife** [309]: Belly Up Tavern
- Nuclear Assault:** Brick By Brick
- Old Town Avenue:** Dream Street
- Reeve Oliver:** The Casbah
- One Track Mind:** Soma
- Gregory Page** [186]: Lestat's Coffeehouse, The Scene
- Pocket-Sized Planet:** Blind Melons
- Pound Foolish:** Soma
- Quiet Riot:** Canes Bar and Grill
- R.I.P.:** Casa Picante

- Rose for Bohdan:** Scolari's Office
- Roulette:** Epicentre
- The Scotch Greens:** The Casbah
- The Sex Gang Children:** Dream Street
- Sirens Wail** [535]: Canes Bar and Grill
- Sledd:** Casa Picante
- Something Else:** Canes Bar and Grill
- The Spent Idols:** Bub's Whiskey Dive
- SSI:** The Casbah

- Superunloader** [208]: Blind Melons
- The Supreme Beings of Leisure:** Canes Bar and Grill
- Swindle:** The Scene
- Switchfoot** [103]: The Casbah
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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

This Tree Is Older Than You Are: Scolari's Office

Trip Fontaine: Surf N'Saddle

Twirp: Dream Street

Underminded /272/: Soma

Union 13: The Scene

Vena Cava: Canes Bar and Grill

The Walkmen: The Casbah

Watch It Burn: The Kensington Club

The Weary Boys: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill

Adamite: Dream Street

Agave: Tiki House, Blind Melons

Altered Time /514/: Canes Bar and Grill

Karl Anthony: Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp)

Dave Aude: 4th & B

The Bandits /451/: The Scene

Mike Barfield: The Casbah

Bargain Music: Winstons

The Boogiemen: Tiki House

Bottomline /597/: Boar Cross'n

Buford: Blind Melons

CKY /435/: The Scene

Coastal Eddie: Cannibal Bar

Crying Out Loud: Island Sports & Spirits

Eric Cubiche: 4th & B

DJ Aero: Cannibal Bar

DJ Frances: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

DJ Greyboy: Canes Bar and Grill

DJ Ish: Neimans Bar and Grill

DJ Jose Jimenez: Moondoggies

DJ Kingsley: Cannibal Bar

DJ Lucky: Moondoggies

DJ Matty A.: Cannibal Bar

DJ Peril: Cannibal Bar

DJ Phillip: Neimans Bar and Grill

DJ Ron: Moondoggies

DJ Smokey: Moondoggies

DJ Tone Capone: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

DJ Tony A.: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Jesse Dayton /769/: The Casbah

Detroit Underground: Humphrey's

Electric Waste Band: Winstons

The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

The Experiments /419/: Canes Bar and Grill

Charles Feelgood: 4th & B

Filibuster: Winstons

Film Noir: Dream Street

5150: On The Rocks

4 Easy Pieces: The Kraken

4Real: 4th & B

The Full Circle Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Full Xposure: Fogerty's Pub

G.F.I.: Brick By Brick

G-Roy: Cannibal Bar

Hot Hot Heat: The Casbah

Hot Rod Lincoln /547/: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Jackson 3: Surf N'Saddle, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Jumpstart: Fannie's

Laguna: Carvers

The Late Late show: Coyote Bar and Grill

Layover in Atlantis: Winstons

Lil' Brandon: 4th & B

Danny Love: 4th & B

Maldonado: Winstons

Mercy House /449/: Tio Leo's Lounge

Metal Fatigue: JP's Pub

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The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Oh My God: Winstons

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Power Play: Chuey's Numero Uno

Purple Tongue: On The Rocks

Rain of Kings: Dirk's Niteclub

The Derren Raser Band: Bayou Bar and Grill

RDG: Dream Street

Red Lama Dog: Winstons

Rickacha: The Outside In

Lee Rocker: Tio Leo's Lounge

Rolling Blackouts: Dream Street

Joe Satriani /506/: 4th & B

The Scavengers: The Waterfront

Eve Selis /410/: Humphrey's

Serious Guise: The Kraken

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Souls & Syzygy: Winstons

The Stiletto's: Zip & Zack's Filling Station, Henry's Pub

Sunday Afternoon: Blind Melons

Sunset Black: Brick By Brick

Tahitoe: Winstons

Tall: Brick By Brick

Tea-Bag /433/: Brick By Brick

Top Dog /492/: Casa Picante

The Two of Us: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

3 Against 1 /456/: Soma

Vegitation: Winstons

Waterdrift: The Casbah

Waveless Dave & the No Boreds: Blind Melons

With Rescue Breathing: Brick By Brick

The Woodrows: The Kraken

Zero Point: Dream Street, Canes Bar and Grill

The Ziggens /165/: Winstons

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel

Carol Curtis: Martini's

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Disco Pimps: Fifth Qtr.

The 80z Allstars: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

John Garcia: Martini's

Paul Greg: Martini's

The Heroes: Viejas Casino

Patrick Hill: Martini's

Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

Sylvia Lorraine: Martini's

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's

NRG: Jimmy Love's

The New Breed Band: The Alley

Northstar: Island Sports & Spirits

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman /622/: The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and Spirits

Linda Roth: Martini's

Roz & the Wrecking Crew: Jimmy Love's

Superfunk Fantasy: Henry's Pub

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Robin Adler /633/: Dizzy's

Afinity: Il Forno

Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina

Joe Azarello: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

The B-Side Players /649/: Fifth Qtr.

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Bastista: Trattatoria La Strada

The Big Daddy Orchestra: Cannibal Bar

Blue Largo /636/: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Patrick's II

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain /703/: Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill

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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: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

El Jardin: Neimans Bar and Grill

Fattburger: Humphrey's

Aubrey Fay: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

5 O'Clock Shadow: Mocha Market Place

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge

Leslie Gold: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, The Westgate Hotel

Dora Hall: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Cynthia Hammond Quartet: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Inner Voyage: Bayou Bar & Grill

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's

Art Johnson /631/: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort

The Orbits: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers: Humphrey's

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Sevilla, Belly Up Tavern

Rick Ross: The Beach House, Moray's Lounge

The San Diego Big Band Jazz Project: Humphrey's

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites, Dizzy's

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Humphrey's

Tony Soraci: Danato's Ristorante

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Rob Thorsen: Dizzy's

Torre & Novelli: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Trio du Jour: The Beach House

The Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo: Anthony's Star of the Sea

The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare

The Vanguard Players: Bayou Bar & Grill

The Voz Alta All Stars: Dizzy's

The Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo: Il Forno

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

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EXTENSION 4007

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The Backwater Blues Band: Patrick's II

Oscar Barbers: 4th & B

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

The Blues Brokers: Patrick's II

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Bobby "Blue" Bland: 4th & B

Tom Brosseau: The Scene

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: The Gordon Biersch Brewery, Chateau Orleans

Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Fish & the Seaweeds: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Coyote Bar and Grill

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

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Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Nite Life [934]: Pal Joey's

The Paladins [962]: The Casbah

Alice Peacock: The Scene

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: 4th & B

Billy Seward: Patrick's II

The Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II

The Small Town Heroes: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Theo & the Zydeco Patrol [929]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Earl Thomas [946]: Winstons

The Urban Gypsies [942]: Belly Up Tavern

Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars [920]: Patrick's II

Jimmy Woodard: Coyote Bar and Grill

EXTENSION 4010

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The Album Leaf [984]: The Casbah

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Salsumba: Sevilla

Eddie Santiago: Hollywood Star Grille

Short Fuse: Blind Melons

Sugar: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Super Trax: The Outside In

Switch Griffens: Blind Melons

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FLETCH
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Acapulco: Saturdays, in the cantina, *Comfort Zone*, DJ Primo mixes hip-hop, old skool, classic rock, and Top 40. 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-578-6390.

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.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," San Diego's most powerful sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

Club Tropics: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402.

Darkwave Garden: Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

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 obscure. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

The Pompeii Room: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, Latin, reggae, and dance classics. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Bobby "Blue" Bland is the sledgehammer of Texas blues vocalists...not that it's gotten him very far. Too many critics have called Bland the best at what he does, and he has zero credit to show for it. His body of work, superb at times, exists as inventory on the R&B shelf. Here's why: always at ease with his own soulfulness, Bland sings a verse and then gets on with it. You have to appreciate that. Today we have a crop of soul singers who work hard at making emotion with their voices and then want you to know how hard they work.

Robert Calvin Bland was born in 1930 in Tennessee. He began singing in Memphis gospel groups as a child, most notably the Miniatures. He eventually found Beale Street and formed the Beale Streeters. Bland recorded a few rough tracks in the early '50s,



BOBBY "BLUE" BLAND

you comfortable with it. Comfort — that's a good word to use this late in Bobby Bland's career.

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Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. The first Friday of every month at the Blue Agave, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., 6608 Mission Gorge Road, Allied Gardens, 619-521-3194. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm, except Saturday to 11 pm. Thursday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic pop rock. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 pm, *Victor Wooten*. Friday, 9:15 pm, *No Knife, the and/or*, and *the Afterparty*, alternative. Monday, 9:15 pm, *Pine Mountain Logs with the Urban Gypsies*, rock/blues. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Los Amigo Invisibles*. Wednesday, 9 pm, *the Wailers with Psydecar*, reggae.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Late Late Show*, rock. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol*, blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Red Lane*, blues, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Fish & the Seaweeds*, funk, blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 5:30 pm, *Jimmy Woodard*, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Blues Pharaohs*. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Red Lane*.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Full Exposure*. Wednesday, *the Working Cowboy Band*.

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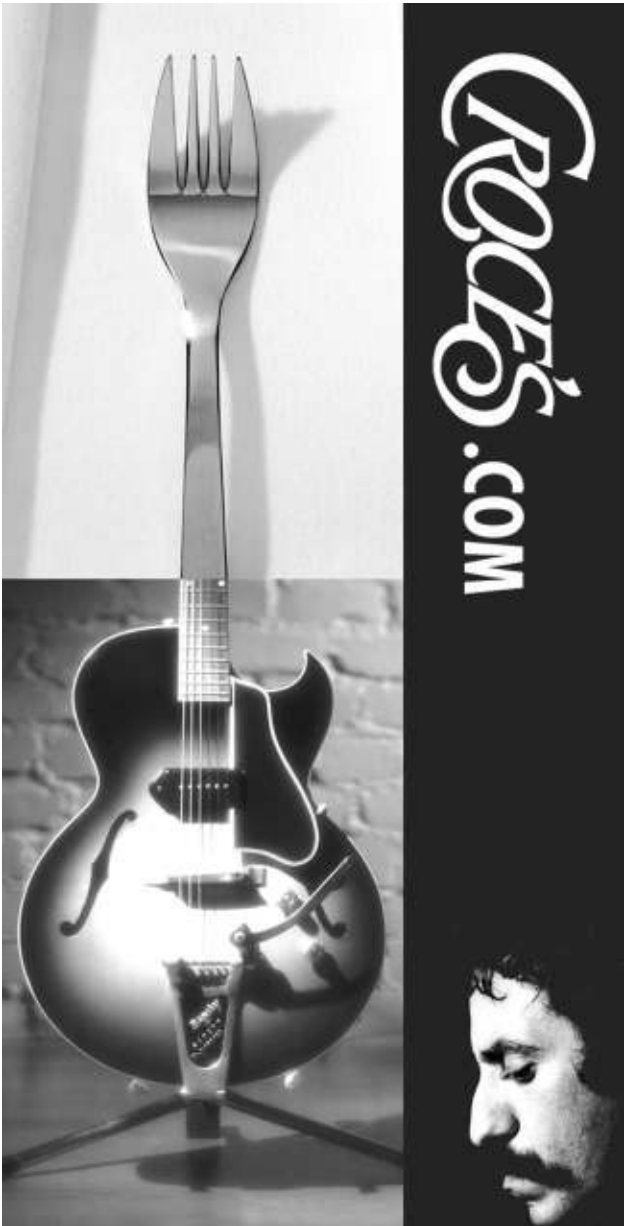
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Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 pm, to 10:30 pm, *John Lowery*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Heather Ogren* folk.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Live music nightly, call club for information.

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, *Buford*, rock. Friday, *Superunloader* and *Agave*. Saturday, *Waveless Dave & the No Boreds*, *Pocket-Size Planet*, *Sojourn*, and *Sunday Afternoon*. Sunday, T. *Irie Dread*. Wednesday, *Azma Instigator*, *Switch Griffins*, *Short Fuse*, and *White Mike*.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Downpour*, *Hyaline*, *Something Else*, *Altered Time*, and *Zero Point*. Friday, *Quiet Riot*, *Sirens Wail*, and the *Experiments*. Saturday, *the Supreme Beings of Leisure*. Sunday, *the Groovy*

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Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 9:15 pm, *DJ Aero*, *DJ Matty A*, *DJ Kingsley*, *Ikah Love*, *G-Roy*, *Smokey*, *DJ Peril*, and *Coastal Eddie*, groove, hip-hop. Friday, 9 pm, *the Big Daddy Orchestra*, big band.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Fetus Kabob*, *Old Town Avenue*, and *Gringo Star*, alternative rock. Friday, *RDG*, *Rolling Blackouts*, and *Adamite*, alternative rock. Saturday, *the Sex Gang Children*, the *Third*, *Film Noir*, and *Twirp*, gothic.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablu* with *Kymberlee Maxine*. Friday, *Aubrey Fay*. Saturday, *Dora Hall & Mixed Company*. Tuesday, the *Cynthia Hammond Quartet*, jazz. Wednesday, *Torre & Novelli*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Ashley*, acoustic pop.

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*.

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Agave*, rock. Saturday, *the Boogiemen*, blues.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, 9 pm, *Get to the Point* with *Tribe of Kings*. Friday, *Skanic* and *Bredrenz*, ska/reggae. Saturday, *Alma Melodiosa*, Latin.

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SAN DIEGO

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Saturday through Tuesday, *David Timothy Smith*.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Iron Sharpens Iron*, *Cheap Sex*, *G.F.I.*, and *Nasterium*. Friday, *Nuclear Assault*, *Crematorium*, *All That Remains*, and *Teabag*. Saturday, *Center of 5*, *Kramer's Rule*, *Concord*, and *the Taste of Cement*. Sunday, *L.A. Guns*, *Tall*, *the Millionaires*, and *Callbox*. Tuesday, *Sunset Black* and *With Rescue*

Breathing. Wednesday, *Idiot Wind*, *Faceless*, and *Garuda*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Jaimie Lee*. Saturday, *This Holiday Life*, *Atomic Crowd*, *Judging Korah*, *Roulette*, and *Magnuson*, alternative.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Sunday, noon to 3 pm, *Jerome Dawson*, jazz.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco, retro. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, 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, *Eve Selis*, rock. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers*. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *Detroit Underground*, rock, soul. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Monday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the San Diego Big Band Jazz Project*. Tuesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *4-Way Street*, acoustic.

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*.

Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *the Bert Torres Band*.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *Evans*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, *Watch It Burn*, *Counterfit*, *Eleventeen*, and *Altara*. Saturday, *the Classified*, *the Furious IV*, and *the Makeout Boys*.

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The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Frank Drennen*, acoustic. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

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San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Call club for information.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Friday, *Union 13*, *Swindle*, *the Cause*, and *Thee Corsairs*, alternative. Saturday, *G-Spot*, *the Apples*, *the Bandits*, and *the Mutes*. Monday, *Alice Peacock*, *Berkley Hart*, *Gregory Page*, and *Tom Brosseau*. Wednesday, *Cky* and *Mike V & the Rats*.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, *Books on Tape*, *Rose for Bohdan*, *Tender Buttons*, and *This Tree Is Older Than You Are*, alternative.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *Bredren*, reggae.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 7:30 pm, *Hornswaggled*, *Underminded*, *Agent 51*, *Causeway*, *One Track Mind*, *Early Times*, and *Mikey's Attic*. Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Dogwood*, *F.O.N.*, *Just a Joke*,

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Lee Rocker* and *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Mercy House*, and guest, alternative. Saturday, *the Barnyard Ballers*, *Hole Hog*, *Los Creepers*, and *Brag Doll*, alternative.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Will Edwards*, *Jim Bianco*, *Tom Bowles*, and *the Bitty Bums*. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Kevin Tinkle*, *Becki Hammett*, and *Angela Correa*. Saturday, *Josh Hall* and *Dawn Marie*.

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.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 pm, *Karl Anthony*, rock.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Paladins*, *Jesse Dayton*, and *Mike Barfield*. Friday, *Bob Log III*, *Hydro Guru*, and *the Glossines*. Saturday, *Hot Hot Heat*, *the Walkmen*, *the Thermals*, *Alta May*, and *the Apes*. Sunday, *the Album Leaf*, *SSI*, and *Waterline Drift*. Tuesday, *BR5-49*, country, and *Bartender's Bible*.



Album Name: *Red Channel Revue* (2002)

Artist: Red Channel Revue

Label: Independently released

Songs: 1) Train 2) Conan 3) Become You 4) Sweet Summer Dream 5) Variations 6) Newgrass 7) The Goods 8) Stay the Night 9) Untitled

Price/Where Available: can be downloaded for free at mp3.com

Band Members: Mark Young (vocals, guitar), Bob Netcoh (bass, backing vocals), Dave DeMoranville (drums, backing vocals), Sam Boukas (keys, backing vocals)

Extra Info: Red Channel Revue formed in August of 1997 in Connecticut and recently relocated to San Diego.

Website: mp3.com/redchannelrevue

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Wednesday, *Switchfoot*, *Reeve Oliver*, and *the Joggers*.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, *Power Play*, rock.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Friday, *Judge Jules* with *DJ Kazy*, alternative.

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,

Archtones. Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Berkley Hart*, acoustic. Saturday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*, blues.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Peter Robbrecht/Pianoman*, pop/Top 40.

songs are short and sweet with mostly funk and reggae influences. In "Conan," a song about "the California dream," frontman Mark Young sings, "*When you gonna be goin' to the west/ the western man is callin' and you know it is the best/ shine/ this is the time/ time/ time to go back to yourself.*" While the lyrics are not as impressive as the rhythm, they are carried with the burning energy of Young's voice and fall naturally into place with the melody.

The heavier tracks entitled "Variations" and "Newgrass," each over five minutes long, are entirely instrumental with what sounds like heavy improvisation on the part of the guitars. These two songs are the most complexly structured songs on the album, yet, despite the improvisation, each is balanced, and nothing superfluous is



Red Channel Revue

included in either melody. The focus continues to shift to the instrumentals as the album progresses. With "The Goods" and "Stay the Night," the feeling shifts to jazz, and the vocals become limited. This remains the case up until the album's ninth track, an entirely instrumental combination of jazz, funk, and rock, described as a "studio snapshot of the live show energy."

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The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Music is jazz/solo piano. Thursday, *Joe Azarello*. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, *Leslie Gold*. Sunday and Monday, *Art Johnson*. Wednesday, *Joe Azarello*.

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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.

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Trattatoria La Strada, 702 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-239-3400. Friday and Saturday, *Bastista*, Brazilian/Latin music.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

The Waterfront Bar and Grill, 2044 Kettner Boulevard, downtown. 619-232-9656. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *the Scavengers*, rock.

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 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, pop.

SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Thursday, *Cirro*, Latin. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *the Orbits*, jazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring *Sandy Chappel*, *Sammy Canonizado*, and *Burnett Anderson*.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday and Friday, *the Evil Twins*, rock. Saturday, *Mike & Valerie*.

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.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 5:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*. Monday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Prince of Wales: Thursday, Monday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 6:30 pm to 10 pm, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, 8 pm, open blues jam. Friday, *Crying Out Loud*, rock.



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SPECIAL NIGHTS ► parties during some holidays

CLIENTELE ► 95 percent Caucasian, 5 percent Native American; average age 35; 50 percent female

COVER ► none

HOURS ► 10 a.m.–2 a.m. every day

DRINKS ► Bud, Bud Light, Red Hook, Red Hook Blonde, Bass, and Guinness on tap; Wednesday after 6 p.m. well drinks and domestics (Bud, Bud Light, MGD, Coors, Coors Light, Michelob), \$1.50 (no happy hour)

FOOD ► none; lots of restaurants

nearby; bartender said, “We won’t let you go hungry. You can bring food in, or we’ll order you something. There’s a great sub shop across the street.”

ACCESS ► located a mile west of route 125; parking lot had 20 spaces (large lot at Albertson’s next door – Albertson’s confirmed it’s okay to park there)

DRESS ► casual (a couple in their 70s was dressed up – the lady was wearing a fur coat); lots of jeans, a hat that said “White Trash,” and 20 bikers with leather vests that said “UMF of America”

DANCE FLOOR ► 25’ by 20’

BATHROOMS ► men’s had one toilet, one urinal, and one sink and was small; women’s had two stalls, two sinks, a long mirror, and a framed ad; both had tile walls and

Saturday, *Northstar*, pop. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, open mike.

Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000. Cays Lounge: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm to midnight, *Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Friday, *the Offbeats*, rock. Saturday, *the Noise Boys*, rock. Wednesday, *Jim Moore*, acoustic folk.

The Outside In, 1121 Third Street, Chula Vista. 619-426-2977. Thursday through Saturday, *Super Trax*, rock. Sunday, *Rickacha*.

EAST COUNTY

Casa Picante, 10757 Woodside Avenue, Santee. 619-258-5557. Friday, *Top Dog*, *Sledd*, and *R.I.P.*, alternative.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Rain of Kings*, rock.

were clean and graffiti free

CAPACITY ► 140

SPECIAL AREAS ► area in back had dart boards, but it’s all the same room

FURNISHINGS ► four TVs at the

bar, a few around room (with satellite for sporting events); 20 seats at bar, ATM, Lotto machine, 20 small tables (set up nicely so everyone could see the band), big stage with lots of lights; very low ceilings; pool table near entrance

DECIBEL LEVEL ► 112 during cover of “Tush”; last week at J. Taylor’s it was 93 (firecrackers are 100 dBs from 25 feet away)

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN

LAST MONTH ► The Rockholics

QUOTABLE ► “What does the

UMF on your jacket stand for?” The biker replies, “Ugly motherfuckers.”

I laughed when the singer said,

“Who wants to hear some Michael

Jackson?” The crowd booed, but

the band went into a rockin’

version of “Smooth Criminal”

anyway. At that same time, 20

bikers came in with black leather

jackets and bandannas on their

heads.

When I was talking to the

bartender, he said, “This place is a

lot more mellow than our Santee

location.” As he was telling me this,

a security guard was keeping a

biker and another patron from

fighting. They were eventually

thrown out. I glanced outside and

saw two cop cars, a police

motorcycle, and officers around

the ten Harleys parked outside.

The two fighters continued

pushing and shoving in front of the

police, but the police were

occupied with bigger problems.

A balding, older gentleman

walking out the door said, “I just

wanted to hear some music and

grab a beer, and I see a damn

biker brawl instead!”

I asked the bartender if this is

a biker bar, and he said, “It’s biker

friendly.”

— Josh Board

Don Primo's Bolivian Restaurant, 9570 Murray Drive, El Cajon. 619-466-2912. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Rhythm Kings*, Latin.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Nitro Express*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Jumpstart*, classic rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring Jo Dark.

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Oakland had just finished whomping the guys in the powder-puff blue when my sweetie turned to me and asked, "What's your pick for Valentine's Day this year?"

Romance was the last thing on my mind. Stupefied by Stupor Bowl Mania, I'd totally forgotten that "making a pass" doesn't just mean lobbing to Jerry Rice. Luckily, the choice of a restaurant wasn't hard: Since its October 2000 remodel, and its name change from "The Dining Room" to "J. Taylor's" (after the founder of Del Mar), the restaurant at L'Auberge has been getting ever-stronger buzz. Better yet, my boyfriend had just discovered how to reach Del Mar without subjecting our nerves to Merge Madness (see "Need to Know"), taking most of the terror out of the trip. We promptly hit the road north and soon verified that the buzz was right-on.

The resort proved as romantic a setting as we could want. The lush green grounds include a working herb garden, through which dinner guests are welcome to wander. The dining room is airy and civilized, resembling a French country inn with its high-peaked roofs, skylights, and wood-framed glass doors to the gardens. A carpeted floor and real linens on the tables, unprotected by clinking glass covers, keep the sound level at a purr. Couples are seated in comfortably padded armchairs or wooden thrones, and for foursomes there are striped settees resembling high-backed movable banquettes. Several waiters speak with marked Gallic accents, but the menu is American.

The table breads and spreads carry through the decor's hint of the French countryside. The dark walnut bread, dense and sweet, is perfect with the salted butter. The white mini-loaf is a pleasingly neutral foil for a ramekin of loose tapenade, made of olive oil and briny, coarsely chopped black olives.

When the wine list arrives, take some time to study it. It's long, and some interesting bottles have been recently added. Since I was tilting toward several seafood items on the menu, I zeroed in on a half bottle of excellent Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc (\$22).

The menu's emphasis is on seasonal treats. "We try to feature unusual seasonal things, fresh things," says Chef Tom Atkins. "We utilize the freshest food we can. It's a lot of fun for us. And I like to write menus that, when you read them, they get your taste buds going."



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

We began with a grand opening of Hudson Valley foie gras with duck confit ravioli in a red-velvet curtain of sun-dried cherry sauce. The duck liver was perfectly seared to a crunch outside, melted-marshmallow inside. The ravioli were large with thin, silky skins, overstuffed with shredded duck, lightly wafted with star anise, for a subtle licorice undertone. The cherry sauce was darkly caramelized, even butterscotchy. It's a heavy dish for a starter (endangering the chance of dessert), but it's ravishing.

Sea scallops on yellow-corn risotto were perfectly seared and crusted, too — the kitchen crew here are clearly technique champions. The one problem is that something's gone wrong with the Atlantic sea scallops from George's Bank the past few months: Apparently they're all as tasteless as Anna Nicole Smith. Fortunately, the lemongrass beurre blanc sauce more than fills in the missing flavor component, and the corn in the risotto helps to lighten the rice, too. Best of all is a scatter of zesty microgreens, straight from the resort's herb garden. They're not just for decoration; they focus all the

flavors.

A roasted curried carrot soup plays theme and variations on carrot flavor. It mingles slow-roasted carrots with curry powder and curry-sautéed onions, puréed together with fresh carrot juice, finished off with a drizzle of deliciously perfumed house-made lavender honey and a topping of crisp-fried carrot shavings.

There are five salads to choose from. Our pick, coincidentally, will appear on the Valentine's Day menu: Young local greens are scattered with superb Point Reyes (Marin County) blue cheese, candied walnuts, and strips of organic dried pear, all dressed in a very tart (and then some) balsamic vinaigrette.

Between starters and entrées comes an "intermezzo" — a flower-shaped dish of sorbet to clean the palate, steeped in whatever clean, bright flavor the chef favors that evening. (It was champagne on the night we visited; on February 14 it'll be passion fruit, of course.)

The entrée list changes with the seasons. We were tempted by the tangerine-caramel duck breast

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(which, along with filet mignon, is one of the year-round choices), but after our first course of confit, we were all ducked out. Instead, we zoomed in on California sturgeon because it's rare to find this fine fish on West Coast menus. Our thick, farm-

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raised fillet (perhaps a benefit of California's new ecologically correct caviar industry) was presented as a "saltimbocca," wrapped in a layer of prosciutto di Parma, concealing a few fresh sage leaves underneath. The exterior was crisp and salty, peppery and lemon-juicy, and the fish was almost as rich and "meaty" as wild sturgeon. Its starch accompaniment was a marriage of roasted red and Peruvian blue potatoes.

A rack of lamb was of daunting size, a four-rib piece big enough for two. It was seared all around and finished in the oven with a light coating of panko bread crumbs, stone-ground mustard, and a subtle rub of curry powder, a slightly odd flavor. We weren't sure it was to our taste, but we had no such doubts about the splendid pile of Yukon Gold mashed potatoes dotted with Kalamata olives — a simply great idea. (You'll find that recipe on the restaurant's website, www.jtaylor.com, if you want to try it at home.)

That day's vegetable array (the same on both plates) featured well-buttered wintry roots: carrots, baby golden beets and striped (Chioggia) beets, baby turnip, and kohlrabi. The latter is a Dutch vegetable (literally translated "cabbage-radish") that tastes something like a Brussels sprout and looks like a little round green alien with thick, short tentacles protruding from its "head." From the higher realms (that is, above ground) there were green and white string beans, pencil-thin asparagus, and baby broccoli flowers. Even Dennis the Menace would probably go for veggies like these, with so many flavors to mix and match.

Chef Atkins started his career making pastries, and his desserts are not to be missed — except I missed them, having eaten all I could. Be forewarned: this San Diego-born chef's motto is "I don't want anyone to leave here hungry." Portions are hefty, so stifle your lust and save some room for a sweet. "I like the older, American style of desserts," Atkins says. His crème brûlée is famed for its delicate texture and creamy flavor (it's not that stiff, eggy stuff you get all over San Diego). Another dessert pairs Belgian chocolate pot au crème (a grown-up version of chocolate pudding)

with "popped" amaranth-seed praline tuiles, and there's an IBC root beer float with vanilla gelato.

The chef's delight is the five-course prix-fixe "Wine Menu," a tasting menu that changes daily and often includes dishes that are a whit too venturesome for in-house guests at this hotel restaurant. (L'Auberge, a four-star/ four-diamond resort, tends to draw folks with conservative tastes.)

The Valentine's Day tasting menu (\$75 per person) will be the sole choice for dinner on February 14. It starts with an "amuse" of a baked Kumamoto oyster and a glass of champagne, followed by ahi-mango tartare and the salad of local greens and Point Reyes blue cheese. After the passion fruit sorbet, the entrée is surf 'n' turf, pairing a "petite filet" with lobster. It ends with a gala spectacular of strawberry desserts.

If by some mischance you can't get a table for Valentine's Day itself, remember that the date is arbitrary. There never was a Saint Valentine (and if there were such a saint, he'd probably frown on such a conspicuous "holiday" anyway). You can celebrate your love any day of the year — including February 13 or 15. Next week, we'll continue

the theme with some lower-key destinations for those of us with shallower pockets.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Executive Chef Thomas Atkins is a San Diego native and grew interested in food at his family's tables. "Both my grandmothers were phenomenal cooks — entertained a lot, had large families. Every weekend was a barbecue at my grandparents' house. I started out in college interested in art and design, and I was involved in bicycle racing. I sometimes cooked for my team and also got to travel a little — to Italy and all over the United States and Canada. I was fortunate to meet up with people from different cultures, and I developed a lot of passion and good feelings from culinary experiences."

His professional career started during college at Chart House. Getting more serious about cooking, Atkins went to work with Francis Perrot at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club and then attended Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Oregon. Stints followed at the Ritz Carlton (doing pastry at Rancho Mirage, gourmet dining at Laguna Niguel). Moving to Santa Fe, New Mexico, for several years, Atkins worked as

pastry chef at the Inn of the Anasazi, another four-star/four-diamond resort.

"That was my first real experience with organic produce and working with farmers directly," says Atkins. "Every few days, the farmers would come and deliver to us. I learned a lot, and I still use some of the same purveyors from back there. Elizabeth Berry, whose farm has been featured in several cooking magazines, grows a lot of heirloom beans, and she hooked up with a young lady from Idaho who grows the most beautiful potatoes: red thumbs, Russian fingerlings, red firs. Every two or three weeks I get a delivery from them of all my heirloom potatoes and beans."

Atkins's next gig was as executive sous chef under the legendary George Morrone at Bradley Ogden's One Market in San Francisco. "He's an unbelievable genius when it comes to food and menu writing," says Atkins. "You learn so much from George; everybody wants to work for him, and the crews he puts together are just phenomenal. One Market was a huge place, and almost everything was made from scratch every day. From there I went up to Brad's Lark Creek Inn and worked with Todd Davies. That's where I really got

into using a lot of farmers — five or ten farmers a week. Brad would spend thousands on all-fresh produce and change the menu every single day. At J. Taylor's, since this is part of a large corporation, I don't have quite the freedom to do that. I buy mainly from Specialty Produce [a local purveyor] because they use a lot of local farmers, and it's all nice and fresh. And we have the herb garden outside that we use all the time.

"My chef de cuisine is Michael Zonfrilli. He's from New Jersey, went to Johnson and Wales cooking school, then he did his internship in Vail, Colorado. He spent a couple of years at the Green Gables, a famous place on the Jersey shore. He's well known, been on some cooking TV shows and in some magazines. He came down with me from Bellefleur in Carlsbad [before it was bought by the Cohn Group], where we both worked just before we came here. When we redesigned and reopened as J. Taylor's, we were able to step it up quite a bit. We team up together to change the menu about every three months to stay with the season. And we've got a pretty good group of guys and very little turnover. The crew are all cross-trained; they know each other's stations." ■



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But Hank's keen. Like, today he's hauling me off to Black Mountain Road. He turns in to a strip mall filled with Indian stores and restaurants. Little India Cash & Carry. Madras Café. A zillion others.

He parks outside the swank Ashoka the Great.

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"Faith, my son."

He strides up toward the smoky blue Ashoka, then heads for a grocery next door. India Food & Grocery.

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Menu pages are pasted on the window next to the grocery's entrance. "#1 Combo: Rice with three curry, salad, one *naan* [flat bread], one *ras malaye* or any other sweet, one *samosa*, \$5.99/plate." Then the list goes all the way down to "#5 Combo: rice with one curry, salad, *papadam* [crisp bread] and pickle, \$2.99/plate."

"You can get anything here, dude," Hank says. "Indian groceries, Indian videos, Indian chow. I was here last week."

I follow him in. Instantly, you catch that Indian flavor: spices, curries, perfume. Indian movie music blasts out. Technicolor posters of Indian — what? deities, I guess — festoon

the cream walls. They've got the Taj Mahal in full color. On the shelves underneath, gourds, bags of *dal*, curry powders, and Maaza brand Indian fruit drinks fight for space. Hundreds of videos line another section.

"*Shukria, shukria...*" sings the female voice on a video. Then, at this end, a counter and a few tables and benches. A little restaurant op. Curries and vegetables and rice steam away in chafing dishes. *Papadams* crackle as folk munch at platefuls of curry.

A menu on the wall lists a lot of choices.

"And it's all healthy," says Hank.

Lord. Where to begin? "Hot food" starts at number one — "*aloo paratha* [flat bread stuffed with potatoes], with *raita* [yogurt] and pickles, \$3.99" — and ends at number 27 with *pav bhaji* (Indian curried vegetables, \$2.99). Then they have *chat*, snacks such as *samosas*, the triangular pastries with veggies and potato inside (99 cents). Another column lists 32 sweet dishes.

"Stick with the combos, dude. They're plenty enough," says Hank.

At first I reckon the girl behind the counter is Indian. But no. Graciela's Mexican-American. "A lot of Mexicans come here for food," she says. "Because the Indians like fresh vegetables and spicy dishes just like us."

"You can't go wrong here," says another gal, Deborah, a customer. She has just ordered the \$2.99 #5 combo. She's a gemologist. Sorts diamonds. Works nearby. "I'm here all the time, plus my friends and I come in every Fri-

day. We eat, drink *chai*, and talk out the week. Mr. Kumar never pressures us to hurry. I'm vegetarian. It's beautiful food. Fresh and healthy. I haven't had a bad dish yet. And now I've even started renting Indian movies here. Guess I'm hooked."

"I'm going for the #2 combo," says Hank. This is the \$4.99 plate. "Rice with two curry, one *samosa*, one *gulab jamun* [dessert], one *chapati* [bread], salad, *papadam*, *raita*, and pickle."

Me, I'm looking at the modest #4 combo, "two *chapati*, one curry, salad, *papadam*, and pickle." I love the \$2.99 price but finally crack and up the stakes to the \$3.99 #3 combo. "Rice with two curry, one *chapati*, salad, *papadam*, *raita*, and pickle."

To drink, I order Masala Tea India (regular, 99 cents).

'Course, Hank has the better deal. He gets the two curries, but also the *samosa* and the sweet dessert *gulab jamun*, a fried doughball in syrup, for just a buck more.

But, hey, who's complaining? Here's my compartmentalized tray with a pile of yellow and black basmati rice; a salad with lots of raw onions, cucumber, lettuce, and tomato; and a tangy combo of pickled mango, lemon, and green chili. I've got two curries: one's *sambar*, lentil-based. The other's *channa masala*, garbanzos — chickpeas — plus veggies and tofu chunks. In one corner the *raita* — a yogurt and cucumber mix; then on another plate, the snap-crisp *papadam*, and under it, an eight-inch-round

puff-bread, the *chapatti*, \$3.99!

Oh, and Graciela hands me my steaming-hot *chai*. It's milky, but it has that *masala* spicy flavor. Tastes like cardamom to me, oh so seductive.

What I like is that the whole store is workaday but exotic. As we eat, guys trundle in processions of fresh vegetables you've never seen before. A box of what look like spiky green armadillos turns out to be bitter gourds. Supposed to be good for diabetes.

"Uh, who are those?" says Hank, looking up at paintings of two fine-bearded old men above us.

"They are two of the ten Sikh gurus," says Surinder Kumar. He's the owner. Opened this nearly 12 years ago. Now he's opening up a second, bigger groceries-videos-eats place in Escondido. He says this is northern Indian cuisine. "It is not heavy food. And it is healthy. We get fresh vegetables delivered every two days. Our customers are about 60 percent Indian and Pakistani, but 40 percent are Americans."

"*Shukria, shukria, shukria*," sings the gal on the video.

"What does that mean?" I ask.

"It means 'Thank you, thank you, thank you' in Urdu and Hindi," says Mr. Kumar.

"I've got one thing to say to you, buddy," I say to Hank later. "*Shukria*."

"And I've got one word to say to you: Carla. If we keep up with this veggie kick, you're dead meat." ■

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"They want to sell 2000 cases, but they make enough wine for 3500. That's the kind of stuff I was looking for."

The California wine boom of the '90s was very good for wineries, except when it wasn't — optimism and ego can make for a mighty heady brew. Early in the decade, Gregory Popovich, then marketing director for Lost Hills and La Crema wineries, noticed the development of a dangerous mindset. "To be legitimate," the thinking ran, "you've got to have this huge facility to show people." Call it the Opus One effect: the winery as tourist destination and grand-scale marketing tool.

But there was no guarantee of success; not everyone had Opus One's location, backing, and pedigree. "When I was at La Crema, the guy was doing really well in a small warehouse in Petaluma. Then he started building a huge facility in Sebastopol, and that was the end of him." Kendall-Jackson bought La Crema while it was in bankruptcy. "Then, when I was at Winterbrook, the same thing. We were doing about 35,000 cases and the owner decided that he was going to build a big facility on the Silverado Trail, and that was the end of him." Winterbrook disappeared altogether. "In both instances, the new facilities were over 50,000 square feet and cost over \$10 million. That was ten years ago; interest rates were higher, and the

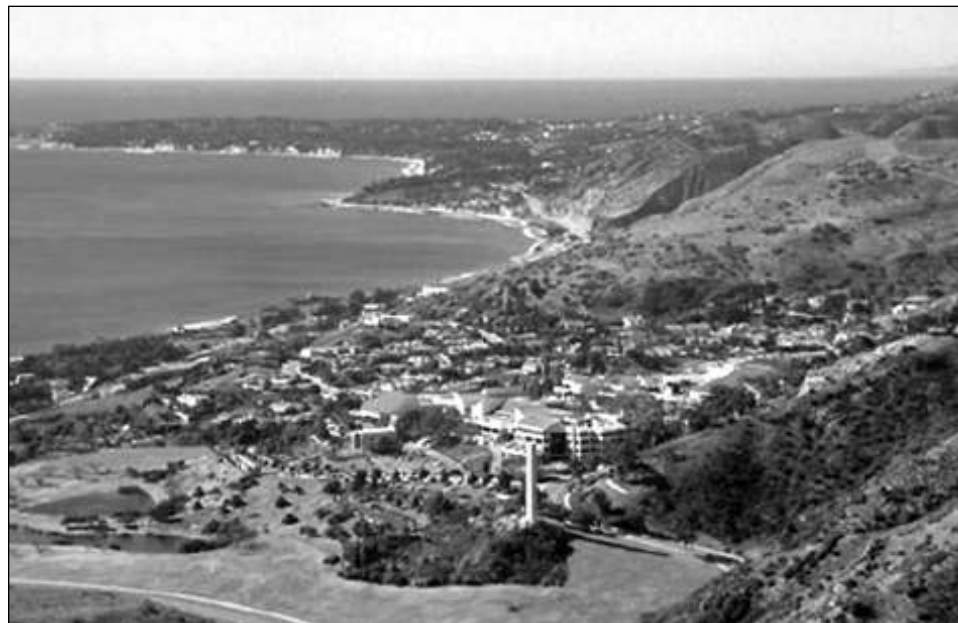
debt service alone was \$150,000 a month. They thought that because they built a new facility, their business was going to grow exponentially. It didn't."

In 1994, Popovich entered business school at Pepperdine University. In the same year, even as he worked at yet another winery, he started a label of his own: Castle Rock Winery. Michael and Elaine Honig of Napa's Honig winery were his partners; his winemaker was August Briggs, with whom he had worked at La Crema and

Winterbrook. "In the first year, we made 600 cases of 1993 Chardonnay." "Made" is used a trifle equivocally here; Popovich worked as a negotiant, buying excess inventory from wineries and bottling it under his own label — after Briggs had worked his blending magic on the individual lots. Though the wine business was so good in those days few people were eager to sell Popovitch Chardonnay that they could just as easily sell under their own label at a better price, but Popovich found enough to make a start. "I was buying from people who were producing \$30 to \$40 bottles of wine. Many times, they have wines that don't make the cut for their blends. It doesn't mean the wine isn't tremendous; it just isn't what they want." Other times,

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Pepperdine campus

he says, a winery wants to limit production, regardless of vintage yield, to keep demand high for an allocated wine. "They want to sell 2000 cases, but they make enough wine for 3500. That's the kind of stuff I was looking for."

Soon after he started at Pepperdine, Popovich attended a fateful meeting. "They sit you down with all of the professors you're going to have, and the professors say, 'We'd like to know what you're going to be doing for your thesis. If you start now, then during each semester you can finish that portion of the paper — accounting, etc.'" Curious about the fate of his previous employers, Popovich suggested an analysis of the wine industry leading to a de-

termination as to "what would be a good time to actually purchase a facility and make it work. They said, 'Why would you want to do that? You've worked for two failures; why don't you work on your own company? Why don't you analyze how you could be successful and independent?' To them, it was so rudimentary — people got in over their heads — that it wasn't even worth spending my time on."

He took their advice and set to work. "They were always stressing, 'How are you going to differentiate yourself from your competitors?' I had spent a lot of time working the streets, and the one thing I wanted to do was to appeal to restaurateurs. There was, at least at one time, a

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threshold of pain for them: if they were going to pour a wine by the glass, it was unheard of to charge more than maybe \$7." The opportunity lay in creating an inexpensive, high-quality wine that fine restaurants could pour by the glass and boutique distributors could use as their (relatively) high-volume brand.

He set himself a price of around ten dollars retail and started working on the question of how to go about making such a wine. The quality end of it was a matter of contacts and blending; even in good times, there was always some wine to be had. As for keeping costs down, "Essentially, I've tried to figure out every possible way to keep my overhead low. I lease a spot at a facility in Napa; I just pay them on a per-case basis for production and storage. I pay my winemaker on a per-case basis, so that's an incentive for him to help me with sales and marketing. I do the rest myself. I have one full-time assistant. My wife helps me, and my mother actually helps monitor our website and respond to inquiries." Though he does send wines to the press, he spends next to nothing on advertising. "I think the best way to get the word out about your wine is through restaurateurs. If you're the house Chardonnay or Merlot in a top restaurant, and you're up on the chalkboard for by-the-glass wines, you're getting a lot of people to try your wines.

"Also, one thing that separates me from the masses is that I let my sales drive my production." Popovich owns no vineyards and, except for his Chardonnay, he has no purchasing contracts. He does not have fruit that must be harvested and vinified, nor is he tied to those who do. He buys as he needs, which gives him tremendous flexibility. "I've bottled several times over the course of this year. I don't just produce 100,000 cases and then try to figure out how to sell it. I really watch my inventories closely; you can't be sitting on three or four years' worth of inventory. I try to keep three months of inventory available. If, for instance, Merlot sales start ratcheting up, I'll bottle more."

His professors were delighted. "Not many people write a thesis and actually go implement it. Most of them are just doing it to get through school." And as the boom wound down at decade's end, things began to look even brighter for a man who dealt in excess inventory. "I wasn't like a buzzard or anything, but I felt the wine glut coming. When I drove up to the central coast — just new plantings for miles and miles and miles. If you read all the surveys and statistics, you could see that the demand wasn't going to keep up with the supply that was coming online." ■

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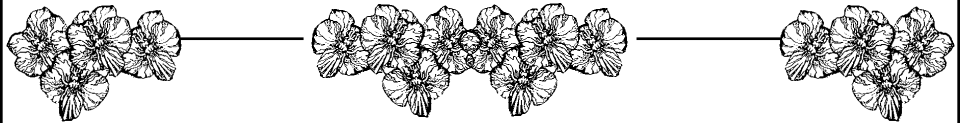
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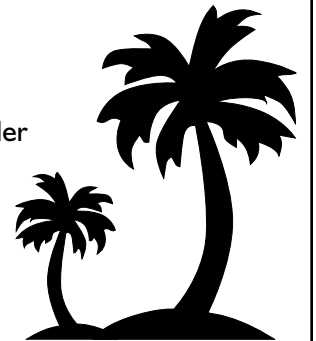
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NORTH COASTAL

AMICI 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. Chef Monica Szepeszy and her brother Michael (hosting) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. BYOB welcome; beer/wine license pending. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday; reservations very strongly urged. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

BIG JIM'S OLD SOUTH BARBECUE 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast week-ends. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (10/01)

CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when every-one from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until mid-night. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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What the Chef Eats

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BY JOSHUA MCGINNIS

Executive chef, Prego Ristorante, Mission Valley

This is the kind of dish I would and do cook at home. Most professional chefs don't do a tremendous amount of cooking at home. Don't get me wrong; I love creating dishes and even full meals consisting of such delicacies as the fattened liver of the deer goose, the roe of a fresh urchin, and the buttery goodness of snail. These things give me reason to look forward to going to work every day, for 14 hours at a time. Using

these ingredients reminds why I went into this business in the first place — to make tasty food for people that do not wish to or do not know how to cook for themselves.

There are also some simple pleasures in the world of culinary arts that cannot be enhanced by 50-year-old balsamic, mounds of Beluga, or even a bottle of earth-musty truffle oil. These are the foods I love to eat day in and day out, no matter

what stacked up dishes are au courant. Wedges of iceberg lettuce with red onion and bleu cheese dressing. Rich macaroni and cheese with gruyere. Peppered hanger steak with arugula and olive oil. Crispy Pommes frites. Sea salt on anything. And this dish, grilled romaine salad with parma prosciutto. I hope you enjoy the simple perfection of this salad as much as I do.

HOW TO DO IT
Make tapenade



vinaigrette: Fold all vinaigrette ingredients together in a large bowl and adjust seasoning to your preference with salt and pepper. Serve immediately for best results. (If you decide to save some dressing for another time, it can be refrigerated, covered, for up to one week.)

French, but there's lots of fresh food and the beautiful luxurious room carries the evening. Open 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; please make reservations. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/00)

THE ENCINITAS CAFE 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for din-

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SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where

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you use them. This will prevent them from burning when they hit the grill. Brush each wrap with extra virgin olive oil and grill over high heat for 3 to 4 minutes with the cut side facing down. Remove from the heat and set on a serving platter. Spoon a tablespoon or two of tapenade vinaigrette over the romaine and top with shaved parmesan cheese.

INGREDIENTS
Tapenade vinaigrette:
1 cup Kalamata olives, pits removed and cut in half lengthwise.
2 tablespoons capers, rinsed in cool water
6 anchovies, soaked in cool water overnight
3 shallots, peeled and sliced
1 tablespoon basil, chiffonade
1 tablespoon oregano, stems removed
1 teaspoon chili flakes
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

3 teaspoons chianti wine vinegar
Sea salt and fresh cracked black pepper to taste
Grilled romaine:
3 heads of romaine lettuce, washed
12 slices parma prosciutto
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
6 oz. Parmesan reggiano cheese, shaved
3 tablespoons sea salt
12 tablespoons Tapenade vinaigrette

there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/01)

NORTH INLAND

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*
MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants,

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MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. "Elegance" describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual

preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*
RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*
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WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and

their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)
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PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*
SBICCA AMERICAN BISTRO 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very

good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.* (9/98)

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AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/99)
DAILY'S Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*
MARRAKESH 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, al-

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monds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

ROY'S 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Chill out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which makes all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant (try the "Loess is More" with seafood). The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia, "Kahana" shutome (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

SADAF 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier Street), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

SKY ROOM Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York-cut beef and chicken. Price is \$28.95, \$10.95 for children. Add \$10 for 1-1/4 pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — *E.W. (6/99)*

ZENBU 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Hazard Village, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisserie meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

SEAU'S Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards



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like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

VIA ITALIA PIZZERIA TRATTORIA 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over Northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crust and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? Service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Noisy inside; heated patio dining for the fortunate. Park near the movie multiplex; restaurant is in "Food Court" near theaters. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate (pastas, pizzas, tasting menus) to expensive. — *N.W.* (6/02)

THE BEACHES

ALFIERE Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (5/02)

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (12/00)

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/01)

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer

hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/00)

LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian-American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad \$8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano*. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

MARDI GRAS CAFE 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount Avenue), City Heights, 619-563-3666. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch *tsebbi derho* (known as *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zizil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and

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dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis Street), North Park, 619-291-4090. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Weekday lunch, early dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

RESTAURANT AFRIQUE Oak Plaza Mall, 4990 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-3838. The previous tenants' Chinese decor remains, but the atmosphere here is full-on Somali. Evenings, it's an unofficial club for the often-robed Somali men of the neighborhood. Dominoes and card games make it nicely rowdy. The food is mainly Somali, with some Ethiopian and Sudanese dishes. Try *muufo* (Somali bread) with marinated goat meat or chopped steak, or spiced rice with goat. Sudanese *fuul* (fava beans in tomato sauce) with regular or pita bread makes for lighter eating. Bananas come with each meal. There are right and wrong ways to eat — ask the owner, Abdiaziz, to show you. Many dishes come with pasta, a leftover from the Italian colonial period in Somalia. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — A.M. (2/01)

CHARLEY'S FAMOUS HAMBURGERS AND KEBOBS 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are

wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Open until 1 a.m. (with karaoke) on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

FAR EAST

ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily: lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80 (at the end of Highway 94), Boulevard, 619-766-3442. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917 it has sat under a grove of California live oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create an interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.B. (9/01)

PEARLS OF THE SEA Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. In a quiet refuge from the bustle of the casino, you'll find refined Hong Kong versions of Chinese classics, skillfully prepared in the light Cantonese style. The menu ranges from low-priced noodle bowls (including a dynamite Cantonese take on Filipino *pansit*) up to live Maine lobster and excellent Peking duck served with beautiful little Mandarin buns. The rear of the restaurant boasts live tanks, and if you love good seafood, do step back to choose your fish, which can be sensitively steamed, pan-fried, or deep-fried — your option. (By the way, a whole fish to feed a tableful runs less than a skimpy fillet at any fancy restaurant.) Since most gamblers want to gobble and run, tell the server immediately if you want your meal served in leisurely courses (as the food deserves). No alcohol. Reserve for weekends or large groups. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays; dinner until midnight all other weekdays; lunch and dinner from noon

Saturday and Sunday; open until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive, with a few large dishes and specialties at moderate prices. — N.W. (6/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chileman* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

BRIANS' AMERICAN EATERY 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians recently took over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties road-house character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!" omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

CAFE CASPIAN PERSIAN EATERY & TEAROOM 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry *tabouli* salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghormeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through earlyish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecilia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider moomsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, home-made, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619-544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. À la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — E.W.

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue (at Normal Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like *bento* combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichiban*" means. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington Street), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (7/98)

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (10/99)

PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger

than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

ACQUA AL 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

ATHENS MARKET 109 West F Street, downtown, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego, and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crust chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M.* (5/01)

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway (at Seventh Avenue), downtown, 619-239-1782. This "99-cent joint" is a great place to start the day if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the

breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Lunch and early dinners feature the usual buck-an-entrée Chinese fast-food choices. Three meals to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

FAZ 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp, 619-446-3040. Persian-born restaurateur Faz Poursohi, owner of several successful Bay Area restaurants, presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterranean-inspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style and executed with rare precision. Wood fire is the star of this show,

ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to a brined, smoked pork chop that's an object lesson in how to cook today's pork. Don't overlook the starters, such as the definitive eggplant puree, the marinated peppers with Laura Chenel goat cheese, or the house salad of baby greens and walnuts in a vibrant pomegranate vinaigrette. But save a little appetite for the ethereal warm cheesecake dessert. Valet parking is \$5 at hotel entrance on Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway. Full bar, affordable wine list. Breakfast daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate, but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome, but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

INDIGO GRILL 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables,

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game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varieties like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — *E.B. (12/01)*

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenejan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenejan* dumped on dry kebabs instead

of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/00)*

TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

VINCENZO RISTORANTE ITALIANO 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

AZZURA POINT Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

BISTRO D'ASIA 1301 Orange Avenue (at C Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/01)*

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

GALLEY AT THE MARINA 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

HANAOKA 1528-C Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and gyoza, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "*Hanaoka*" means "honor," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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MCP'S IRISH PUB & GRILL 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" minmall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are home-cooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

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.)

ANTOJITOS DEL PAIS 9750 Fraccionamiento America, Gobernador Balarezo (near Azteca Hotel), 686-2424. Hit at lunch hour, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and you'll find 22 waitresses and cooks serving you on the street, stirring huge steaming pots of soup, foot-high clay pots simmering with frijoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This isn't TJ, it's Central Mexico. Some great choices include *bistek ahumada* (smoked beef) or *costilla de res* (beef

ribs), *pollo en mole, lengua de res* (ox tongue), and *carne de cerdo* (pork), all around \$3, including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. Open 24/7 except from midnight on Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

CHIKI JAI 1388 Avenida Revolución (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, *salchicha* (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *al la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EL RINCON DEL OSO Location 47, Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

FONDA ROBERTO'S La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday; open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LONCHERIA LA POCA LUCHA Municipal Market, 105 Avenida Niños Héroes, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Loncheria La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos, bistec ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *mi-*

lanesa con papas (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Lunch and dinner until midnight. — *E.W.*

THE LIVING ROOM COFFEE-HOUSE 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B. (10/00)*

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — *E.B. (4/02)*

STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

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Country of Origin

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The revival at the Ken this week of *Quai des Orfèvres* ("New 35mm Restoration! New Subtitles!") raises the common question with revivals: why this one? It's true that *The Wages of Fear* and *Diabolique*, two other postwar works of Henri-Georges Clouzot, had received the same or similar treatment within memory. But it is also true that those two had never been very long out of circulation, had always had the place of foundation stones in the French repertoire, yet had never succeeded in expanding the director's reputation or the cinephile's curiosity about it. They were special cases. Even more so was the 1956 documentary, *The Mystery of Picasso*, a film of far greater interest to the Picasso crowd than to any Clouzot coterie.

So the question remains: why this one? why now? *Le Corbeau*, Clouzot's acid commentary on provincial French society, made during the Occupation with Nazi financing, has more "controversy" around it. *La Vérité*, his meticulous measurement of the dis-

tance between *The Whole Truth* and the version of it that emerges in a courtroom, has more name recognition in the person of Brigitte Bardot. And *La Prisonnière*, the filmmaker's swan song, has kinky Sixties sex of the bondage persuasion. Perhaps those may someday straggle in.

My own answer to the question could

be contained in two words, magic words (not unlike "open sesame"), incantatory words, words of almost unaccountable cachet: *film noir*. Of course this can be only a partial answer, because there are plenty of long-neglected French films that fit that description, and the terse two-word answer does not begin to address the issue of priority. At the current rate of excavation (last year it was Jean-Luc Godard's *noir* pastiche, *Band of Outsiders*, and the year before, Jules Dassin's *Rififi*), we ought to be getting around to Jacques Becker's *Touchez pas au Grisbi* in another five or ten years, and Yves Allegret's *Une si Jolie Petite Plaque* in another twenty or thirty, if the cachet continues to hold up.

In the meantime, the opportunity



Quai des Orfèvres

is to be seized. The program note on the Ken calendar informs us that the film has been "virtually unseen in the U.S. for over fifty years." I'm glad that room was found for the "virtually," because I'm sure I was well past kindergarten when I saw it under the title of *Jenny Lamour*, the title under which James Agee reviewed it in *The*

Nation upon its initial American release in 1948, in the same column in which he reviewed the delayed *Le Corbeau* under the name of *The Raven*: "Yes, yes, it was made in occupied France, by Frenchmen, for a German-controlled company; and what the hell of it?" The text of his review of *Quai des Orfèvres*—the original title signi-

fies the location of police headquarters—is worth quoting in full:

"Jealousy, crime, and consequences among small-time Parisian entertainers, well acted by Jouvet, Bernard Blier, and the succulent Suzy Delair. The director, Henri-Georges Clouzot, has an uncanny flair for occupational detail; a Germanic eye; French pace. Of

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MOVIES

its kind — intelligent trash — nearly perfect.”

Fair enough, even as to the allotted length, although if I myself thought it was that close to perfection, of whatever kind, I might have been inclined to rattle on about it a bit longer. In my opinion the final plot twist tips the balance a little away from intelligence and more toward trash, yet the atmosphere of damp nocturnal streets and seedy backstage show business and European sexual frankness is strong enough to be practically *smelled*, and the workings of the jaws of fate do indeed draw you deep into *noir* before spitting you out into the trash bin.

The modern moviegoer will likely need to be told who “Jouvet” is (namely, Louis Jouvet, 1887-1951, eminent stage actor for decades and somewhat reluctant screen star primarily in the Thirties, for Renoir, Carné, Feyder, Duvi vier), but his indelible characterization of the unprepossessing, plodding, scrupulous, slightly crippled policeman, entering

the film late and completely taking it over, will leave little doubt in anyone’s mind that he must really have been *somebody*: a sort of Gallic Walter Huston, with a big solid bony dignified head encasing a crafty intellect. The modern moviegoer, too, might want to be told that Bernard Blier, the green-eyed husband, was in real life the father of the director of *Going Places*, *Get Out Your Handkerchiefs*, *Too Beautiful for You*, et al. (Little Bertrand would have been eight years old at the time.)

Such a moviegoer might also feel that the French music hall and its trala-la *chansons* are not quite in tune with the nightclubs and their torch songs of the postwar American *noir*, are rather indicative of an earlier, *entre-les-guerres* period. It is always a good idea to remind oneself that the originators of *film noir* were not setting out to make *films noirs*, but were setting out to make melodramas, mysteries, crime films, thrillers, possibly even “intelligent trash,” and they cannot be held to the strictures of *ex post facto* codification.

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The following Friday at the Ken kicks off a two-week series of collaborations between Akira Kurosawa and

Toshiro Mifune, eight films altogether, or in other words *half* of their total number of collaborations. Although I might regret the absence of *I Live in Fear*, *The Bad Sleep Well*, and *Red Beard* in particular, and although this sort of event can never be as big as it would have been before the advent of video or the Director-of-the-Month salutes on TCM, the series nevertheless is (as they say) self-recommending. Few filmmakers fill up a screen like Kurosawa; few construct their images so exactly to the specs of the aspect ratio; few effect such a dynamic connection between images. And few actors can match the sheer physical presence of Mifune, with his cobra-like or blowfish-like capacity to swell himself up before our eyes. The early police procedural, *Stray Dog*, is the greatest rarity among the eight; and the later police procedural, *High and Low*, attains the rarest greatness. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

About Schmidt — Alexander Payne’s late-life-crisis comedy about a retired Omaha insurance executive who now begins to wonder what it was all about. Jack Nicholson may be too big a star, or too hip a one, in relation to his surrounding cast (chosen with care down to the smallest role), but you cannot fault his effort: his frog-on-a-lily-pad lethargy, his flat-footed waddle, his comb-over, his open embrace of humiliation, in total harmony with the understated grotesquerie around him. Much of the fun of the movie, much of the comic cushion against the harshness of its vision, is in seeing King Jack demean himself. Payne, a perfectly named if not perfectly spelled filmmaker, evinces a fine eye for the topographical and architectural barrenness of America’s Heartland (what someone might see as a “visual correlative” of the hero’s spiritual state), and a fine ear, as well, for the clichés, the jocularities, the pieties, the mendacities of social lubrication. The opening retirement party (“Nice event”), the invited but unwanted visit to the office of the hero’s yuppie successor at Woodmen of the World Insurance, the funeral reception, the nautically minded tourist from Eau Claire (“Ahoi!”), and the climactic wedding bash are all on a par with the wickedest tortures devised by Ring Lardner or Sinclair Lewis. Some scenes, it’s true, go too far; and the voice-over device whereby the hero pours

out his heart in letters to his six-year-old Tanzanian foster child (“For years now she has insisted that I *sit* when I urinate”) is as facile and as far-fetched as it is funny. To be more precise: very, very. (The spoken name alone — Ndugu — is a push-button for laughs, no matter how many times it is activated.) The ending could arguably have been cut shorter for ambiguity, but while the teardrop and the smile might make things easier for seekers after a Bright Side, these emotional cues do not really clear up the ambiguity. With Dermot Mulroney, Hope Davis, Kathy Bates. 2002.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; 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 unsparring physical detail), together with an identical twin brother who is also a screenwriter, albeit a happy-go-lucky hack: not so much a separate entity as an alternative self or a divisive inner voice. In short, Kaufman found a way to make a movie out of a mess, or vice versa. The surviving movie is still very much a mess: two movies in one, with attendant disruptions of momentum and shifts in tone. Susan Orlean remains in place as a central figure (played by Meryl Streep, whose director on *The River Wild*, Curtis Hanson, plays her husband), in tormented pursuit of her own story, that of a toothless redneck orchid cultivator (Chris Cooper, in his best role so far, and fully up to it). The movie has much to say, and much of it quite funny, about such large subjects as the solitary struggles of the writer in front of the blank page (how soon can he take a break for a muffin, and what kind of muffin?), the tug-of-war between artistic integrity and commercial compromise, the hidden depths of people beneath their opaque surfaces. All of this, including the funniness, is not achieved without a mighty sense of strain. And no amount of winking self-awareness, 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.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10; 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 — a mafioso who knows Broadway show tunes — sets the standard for the humor to come. (Somehow it’s worse, not better, that he is *faking* his madness, and that he can call up the lyrics, if not the melodies, *consciously*.) The outtakes during the closing credits, albeit a hand-me-down idea, raise the standard considerably: always a bad sign. Once again, the balance of attention, and even the balance of admiration, favors the mobster over the therapist, though you might hypothesize that Hollywood filmmakers on the whole would have a more intimate familiarity with the latter profession. On the other hand, they have made more money off the former. With Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow, Joe Viterelli. 2002.

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Annie — Going-through-the-motions filming of the Broadway hit. On past evidence, no one would imagine that director John Huston has any special aptitude for musicals. Or on present evidence either. His first-ever musical, after three dozen movies and more than twice that many years, is big, slow, and ugly. Albert Finney, doing a sometimes uncanny imitation of Huston’s own blustery speech delivery, seems to enjoy himself in the role of Daddy Warbucks. But we’ve seen him enjoy himself in just this way — irascible misanthrope transformed into heel-clicking philanthrope — once before, in Ronald Neame’s *Scrooge*. Here, however, unlike there, he doesn’t have the advanced age of his character to excuse the stiffness of his movement. With Aileen Quinn, Carol Burnett, Bernadette Peters, and Tim Curry. 1982.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/1 AND 2, 1:30 P.M.)

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, back-and-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; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Ararat — Atom Egoyan’s film-within-a-film approach to the Armenian holocaust of the Nineteen Teens; with David Alpay, Arsinée Khanjian, Christopher Plummer. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/31)

The Bicycle Thief — Vittorio De Sica’s heart-wrenching and arm-twisting argument on behalf of the Little Man. The people’s faces and the slum locales look coldly authentic and untampered-with. But the woeful plotline — a menial laborer’s frantic search for his stolen bicycle — dumps truckloads of irony and pathos all along the way. 1949.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/5, 7 P.M.)

Biker Boyz — Laurence Fishburne as the

president of an African-American motorcycle club, directed by Reggie Rock Bythewood.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/31)

Bonnie and Clyde — Arthur Penn’s Dust Bowl fairy tale, in crackling crisp color, about two romantic runaways, a would-be Robert Taylor and a would-be Jean Arthur, who build a legend around themselves with crime headlines, publicity photos, and sophomoric poems, who achieve sexual success in a wheat field after some earlier worries about impotence (“You were just fine”), and who die the deaths of martyrs under a frightening shower of police bullets. A trend-mad movie: Depression-period clothes, Southern dialects, and bluegrass banjos flaunted as cultural exoticisms; guns treated as explicit phallic symbols; violence portrayed in a voluptuous style heavy on special effects and slow-motion. Warren Beatty, Faye Dunaway, Gene Hackman, Estelle Parsons, Michael J. Pollard, and Gene Wilder. 1967.

★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 1/31, 2/1 AND 3 THROUGH 6)

Bowling for Columbine — Michael Moore’s engaging and enraging documentary on gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. Dishevelled as ever in his baggy clothes and collection of ballcaps (one of them emblazoned with “Writer”), usually unshaven, a definitive schlump, he is still his own protagonist, no

matter how antagonistic a one. Here he is, selecting a free rifle as a bonus “gift” for opening a CD account at a heartland bank *cum* licensed firearms dealer. Here he is, testing the theory that Torontonians don’t bother to lock their homes, by going right up to some front doors and opening them. (Canada comes off very well in the film, not just for the low murder rate among a well-armed populace, but for the bedrock of social beneficence.) And here he is, escorting two crippled survivors of the Columbine school shooting to Kmart headquarters, to “return” the bullets to their place of purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face — Kmart capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore’s quixotic quest to change the world. His search far and wide for connections and 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)

Casablanca — The City of Intrigue is converted into a large Camp ground, as Bogart feigns broken-heartedness and moral rehabilitation in this feminized thriller. Directed by Michael Curtiz, lushly. 1942.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/2)

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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; 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 Latifah. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind — An adaptation of the “unauthorized autobiography” of Chuck Barris, TV game-show producer — *The Dating Game*, *The Newlywed Game*, et al. — and moonlighting CIA hit man. Says him. 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 customary grandiosity, he decides to hammer out on a manual typewriter the details of his “wasted life” as a “cautionary tale.” The genre that would better fit what unfolds is the “fish story.” 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 recruiter. What the actor-slash-director seems to be banking on 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 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-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*, and you must concede, at the very least, that this

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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. Drew Barrymore, Rutger Hauer. 2002.

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El Crimen del Padre Amaro — Carlos Carrera's modernization, and Mexicanization, of a 19th-century Portuguese novel by Eça de Queiroz, a disciple of Flaubert. The film was a box-office bonanza in its native land, perhaps surprising in view of the sedateness and sobriety with which it looks at its subject. The subject on the other hand — priestly indiscretions — is *muy picante*. And there are moments worthy of Buñuel: the palming of a dollar from the collection plate, the spitting-out of a communion wafer to take home to the cat, the attempted force-feeding of a wafer to a palsied invalid. With Gael García Bernal, Sancho Gracia, and Ana Claudia Talancón. 2002.

★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Darkness Falls — 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. Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield, Lee Cormie; directed by Jonathan Liebesman. 2003.

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Derrida — American documentary on French deconstructionist Jacques Derrida: at home, at conferences, in classrooms, in interviews. With all the unavoidable distractions of the image, the film is less useful as a means of appreciating Derrida's thought than of appreciating his photogenic handsomeness: corona of white hair, nut-brown skin, a lived-in face, a warm smile, penetrating gaze. Directed by Kirby Dick and Amy Ziering Kofman. 2002.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/30)

Die Another Day — It is now (ahem) four decades since James Bond made his debut on screen, never mind another decade since his debut on the page; he must, as a film entity alone, be into his seventies by now. However you calculate it, he can ill afford to spend fourteen months in a North Korean prison, coming out afterwards looking like Robinson Crusoe, as he does at the beginning of this, the twentieth entry in the series, give or take a *Casino Royale* or a *Never Say Never Again*. If the opening bout of incarceration, torture, and disgrace (“Double-0 status rescinded”) is meant to provide a jolt, it would have been advisable not to precede it with one of those preposterously overblown pre-credits sequences, or to accompany it with techno-Madonna all through the actual credits. The film is wrecked before it can get off the ground. There was perhaps cause for hope in the enlistment of a new director, Lee Tamahori (*Once Were Warriors*, *Mulholland Falls*, *The Edge*, *Along Came a Spider*), a cut above most of the recent helmsmen. Then again, the same could have been said about Michael Apted before the previous one, *The World Is Not Enough*. Bond proves again to be director-proof. In fairness, the second-banana villain’s getaway by helicopter from an islet off Cuba is excitingly staged, and there’s a vigorous swordfight in the Flynn-

Rathbone tradition between Bond (who never needs practice to stay in trim) and the top banana. But then there's the laser-ray satellite, the invisible automobile, the wind-surfing on a tidal wave, the car chase through the melting Ice Palace, the cosmetic conversion of Asian to Caucasian, and so on. With Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens, Rosamund Pike, Rick Yune, Judi Dench, John Cleese. 2002.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

La Dolce Vita — Federico Fellini's diagnosis of what ails the modern world. It is not a short list. It is, rather, a long-winded discourse that sooner or later touches on nearly everyone's favorite vice. At least one of the subjects covered — the Roman paparazzi — is pinned down definitively. For the rest, this vulgar, energetic, and often over-extended movie is a handy summation of the moral laxities of the Jet Set Age. With Marcello Mastroianni, Anouk Aimee, and Anita Ekberg. 1960.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/6, 7 P.M.)

Empire — Street Smart meets Wall Street: a South Bronx drug dealer, looking to go legit, moves downtown to SoHo and gets taken to the cleaners. Directed with lots of tricks and little style by Franc Reyes (who wants us to put a period after his first name, a neat summary of his directorial sensibility). John Leguizamo, looking like a Latino John Garfield, and Peter Sarsgaard hold up their end, but the rest of it drags along in the muck. Denise Richards, Delilah Cotto, Isabella Rossellini, Sonia Braga. 2002.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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)

Final Destination 2 — Chiller starring Ali Larter, A.J. Cook, and Michael Landes, directed by David R. Ellis.

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Frida — Belated contribution to Frida-mania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek), an

almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera's definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman. The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say "magic realism") in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in *Titus*. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she's dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia — will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian "biopic," in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital infidelities and blow-ups ("My goddam sister! You're an animal!"), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, and who can barely spare a moment for what's on the walls. The artwork is important to her, just as Kahlo's circle of friends is important to her, only to the extent that it confers a reputation. The movie counts on the cachet of the characters to compensate

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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; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

A Guy Thing — 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 *Storytelling*,

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? Directed by Chris Koch. 2003.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets — Or for short, *Harry Chamber Pot*. In the second screen adaptation of a J.K. Rowling children’s book, our now pubescent hero fumbles his way to a giant, squirming, slithering basilisk (syn., cockatrice) via a concealed orifice in the girls’ lavatory, the haunt of a ghost called Moaning Myrtle: “Harry, if you die down there, you’re welcome to share my toilet.” Symbol-hunters, go to it! (The potty, the hole, the lizard, the moans, *la mort*....) But do not neglect, while you are at it, the Master Race motif of the Aryan-blond “pure-bloods” seeking to purge their school of the mongrelized “muggle-borns.” At a little past two and a half hours, the film is unforgivably overlong and overstuffed. Yet one is bound to agree with some of the obliging blurbists that this one is “better than the first,” regardless of the relative heat or chill of one’s enthusiasm. “There is a plot,” as pointed out by the computer-generated Dobby, a sort of Jar Jar Binks Jr., “a plot to make most terrible things happen.” Right. So much for plot. (More of it, at any rate, than in the first one, and less preamble.) Viewed, however, as a seam-bursting compilation of state-of-the-art special effects — the flying car, the crash-landing of same in the Whomping Willow, the errant owl, the Blue Pixies, the Eight-

Legged Freaks, etc., etc. — the film can be faulted only for its lack of let-up and its absence of judgment: faults so common these days as to have become norms. And as far as faults go, none goes farther than the upchucking of half-foot slugs by the poor little Weasley boy, a more “realistic” effect than you could possibly want. (Pass the chamber pot, please.) Still, that giant basilisk, its eyes pecked out by a reconstituted phoenix, is good enough to overcome the jaw-slackening monotony of it all, even to overcome the carbon-copy *Alien* moment of the hero nose to nose with the mucus-dripping monster. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Kenneth Branagh, and (the late) Richard Harris; directed by Chris Columbus. 2002.

★ (PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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, high-flown 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 latter-generation 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 present-day 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 cross-generational 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, “life-affirming,” 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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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roulette with five bullets and one empty chamber.) The elaboration of the idea stresses its flimsiness. With Leonardo Sbaraglia, Eusebio Poncela, Monica Lopez, and Max Von Sydow; directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo. 2002.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/30)

Just Married — 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.” Directed by Shawn Levy. 2003.
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Kangaroo Jack — Marsupial comedy with Jerry O’Connell, Anthony Anderson, and Estella Warren, directed by David McNally. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. (Some 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; 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)

Love Liza — The grief-sticken widower of a carbon-monoxide suicide (he cannot bring himself to read her note) takes up the hobby of sniffing gasoline, and then the hobby of remote-control model airplanes (initially as a cover for the smell of gas around the house). An emotionally unrestrained but nonetheless static little film, a barren stage for Philip Seymour Hoffman to show what he can do. With Kathy Bates, Sarah Koskoff, Jack Kehler; written by Gordy Hoffman (the star’s older brother); directed by Todd Louiso. 2002.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/31)

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.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Self-anointed “Frump Girl” meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he’s not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unbурden 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; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; VOGUE)

Narc — Down-and-dirty cop thriller, as hard to follow as it is to stomach. The pell-mell 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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

National Security — 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. Directed by Dennis Dugan. 2003.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; 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; 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 self-consciousness. Still, writer-director Douglas McGrath has done a sturdier job of adaptation here than he did in *Emma*, or perhaps it’s just that Dickens can put up a sturdier resistance than Jane Austen, that he can withstand heavier losses. When you 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. The rousing score by Rachel Portman, a 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.
★★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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

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experiences have no doubt informed all of Polanski’s best work, albeit less literally. Or in other words, more artfully. With Thomas Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Quai des Orfèvres — Reviewed this issue. With Louis Jouvet, Suzy Delair, Bernard Blier, and Simone Renant; directed by

Henri-Georges Clouzot. ★★★ (KEN, 1/31 THROUGH 2/6)

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 dog-eared 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 Gulpiilil. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Recruit — Espionage thriller with Al Pacino and Colin Farrell, directed by Roger Donaldson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/31)

The Ring — Heavily hyped remake of a little-seen Japanese horror film follows around a Nancy Drew reporter (Naomi Watts) as she looks into the rumor of a videotape that kills its viewers one week to the minute after they view it. She even looks at

the tape herself after intrepidly tracking down a copy of it at the Shelter Mountain Inn, where four simultaneously deceased teenagers had stayed the week previous. (The video looks a bit like a product of the 1920s avant-garde cinema, but not necessarily lethal.) She then asks the appropriate journalistic questions: “Who made it? Where’d it come from?” She has exactly one week to find the answers. 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

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Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 4:45, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (2:05) 4:45, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:45) 7:35, 10:00; **Antwone Fisher** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:30, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35; Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:30, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:55, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:00; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:20) 5:45, 7:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:45) 7:55, 9:55; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 2:40, 3:40) 4:50, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50, 10:40; Sun. (1:20, 2:40, 3:40) 4:50, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 2:40, 3:40, 4:50, 5:50) 7:30, 8:30, 9:50; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:30) 9:40; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (5:10) 9:30; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:25) 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:00) 7:10, 9:20; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:35, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:35) 8:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:20) 7:25; **Narc** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:05) 7:20; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00, 3:00) 4:20, 5:20, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:25; Sun. (2:00, 3:00) 4:20, 5:20, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:00, 4:20, 5:20) 7:15, 8:00, 9:45

Horton Plaza 14
457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Empire: Chicago; National Security; El Crimen del Padre Amaro; Two Weeks No-

tice; 25th Hour; Kangaroo Jack; Maid in Manhattan; Catch Me If You Can; Die Another Day; About Schmidt; The Hours

LA JOLLA
La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Final Destination 2; Biker Boyz; The Recruit; Darkness Falls; The Hours; Just Married; 25th Hour; About Schmidt; Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; Two Weeks Notice

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Adaptation (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Wed. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Thu. (1:35) 4:20, 9:55; **Ararat** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:55, 5:05, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15

MIRA MESA
Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY
Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Final Destination 2; Biker Boyz; The Recruit; Confessions of a Dangerous Mind; Darkness Falls; Kangaroo Jack; National Security; A Guy Thing; The Hours; Just Married; Narc; 25th Hour; Catch Me If You Can; Chicago; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; Two Weeks Notice

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35; **Adaptation** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25; **Annie** (PG) Sat.-Sun. 1:30; **Bonnie and Clyde** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:15, 5:25, 7:30; Sat. 5:25, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:15, 5:25, 7:30, 9:45; **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:05, 7:20, 9:40; **Casablanca** (PG) Sun. 5:00, 7:00, 9:20; **Chicago** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Fri.-Sun. 7:10; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 4:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; **The Fly** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 12:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:15; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Final Destination 2; Biker Boyz; The Recruit; Confessions of a Dangerous Mind; Just Married; Two Weeks Notice; Antwone Fisher; Catch Me If You Can; A Guy Thing; 25th Hour; About Schmidt; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Darkness Falls; National Security; Narc; Gangs of New York; Chicago; Kangaroo Jack; The Hours

STATE UNIVERSITY
Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:40) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 1:45, 3:45) 5:45, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (11:45, 1:45, 3:45) 5:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:45, 5:45) 7:45; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:30, 5:30) 7:30; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 6:10, 8:15, 10:15; Sun. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 6:10, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:55) 6:10, 8:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:30) 6:00, 9:25; Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:20) 7:40; **National Security**

(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:30, 3:30) 5:55, 7:50, 9:45; Sun. (11:10, 1:30, 3:30) 5:55, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:30, 5:55) 7:50

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Quai des Orfevres (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN
Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Far from Heaven (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:50) 7:20; **Frida** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; **Love Liza** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; **Nicholas Nickleby** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 4:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 9:45; **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Three on a Match, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 8:50 p.m.; **The Match King**, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **The Bicycle Thief**, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; **Jane Goodall’s Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:30; **Ultimate X** (PG) Fri. 9:15; Sat. 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Final Destination 2; Biker Boyz; The Recruit; About Schmidt; Confessions of a Dangerous Mind; Darkness Falls; Kangaroo Jack; National Security; A Guy Thing; Just Married; Narc; 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; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; The Ring

RANCHO SAN DIEGO
Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-555-8355)
Antwone Fisher (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:15; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Fri.-Sun. 7:15; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15, 9:25; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 12:50, 2:30, 3:00, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 9:10, 9:40; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:25) 8:15; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 5:50); **How to Lose a Guy In 10 Days** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:30; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:05, 5:15) 7:25, 9:35; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Narc** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 5:00) 10:00; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:15, 2:45, 4:40, 5:10) 7:05, 7:35, 9:30, 10:00; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 7:30; Sat. (2:40); Sun.-Thu. (2:40) 7:30

LA MESA
Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:05, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:05) 7:05, 9:50; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:35, 8:00, 10:35; Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 5:15, 8:30; Sun. (2:00) 5:05, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:05) 8:10; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 2:30) 4:40, 5:20, 7:25, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:50, 2:30) 4:40, 5:10, 7:20, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 2:30, 4:40, 5:10) 7:20, 8:00, 10:00; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:25) 5:35, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:25, 5:30) 7:35, 9:35; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:25) 7:40, 9:45; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:25, 9:55; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:30) 7:45, 9:55; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
25th Hour (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:50) 8:35; **Adaptation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30, 5:55) 8:25; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:30) 8:30; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:25) 8:05; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:15) 5:20, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:15, 5:20) 8:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:40) 6:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 3:55) 8:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 5:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 5:45); **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:25, 3:25) 5:25, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:35, 5:35) 8:10; **Nicholas Nickleby** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 5:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 5:40); **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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Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Darkness Falls; Kangaroo Jack; National Security; Catch Me If You Can

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Antwone Fisher (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 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; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
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Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; Two Weeks Notice; Maid in Manhattan

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:35; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 4:00) 7:05, 10:30; **Charly** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:55) 7:50; **Chicago** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Fri.-Sun. 7:15; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:50) 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 3:50) 7:30, 9:55; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; **El Crimen del Padre Amaro** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:10) 7:00, 10:00; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:25, 2:10, 2:40, 4:30, 5:00) 6:45, 7:25, 9:45, 10:10; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:25) 6:55, 10:25; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 5:20) 10:15; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30) 7:40, 10:20; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 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.-Thu. (3:05) 9:25; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:10, 4:25) 6:40, 9:35; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:30, 2:35, 3:00, 5:05, 5:25) 7:35, 7:55, 10:05, 10:25; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45) 7:20

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Hot Chick (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 10:00; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00

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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)

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 non-fans, and to sow uneasiness among the faithful. The second half restores order, in particular the ostensible silent-movie pastiche involving an incredibly shrinking man and a foam-rubber vagina. (An image ripped from the reels of another provocateur, Bertrand Blier, *Femmes Fatales*.) The color, in a warm palette weighted toward red, rust, orange, and yellow, can be appreciated by anyone. Javier Cámara, Darío Grandinetti, Leonor Watling, Rosario Flores, Geraldine Chaplin. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

7:15; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri. 1:30, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. 11:15, 1:30, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 9:45; **Adaptation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:15, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15) 7:05, 9:30; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:05; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:55) 7:00, 10:10; Sun. (12:55, 3:55) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:05) 7:00, 10:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Sneak Preview Fri.-Sun. 7:40; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50, 3:45) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:45, 5:45) 7:50, 9:55; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:55) 8:05, 10:05; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:50); Mon.-Thu. (3:50) 7:40; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:25) 7:35, 9:50; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:10, 7:20, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:20) 7:20, 9:25; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:30) 8:15; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:00) 7:45, 10:10; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (1:20)

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 *Poway Road (858-646-9423)*
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30;
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **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; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 4:00, 7:45; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)

25th Hour (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 7:25; **About Schmidt** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 7:45, 10:25; **Antwone Fisher** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 2:10, 4:45) 7:35, 10:10; Tue.-Wed. (11:30, 4:45) 10:40; Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:45) 7:35, 10:10; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55; **Catch Me If You**

Can (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Charly** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (4:55) 10:15; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:35, 4:05) 7:00, 9:35; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:25, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:25, 4:35) 6:45, 9:15; **Die Another Day** (PG-13) Tue.-Wed. (2:10) 7:35; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 2:30) 6:00, 9:30; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:10) 7:45, 10:15; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:10, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 5:05) 7:20, 9:35; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:40, 12:50, 2:55, 5:00) 7:05, 9:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:25, 2:15) 6:00, 9:45; **National Se-**

curity (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05)
7:35, 10:00; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu.
(12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:20; **Two Weeks**
Notice (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30)
6:05, 8:15, 10:35

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:30, 3:40, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Kangaroo Jack**

(PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:40, 9:40; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 4:40

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road
(858-646-9420)

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Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15,

1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R)** Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; **The Hours (PG-13)** Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **The Pianist (R)** Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:45, 5:00, 8:15

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. 1:20, 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:40, 5:30, 8:10; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25; Sun. 1:10, 4:15, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:35, 7:55; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:10, 5:40, 8:25; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 3:05, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. 12:40, 3:05, 5:40, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:50, 5:20, 8:00; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:40, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 4:50, 8:20; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 5:15, 7:45; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40; Mon.-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

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471 South Coast Highway 101
(760-436-SHOW)
Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:40;
Frida (R) Fri. 6:00; Sat.-Sun. 3:15, 6:00;
Mon.-Thu. 6:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture
Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)
(760-599-8221)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 5:00,
7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45;
Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00,
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00,
4:00, 7:00; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind**
(R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00;
Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Just Married**
(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15,
10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15;
Kangaroo Jack (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45,
3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45,
3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.
10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.
10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

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(760-806-1790)
Final Destination 2; Biker Boyz; The Recruit;
Darkness Falls; Kangaroo Jack; National Security;
A Guy Thing; Just Married; Gangs of New York;
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

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 About Schmidt; Confessions of a Dangerous
 Mind; Darkness Falls; Chicago; Kangaroo
 Jack; National Security; A Guy Thing; Just
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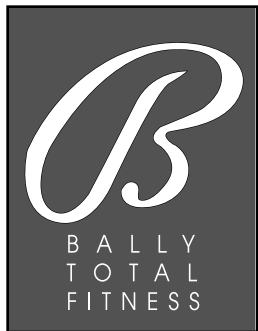
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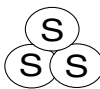
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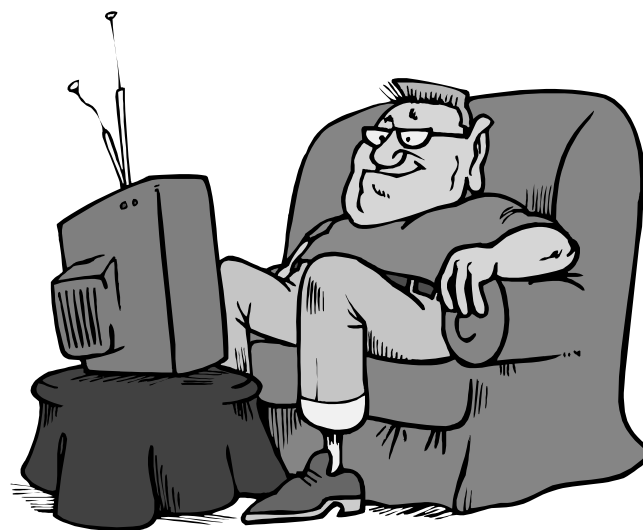
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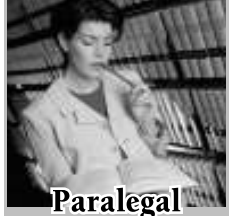
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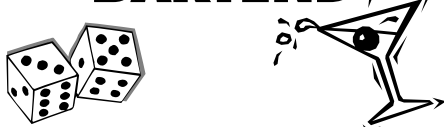
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- _____turvy
- Quart divs.
- One to rub out?
- Curly-tailed dog
- Faulkner's "_____ Lay Dying"
- 1986 rock autobiography
- CD players' predecessors
- Show
- Exile
- Luth. or Bapt. school
- Breyers rival
- Network: Abbr.
- 1968 battle period
- F.B.I. file
- Part of SST
- Masters and Jonson, e.g.
- Show
- First aid kit item
- "If _____ you ..."
- All together
- Singer Yoko
- _____, amas, amat
- Pop singer Lisa
- Baton Rouge sch.
- Strong string
- Show
- Glancing blow
- Untrue
- Jerusalem's land: Abbr.
- Hairy-chested ones
- Community spirit
- British rule in colonial India
- Be crazy about
- Detach gradually

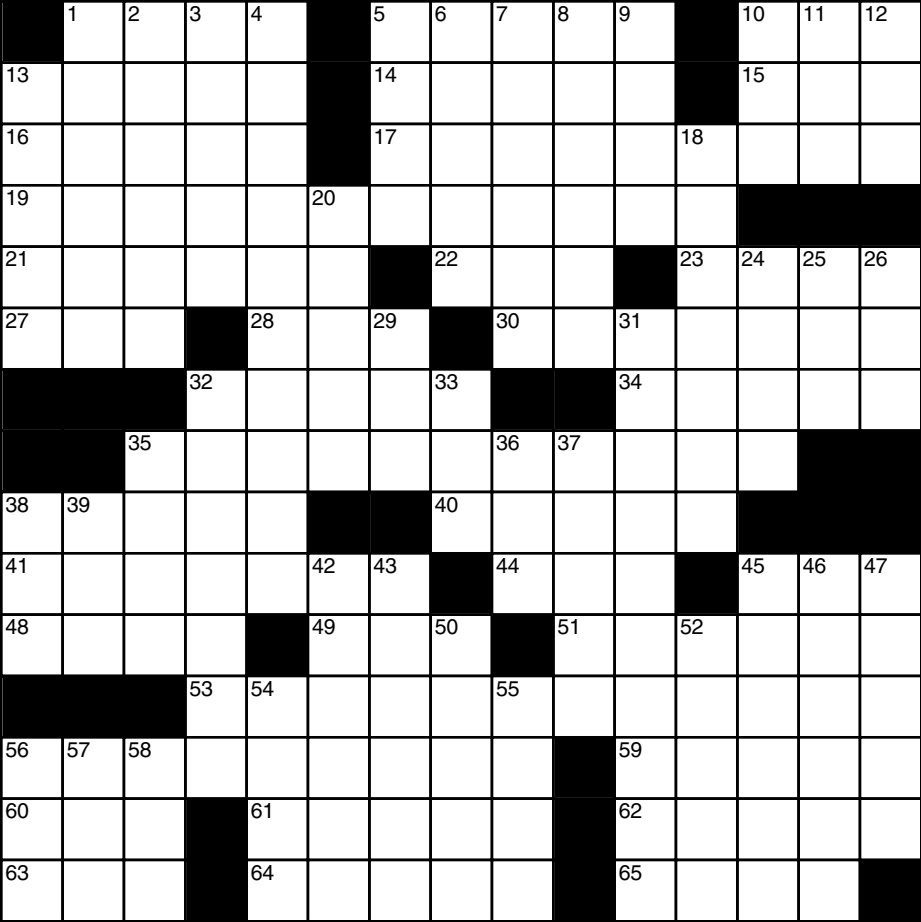
Down

- Emulate Judas, say
- Labor groups
- Egyptian peninsula
- They're mostly white at Arlington National Cemetery
- "Till we meet again"
- Approves
- Hatched, like a bird's egg
- Sailor's guardian
- "And so on," when tripled
- Campaign contributor, maybe
- "Come, come"
- Serena, to Venus
- All of the Bee Gees
- It's tough to look at
- "_____ was your age ..."
- Went out, as a fire

- Still
- Ones of the highest grade: Abbr.
- "My country" follower
- Gerald Ford replaced him
- Fairly large
- Illinois' largest city, for short
- See red
- It's "company"
- Start of a conclusion
- Vaseline, for one
- Request for Vanna, maybe
- Came to a stop sign
- _____ Pie
- Christie who wrote more than 70 detective novels
- 1970 A.L. Rookie of the Year
- Four Holy Roman emperors
- Stimulant
- Legal U.S. tender
- Dept. of Labor arm
- Philosopher Descartes
- Elton John, since 1998
- "This _____ test ..."
- Erving, in headlines

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
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- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/23/03.

Of the 72 entrants, 70 were correct. The winners are:

- William L. Johns, *National City*
- Terry E. Rand, *San Diego*
- Ruth Tubbs, *San Diego*
- Dorothy A. Weim, *Chula Vista*
- A. Francolino, *Oceanside*

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DEBORAH PASSED AWAY on the day treasured earrings, allegedly owned by the family, were mysteriously confiscated from her hotel room. Rest in peace, suffering soul.

IS THERE ANYONE out there who went to Bob Reeves High School, Adak, Alaska,

between 1974 and 1977? Respond to this column.

ONE DAY we will be judged not by the color of our skin but by the content of our character. Martin Luther King, Jr.

RALPH'S, UPTOWN HILLCREST, Sunday 1/20. You: dark hair/silver. Me: light brown, grey shirt. Both: tan pants. I followed you to produce, you kept looking back. I've seen you before, I'd love to talk to you! jasonsinparis@hotmail.com.

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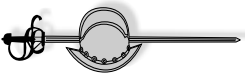
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ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE, white female, 52, seeks black gentleman, 52-58, for long relationship. Enjoys music, movies, outings, home. Seeking honest, caring, monogamous relationship. We can share. (2/12) ☎50387

BLONDE, ATTRACTIVE, affectionate, professional, 54, woman. Seeking tall, professional, 50-55, nonsmoker, white, honest, sincere gentleman, for beach walks, movies and/or casual dates. (2/5) ☎50307

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK FEMALE, 51, seeks honest, sincere, caring, affectionate, romantic, down to earth, black male, for friendship, dating and possible long term relationship. (2/5) ☎50331

NONRELIGIOUS, intelligent, humorous, pleasant looking, 60 years young, 5'8", 230lbs. Looking for casual companionship, dutch date. Interested? I'm being brave. How about you? (2/12) ☎50378

AFRICAN AMERICAN professional, 39 years, think and healthy, no games, serious, intelligent, beautiful, no old relationship baggage, adventurous, bold, honest, dancing, museums, travel and you. (2/5) ☎50333

INTELLIGENT, OPEN-MINDED, dynamic woman seeks man for kayaking and other outdoor activities, spontaneity, possible future, dining, movies, lots of humor, interest in new experiences. (2/12) ☎50363

READY? Make me feel like a woman. Beautiful, blonde/blue, 59, seeks soul mate with handsome, sincere, upbeat gentleman, intelligent, loving, exciting. Take a chance. (2/5) ☎50327

ATTRACTIVE, ALMOST 56, outgoing, registered nurse, widow, employed. Seeking available, employed man, 56-66, nonsmoking, no kids. We like the arts, movies, music, good restaurants. Relationship. (2/12) ☎50362

BLUE-EYED BLONDE, 110lbs, 5'5", loves horses, walks, movies, seeks nonsmoker, 40's, doesn't cheat/lie, outdoorsy, handyman, country cowboy type, casual lifestyle, good looking. (2/5) ☎50315

TALL, SLENDER BLONDE, long hair, blue eyes, inner and outer beauty, love to be

spoiled! You: 6'+, 40+, humorous, handsome. (2/12) ☎50381

EXOTIC, SEXY, FIT, poricua, 31, 5'5", brown eyes, smile like the sunrise. Seeking fit, very attractive, secure, older white gentleman with class to spoil me. (2/12) ☎50379

I'M HISPANIC, 28, with dark hair/eyes, curvy physique, 5'6", attractive, intelligent, funny. Looking for guy that's same, 30-35, who's Mr. Right. (2/5) ☎50310

OLDER WOMAN SEEKING younger man for a relationship. I am 40, considered very attractive, fit, blonde/blue. Please be handsome, fit, romantic. No games. (2/12) ☎50389

BLACK GIRL WANTS white guy to make a difference in our lives. Simple pleasures are what I like most. (2/5) ☎50341

ATTRACTIVE, AUDACIOUS female, 41, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, independent, intelligent, nonsmoker, loves to have fun clubbing, dancing or watching movies with special someone. (2/5) ☎50303

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, UNIQUE humor, imaginative, woman in 40s seeks male for companionship. Maybe more. (2/5) ☎50298

OUTGOING LADY, 50, looks 40, acts 30. Hiking, biking, museums, theater, Disneyland, travel, adventure, fit, attractive, petite. Seeking fit, attractive, fun male, 40-50, outgoing, nonsmoker. (2/12) ☎50385

WHERE ARE YOU DARLING, I miss you. I am 5'5" and 170lbs. Be my birthday gift. You: over 48 and a gentleman. So long. (2/5) ☎50340

CURVACEOUS, ATTRACTIVE blonde, great legs, 125lbs., 5'3", selective, exciting, traditional. Seeking lifetime playmate, 55+, 165lbs., nonsmoker, emotionally/financially secure, sincere, active, healthy, humorous, theater, travel. (2/5) ☎50321

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, slender, educated, successful lady seeks similar. Emotionally available, fit, financially secure, spontaneous gentleman, 49-60, for dining, dancing, theater, opera, travel, movies. Possible relationship. (2/12) ☎50377

CHARMING, BLUE-EYED BLONDE, with varied interests. Seeking a kind, sincere,

single white male, 5'10"-6", who appreciates a lady. (2/5) ☎50320

ROMANTIC, OUTGOING, spiritual, sophisticated, professional, artistic, red-head seeks man, 47-58, meaningful conversations, fun, laughter, personal growth, integrity, walks, hiking, films, art, good food, travel. (2/12) ☎50373

INDEPENDENT, self-sufficient contractor's daughter seeks handyman to build life with. Can't be intimidated by woman owning power tools. We're homeowners, nonsmokers, childless, campers, 40+. (2/5) ☎50306

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensational healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white professional, 35-56. Let's enjoy food, music and explore. (2/5) ☎50325

ACTIVE, ATHLETIC, SWEET and sensitive, yet slender, sleek and sensual. Brunette seeks handsome, fit, financially secure man, over 5'10", for laughing, loving and committed relationship. (2/12) ☎50356

RUSSIAN BORN, TALL, very attractive redhead, American with good figure, pleasant character, 48, musician seeks professional, real gentleman only, serious to build the family. (2/12) ☎50346

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GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE? Well educated, multifaceted, professional, artistic, people person, Italian. Seeking similar for relationship. Be intuitive, self aware, loving, peaceful, fun, 50s. (2/5) ☎49981

GOOD LOOKING, 38, 6', muscular body seeks adventurous female, casual company, more. Let's share our passion/hearts. Prefer mature woman, any age, young at heart. (2/5) ☎49958

LATINO MAN, fit, slim, 5'8", 49, educated, never married, adventurous, free spirited. Seeking companionship with kind, caring woman, age/race immaterial. (2/5) ☎49947

ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, artistic, skier, surfer, tennis player, 43, trim, professional, seeks honest, athletic, attractive, friend, confident, lover, to give/share the best of ourselves/world. (2/12) ☎69195

ROMANTIC PROCESSOR seeks ingenious muse software to drive him. You're a late 50s or 60s style with a good heart and graceful ways. (2/12) ☎69154

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 52, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (2/12) ☎69155

STORY BOOK LOVE, I believe it, more I know we can find it. Nice looking medical professional seeks partner to explore forever with love. 45-55. (2/5) ☎49996

PLAYFUL, CARING, intelligent, sensual, handsome, 53, 5'9", 175lbs., loves nature, arts, sciences, humor. Desires slender, cute, 40 something, playmate. Adventure, personal growth, laughs, hugs. (2/5) ☎49963

NORTH COUNTY. AVERAGE white male, 51, nonsmoking/drugs. Into Unitarian Universal Church and 12 step. Looking forward to the New Year and meeting you. (2/12) ☎69179

EASYGOING, TALL, monogamous, professional, 39, leans toward handsome,

likes movies, music, humor, sports, dining out. Seeking active, attractive, humorous lady, 30-45, for endless possibilities. (2/5) ☎49973

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, honest, homeowner, handyman, 59, nonsmoker, not gorgeous but OK. Willing to get to know me; to share life's simple pleasures. (2/12) ☎69145

YOU: ASIAN, 20-31, who is nice, honest, loving and a free spirit. Me: 31, preschool teacher who likes football, soccer, beach, family and working out. (2/12) ☎69148

GOOD COMMUNICATOR, sensual, warm, intelligent, funny, responsible, accomplished. Also trim, toned, nice appearance, youthful, early 50s. You: 35-45, nice figure, childless, North County. (2/12) ☎69175

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FUN LOVING, TRAVELER, 55, 6', 185lbs., cycling, kayaking, dining, movies, Humphrey's concerts, exploring, games. Seeking attractive, athletic, 40+, free-spirited, sensitive, caring. Friends now, intimacy later? (2/12) ☎69152

ATTRACTIVE, BIG HEARTED animal lover, 34, seeks kind, natural. I'm happy, intelligent, playful, progressive, spiritual, professional, straight edge, thoughtful, veggie, outdoorsy, dependable. Where are you? (2/12) ☎69165

GOOD LOOKING, BLACK gentleman, 6'1", educated, financially secure, to meet white female, very attractive, independent, educated, 5'6"+, reality grounded, sophisticated. (2/5) ☎49995

SEEKING ASIAN/AMERASIAN princess, 18-38, slender, liberal thinking. Me: long-haired, Mexican/American, surfer type, bad boy looks, kind heart, 38, professional, homeowner. Call soon! (2/5) ☎49948

WHITE, 38, 6'2", TEACHER who enjoys travel, camping, fishing, cooking, music, poetry, talking/listening, holding hands, stimulating conversation, no Republicans. Looking for giving, big heart. Want to marry my best friend, start not inherit a family. (2/12) ☎69147

SINGLE, PROFESSIONAL, intelligent, generous, affluent, 6'3", fit, handsome, likes travel, books, film, excitement, seeks a younger, very attractive, feminine companion for dinners, world-wide travel and fun. Should be as at home in Armani as a bikini. (2/5) ☎49999

ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR, 39, book author, tall, blue eyes, fit, plays guitar, enjoys music, creative accomplishments. Seeking sensitive, honest, loyal, intelligent, attractive, growth-oriented, single female. (2/5) ☎49988

THIS FOLLOWER OF JESUS seeks same in woman, 35-55. I am involved in music ministry and am marriage minded. Have you been praying about this? (2/5) ☎49955

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HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (2/5) ☎49943

SURFING LESSONS. Must be coordinated, not afraid of water, sand, seaweed. OK if you have web feet. Me: 36, look like shootout Mel Gibson. (2/12) ☎69184

27, 6'1", 175LBS, CLEAN CUT, conservative, open-minded, romantic gentleman in excellent health, active, nonsmoker, without baggage. Seeking white female, 18-30, without baggage. (2/12) ☎69196

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GREAT LOVER, average looks, 6', 180lbs., 45, white, skiing, bowling, sense of humor, movies, dinner. Seeking average or better woman, 30-50, exciting. (2/5) ☎49946

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HANDSOME, financially secure, white male, mid 40s, massage specialist, seeks open-minded lady needing intimacy and sensual affection, yet values her privacy and nontraditional independence. (2/5) ☎49944

PROFESSIONAL DOCTOR. Caucasian, 5'8", blue eyes, fit, energetic, adventurous, nonsmoker. I do everything and like to do anything that you do. You: 35-45. (2/5) ☎49971

INTELLIGENT, SENSITIVE man, white, 48, 190lbs., nice looking, likes PBS, movies, outdoors, music, dogs, seeks woman, 35-50, for caring relationship. Height/weight proportionate desired. (2/12) ☎69164

INDEPENDENT ARTIST MAN, 57, seeks unpretentious, down to earth lady. Age range, 50-70 years young. All races are beautiful. (2/5) ☎49966

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HANDSOME, 51 YEARS OLD, white male, nonsmoker, financially/emotionally secure, 6'2", physically fit. You: slim, 5'5"-5'9", nonsmoker, 31-51, San Diego area, physically fit, emotionally secure, travel, skiing, dating, companionship, relationship. (2/12) ☎69209

YOU ARE 5'2"-5'6", 49-50, slender, medium build, nonsmoker, nondrinker, sensuous, affectionate, cuddly. I'm the same plus beaches, homeowner, humorous, lovable, educated, music, semiretired teacher. (2/12) ☎69190

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BALDING, NONSMOKER, nondrinker, 5'9", fit, love animals, kids, outdoors, having fun, happy with who and where I am, inland North County. (2/5) ☎49957

HANDSOME HISPANIC, 42, young at heart, financially secure professional, very affectionate, passionate, loving, humorous, fun, 5'8", 160lbs. Seeking sincere woman, any nationality. (2/5) ☎49984

FISHERMAN, 43, FREE, two college kids, seeks doctor/nurse, to suture me, must love ocean, boating, sunsets, laughter, gourmet food, fine wine, great conversation. (2/12) ☎69177

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WARMHEARTED, single, white male, 50, tall, attractive, sincere, fit, funny, friendly, looking for an attractive woman with a good sense of humor for a relationship. (2/5) ☎49951

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GOOD LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 45, seeks slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (2/12) ☎69157

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PLUMPER WOMAN DESIRED, 40ish-60ish, prefer unencumbered Caucasian, Latina or native American for romantic friendship. I'm 46, Caucasian, 5'11", neat appearance. Being articulate, cerebral counts. (2/12) ☎69180

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ITALIAN/AMERICAN, passionate, optimistic, 5'11", 195lbs., 57, looks 47, emotionally/financially secure, nice looking, fit, deeply ethical, homeowner, seeks quality, nonsmoking, slender, sensuous woman, 47+.. (2/5) ☎49961

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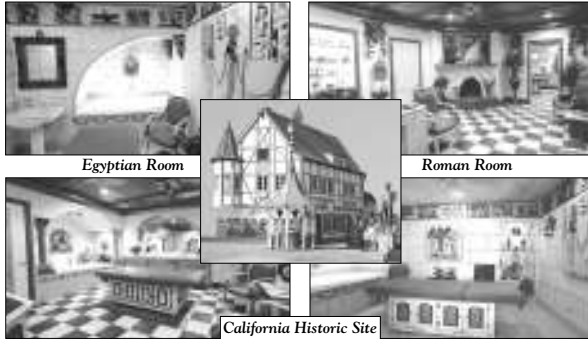
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DOWNTOWN. \$665. 1 bedroom, upstairs unit. Section 8 eligible. New paint, new flooring, off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4852 Market Street. XLLA, 619-683-7638.

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DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, air conditioning, dishwasher, first floor, assigned parking. Gated complex. Downtown views. Available February 15. 1233 22nd Street. Rochelle, 858-490-6543.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Craftsman house with bonus room, huge floorplan, washer/dryer, large rear yard, security system. Cat OK. 1145 22nd Street. XLA, 619-683-7638.

GOLDEN HILL. \$ 750. Pet-friendly community! Charming 1 bedroom with large walk-in closet. Newly renovated paint and carpet. Pets under 25 pounds. 619-921-6199.

GOLDEN HILL. \$575. Darling studio in gated garden setting. Newly remodeled, berber carpet, tile. No pets, no smoke 3165-1/2 B Street. Agent, 619-685-3960; 619-239-6208.

GOLDEN HILL. \$995. 1 bedroom detached unit with deck. Fabulous city/bay view, oak floors, tiled kitchen and bath, new dishwasher, stove, refrigerator. Laundry. Nonsmoking. Cat OK. 619-238-3593.

GOLDEN HILL. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, lots of windows, just remodeled, 9 unit garden apartments, laundry. Cat OK. Available 2/8. 858-459-9170.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, carpet, gardener paid. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

GOLDEN HILL. \$850. Dogs welcome! 1 bedroom. remodeled, tile, carpet, appliances, ceiling fan, and more. Private patio, reserved parking, dog run. Laundry. Close to downtown and major freeways. Available March. 1005 33rd Street. 619-275-5757.

GOLDEN HILL. \$650. Studio, freshly painted, new carpet, close to downtown/freeway. Laundry room. 1140-1/2 20th Street. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. \$700. 1 bedroom. 2 story Victorian charmer on hill above new ballpark! Downstairs unit. New carpet, paint, appliances. Building exterior currently being painted. Open house Saturday 10-11:30am. \$650 deposit. Pet deposit \$150 additional. 2045 K Street #2. Janina, 619-460-5005.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1295. 2+ bedroom, 1 bath. Newly painted. Large yard. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Available February. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

GOLDEN HILL. \$700. Sunlit studio with stunning Downtown view in historic building. Hardwood floors, newly tiled kitchen and bath. New maple kitchen cabinets, tile countertop. Large closet, clawfoot tub. Quiet, secure building with laundry. 2035 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILLS. \$775. Large, neat, clean 1 bedroom. In older, quiet building. Off-street parking. Large built-in bookshelves. Large closets with mirrored doors. Ceramic tile in kitchen and bath. Pedestal sink, mirrored tub enclosure in bath. Next to golf course, college and navy hospital. 2646 A Street. 619-233-4848.

GOLDEN HILL/BALBOA PARK. \$1600. Charming, 1940s English cottage, pets welcome. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, set above street. Hardwood floors, fireplace, coved ceilings, dining room. French doors to redwood deck in private yard. One year old washer/dryer and refrigerator, gas stove. Nine blocks from Balboa Park, 3 minutes from I-5/163/94 Interchange, 5 minutes from heart of Gaslamp Quarter in Downtown San Diego. Water and gardener included. Available February 12. Please call for appointment to view, 619-921-1695.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695. Spacious 1 bedroom duplex. Redecorated. No pets. Must see. Available now. 870 27th Street. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

GOLDEN HILL. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom. \$1295. Gated complex. Quiet neighborhood. On-site laundry. Underground parking. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. For appointment, 858-598-1111; www.utopiamanagement.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675 studio and \$775 1 bedroom. Secluded garden setting. Newly remodeled, new tile kitchen and bath. Off-street parking. Unique building. Coin-operated washer, dryer. 2930 C Street. 619-593-6263.

GOLDEN HILL. \$700, \$850, \$1150. Studios, 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms. Completely renovated in and out. New kitchens, bathrooms, appliances. Air conditioning, ceiling fans, dishwashers. Laundry on site, gated property, off-street

parking. Pets. 2874 B Street. 858-453-4510.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1050. Large upper 1 bedroom in classic Victorian with awesome view. Completely renovated in and out. New kitchen with maple cabinets, new appliances, ceiling fans. Courtyard with fountain. Laundry on site, gated property, off-street parking available. Storage available, cheap.Pets. 2042 F Street #4, corner of 21st and F Street. 858-453-4510.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1495. 2 bedroom plus den, authentic colonial craftsman duplex, gleaming wood floors throughout, large spacious and airy. Laundry room. 2 car garage. 619-442-8030.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. 1 bedroom. Gated complex on quiet cul-de-sac. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, balcony, underground parking, laundry, some units with no pets. 619-235-0563.

GRANITE HILL. 2 master bedroom, 2 bath townhome. 1-car attached garage, private patio, Jacuzzi, pool, tennis. \$1300. \$50 off for first week February move-in. 619-647-9088.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath (refurbished), sunny, upper duplex. Views, new paint. Fenced, private garden. Parking, laundry, gardener. 4120 Hamilton Street. 619-260-1377.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Charming, quiet units in Spanish courtyard building. Garden setting, Oak floors, coved ceilings and fans. 2 bedroom cotage, \$1050. 1 bedroom apartment, \$850. No dogs, cats ok. 4462-68 Campus Avenue. 619-298-0446.

HILLCREST,VILLAGE. \$1995. As close as you can get to all at 4th and Robinson. 1920's classic Georgian manor style. 2 bedroom, 2 bath restored to its original splendor. 1400+ square feet, hardwood floors, full size washer/dryer, garage, skylight, microwave, ceramic tile bath and floors, glass shower enclosure, antique 1940's cooking stove, all new electrical, all oak doors and moldings restored to original. The most incredible apartment opportunity you will ever see. Don't miss this one. Hurry, won't last! 3754 4th Avenue. Call Matt, 619-725-3642 or Scott, 619-846-6615.

HILLCREST, \$860, 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment situated in clean, gated complex. Laundry room onsite. Walk to San Diego Zoo and Balboa Park. 3634 Park Blvd, #3640-1/2. Agent, 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST, MARSTON HILLS. Open house Saturday, 12-3pm, 3427 Herbert Street. \$1950 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, beautifully restored Craftsman home. Laundry room. Outdoor living area with fireplace/barbecue. Gardener's delight, great location. 1-car garage. Available 3/1. No smoking/pets. 619-295-8097.

HILLCREST. From \$795. Studios apartment homes in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste and style. Controlled access buildings. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management team. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. \$750-\$1050. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. University Heights. Fireplace. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Security gate. Newly refurbished. No pets. 4224 Florida. www.palmtreearealty.net. 619-276-7835.

HILLCREST. \$1500. Extra large, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Quiet street. Hardwood floors. Remodeled kitchen with dishwasher. Large yard. On site laundry. 619-280-2658.

HILLCREST. \$625. Large studio furnished, senior complex. All utilities paid. Newly decorated. No pets. 619-286-8487; 619-293-7544.

HILLCREST. \$1045. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, gated, unfurnished apartment, upstairs, stove, refrigerator, laundry facilities. Close to Uptown shopping district. No pets. 619-296-9393.

HILLCREST. \$1550. Large 2 bedroom, fireplace, appliances, 2 car garage, on site laundry, access entry, near all. 619-886-3146.

HILLCREST. \$2000. Unfurnished house, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Dining/living room, wood floors, built in cabinetry, garage. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Lots of charm! Dave, 619-962-1887.

HILLCREST. \$1900. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse plus loft. New construction. 1260 square feet. Double garage. Luxury finishes including wood/tile floors. Granite countertops. Oak cabinets. Security system. Satellite TV ready. Data cabling plus much more. Available 4/1. 420 Brookes. 858-277-1232.

HILLCREST. First month's rent moves you in! \$840, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Controlled access. Off-street parking. 1233-1241 Essex. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. \$925. 1 bedroom in gorgeous 1920's community! Hardwood floors, custom paint and curtains, laundry, gated, and much more! 3519-1/2 6th. 858-270-5500.

HILLCREST. \$1550. Luxury, spacious. 1500 square feet, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Bright, quiet, clean. View, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, pool, tennis, jacuzzi. 619-291-7433.

HILLCREST. \$755. Studio. Secure access and secure garaged parking, fold-down bed, full kitchen, jacuzzi, balcony. Near Downtown. 619-425-0393.

HILLCREST. \$845. Newly remodeled 1 bedrooms. \$300 off first month's rent! Landlord pays gas, water, trash. Hardwood floors, tile, bright, new appliances, laundry, Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4170 Park Boulevard #3, #4. 619-741-7011.

HILLCREST. \$975. 1 bedroom, wood floors, large living, dining room, vaulted ceilings, in kitchen, bath. Garage. Small yard. Washer/dryer. No pets. 619-688-6540. 619-602-5362.

HILLCREST. Must see, vintage hardwood floor 1 bedroom apartment at historic Casa Grande, 1751 University Avenue, \$850. Available 3/1/2003 (2) Unique studio, heart of Hillcrest, 3970 5th Avenue, \$675. Available 2/10/2003. (3) Charming studio in Banker's Hill, 3102 1st Avenue, \$725. Available 2/5/2003. Cat accepted. See by appointment. 619-299-7727. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. \$545. Studio, very large with own bath and kitchen. Stove, refrigerator. Water paid. No pets. Agent. 619-223-2524.

HILLCREST. \$1200/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs, neat, clean, bright, 1 parking space. Laundry on site. Available 2/1/03. 3962 First Avenue. Between University and Washington. Manager Cindy, 619-296-4572.

HILLCREST. \$1425 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Gated parking. Fireplace. Laundry facilities. No pets. Available 2/15/03. 3672 Georgia Street. Call Jeff after 10am for appointment, 619-542-0708.

HILLCREST. \$1150. 2 bedroom, built in the 1920s, quiet park like setting, gas included, laundry, nonsmoking. 4554 North Avenue #5. 619-269-4314.

HILLCREST. \$875. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet. Laundry. Assigned parking. Pool. Pets negotiable with deposit. Available immediately. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

HILLCREST. \$925. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath in walking distance to all, dinette area, barbecue area, laundry. No pets. 3835-6 Third Avenue. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, large rooms, central heating, quiet location, dining area. No pets. 1263-2 Pennsylvania. 858

dry rooms, assigned parking, community barbecue. Near Mercy Hospital and bus. No dogs. Sleepy Hollow Apartments. 4201 Sixth Avenue. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$850. Detached studio cottage in backyard. Clean, quiet, quaint. Walk to Hillcrest/Balboa Park. Pets considered. Nonsmoking. 3714 1/2 8th. <http://www.liveinhillcrest.com>. 619-295-0469.

HILLCREST. \$825. 1 bedroom apartment in the heart of Hillcrest, upper unit, just 1/2 block to Balboa Park, laundry on-site, street parking only. 3533 Sixth Avenue #8. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

HILLCREST. \$1200. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 900 square feet. Stove, refrigerator. Formal dining room with built-in buffet. Hardwood floors. Quiet 4-unit building with entry intercom, garage, tropical landscape. 1632 Upas. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Upstairs. Stove, refrigerator. Central location at corner of Eighth and Robinson. 745 Robinson. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. \$1775. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Dishwasher. Fireplace. Washer/dryer hookup. Double car garage. 3865 Albatross. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

HILLCREST. \$1095. Large 2 bedroom, upper duplex with hardwood floors. Near shops and UCSD Medical Center. Near shops and UCSD Medical Center. No pets! Call now, 619-295-5445.

HILLCREST. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer, fenced yard. Quiet, near Zoo. No parking, pet OK. Available now. 858-775-0407.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 2 smaller bedrooms, 1 bath duplex. Built 1920s. Remodeled kitchen and bath, private gated yard, gardener, laundry. No smoking/pets. 1901 Howard. 619-518-4799.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Nice, unfurnished large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. New paint. Full-size appliances. Gated building/parking. Quiet. Great location. No pets. 1756 Essex. Available now. 619-298-4256.

HILLCREST. \$625. Studio available. Best location. Hardwood floors, laundry, free utilities, parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

HILLCREST. \$650-\$850. 1 and 2 bedroom homes. Heart of Hillcrest. Also, cottages available. All new! Hardwood floors, laundry, patio, parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

HILLCREST. \$1375. Sunny, quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in prime location. Hardwood floors, laundry. Indoor cat welcome. Organic garden, fruit trees. No Smoking. Vermont/Pennsylvania. 619-269-4843.

HILLCREST. \$825 studio. \$1200, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Deposit \$750. Hardwood flooring, beautiful view, available immediately. 2311 4th Avenue. 619-843-7827.

HILLCREST. \$2400. Large Victorian home. 2 bedrooms plus den, formal living room and dining room. Butler pantry. Large veranda front porch. Basement. Extra large area for garden. Pets considered. 3600 3rd Avenue. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

HILLCREST. Studio. \$695. Great, quiet area. Laundry. 1035-1/2 Hayes. 619-243-4000 x0.

HILLCREST. \$1650. Deposit \$1650. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, cathedral ceilings, 2 off-street parking spaces. 4064 First Avenue. 619-843-7827.

HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK. \$750/month. Studio unit with patio in clean, quiet, secure building. Single occupancy. No pets. Must see! Great location. Call Al, 619-251-8050.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1400. Bright, cheerful, 2 bedroom, 2 full bath condo, newly remodeled, extra storage, appliances, fireplace, balcony, garage. No pets. By appointment, 310-475-2691.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN District. Condo \$1795/month. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in prime location, 3rd floor, cat OK. Sunny and quiet, high ceilings, balcony, secure parking. Washer/dryer, gym, pool, nonsmoking. 1250 Cleveland Avenue #306. 619-269-4314.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1250. Large, bright 1 bedroom converted carriage house. Upstairs unit with hardwood floors, new kitchen, sunroom/extra bedroom. 418 Thorn Street. Flyer at property.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$850 rent. \$500 Deposit. 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry room. No pets. At 4030 Front Street #9. Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1000, includes electricity. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Very cute. Hardwood floors. New kitchen. Available immediately. 2155 First Avenue. Pet OK. Josh, 619-230-1234.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Three bedroom, one bath home in perfect condition with garage. Quaint hardwood floors, beautiful vintage fireplace, full dining room, built-in cabinets, and a wide covered porch. We may consider allowing a dog. \$1795. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS cottage. Charming and peaceful, one bedroom bungalow cottage with quaint hardwood floors and a breakfast nook. This beautiful bungalow court is right below the sign in University Heights. An indoor cat may be considered. No dogs will be allowed. \$850. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK border. \$695. Charming 1 bedroom. Spacious, carpeted, nonsmoking unit, quiet, gated, garden, 2-story complex. Laundry. Available 3/3/2003. 619-298-8383.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$820. 1 bedroom. Quiet, gated courtyard. Lower unit. On-site laundry. Cat OK. Cleveland House. 619-297-7437.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet, appliances, paint. 1800+ square feet. Quiet, secluded. Laundry room. Gated parking. Pool table. Message, 619-293-3378.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS 1930s French Normandie house, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath \$1700. Hardwood floors, garage, huge yard, storage for small boat, 4611 North Avenue. 619-294-8737.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$925. Newly remodeled upstairs 2 bedroom apartment. Bayfront building with laundry room. 717 Boulevard Avenue #G. K & R Properties, 619-690-0196.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$900. 2 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard, laundry hookups. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$815. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 700 square feet. 1 block to pier and beach. Off-street parking. No section 8. 206 Elm Ave. 619-200-1812.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$965. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large unit, quiet complex. Move-in special! 3 bedroom house also available in Chula Vista with military discount offer. For more information and to view other vacancies in San Diego area, check out www.SanDiegoApartments.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH, \$975. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, gated, laundry hook ups, garage, parking, laundry. Separate garage, \$50. 619-575-1146; 619-602-7936.

KEARNY MESA. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1 year lease. Large. No pets. No smoking. Close to Mesa College. 858-715-0735.

KEARNY MESA. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Dishwasher. Laundry facilities. Parking. 8034 Linda Vista Road. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

KENSINGTON. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with garage and appliances. Hardwood floors, beautiful layout and accents throughout. \$2200 plus deposit. 4929 Westminister. Agent, 619-280-7399.

KENSINGTON. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner suite, view, skylight, all amenities. Security building. Garage available. No pets. Call 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON, Village Townhouse, \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, loft, fireplace, hardwood, laundry, all appliances, air, patio, balcony, attached garage. Lease. 4673 Marlborough. 619-501-5358.

KENSINGTON. \$950. 1 bedroom, newly refurbished apartment on second floor. Parking and laundry, gated building. Available 2/8. 4100 Adams Ave. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. Large classic Craftsman 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Wood floors, laundry, mud room, fenced yard, stainless appliances, garage. 4557 Kensington Drive. \$2150. 858-467-1776; 619-838-7411.

KENSINGTON. Huge 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, 2-car attached garage, tile in bathrooms and kitchen, upgraded carpet and appliances. 619-296-2787.

KENSINGTON,PARK. \$1600/month. Brand new 2 bedroom 2 bath in quiet triplex. Everything new, hardwood floors, new appliances, off street parking. Available now. 619-255-0376.

KENSINGTON, \$900. 1 bedroom apartment on the ground floor. Gated building with shared garage space. Available 1/15/03. 4101 Park Place, just off Adams behind park. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Patio. Parking. Appliances. Laundry. No pets. 4375 44th. North of El Cajon Boulevard. 858-539-0044.

LA COSTA. \$2150. 3 master bedrooms, twin home. Quiet area. New paint/carpet/lawn. Some ocean view. 2 fireplaces. Laundry. Fenced yard. Garage. 858-453-0010.

LA JOLLA \$1900. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse. Fireplace, deck, 2-car garage, pool, hardwood floors, washer/dryer. 8316 Via Sonoma Drive #123, Near I-5/I-52. 619-823-6751 or 858-587-6751.

LA JOLLA home with panoramic view of mountains, city lights. \$2150/month, 6-8 month lease. No pets. Gourmet kitchen, 2-car garage. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fully remodeled. Washer, dryer, refrigerator included. Coldwell Banker Property Management, 619-203-2424.

LA JOLLA SHORES. \$3200. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Walk to beach, shopping, dining. Hardwood floors, new paint, private yard, 2 car garage. Carol Weiler Property Management, 619-275-2880.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Studio. Living room, bath, kitchen-appliances. Walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Walk to beach, bus, restaurants. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. 2 units available, \$2300-\$2400. Large 1800 square foot, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, spa/tub, large patio, air conditioning, washer/dryer hookups, double garage, pool, elevator. Small pet OK. 7555 Eads Avenue. 858-456-0406.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$900. Large and charming unfurnished studios. Pool, laundry, 3 blocks to cove. Near business district. No pets. 858-459-8254. www.casalindaapartments.com.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Pseudo studio. Very rustic, very small. \$800/month, includes utilities. Quiet pet OK. 858-459-7916.

LA JOLLA, \$3900. 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom house near UCSD on La Jolla Scenic North. Attached 2-car garage, washer/dryer, unfurnished, pets OK. Available now through July. Call Eric, 858-518-8004.

LA JOLLA, \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo, 2 car garage, courtyard, 1700 square feet. Close to I-5. 3275 Caminito Eastbluff, #205. Available now. Ron, 760-802-1111.

LA JOLLA. \$3500. Gorgeous ocean views, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Security building. 1 block from ocean. \$5000 security deposit. 619-200-0300; 858-459-7598.

LA JOLLA. \$2395. Luxury 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath furnished townhouse. 1575 square feet. Art work, wood/carpeted floor. Patio. Fireplace, plants, 2 car, pools, park. refinch@mccomic.com. Owner, 619-666-7378.

LA JOLLA. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath garage. Garage, new carpet, new appliances, washer/dryer, gardener. Close to town. 858-349-8125; 858-459-6640.

LA JOLLA. \$2400/deposit. Sweeping ocean views, 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 baths, top floor of triplex, 1800 square feet, blocks from town. Available now. John, 805-642-3606.

LA JOLLA. \$2000/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath beach cottage. Hardwood floors, near schools/beach/shopping, pets OK, washer/dryer, fireplace, yard. Available 2/1. 858-945-2600.

LA JOLLA. \$1195. Large 1 bedroom. 1/2 block to Windansea beach! Newly remodeled! 363 Playa del Sur. 858-270-5500.

LA JOLLA. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhouse style unit. 2-car garage included. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, tennis courts and jacuzzi on site. Available now. 8268 Gilman Drive #10. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. 1/2 off first month! \$1375. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious and bright. Large private balcony. Garden window. Fun, cosmopolitan location. No pets. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive. Ask manager for details, 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. \$400 move-in special! \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Apartments in the village. Intercom entry. Fireplace. Microwave. Dishwasher. Laundry. Verticals.

Underground parking. No pets. 7575 Eads Avenue. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. \$1050/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 block to Windansea. Upper balcony. Laundry on site. Newly painted and carpeted. 510 Nautilus Street. 858-274-0307.

LA JOLLA. \$1545. Charming 1 bedroom cottage. Very close to beach. Hardwood floors. Nice neighborhood. Wonderful courtyard. Call Matt, 602-821-9301; Janie, 858-699-0426.

LA JOLLA. \$2200/month plus last month's rent. Villa La Jolla condos. Fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Near Windansea beach. Pool, gym, parking. 619-661-0068.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1 block to beach, street parking. No pets or smoking. 1-year lease. \$2375. 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. \$1850. Sunday 1/2 open house! 12pm-6pm. Charming, private 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Near beach. Private parking, patio, washer/dryer. 858-459-4946 or 619-838-7918.

LA JOLLA. \$960. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Cat OK, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Low fee. Free guest search at www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1550/month. Unfurnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Lease. Patio, fireplace. Parking. Laundry. Block to Windansea. No pets. 858-459-8943.

LA JOLLA. \$1675. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath, in quiet 5-unit property; stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, private balcony; garage plus open space; coin laundry; close to Windansea beach. 6237 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-270-2071, Del Sol Property Management. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1200. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, microwave. Nice shared courtyard with gated entry. 415 Colima. 858-270-2071, Del Sol Property Management. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1950. 2 bedroom plus den, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, patio, garage. Washer/dryer. Pool. 4210 Porte de Palma. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

LA JOLLA. \$950. Studio with an ocean view. Verticals and fixtures. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry. Security parking. No pets. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-456-1432.

LA JOLLA. Magnificent sunsets on the beach. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Some with ocean view. Starting at \$1390. Ask about Manager's special. No pets please. www.johnhcollinscompany.com. Call, 619-994-7166.

LA JOLLA. In the heart of La Jolla. Quiet and peaceful. 2 bedroom, 2 bath available now. \$1795. No pets please. www.johnhcollinscompany.com. Call, 619-838-0666.

LA JOLLA. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome with attached garage, washer/dryer and kitchen appliances, tennis courts, swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, walking distance to UCSD and shops. Call 678-938-2678 or leave message at 800-669-6890 mailbox number 9172#.

LA JOLLA. \$2400 plus deposit. Great ocean view. 3 bedroom 2 bath. Blocks to beach. Walk to town. Top floor of triplex. Garage. Available now. Susan, 805-642-8502.

LA JOLLA. \$2450. Spacious house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Nice garden, washer/dryer, hardwood floor. Off street parking. Pets OK. Close to beach. Call 619-921-2829.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper stand alone unit. One car garage with washer/dryer hookups, hardwood floors. No pets. Walk to Windansea Beach. 640 Westbourne. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$825. Studio. End unit with closet built-ins. Great downtown La Jolla location. Laundry. 7427 Hershel. Open House Saturday 2/1, 10-11am or call Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 blocks to beach. Quaint complex. Laundry, parking. 525 Marine Street. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$1650. 3 bedrooms. End-unit townhome. Living and dining room. Fireplace. Private patio. Community amenities include pool, spa. Priced nicely! Hurry! Parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

LA JOLLA. \$830-\$900. Studios and 1 bedrooms. These are luxury units with a stunning view. A must see, new carpet,

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MISSION BEACH. \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Recently remodeled. 1 off-street parking space. 1 block to the beach and bay. 807 Venice Court. Available approximately 2/10/03. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

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MISSION BEACH. \$900. 1 bedroom apartment, steps to beach or bay, bright unit, laundry, parking. No pets. Must see. 3588 Mission Boulevard. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, near beach, parking, bright unit, yard, great location. No pets. 750 Island Ct. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1750. Sunny, bright 2 bed 1 bath charmer. all redone, Hardwood floors. Steps to sand. All appliances. Laundry. Parking. Available 2/1. 7120 Santa Rita. 858-272-9547.

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MISSION BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom downstairs unit with garage. Steps from the beach and bay. Recently remodeled. 810 Niantic Court. Available approximately 3/5/03. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1500/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath furnished unit. Available through June 30, 2003. Front patio, garage. Walk to ocean. Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

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MISSION VALLEY/Silver Terrace. Studios. \$695. Bright and airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda

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MISSION VALLEY. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Very clean, upper unit. Carpet, tile, refrigerator. Quiet complex. Pool, jacuzzi. Near trolley, I-8, I-15. 858-342-1940.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Covered parking. Hilltop location with view, laundry. Clean and attractive. No pets. 858-349-8125; 858-459-6640.

MISSION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo near stadium. upstairs, balcony, fireplace, air conditioning, washer/dryer, 2-car carport. Clean. \$1800, \$1000 deposit. 858-467-9421.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1175. 10400 Caminito Cuervo #241. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1100 square feet. Dishwasher, off-street parking, laundry. Available 2/10/03. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

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MISSION VALLEY. Studio condo, \$795. Mint condition and ready to move in, pets \$50 month extra, parking, pool. 8027-E Caminito de Pizza. Lee, 619-778-8888.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Skylights, fireplace, 2-car garage. No pets. Available immediately. 4625 Texas Street. 619-237-7611.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom condo. Air conditioned. Centrally located. One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

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NATIONAL CITY. \$1050. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, fenced yard, fireplace. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

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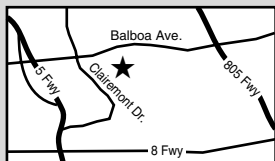
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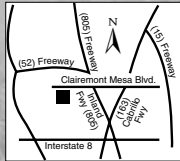
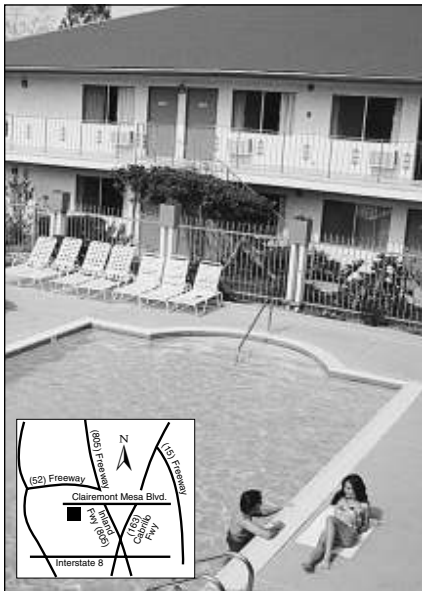
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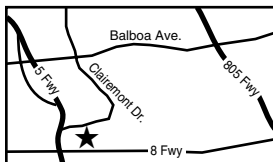
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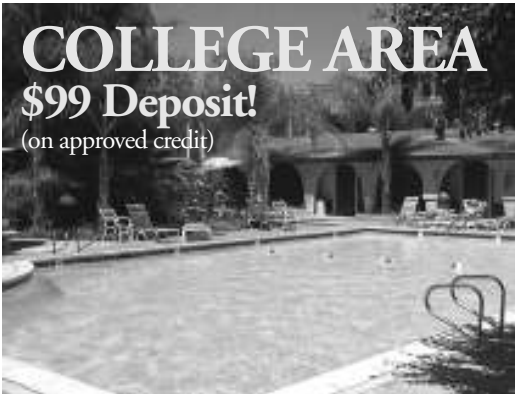
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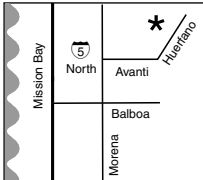


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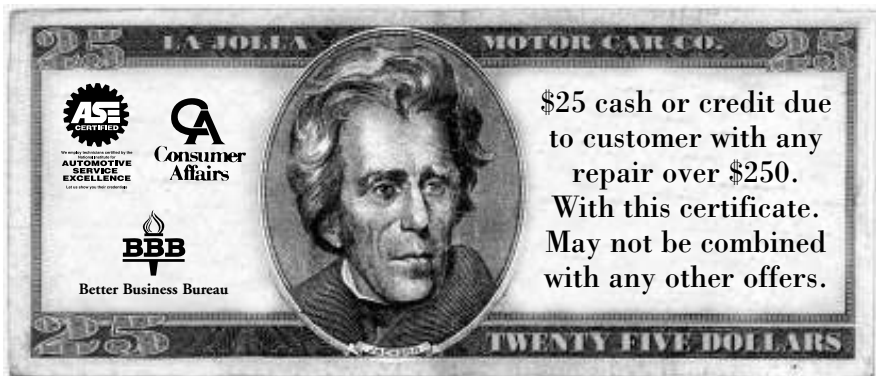
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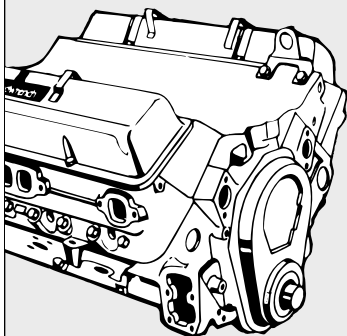
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LEAD STORIES

— A 51-year-old woman (calling herself “Mrs. B”) picketed the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, Conn., on Jan. 15 over an alarming crisis: She believes she has for six years been possessed by from one to 19 demons, yet the church (six dioceses in three states) will not assign her an exorcist, which she says is “unpardonable neglect.” Among her signs: writhing, speaking in tongues, and having her eyes move “without my permission.”

— Following a religious experience, Michael Braithwaite of the mountain village of Putney, Ky., recently converted his Love World shop (selling vibrators and other porn paraphernalia) to Mike’s Place (selling Bibles and other Christian items). (However, according to a December report in the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, a 31-year-old government lawyer has developed a side business that may bridge both of Braithwaite’s lines: The lawyer manufactures and sells high-quality silicone sex toys in the shapes of religious icons, such as Moses, Satan and a nun, at prices of \$54 to \$65 each. One sex shop owner in San Francisco’s freewheeling Castro district said he might stock the “Jackhammer Jesus” model, but that his Buddhist customers would be offended at the Buddha model.)

Readers’ Choice

— Edward Blaine, 61, who served 20 years in prison for a 1963 bank robbery, apparently is becoming even less competent with age, as he was arrested in January and charged with robbing the Union Bank & Trust branch in Port Royal, Va. Police said Blaine fled with the stash while \$100 bills were falling out of his pockets, and then he realized as he arrived at his getaway car that he had locked the keys inside. He grabbed a log to smash the window but tossed it away in frustration, only to have it hit Emmett Lowe’s truck, thus angering Lowe, who grabbed a gun and chased Blaine for 150 yards. In a struggle, Blaine shot at Lowe but hit himself in the leg, just before Lowe shot Blaine in the same leg.

News of the Weird Advice

— If you ever run into these people, here’s what to do: (1) If you’re playing horseshoes with Fred William Leigh and he says it’s a ringer, it’s a

ringer. The insistent Leigh, 60, was convicted of shooting his disagreeing opponent in the stomach with a .38; Frederick, Md., December. (2) Don’t demand fresh bacon with your eggs from Steven Deere, 50, when the rest of his family is having leftover pork. Deere was charged with shooting his stepson with a 9 mm pistol; Pittsburgh, December. (3) Don’t insult Amanda Hicks’s baby. The 20-year-old and two girlfriends allegedly punched, kicked, kneed, stripped and burned the man, and raped him with two different objects; Panama City, Fla., December.

Compelling Explanations

— In January, a judge at London’s Old Bailey released 31-time recidivist Mark Patterson, 42, after his 32nd conviction, for burglary, because Patterson claimed that he needed drug rehabilitation so he could fulfill his calling as a poet. (His subsequent ode to the judge, in part: “I’ve now been set free / in a blaze of publicity / so that everyone can see / my great ability.”)

— Ayub Ali Khan, 36, who was held in a Brooklyn, N.Y., jail for 13 months after being detained as suspicious in the aftermath of Sept. 11, told a *Washington Post* reporter in January, “I feel I am the real victim of [Sept. 11]. Just look at how much my family and I suffered.” Khan was deported to Hyderabad, India, after pleading guilty to credit card fraud (using and selling fake credit cards and other bogus documents).

— Richard Hobbs, who solicits tips in public by making balloon sculptures for children, filed a lawsuit against Westchester County, N.Y., for denying him the right to work the crowd at the county’s Playland Amusement Park. In the course of defending the lawsuit, the county discovered that Hobbs had been convicted in 1978 and 1982 of sexual abuse of children. However, Hobbs persisted with the lawsuit, and, in December, federal judge John Martin ordered the two parties to settle among themselves the issue of which areas of the park are commercial and which are traditional park space, in that Hobbs apparently has a constitutional right to practice his craft in traditional park spaces.

Chutzpah!

— A judge in Monroe County, N.Y., denied Jerold Ponder’s application for a handgun per-

mit, but Ponder is appealing that decision even though he is currently in jail charged with the shooting death of his pregnant girlfriend. Ponder’s best-case-scenario defense is that it was just an accident, occurring while he and the girlfriend were target-shooting with a rifle, and that that incident is not relevant to whether he is safety-conscious enough to carry a pistol.

— According to the prosecutor at the Waterloo, Iowa, theft trial of Bradley Steven Bailey, 21, in December, not only did Bailey steal a day’s bank deposit for the Hardee’s restaurant where he worked and leave town, but after he was arrested and jailed, he wrote a letter to the Hardee’s manager saying he was sorry but that he never did get his final paycheck, and could it please be mailed to him.

Creme de la Weird

— Margie Schoendinger of the Houston suburb of Missouri City, Texas, filed a lawsuit in December against George W. Bush for a lengthy series of alleged actions while he was governor, including “watching” her and “having sex” with her and her husband. The rambling and non sequitur-laden complaint, filed in Fort Bend County Court and reported on by the weekly *Fort Bend Star*, names the Sugar Land (Texas) Police Department as corroborating many of the plaintiff’s allegations (example: that “plaintiff had seven dates, which became seven lovers, had told no lies, committed no crimes, gotten two traffic tickets, and dated George W. Bush as a minor”), but a department spokesman said no one had any idea what Schoendinger was talking about.

Wrong Place, Wrong Time

— Ron Landon, 32, was captured by police in Belleville, Ill., in December after he ran through a Lone Oak Farm pasture to avoid arrest for several traffic tickets. Landon tried to hide in a shallow, water-filled ditch, but several horses wandered over to take a closer look at him, drawing officers’ attention to the ditch. And at the January trial of alleged mobster Billy Rinick in Philadelphia, a narcotics agent described how he came to arrest Rinick at the home of his boss Joey Merlino. The agent had tracked Rinick to the upstairs part of Merlino’s house and then, feigning secrecy, playfully whispered to Merlino’s 4-

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FORD CONTOUR SPORT SE, 4-door sedan, 6 cylinder, automatic, 44K miles, silver, power everything, loaded, must drive to appreciate, senior care, below book, \$5500/best. 760-436-9933.

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FORD ESCORT LX, 1993, with 1996 engine, air conditioning, power steering/mirrors, aluminum mag wheels, spoiler, new stereo, \$2700/best. Dave, 858-576-0127.

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GMC SUBURBAN SLT, 1998, black, 4-wheel drive, all options, 62K miles, excellent condition, serviced every 3,000 miles, complete 60K miles service just completed. \$19,500. 858-678-8826.

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enting skills far beyond my parents' or my own. You would have to be a combination of General George S. Patton and Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*. What I get is creative chaos. Like last Thursday. Tuesday of last week, my mom moved from her house in Pacific Beach to a retirement community near our home in San Marcos. When I talked to her on the phone the day before her move, I said, "I don't know what your moving day will be like, but you're welcome to come over here for dinner. Or, you could settle in a little, then come over Thursday to celebrate your birthday." "Why don't we do the latter," she answered. "I don't know if the movers will be here in the morning or the afternoon. Thursday would be a better day." Late Thursday afternoon, I took steaks out of the refrigerator and seasoned them with garlic salt and pepper. I washed some medium-sized potatoes and put them in a hot oven to bake. When my mom arrived, the earthy aroma of baking potatoes filled the house. "Happy birthday," I told her and gave her a hug. My husband Jack, who had just arrived home from work, hugged her, too. "Happy birthday, Mom." "Well, thank you," my mom said and smiled. The kids gave my mom cards. "Happy birthday, Grandma," they said in chorus. I took the potatoes from the oven and covered them with a clean dishtowel. I turned the oven up to "broil" and set the steaks under the flame. Angela, who is eight, set the table. After dinner, my mom opened her cards. As she gathered her purse and got ready to leave,

Angela and Lucy, six, appeared at the bottom of the stairs. "We want to put on a show for Grandma for her birthday," Angela announced. "Okay," I said. "But it needs to be pretty short. Grandma needs to get home." My mom and I sat down on the couch while Angela and Lucy ran back upstairs. I heard a lot of rustling. "What's going on up there?" I hollered. "We're putting on our costumes," Lucy hollered back. Jack joined my mom and me in the living room. A few minutes later, two-year-old Benjamin stuck his head over the railing at the top of the stairs. "Presenting a talent show," Benjamin said in a loud voice. "Yeah!" My mom and Jack and I applauded. "Presenting a talent show," Ben, pleased with our reaction, said again. "Yeah, Ben," we said and clapped again. "Presenting a talent show," Ben tried a third time. "Thank you, Ben. Angela, are you guys ready?" Angela and Lucy processed slowly down the stairs. Angela was dressed in the Sleeping Beauty costume she wore for Halloween. Lucy had put on her Cinderella costume and draped a flowered silk scarf around her shoulders like a cape. "You both look beautiful," my mom said. "Presenting a talent show," Ben said. Jack ran up to the top of the stairs and scooped Ben up. "Come watch the show with us," Jack told Ben. "Presenting a talent show," Ben replied.

When Ben and Jack had settled on the couch, Lucy stood on the marble step at the bottom of the stairs. In a solemn voice, Lucy announced, "Angela Albright will now sing the song 'Traveling Soldier.'" "Presenting a talent show," Ben said. Angela stood on the step and dissolved into giggles. "Stop it, Ben," she said. "Presenting a talent show," Ben replied. Four-year-old Johnny walked in from where he had been playing with Duplos in the family room. He saw the show in progress and said, "I'm going to do a karate show." While Angela tried to start her song, Johnny disappeared into the kitchen. He reappeared moments later wearing the bright pink rubber gloves I wear when I wash dishes. "HI-Yaah!" Johnny shouted as he ran across the room and kicked his left foot in the air. He moved his arms with a cutting motion, and the long fingers on the pink gloves waved like a seal's flippers. "Johnny!" Angela protested. "Just sing your song, sweetie," I told her. "We're listening." "Presenting a talent show," Ben said. Angela sang "Traveling Soldier," a beautiful, heartbreaking song by the Dixie Chicks. Tears welled up in Jack's eyes. While Angela sang, Lucy danced behind her, twirling and flapping her cape and making comically sad faces. Johnny leapt about the room doing karate kicks punctuated with grunts and the occasional "HI-Yaah!" When Angela had finished singing, we all applauded. "Presenting a talent show," Ben announced. The Osmonds we're not.

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