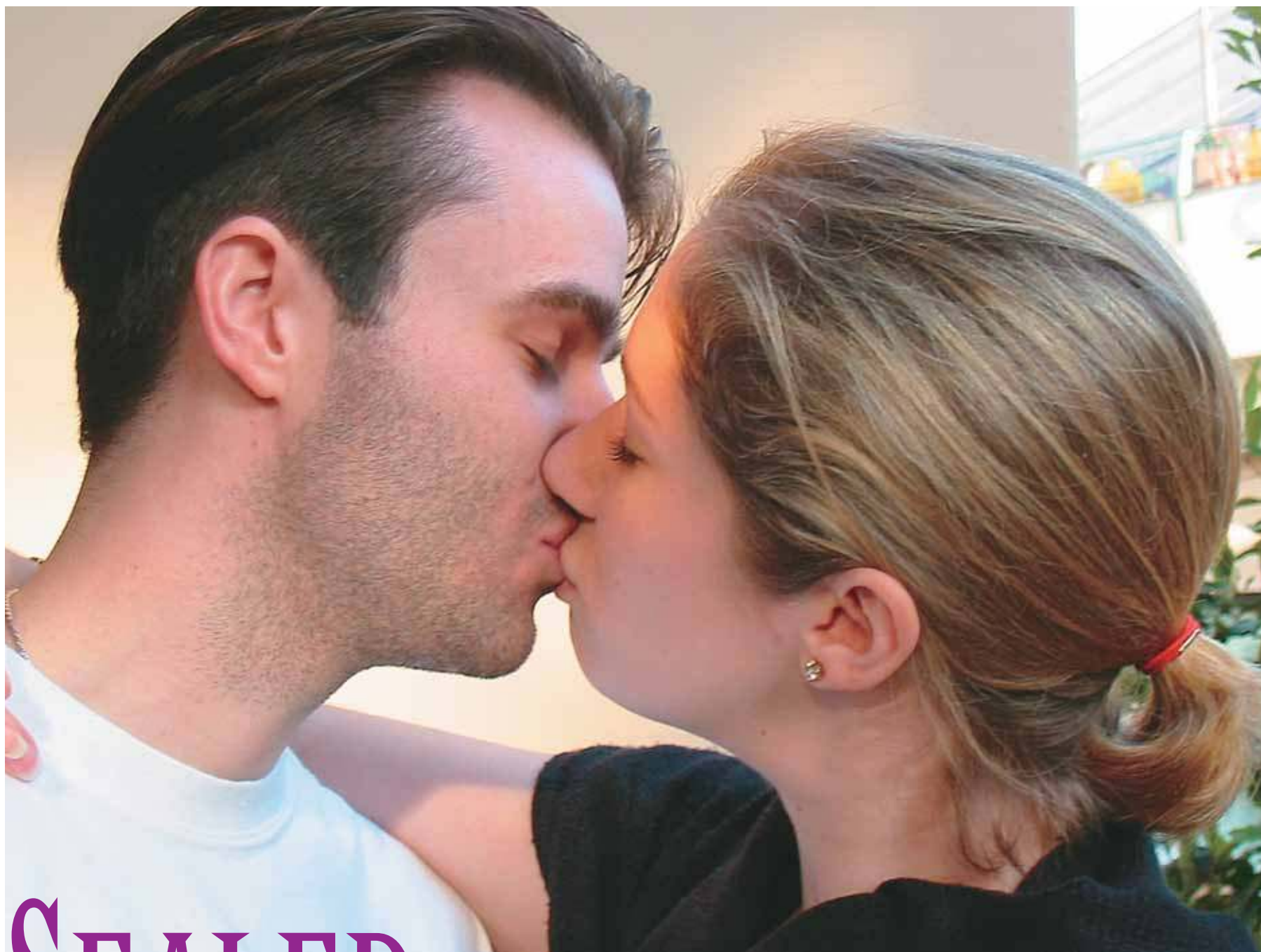


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Cameron and Elena Renfro

SEALED WITH A KISS

Cameron and Elena Renfro have been married for three years. They live in Chula Vista near where they both work, at East-Lake Christian Fellowship. Cameron, 24, is a technical director, and Elena, 21, is an executive assistant.

"I was visiting a friend in Florida," says Cameron. "It was supposed to be for ten days but ended up being for ten months. I met her the second day I was

there. We started out as friends and became best friends over time, and it progressed to where we just knew we were supposed to get married. About ten months after we met, we came back to San Diego and got married at Ellen Browning Scripps Park in La Jolla."

"I met him right after I returned from an international trip," says Elena. "I was actually getting ready

to head out for a month to the U.K., and he was supposed to return to San Diego, and I thought I would never see him again. When I got back from the U.K., he was at the airport waiting for me, and a few months after that, we were pretty inseparable. A few months later, things progressed, and we fell in love and got married."

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Hardcore Language
I'm calling in response to the cover story for the February 6 *Reader*, "Hardcore Combat." The person who wrote the story interviewed a Navy SEAL. Now, I have to let you know, I am very, very appalled at the language that is used in this article. I will not repeat the hard-core language that was used, but I expect that you folks would please read this to understand where I'm coming from. I know children that pick this paper up to cut articles out for school projects, senior citizens that read it, and I am very appalled at the foul, hard language that is used in this. We're not talking about basic, minor cuss-words — we're talking about hard-core cusswords.

Charles Carmen
El Cajon

War Quacker
The encounter of the *Happy Duck* and the floater in your story about the Gulf War ("Hardcore Combat," February 6) brought to mind an Arab proverb: The son of a duck is a floater. Or, as we Americans would say, Like father like son. While inapplicable to the *Happy Duck* incident, does the proverb cast light on the larger picture? Did the duck's success in '91 whet the floater's taste for war?

Jessie Stewart

Terror Helper
In regards to your article about General Atomics ("La Jolla Houses Terror Bait," "City Lights," February 6). Why would you want to print what potential weaknesses are around San Diego? After reading your article, I understand fully why the government doesn't want to give information to the news media during or previous to war.

Remember the saying, Loose lips sink ships.
Warren O.

Non-Icky Dylan
"You betcha!" is the answer to Josh Board's ("Blurt," February 6) question! Friends who know me well know how much I love the two Bobs (Dylan and Marley). A very generous friend sent me a ticket to come see Bob Dylan perform at the Salina Bicentennial Center on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, in Salina, Kansas. I love Dylan so much I named my son Dylan. Bob Dylan has influenced me musically, as has Marley, over the years as I pursue my performing career. I was at the Wall-flowers concert at 4th & B and relished being able to witness the next generation carrying on in his parental unit's footsteps. What a blast. There's nothing "icky" about the elder Dylan. He will always be a prince among men.

P.S.: Stop persecuting Michael Jackson!

Cheryl Ross
Kensington

Inspirational Songbird
Ginny Silva on your cover! ("Tijuana Songbird," January 30.) It was about time someone wrote about one of the best singers Tijuana has ever had. Her story is inspiring, to say the least. Thank you, *Reader*.

Leticia Carrion

God's Witness
Indeed, she's an inspiration! The *Reader's* cover story on Tijuana songbird Ginny Silva's ups and downs will surely become an enlightenment for those who similarly are struggling in their chosen walks of life ("Tijuana Songbird," January 30). Ginny is a living witness of God's unending love for everyone, especially for those who were lost but were found and came back to His loving arms. Keep it up, Ginny! God will be with you always. Continue your devotion to the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. With her intercession, nothing is impossible! My congratulations to Ken Kuhlken. You're a great writer!

Lily Miranda
Nestor

I Haven't Been Mad, But...
I don't even know who you

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Casey's revenge

San Diego city attorney **Casey Gwinn's** top honcho, **Leslie Devaney**, has opened a campaign bank account to run for her boss's job. Gwinn, who at one time or another has aspired to be everything from U.S. Attorney to an assistant to incoming District Attorney **Bonnie Dumanis**, all the while remaining stuck firmly at city hall,

Leslie Devaney

is finally being pried from office by term limits. Over the last couple of years, Gwinn has put the ever-loyal Devaney out front on a variety of issues he'd rather not talk about, including the city's friend-of-court brief against a Sacramento sidewalk-maintenance case favored by advocates for the handicapped and an embarrassing \$91.7 million judgment against the city won by border-area developer **Roque de la Fuente** ... San Diego mayor **Dick Murphy**, who has said he hasn't made up his mind about running for reelection, has set up a 2004 campaign committee, into which he rolled about \$10,000 left over from the last election. During the second half of 2002, the mayor spent \$750 of his campaign funds for the "Class of '67 HBS Alumni" and \$932.64 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Murphy is a graduate of the Harvard Business School. "I actually took a course in international business at Harvard Business School," he once told the *Union-Tribune*, "and the thing I learned there was that what works in America doesn't work in other foreign countries." ... Big contributors to District 5 councilman **Brian Maisenschein** include six members of the Israni family, proprietors of the Pacifica Companies, whose local hotel portfolio includes the Inn at La Jolla and La Jolla Shores Inn. In November 2000, Pacifica was accused by a hotel and restaurant employees union of "union busting" at the Wyndham International Hotel near Los Angeles International Airport ... District 4 councilman **Charles Lewis** collected \$950 from employees of Vestar Development, which owns the Marketplace at the Grove shopping mall in his district.

Kerry on

Massachusetts senator **John Kerry's** upcoming \$1000-a-plate fundraiser at the San Diego Hilton will be historic in at least one way, reports the *Boston Herald*. It's the first time that Kerry's wealthy wife, **Teresa Heinz**, widow of ketchup heir and late Republican senator from Pennsylvania **John Heinz**, will carry the Kerry surname on the invitations.

Teresa Heinz Kerry

Choosing to be known as **Teresa Heinz Kerry**, à la **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, was a big step, Heinz Kerry's spokeswoman **Chris Black** told the paper.

"She was Teresa Heinz longer than she was Teresa Simoes-Ferreira, her maiden name. She and the senator talked about it for a while. Some of her friends said she would never do it, but she was very cool about it." ... That controversial proposal to build a large metallic box next to downtown's Santa Fe Depot is coming back soon for a vote before the city council. The developer, La Jolla-based San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, says the new design is an improvement over one rejected by the council two months ago as an "ugly building," but project foe **Barbara Winton** has another opinion. "Last December the city council on a split 5-to-4 vote sent the MCA plan back for revision," she says in a recent news release. "There have been no significant revisions to the large, tall, square box...an oversized, four-story, metal-and-glass futuristic cube." The building is a pet project of *Union-Tribune* publisher and museum patron **David Copley** as well as board president **Pauline Foster**, influential mother-in-law of San Diego schools superintendent **Alan Bersin**.

He's back

Poet **Quincy Troupe**, forced to quit his professorship at UCSD after it was revealed he had lied about graduating from Louisiana's Grambling State University, is making a comeback of sorts. He's on the poetry-reading circuit, latest stop Kansas City, where he told a reporter for the *Star* that he was kicked out of college for fighting with the locals. "I went [to Grambling] with a friend of mine, and you know, people in Kansas City and St. Louis, we dress real well. We were really hip dressers, and I knew about [jazz] and Charlie Parker and all that stuff, and they didn't like that we were getting all the girls." ... Two Russian sailors being held at downtown's federal jail are complaining about America's system of justice, the Tass news service is telling Russians. The pair was busted after an April 2001 search of their ship turned up 12 tons of cocaine. "Strongest psychological pressure is being put on the seamen so that they admit of their guilt by taking a so-called deal with the investigation, for which they are promised to be given a minimum term. But they are not taking it, as they do not consider themselves guilty of anything and do not want to spoil their honest work record," Russian consul **Andrei Podyelyshev** was quoted as saying.

Quincy Troupe

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Eucalyptus tree in Old Town's plaza

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Parks Coddle Killer Trees

By Ernie Grimm

On January 6, 2003, Suzee Vlk, a 49-year-old resident of Linda Vista, was walking her small dog around the plaza at Old Town

San Diego State Historic Park. It would be her last walk. The 49-year-old was crushed by a 100-foot eucalyptus that fell in a Santa Ana wind.

Four more eucalyptus trees are on the plaza. Old Town is the busiest state park in California, with over six million visitors a year. How likely is it that another person will be killed by a

falling branch or a failing tree? Are the remaining trees accidents waiting to happen?

I asked John Sevier, a certified arborist with 30 years of experience. "Yeah," he said, "accidents waiting to happen *again*." What drew him to trees was his interest in safety. He had been in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970, working in flight safety. "I was always intrigued by

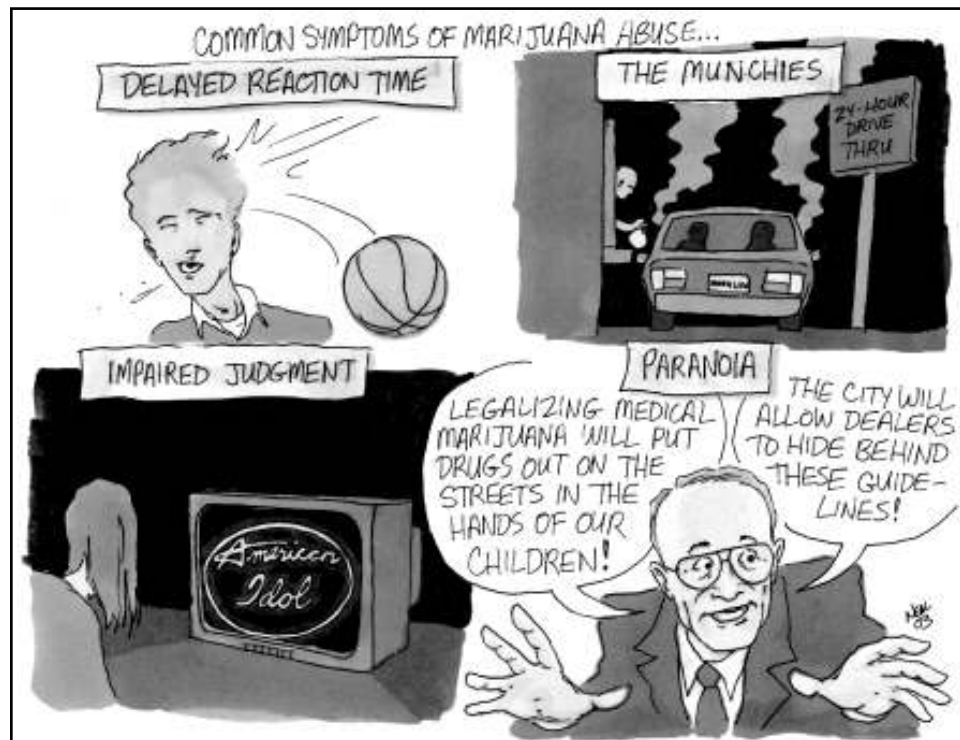


John Sevier

safety," he said, "and the more I worked on trees, the more I began to realize that trees are nothing but a big series of levers, and if the weight out on the limbs surpasses the strength of the attachment point, you will have a limb failure. Limb

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Car Mafia Steals in Baja, Sells in U.S.

By Ernie Grimm

Five years ago, stolen vehicles were a very big problem for insurance companies in California.” Speaking is Angel Escobedo,

owner of Recuperadora Internacional de Vehículos Robados, a private stolen-car recovery business based in the Rio Zone of Tijuana. Tall and well dressed, with thinning black hair and a magnanimous manner, Escobedo sits in a leather captain’s chair behind an antique wooden desk in his lavishly decorated office.

“There were a lot of cars being stolen in Southern California,” Escobedo continues, “and they were all coming to Mexico. Those cars were used by federal police, by state police, by state police wives, by state policeman’s mistress, by her brother, by the attorney general. Everybody that was in some kind of power was driving one of these cars.”

In addition to buying the stolen cars — “mostly Cherokees, Explorers, and Suburbans” — from the

thieves, Escobedo says, state and federal policemen were confiscating them. “They could tell by the way people were driving them, by the California plates, and by the condition of the car that it was probably stolen. So they would pull it over and say, ‘We know this car is stolen.’ The driver, who is very nervous, says, ‘Oh, it’s my aunt’s car.’ They tell him, ‘Bullshit, it’s stolen.’ So they just take it away, and it was like a black market of stolen cars.”

The cars that they didn’t keep for themselves, their wives, or their mistresses, “They would dismantle them for the parts,” Escobedo says. “You are talking about \$25,000 to \$30,000 car, maybe \$40,000 car, that was ripped off, and the insurance company got it back, but it was worth only \$8000.”

But a state law, passed in

1999, has had the effect of reversing the flow of stolen vehicles over the border. “This law, which passed a couple of years ago,” Escobedo explains, “said if they catch you driving a stolen vehicle, it’s 10 years in jail and, if you were a cop, 15 years in jail. So the state police started hitting everybody who was driving stolen cars.”

It wasn’t so much the prospect of a decade or more of jail time that made people stop driving stolen cars; it was the huge monetary bite that the cops who pulled them over would lay on them. “It wasn’t worth it to have a stolen car anymore,” Escobedo says, “because anybody would stop you, and they would take \$1000 to \$2000 away from you and confiscate the car. Then the police would resell the car, or they would dismantle it for parts and then give it back to the insurance company. The insurance companies’ agents would give you \$500 for each car. So the guy that went to the United States, stole cars, and then brought them here was only making \$500 to \$600, maybe \$1000, selling that car because the guys who used to buy those cars couldn’t use them anymore, because they



Angel Escobedo examines stolen car at Tijuana junkyard

would get stopped.”

So the “car theft mafias,” as Escobedo calls them, started stealing cars in Mexico. “The cars are usually a little older, five years or more, because nobody will stop a car with Mexican plates that isn’t a new car. So they tried their [cross-border, steal-and-resell] system, but in reverse. They figured that they could take these cars north, get them registered in the States, and sell them.”

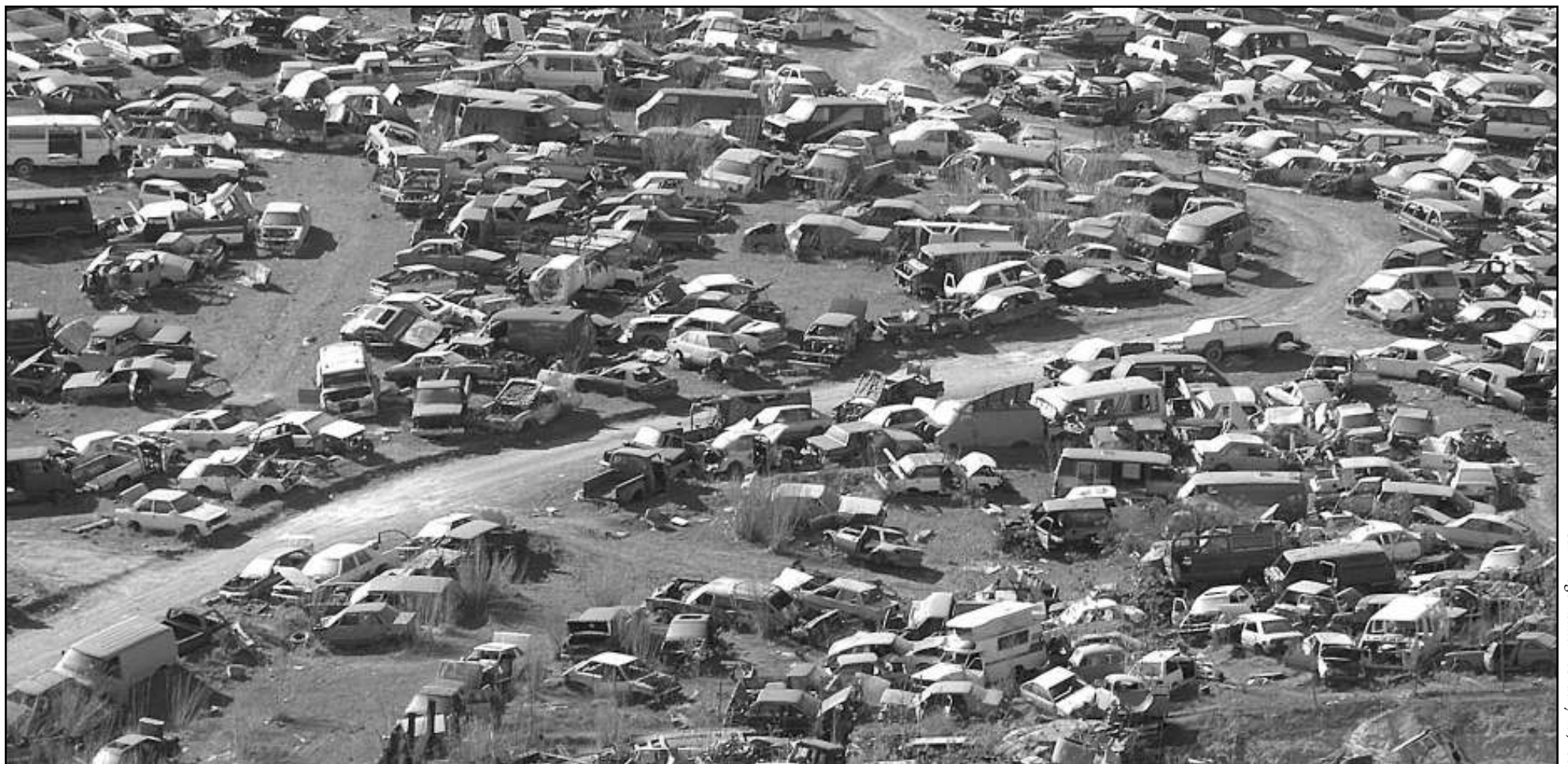
For the cars, it means coming full circle because the majority of cars driven

by Tijuana residents were imported from the United States. “Ninety-five or more percent of cars in Tijuana were imported from California. Those cars that are here are cars that you can take to the States because they have the EPA standards, security systems. They take them to the DMV, and someone gives them a new pink slip.”

Getting the pink slip, according to Escobedo, can involve changing the vehicle identification number (better known as VIN) so that it shows up as a previously un-

registered car in the Department of Motor Vehicles records. Or, sometimes the car is re-registered in the United States under the rightful owner’s name as a change of address before it is sold. And Escobedo is convinced that, in some cases, DMV agents are being paid by the car-theft rings illegally to issue new titles on the cars. “I can tell you that this ring is an organized ring. And somebody at these DMVs has to be on the take. I see it in Huntington Park, Whittier, all the way up to

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Killer trees

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and tree failures happen very, very often with eucalyptus trees, and has caused some of the most tragic accidents in San Diego history — not going back very

far to the mid-1980s, when Frieda Williams was killed by a falling eucalyptus limb in the San Diego Zoo."

Sevier was an expert witness in the trial that followed that accident. This part of his business started in 1979,

when a lawyer in town contacted him. "A eucalyptus limb hit his client," Sevier said, "Put him in a wheelchair for life. The lawyer simply wanted to know if the accident was preventable. That was back in

'79, and I would say from 1979 to 2003, I've probably worked on over 160 tree-accident cases of one type or another."

"What percentage of those were eucalyptus trees?"

"Oh, the majority of ei-

ther whole tree or limb failure were eucalyptus. The main player in big-tree accidents seems to be the eucalyptus."

"Why?"

"The trees are from Aus-

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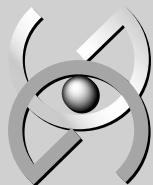


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tralia. They're used to struggling and reaching out with their roots, under very adverse conditions, to explore the soil to find nutrients and moisture. And when the eu-

calyptus trees are transported here, to a place like San Diego, and put in places like city parks and state parks, then when the area is irrigated with sprinklers, like here in Old Town, you've got a compromise of the root

system. The trees are used to struggling and reaching and surviving without being fed the moisture of the sprinkler system.

"And so two things happen. One, the roots tend to get 'lazy'; they don't reach

out and explore, they don't have to go very far to get their moisture. And the other problem with the lawn and irrigation system over eucalyptus is that the lawn acts like a kind of wetting agent, and it keeps the

ground soppy around the roots. It never totally dries out. The strength of the roots can be compromised by rot. So you're maintaining a lawn and you're feeding a monster, which is an overwatered eucalyptus

tree. What you have is really a very attractive atmosphere to come under and walk under and to be under that is, in fact, a death trap."

Sevier and I were standing next to the tree that had fallen. I pointed to it and said, "So you're saying this tree had a shallow root structure and its roots had rotted?"

"Yes. We can tell by looking at this root ball right here. It's a very, very limited amount of roots that were actually sound and strong and holding the tree, versus the compromised roots — it just wasn't enough to hold the tree."

"Had there been any warning signs with this tree?"

"Well, certainly experts in the area of eucalyptus trees, which the state park system has — some very highly qualified experts — they know that sprinkler systems, lawns, massive root systems, very heavy foliage, and very heavy limbs is a recipe for disaster. What it amounts to is a gamble. It's not a matter of *if* there'll be a limb failure — something's going to happen, either a tree failure or a limb failure. The concern I have now after this fatality is that after seeing the park headquarters building over here, if that other tree [he pointed to the nearest eucalyptus] were to fail, it would cut the building in half. The people standing here would be severely injured or killed."

"Do you think the remaining trees present a threat?"

"The remaining trees are in danger either from a whole tree failure or a limb failure. These trees need hazard-reduction pruning, and until that work can be done, the area should be roped off, because people are walking under the remaining trees here, and what it's like is having a bus in your bus fleet that has bald tires and blows out and causes a fatality, and then the rest of the buses in the fleet are still rolling down the road with bald tires! From looking around here, the rationale seems to be, 'Well, we had one blowout, so we're probably good for

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Killer trees

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a while.’ ”

Representatives from the park had a different view of the potential danger. I spoke with Stephen Bakken, a forester for the state park system. His job is to inspect trees and to train ecologists to recognize and mitigate hazardous ones. I began our conversation by saying, “I assume you pay particular attention to eucalyptus trees.”

“Well, no more so than any of the others. Each species has its own problems and attributes.”

“So you don’t consider the eucalyptus more dangerous?”

“As a general rule, no. Some species we are treating more aggressively now because of the summer branch-drop problems those species tend to have.”

Bakken said their usual policy is to examine trees every two years. Some parks do it every year, such as those hit hard by sudden oak death. The program of tree evaluation has been going on for over 35 years.

I mentioned Sevier’s contention that it was dangerous to surround eucalyptus trees with irrigated grass. I asked if Bakken agreed. “No,” he said. “That’s the case with some species of native oaks in California, but it’s not necessarily an issue with eucalyptus. I mean, you can obviously overwater something.”

“Do the four remaining trees at the Old Town plaza cause any concern for you?”

“Oh yeah, we inspect for root pathogens. That’s what we do all the time, especially in a landscaped area.”

“Would the tree that blew over be a sign of potential problems with the four remaining trees on the plaza?”

“Possibly. I had inspected the trees in December and didn’t find any problems that gave me concern. And I looked at them again after the failure, and I came to the same conclusion.”

“When you looked at the one that failed, you didn’t see any pathogens?”

“Oh, there were some there. But I recognized that before when I looked at it. I had some concern about the tree, so my recommendation — and I put it on the

records — was to have the crown worked on. And the tree had also been worked on earlier in the year. The crown had been reduced as well, last spring. We treat each tree on an individual basis and look at its struc-

tural integrity and its health. We know we are coming back in one to two years to look at it again.”

Again, I expressed Sevier’s concern about the danger of eucalyptus trees in public places. “I take it

you disagree with him?”

“Well, we’ve had 30 years’ experience. And what do we get? Seventy million visitors a year to our parks. We’ve had very few deaths, very few injuries. You know, a modest amount of claims.

But I’d say, all in all, the program’s working reasonably well. Each species has its own attributes, and some of them are compatible with a developed area, others are less compatible with a developed area. You

basically have to take that into account if you are planting or replanting or whatever.”

“Are the trees in Old Town, then, more compatible?”

“We didn’t plant them.”

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That point was also stressed by John Quirk, chief spokesman for Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. The trees were not originally on the plaza but

were planted in the early 1920s, at the latest, by the city. They have been regularly inspected, Quirk said, and “There has never been anything indicated by our internal or external consultants that would predict the

massive tree failure that happened in that windstorm. Now that we've had that type of failure, we are evaluating the future of those trees."

Trees Australians have nicknamed “widow makers.” ■

Car mafia

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Oregon, to Arizona, and it is definitely in Nevada. Stolen vehicles are a big problem in Nevada.

"Most of the cars stolen in Tijuana," Escobedo con-

tinues, "end up in L.A. Thirty thousand people are driving stolen Mexican vehicles in Los Angeles County."

The end result for Tijuana has been a huge leap in stolen-car statistics. "Tijuana has 18,000 cars stolen

every year now," Escobedo says. "That's the highest rate per capita in the world. One out of every 29 people in Tijuana will have his car stolen."

Asked who is stealing the cars, Escobedo heaves a sigh and leans back in his leather desk chair. "The situation," he answers, "is that everybody is in it. The guys from the [Mexican] towing companies, the used-car lots, and the police, even recovery agents for the insurance companies. These agents, when they recover a stolen car, they give \$400 to the police or whoever. And they tell their boss that the car is in El Paso or in Mexico City, when the car is here. And they charge them \$3000 in expenses to get it here. The insurance company likes the guy because he is recovering cars, but he is actually stealing from them"

Mexican police get in the game, Escobedo claims, by confiscating stolen vehicles that they pull over. "They take the car and they get money from the guy driving it"

But instead of keeping the cars as they once did, they dismantle them and sell the parts. "They have an inventory in their brains," Escobedo says. "This guy needs the wheels of a Blazer, that guy needs a dashboard, et cetera. So they take the wheels or whatever they know they can sell. Then they call the insurance company and tell them they have the car, and they get \$400 to \$500 for 'recovering' the vehicle.

"Most of the cars," Escobedo opines, "are stolen by the same guys who sold them or by the employees that work at that car lot. They keep a copy of the key. That is another part of the stolen-car scam. And most of the rest are stolen from the guys that work at the customs offices. They get key copies while the cars are in the process of being imported. And they know where the car is going to end up because they have the owner's address. So two months later, they go and steal them."

Escobedo tracks the stolen cars using an online database of vehicle identification numbers known as

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VIN Assist. "It was made," he says, "by the National Insurance Crime Bureau for law enforcement agencies."

Over 90 percent end up in the United States, where he says he can locate the car after it's been bought by an unwitting citizen. "That is how I do it. The guy at the end of the line. He buys new tires, buys a new radio, and I recover cars in better condition than the cars that were stolen. I have a percentage rate that is more than 65, and that doesn't mean that I couldn't find the other 35 percent."

But there's a difference between finding and recovering. Escobedo claims he can find a car more often than not. Getting it back to its owner in Tijuana is another case. "I call the local police where these cars are and tell them where they are," he explains, "but because I'm not government, they don't act on what I'm telling them. So I work through Interpol, but it takes them a long time to get the paperwork to the local police in the United States. It takes months and months. But otherwise, I would have to concentrate on one car at a time and go personally to each police department and tell them, 'This is the car.' But I can't do that. Some things I still have to establish. I need to establish a system whereby police in the States will go recover these cars with just my phone call or paperwork, which I can fax them. I'm not there yet. The important thing is, I'm finding the cars. And I can prove that."

Escobedo admits that his six-year-old auto-recovery business is not profitable. "It's an investment right now." He's been trying to convince insurance companies that the system works, while funding the business by selling off a string of Avenida Revolución nightclubs he owned, including Peanuts and Beer. "But I'm running out of nightclubs," he says.

Still, he thinks the venture will be successful if insurance companies start using his services. As proof, he offers, "When the chief of police has his car stolen, he comes here. The attorney general, the congressmen, they get their cars stolen, they come here." ■

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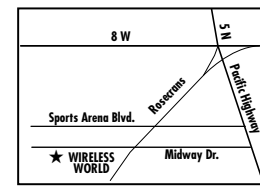
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Dear Matt:

I read somewhere that a good piece of fruit smells like it should. A peach should smell peachy, for example. The other day I was browsing the produce aisles in Henry's, sniffing the peaches and plums before I bag them so I don't get any duds, and an old lady scolded me publicly for putting my nose near the fruit. Am I getting germs on the fruit by smelling them? Isn't the fruit already pretty germy from people touching it?

— Buffy, the net

Hey:

So I'm outside, shuffled off with the rejects, smoking a cigarette, and some lady comes screeching around the corner saying something about how she's going to die from my smoke because she's "allergic" to it. I told her it's not possible to be allergic to smoke. She didn't like that at all. I didn't care. But I thought I'd better check and make sure I'm right before I use that line again. You can be allergic to dogs and roses, but can a person really be allergic to cigarette smoke?

— Puff the Dragon, hanging out

Matt:

When we smell something, do we actually suck tiny pieces of that thing into our noses?

— Just Curious, San Diego

Whew! Edgy, edgy times. Fistfights in the produce aisles. Nose rage? Don't know what was biting the old babe, but of course your nose does not radiate germs. And of course even the best-washed hands are questionable. But you probably had your nose very, very close to the fruit, since produce is kept chilled, and cold air prevents all the nifty volatile oils in the fruit from vaporizing into something actually smellable. That's the big hitch in the smell-the-produce theory. It's hard to smell a peach in the average store. A smell is a gaseous form of certain chemicals in the dog poop or roses or whatever. Substances are more or less stable, chemically, which means a rock won't stink but coconut suntan oil will. So yes, if you stretch a point, when you take a whiff of that mmm-mmm-good new-car smell, you're inhaling vaporized dashboard, upholstery, and headliner. If you stretch a point. And as for that cigarette allergy, Puff's right, smoke isn't an allergen in the strict medical sense. For a substance to trigger an allergic reaction, you need a protein component that tobacco smoke doesn't have. What the screeching lady should have said is that the mucous membranes in her nasal passages are sensitive to assault by tobacco smoke; or maybe she should have said she is asthmatic and cigarette smoke makes it worse. But if you want to get picky, picky, picky, no, she should not be saying she's allergic to cigarette smoke. But I also predict you're cruisin' for a bruisin' if you continue to challenge the smoke-enraged in this way. Would you rather be right or keep all your original teeth?

Please promote world peace and set my brother-in-law straight. Which is the preferred euphemism, frickin or friggin? I sent him an e-mail that included frickin, as in "You don't know a frickin thing." He claims I don't know good English and that there's no such word as frickin. He even sent me a "Hi and Lois" cartoon where Ditto uses the word friggin, as if Olie Brown is Noah Webster or something. I know that frickin is more popular. I even think that Lt. Starbuck used it all the time on the old TV show Battlestar Gallactica.

— Jackson B. Schneiderfisch, the net

Another opportunity to drag out a reliable Team Matthew Alice Law of the Universe. The guy who's so convinced he's right that he's willing to air his gripe in public is never as right as he thinks he is. In the interest of world peace, Jackson, you and your brother-in-law should head for the negotiating table; and you'd better buy the coffee and donuts, 'cause you'll need the good will. About the only weapon you take into battle is the fact that *frickin* is a real word, though it's not in a standard dictionary. It's a real word because it's used in both spoken and written English and most people would know what you mean when you say it. But once you've fired that cannon, you're out of ammo.

We sent two inspection teams to dig through our huge print-material database (news, special-interest, and general-interest publications). They were told to knock on doors, look under beds, and ask the embarrassing questions. In the end, the Frickin Elf Squad was back with a word count long before the Friggin Elf Squad. In the past ten years, *frickin* occurred in about 800 documents. *Friggin* occurred that many times in the past two years alone. Worse yet (for you, anyway), the popularity of *friggin* has grown like crazy in the past decade. It was found in 2 documents from 1985 and in about 200 from 2002. But here's your brother-in-law's weapon of mass destruction. *Frig* and *frigging* are in dictionaries and have been in print in English since 1600. Sorry. Hi and Lois are smarter than Lt. Starbuck, and your brother-in-law does know at least one frickin (and useless) thing. Better start working on those terms of surrender.

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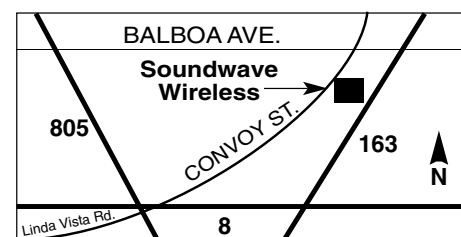


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By Patrick Daugherty

The Money Train Starts In Idaho Falls

The San Diego Padres are affiliated with six minor league teams: Portland Beavers (AAA), Mobile BayBears (AA), Lake Elsinore Storm (A), Ft. Wayne Wizards (A), Eugene Emeralds (A), and the Idaho Falls Padres (Rookie). The Idaho Falls club is a proud member of the Pioneer League, which has been around since 1939. Currently, the league is made up of the aforementioned Idaho Falls, plus the Billings Mustangs, Casper Rockies, Great Falls White Sox, Helena Brewers, Missoula Osprey, Ogden Raptors, and Provo Angels.

Rookie league baseball is, depending on how you look at it, the lowest rung on professional baseball's ladder or the first stop on its money train. Rookie leagues play a short season. Teams in the Pioneer League play 76 games starting, this year, on June 17 and ending on September 5. Pioneer League rules state that "no more than 17 of the 35 active players [on each team], may be 21 [years old] and older, provided that no more than two of the 17 are 23 [years old] or older. Also, no player on the Active List may have more than three years prior service." In other words, "Hey, kid, show me something or get off the train."

On the phone is Marcus Loyola, 32, assistant general manager of the Idaho Falls Padres. I introduce myself and ask, "Where do your players come from?"

"High school and college kids," Loyola says. "We're short season; we start in June. There's a draft in mid-May. That's basically where we draw our players. These are kids who were in the College World Series and top players from high school programs who didn't know if they wanted to go to college or sign with a team."

And, therefore, missed spring training. "I wrote a story about the Las Vegas Stars when they were affiliated with the Padres. I was surprised to see lifers in Triple-A ball. There were players — 37, 38 years old — pulling down \$100,000-a-year and happy to be in Triple-A, year, after year, after year."

Loyola laughs. "Still are. If I was in that situation, I'd love to do that. *Come on.*"

I'm not sure it's *that* good of a deal. "Could a player make a career in...?"

"Not at this level. The pay here is very, very small. You're looking at four to six hundred a month. The kids who come here, their goal is to move up and move up as fast as possible. At most, we can keep a player three years. After that, San Diego will cut their losses."

I refrain from making a Padres-always-begging-for-money joke. "How does that work? Does San Diego send somebody around who tells you, 'Keep this guy. Get rid of that guy.?'"

Loyola says, "San Diego is in charge of player movements. Their player-development scout comes around. We probably see him three to four times a year. He's the one who determines who goes where."

I'll bet there's a lot of fun to be had in the old clubhouse when he shows up.

Loyola continues, "Our coaching staff has to write a report after every game. That's faxed and e-mailed to San Diego. They'll look at it and say, 'Okay, this guy started out hitting .300 and now he's hitting .175. What's the deal? What's going on?' Now, if the player went from .175 to .300, San Diego will definitely move him up to the next level and find out if he can do it there."

Okay. Moving on. "The Oakland A's have a reputation for running excellent farm teams, teams that produce impact players year after year after year. What do they do that other Major League teams don't?"

"I wouldn't know. I'm not a part of that orga-

nization. San Diego is a great organization to work for."

One heartbeat. Two heartbeats. Loyola says, "The last two years have been really hard, because San Diego is doing a different structure with their minor league system. Since they're building a new ballpark, they're cutting payroll. They're looking at building up their future. They're not worried about... They like winning, but they're not concentrating on winning every game they possibly can. They're worried about developing these kids so they can play in San Diego or Portland five years from now."

I refrain from making a Padres-are-greedy-sluts joke. "How did you come to Idaho Falls?"

"I interned with a Triple-A team in Colorado Springs. The gentleman who owns that ball club owns this ball club. You intern and then they feed you out to the organization. He owns seven minor league baseball teams and a couple of hockey teams."

Now, *that* sounds like a good deal. "I've noticed, once general managers, coaches, man-

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agers, or scouts put in enough time, the system will take care of them. They're always going to have a job. Is that true?"

Loyola takes a moment, then says, "Yes, it is possible, as long as you don't burn your bridges. It's like a fraternity; once you're in, you're in, but you don't want to step on people's toes."

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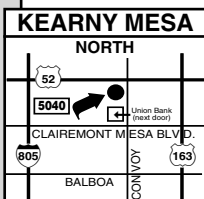
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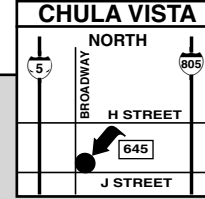
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We Were All Pretty Shocked

Scrappy Priest Humiliates Governor Davis

By Maria Kennedy
In a continuing battle against the pro-abortion politics of California governor Gray Davis, Monsignor Edward Kavanagh of St. Rose's parish in Sacramento stopped an at

Maybe We'll Do Penance on Friday

Locals Ponder Holy Year

By Robert Kumpel
On Sunday, January 12th, Bishop Brom proclaimed a holy year for the diocese of San Diego — to begin immediately and conclude on November 23rd, the feast of Christ the King. Calling for prayer, penance and works of charity, the bishop challenged all San Diego Catholics to



Judy Tilero also heard the proclamation at Mass. "I'll say a few more prayers, using the prayer that they've given us. I think it's a good idea. We need it badly. There's too much evil going on and I think that Satan is just working us over as long as he can! We've got to combat him! There's a whole lot of evil people in the world."

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"I'm a conservative Republican. I've always been a conservative, right-wing, pro-life Christian. I believe in those values with all my heart. But in the past 15 to 20 years, something's happened in conservative Christianity. In many conservative churches, *politics* has become the litmus test. This is a big change. In many conservative churches, if you don't agree politically with the pastor, you're not going to feel comfortable in his church."

Sixty-eight-year-old Reverend Robert Winterton, a San Diego native, has served as senior pastor at Trinity Baptist Church for 33 years. He's a Southern Baptist who feels that the conservative take-over of the Southern Baptist Convention was "just great." He is in all ways a theological conservative.

"One of the first changes I noticed was that churches like Shadow Mountain started taking the word 'Baptist' out of their names and started calling themselves 'community' churches. That's when they started down-playing doctrine, saying doctrine was 'divisive.' And that's when they started emphasizing politics. That became their appeal, the way they attracted people to their church."

"So, now, of course, with politics being their appeal, they can't preach on doctrine. If they did, half the people in their congregations would start asking themselves, 'Hey, do I believe that?' Half the congregation would walk out."

"At old-fashioned churches like mine, we're not afraid of doctrine. I prepare my sermons one year in advance. They're not topical. They're not meant to be. My job isn't to preach politics. My job is to preach the Gospel, and the Gospel is *always* relevant."

Having visited almost 200 churches, I still have a difficult time describing the degree to which Reverend Winterton is countercultural. There are so few other pastors like him to point to as examples. Reverend Winterton has resisted every contemporary fad that's enthralled evangelical fundamentalism. ("If my church stays small, that's A-OK by me. I'm not out to win any popularity contest," he told me.) When I visited his church last Sunday morning, I saw him, a tall man with a full white beard, dressed in a well-tailored

suit and tie. He and a few of his congregants were standing around the church courtyard smoking cigarettes. I thought of All Saints', the Anglo-Catholic parish in Hillcrest, where I'd seen dapper John Cheever look-alikes, dignified holdouts from another era, another ethos, hanging around the church courtyard, smoking.

Despite its solid Southern Baptist credentials, Trinity *feels* like a liturgical church. The interior has little gothic touches. People make an effort to dress up for Sunday worship. They follow a simple "order of service," complete with doxology. They have a choir, a pianist, and an organist. From a hymnal, they sing old-fashioned hymns like "Softly, Tenderly." Reverend Winterton, in his rich, tobacco-cured baritone, spoke to us last Sunday for precisely 20 minutes without referring to notes. He spoke about "justification."

"It's surprising how little we know about Abraham, about his aspirations, his occupation, how he lived, what he thought, how he believed. What we do know is that God chose

Abraham. God said, 'I chose him because I chose him.'

"God can do that to any of us, at any time in our life. God can touch a human soul and say 'You're blessed.'"

"What we do know about Abraham is that God chose him because of what he believed. The Bible tells us that Abraham was justified simply because he *believed* God."

"Paul liked to use vocabularies from different walks of life. At times he liked to use words favored by accountants. Justification is one of those terms. An individual's account is 'justified' when everything balances, all debts are paid, no debts are outstanding. We are justified when God forgives our sins and throws them into the sea of his forgetfulness. He doesn't do this by virtue of our good works. Isaiah tells us that, before God, all our righteousnesses are

as filthy rags."

Given the sermon's topic, "justification," and the ready availability of sexy topical material, the looming war with Iraq, I was surprised when, after the service, a gentleman came up to me, shook my hand, and said, "My wife and I drive here from Rancho Peñasquitos. It takes us about 40 minutes, but it's worth it. For many years we went to First Presbyterian downtown, but we love Reverend Winterton's sermons."

When I went to say good-bye to Reverend Winterton, I told him how much I loved his church's view of the mountains to the east, of all the El Cajon valley.

"I was born and raised here," he told me. "It really was paradise. A different world. I remember when there were 3000 people in the entire El Cajon area. Almost all the people living here now have no memory of that. They're new-comers. They have no idea of how beautiful and open it once was."

— Abe Opincar



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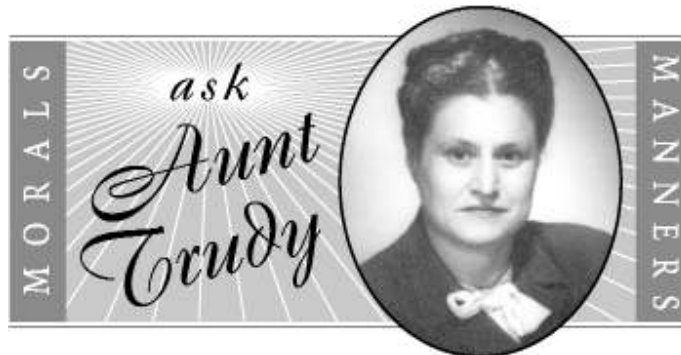
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

Something disturbing happened to our daughter. We sent her to private school because we thought that would protect her from the dangers of public schools. Now it seems that plan has backfired. Apparently, another eight-year-old in our daughter's class was "forcing" several girls, including our daughter, to engage in sex play with her in the school bathroom. When I say "forcing," I mean that she was threatening the girls that her father would beat them up if they didn't comply. Evidently the threatened girls were so intimidated they were afraid to tell anyone what was going on. One brave girl finally broke the silence after this had been going on over a month and told a playground supervisor. Then the principal got involved, parents were contacted, and a school psychologist interviewed all of the girls individually. The perpetrator is being sent to another school. We are terribly saddened about what happened. My wife has responded by not wanting to talk about it. She doesn't want to discuss the situation with our daughter or me. She doesn't want to go speak to the school psychologist, who phoned and suggested we have a face-to-face conference about how to handle this. I feel we need to talk to our daughter about this and about why she didn't let us know what was happening. My wife says we should drop it and move on. Do you have any ideas about what might be best for our daughter? I don't want to identify what area we live in.

FREAKED-OUT SAN DIEGO DAD

Dear Freaked-Out,

I am so very sorry this happened to your daughter. But I'm heartened by your willingness to talk this through over the coming weeks and months. That seems essential for your daughter's well-being. She should not be left alone with this. Your wife's reaction is understandable. She might feel ashamed, frightened, overwhelmed. Whatever the source of her reluctance to confront what's occurred, she needs to make an effort for your daughter's sake to talk and to encourage your daughter to talk about what happened and not to ignore or repress it. You two can help your daughter now by consistent openness and good communication over time. It will take some work. Your daughter needs both of you now. Clamming up won't help her. It's important that your daughter not feel ashamed, or as if what happened was her fault, or as though she's in trouble. It's also crucial that she realize, as you say, that she must come to her parents immediately if anyone ever threatens her, hurts her, or acts sexually inappropriate with her. She needs to know that she can and should tell you things that are bothering her, share her big and small concerns. That's what you're there for. As parents you are her protectors, and she needs to

have confidence in that fact. Something important and positive can come out of this difficult situation. You can use this painful moment in your lives as a wake-up call. It's time to work on building more trust and communication between your wife, your daughter, and yourself. This is not something that happens in a day. If the school psychologist is offering to provide some help, take her up on it. If you feel your daughter needs additional counseling, get it for her. If you think it might be useful to talk to the parents of some of the other girls involved, give that a try. Get as much help and information as you can. Don't be shy or embarrassed. Unfortunately, parents can't protect their children from every harm in the world, much as they wish they could. When bad things happen, sometimes the best you can do is to help your kid figure out how to recover and grow wiser, more compassionate, and stronger in the face of adversity.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My husband's ex-wife calls him 20 times a day some days. She's always been a little nuts, and she seems to be getting loonier, which means the calls are increasing. There's no good reason for the zillion calls, and we both wish she'd cut it out, but she won't listen to reason. We're beginning to absolutely hate the phone. Any bright ideas?

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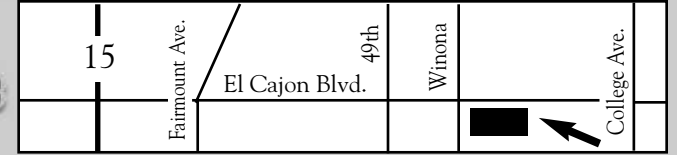
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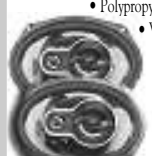


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Oh, the blisters. Patrick's hands, normally lily-white and baby-smooth, were red and raw and painfully puffy. He's never been much for manual labor beyond light home repair and basic yardwork. But now that we're dealing with a '60s fixer-upper in desperate need of a makeover and a rapidly dwindling bank account, he's jumped in wholeheartedly. Two days of grouting our new tile floor did a number on his palms, even though he wore surgical gloves to keep the grout from grinding in. The next day, his sympathetic wife set out in search of the ultimate work glove.

My first stop, Home Depot, left me wondering. I was overwhelmed by the wall of work gloves, all made by Stanley. Prices ranged from \$1.17 for an all-canvas glove to \$5.98–\$9.98 for suede or leather-canvas blends to \$14.98–\$19.97 for all-leather cowhide or deerskin gloves. Curious, I went home and asked my handyman, Douglas Munyon of DNM Enterprises, for his two cents' worth. He told me that, as with any tool, it was best to have certain gloves for certain jobs. "Sometimes, I'll buy the \$2 cotton gloves at Home Depot for concrete work and wear the \$9.99 surgical gloves underneath. The cotton absorbs any little splinters, and the surgical gloves keep the acid and lime off my skin. Then I just throw them away; it's a one-time-use thing."

For general use, he continued, "most gloves are big and bulky. They have a seam inside, and when you grab something, it takes space from your grip — and gives blisters. That's why my assistant takes gloves like that, turns them inside-out, puts them on, and gets them wet. He wears them like that for a couple of hours until the water dissipates, and the leather in the gloves kind of forms to [his hand]."

"I like to have dexterity when I'm working. If I'm handling ropes — to tie down loads or that sort of thing — I want some leather on my palms to dissipate some of the heat. That's why my favorite all-purpose work glove is the Ironclad. They have different applications of leather in different parts of the hands and fingers, and Velcro across the back for a snug fit. The material on the back is like a stretchy nylon that allows your hands to breathe."

I headed back out in search of Ironclad gloves, and I got lucky at Dixieline. They carried Ironclad Heavy Utility gloves (\$24.98) in several sizes. A clerk saw me weighing them against a pair of all-leather gloves by Handmaster (\$12.98–\$21.98) and persuaded me to buy the Ironclads. "It's the best all-purpose work glove," he attested. "Everybody who is in the know buys them. The problem with all-leather gloves is that once they get wet from sweat or water, they start to stink so badly that you have to throw them away."

I snatched a pair of the extra-large Ironclad gloves and raced home to Patrick, who was stripping wallpaper in the dining room. He slipped them on and was immediately pleased.

"You can stick your hand in your pocket and tell the difference between a quarter and a nickel."

He said they felt like a second skin.

Later that day, I phoned Carl at Ironclad for the reason behind Ironclad's reputation. "A good glove will protect your hands like a workboot [protects your foot]," he explained. "People will spend \$200 on a good pair of work boots, but never buy anything for their hands. Cotton gloves last only a day or two. Leather gloves get stiff if they've gotten wet from sweat or work. Ironclad is the only really task-specific glove. For instance, we make a box-handler glove for FedEx drivers and warehouse guys that has a tacky surface on the palm. You don't have to get under the box to pick it up; you just grab it by the sides. Our gloves fit like a second skin; most gloves move around on your hands." And though they're tight, they're also "breathable, so your hands don't sweat like they do in most gloves."

Carl described the features of the Heavy Utility gloves I had picked up for Patrick. "Those are made for more abrasive tasks, for the guy who's out moving rocks and trees and working a sledgehammer. The palm is reinforced with Duraclad, an abrasive-resistant material.

The palm of the General Utility glove, on the other hand, is also reinforced, but not with Duraclad." Both gloves feature a terry-cloth thumb, which is ideal for wiping perspiration away from the face.

Ironclad is careful in the selection of its materials. "We use materials from Dupont, 3M, and Clarino Nash. There are different types of Spandex on the back of the hands.

The leather in the palm is Clarino Nash, which is a synthetic leather that is really tough but also soft and dexterous. You can stick your hand in your pocket and tell the difference between a quarter and a nickel. It has a directional fiber, so that as your hand sweats, the material draws it away from the skin and directs it out of the fabric in a zigzag pattern. By the time it reaches the outside of the glove, it has evaporated."

The synthetic leather is also machine-washable, which adds to the Ironclad's durability. "When dirt gets into the seams of a glove and moves around, it actually acts like a sawblade and cuts the seams. That's why nonwashable gloves tend to fall apart." Ironclad offers a broad range of job-specific gloves, 12 in all. Carl said that the company did extensive research in their design.

"After 9/11, we sent gloves for those guys to use in the cleanup. In the process, we took back a lot of the old gloves to see where they were wearing. From that, we developed an Extreme Duty glove that has Kevlar — a bulletproof material — across the knuckles and between the thumb and first digit. The palm is made of rubber that's like the bottom of a boot. If a piece of rebar hits it, it won't scratch the glove."

The average price of a pair of Ironclad gloves is \$24; Carl says that a pair is good for about two to four months of daily use, and several years of weekend use. The gloves are available at Dixieline (various locations around San Diego) and Marshall's Industrial Hardware, Inc. (Miramar, 858-271-5555).

1. Leather gloves at Home Depot
2. Douglas Munyon
3. Ironclad Heavy Utility gloves

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Bill and Jackie Whittaker always seem to be enjoying themselves, even when everyone around them looks glum. Their relationship started in 1948, when they were two Golden Hill teenagers who lived across the street from each other.

“I knew her as far back as 1946, when I was in high school,” says Bill. “She was just a silly little girl who lived across the street. But she could hit a baseball better than anybody on the block. My sister kept bringing her around, and my mother arranged the first date. My sister and Jackie had a little song-and-dance act, and I was supposed to take them to B’nai B’rith to perform. I said, ‘I don’t want to take that crazy nut!’ My mom gave me \$2, so I agreed, and when we got down there, the show was canceled. So it ends up she hooked me into a hayride. It cost me 20 bucks — \$5 for her, \$5 for me, and I had to pay for my sister and her date. Can you imagine what 20 bucks was in 1948?”

“He wasn’t hooked into anything,” Jackie says. “He enjoyed every minute of it. I think he was kind of tickled about it. That hayride did it!”

“I never said I didn’t enjoy it!” Bill says.

In 1949 they got married.



Jackie and Bill Whittaker

Jackie, now 71, stayed home and raised the kids. Bill, 75, is a coach — the only job he’s ever had (he began coaching at his former grade school, Our Lady of Angels, in 1942). For 55 years, he’s worked both part-

time and full-time with the city’s recreation department, where he still works two days a week, and he taught and coached at St. Augustine High School for 35 years.

“I married him at 18,” says Jackie. “Right after I got out of high school.”

“My first real date with her was on New Year’s Eve in 1948,” Bill says. “My mother said, ‘Why don’t you go ask Jackie to go to the movies? I’ll give you the money.’ She gave me four street-car tokens and \$2. Back then, it only cost 70 cents to get into the movies. We went to the Fox Theater [now Copley Symphony Hall] and saw... what was it?”

“*The Captain from Castile*,” says Jackie.

“That’s right,” says Bill. “But when I went over to her house, I knocked on the door, and Jackie

took me into the kitchen so that we wouldn’t interrupt her grandma listening to the radio. So we sat in the kitchen and soon her mother told her that there was someone at the door to see her. Well, I looked out there, and there was this damned sailor. So she stays out there for a few minutes and comes back in; then there’s another knock. I look outside, and it’s a damn Marine! Then there was another knock, and another guy showed up! Three guys came that night, and she left me in the kitchen!”

“But I came right back!” says Jackie.

Seven children, 17 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren later, the Whittakers are still together, living in an apartment in Hillcrest. They attribute the success of their marriage to their deep friendship.

“I think it’s understanding,” Jackie says.

“We ended up being good friends,” says Bill, “and we were good friends before we started getting serious. We’ve never needed a lot of people around. We’ve always had fun, and we’ve always been able to laugh. I told my boys, ‘You know you’ve got the right girl when you’d rather be with her than standin’ down on a street corner, drinking beer and telling lies.’ Very rarely have we ever left the house when we got mad at each other.”

“I think in a lot of marriages, people get into a rut,” Jackie says. “And you don’t have to get in a rut, regardless of how much money you have or anything else. It’s how much you want to give of yourself that makes the difference. I think that’s the whole story. We’re all different. We have different personalities and different interests, and understanding that is important. And it takes you a while to get to that point. It’s a constant source of learning. There’s ups and there’s downs, but we’re able to swim through that. And we don’t like to be mad at each other.”

When electrician **Andy Gorman** walked into the Navy Federal Credit Union in June 1979, he experienced love at first sight. For **Debbie**, now his wife, it took a bit longer.

“He would make cat howls at me in the credit union,” Deb-

bie says. "I was pounds lighter then and had longer hair. For the first six months after I met him, I hated him. He didn't show up for a few months; then he popped in again, and I helped him get a car loan. When we were talking, he asked me



Andy and Debbie Gorman

out to lunch. By December of '79, I knew I was in love with him, and we moved in together. I was previously married, and I didn't tell him that I had a child until about two months after that lunch."

As it turned out, Andy had a child of his own.

"I loved her the minute I looked at her," Andy says. "I knew I was going to marry her, and I told her so. We lived together to make sure. I used to serenade her with my guitar, sitting on the back bumper of her car."

After three years together, they got married. They've lived in Lemon Grove for the past 19 years and are now grandparents.

"We've made it because of good communication," Debbie says. "There's no jealousy."

"And trust," adds Andy.

Sam Bracamonte, 17, met **Jennifer Fornario**, 21, through a mutual friend. Sam is on home study with Mount Miguel High School, while Jennifer looks for a job. Both live in Spring Valley. Together for four months, they can't remember where they met.

"I think it was at a mall," Jennifer says.

"Yeah," agrees Sam. "Or a party."

Neither took long to fall in love.

"He's hot," says Jennifer. "I

thought that immediately."

"It was the same thing," says



Sam Bracamonte and Jennifer Fornario

Sam. "She's hot."

When asked if they think they have a future together, Sam says, "Yeah," and Jennifer nods in agreement.

Marge Behrendt, 62, and her husband **Jim**, 63, live in San Carlos. They met in Chicago in 1957 just after Jim had enlisted



Marge and Jim Behrendt

in the Marine Corps.

"I was 17," says Marge. "He was so handsome."

"When she saw me, she fainted just from looking at me!" says Jim. "My mother tried to fix me up with this friend of hers, Linda. Linda was going to show me off to her friend Marge, and when Marge fainted, I had to carry her into the house. She was out like a light! It was like she was slain in the Spirit!"

They both laugh.

"I went on to make fun of her," says Jim. "I thought she was crazy when she fainted."

"For the next year or so," says Marge, "we stayed in touch through letters. He was off in Japan."

"She wanted to write," adds Jim, "so we started writing each other, and as a joke, I started putting her letters up on the bulletin board for all the other

Marines to see. So another Marine started writing her, and she started sending him boxes of cigars and food, and I got jealous!"

"That's what I was trying to do!" says Marge.

"After I got out of the Marine Corps," says Jim, "I didn't think of her. But one day I said to my mother, 'Remember that Marge, Linda's friend? I got a lot of letters from her, and I'd like to go meet her and just talk to her.' I figured she was married, so I thought, 'What the heck, I'll write a letter.' So I got her address from a friend and wrote to her. She said she wasn't married, so I drove over to her house and met her. We went on our first date together and saw *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* with Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman."

"Yes," says Marge. "And five years later we saw the movie!"

"Yeah!" Jim says, laughing. "We steamed up the windows!"

They dated for four months and were married in 1959. After 43 years together, they have six children and ten grandchildren. Marge kept the house for most of their marriage, until Jim, a martial arts instructor, was forced to retire because of bad knees. Now Marge works as a financial unit technician for a local insurance company, while Jim takes care of their apartment and cooks.

"I think what's made our marriage work is our ability to change," says Marge. "When we got married, the priest told us, 'For the rest of your life, everything you have is equally yours. If you only have one piece of bread, you divide it in half, equally.' Well, we've made a game out of that for 43 years. When there's an apple, we'll cut it right smack in half. But the idea is to share, and Jim's more sharing than I am. But you have to change too. When we first got married, we were a typical family, and he didn't do any household duties. Nothing. And I took care of the kids. But 13

years ago, when I went to work for the first time, things slowly changed. Now I'm working full time, and he's retired and does all the household duties, and I do nothing. We've completely switched roles, and not intentionally. He's become a better cook than I am, and I'm a darned good cook!"

Jim and Marge are constantly laughing, which seems an essential ingredient of their longevity as a couple. But like other couples, they've had their difficulties.

"She had a brother who was about six-four and weighed about 280, and, she used to bully him," Jim says. "She was a feisty little thing. Anyway, when we first got married, we lived on the third floor — it was actually an attic of this big old house that looked like a castle. We got in an argument, and we started fighting, and we tumbled down three flights of stairs — just like in a cowboy movie. She got me trapped in a little spot and started choking me, and I got scared! But she made a mistake and reached her arm out, and I put her in an armlock, and that was the end of it. But she almost had me. She scared the hell out of me!"

"Irish temper!" explains Marge. "But his humor has saved us a lot of times. I can be so mad at him that I'd be seeing red, and he'll come out with one sentence, some one-liner out of his head, and I'll burst out laughing!"

"She can take lots of punishment!" says Jim.

David Lawson, 32, married **Traci**, 37, three years ago

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David and Traci Lawson

EMPTY UPON
ARRIVAL

AFTER THIS
GIFT, OUR
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BLACK HOLE.

Nothing of great romantic significance (good or bad) has happened recently or looks like it's going to happen, so I'm confident that I won't have an eventful February 14. Unless someone interesting shows up quickly, maybe I'll round up a couple of my single friends and we'll do something together.

Never have I had the conventional Valentine's Day — cuddling and exchanging gifts with a sweetheart and so on. I've been single on every Valentine's Day of my life. I'm not too upset, though, because it could be worse.

The worst thing that can happen to you right before V-Day is a romantic fallout, which has happened to me a couple times. Freshman year, I started going out with a good friend of my brother's in late January. It lasted a week before he said he'd rather just be friends. It made no sense. He asked me out because he wanted to get to know me and then broke up with me because he said we didn't know each other. What the hell?

Junior year was worse, I think. ASB Ball had been in early February, and the boy who took me had had a thing for me since September. The day after Super Bowl Sunday, he called and asked me out. No, I said. He didn't like that much. He'd been certain that I was going to say yes. It's

saddening to watch a friend have an emotional seizure over you — especially when they're not able to hide it. I wore black that Valentine's Day and said I was going to become a nun.

— *Mariah MacCarthy,*
Clairemont High School

I cannot help but feel empty inside. Almost every year I go through the same predicament and ask myself the same question: Why do I not have a true valentine? Not just any valentine, but someone I can confide in and be myself with. I felt this emptiness most last Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day of 2002 was disappointing, and it was my fault, which made it even worse. It began in October of 2001, when a female student told me that she liked me and that she wanted me to ask her out. I did like her, and we did go to dances together and flirt with each other in math class, but I never asked her out. Valentine's Day came around, but the girl who had liked me no longer did because I had never asked her out. I felt like a fool because I did like her, but by then it was too late. As a result, I was lonely and I got to watch all of the other couples at school enjoy themselves by giving each other gifts and cuddling with each other all day. The fact that songs such as "Thank God I Found You" and "Send Me Your Love" played in the cafeteria during lunch did not help. I probably got

what I deserved, though, considering that the year before I was the one that played heartbreaker.

On February 14 of my freshman year (2001), I could have had any valentine that I wanted. It was as if any and every girl at school wanted me to be her valentine; they flirted with me and followed me around all day. I told them that I was not interested in them as girlfriends, only as friends. I feel bad about it now, but back then I enjoyed it. I did not feel empty on that Valentine's Day because of the attention that I received, which is why it was probably my happiest.

— *Brian Lawless,*
Morse High School

I come from a long line of unromantic people. My father's idea of a perfect Valentine's Day present is to give my mother a subscription to *Scientific American*. My Uncle Erwin once gave my Aunt Maud an uncooked pot roast. So, ordinarily, the tonnage of chocolate and the forest of felled trees that make the sloppy, sentimental cards for this day do not sway me. I have low expectations for this holiday.

Last year, however, my luck seemed to have changed. Around November I met a guy named Eugene in our local public library. We bumped heads looking for the same Galileo book and immediately saw

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stars. Eugene wasn't exactly Quasimodo, but he was not Brad Pitt either. Too many hours of indoor activity had given him an unhealthy pallor and a certain squint behind his horn-rimmed glasses. He did have a cute smile, though.

Christmas went by without a hitch because I was gone for two weeks, saving him both money and embarrassment. However, Valentine's Day loomed large on the horizon. So what does a lad get for his equally astronomically addicted girlfriend? A crummy star named after her, complete with certificate and star chart to locate said item. No roses, no candy, and no cards — just a flaming ball of hot gas, located 280 light years away from my heart (Alpha-Who-GivesADamn System, to be exact). Turns out, this isn't even an official name, because real astronomers only use

numbers to designate stars. So star Steffiewuvs-Eugie exists only in the imagination, much like our current relationship.

You could say that, after this gift, our love went supernova and quickly became a black hole. Eugene is now at Cal Tech, scanning the skies for future victims of his generosity. My plans for February 14 this year? Keep away from libraries.

— *Stephanie Feldstein,*
Bonita Vista
High School

For me, Valentine's Day is just like any other day. Why wait until one day of the year to display your love for someone when you should have been doing so all year long? Don't get me wrong — a declaration or celebration of love is something special, but the thought of billions of other people in the world doing the same thing on that same day takes the luster away from it all.

I haven't had too many notable Valentine's Days, but the one I most remember was in the third grade. Back then the requirement was if you brought in one valentine, you had to bring one for everybody. I'd had a bunch of valentines and miniature boxes of candy, and it was a drag to carry all of them while I walked home — especially because my tiny backpack couldn't hold them all. So there I was, walking home in the afternoon heat as fast as I could because I didn't know how much longer my tiny fingers could grip all the cards and candies. Then, I tripped on my shoelace and fell into the bushes. My valentines scattered everywhere on the sidewalk.

I became livid and began ripping up every one of my cards. In the middle of my shredding frenzy, I came upon one card from a kid in my class who I

thought was my only friend. I read the kind words he wrote me and all my anger dissipated. I hadn't realized it then, but now I look back on that Valentine's Day and I appreciate the effect a kind word can have on others.

Since I feel no motivation to make a big deal of Valentine's Day, there's not much I expect from it, except the sight of even more couples being lovey-dovey in public places. I don't mind them too much. Their happiness can make my day a little nicer, just like a kind word from another human being.

— *Yen Nguyen,*
Junípero Serra
High School

As a product of California's public schools, I have seen Valentine's Day change. In elementary school, everybody bought and shared cards for Valentine's Day. No one felt alienated.

In middle school, Valentine's Day fell into the hands of the schoolkids, my friends, enemies, and secret crushes. I watched my friends set up Valentine's Day dates, if only for the sake of having a lover. I spent one Valentine's Day watching three relationships collapse within three hours of each other. Other times, I placed bets on the duration of relationships and won. The pattern was obvious: Monday, they'd start going out, and I'd play the bookie; Tuesday and Wednesday the lovers played their own game; Thursday, they were on shaky ground; Friday rolled around and I cashed in.

The most serious bet I ever made happened in seventh grade with the usual formula: two naïve kids pretending at love with me as the cynic. This time I went off the track, trying to fix the two together, trying to make the relationship

work. Friday came, and the lovers split. I had won my bet and lost any hope in my future Valentine's Days.

Valentine's Day is an observation of emotion that will leave many empty upon its arrival. Some will spend Valentine's Day getting drunk, in front of their computer screen, tucked into a book, or having sex — either out of love or a desire to feel less alone. I will likely spend my Valentine's Day alone and as empty as any addict or lost cause. I'll try to pretend that it's just a normal day. I'll try to pretend that I didn't make a game out of relationships when I was younger. I'll try to forget that I won this game. I'll sit back with a comic book read too many times, and I'll try to forget the pain of playing the cynic for too long. I'll try to forget what that feels like.

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I've never enjoyed a Valentine's Day with someone special — the day is cursed for me! My relationships have died or begun before or after February 14. The day repels all romantic contact from me. Year after year I've had to suffer this cruel fate. Except, one year....

The night before Valentine's Day, when I was a tenth grader, I made acquaintance with a female. She was in a relationship, which was all right because I wasn't interested. As a friend, with no motive, I expressed to her the loneliness and pressure that haunted me around February every year. It wasn't easy to be the only sophomore without a valentine. She was a senior, and amused and touched by my plight. The next day, I walked the halls of my school trying to act as detached as possible. In the midst of a class period, I ran into my lady friend. She was beautiful, draped in a garland of flowers, holding chocolates, cards, and flowers from her boyfriend and admirers. She was such a vision (and a senior) that I was speechless. "Happy Valentine's Day," she said tenderly, handing me a single red rose and a card. Inside the card was a message (I'll never reveal its contents!) and a little plastic card that said "Heaven's Missing An Angel" and a poem. I was overwhelmed and hugged her tight. Good-natured and understanding, she needed no words or clarification. She chuckled her delight, smiled, and walked on.

The gift seemed a talisman of luck: the rest of the day I enjoyed gifts from friends who never before expressed to me valentine's spirit. Now that I'm older, Valentine's Day is a bit less powerful. I know I'm lucky to be acknowledged when I am but don't yearn for it. It's a lot more fun for me to let other people know how I feel, even if I am not in love. Marianne

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— Marcel Reyes,
University City
High School,
class of 2002

My best Valentine's Day was in 1999. I was in junior high school, and my girlfriend — my first — was Jolivette Clamor. I didn't get to spend Valentine's Day with her because it fell on a Sunday. That Friday before Valentine's Day, when I'd just gotten to school, I saw Jolivette. Her smile was like that of a model's in a toothpaste commercial. All I gave her was a stuffed Winnie the Pooh holding a purple heart, and it didn't even seem like she liked it. But that was the only thing I could afford. I felt bad for giving her something small because I saw other guys giving their girlfriends all these balloons and big stuffed animals.

The thing that makes this Valentine's Day special is that I'm still with Jolivette. We have been through a lot together...and apart: we didn't speak to one another for more than two years. My first Valentine's Day without her was miserable. In 2000, I had another girlfriend. It didn't feel as special as the year before. Even though I was with another girl, all I could think of was who Jolivette was spending Valentine's with. Even though I was hurting inside, I didn't tell a soul about it. For two years, I hid my feelings for her because I didn't expect to see her again. I knew it was over between us because I didn't call her back after we broke up to see what her reason was for breaking up. I didn't want to swallow my pride.

In September of 2001, I finally built up the courage to call her. When I heard her voice, I fell in love again. Since January 15, 2002, we have been back together. The stuffed Winnie the Pooh toy I gave her in '99...she still has it. ■

— Alecsis Ducusin,
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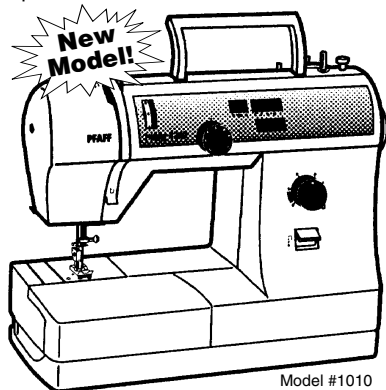
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CHAPTER 16

Hickey left the girl at Rudy's, having charged Leo to keep her away from any silver limos. He left his Chevy in the lot behind Rudy's, hustled the four blocks to his and Leo's office. Amid the litter on his desk was the itinerary for Venus and the master, which he'd gotten



Mount Soledad, 1946

from Katherine at the Black Forest.

Tonight they were due to arrive in Denver. Tomorrow evening they'd lecture. Hickey made a few calls, learned that commercial

flights to Denver left at 6:50 every morning. Tomorrow's was booked full, as was every other flight through January 5. No Katoulis or any other Greek name appeared on tomorrow's boarding

list.

Hickey phoned Rudy's, asked Phil if Castillo'd come in yet. Phil said no. Hickey asked him to page an Army colonel named Creaser, a

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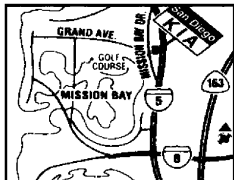
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regular, who by this time of night was merry enough so he might've loaned out an airplane if anybody'd asked. All Hickey sought was a lift to Denver. Creaser told him the fellow to call, said to drop his name. Ten minutes later Hickey was booked on a military hop to Lowry Air Force Base, departing at 2:30 a.m.

He stuffed the change of clothes he kept at the office into an overnight bag, along with shaving gear, Cynthia's ledgers, and two guns, a Browning .45 automatic revolver and a Smith & Wesson .38. Finally, at 11:25 — with hands sweating like those of a fat guy drinking beer at noon, in August, in the Sahara — he called Madeline.

If she answered, he didn't know whether he'd bawl her out or sigh and murmur how he loved her. After seven rings Elizabeth picked up the phone and yawned into it. "Lo?"

"Sorry to wake you, babe."

"Hi, dad."

"Your mom ever come home?"

"No, I guess she's still at the club." She yawned again. "Why don't you call her there?"

Swell, Hickey thought. If he caught her there, fearing she was with Castillo, he probably couldn't smother his anger any longer. He'd snarl the wrong words, and she'd snap. He'd yell. Then she'd march back to Castillo with another excuse to ignore her conscience, if she still had one. If all she'd done with Castillo so far was flirt and pal around, now, in spite, she'd lead him to the honeymoon suite. Or so Hickey would imagine and fret over, squandering his concentration, while he took off after Donny Katoulis, a mission about as safe as trying to infiltrate the Gestapo.

"Babe," he said, "I'm going somewhere, probably won't be able to call until late tomorrow night." If ever, he mused. "When I get back, this job's gonna be over. Ask your mom to make reservations at the Cedar Cove Lodge in Arrowhead. See if she can get one of the cabins with a fireplace, two bedrooms, no phone. Tell her..." His throat felt clogged with a thick,

steamy vapor, on account of the thought that had gripped him — he might be speaking his last words to his daughter, giving his last message to Madeline.

"Dad? You there?"

"Sure. Tell her I see what went wrong." It was a lie but an honorable one.

"Went wrong with what?"

"Aw, you know, don't you? We used to be happier, didn't we?"

"Sure, before you had to work every night. We miss you, Daddy, that's all."

"Yeah, well, that's almost over. Because I love you and her more than all the rest of everybody, combined."

"Aw, Daddy," Elizabeth yawned. He let her go.

Ten minutes he stared at the first line in the next page of Cynthia's book and brooded. What if, right this minute, Madeline were sitting by the sea-view window listening to Paul exclaim her beauty more over one drink than Hickey'd done in years? What if, this instant, she were deciding to leave him and all that could persuade her to hold off a few days was hearing his promise in person? To leave without seeing her might amount to strike three.

He grabbed up his suitcase, doused the lights, hustled out, and downstairs. As he jogged up the sidewalk toward Rudy's, his suitcase bowled over a sailor who'd staggered into his right-of-way. It was one of those trips when happenings seem to warn you to run back home. The block before Rudy's, the catch on his suitcase sprang. His shaving kit and Cynthia's ledgers flew out and skidded a couple yards, then got stomped by a troop of giddy salesgirls returning to their lodgings at the YWCA. When he reached his car, the trunk key wouldn't turn. He slung the suitcase onto the front passenger's seat, sped sans headlights out of the lot and straight down A Street past the courthouse and the visiting team's side of Lane Field, across the Santa Fe tracks and onto Pacific Coast Highway.

The four miles before he turned on Garnet then started up Mount Soledad, he drove crouched forward like a jockey, squinting into the dark and chewing on

the pipe he would've lit except that he was too agitated to bother. There'd been a wreck on the highway next to Milly's. A truck backing out must've whacked a lights-out Buick. The cops and ambulance had already arrived. Hickey drove by, made a left on Garnet. He turned right on Ingraham, spinning tires on the gravel, and started up the dirt road that wound around the coastal side of Mount Soledad. He flicked on his headlights. The odds of getting stalled by a cop on rich folk's turf were slight, as long as you drove a respectable car. When they didn't know what big shot or big shot's kid they might offend, most cops chose tolerance.

Hickey sped along, gazing down at the moon-white foamy waves, glancing in his mirror at the two dark bays and beyond them at the harbor full of warships. Above them the sky was flecked with lights. He spotted a squadron of fighter planes — probably headed toward some carrier to replace the ones blown to splinters last week in the China Sea — lifting off from North Island where, in a couple hours, he'd depart to wage a battle, maybe the decisive one, in his private war.

Madeline wanted to live on Soledad, where the houses were as big as mausoleums, with sprawling lawns surrounding the tennis courts. It was some people's idea of a sanctuary, built for those who chose to watch all the commotion down below from a safe distance. Hickey remembered the story of an uncle in Kansas who'd bought atop the tallest hill in his county and started bragging. Soon enough, the mayor, a banker, and some other chumps came bidding for it. Hickey's uncle turned a 1000 percent profit.

Soledad didn't charm Hickey. It reminded him of Beverly Hills. Sure, the mansions were elegant, the company refined, the garden parties catered, the wall hangings chosen by tasteful designers. But why up here, where you viewed so much of the damned, stormy world? Doesn't it keep them awake nights? Hickey wondered.

The pinkish crescent

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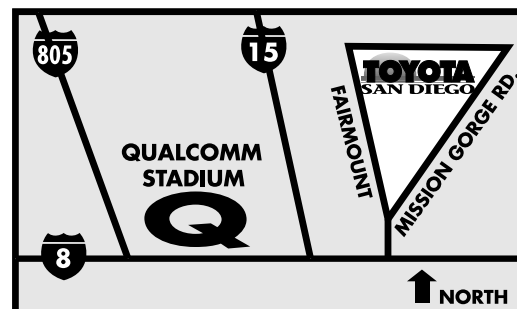
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moon seemed to bounce off the cliffs beyond La Jolla Shores where the Del Mar Club sprawled like the headquarters of some military dictator in the tropics. Hickey coasted down the mountain, making wishes. That he wouldn't find Castillo with Madeline, but

Madeline would be there alone, so he could promise to give up investigating and watch the spark in her eyes. He skidded up to the gate. In one motion he jumped out, tossed the valet his keys, and said, "Guest of Ada Litton." She was a La Jolla socialite who'd lav-

ished Hickey and family with privileges ever since he'd rescued her son from the clutches of a showgirl by taking him for a ride to a tavern where they caught her playing two-timer. The Chinese guard saluted, and Hickey strode up the path between the

front garden and tennis courts seven through ten. He rounded the fish pond and one of the fountains, then cut into a garden trail lined with a dozen varieties of stubby palms and shrubs that looked like peacocks, with bird of paradise plants, and ferns on trellises around

the fish pond. A piano melody cut through the whoosh and boom of the surf. He stepped out of the garden a few yards from the window of the cocktail lounge overlooking a mile-long sandy beach that dead-ended at the sheer cliffs that rose to meet Camp Callan.

Madeline wasn't sitting at the window. She was on a stool, leaning on the teakwood bar, her shoulders bare, the fox stole Hickey'd bought her to celebrate the opening of Rudy's draped across her lap. Smoking one of her Pall Malls, she cocked her head just enough to turn the smoke she blew away from Paul Castillo's face.

Hickey shuffled on the path along the building to the steps of the dining porch that led off the lounge. Nobody drank or smooched on the porch tonight, on account of the chill. He flopped into a wicker chair and sat awhile, letting his stomach grow accustomed to a new feeling, as though he'd just swallowed a cannonball. Finally heaving himself up, he crossed the porch, opened the french door, and entered a part of the lounge hidden from Madeline's view by an oak hutch. A curly-haired Mexican waiter he knew grinned sheepishly and waved him in. Hickey wagged his head and motioned the guy over, then put a finger to his lips. The waiter trudged that way, arms to his sides, his chin down so far that the bald dome faced forward.

"Aren't we chums, Paco?" Hickey said low. "I mean if your girl was drinking with some stooge at Rudy's, I'd give you a call." "I been watching," Paco whispered. "They don't kiss or holding hands or nothing." "Ask her to step out on the porch, huh?"

Hickey turned to the french door, walked out, and stood facing the sea, paralyzed as he listened to the door swish open and the footsteps approach him. By the time he felt her near, his plan was to open his arms and draw her into them, kiss her until — and long after — he felt her anger dissolve, and give her his promise.

He hadn't heard Castillo's footsteps behind Madeline's. The second he turned and saw the man's head peering over Madeline's shoulder, a primitive groan issued out of him. His teeth had clamped together so tightly that he could hardly push sound through, yet his chin quivered, vibrating his words. "You didn't need to bring

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him out here.”

“I didn’t *bring* him.” Her drawl was the one that always arrived after three or four drinks. She was chewing her upper lip. The stole hung over her right shoulder and one of the breasts that her red gown, Hickey knew, left exposed to within an eyelash of the areola.

He flung his gaze at Castillo, crucified the man with his eyes. “You wanta disappear, partner?”

“Maybe not.” The Cuban’s nose and bared teeth hung directly over Madeline’s shoulder, the flip of her hair tickling his chin.

“No, see,” Hickey rasped, “you figuring you oughta be out here while I’m talking with my wife — it’s a bad sign.”

“You gonna make a scene, Tom?” Madeline hissed. “Why the hell come tailing me — tired of your songbird already?”

Fiercely, she wrapped the stole around her shoulders, grabbed its ends in her fists, and tugged them down to her sides. On her chest hung the sapphire Hickey’d bought her last year at Bullock’s Westwood, the one she’d fitted with a chain that would place it exactly at the cleft between her breasts as they dived beneath the scarlet gown.

“You wanta get rid of him, or do I?” Hickey snarled.

With a dispirited chuckle followed by a sigh, Madeline turned toward the door, leaving Castillo in the open holding the burgundy purse Madeline had bought four summers past in San Francisco. If the Cuban had followed her, maybe Hickey would’ve written a note, gotten Paco to deliver his promise to become first a husband, second a father, third a businessman, fourth nothing. But Castillo had to get the last word, play Lancelot, chase off Hickey’s remnant of sense.

A crowd had gathered at the window and french door. Pale old fellows in dinner jackets; a couple drowsy females with sculptured hair and face powder deeper than a mortician would dare to apply; a trio of draft-age tennis bums whom a critical eye might’ve guessed Uncle Sam had booted out of his Army when they flirted with him.

None seemed willing to step beyond the glass. They’d rather stand back and pass judgment. Probably thinking that whoever allowed a Latin into their club was the first to blame.

“You got problems with me,” Castillo droned, his voice a key lower than real,

“you talk to me. How about that?”

“Yeah,” Hickey muttered. “Good idea. Listen to this.”

With an uppercut that started at his hip pocket, Hickey knocked Castillo onto his toes, from where the Cuban backpedaled a

few feet before he tripped and collapsed onto a Mexican strawberry pot beside the french door. He fell forward onto his hands and knees. Hickey followed and set to kick the man if he tried to rise, but the Cuban held still like a boxer waiting for the eight count, until

Hickey couldn’t wait any more. He was like a grenade with the pin loosed. He let fly a kick over Castillo’s back. It shattered the strawberry pot, spraying Castillo and the French door with loam.

The Cuban had dropped to a crawl position, and

Hickey’d retreated to the center of the porch, when the first ashtray streaked past his ear. The second one nicked him in the shoulder, just as he caught sight of Madeline standing beside the french door.

“That’s it, Tom,” she screamed. Her arm whipped

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up and forward. The corner of a silver-and-rhine-stone cigarette case, the one Elizabeth had given her last Christmas, stabbed Hickey in the chest.

He would've grabbed Madeline and carried her out of there, except that she'd fled inside. He'd have to chase her all over the

club, and by then the police would be swarming. Either in the air or his mind, he could already hear the sirens. Days it might take him to talk his way free, after disturbing the peace of the Bigshot Club. So he wheeled and charged straight up the walk toward the Chinese

valet, who dodged as though from a fearsome tackler, and tossed Hickey the Chevy keys.

CHAPTER 17
Hickey left his car behind Rudy's and caught a Checker cab, which dropped him, at 1:40 a.m., as close to the

ferry landing as traffic allowed. The ferry was a shortcut across the harbor to Coronado Island, actually part of an isthmus that met the coastline 20 miles south, almost to Mexico. The ferry saved sailors and civilian workers commuting to the air base at North

Island half an hour each trip and a couple gas stamps a month.

Long after the graveyard rush, a troop of cars still backed up into Harbor Drive, and gangs of stevedores and mechanics bunched at the pedestrian turnstile. The ferry creaked

and moaned as if each machine that rattled on were the last it could bear and every swell caused a pang of woe. Finally the horn belled. The ferry pitched into the harbor with implausible speed, heading straight for the destroyer *Alabama* as though on a ramming mission. It bounded over the wakes of patrol boats, landing craft on training maneuvers, pilot boats racing to deliver a captain or admiral who'd closed Rudy's or the Playroom, back to his quarters on one of the dark ships that lined North Island or anchored in mid-harbor. When the ferry cut north to round the *Alabama*, Hickey watched Point Loma. Low on the cliffs, there were flashes like brief signal lights from where antiaircraft guns sentined the harbor. Above them, a couple miles from Otherworld, the lighthouse glowed.

Hickey'd made his way along the rail — lined with pedestrians and drivers who relished the splash of fresh, salty, oily air — to the bow. As they turned south and passed beneath one of the barrage balloons, Hickey scanned the mile-long shoreline of dry docks and gazed around the South Bay at condemned barges, homemade rafts, sailboats with rotted side planks and broken masts, skiffs tiny enough for a kid to row yet outfitted with tarps or tents — the floating squatter city of laborers from Consolidated, National Shipbuilding, or North Island.

"Hell of a mess, ain't it?" the tremendously wide fellow beside Hickey philosophized. "We got a harbor fulla Okies. I coulda got crew chief last week hadn't been a Okie whines to the super he's got 11 brats, needs the extra six bucks a week, gets the job."

His pal beside him attempted a laugh, which ended in a mighty wheeze. "You was crew chief, Gordo, Howie and me'd be snoozing all night long."

The fat guy snatched the asthmatic's cap and whacked him a few times as they ambled toward an old Ford, while the ferry bumped, repelled, finally righted against the dock. The asthmatic climbed into the driver's seat.

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asked for a lift to North Island. He rounded the car, got into the back, and sat beside the fat guy behind a stately Negro fellow, about 50, tall enough so the drooping headliner grazed his hair, quiet as though he were the white men's prisoner.

They rattled off the ferry and up Fourth Street, the fat guy alternately gobbling pork rinds and peanuts and grumbling about Okies while the asthmatic wheezed and chortled at his pal's vehemence, and Hickey sat as still and ponderous as the Negro, staring with his eyes closed at the bodice of Madeline's red dress and the sapphire hanging there. Whenever his gaze started rising toward her face, he flinched and looked back



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down.

The stevedores dropped him at the main gate, showed their passes, and drove on. Hickey's passage

was about as easy as gaining admission to Betty Grable's dressing room. He showed his guns, the permits, and the copy of his

investigator's license to the Shore Patrol guard, a boy who looked 14 or so and seemed to move in slow motion. He called for rein-

forcements, a chief whose cowboy boots with three-inch heels and hair poofed higher than Billy Martino's still brought him only up to Hickey's chin. Barking like a terrier, the chief made Hickey repeat the whole routine before he phoned somebody who phoned Colonel Creaser's aide, who woke the colonel, who grabbed the phone and raged at the chief, commanding him to get Hickey to runway seven on the double.

The chief gave Hickey a one-fingered salute, wheeled, and stomped away. "You got five minutes, is all," the guard said. A minute later, a Jeep came speeding that way.

Hickey bounded into

the Jeep beside a stocky Wave who wore goggles as though to blaze through the night in a biplane or race car, but who drove like Grandma, leapfrogging and grinding every gear, swerving timidly around the B-17 Flying Fortresses, the Mustang fighters, the biplane trainers, and a Consolidated Catalina flying boat to the Douglas DC-3 Hickey was booked on, which looked more like a dirigible with wings and had the inscription DUMB DUCK lettered beneath the pilot's window.

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collage of numbers and the symbol of Consolidated Air. Hickey commandeered a double seat in the rear, hidden by the crates and half the length of the craft from the other passengers. They were a trio of Marine privates who'd smuggled aboard a bottle of something that pleased them enormously. Every few seconds one of them would guffaw. There were a few empty seats up by the Marines, but Hickey chose solitude. He had reading to do, except that there was no light. He had sleep to catch up on, if allowed by the accommodations and turbulence — both of the sky and of his mind. And there were several matters of life and death to consider.

The plane taxied, then lurched and seesawed up and out to sea. After climbing through the fog, it swung a wide turn and headed northeast. From what Hickey could see — the crest of Mount Soledad and a few glimpses of coastline through breaks in the fog — they passed over La Jolla, where Madeline might still be with Paul Castillo. Licking his wounds.

He bounced up, grabbed a crate for balance, and staggered forward past the Marines into the cockpit, where he asked the copilot — a hairy civilian with a gray-flecked beard and the gaze of a football coach looking for an excuse to launch into sarcasm — if he could borrow a flashlight.

The copilot rummaged through a cardboard box and found one. On the way back Hickey nodded to the Marines. They scowled as if he'd threatened to impound their bottle.

Cold was already seeping through the metal of the fuselage when Hickey put on his glasses, arranged himself crosswise on the seats, drew his knees up close, and opened the last of Cynthia's books.

Over several pages, she described how Venus had stolen the reins to Otherworld, using her sex magnetism and reminding the Enlightened in blatant and subtle ways that Madame A had received from the master whose initials are CCB the message that she was

destined to lead them. Where Madame T had been the snake charmer and law-giver, Madame A the benevolent despot, the matriarch, Madame Esmé was a simple mystic. The previous madames had gathered a following of wealthy patrons who funded the community and its many publications and crusades. Mild, honest Madame Esmé couldn't charm new money to the society or bully old money into staying, the way the others had. In 1925, the year Cynthia was born, Madame Esmé turned all fiscal matters over to her attorney, Henry Tucker, and to Venus.

The Bitch was almost seven, a mean one already. From birth she'd been colicky, demanding, the kind

who'd tug people's earrings or hair, gouge their eyes or bite rather than let them pet her. More and more, Venus avoided her, leaving Henry in charge. When he couldn't stand the brat, he'd drop her at the orphans' nursery.

Naturally, when the world got blessed with Cynthia, she was the other extreme. A lovable baby who slept through the night from her second day, such a beauty that all the women of Otherworld begged for time with her, and even Venus cherished her company. But nobody loved her the way Henry did. For hours he'd ride her around Otherworld and along the beach, on his shoulders and in his arms. At dinner she'd

sit on his lap while he spooned each bite for her. If she got a mild fever, he'd stay up all night, swabbing her with cool washcloths.

The Bitch learned to hate me because Daddy loved me so. The year I was born, she'd gone to live in the Raja Yoga school. It was only 200 yards from our cottage, but under Madame T's system, with studies all day, arts in the evening, garden and kitchen chores in between, and since all students — except Venus when she was a girl — lived in the barracks, the Bitch only stayed with us on Sundays. At every chance she would slap or scratch me, tear my clothes. If Daddy gave me a doll, the Bitch would steal it and throw it

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Once she realized Daddy loved me more than her, Venus hated us both — she can't abide sharing love, so just by existing, I turned her against me and Daddy. Before my first birthday she weaned me, though the Bitch had gotten to nurse for three years. The first time Venus slapped me for trying to suckle, Daddy says, was the same day she hung the curtain between her side of the bedroom and Daddy's. It was heavy, like

canvas, only bright royal blue. She'd always insisted on separate beds, and now she denied him the sight of her, knowing her beauty inspired him. She commanded that nobody should budge the curtain. There were doors on each side of the room, allowing her to sneak out whenever she pleased. He never caught her roaming. He never knew she'd been visiting Will Lashlee until she boasted of her whoring, that summer after Saint Ophelia first saved me.

If Ophelia had only stayed invisible like other guardian angels, who knows how different our lives could be?

The vision appeared at twilight, in August. I was splashing in the shore break below the cliffs. The Bitch swam out to deep water and waved and called to lure me out there like she always did, so she could laugh at the surf knocking me down while she pranced over it like a dolphin.

Between each wave I

would splash out a little farther. I didn't frighten as long as I could touch bottom, but I crossed a ledge, and while three swells tossed me, even my toes couldn't reach the sand, and the ebb of each wave dragged me farther out. I screamed. With every roll and heave, I bobbed down and gulped water. Then a towering breaker whacked me squarely. I tumbled head over heels and swirled, until my back crashed on the sand in only

a couple feet of water.

Venus stood at the water's edge, gaping in horror, as if my face had gotten shredded by the sand. I leaped up, bawling, my knees slapping together.

"Who are you?" Venus yelled, then fell to her knees, head in her arms, and wept hysterically. When I touched her shoulder, she threw her head back, glaring at me, and demanded, "Did you see her?"

"Who?" I asked.

Venus sprang up, bolted to the cliff trail and ran away. I never knew why until years later when Daddy told me about the vision, how Venus had seen her dead sister Ophelia standing behind me, aglow, her fingers caressing my hair. How all that night Venus had wept and confessed to Daddy that Ophelia had returned from the dead to destroy her.

You see, Father, she believes Ophelia and I are the same spirit.

Over and over, I've asked Saint Ophelia why she had to appear to Venus. Nobody but me has her guardian angel materialize. Nobody else has to watch her mother run away from her in terror, to hide out in her room behind a blue curtain and hear her mother yell at Daddy, "Keep that devil away from me!"

It was fear of Ophelia that punished her with the searing headaches and fevers that had started the day of the vision and kept growing worse, so bad at the end that she'd run out at night just to wander the grounds, cursing and howling like a harpy. Two years she lived in torment, until Miss V returned from studying psychology and hermeneutics in Salzburg and hypnotized her. Only then Venus remembered how Ophelia died, and the demon headaches and fevers left her. Like Miss V taught us, demons only thrive in our unconscious. Once we raise them to consciousness, their banishment can begin. Venus banished hers by vowing that she or the Bitch would kill me.

Hickey slammed the ledger closed, slapped it down on the seat beside him. He sprang to his feet, grabbing into a pocket for the golf tee he carried, and crushed the fire in his pipe, then hurled his suitcase and staggered down the aisle, hoping to God the pilot would let him radio a message to Leo. ■

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after dating for a little more than a year. David studies computer science at Mesa College, while Traci works as a director of store operations for Charlotte Russe's corporate office. They live in Serra Mesa.

“We met through work,” says David. “I was in Charlotte Russe’s construction department, and she was in operations. We started dating secretly, without letting anyone know, as we weren’t sure if it was acceptable or not. After a year or so of

dating, I knew. We took a vacation down to Mexico, and I proposed and gave her a ring. I already had another job lined up.”

“He asked me out on a date, and I said no. I didn’t think it was right,” explains Traci. “Then I thought, ‘Why isn’t it right?’ So we went out on a date, and for me, it was on that first date. There was a connection and a chemistry, and it was pretty serious after that.”

“Our first date was the play *Beauty and the Beast*,” says David.

“It gets even better,” says Traci. “After he proposed, we announced it at work, and he gave notice that he was leaving for another job. The chairman of the board at work said, ‘You are not quitting.’ After that, David, the president of the company, and everybody was in on planning a surprise wedding for us. I knew nothing about it. I thought I was attending a meeting.”

“One week prior to a big meeting,” says David, “I drove down to Las Vegas and did

the paperwork at the courthouse and arranged everything. The next week, I told her we were going to elope and wouldn't have a lot of time, so she had to wear some type of wedding gown to her big district manager's event. So she had picked out a real nice white dress."

"It wasn't one that would stand out," says Traci. "I thought I was walking into a lunch with the owners and everybody, and I walked in, and it was a wedding! Our family and

friends and everybody from work was there. It was amazing.”

“She thought she was having lunch on the third level at Rio, which is the chapel floor,” adds David. “So we covered up all the signs that said there was a chapel there.”


“It was awesome,” says Traci.

Hank and Dorothy Stey grew up in the Yorkville section of Manhattan and have known each other since they were kids. After working for 41



Dorothy and Hank Stey

years as a crew chief for American Airlines and as a part-time police officer, Hank now enjoys retirement with Dorothy in San Carlos. Besides being a homemaker, Dorothy worked as a nurse's aide in a hospital cancer ward and as a waitress. The parents of five kids, they have ten grandchil-




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dren and two great-grandchildren, some of whom visit nearly every day.

The Steys' relationship was nurtured by World War II.

"He was in the Navy," Dorothy says. "I was 15 and he was 17. He and his Navy buddies went around with my girlfriends, and I went with his friend. I didn't really like his crowd. They were real salty and

drank beer all the time. But one summer night, he was coming out of the ice cream parlor, and we took a walk. Then he went overseas for 11 months, and when he came back, we went on our first date, on September 21. We got engaged on Christmas Eve and married on March 4 — and my father almost killed him! We eloped at a church a few blocks

away, and the Catholic priest — Hank's Catholic and I'm Protestant — performed the ceremony. Hank was underage, and he forged his baptismal papers to say that he was 21. Boys had to be 21 and girls had to be 18 to get married then. Our kids always teased us, asking, 'Mommy, are you sure you're legally married?' "

"I was 17 in 1947,"

says Hank, "and the war was over in 1945. But they didn't actually sign the peace treaties until July of 1947. They saw me coming and they gave up!" He laughs.

After 52 years of marriage, Hank jokes that the success of their marriage is tied to two special words: "Yes, dear."

"A woman once told me that whenever you want to really

speak your mind, just remember to put your tongue in your cheek — and don't!" says Dorothy.

"My wife goes by what this African princess once said to her," says Hank. "Dorothy asked her who was the head of the family in Africa, and she said, 'The man is the head of the family. But the woman is the neck that turns the head.' And that's

our philosophy!"

Daniel Morris, 23, and **Rachel Vehamen, 19,** have been dating for eight months. Residents of



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Allied Gardens, Daniel works in construction, and Rachel is a nanny. They met at their church, First Assembly of God.

"We both work with the church youth group," says Daniel, "and we kind of met doing that. We started hiking up Cowles Mountain, and we were exercising and doing devotions up there and kind of fell for each other."

"I knew all his family, but not him," says Rachel. "That's how I knew I would like him, because he's a Morris, and I knew all the others and liked them. Then we started walking. His relationship with the Lord made me fall in love with him."

El Cajon residents **Keith and Cecilia Babcock** have been married for 53 years.



Keith and Cecilia Babcock

Keith, 78, knew he wanted to marry Cecilia, 76, after their first date.

"We are actually distant cousins," says Keith. "We first met at a relative's house, and

about a year went by and I needed a date for a dance. A friend of mine suggested that I call Cecilia. So I called her, and when I came home that night, I told my dad that she was the girl I was going to marry. We got married in June of 1949, after I graduated from Ohio State."

"When he says we're distant cousins, it goes way back — about three great-

grandfathers," explains Cecilia.

"Old Moses Hostetler lost his first wife, and he remarried and had more children," adds Keith. "I'm from one side, and she's from the other side."

"He courted me for six months," says Cecilia. "I had already graduated from college at University of Toledo. He would come home on week-

ends, or I would go down to Columbus — this was in the fall of '48. My birthday is in December, and that's when I got my engagement ring. I wasn't quite as quick to decide as him!"

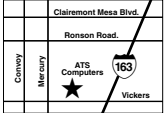
Fifty-three years and two daughters later, Keith is retired from pharmaceutical sales. Both look younger than their age, possibly a result of their stress-avoid-

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"No arguments," says Cecilia.

"She means we've never had a major argument," says Keith. "When we'd have little arguments, either she'd leave the room or I'd leave the room to cool down."

"It's not worth it," says Cecilia.

"It's give and take," Keith says. "I think that today when young people marry they think, 'Well, if it doesn't work out, we'll get divorced.' I never thought about that when I got married. My folks had been married for years, and her folks had been married for years, and that's just the way it is as far as I was concerned."

Leonardo Moya fell for **Josey Hernandez**



Leonardo Moya and Josey Hernandez

after she dumped him. Leonardo, 18, studies administrative justice at Southwestern College. Josey, 19, is a student and waitress living in Clairemont. A Shelltown resident, Leonardo met Josey when they were students at Clairemont High School.

"Our friend introduced us," Leonardo says. "We've been dating each other off and on for three years. I fell in love with her when she left me."

"I guess you could say he proved himself to me," Josey says.

"He proved me wrong from what I thought he was. I thought he was a lowlife. I thought he didn't want to succeed in life, and I wanted more than that. I'd had it with him."

"She found another guy," Leonardo says. "That was about nine months ago. It was hard to get her back."

Jeff Walker and **Stacy Moore** met two years ago at a Subway



Jeff Walker and Stacy Moore

sandwich shop. Jeff, 18, lives in Clairemont and attends

Mesa College. Stacy, 17, lives in Del Cerro and attends Patrick Henry High School.

"It was my birthday," says Stacy, "and all my friends kidnapped me and took me out for the whole day. We were in Clairemont at my friend's uncle's house, and they took me to Subway for dinner, and Jeff was working there. I was all, like, nervous, and I sent my friend back in when we left, and she got his number for me."

"Yeah. That's the story," says Jeff. "And she's very pretty! I really fell for her on my birthday — she was very special to me."

"I took about six months before I was sure," says Stacy. "I just got to know him

better."

Brian and Anna Jamieson are both physicians. A native



Anna and Brian Jamieson

of Los Angeles, Brian, 26, and Anna, 29, attended Rice University in Houston as undergraduates. She later went to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, while he went to the University of Texas Southwestern, in Dallas, for his medical training.

They met because of their Rice connection.

"She was dating a friend of mine at Baylor med school," says

Brian.

"The guy I was dating didn't want to go to a party for Rice alums that night in Houston," says Anna, "so he said, 'My friend will be there. Why don't you go keep him company?' So I did. I really enjoyed Brian's company, but he was engaged at the time."

"My fiancée broke our engagement the same night," says Brian.

"But that was completely random," Anna says. "I liked Brian, and we got together when I was working in Atascadero. He came out on his vacation."

"I had just taken my boards," explains Brian, "and I was visiting relatives in L.A."

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Anna says, "and Brian drove up to see me in Atascadero on his way to visit his mom in San Francisco. We went to a party in Santa Cruz that night — it was a long drive. After that, we started talking on the phone between San Francisco and Atascadero, and we began to like each other more and more. We decided to caravan back to Texas together. We stayed up all night every night talking. We were together for a couple of months,

and we knew we were getting married."

"I fell in love with her when we were hanging out in California," Brian says.

"I fell in love with him out here — or at least certainly by the time we got back to Texas," Anna says.

They were engaged for one year before getting married in Maui.

"We had our honeymoon first, then our wedding and bachelor parties," Anna says.

"She already had a residency out here,"

says Brian. "She was an intern in psychiatry when we got married, and I had just gotten my residency in anaesthesiology here."

Chris Donovan's romance with **Christi Hill** brought them to San Diego State University. Donovan, 21, met Hill, 20, in San Luis Obispo a year and a half ago.

"I was working out at the gym, walked around a corner, and saw her working out," says Chris. "I was initially



Chris Donovan and Christi Hill

intrigued with her shapely figure. I thought she looked hot. I started talking to her, and later on we met in a club: the Graduate in San Luis Obispo. We fell in love from there."

"I was minding my own business at the gym, working on my triceps," says

Christi. "He fed me some cheesy line: 'So, you go to Chico State?' because I was wearing Chico State shorts. I rolled my eyes and was, like, 'Yeah.' I didn't think any more of it until I ran into him at the club."

"I was attending Cal Poly," says Chris, "and she was at Chico, so we decided to transfer together down here."

Michael and Joyce Thielacker, both 32, got married nine years ago after dating



Joyce and Michael Thielacker

for three years. Michael works as a construction manager, and Joyce is an office manager. They live in Hillcrest, where their son attends a Catholic school.

"A girl I was dating introduced us," says Michael, "and we were also working at

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the same mall and going to the same school. We went on a date and just kept going out and grew together. I don't know when I fell in love with her."

"It was almost two years after she introduced us that we really started dating," says Joyce. "We just kept on dating and got married. It was pretty much the same for me, but he said he loved me probably six or eight months after we got married."

Laura Ramirez and **Albert Koch** met in a physics lab at San Diego State University in January 2002.



Albert Koch and Laura Ramirez

Albert, 24, is in the Navy, while Laura, 21, is a student. He lives in Allied Gardens; she lives in the College Area.

"He was a physics major too," says Laura. "We had the same physics class, and he asked me if I had the book. I was, like, 'Of course I have the book! I'm in the class!' He was just, like, 'Oh, we should study together some-

time,' and I was, like, 'Okay!' There weren't too many cute guys in physics, except for him. It was, like, 'There's a hot physics major! I gotta get to know him!' After that, we studied, and...I don't know. I don't know exactly when, but I knew I was in love with him. He was perfect!"

"I saw her in the lab the semester before and noticed her every day when she came in," says Albert. "When she was in my class, I was, like, 'Okay. I've got to talk to her.' So I had to work up the courage, and asking for the book was the

easiest way. I don't know when I knew I was in love with her. I think I knew way before I let myself believe it. I was kind of scared of it, I guess."

Ryan Eddington and **Boutsavath Luangsida** have been dating for a year and



Boutsavath Luangsida and Ryan Eddington

a half. Ryan, 21, works for United Parcel Service, and Boutsavath, 18, is a student at City College. They first met at Mission Valley Center, where she caught his attention after his double date failed.

"He was the third wheel," says Boutsavath.

vath. "He was supposed to be on a double date, but his date didn't show up. I was about to go watch a movie with my friends, and he walked right past me, but he came back and introduced himself and asked me for my number. After we had gone out for a couple of months, I knew I was in love with him. At first, I really liked him, but I guess my feelings got stronger and deeper as time progressed."

"A month or two into it, I started feeling stuff I'd never felt before," says Ryan.

Kenny Bonilla, 33, and **Angela Bush**, 23, are engaged after dating for seven years. Kenny, a bartender, and Angela, a waitress, work at the Crab Catcher Restaurant in La Jolla. They met in Ocean Beach, where



Angela Bush and Kenny Bonilla

they have lived together for the past year.

"I met him at the cliffs and saw him when I worked at the deli," says Angela. "He used to come in and get coffee."

"I'd see her down around Sunset Cliffs at sunset," says Kenny. "I'd get out of the water, and most of the locals would hang out and watch the sun go down. I had a couple of dogs at the time. I'd keep them in the back of the truck. We never talked, really, but I noticed that my sandwiches were getting fatter and fatter whenever I'd go to the deli."

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Then she was at my truck, hanging out with my dogs. She'd say, 'Oh, I love your dogs so much!' and things like that. The dogs were a nice jig to throw out there for her."

"I decided I was going to try to catch his eye and hang out with his dogs," explains Angela. "And it worked! He took me on my first trip anywhere, to Mexico. I knew then that we'd be together forever."

"We got engaged in Tahiti," says Kenny. "What led to that

was...there was no one particular time. It just kinda hit me all at once. I saw her one day, and it kind of hit me. The accumulation of all the things we'd experienced. I knew that she was the one that I wanted to marry."

David and Sabrina Bazzo sit close together in the living room of their Sorrento Mesa home. They've been married for ten years. David, 40, is a family-practice physician, and Sabrina, 36, is the new



Sabrina and David Bazzo

executive director of the San Diego Academy of Family Physicians.

"We met in September of 1986," says David. "I had just started medical school in Chicago and was sort of getting the lay of the land there. One of my classmates, Valerie, had a birth-

day party for herself. Her parents lived at the southern border of Wisconsin and invited a bunch of us from the med school there. Val and Sabrina were in the same sorority at the University of Illinois, and we met at the party. We actually met at the party by fighting over the music! I'm from California, and I was into new wave and reggae and stuff like that, and she was into Top 40 and dance mix and stuff like that."

"I was not!" says Sabrina.

"I had made a party tape for Val and had it playing," says David. "When I was in another room, the tape stopped, and this other music came on, and I was, like, 'What the heck?' So I went over and changed the music back and went in the other room, and it changed again. Finally, we met up at the stereo. I asked her what she was doing, and she said, 'Getting this music off of here!' And I said, 'That's the best music! The stuff you're putting on is terrible!'

We sort of struck up a conversation, and later we played a drinking game. It was a game where you had to trace finger marks on someone's face, only Val's sister, instead of using her finger was using lipstick and marking up my friend's face, unbeknownst to him. And we were laughing about that. We later had a long conversation sitting on the stairs near my friend's parents' bedroom. Later they told us that they heard us talking that night and could

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tell that we were in love with each other already. A couple of weeks later, I asked Val if her friend Sabrina would go out with me, and she suggested that I call and ask her out. She told me we could get together the next time she was in Chicago — she was still attending school in Champaign — and not long after that we

did. We had a date and went dancing. That was the night I fell in love with her. I still had a girlfriend out here in California that I was in the middle of breaking up with, but I hadn't officially cut it with her. But Sabrina helped motivate me to do that.”
“After that party, when he called me, it took a little while to

remember who he was,” says Sabrina. “I was 21, in my third year of college. On our first real date, I remember thinking, ‘I think I could marry him.’ That was the first time I’d ever thought that way.”
“I had a big midterm the weekend we went out,” says David, “and I thought, ‘Well, I’ll go out with her on Sat-

urday night and spend all day Sunday studying.’ After I woke up the next day and started studying, she called me and invited me over to spend the day with her. I said, ‘Okay,’ and we went for a walk in the park. I think I did okay on my midterms!”
They still fight over music, but not as often.



Josh and Davenport McCrell

married for four months and live in Pacific Beach. Josh, 30, is a splicing technician for Pacific Bell, and Davenport, 29, is an event planner.
“We were neighbors in Pacific Beach,” says Josh. “We were friends for a long time first. We’ve known each other seven and a half years. I fell in love with her on day one! That’s it!”

“He’s very reticent,” says Davenport. “We were neighbors for about a year, and we started doing things together with no one else around. Then one day we went to a graduation party, and we kissed, and there was no turning back after that. We went as friends but came back as something different. We kind of questioned it, because when you get together with your best friend, you worry that you may have done the wrong thing. We overanalyzed the situation. We found that it was mutual, and we

“I’ve converted her,” says David. “She’s seen the light!”
“We have a few differences,” says Sabrina, “but it’s gotten better.”
Josh and Davenport McCrell have been

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Dan Lancaster and **Uyen Ogden** have been dating for a lit-



Uyen Ogden and Dan Lancaster

tle more than a year. Dan, 41, is a computer programmer living in Crown Point, and Uyen, 37, lives in Carmel Valley and has her own business as a smog technician.

“We met at a Halloween party in Del Mar a year ago,” Dan says. “She had a cute costume. We talked, and I just called her up afterwards, and we

went from there. I think I knew I was in love with her about three months later, in January. She actually put me off for quite a while. Finally, we started dating in January, and it worked out pretty well.”

“Actually, I didn’t notice him at the party because I was with a group of friends,” says Uyen. “I had just broken up with someone three months before that, and I just wasn’t interested in getting into another relationship or dating. A couple of months after that — about the same time that he said — I knew I was in love with him.”

“It wasn’t love at first sight,” says Dan.

“It wasn’t,” agrees Uyen. “After the initial first date, I

thought he was pretty...uh...”

“But she didn’t show it!” says Dan.

Cliff and Lori Lewis dated for two years before getting married seven years ago. Cliff, 40, is a scientist with Science Applications International, and Lori, 42, is a freelance artist. Now residents of University City, they originally met in New Mexico.



Cliff and Lori Lewis

“We met in Albuquerque,” Lori says. “I saw him playing the piano onstage in a big

church that we were going to. I just saw him smiling while he was playing, and I had to meet him and talk to him. We had both lived in L.A. and gone back and forth. We were both in the music business at the time. I never thought I would meet anyone in Albuquerque, but I

did! I’m extremely outgoing, so I just went up and started talking to him. I invited him to join a group of us, and he started going with us to different things. Eventually, I stopped inviting the others along! I had the feeling right away about him, but I guess I

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knew for sure about six months later.”

“The first time we met, when I was playing the piano, she started singing,” says Cliff, “and it was the most beautiful voice I had ever heard, so I wanted to get to know her better. I spoke to her mom once, and her mom told me how when Lori was a little kid, the mother of the bully on her block called her and asked her to have her daughter stop picking

on her son — and Lori was about half his size. The reason was, Lori was protecting the other kids that he was picking on. When I heard that, I said, ‘That’s the woman for me!’ ”

Lance and Carolyn Thayer look and dress like models. Lance, 43, is a financial advisor, and Carolyn, 35, is a senior contract administrator. Residents of San Marcos, they married two years ago and



Lance and Carolyn Thayer

dated for three years before that.

“We met on October 15, right?” asks Lance.

“We’ve been married a little over two years,” says Carolyn.

“We met on a blind date through the *Reader* personals.

She answered my ad!” says Lance.

“I saw his ad, called him, and he called me back,” says Carolyn. “We spoke briefly and set a time to meet for our first blind date. We met at Seau’s restaurant in Mission Valley, and we’ve been together ever since. I realized he was the one after a couple of months.”

“That night, on our first date, we were trying on engagement rings at the Fashion Valley mall,” says

Lance. “It was a joke on the guy in the store. I drug her in there and said, ‘Let’s try on some engagement rings.’ The guy kept telling us we were a lovely couple, and we laughed about it. I told him that maybe we would buy our ring on our second date. It turns out that when I bought her engagement ring, I didn’t even think about it and bought it right back at the same place. I bought it from the same guy. It

was like one of those *Twilight Zone* episodes. I was ‘in lust’ instantly, but I didn’t tell her I loved her until New Year’s Eve 2000.”

“No, that’s when we got engaged,” Carolyn says.

“I think I knew after two or three months,” says Lance.

Steve and Charlotte Rubin are practically honeymooners. Married for seven months, Steve, 57, is an operations man-

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Steve and Charlotte Rubin

ager, and Charlotte, 43, is a speech pathologist. Residents of University City, they were together for two years before marrying.

Their first date was arranged by a mutual friend.

"I got an e-mail from a mutual friend who said that she had a friend that she wanted me to meet," says Steve. "She sent me a thumbnail bio about Charlotte and gave me her phone number. So I called."

"I didn't know about the e-mail until

I called our mutual friend, Michelle," explains Charlotte. "She was composing the e-mail to me, and she said, 'Oh, let me read you the e-mail I'm sending you.' It was just by accident that I called her while she was writing the e-mail, so I found out about it that way."

"I made up my mind a few months

into the relationship," says Steve.

"It was pretty fast," says Charlotte. "We met August 4, 2000."

"We did the interview at Starbucks," says Steve.

"That's what we called it — 'the interview,'" says Charlotte. "Probably by November, I knew. We were talking long-term

plans. It was great."

"By May, we bought a house together and moved in," says Steve. "In November of 2001, I proposed, and we were married on July the 13th."

Clint and Ronette Garber have been married for two years and knew each other for four years before



Ronette and Clint Garber

they married. Ronette, 24, works as an aesthetician, and Clint, 29, is a nurse. They live with their young son in Point Loma.

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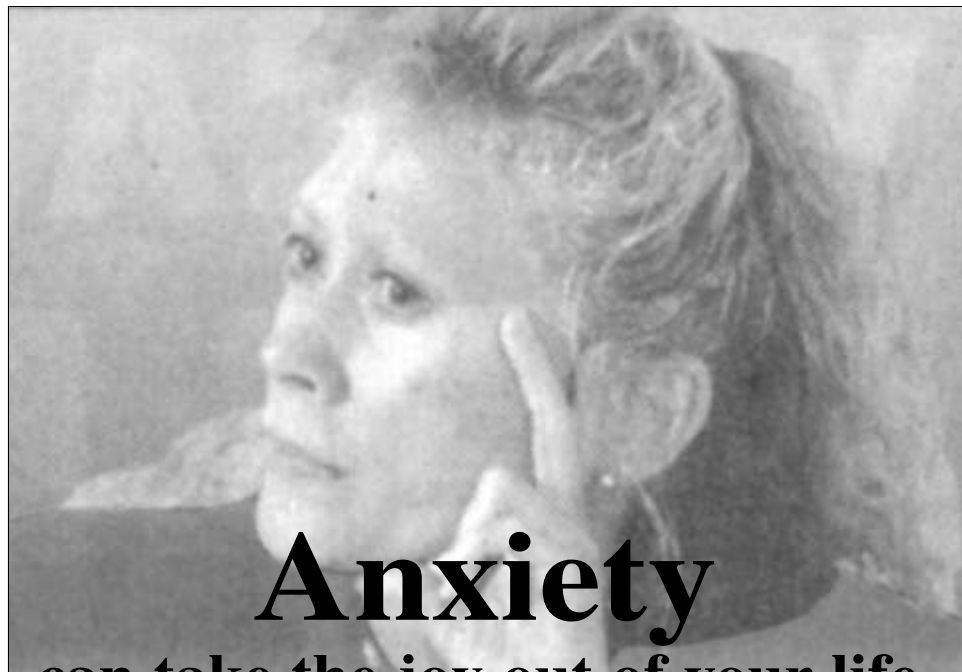
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took her little brother to the batting cages before his baseball practice, and I just fell in love with her.”
“The first night we met, we went for a walk down Seal Beach pier,” says Ronette, “and when he held my hand, I felt the sparks then.”

Alex Goldstein and



Danielle Levin and Alex Goldstein

Danielle Levin have known each other since they were small children attending the San Diego Jewish

Academy. Alex, 17, attends Francis Parker School and Danielle, 18, attends USC. They have dated each other for the past two and a half years.

“We were in the Ken Jewish community, and there were a lot of activities we were involved in,” says Alex. “I was

interested in her about eight months before she got interested in me. It took a lot of work and stuttering to actually get to the point of asking her out. By the time I had asked her out, it had been developing, so I was already in love with her!”

“As a person, I always adored him,”

says Danielle. “Ever since we were little. I guess I fell in love with him a couple of months after going out with him. It was just...everything!”

Barbara and Alex Amador of Cardiff knew each other for four years before they married last July. Alex, 35, is an

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accountant, while Barbara, 38, is a marketing coordinator. "We met at work — we work for the same company in Del Mar," says Barbara. "We started out just as friends and just got closer and closer. It's really noth-

ing too exciting. We wound up going out with a group of friends, and it kind of turned into a date. Probably after a month, I knew I was in love with him. It took him a while longer." "It was true, the first time we went out, it wasn't planned or anything," says Alex. "It was just kind of a last-minute thing. We were supposed to go out as a big group, and everybody canceled out. It

wound up being just the two of us. At the time, I wasn't really too interested or didn't really think about it, but it turned into a date! We ended up making out that night, and it kind of went on from there." **Eduardo Bautista** and **Melissa Vera**, both 19, began dating



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Melissa studies fashion design at Cal State L.A. and lives in Fullerton while away at school.

"I grew up in Chula Vista," Melissa says. "When I was eight years old, we met by an ice cream truck. My best friend lived across the street from him, and the ice cream guy used to come by when I was visiting her. That time, I came outside, and he bought me an ice cream. We became friends and started going out in junior high. It was hard, because we went to different schools. In ninth grade, we still liked each other a lot, and we got back

together and have been together ever since — about four and a half years."

"I went to Montgomery High for two years, then transferred to Chula Vista High, where she went to school," says Eduardo. "I've known her since I was eight, and I thought she was a beautiful girl. I like having fun with her, and we just have a great time together. Through the years, our love has just built up."

"We were voted the cutest couple at Chula Vista High for the class of 2001," Melissa says.

Lynae Gisler met her



Lynae and Reto Gisler

husband, **Reto**, when she was teaching English at Language Studies International and he was a visiting student from Switzerland. Lynae, 35, still teaches language part-time, and Reto, 32, is an engineer. They have been married for five years and live in the College Area.

"I was his Cambridge [language certificate] teacher," says Lynae, "and I was

attracted to his shyness towards me in class. We knew each other about two months before we started dating. I visited Switzerland once or twice; then he came back here and lived with me for six months before we got married. After visiting him in Switzerland for the first time, I knew I was in love with him."

"I was attracted to her, but I think she was attracted to me first," says Reto. "We went on a weekend trip to San Francisco with a group of students. I think it was my roommate who invited her to have a drink in our room —

that was the first time, really. I fell in love with her a few weeks before I had to go back home. We dated for three and a half years."

Patty and Jomar Cruz knew each other for seven years before



Jomar and Patty Cruz

things got romantic. Jomar, 37, is a storekeeper chief in the Navy, and Patty, 38, is a stay-at-home mom. Married for two and a

half years, they live with their daughter in Del Cerro. They met when they were members of a Catholic young adult group at the Old Mission.

"It started when I was stationed to Hawaii," Jomar says. "She gave me a going-away party, and I realized that I was leaving a very special person behind. So when I came back a couple of months later to take care of some business with my condo, I saw her for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It seemed like I was always here after I got transferred."

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was home in August that he suggested we start dating,” says Patty, “which is why he was home at Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

“For our first date, when I came home at Thanksgiving, we started by going to Mass at St. Joseph’s Cathedral,” says Jomar, “and when we got there, there was this couple that the priest called up to the front who were celebrating their 50th anniversary. A little after that, I said, ‘Hey, if it works out, we can come here on our 50th wedding anniversary!’ I don’t know when I realized that I loved her. It just progressed. Sometime between ’98 and ’99.”

“When a group of us went to World Youth Day in Paris, we spent two weeks together,” says Patty, “and at the end of those two weeks, I still liked him and couldn’t stand the other two guys we were with at that point! People actually thought we were dating in Paris. We laughed at that! I guess when he was gone in Hawaii, I realized that I could stand to be around him. With any other guys that I dated, it always got to the point where ‘You could be gone and I wouldn’t miss you very much.’ But I missed him. When he came home and suggested that we start dating, it completely freaked me out because we had a fabulous friendship, and I didn’t want to ruin that. But talking and time helped. We dated from August ’98 to April ’99, and he proposed to me in April. I think I realized I was in love with him that Christmas of ’99. He asked me to marry him in front of the

Blessed Sacrament in a Carmelite Chapel on the island of Oahu.”

Dario Preciado and Syria Almada have

been carrying on a long-distance romance for six months. Dario, 25, lives in Ensenada, where he works at his family’s grocery busi-

ness. Syria, 21, left Ensenada last fall for Chula Vista so she could attend Southwestern College. They are engaged to be married when she

finishes school.

“I met her on a popular street in Ensenada,” says Dario. “I saw her and walked up and started talking to her. I

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Syria, "and he never came. That evening, he came and told me that he was sorry and wanted to see me. So a week later, we

started going out. I knew I was in love when I met him!"

Steve Liebermensch, a 30-year-old computer consultant, grew up in Del Cerro but now lives in Wakefield, Rhode Island. He and his wife **Dara**, a 29-year-old accountant, dated for seven years before getting married 18



Steve and Dara Liebermensch

months ago. They met at an accounting banquet at the University of Rhode Island. The next day, they met again.

"She was interviewing at a company that I was interning at already, so I met her the following day at

the company to bring her into the place for the interview," says Steve. "I knew I was in love with her about seven or eight months later, over the summer that we were working together."

"One of my girlfriends introduced us at the banquet," says Dara, "and Steve helped me out the next day — to find the floor I needed to be on and to meet everybody. Probably once we got back to school — about five

or six months later — I knew that he was stuck with me. We just hit it off really well."

Jim and Sandra Gibson met ten years ago because of an online role-playing game. Jim, 34, is now a computer support manager at UCSD's Jacobs School of Engineering, and Sandra, 44, is a self-employed writer who hopes to publish a novel soon. Married for two years, they



Sandra and Jim Gibson

live in La Costa. "We were both living in Flagstaff," says Jim. "I owned a hobby store, and Sandra was working at Northern Arizona University. I had a longtime friend at the university that I had gone to school with

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who was doing an online chat system on the campus computer. I had been involved with that — I had a character in a sort of role-playing thing. Sandra had a character on there too and got to know the same guy separately. He threw a birthday party, and I met Sandra there. I got to know her socially in a group situation, but we were chatting one night and got to know each other more in depth and found we had a lot of similar interests. It just took off from there. We started going out to movies as a group, and after a while, I asked her out to a movie singly. Then we started spending several hours on the phone at night. I probably knew I was in love with her the second week we were dating. We'd go for drives around the San Francisco peaks area and talk a lot about our future."

"The woman who worked across the hall from me at NAU was talking about this online computer game," explains Sandra, "and I created a character for it. I met him online about a week later. After playing the game, I was invited out by another character in the game for a birthday party, and I met Jim at the party. That was in June. I remember him giving me his business card. For about a year, we did all these group things, and I thought he was a really nice guy, but I remember him saying that his business was like a girlfriend, because it took all of his free time, money, and energy, so I figured he wasn't interested in dating anybody. So the follow-

ing April, my parents were visiting, and I tried to show them the online game, and while chatting with Jim, he told me that he would go to a movie that didn't have blood or violence or gratuitous sex in it — the only movies the group had been going to were guy movies. That was it. We somehow switched from always doing things in a group to just the two of us going on a date. The following week, he asked me out again, and I knew when he came for the second date and brought me a rose that he was the one. I had this flash of us much older and him wearing a cardigan sweater and all that kind of thing. We got married a year later in May."

Chris and Kira Mayfield first noticed each other at a party.



Kira and Chris Mayfield

Chris, 26, is an electronics technician in the Navy, and Kira, 25, is a housewife. After dating for four years, they married five years ago and live in Point Loma.

"I met her April 23, 1994, at a party, after a 12-pack of Keystone Light," says Chris. "I said, 'Wow! Who's that?' I went up to her and asked her name — I was pretty inebriated. I knew I was in love with her about two months later. She was the perfect match. We have so much in common."

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loved him too, and we’ve been together ever since.”

Dick Doyenard and **Emerald Green** live together in Mira Mesa. Dick, 23, is a painter, and Emerald, 21, works as a receptionist.

“He used to work with a friend of mine,” says Emerald. “We all went to Dis-



Emerald Green and Dick Doyenard

neyland, and that’s where I met him. We started dating for about a year, and that’s when I fell in love with him. He did

something for me, and I never expected a guy to do something like that. I’d never had a really nice Valentine’s Day, and he brought me flowers before Valentine’s Day. It was kind of corny, and it showed me that he cared and loved me. He rode all the way to Escondido to bring me flowers, and he

has a little bike, so the idea that he made it all the way up there with flowers was really nice. Actually, I knew I loved him at Disneyland. He was talking about his life and his ex-girlfriends, and I realized that he was a sweet, caring individual.”

“I was just walking around at Disneyland with her,” says

Dick. “I was curious about who she was and where she’d been. I knew I loved her a couple of months into it. I realized that she had the fabulous ability to piss me off and have me be unwavering and go back for more every time.”

Parnell Johnstone and his wife **Bunny**

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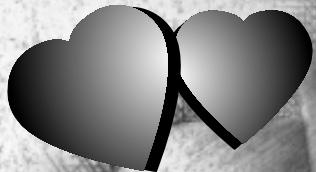
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"A mutual friend of ours had a Christmas party," says Bunny, "and my girlfriend told me in advance, 'I've met the perfect man for you.' I'd never seen him. I got to the party early, and all these guys came, but when Parnell walked up the stairs, I looked at him and said, 'That's the one for me!' I just kind of loved him from the very beginning. She introduced us, and when we sat down, I put my arm on the back of his chair so that he couldn't get up and talk to anybody else!"

"I never liked Valentine's Day very much," says Parnell. "My previous girlfriend got real upset with me on Valentine's Day because I didn't bring her anything, so I said, 'That's it. Who can live with this?'"

"Then he remembered meeting me," says Bunny, "so that's when he called me up. We didn't start dating after that first encounter, because he never called. Then, after he broke up with that girlfriend, he called me. In the meantime, three guys, including one from that party, had given me flowers for Valentine's Day. They were all over the house. I

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"He bought me jewelry from Tiffany's," says Bunny, "and took me out to one of the finest restaurants in San Francisco. So every Valentine's Day, I always drink a toast to Mary, his old girlfriend. Because of her, I got him!"

Oscar and Angie

Diaz have been married for 16 months after dating for six years. Oscar, 21, is a nuclear machinist's mate in the Navy, and Angie, 20, is a housewife. They live in Tierrasanta and are expecting their first child soon.

"We met at junior high school," says Angie. "I was sitting on the steps, and he



Oscar and Angie Diaz

came out of class, and I saw him and thought he was really cute. We couldn't really go out because his parents wouldn't

let him have a girlfriend, and my parents wouldn't let me have a boyfriend. We were mostly, like, best friends. We finally got together my 9th-grade year. I think I fell in love with him more my 11th-grade year. It was his smile."

"I was in high school, and she was in junior high," says Oscar. "We went out

that summer and got together. I pretty much knew by 11th grade that I loved her."

Steve and Jill Kennedy have been married since 1978, after dating for four years. Steve, 51, is a retired truck driver, and Jill, 47, is a homemaker. They live in Jamul.

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number, and we went
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completely stupid, but I did it!"

"For me, it was love at first sight," says Jim.

"I was attracted," says Suzanne, "but it took me longer to let myself feel it was love, because the whole thing was so *stupid!* All I could think was, 'How in the world could I have done anything this stupid?' But after I got beyond that, I realized that I loved him."

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Charlie Ramirez and **Laura Silva** both live in Ocean Beach, but not together. Charlie,



Charlie Ramirez and Laura Silva

29, is a chef, and Laura, 24, is a baby-sitter. They have been dating for three years.

"We met at the Old Town Trolley Station," says Charlie. "It was love at first sight. I asked her for the time and what her name was. Then I asked her if I could ride with her to her destination. She said, 'No, but we can ride to your place!' It went gradually after that. Actually, I knew I loved her after probably six months."

"It's the same thing," says Laura. "We just — I knew I loved him the first day. When I saw him, I wanted to meet him."

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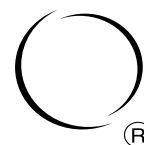
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six years. Students at USD, David, 22, is a senior majoring in business, and Lacey is a junior majoring in business and communications. Lacey, 21, a San Diego native, lives

in the student dorms, while David, an Orange County transplant, lives in Pacific Beach. "We met at Forest Home church camp my sophomore year of

high school," says David. "Then I saw her again, two years later, in Hawaii — I recognized her on the beach. We rode together on the airplane coming home.

We started going to the same school, and we started dating about five months ago. It just kind of worked out in September. I've always kind of been seriously interested in her — especially the last couple of years."

"There's always been something there," says Lacey, "but we haven't been officially dating until the end of last summer. I guess there was an initial attraction when I first met him, but nothing really happened for a long time. Ever since we've gone to school together, there's been something there. He's just lucky that I stuck around!"

Brett Tomko, 29, and

Julia Schultz, 23, live together in Mission



Brett Tomko and Julia Schultz

Valley. Brett pitches for the San Diego Padres; Julia is an actress.

"We met through her best friend about five years ago after a game, when I played for Cincinnati," says Brett. "We all went out, and that's the first time we met. We didn't actually start dating until nine and a half months ago. We'd been pretty

good friends for about two years. We'd been talking all the time, and finally we were able to both be single at the same time and started dating. I was on a road trip in Atlanta, and it was the first real extended road trip I had been on, and I couldn't wait to get back home. That's when I knew I was in love with her."

"I knew that I loved him before we were dating," says Julia. "One night he was out in one of the cities with a friend's sister and some of her friends. He called me and jokingly said, 'Yeah, I'm gonna go out with ten girls!' and this and that. He

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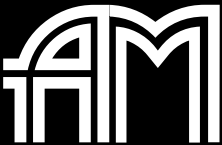
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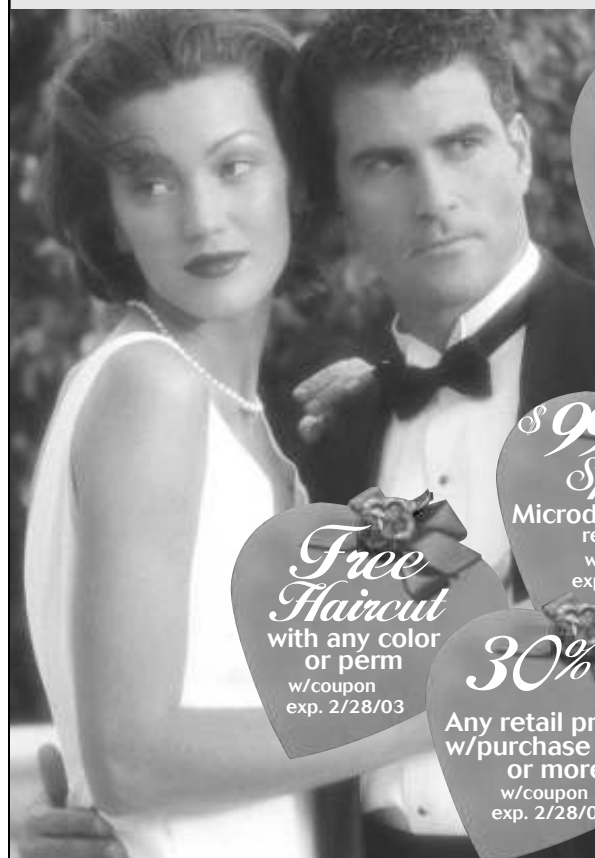
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(On December 15, 2002, Brett was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals.)

Schuyler Hoffman and **Lauren Gans** have been dating for



Schuyler Hoffman and Lauren Gans

two and a half years. Schuyler, 22, is a law student at USD, and Lauren, 23, attends the University of Arizona in Tucson but plans to return to San Diego after graduating in June. Schuyler lives in Point Loma. They originally met in the seventh grade at Francis Parker School.

"We were really good friends through high school," says Schuyler, "and we'd go out a lot together, but we never really thought of each other in the romantic sense. There was an attraction there. After college, we'd come back and see each other for breaks and whatnot. Two summers ago — it happened one night — Lauren told me that she'd always wanted to kiss me. We dated for a little while, and it slowly grew from there. It was always built on friendship."

"I was abroad, in Spain for six months," says Lauren. "I came back and saw him the night I returned. I just saw something different in him then. We had exchanged e-mails a

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lot while I was gone, and through the e-mails, I began to look at him differently.”

Chris and Lisa Mann got married three months ago, but they’ve known each other just over two years. Chris, 28, is a reactor mechanic in the Navy, and Lisa, 23, is working toward her teaching credential at National University. They live in La Mesa.

“We lived in the same apartment com-



Chris and Lisa Mann

plex,” says Chris, “and some buddies and I were having a barbecue, and she came out and asked if we needed anything at the store. We didn’t know her, but we said, ‘Sure! Get us some beer!’ So she came back with some

beer, and I knew I had to meet her. We went on a few dates and started hanging out a lot. That was in the summer. Around Christmastime, we started getting serious and knew that we loved each other. At least I loved her — I don’t know about her! We got engaged in May of 2002.”

“We first said ‘I love you’ around April, then got engaged and got married in October,” says Lisa. “I think I knew

that I loved him about January-ish.”

Aaron Miller and Jocelyn Timko have known each other for two years and have dated for most of that time. Aaron, 27, is a trainer with the San Diego Chargers, and Jocelyn, 25, is a non-profit executive for the Donnie Edwards Best Defense Foundation and the Deuce McAllister Catch 22 Foundation. Aaron lives in Mission Valley; Jocelyn lives in



Jocelyn Timko and Aaron Miller


New Orleans but visits San Diego at least once a month to meet with Chargers linebacker Donnie Edwards on foundation business.

“We met in New Orleans when we were both working for the Saints,” says

Jocelyn. “We don’t remember quite how we met, but we just remember becoming friends. I knew I was in love with him on Thanksgiving two years ago. That’s when my grandmother died, and I knew I wanted to be with him.”

“We honestly can’t remember how we met,” says Aaron, “but we did meet at work and became really good friends. I probably realized that I was in love with


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Tom and Tracy DesNoyers are registered nurses who met



Tracy and Tom DesNoyers

while working at the same hospital. Tom, 31, and Tracy, 27, live in a condominium near Horton Plaza.

"We met on a blind date when we were at the same facility in Chula Vista," says Tom. "Tracy was working on the med-surg floor, and I was working one of the intensive care units. We got set up on a blind date, and she gave me her phone number on a piece of paper, and I still carry that piece of paper with me today in my work bag."

"We were working at the same hospital," says Tracy, "and this respiratory therapist who was talking to me said, 'Tracy, I can't believe you're not dating anybody. I know a guy working in the ICU, and all the girls really think he's cute. Let me set you up on a blind date.' I didn't want to be set up — it seemed kind of cheesy. But when he said the guy lived in Pacific Beach, I was living in Pacific Beach too, so I told him to go ahead and give him my number."

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"It was like we had known each other forever," says Tracy. "It was real easy to talk to him."

"We started going out, and I think I knew I was in love with her by the third date," Tom says. "I knew I was going to marry her by the fourth. By the fifth, I brought it up. She told me that because of her father and her Christian background, I would have to wait at least one year and at least meet her parents before I could ever begin to think about it. We waited nine months and took a relocation assignment to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where Tracy's from. We worked at a hospital around there so I could get to know her parents a little better. At the end of the assignment, I asked her dad for permission to marry her, and he said yes. So we went up to Chicago, and at the top of the Hancock Building during dinner, I proposed. We decided to get married in San Diego, since we met here. We got married on July 20 at the Hotel Del in the Crown Room."

"He proposed a year later to the hour of our first date," says Tracy.

"Our first date was on July 10," says Tom, "and I waited

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Enjoli Pyrtle and Will Veit

19, are in the Navy. They live together in Otay Mesa.

"He was on watch," says Enjoli, "and I was coming back from a port visit, and I was talking to him because he was falling asleep. We just, like, talked all night, and we decided to meet up the day after next. We went out that day and ended up talking. I think that I knew I was in love with him about last September. He's perfect for me. Everything I want in a man."

"We were on a ship in Australia at the time," says Will, "and she came up to me, and we started talking about everything. We were going to get tattoos together, but we both chickened out. We had a lot of experiences together when we were out to sea. We became friends and hung out a lot. I think I was in love with her — probably all along. I just wasn't sure what it was."

After marrying **Parker Mahnke** 17 years ago, **Margie Beebe** decided not to change her last name. Parker, 54, and Margie, 56, are both retired and live in Fallbrook. They were together for 10 years before marrying.

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"We met at a dinner party of a mutual friend's, 27 years ago,"

says Parker. "I was with another lady, and Margie was by herself. We were friends for six months before we went out. She invited me to her New Year's Eve party, and I said I had a date. She replied, 'Well, I should think you would have a

date!' She wasn't calling to invite me!"

"Yes I was," says Margie.

"We got together a few days before the party," says Parker, "and went out for the first time — an official date. We then fell in love, I don't know...I can't remember the moment. She just grew on me."

"I used to be a

flight attendant," says Margie. "I was in Europe traveling with a friend on business, and when I got to Rome, I thought, 'What am I doing here? I'm in love with Parker.' So I gave my friend David the keys to the car and told him I was going home. He said, 'But our ticket's out of Zurich.' I told him, 'Planes fly from Rome

to Zurich.' So I left Europe and flew home to him! It was a year after we knew each other. I came home, and we've been together from then on."

Trever Love and **Karina Ortiz**, both 20, have been dating again for five months after breaking up a couple of years ago. Trever lives in Linda Vista and manages a kiosk at the Fashion Valley mall. Karina lives in Linda Vista



Trever Love and Karina Ortiz

and is a substitute clerk for the San Diego Unified School District.

"We met during my senior year at Mission Bay High," says Trever. "We dated eight months and broke up for a couple of years."

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"I was a junior at cheer practice," says Karina, "and I was wearing a white T-shirt with little bears on it. He was hiding from me, and was on a walkie-talkie with his friend. His friend was next to me, and I heard Trever say, 'That girl in the white

T-shirt with bears on it is cute.' We just started dating from there. We broke up five months after that. Three years passed by, and we didn't talk to each other. We just recently met at my best friend's house for a little get-

together, and from then on we started dating. I knew I loved him one day when he made a huge sacrifice for me — it's too personal to talk about. He was very sweet to me."

"After the walkie-talkie incident," says Trever, "we had summer school together. We sat together in summer school, and a couple of months into the school year in October, she invited me to go to a haunted house down-

town with her, her cousin, and her cousin's boyfriend. We had a lot of fun at the haunted hotel, and she hit her hand against the wall and it started bleeding. I kissed her hand to make it better, and that's when we first got together. I knew I was in love with her after I broke up with her. I knew I had made a big mistake, but the damage was already done so I never went back. I had three years to

think about it, and I love her."

Dean Raijen, 42, and **Cheryl Raijen, 41,** are Carmel Valley residents who own a catering business together. Married for 11 years, they met 13 years ago in New York City.

"I met Cheryl for the first time at work and met her again at a party a couple of weeks later," says Dean. "We started going out, and within a year, we decided to get married. After getting married, we decided to move to San Diego and start our own business. I knew I loved her after dating a few months. We moved in together six or seven months after we met."

"We met on a Thursday evening at his place of business — he was in sales," says Cheryl. "I left the store, and we



Cheryl and Dean Raijen

met a few days later — the following Tuesday — at a bar. It was the party of a mutual friend. We looked at each other, and we both realized that we knew each other. We figured out where it was that we had met a few days earlier, and we decided to go out to dinner a few days later, and we started dating. I thought he was pretty cute right off the bat. It was pretty exciting to go out with him. I think I just kind of eased into loving him within two or three months. We both weren't young kids or anything." ■

— Robert Kumpel

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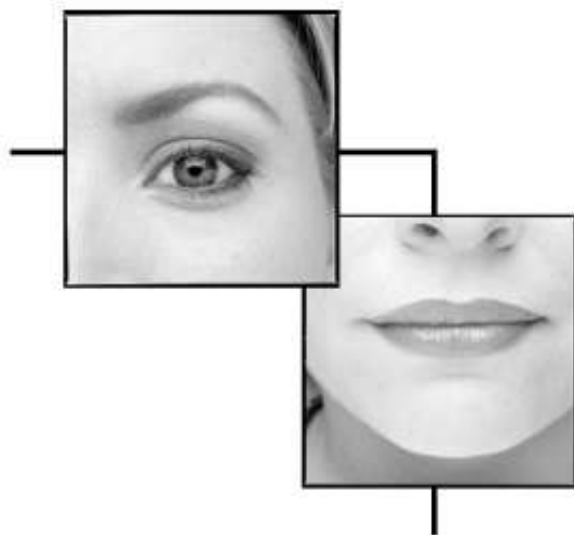
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people are, but I just got forwarded a copy of your article on Loren Mosher and "schizophrenia" ("Still Crazy After All These Years," January 9), and I think you deserve the Pulitzer Prize. I hope you are aware of the activities going on in the Bay Area in opposition to the American Psychiatric Association's national convention. If you know any journalists up here — or anywhere! — who are open to the "alternative perspective," please let me know. I have never been "mad," but I know and love people who were mad and made it through, and I think the APA is a bunch of criminals.

Lisa Orlando
Bay Area

Insanity Education

Just wanted to let you know that I thought the article on mental health (about Dr. Mosher) was really an excellent article ("Still Crazy After All These Years," January 9). Very interesting and insightful and well written. I couldn't put it down and I learned a lot.

B.B.

Subtle Bodies Suffer

Your story by Susan Luz-zaro, "Call Backward" (Feb-

ruary 6), was very well written and captivating. I am sure many of those who subscribe to your columns regularly will probably be talking to their deceased loved ones more and more. I myself lost my grandparents right here in San Diego and often wonder where they are now. They were very kind and loving.

However, sentimentality aside, there are specific destinations for those who depart exactly according to their *karma* and *guna*. That is to say, by the nature of their past activities and the thoughts at the time of death.

Everyone has a record that is slanted to the side of evil or good. When the balance is drawn, those that control the destiny of the soul place the individual in a new body or material form amongst the various species. There are thousands of different forms and species in the world to accommodate the individuals here. As there are also thousands of homes and apartments to accommodate the people of San Diego. According to what one can afford as well as what area and style one prefers, he will find a certain settlement. In the same way, according to our strong desires and reserves of piety or impiety, we achieve another dwelling or material form for the soul to occupy.

Human life is a gift, and without progressing spiritually one will have to face demotion to lower species before he is again afforded the human form. It is only in the human form that the blessings of liberation from repeated death can be achieved.

In the case of Susan and those who are preoccupied with the dead, destiny will afford an ethereal form at death. You get what you want but only as much as you deserve. Such subtle bodies are full of suffering and can only be liberated by special mercy from God or a pure servant of God. Generally in societies of ancient culture, as that of India or China, offerings are made to the parted souls with the remnants of foods offered to the Supreme Lord. This is called *prashad* and has the power to release the departed from the ethereal realms. Once released, they are given another human form to use or abuse. In the sacred Sanskrit texts, the worship of the dead (pretaan) or the worship of ghosts (bhutan) is condemned as symptomatic of illusion or ignorance of the science of the Absolute. Susan admits in the conclusion of her article that she has no idea of what death is, whether it is *nothingness* or whatever.

She then prays to be an object of others' prayers after she leaves her physical

self. If she only knew that our connections with people on this planet are what keeps us coming back. That is why real religion teaches one to be detached from friends and family for the simple reason that there is a higher destination afforded to those whose sights are fixed above the material tabernacle.

The Sanskrit literature says that *pitrin yaanti pitri-vrataaha*, those who worship ghosts and spirits, will take birth among such beings. But those who worship the Supreme Being will go to Him. The choice is ours. Although Susan dismisses the words describing the soul as *unsubstantiated*, we should take everything from authorized books of knowledge; then our knowledge of the soul will be perfect. Reading the imperfect speculation of *spiritualists* will not help. The soul is described authentically in the Upanishads as one-ten-thousandths the tip of a hair in size. By its effulgence it spreads its influence throughout the

body. At death the soul is drawn to the relationships it engendered in the world. Thus a man who loves his son can take birth again after death as his own grandson, or granddaughter if he is more attached to the daughter. I have met a person who told me — very firmly convinced — that his father had come back as his own son. The ties of affection in the material world are very strong, but if one has higher knowledge of the soul, then he can break such ties before death by engendering transcendental knowledge of the soul and Supersoul. This will save him or her from having to suffer further pain and agony.

Such knowledge is prized by those who know the value of life. For those who are in ignorance of their real self, then the preoccupation with departed souls can well up inside and keep one from establishing a divine relationship that will promote one after death beyond the material world. The life of a spirit is not

pleasant. They suffer for want of a body and thus always look for an opportunity to occupy somebody else's. If you are playing musical chairs and there are four people and only three chairs, then someone will try and squeeze onto your chair by force. If you are weak, then he or she will also sit there. So, the weak of heart and spirit, especially those whose minds are always intoxicated with spirits, either ethereal or material, are easy prey for the unembodied. Those who have been attacked at night or during dreams should keep themselves safe by strengthening the mind by prayer and fasts. Our prayers are to Susan and others of the same nature to go forward in life and leave behind all such memories as just another dream in this world of illusions. Reality can only be perceived by those who stop dreaming to follow the path of wisdom.

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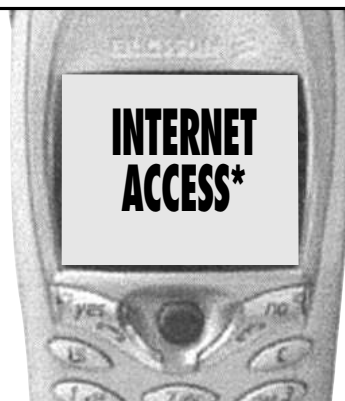
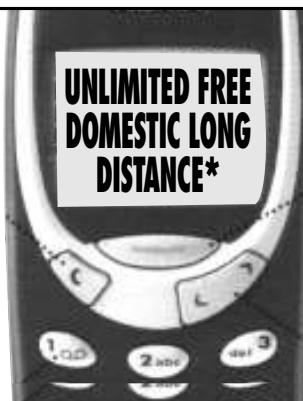
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William Murray's Roman Return

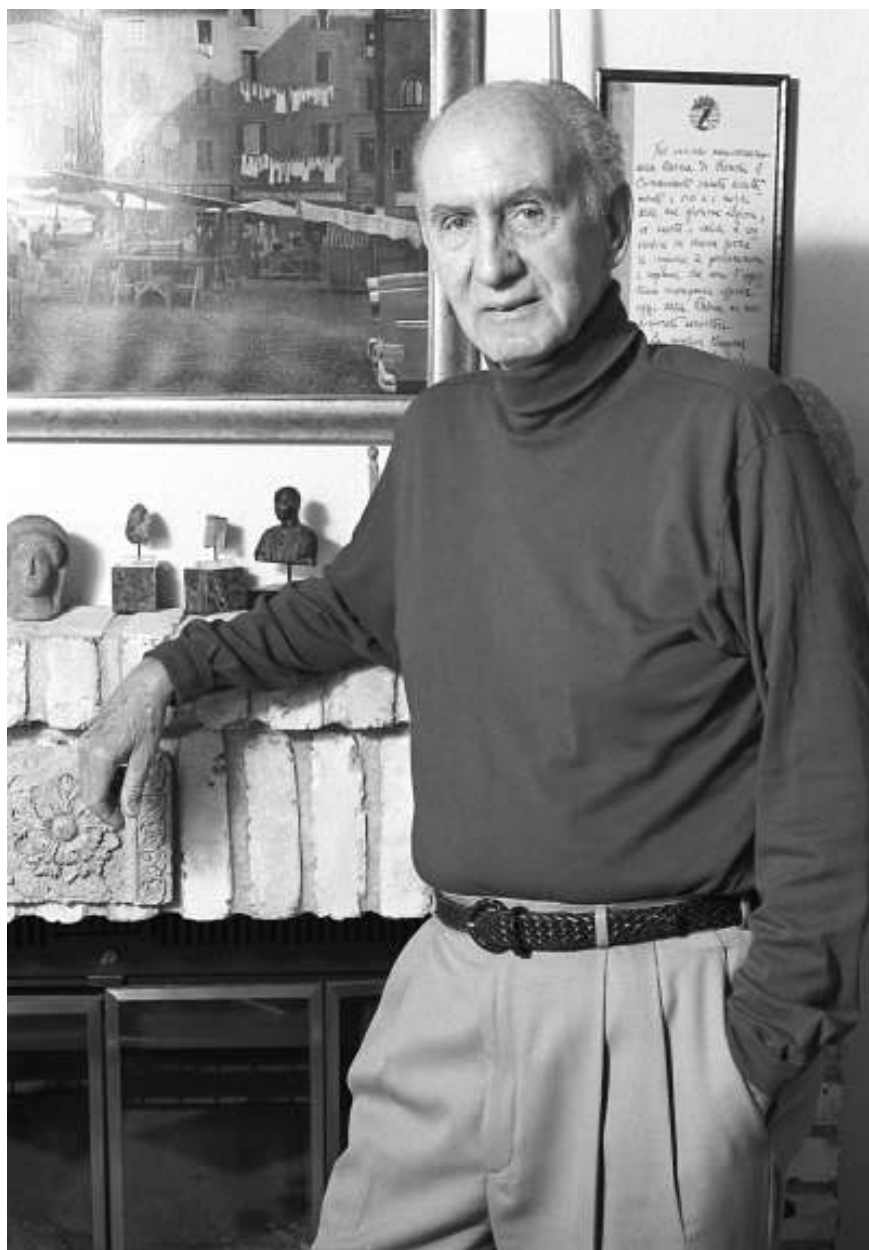
When William Murray returns to Rome — as he does most every year — it is always a sort of homecoming. Born to a Roman mother and an American father, he spent his childhood there, a good Italian boy named Murray. After moving to the states in 1934 and becoming thoroughly Americanized, he returned to the Eternal City in the late 1940s, a young man eager to sing opera. That stay turned into a job as a stringer for Time-Life, which in turn gave way to a career at *The New Yorker*, to which he contributed many “Letters from Italy.”

Murray now makes him home in Del Mar, but his love for Rome,

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together with his native knowledge of its layout and its lore, remains undiminished. So when the editors of the Crown Journeys book series wanted what Murray calls a “short, highly personal” guide to the city — the series features *The Hours* author Michael Cunningham on Provincetown and Christopher Buckley on Washington, D.C., among others — they came to him. The result was *City of the Soul: A Walk in Rome*. This brief-yet-layered confection is not a guidebook; for that, Murray favors works like Georgina Masson’s *Companion Guide to Rome*. “That’s a real travel book,” he explains. “It tells you not only about great tourist sites, but it talks about restaurants” and things of that sort. “Mine is a memoir about a place. I don’t list restaurants; I don’t list hotels. I don’t pay much attention to the Vatican; everybody goes to the Vatican. I really just deal with the part of Rome that I know best — where I grew up, where I spent a lot of time in the late ’40s.”

This is not to say that a visitor to Rome would find *City of the Soul* unhelpful. It is still full of history — who built what, what happened where, how things got the way they are today. It is still full of anecdotes — how Mark Twain described the macabre bone sculptures in the underground chapel of the Capuchin Church of Santa Maria della Consezioe, what the “talking statue” Pasquino said about Pope Urban VIII’s looting of the Pantheon’s bronze sheeting. And it is even dotted with more utilitarian bits of touristy



William Murray

wisdom. Murray mentions a newly opened museum rooftop that provides “the most magnificent view over the whole city, with its towering ruins, great church cupolas, and open-rooftop terraces awash in greenery, small trees, and flowers,” as well as a compare-and-contrast primer on neighboring successful (the Ara Pacis) and unsuccessful (the Tomb of Augustus) restorations.

Still, the book does not behave like a tour guide. Rather, it acts as a longtime resident-turned-host, introducing the reader to beloved streets, curious bits of extremely local history, favorite wondrous vistas encountered in the course of daily life.

As Murray writes, “The great fact of life in Rome is residence among the ruins.”

The walk Murray describes starts at the northern entrance into “the heart of Rome,” the gate in the Aurelian Wall that leads into the Piazza del Popolo. It then moves south, swinging back and forth in a widening arc like a descending pendulum. Only at the end, when Murray treats of the major tourist attraction the Castel Sant’ Angelo, does he break course and veer north before returning south to the Verano Cemetery. Along the way, he pauses at plaques and monuments, churches and neighborhoods, palaces and ruins. He takes you along on the streets he walked, shows you the life he lived.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE ALLEN

These days, when Murray returns, he and his wife stay in a small hotel just blocks from the Piazza Rotonda. “It’s comfortable; it’s unpretentious, and it’s right in the heart of the city. You get up, you have breakfast in your hotel — maybe a café latte — and then you stroll to the piazza. You always sit at the same café on the left of the piazza, where you have a great view of the Pantheon, which is one of the great architectural wonders of the world. You buy a newspaper at the kiosk across the way, have a second café latte and a croissant or brioche, read the papers, and just watch the scene in the piazza.

“Then you decide something that you want to do. There are always art exhibits. So much stuff has been uncovered over the years that about four-fifths of it can never be shown — it’s just stored away. Occasionally, they’ll have a special exhibit and pull some of it out. There are museums you want to revisit.” After a light lunch and a visit or two, “You have a little siesta” before doing some work and dining out or with friends. “It’s pretty much the kind of life you’d have in San Diego,” but in Rome, “you’re sitting amidst the past as well as the present.”

That past, the great mass of history — great and terrible, ancient and modern, medieval and Renaissance, petty and magnificent, preserved and defiled, enormous and minuscule — is a chief aspect of the wonder of Rome. History permeates *City of the Soul*, both in its physical presence and spiritual effects — layered, swirling, enduring. It contains a part of Murray, even as he seeks to contain some small part of it on the reader’s behalf. It is telling that he chooses to stay “in the very heart of the *centro*, where myth, fancy, rumor and tradition blend indistinguishably into history.”

— Matthew Lickona

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A Multidisciplinary Spectacle is planned by ballerina Norma Herrera, tenor José Medina, soprano Gisél Rodríguez, and pianist Elena Getman on Friday, February 14, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets for *Danzarias* are \$10 U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Tres Tristes Tigres (Three Sad Tigers) — Mexican singers Sergio Félix, Gerardo Peña, and Alejandro Santiago — perform together with guitars and other instruments on Friday, February 14, at 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). For information, call 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Forty-Four Artists exhibit their best work during the photography show opening with a reception on Friday, February 14, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission is free. Find the Center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. The exhibition continues for one month. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for more information. (TIJUANA)

Pop Music is on tap when Benny Ibarra performs at Baby Rock on Friday, February 14, at 9 p.m. Find the club at Diego Rivera and Paseo de los Héroes, in the Zona Río. Tickets are \$35 and \$45 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-634-2404. (TIJUANA)

Shells and Wine Festival, music, food, and entertainment are promised at the Riviera Hotel on Sunday, February 16, from noon to 5 p.m. Dial 011-52-646-172-3022 for further details. (ENSENADA)

“Forever Tango” is being presented February 18-20 at the Tijuana Cul-

tural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 7 an 9:45 p.m. on Thursday. For reservations and information, call 619-232-5040. (TIJUANA)

@mor.com de Paula Deborah, this presentation by Juan Linares, Oscar Genel, Raquel Presa, Daniel Serrano, and Jéscia Fisterwarder starts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. Admission is free. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, every Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the center (CECUT) offers 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 two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays.

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Gathering Around Sunset on the east side of Mission Trails Regional Park, members of the San Diego Astronomy Association host public viewing through their telescopes on February 14 (and on the second Friday of each month). The equipment remains set up until around 10 p.m. (or whenever the crowd disperses). Meet in the Kumeyaay Campground parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Very Low Tides this weekend and early next week coincide with optimum times of day for tidepooling: Saturday, February 15, at 2:52 p.m. (-1.3 feet); Sunday at 3:24 p.m. (-1.4 feet); and Monday at 3:57 p.m. (-1.3 feet). Very high tides will also occur within that string of days, most notably on Saturday at 7:51 a.m. (+6.3 feet); Sunday at 8:30 a.m. (+6.5 feet); and on Monday at 9:10 a.m. (+6.5 feet).

The Willows and Brush in the Riverbed along the Sweetwater River are home to a variety of bird species, several species of ducks occur further

along the route, and common snipe can be found in adjacent areas. Interesting? Audubon Society birders will head out in the Bonita/Sweetwater River area for birding on Saturday, February 15, 8 a.m. to noon.

To join the group, take I-805 to the Bonita Road exit in the Chula Vista area; take Bonita Road east a short distance, then turn left on Plaza Bonita Road; drive a short distance, and then park in the far northwest corner of the parking area. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring drinking water. Free. Call 619-692-3246 for information. (BONITA)

Outdoor Cooking is the topic when ranger Sharon Lister discusses the use of an oven box to bake brownies on Saturday, February 15, at 2 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). There’s a \$2-per-car day-use fee. Call 760-745-4379 for the requested reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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In Search of Birds, David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood, and Jay Rourke lead a bird walk around Kumeyaay Lake on Saturday, February 15, starting at 8 a.m. in the campground parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

A Family Fun Hike is planned in Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open Space Preserve on Saturday, February 15, from 9 to 11 a.m. Leader Carol Crafts will share the rich history of the preserve during the jaunt.

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

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees on Saturday, February 15, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. Dial 619-235-1121 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

Weekend Walkers, one of the prettiest neighborhoods in San Diego is found in the area known as Mission Hills, overlooking the bay and Mission Valley. Take a moderate walk exploring the beautiful homes and views with Walkabout perambulators on Saturday, February 15. The walk begins at 9:45 a.m. at Pioneer Park (go west on Washington Street, stay to the right and veer onto Washington Place; the park is on the left at Randolph). Rain cancels. Free. 619-231-7463. (MISSION HILLS)

Sacred Drum Hike, take a short hike "to a power spot for Native American-inspired drumming, story, song, prayer, and ceremony" with Will Bowen on Saturday, February 15, 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Bring a drum or rattle and a blanket to sit on. Meet at the west end parking/staging area, one-half mile east of the intersection with Vista Sorrento Parkway. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

The Full Moon on Sunday, February 16, rises dramatically from the eastern horizon just about the same time the sun is disappearing below the western horizon. Watch the moon's bubble-like disk materializing over the mountains to the east as darkness gathers. The following morning, you can watch the moon fade in dawn's glare while sinking into the Pacific.

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Help Remove Exotic Weeds and plant native vegetation during the Black Mountain habitat restoration work party on Sunday, February 16, 1 to 3 p.m. Meet at the glider port off the old dirt Black Mountain Road. Wear hiking boots and bring water. For directions and information, call 858-538-8082. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

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Some of the Oldest Rock Formations in the county are near the waterfall in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Join the Canyoneers for hiking — either short and easy or choose a slightly longer route to the waterfall — on Sunday, February 16. Both outings begin at 9 a.m., ending at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

For the longer hike, bring water and lunch. To reach the trailhead, take I-15 and exit west on Mercy Road; cross Black Mountain Road at the signal, enter the parking lot and meet at the large sign. Free. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Apple Pie in Julian is part of the fun when Hike Bike San Diego leads a Cuyamaca hike on Sunday, February 16, beginning at 9 a.m. The fee is \$40. To make the required reservations, call 858-551-9510. (JULIAN)

Land of the Kumeyaay, walk the same grounds as the Kumeyaay did hundreds of years ago when ranger Casey Smith leads an interpretive walk in Mission Trails Regional Park on Sunday, February 16. The outing starts at 2 p.m. at the Old Mission Dam parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

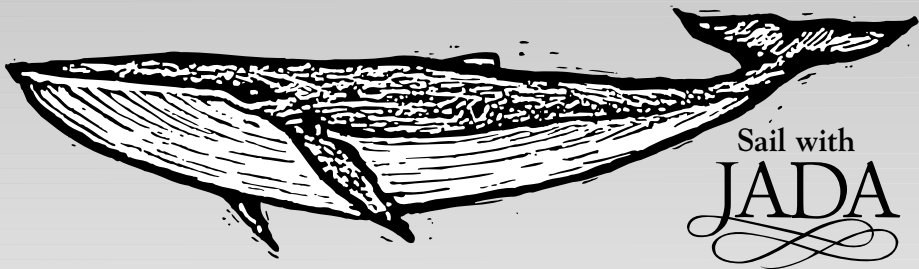
Look for Hermit Crabs, Mussels, and sea anemones when a naturalist from the Birch Aquarium-Museum leads a tidepooling adventure at False Point on Sunday, February 16, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 13. Advance registration is required; to make reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Tree Heights can be easily measured this week if the sun shines at midday. On or near Tuesday, February 18, at or very near 12 noon, the sun as seen from San Diego County stands at an altitude of 45 degrees above the horizon. Under those conditions, the length of a shadow cast by a vertical tree trunk on a horizontal surface equals the height of the tree trunk. Even if you lack a measuring tape, you can still use your own feet to pace the distance heel-to-toe: the length of an average adult male's shoe sole, for example, is very close to 1 foot.

DANCE

Journey to an Enchanted Forest where good triumphs over evil through a single kiss when the Royal Winnipeg Ballet presents a romantic new production of *Sleeping Beauty* at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The ballet boasts music by Tchaikovsky with choreography by Petipa.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Tickets range from \$23 to \$68, available by calling 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)



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LOCAL EVENTS

"Dances of Love and Laughter" may be enjoyed when the San Diego Ballet performs February 14-16 at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. The program includes the world premieres of *Kaleidoscope* and *When Love Prevails*, collaborations between resident composer David Burge and director/choreographer Javier Velasco; *A Bintil Lider*, with live music by the Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble, composer Myron Fink, and choreography by Velasco; and *Mambomania*.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$27 for adults, \$17 for children. For reservations, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Bring Someone Special (or just love the one you're with) during the contradance planned on Friday, February 14. Graham Hempel calls and Lime in the Harp makes the music 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)

Dance of the Beloved, there's a Valentine's Day celebration "for those who can see the divine in everyone

and want to celebrate their love to the live music of TranceZenDance," with lighting by Kinetic Collage, slated for Friday, February 14. TranceZenDance is described as a "collective of contemporary artists who...weave a musical, artful, ritualistic web of conscious awareness and sacred intent."

The party starts at 8 p.m. at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue. Tickets are \$12. Call 619-347-0841 for information. (HILLCREST)

A Valentine's Bellydance Spectacular is planned at the Greek Palace with performances by Ana, Shalimar, Maya, and Jim Boz on Friday, February 14, at 7 p.m. Middle Earth provides the music. Find the palace at 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. There's a DJ and dancing following the show. The \$20 fee includes full dinner buffet. For information, call 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

The Caller Lab Foundation benefits from the dance planned by the Sandpipers Dance Club on Saturday, February 15. This "plus-level dance" with rounds and two advanced tips features calling by Wil Eades, with Judy Ballard cueing, 7 to 10 p.m., at St. James Catholic Church (625 South Nardo Avenue). The donation is \$5. For information, call 760-436-0685 or 858-481-8411. (SOLANA BEACH)

"When Movies Were Movies," the San Diego Civic Dance Company performs through 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 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 16. Tickets are \$5 and \$8. For reservations, call 619-702-3408. (BALBOA PARK)

International Flamenco Superstars Juana Amaya and Farruquito are visiting from Spain to present "Por Derecho" on Sunday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets are \$30 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Learn Vintage Swing Dances when Jim and Margie of 2toGroove offer a Balboa and collegiate shag swing dance workshop on Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 to 9 p.m. The workshop will cover basics in both dances (some swing experience is encouraged). 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)

Get Your Freak On, says dance instructor Prince, who teaches the latest dance moves "to the hottest music" on Wednesdays for beginners (6 p.m.) and advanced dancers

(7 p.m.); and for beginning-intermediate dancers every Thursday, 7:54 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street). The fee is \$10 per class. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

"The Impersonation of Mr. Peacock (Part I, The Liar)" may be seen when McCaleb Dance performs on Thursday, February 20, at 8 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The event includes a post-performance panel discussion with "Axis Mexico" artists on cross-cultural collaboration moderated by curator Betti-Sue Hertz. The piece is a conceptual collaboration by contemporary artist Francis Alys, choreographer Nancy McCaleb, videographer Eloisa Haudenschild, set designer Eric Geiger, and the company of dancers. Tickets are \$15 general.

McCaleb Dance returns to the museum to present *Octavio's Garden*, referring "to the boundless world of Mexico's Nobel Prize-winning poet Octavio Paz," set to exotic music by Japanese composer Asa-Chang. The program includes *The Impersonation of Mr. Peacock*. These performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22, and at 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 23. Tickets are \$20 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (BALBOA PARK)

FILM

The Thrills and Agonies of an Adolescent Crush are catalogued in *Malèna*, Giuseppe Tornatore's film set in a small Sicilian town during

World War II. Enjoy the film when it screens for the Italian film series on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. In Italian with English subtitles. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

International in Scope, the 13th annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival continues through February 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)

Akira Kurosawa's Rashomon is described as an existential fable of ambiguity and perception set in 12th-Century Kyoto, centering around the varied and contradictory versions of an incident involving a rape, a death, and an ambush. See the classic when it's screened on Sunday, February 16, for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library. The Glatte/Hubbard Percussion Duo will provide a live, original score with the

film. In Japanese with English subtitles. Find the library at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Matters of Controversy — the monthly dialogue series continues with a screening of *Iraq: Voices from the Streets*. Filmmaker Saul Landau will be on hand to discuss his work and the film on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m., at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

Love, Longing, and Voting, it's election day in a remote area of Iran, and the ballot box has been parachuted down from the sky. A soldier and female government official are in charge of seeking out the potential voters — farcical moments ensue with old-fashioned chauvinism and political idealism in Babek Payami's 2001 film *Secret Ballot*. See this comic meditation when it screens for the Film Forum on Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). In Farsi with English subtitles. Admission is free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Classic Couples" populate the films highlighted during the Carlsbad Library's film series this month. Doris Day, Rock Hudson, Tony Randall, and Thelma Ritter star in *Pillow Talk*, the fluffy 1959 comedy screening on Wednesday, February 19, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

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Films on Black Labor are being screened in celebration of Black History Month at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). *At the River I Stand* reconstructs the two eventful months in Memphis during 1968 that transformed a local labor dispute into a national conflagration.

During events on Wednesday, February 19, 6 p.m., poet Jihmye Collins will perform before the film and Victor Patton of the San Diego Living Wage Campaign will facilitate a discussion after the screening. Admission is free. For further details, dial 619-584-5744 x27. (ENCANTO)

Get to Know Leo Carrillo when the Friends of Carrillo Ranch present a Leo Carrillo Filmfest, celebrating the soon-to-open community park named for the actor (and his former property). The program includes an update on the park, a showing of the Ralph Edwards 1959 telecast *This Is Your Life...Leo Carrillo*, an episode of the Cisco Kid, and a sampling of Carillo's motion picture roles.

The fun begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. For more information, call 760-931-8587. The program repeats on February 27 at the Carlsbad Senior Center. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, did you know that coral reefs provide homes for over 25 percent of all marine life, yet take up less than 1 percent of the ocean floor? Coral reefs are over 100 million years old and are the largest living structures on Earth. *Coral Reef Adventure*, opening on Friday, February 14, reveals the vast array of unusual creatures inhabiting coral reefs around the world and introduces the people hoping to help save the endangered reefs. Filmmakers Howard and Michele Hall are San Diego residents and have used their cameras to explore reefs and other ocean envi-

ronments for more than two decades. During the filming, the Halls took the cumbersome IMAX camera deeper in the open ocean than any diver has ever taken it before. Explore the *Coral Reef* through the summer.

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.

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

LECTURES

"Embellishment: The Dance," it's the theme when the San Diego Baroque Ensemble and curator Steven Kern join forces for a slide-illustrated lecture and concert on Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Audiences will learn how dance influenced the different art forms of the period through a look at the rituals, formalities, and entertainments of 18th-Century Europe. Tickets to this "Baroque at the Museum" program are \$12 for nonmembers. For information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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The talk begins at 7 p.m. at the museum, 700 Prospect Street. Tickets: \$7 general, \$5 students, seniors, MCASD and AIASD members (includes gallery admission). Information: 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

"Axis Mexico" Art Talk, artist Eduardo Abaroa tours the exhibit with curator Betti-Sue Hertz on Thursday, February 13, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Abaroa created the video piece *El Bodhisattva* with Ruben Ortiz Torres. Admission is \$10 for nonmembers. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Partners Who Activate Our Shadow" is the subject when Robert Blaschke speaks for the San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, February 14. How does love heal the difficult reality of living with a partner whose planets elevate our stress levels? Find out at 7:15 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission is \$12 for nonmembers (\$6 for first-time visitors). 888-405-6825. (HILLCREST)

"Cross-Cultural Dialogues," it's the theme for the Docent Guest Lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art, continuing when muralist Salvador Torres shares his experiences creating San Diego's Chicano Park on Friday, February 14, at 10 a.m. Tickets to "San Diego Muralists" are \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn About Coral Reefs when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts hands-on activities and touch tanks from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography on Saturday, February 15, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The event is included in regular museum admis-

sion. Call 619-238-1233 for details. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn to Add Some Suspense to your romance novel when Joanna Wayne speaks for the Romance Writers of America on Saturday, February 15. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. at the Quality Inn Resort (875 Hotel Circle South). The fee is \$25. To make the requested reservations, call 619-464-6340. (MISSION VALLEY)

Whaddaya Know About the "New Science of Life" enabling people to "develop their creative and clairvoyant potential through the application of the principles and practice of past-life therapy"? The Unarius Academy of Science offers an interactive lecture on Saturday, February 15, at 1:30 p.m. The Unarius choral ensemble known as And the Angels Sing will perform at 2:45 p.m.

Free. Find the Unarians at 145 South Magnolia Avenue and by calling 800-475-7062. (EL CAJON)

"Affordable Housing and Politics" provide the fodder when SDSU urban studies professor Nico Calavita presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, February 15. The talk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

Use a "Lazy" Stitch and learn to make a coil basket out of raffia and paper cord during this class for those 12 and older planned on Saturday, February 15, 9 a.m. to noon, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants will complete a three-inch basket. The fee is \$30 for nonmembers. To reserve a spot, dial 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

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It's the International Year of Fresh Water, according to the United Nations 2003 Calendar for Peace. La Providencia Spiritual Renewal Center presents Sister Suzanne Golas on Saturday, February 15, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Blessed Sacrament Church, 4540 El Cerrito Drive (at El Cajon Boulevard). "Come to the Water: Mystery, Holiness, and Necessity" will focus on the significance of water in the context of the whole Earth and the universe story. The fee is \$25 at the door. For reservations, call 619-445-4570. (COLLEGE AREA)

Exploring the Family Tree, Dorothy Miller and the North San Diego

County Genealogical Society host a one-day class on the computer genealogy program Family Tree Maker on Saturday, February 15. The class runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. The fee is \$17.50. For space availability and reservations, call 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

Mushroom Madness, experience the mycological mystery of mushrooms through slide presentations, live specimens, and an afternoon foray to collect and identify local mushrooms during events hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, February 15. The class

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READING

Ten Poems to Open Your Heart



Roger Housden

Harmony Books, 2003; 144 pages; \$15

FROM THE DUST JACKET: *Ten Poems to Open Your Heart* is a book devoted to love: to the intimacy of personal love and love-making, to compassion for others, and to love that embraces both this world and the next. This new volume from Roger Housden features a few of the same poets as his *Ten Poems to Change Your Life*—Mary Oliver and Pablo Neruda, along with contributions from Sharon Olds, Wislawa Szymborska, Czes-

law Milosz, Denise Levertov, and others.

Through the voices of these ten poets, and through illustrations from his own life, Roger Housden expresses the tenderness, beauty, joys, and sorrows of love, the presence of which, more than anything else, gives human existence its meaning.

As Housden writes in his introduction, “Great poetry hap-

pens when the mind is looking the other way and words fall from the sky to shape a moment that would normally be untranslatable.... When the heart opens, we forget ourselves and the world pours in: this world, and also the invisible world of meaning that sustains everything that was and ever shall be.”

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: The author of *Ten Poems to Change Your Life* offers personal reflections on poems about love in a slim volume best enjoyed by people who don’t ordinarily read poetry. Selections include Denise Levertov’s “The Ache of Marriage,” Galway Kinnell’s “Saint Francis and the Sow,” Naomi Shihab Nye’s “Kindness,” and Pablo Neruda’s “Love Sonnet LXXXIX.” While the poems approach love from different angles, they share extremely “accessible style and language” (a prerequisite for inclusion) and offer an essential instruction to “Wake up and Love!” Housden follows each poem with an enthusiastic discussion in which stories from his life weave in and out of a sort of basic emotional exegesis: Kinnell’s poem will “give you the feeling of wanting to live large again on the canvas of your life,” while with Neruda’s, “you will know the tenderness....as I knew it this morning while reading this sonnet...to my wife in bed.” This is a warm-hearted volume, and an encouraging entry point for readers who generally shy away from verse.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Roger Housden was born in 1945 in London, England. On the morning that we spoke, Mr. Housden, on a book tour, was staying in a Southern California hotel. “When I was six,” he told me in his pleasantly deep voice, “my parents moved to Bath, which is a very beautiful place. Growing up in Bath, I felt very privileged, even though I come from very humble origins; the city itself is real pleasure to grow up in. I feel that it imprinted me

with a certain sensibility towards beauty. Just the line of the buildings in Bath entered me unconsciously over a period of years. It was a very, very safe and very gentle place to grow up in, so I feel very fortunate.”

Did Mr. Housden’s parents read to him?

“My father made up stories that he told to us as kids. My mother used to read. My father didn’t read much at all. But my mother did. I read from a very early age; I loved to read and also to write.”

“Did you go off to school?”

“No, I didn’t. I had the choice. I had a scholarship to go, and my parents gave me the choice of whether to go to what we call a public school or to go to the local grammar school. I chose to go to the local grammar school, which, at that time, I think, was a good idea. Now the public — i.e., private — schools in England are really very, very good indeed. They’re very different from what they were when I was growing up in the 1950s.

“My brother’s children have all gone; in fact, one of them still is at a leading English public school. Some of these schools are spectacular institutions now — very modern, not remotely Harry Potterish, as I know is most people’s image. And it was a true image, too, you know, but no longer. Now, these are really good schools and some are very, very liberal in their outlook on education.”

After grammar school, Mr. Housden went to Birmingham University and studied modern languages — French and Spanish language and literature. “But,” he explained, “the only movement I ever made to considering work was to think of journalism. I ended up not going into journalism immediately, although my first job was with the *Times* of London, but not as a journalist. I went into

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rns 9 to 11 a.m., with the field trip from noon to 4 p.m. The price is \$25 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Vincenzo Bellini’s Opera *Norma* will be discussed in a multimedia presentation by Ron Shaheen on Saturday, February 15, at 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. For information, call 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Was That a Godwit or a Plover? You’ll be able to answer the question after tak-

ing the shorebird workshop planned on Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). Participants will learn simple ways to make identification of shorebirds easy. The fee is \$15. To reserve a spot, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Is It Safe to Travel in the South Pacific These Days? Find out when Jannell Beech, manager of Newmans South Pacific Vacations, presents a “Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Tahiti Update” on travel in the South Pacific on Satur-

day, February 15, at 4:10 p.m., at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Free. 858-488-4433. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tekniqs, this twice-monthly spoken-word workshop series continues on Sunday, February 16, at 6 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). The workshop is coordinated by poets Raymond R. Beltran, Sergio Gonzales, and MariaJulia Urias. The requested donation is \$2. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

“Fighter of the Shadows,” the Rev. Jerry D. Lawritson presents this lecture on J.R.R. Tolkien — professor of Anglo-Saxon and English at Oxford University in England, perhaps best known for writing *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* — on Sunday, February 16, at 7 p.m., at the Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach (2088 Beryl Street). The requested donation is \$10. For information, call 858-274-6600. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Drop a Line, the Golden State Flycasters and fly fishing enthusiasts will

gather to listen to Marlon Rampy speak about salmon and trout fisheries of Oregon’s Rogue, Klamath, and Williamson Rivers on Monday, February 17. The talk starts at 7 p.m. in Skyline Elementary School’s activities center (606 Lomas Santa Fe Drive). \$5. Call 858-571-3966 for information. (SOLANA BEACH)

Now in Her Sixth Term as Congresswoman for the District of Columbia, Eleanor Holmes Norton has been called “one of the 100 most important American women.”

Holmes and her biographer, Joan Steinau Lester, will discuss Norton’s life and the issues she cares about and sign copies of the biography *Fire in My Soul* on Monday, February 17, at 7 p.m. The talk starts in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos; find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Hit the Writing Road, Cynthia Dial, author of *Teach Yourself Travel Writing*, will speak for the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild on Monday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. For information, call 858-576-3800. (HILLCREST)

“The Ecological Contrasts of Bahia de los Angeles, Baja California” are on offer when Hans Bertsch addresses the terrestrial and marine environments of the area on Monday, February 17, 11:30 to 2 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The \$7 fee includes lunch. Call 619-255-0203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

“Living and Working in Romania” is the subject when a Peace Corps volunteer speaks for a program hosted by Hosting International on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 619-236-0828. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

The series continues with “Zarzuela: Traditional Spanish Opera” on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. “The classic pieces of the time are a brew of sophisticated musical ensembles and arias, mixed in with verse and prose dialogue, popular songs, and lowlife comedy characters.” Participants will listen to melodies by de Falla, Granados, Torroba, and others.

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

Find Your Own Gold after Dave McCracken, author of *Gold Mining in the 21st Century*, speaks for the Western Prospectors and Miners on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m., at the VFW (2885 Lemon Grove Avenue). No prior experience in gold prospecting is necessary. Admission is free. 619-749-3415. (LEMON GROVE)

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Look, Up in the Sky! The San Diego Astronomy Association holds its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 19, at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center. The focus is on "Binocular Astronomy — How to Buy, Use, and Enjoy Binoculars for Astronomy," with the beginner in mind. Scott Baker will speak, along with other experienced members of the group.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Free. Find the center at One Father Junipero Serra Trail. For information, call 619-645-8940. (MISSION GORGE)

"Science, Fringe Science, Pseudo-science," Junk Science, and Anti-science" is the subject when physicist Lawrence Lerner speaks for the San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, February 19. He'll address the question as to how these areas relate to science, using examples of such phenomena as cold fusion, vitamin C as a panacea, creationism, therapeutic touch, and more. The talk commences at 7:30 p.m. in room 111 of the Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. Call 760-945-3583 or 858-453-1878 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Whaddaya Know About Reptiles? The San Diego Zoo is hosting a series of lectures featuring the zoo's reptile team keepers. Senior keeper Tommy Owens will introduce "Turtles and Tortoises" on Wednesday, February 19. Admission is \$12. For the required reservations, call 619-557-3962. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. (BALBOA PARK)

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

This public series continues when UCSD literature professor Steven Cassedy focuses on "Imperialism and Phase-One Globalization in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries" on Wednesday, February 19. 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)

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Really Mean? Find out when attorney Mark L. Miller conducts an educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5894. (DOWNTOWN)

"Wild Baja" is the subject when Baja Bob presents a slide-illustrated lecture on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Late-Period Watercolors by eight artists selected from the extensive collection of E. Gene Crain are currently on view at the Oceanside Museum of Art. The museum offers "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; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Insight Gallery Talk, Maxine Gaiber, director of education at the San Diego Museum of Art, takes visitors through the new exhibition of contemporary prints "The Magician and the Mechanic: Tamarind Workshop, the Early Years" on Thursday, February 20, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Free with admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Architecture and Design Issues are examined in a lecture series hosted by Woodbury University. Architect, educator, theorist, and Research Institute for Experimental Architecture director Lebbeus Woods will speak

on Thursday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. Free. Find Woodbury University at 1060 Eighth Avenue; 619-235-2900. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Convergence Movement: How All the New Consciousness and Social Movements Are Merging to Create a Global Movement of Epic Proportions" will be explained when the San Diego Cultural Creatives host a "neo-progressive gathering of activists and artists to create a common agenda for unified strategic action for fundamental change."

The gathering is slated for Thursday, February 20, at 6 p.m., at the Cultural Creatives Convergence Center in Springfield College (5348 University Avenue, suite 110). Free. 619-397-7028. (CITY HEIGHTS)

A Bird Photography Workshop is planned by the San Diego Natural History Museum, in which equipment, film, and artistic principles for capturing great bird photographs will be imparted. Classes take place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, February 20 and March 6, with a field trip to Bolsa Chica and Santee Lakes on February 22 (5 a.m. to 8 p.m.). Call 619-255-0203 to register. The \$89 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. (BALBOA PARK)

Grow Your Business, the City of San Diego's Community and Economic Development Department is offering business assistance seminars to inform small business owners and entrepreneurs how to develop a small business into a successful enterprise. Topics: approaches to business ownership, business plan development, market research, financing, and more.

The next seminar is slated for Thursday, February 20, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Free. For reservations, call 619-685-1390. (SAN CARLOS)

IN PERSON

"In 30 Days" is described as a "poetic/theatrical examination of 30 days of a gay African-American's life" by LeVan D. Hawkins. During the month of June, Hawkins kept extensive notes on anything that occurred revolving around finances, culture, love, sex, and politics and then converted the notes into "poetry, stories, and drama."

See "In 30 Days" at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, February 13-15, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Tickets are \$15 general. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, dial 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

You Think Salt Is Unimportant? Salt is a substance so valuable that it served as currency at one time, influenced the establishment of trade routes and cities, provoked and financed wars, and inspired revolutions. Get the skinny on the great white seasoning when Mark Kurlansky reads from and signs his *Salt: A World History* on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee. Free. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307, and by calling 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

A Celebration of Romance is on tap when Tango Alma and other artists present poetry and dancing on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at the City Heights Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Admission is free. For information, call 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Once Controversial, Now Beloved, former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani will sign copies of his book *Leadership* on Thursday, February 13, noon to 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Books to be signed must be purchased from Warwick's. For more

details, dial 858-454-0347. Admission is free. (LA JOLLA)

Step by Step, fill in the blanks in Elizabeth Goodman's new book *Owner's Manual: The Essential Guide to the One You Love* for a Valentine's Day gift after she discusses her work on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). 858-755-4254. Admission is free. (DEL MAR)

Author and Sex Therapist Marty Klein will discuss and sign his book *Ask Anything: A Sex Therapist Answers the Most Important Questions* on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

"Xylophone Ragtime" is promised when Morris Palter (xylophone), Christopher Adler (piano), and Joscha Oetz (bass) perform works by George Hamilton Greene on Thursday, February 13, at 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, at Founders Hall at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Tickets are \$8 general. Call 619-260-2280 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

Journey to a Place of Joy and Wholeness when Elivia Melodey and the Crystal Vibrations Ensemble present a "Love Concert" at Blisswoman on Friday, February 14, at 8 p.m. At this yoga studio, guests are invited to lie down and "fully absorb this sacred healing music"; bring a mat if you have one. Find the studio at 4839 Newport Avenue. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 619-523-5543. (OCEAN BEACH)

Legendary Musician Frank Wakefield is known for his mandolin playing and unique vocals. The Frank Wakefield Band and guests Light-house will perform on Friday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Valley Music (530 East Main Street). Tickets are \$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door. For reservations, call 619-444-3161. (EL CAJON)

And Now for Something Completely Different, "explore the many contradictions and conflicts stirred up by the meanings of 'queer'" when the Palomar Interdisciplinary Ensemble presents *UnDefining Queer: A Transformation of Body and Soul*. Organizers promise a "fusion of live theater, original music, abstract sculpture, and visual imagery."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15 (and February 21 and 22), and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 16 (and February 23). Tickets are \$10 general, available by calling 760-744-1150 x2453. See *Queer* in Performance Lab D-10, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Folk Music is promised when songwriters Steve Gillette (guitar) and Cindy Mangsen (who accompanies herself on concertina and banjo) perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Friday, February 14. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are \$15. To reserve a seat, call 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Love Is a Four-Letter Word," according to Theresa F., who promises a spoken-word performance on Friday, February 14, at 9 p.m., at Gallery 504 (3041 University Avenue). She'll be followed by an open readings; \$5. For information, call 619-515-3930. (NORTH PARK)

Music at Founders Hall, the concert series continues with a Valentine's Day concert by Peter Sprague and Friends on Friday, February 14. He'll be joined by bassist Bob Magnussen and vocalist Amber Whitlock for "songs about love, jazz standards," and other tunes.

The music starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito, 1036 Solana Drive.

The suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for those 13-17, free for kids 12 and under. To make the suggested reservations, call 858-755-9225 x5. (SOLANA BEACH)

Los Angeles Poet Mark Salerno will read from his new book *Method* and San Diego poet Ted Burke will read from his recent chapbooks *Sitting in the Dark* and *Box of Nails* on Friday, February 14. The readings begin at 7 p.m. at D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. Questions? Call 858-456-1800 for answers. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Expect Love Songs when the Lettermen perform for the San Diego Symphony's Winter Pops series on Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15. The concert begins with the symphony playing "My Funny Valentine" and includes "Moon River" and other favorites. The music begins at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Celebrating Black History Month—Past, Present, and Future" is the theme for the program on Saturday, February 15, at 1 p.m., at the Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Speakers include Oceanside city attorney Duane Bennett, Oceanside Kiwanis Club president Marie Swan, and D'Wayne Prymer, a senior at Oceanside High School serving in the Leadership Policy Program in Sacramento. Jynna and Brittany Bennett will recite opening and closing poems. Admission is free. Call 760-435-5640 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Warning: Show Contains Adult Language, the Fault Line Players present "volatile, politically incorrect sketch and comedy improv" in "Dirty Shorts: Man Hole!" The show starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, at the Fault Line Theatre (3152 Fifth Avenue, at Spruce). Tickets are \$8. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-692-3382. (HILLCREST)

"Laugh for Lives," the Escondido Humane Society's second annual comedy fundraiser presented by Comedy Incorporated comedians is slated for Saturday, February 15, 8 to 10 p.m., at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets to this benefit are \$20. For reservations, call 760-839-0050. (CARLSBAD)

He Loves Me...She Loves Me Not, improvisational theater based on a variety of true-life stories from the audience is promised when San Diego Playback Theatre performs on Saturday, February 15, at 8 p.m., at the Celeste Center (861 Hornblend Street). Admission is \$8. For information, call 619-298-1207. (PACIFIC BEACH)

He's Written an Epic Novel about a generation of African-Americans in the South, and on Saturday, February 15, author Charlie L. Russell will read from *The Worthy Ones* at 2 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Winter Jazz, the series hosted the Carlsbad City Library continues with a concert by José Serrano and Orchestra on Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m., in the library's Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). The requested donation is \$5. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

Author Patricia Daly-Lipe will sign and discuss *La Jolla: A Celebration of Its Past* on Sunday, February 16, noon to 3 p.m., at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue). Free. 619-291-5464. (OLD TOWN)

Jazz Party, Quartet Glen Fisher and the GoManGo Invasion perform for the Jazz Artists Guild on Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m., at the Musicians Union Local #325 (1717 Morena Boulevard). Doors open at 12:45 p.m., with the JAG Dixieland

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the business side of it as a graduate management trainee. I was sent round the different departments. But it didn't take me very long — about 18 months — to realize that wasn't what I wanted to do, and I moved into freelance journalism and radio broadcasting."

"Were you one of those people who was inspired by John Berger?"

"You're absolutely right. I was. *The Art of Seeing* was a primer for me."

"I had been," Mr. Housden writes in the chapter in which he considers Naomi Shihab Nye's "Kindness," "one of the spokespersons for a spiritual group that was well known in London." This group to which he refers is the Open Gate. In 1985 in London Mr. Housden, together with his former wife and a group of friends, founded the Open Gate. I asked about the group and its founding.

"I'd been interested and involved for a long time in various spiritual traditions and practices and traveling," said Mr. Housden, "and I'd gone on pilgrimages and written books on pilgrimage and travel. So in the mid-1980s, I started to get to know a few people, actually primarily from the San Francisco Bay Area, whom I wanted to see a great deal more of, and so what I did was dream up an idea for them to come to England and to Europe for a week-end or a weeklong retreat, so that I could be around them.

"One of these persons was Ram Dass. Another was Jacob Needleman. So I invited these people. Ram Dass was the first one, and it turned into something that happened two or three times a year. We didn't have a residential facility, so I would bring people to London for a week; in the summer, we'd do retreats in the south of France.

"It's very sensible. With people like Ram Dass and others,

we'd spend ten days in the south of France and also draw quite a lot of people from other European countries. Although the bulk was still English. So that became also included in the program. It became quite a big program, and included in the program were journeys. I would take people on pilgrimages to India and to the Sahara also, walking in the Sahara Desert.

"I'd had a love affair with the desert all my life, well, since the first time I went there 30 years ago. So I really just wanted to share that experience with others. It all grew to become what was known as the Open Gate; it was the Open Gate through which people could walk and find themselves in the company of people like this." Mr. Housden paused, and then said, "So that went on for ten years. From 1985 to 1995. My first book I wrote in 1990, and I wrote pretty much a book every year during that period, although in England the market is very small for the kind of books that I do. The writing was always just a little something one did on the side, but it was a means for me of inquiry, of exploring my own perspectives and ideas through using different themes and subject matters.

"But that gradually grew for me, writing. What really has been the one continuous thread in my life is writing. In 1990 I moved into books, and by 1995 things were changing in England. I'd been bringing the same people for a long time, and it was time for them and for me to move on. I was commissioned to write a book on India, which required me to go to India for six or seven months. I'd already been a dozen times to India, but I needed to be there for a span of time. So in 1995 I went to India, and that saw the natural closing of the Open Gate, because that pretty much marked my turning into a professional writer. Living from writing alone. And after *Travels Through Sacred India* — a book which was published in England, not here — I had the idea to follow that with a book on America called *Sacred America*.

"I'd been coming to America often, but *Sacred America* was really what led to my coming to live here. It was really the catalyst, if you like, for all the different circumstances of my life that were just coming together at that time."

Mr. Housden emigrated to the United States in 1998. "I went straight to San Francisco, actually to Marin, and lived for four years in Larkspur. I just totally loved it." He now lives in Woodstock, New York, with his wife, Maria.

In the essays that accompany *Ten Poems to Open Your Heart*,

"When you're speaking

[a poem] aloud,

you're embodying it;

you're bringing more of

yourself to it than if

you're just reading

it silently."

my friends, whatever reputation I had, and the woman who had opened the eyes of my heart."

I said that all this confession seemed very personal. Mr. Housden did not disagree. "Yes, I talk in this book about some of my relationships and some of my difficulties. In the essay on 'Kindness' I write about standing outside a hotel in Washington, D.C., and seeing a homeless person walk past and how seeing him hit

SPORTS

Time for the Sockers, the San Diego Sockers host the Philadelphia Kixx on Thursday, February 13, 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)

Icy in San Diego? The San Diego Gulls host the Long Beach Ice Dogs on Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15, at 7 p.m. each night, at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Valentine-O, team up with a friend to find the elusive control features when San Diego Orienteering hosts a meet on Saturday, February 15, at UCSD (if you don't have a partner, they'll match you up with one). The mass start is at 10 a.m., but starts are possible until noon. Orienteering is the art of navigation through unknown terrain using a map and compass.

To reach the spot, take I-5 to Genesee Avenue; exit west to North Torrey Pines Road, then turn at the third left onto Muir College Drive. The start is southeast of the southeastern lot (P-207). Look for the signs. Beginners are encouraged to attend. For fees and other information, call 858-646-0693, 858-578-9456, or 858-453-9174. (LA JOLLA)

Expect a Steep Grade on the peppy ride planned by the Sierra Club cyclists on Saturday, February 15. If it doesn't rain (we should be so lucky), the bicyclists will ride from Alpine to Descanso, including 3.5 miles on I-8. After a short loop through the backcountry of Descanso, riders will return to Alpine via Japatul Road, which boasts great downhill, mountain views, and very little traffic.

This 35-mile ride starts at 9 a.m. at the south end of the Alpine Creek Shopping Center parking lot (exit I-8 at Tavern Road, head south, cross Alpine Boulevard, turn left into the second driveway of the shopping center). The ride is free; bring money for an optional lunch afterwards. Call 858-452-6237 for information.

Climbathon, Vertical Hold Sport Climbing Center hosts the Climb for

Kids Fundraiser on Saturday, February 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (registration opens at 9 a.m.). This full day of indoor rock climbing includes speed, difficulty, and bouldering competitions. Find the climbers at 9580 Distribution Avenue. Pledges raised benefit Outdoor Outreach. For fees and information, call 619-231-4810. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Bonsall Blast, take an 82-mile flat ride with small hills with the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Sunday, February 16. The ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-583-8547. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

They'll Mount Palomar during the 28-mile bicycle ride planned by the Knickerbikers on Sunday, February 16. It's "really not as hard as you might imagine," say the organizers of this outing for experts, which starts at 9 a.m. at the Lake Henshaw "resort" parking lot (on Highway 76, northwest of the intersection with Highway 79). Bring money for lunch at Mother's Kitchen, and then cruise back down to the lake. 858-259-8983. (SANTA YSABEL)

SPECIAL

Sit on It, the BenchMark Project features benches created and decorated by a variety of artists, whose work was on view during January throughout the downtown area. Over 50 "of the most spectacular benches" will be on offer during the live and silent auction planned on Thursday, February 13. All of the benches being auctioned will be on hand for viewing.

The event starts at 6 p.m. at the Prado (in the center of Balboa Park, at the House of Hospitality, 1549 El Prado). Admission is a \$20 donation, benefiting arts education. To reserve a spot, call 619-233-5470. (BALBOA PARK)

Tastes of the Grape and watercolors depicting scenes in and around Imperial Beach are focal points for the first wine tasting and art festival slated for Thursday, February 13, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Dempsey Holder Safety Center. Tickets are \$30 per person, or \$55 per couple. For reservations, call 619-424-3151. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

You Love Lucy? Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort announces the "I Love Lucy 50th Anniversary Tour," continuing through February 16. Organizers promise Lucy memorabilia,

Sixth Avenue. Call 619-688-9210 for reservations. (HILLCREST)

Celebrate President's Day when the San Diego City Guard Band presents a program of patriotic music on Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m., at the House of Pacific Relations International Cottages. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Two VIP Guest Judges will be on hand for the Mid-Month Poetry Slam on Sunday, February 16. "Funny guy" Matt Mason from Omaha's slam and Team Denver's "punk bad-boy" Paul Lipman are the celeb judges. Signups start at 7 p.m. (limited to the first 12 people in line), slamming starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). The requested donation is \$2. Boulevard. 619-299-4763. (HILLCREST)

Local Poet Seretta Martin will read from and discuss her book *Foreign Dust Familiar Rain* on Monday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Author Ross King will discuss and sign *Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling* on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Poetic Brew, the African-American Artists and Writers of San Diego, Inc., present "Historically Speaking Through the Voices of Sistahs: Poetry, Song, and Performances Uplifting Women" on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Claire de Lune (2906 University Avenue). Free. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Working to Help Abused Children, Ellen Bass is the author of *The Courage to Heal: A Guide for Women Survivors of Sexual Abuse* and other works of poetry and nonfiction. Bass will be joined by singer and songwriter Cici Porter for a CD-release party with poetry on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m., at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). Admission is \$10, which applies to the purchase of a CD or book; half of the proceeds benefit the Survivors Healing Network. For information, call 858-270-7467. (DOWNTOWN)

With a "Cheeveresque Childhood" to reflect upon, author Eleanor Cooney tells her story and that of her mother's in *Death in Slow Motion: My Mother's Descent into Alzheimer's*. Meet Cooney when she reads from and signs her book on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

SDSU Professor Emeritus and author Frank Irgang will discuss his new book *Beneath the Snows of Stalingrad* at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Wednesday, February 19, at 2 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

SDSU African-American History Professor Ted Kornweibel visits Barnes and Noble Bookstore to discuss and sign *Investigate Everything* on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Kornweibel will also sign books on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Call 619-667-2870 for details. Free. (LA MESA)

The Lingo, Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets and Paul Phruk-sukarn host this open-mike poetry event on the third Wednesday of each month, including February 19, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Donation. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Revealing Ancient Secrets behind a wealth of artistic, architectural, and historical treasures, William Murray strolls through Rome in *City of the Soul: A Walk in Rome*. Murray was raised in Rome and spent much of his life there, first as an opera singer and then as a journalist and author (he wrote "Letters from Italy" for the

New Yorker for many years). Now a resident of Del Mar, Murray will sign and discuss his book on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m., at the Book Works (in Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Call 858-755-3735 for information. Free. (DEL MAR)

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 her latest novel, *The Passion of Artemisia*, on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

He Calls Himself an "Addict of Creativity," and on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m., local author and artist Sidney Wildesmith will discuss and sign his book *How to Be an Artist A-Z* at the Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Call 619-795-9899 for further information. Free. (NORTH PARK)

Hailing from Harlem, head to the East County Performing Arts Center for a concert by the Boys' Choir of Harlem on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$36 and \$43. Find the center at 210 East Main Street. Reach the box office by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

The Salem Witch Trials come alive in Arthur Miller's drama *The Crucible*, which is the next production for the Coronado School of the Arts. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, February 20-22. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids. Find the Coronado High School Theater at 650 D Avenue. Call 619-522-8969 for reservations. (CORONADO)

With Many Accomplishments to his credit, the Rev. George Walker Smith started "in the rich soil of Alabama oppression." He'll sign and discuss his book *Conscience of the Community* on Thursday, February 20, at 3 p.m., at the San Diego State University Bookstore. Call 619-594-7528 for information. Free. (SDSU)

Award-Winning Poet Ellen Bass will read for the Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m., in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Bass recently published *Mules of Love*. Call 619-594-5318 for more details. Free. (SDSU)

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me in a way in which it had never done. Not in the way I was at that moment. I saw that man in a way that I'd never seen someone before, rather like in the poem."

"How did you happen to start writing about poems in this way?"

"I'd been reciting poetry publicly for some years. At the end of the Open Gate I was beginning to do this. One of the people I brought over to England was Robert Bly; he came a couple of times a year for several years."

"Bly," I said, "is a wonderful reciter of poems. Also Galway Kinnell, whose poem you have here."

"Galway Kinnell, I think, is the best. I heard him a few months at the 92nd Street Y in New York. Oh, God, so wonderful. But it was really Robert Bly, who, when he came to England, inspired me with his readings of and translations of Rumi and Kabir. That turned me to poetry. What Bly's poetry, what Rumi and Kabir did for me was to articulate in poetic form the aspirations and longings that I'd been exploring and inquiring into for all my life. They brought that into succinct language; just put it all there in a few lines. It came to me like an explosion, and I loved that. And it wasn't too long after that that I started reciting poetry, because the speaking of it rather than the reading of it makes the whole difference. When you're speaking it aloud, you're embodying it; you're bringing more of yourself to it than if you're just reading it silently."

"Over several years, poetry more and more entered my life. Gradually, I began to expand from the more obviously spiritual

poets to other more contemporary poets, though the latter were equally as incisive and equally as profound but used language that was not obviously spiritual. It's a universal current that poetry taps. I began expanding and exploring the whole form and gradually started — and still am, of course — discovering those voices that speak to that universal current. So it's a certain kind of poetry that interests me."

"I completely love Mary Oliver's three lines that I put at the beginning of the first chapter of this book, which is that 'Poetry is a life-cherishing force. For poems are not words, after all, but fires for the cold, ropes let down to the lost, something as necessary as bread in the pockets of the hungry.' I think that's fantastic."

"Do you find yourself surprised when people say they can't memorize poems, and yet these same people know verse after verse of many pop songs?"

"I do, yes, but I think that this block that some people have against poetry comes from how poetry is taught in schools. I think part of the contribution of this book and my previous one is that they open the whole arena of poetry up in a more accessible way."

"There are a lot of people who bought the first book who were new to poetry, who had been afraid of poetry. But there are also a lot of people who have bought that book who are really interested in poetry. I'm really glad to know that the book found its way into the hands of many young people. We know that because, at graduation ceremonies, it turned out to be a very big seller. I think parents bought it for their graduating children."

This newest book, I said, spurred my thinking about the various meanings of the word "love."

"Yes, as I write in the introduction, part of what I want to do in this book is to offer poems from ten different perspectives, each

of which in some way explores love. Take the Czeslaw Milosz poem, 'Love,' for instance, which speaks of the way in which one loves or doesn't love one's self. He writes: 'Love means to look at yourself/ The way one looks at distant things/ For you are only one thing among many.' [See page 92 for the entire poem.]

"I see this Milosz poem as a very Buddhist poem. I showed this to a Buddhist teacher recently and said, 'This is probably the heart of what nonattachment really means — nonattachment from an idea of one's self.' But as for 'love,' I think hopefully that will be one of this little book's side contributions: to help people become a little more conscious of what it is they mean when they say 'love.'"

Mr. Housden asked me which of the ten poems struck me most forcefully. I said that I thought that Naomi Shihab Nye's "Kindness" did, in part because I had never read it. I added that I liked all the poems he'd chosen, that I was terribly fond of Kinnell's "Sow" poem, which was an old favorite of mine. I said that perhaps the only poem I wasn't wild about was Robert Bly's poem, "The Third Body," but that I wasn't really much of a Bly fan. I confessed, "I'm not as crazy about Bly poems as you guys are."

"I hear that a lot, actually," said Mr. Housden, "from women readers, about Bly's poems."

We talked a bit, then, about the ten essays that introduce and meditate upon the ten poems. "These pieces," Mr. Housden allowed, "are very close to my own life and heart. I attempted to be true about my own experience. I really did not mean it as a clever turn of phrase to say, as I do in several of the essays, that 'I'm a fool in this matter of love,' because it's true — for God's sake, look at it — there it is. And, probably, most of us are fools in love."

You can e-mail Roger Housden at tenpoems@juno.com.

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A Trunk Show of silver jewelry from Taxco is being presented — in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit "Maestros de Plata — William Spratling and the Mexican Silver Renaissance" — February 14-16 at the Mingei International Museum. The

show features designs by artists whose work is included in the exhibit. Admission to the sale is free. For information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Umberto Eco's *On Being* provides the fodder when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, February 15, 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)

"A Night in Venice" is planned at the First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista on Saturday, February 15. The Majesty and Glory European Tour Choir at the church presents the event, replete with a romantic Italian dinner and a concert of love songs by G. Scott Lacy.

Children will be served and entertained separately: \$5. Dinner is served from 5 to 7 p.m. (\$10), with the concert starting at 7 p.m. Find the church at 915 Paseo Ranchero (at

East H Street). For tickets, call 619-656-2525. (CHULA VISTA)

What Are "Kin Gin Rin" Markings? Find out during the 16th annual show hosted by the Koi Club of San Diego. Guests will see hundreds of these wonderful fish on display, and there will be vendors' booths and enthusiasts on hand to answer your questions. The head judge is Kazuto Igarashi from Niigata, Japan.

Admission is free. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday,

February 15, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 16. Call 858-452-1132 for information. (DEL MAR)

Wild, Wild Life, more than 200 artists and carvers from the United States and Canada will compete for awards and exhibit their work during the 30th Annual California Open Wildlife Festival. The event includes wildfowl and fish-carving competitions, a junior painting contest, carving and painting demonstrations, antique decoys, and more than 500

pieces of art and carvings on exhibit (with many for sale).

The festival runs from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). The donation is \$5 for adults, free for those under 12. Call 760-945-8442 for information. (KEARNY MESA)

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LOVE POEMS

Kindness
Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.

What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.

How you ride and ride
thinking the bus will never stop,
the passengers eating maize and chicken will stare out the window forever.

Before you learn the tender gravity of kindness,
you must travel where the Indian in a white poncho
lies dead by the side of the road.

You must see how this could be you,
how he too was someone
who journeyed through the night with plans
and the simple breath that kept
him alive.

Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,
you must know sorrow
as the other deepest thing.

You must wake up with sorrow.

You must speak to it till your voice
catches the thread of all sorrows
and you see the size of the cloth.

Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore,



only kindness that ties your shoes
and sends you out into the day
to mail letters and purchase bread,
only kindness that raises its head
from the crowd of the world to say
it is I you have been looking for,
and then goes with you everywhere
like a shadow or a friend.

— Naomi Shihab Nye

Saint Francis and the Sow

The bud
stands for all things,
even for those things that don’t flower,
for everything flowers, from within, of self-blessing;
though sometimes it is necessary
to reteach a thing its loveliness,
to put a hand on its brow
of the flower
and retell it in words and in touch
it is lovely
until it flowers again from within, of self-blessing;
as Saint Francis
put his hand on the creased forehead
of the sow, and told her in words and in touch

blessings of earth on the sow, and the sow
began remembering all down her thick length,
from the earthen snout all the way

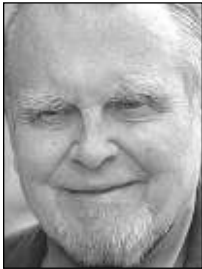


through the fodder and slops to the spiritual
curl of the tail,
from the hard spininess spiked out from the
spine
down through the great broken heart
to the blue milken dreaminess spurting and
shuddering
from the 14 teats into the 14 mouths sucking
and blowing beneath them: the long, perfect
loveliness of sow.

— Galway Kinnell

Love

Love means to look at yourself
The way one looks at distant things
For you are only one thing among many.



And whoever sees that way heals his heart,
Without knowing it, from various ills —
A bird and a tree say to him: Friend.

Then he wants to use himself and things
So that they stand in the glow of ripeness.
It doesn’t matter whether he knows what he
serves:
Who serves best doesn’t always understand.
— Czeslaw Milosz

6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16. 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)

Love a Fungi? The San Diego Mycological Society hosts its sixth annual mushroom festival on Sunday, February 16, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. The festival begins at 10:30 a.m. with an introductory slide show, with exhibits open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guests will see displays of local mushrooms, lectures, slide shows, a cooking demonstration, and educational exhibits. You’re invited to bring mushrooms for identification. Admission is a requested \$1 donation. For information, call 760-753-0273 or 858-566-3958. (BALBOA PARK)

Goddess Temple Events for Peace are planned on Sunday, February 16, at 3 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Organizers promise a singing crystal bowl concert by the Crystal Vibrations Ensemble, sacred international chants, Middle Eastern dancing, and drumming by the Midtown Women’s Drum Circle. Women and “friends of women” are invited to bring drums and music makers to “send the sacred sound out

for peace.” Admission is free. 760-918-6688. (BALBOA PARK)

“Long Gone: The Literature and Culture of African-American Migration” is the theme for the next “Let’s Talk About It” discussion series 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 continues with Paule Marshall’s *Praisesong for the Widow* on Wednesday, February 19. 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, 820 E Street. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

A Valentine Show is on tap when comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Fred E. Stare and Crazy Thing* through Sunday, February 16, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Trimble returns for *Comic, Magical Ventriloquism* February 19-23.

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 the-

ater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn About the Critters living at Swami’s when the Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots on Thursday, February 13, 1 to 2 p.m. The fee is \$12 per adult, \$8 per child (four and five years old). To make the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (ENCINITAS)

Using an Ink Stone, ink stick rice paper, and brush, children 6 to 15 years old will learn the basics of calligraphy in a class planned by Rosemary KimBal on Saturday, February 15, 10:30 a.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The nonmember fee is \$20. To register, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Make a Stovepipe Hat and a Lincoln mask during story time events planned on Saturday, February 15, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road). Visitors will also hear *A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln* by David A. Adler. The free events are for those four to ten years old. 619-562-6791. (SANTEE)

“It’s a Small, Small World” is the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents Carnival Concerts

on Saturday, February 15. The San Diego Children’s Choir, the Helix High School Bagpipe Band, and the Montgomery High School Steel Drum Band will join the orchestra for music from Egypt, Africa, Russia, Scotland, Mexico, Polynesia, and the Caribbean Islands. Guests are invited to attend in costumes pertaining to the concert’s theme.

The performance begins at 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m. and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert activities at 3:15 p.m. The fun includes an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children and \$12 for adults, with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. For reservations and information, call 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

Wander Through the Forest With a Hero and stumble upon the strange and wonderful Operaland, where everyone has a song when Operaquest presents “Papageno’s Phenomenal Adventure” on Saturday, February 15, at 11:30 a.m., at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The 45-minute program is designed for those 5 to 11 years old, with opera basics and famous musical excerpts sung live in English. Admission is free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Boogie with the Big Red Dog when KPBS hosts a Valentine’s dance with Clifford from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 15. Activities include dancing to music by a DJ playing kid-friendly dance tunes, dance tips from professional dance instructors, and photos with Clifford.

Tickets are \$20 per nonmember adult/child pair, \$8 for each additional adult or child. For reservations and information, call 888-399-5727. Find the KPBS Copley Telecommunications Center at 5200 Campanile Drive. (SDSU)

Spinach? French Fries? Gummy Worms! “Learn how food, water, exercise, and a positive outlook on life can make a difference at any age” when the Oasis Center hosts an “intergenerational class for youngsters five to ten years old and older adults (50-plus)” on Saturday, February 15.

“Science Across the Generations — Getting and Staying Healthy” runs 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Robinsons-May at Mission Valley Center (1702 Camino del Rio North). The fee is \$5 per person. To make the requested reservations, call 619-296-2594. (MISSION VALLEY)

Wild Canines, six species of wild canines live in North America — a coyote, four types of foxes, and the gray wolf. Learn about these animals and hear stories from animal photographer and educator Larry Allen during a program for those in grades four through six on Saturday, February 15, 9 to 11 a.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-255-0203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Discover the Secrets Hidden in an Emperor’s Dragon Robe and enjoy demonstrations of ancient art techniques during the Family Festival planned at the San Diego Museum of Art on Sunday, February 16, noon to 4 p.m. Also on tap: Chinese lion dancers, art-making projects, and tours of the museum’s galleries in celebration of the lunar new year. Free. For more information, call 619-696-1996. (BALBOA PARK)

In Celebration of President’s Day, the San Diego Model Railroad Museum hosts a family-oriented railroad arts and crafts day on Sunday, February 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids of all ages can make railroad cards, “did you know” fact books about the presidents, Abe Lincoln stovepipe hats, and do a railroad scavenger hunt. Activities are included in regular museum admission (free for those under 15, \$4 general). 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

What’s the Sleekest, Slimiest, Creepiest and most bashful fish in the ocean? The honor may go to the moray, the subject of a new class at the Birch Aquarium-Museum slated for Saturday, February 15, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Children in grades one through three will explore the world of the moray eel through song, role-playing, and art. How do they hunt their prey? Why do they hang around with their mouths wide open? Participants will learn the answers to these and other questions.

The fee is \$25. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off

North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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 documentaryarian, telling the stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text. Many of the photographs, surfboards, and other artifacts have never been on public display before.

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

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

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Individual harpsichords have distinct personal characters.

Harpsichordist Gilbert Martinez offered an exceptionally stimulating program titled "The Birth of the Virtuoso Harpsichord, Circa 1540–1640." The program, presented by the San Diego Harpsichord Society at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Del Mar, included lively and informative comments by the artist: historical material (placing the music in its context of time, place, and culture), some musicological commentary, and a bit of colorful gossip (John Bull's reputation for dishonesty and womanizing, Gesualdo's grisly murder of his wife). But of course what counted most was the quality of the performance, which was as skillful and exciting as the most demanding early-music aficionado could have desired.

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about the brilliance of conductor Zoltán Kocsis and his Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra, and about how wonderfully these music-making partners got along with each other. One could say that there was a similar relationship between Martinez and his instrument. This single-manual harpsichord was built (in 1995) on 16th-century Northern Italian models by Curtis Berak of Los Angeles, and it is a humdinger. It has the typical punch, vigor, and presence of Italian harpsichords, along with a thrilling robustness of tone. Its sound, expansive and blooming, filled the beautiful wood-lined sanctuary of the church with wave after wave of rich, resonant discourse. Its articulation is at once incisive and buoyant. Its capacity for sustaining notes is remarkable — a virtue Martinez made good use of, above all at final cadences, which he allowed to float expressively in the air as they slowly died away.

Individual harpsichords have distinct personal characters (much more so than — for example — modern grand pianos), and this one is like a living creature; the moment you hear it, you recognize it. If you listen to David Cates's profound (and sensationally recorded) Froberger recital on Wildboar 9701, you will encounter three tracks with the unmistakable voice of the Berak instrument, and you will have no trouble distinguishing it from the (also quite fine) "Giusti" by John Phillips, which Cates used for

the rest of his CD. The Berak is in addition an unusually handsome harpsichord, with a visual sturdiness, seamliness, and noble elegance that suit its musical character perfectly.

Martinez loves this instrument, as he made clear in his comments as well as in the way he played it (Berak himself was present at the recital and must have rejoiced to hear his creation being treated with such a

sophisticated understanding of its qualities). And if you know what good musical instruments are like, you will not think me crazy for saying that the instrument loves Martinez back. They are blood brothers. Martinez, too, is vigorous and incisive, with a big, robust musical personality (his playing reminded me uncannily of the great — and much lamented — Scott Ross). He goes for the strong effect, the powerful rhythmic drive, the breath-pause that reinforces the crucial chord and that underlines its significance in the phrase. He achieves subtle emotional expressiveness without ever losing sight of the larger structure of thought. He has a zest for virtuoso display when the music requires it (as it so often does), and — without overtly showing off — both he and the instrument seem to take delight in their ability to play so fast, so accurately, and with such dazzling scope and impetus. (A harpsichordist and a harpsichord lacking such delight ought to keep away from the Spanish, Italian, and English works that make up this late-Renaissance keyboard repertoire.)

Furthermore, Martinez, like the Berak harpsichord, is terrific at sustaining — not just sustaining notes (which requires only that the player keep his finger on the key) but, more importantly and more demandingly, sustaining the flow of musical ideas, moving the listener on from one point of structure to the next, making sense of the composition as a whole.

That kind of musicianship is particularly needed in the keyboard pieces of the period covered by Martinez's program. Most of them are relatively short. Few of them even hint at the complex and massive architecture of — say — a Beethoven sonata-form movement. It is easy to think of them as little more than shallow enter-

tainments or "transitional" works searching for a form but not yet having found it. When one has learned their specific language, however, as Martinez has done, one begins to appreciate their beauty and their power — especially since the harpsichordist took care to include on this program only masterpieces of their kind.

There are three or four broad genres of keyboard music in this period. The most familiar, and the easiest to take in, is the theme and variations, with the theme usually supplied by a popular song or dance tune. The original audience would have been familiar with the tune, and they derived a feeling of stable, comfortable orderliness from hearing it — the melody and the harmonic progression that went with it — over and over. (Modern listeners will get the point right away, because the tunes themselves tend to be instantly memorable.) The other pleasure of the form comes from the composer's inventiveness in decorating the tune, filling it in, enriching it, intensifying its momentum, heating it up — all without fundamentally altering it (the far-reaching imaginative changes in modern versions of the form, as in Brahms, Rachmaninov, or Kodály, never occur to the Renaissance composers).

Martinez programmed five of these variations sets — Anonymous (from Luys Venegas de Henestrosa's edition) on "Guárdame las vacas," Antonio de Cabezon on "La Dama le demanda," William Byrd on "Jhon come kisse me now," Giles Farnaby on "Woody-cock," and (as an encore) John Bull on "The King's Hunt." They are all very much alike in their structure and their devices, and all are wonderful. When they are played with the sparkling commitment of a Gilbert Martinez, the listener never gets tired of them. The fun (and this is the deep fun of flawlessly composed art) is compounded in the famous Bull piece, which aside from being a set of variations is also an inventive depiction of a hunt, its tone-painting marvelously effective under Martinez's hands. (This sort of thing becomes a favorite procedure in the Renaissance and Baroque, beginning with Clément Janequin's polyphonic vocal evocation of the Battle of Marignan and culminating in works like Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.)

A second genre, less immediately assimilable by a modern audience, is based on a more serious kind of vocal polyphony, translated to the keyboard. Cabezon's *Tiento del primer tono*, on Martinez's program, was of this sort, as was Gesualdo's *Canzone francese del principe*. The problem here is to follow the counterpoint, to fathom the

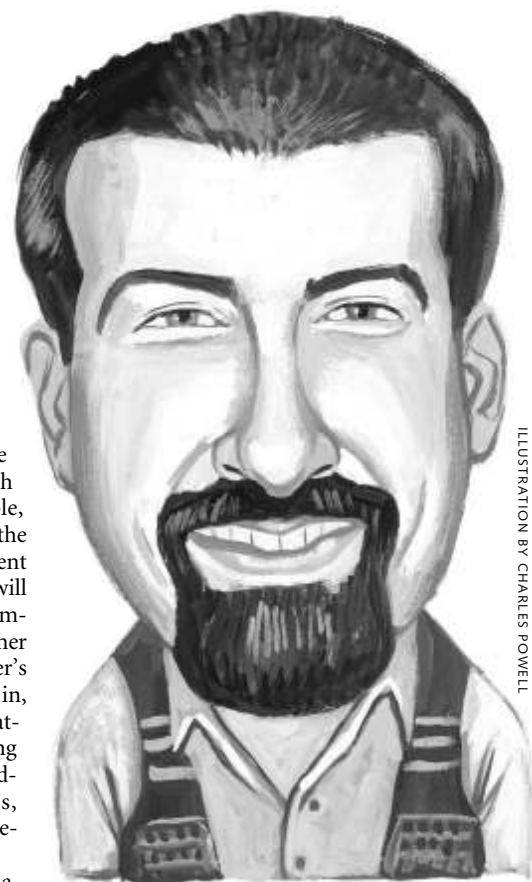


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Gilbert Martinez

Gilbert Martinez, harpsichord
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, Del Mar
(San Diego Harpsichord Society)

Spanish, Italian, and English keyboard works, circa 1540–1640

relevance of the nonvocal keyboard decorations, and to grasp the nonreiterative musical structure in the absence of words. There is also, at times, the issue of which instrument is most suited to such a composition. Early keyboard music can often be played indiscriminately on harpsichord or organ: that is certainly the case with the Cabezon *tientos*. The advantages of an organ in a polyphonic piece are two: the notes can be sustained as long as one likes (so that one can follow a line no matter how slowly it is played), and the organ's variety of tone colors can help to differentiate the individual voices and clarify the polyphony. The Cabezon *tiento*, on organ or harpsichord, sounds like two very different pieces — and I am not sure how well the harpsichord version works, even when played as sensitively as Martinez played it.

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Gesualdo's *Canzone* constitutes even more of a problem, and in diverse ways. Its style is undoubtedly that of the polyphonic song, familiar from the composer's madrigals. As an instrumental piece, it might well have been intended for a four-part consort: of viols, for example. The keyboard version, with its elaborate and often disconcerting decorations, may not actually be by Gesualdo (only three instrumental works are attributed to him), although its unrestrained chromaticism, its weird harmonies, its Mannerist excesses, and its often incomprehensible logic are very much the composer's own. The false relations are so pervasive and so unnerving, and there are so many forays into remote keys (which sound awful in a meantone temperament), that a listener who did not know the work might have thought that Martinez was making mistakes (he wasn't) or that the harpsichord had gone out of tune (it hadn't). Here as elsewhere, it was Gesualdo's brains that were out of tune.

A third major keyboard form was the toccata, free, improvisatory, fantastic in invention, constantly changing direction and mood, and often involving extreme technical prowess. The only piece on Martinez's program explicitly labeled toccata was by Giovanni Picchi (a fabulous exploitation of the keyboard, which the harpsichordist played with consummate fervor), but Giovanni de Macque's *Seconda stravaganze* and Bull's *Fantasia XII* were out of the same drawer, whatever they were called (and however personal their styles were). This form may have originated on the lute, and it may have achieved a stupendous flowering on the organ, but it is gloriously idiomatic on the harpsichord — above all on this harpsichord, and with this harpsichordist.

The last item on Martinez's program was *A Sad Pavan, for these distracted times*, February 14, 1649. The "distracted times" referred to by this great Renaissance composer (he maintained the Renaissance style even in the middle of the 17th Century) were the English Civil War, the destruction of traditional musical life by Cromwell and his fanatics, and the execution — just two weeks previously — of King Charles I. It is a majestic work, of overwhelming nobility and sadness, and about as far from the ordinary Renaissance dance-piece (another of the widespread genres) as it is possible to go. Martinez played it in a manner worthy of himself and of his instrument, with a dynamic grandeur that never flagged.

But this was no way to end a concert so filled with exuberance. Martinez had come prepared with “The King’s Hunt” — and in an instant we were off with the vinery-loving James I, his retinue, his hounds, his horns, his gallop-

ing horses, and the relentless arrogance of the Stuarts, all in pursuit of some innocent stag, with not a glimmer in the King's imagination that within a few decades the chase would be for prouder game, and his royal son's head would be hacked off on a cold Tuesday afternoon by a judicial act of the Puritan government.

So it goes in the history of rulers. Meanwhile, Tomkins, Bull, and their music-making crew are still with us, alive and well, as Gilbert Martinez magnificently demonstrated. ■

Events that are underlined occur after February 20.

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“Embellishment: The Dance,” it’s the theme when the San Diego Baroque Ensemble and curator Steven Kern join forces for a slide-illustrated lecture and concert on Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Audiences will learn how dance influenced the different art forms of the period through a look at the rituals, formalities, and entertainments of 18th-Century Europe. Tickets to this “Baroque at the Museum” program are \$12 for non-members. For information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Spotlight Series, the Mainly Mozart Violin-Piano Duo performs on Thursday, February 13, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Violinist William Preucil and pianist Arthur Rowe will present Mozart's "Sonata for Piano and Violin in B-Flat," the Brahms "Sonata No. 2 in A Major," and the Strauss "Sonata for Violin and Piano in E Flat." Tickets are \$20 U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río.

The concert will be repeated on Friday, February 14, at 8 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$35.

Busy on Friday? The duo will also perform on Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street; 619-440-2277). Admission to this recital is \$15.

For reservations and further information, call 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA, LA JOLLA, EL CAJON)

“Opera for Two: A Festival of Duets” is promised when the San Diego Opera Ensemble presents “the perfect Valentine’s Day celebration” on Friday, February 14. Six singers in melodious pairings will fill the Carlsbad Village Theatre “with the greatest music for lovers the world has ever heard.” The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at 2822 State Street. Tickets are \$8 general. For reservations and information, call 760-434-2920. (CARLSBAD)

A Valentine's Day Soirée for Music Lovers is promised when violinist János Négyesi and friends perform chamber works by Corelli, Boccherini, Schumann, and Brahms on Friday, February 14. The music begins at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at

UCSD's Mandeville Center. For reservations, call 858-534-4830. General admission is \$10. (LA JOLLA)

“The Royal Connection: Baroque to Classical” is the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents concerts February 14-18. Soloists David Washburn (trumpet), David Shostac (flute), Susan Barrett (oboe), Navroj Mehta (violin) and Alex Palamidis (violin) join the orchestra for a program including “The Prince of Denmark’s March” by Clarke, Handel’s “Solomon: Overture and Entrance of the Queen of Sheba,” “Eine kleine Nachtmusik” by Mozart, the “Flute Concerto in D Major (Goldfinch)” by Vivaldi, and Bach’s “Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor” and the “Brandenburg Concerto No. 2.”

The program is offered Friday, February 14, at St. Joseph's Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue); on Monday, February 17, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street); and on Tuesday, February 18, at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information for all performances, call 1-888-848-7326. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

Valentine's Day on Palomar Mountain, spend an evening with classical guitarist Bjorn Raftery when he performs on Friday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the Palomar Mountain Lodge (22228 Crestline Road). Tickets are \$25. For reservations and directions, call 760-742-8744. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Music from Mozart to contemporary may be heard when the Cross Winds Duo — Jay C. Easton (clarinet and saxophone) and pianist Loie Flood — performs on Saturday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). An offering will be received. 619-298-7261. (MIDDLETOWN)

“It’s a Small, Small World” is the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents Carnival Concerts on Saturday, February 15. The San Diego Children’s Choir, the Helix High School Bagpipe Band, and the Montgomery High School Steel Drum Band will join the orchestra for music from Egypt, Africa, Russia, Scotland, Mexico, Polynesia, and the Caribbean Islands. Guests are invited to attend in costumes pertaining to the concert’s theme.

The performance begins at 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m.; and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert activities at 3:15 p.m. The fun includes an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. For reservations and information, call 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

The Revelle Series hosted by La Jolla Chamber Music Society continues with a performance by Cynthia Phelps (viola) and Randall Hodgkinson (piano). The duo will perform selections by Mendelssohn, Hindemith, Schumann, and Brahms. Enjoy the concert on Saturday, February 15, at 8 p.m., at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$25, \$35, and \$55. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

In Roman-Occupied Gaul, a Druid Princess sworn to chastity named Norma has secretly borne two sons to the Roman proconsul Pollione, who tires of her and turns his attentions to Norma's friend Adalgisa, with tragedy and death ensuing. What's this? It's Vincenzo Bellini's *Norma*, the next production for the San Diego Opera. The leading roles

are sung by Russian soprano Galina Gorchakova, Bulgarian mezzo-soprano Mariana Pentcheva, and Hugh Smith. The opera is performed in Italian with text projected in English above the stage.

Enjoy the production — conducted by Richard Bonyngne and directed by John Copley — at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 15, 18, and 26; at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 21; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 23. Tickets range from \$20 to \$140. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. For reservations, dial 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Saturdays in Shadowridge, this concert series continues when lyric soprano Martha Brewer presents a "tribute to Valentine's Day" and selections by Handel, Strauss, Debussy, and John Duke on Saturday, February 15, at 3:30 p.m., at the Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). The requested donation is \$7. Call 760-631-7055 for information. (VISTA)

A Program of Diverse Music for the 20th Century is promised when violinist Mark Menzies and pianist Peter Miyamoto present a benefit concert for San Diego New Music on Sunday, February 16. The program includes Bartók's "Second Violin Sonata," "Unsichtbare Farben" by Brian Ferneyhough, Ann LeBaron's "Devil in the Belfry," "Boviol" by Menzies, and more.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers; for reservations, dial 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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Graduate Students in the composition program at UCSD present original works during the New Music Forum slated for Wednesday, February 19, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Favorite Operatic Duets may be enjoyed when rising stars of the San Diego Opera's Young Artists program perform on Thursday, February 20. Members this season include soprano Kathleen Helm, coloratura soprano Stacey Fraser, mezzo-soprano Liza Agazzi, tenor Chad Frisque, baritone Thomas Roy, and bass-baritone James Newman.

The recital begins at 12:15 p.m. in the French Parlor, located in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Tickets are \$8 general. For more information, dial 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

Bigger and Better Than Ever! The innovative Muzik3 series returns for its sixth season, combining new music, classical music, hot swing, and a “dance-music-video spectacle from Austria,” under the direction of San Diego cellist Felix Fan. The series gets underway with a repeat performance by Raw Fish and the Talujon Percussion Ensemble on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22. Expect to hear works by two composers associated with New York’s Bang on a Can, Julia Wolfe and Annie Gosfield.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15; one-per-weekend packages are \$42, or pay \$80 for the six-concert series. For information and reservations, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

A Son's Answer

Fee's feeling for his father's pictures is part of the psychic entirety of his experience.

One of my uncles experienced something dramatized in Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*. At Anzio, a German bullet hit his helmet, which deflected and slowed the slug as it rattled around his head and finally dropped out. He was also among a handful of GIs who survived the torpedoing of a troop ship. He revealed these facts only after his son and I, as kids, pestered him about his war experience, but he never elaborated on either event (or about how he managed to distill alcohol while pinned down in a fox-hole), except to say that he never rode the subway because he didn't like close spaces.

Many of us born in the 1940s had uncles or fathers who had succinct anecdotes about their war experience but who kept the worst details to themselves. As a 21-year-old Marine corpsman, Russell Fee, father of the California photographer James Fee, was with the American forces fighting the Japanese for control of the coral island Peleliu in the South Pacific. The battle, expected to last 3 days, lasted 73, in 100-degree temperatures. He kept a sort of diary — a “book of facts,” he called it — and took snapshots. He spent most of his time under heavy fire, going ship to shore to tend the many wounded (8769 Americans killed or wounded), and when the fighting stopped, he was assigned with burying the American and Japanese dead. Many years later, drinking hard and suffering what we now

call post-traumatic stress disorder, he would sometimes, as his son says, “get crazy,” scrambling on elbows and knees into the boy's bedroom carrying a loaded M-16. Sometimes he roughed him up. But when the otherwise aimless

teenager seemed interested in photography, he gave James a camera, then taught him to process film. The son, coming of age during the Vietnam years,

wouldn't join the Marines as his father insisted, so they became estranged until the father killed himself in 1972, shortly after phoning his son to say he was going to do just that.

These disclosures would be unseemly were they not essential elements of a show currently at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Fee held on to a box of pictures his father took on Peleliu, and over a period of five years he visited the island several times — it was some combination of mission and pilgrimage — and photographed sites similar to those on his father's browned-out, wrinkled black-and-white snapshots. The color-saturated images Fee made are installed with those his father brought back, and while the pictures are unmistakably a tribute to the man and his fellow soldiers, it's impossible not to sense an aggrieved and grieving competitiveness. In the interview where he discloses the family history I mentioned above, Fee says he decided finally to shoot the pictures “as straightforward as possible and just make it be wallpaper for his pictures

because I couldn't compete with them. I gave way to their power and supplied the pieces in between.”

I take him at his word. Fee's feeling for his father's pictures is part of the psychic entirety of his experience, and the father's snapshots are moving; we feel like we're seeing not moments taken out of time but time (wartime, the duration of friendships, time that changes everything we know) imploded. The pictures have the pictorial fragility of aged family albums. But James's images are of a different order. Wallpaper they are not. Nearly every picture has a tropical density that will make you hold your breath. Many are of the rotted remains of the Battle of Peleliu and the terrain the jungle reclaims once “civilizing” presences depart. The son's answer to his father's 1944 shot of a disabled Japanese Zero is a funereal picture of the skeletal fuselage sunk in the ground like a dilapidated trellis sprouting wild ferns and vines.

Fee has an extraordinary eye for decaying, corroded, technological artifacts. A plane's



Valentino's Tank

American Noir: The Photographs of James Fee
Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park
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chewed-up tail fin rises from marbled ocean layers. A golden, crusted cannon sticks out from one of the caves where the Japanese hid. A rolled-over tank, the longer you look, appears more and more abstract. Equipment left behind in caves looks like fossilized remains imprinted on

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the rugged, unforgiving coral terrain. The most striking image in the exhibition is of a rusted, barnacled bayonet lying on the sea bottom under a starfish's iridescent, Prussian-blue tentacle.

The Peleliu project was an interval in an ongoing photographic essay Fee started in 1992, *Photographs of America*, a darksome, unsettling vision of an America that's rotting before our eyes. It's the younger Fee's visual version of his father's "book of facts," but at a visionary pitch. Fee says that these pictures, like nearly everything else he's done, derive from his father's fading, roughly handled snapshots he saw as a child. The *America* pictures have uneven edges, freckled surfaces, smudged chiaroscuro, and a dismal light

that macerates material reality. His image of Marin County, the Bay Area's enclave of the casually affluent, depicts a desolate concrete bunker in some forsaken unidentifiable locale. No pipsqueak irony here. The picture achieves a strange, vague ferocity directed at smug American entitlements.

Like Larry Friedlander's *Factory Valleys*, a 1979 photo essay on the fatigued rust-belt towns of Ohio and Pennsylvania, Fee is preoccupied with the swift, programmed obsolescence of American culture. *Wrecking Balls* shows a dump in Gary, Indiana, once a great steel town (founded, in fact, by U.S. Steel) as literally a wasteland, presided over by the big, pitted wrecking balls that sit there like exiled potentates of the Kingdom of Scrap Metal.

Brooklyn Walker, from 1995, may be the one truly great picture in the show. Situated in a sort of cave of shadows in soft nebulous focus, edges darkly scoured as in old snapshots, a solitary featureless male stands like an apparition in the middle ground, behind him a muggy car, a telephone pole slanting up from the bottom left like an unsteady mast. It's an image of urban dread that, like so many of Fee's pictures, looks as if it's dissolving into its own pool of darkness and shade.

These brooding, finely inflected pictures of an America that can't claim any sort of innocence are better than those that offer predictably bleak, ambiguous treatments of American icons like Mount Rushmore, the Stars and Stripes, the Empire State Build-

ing, and the Statue of Liberty. In these, Fee throws away the subtle, meditative arguments that his other pictures offer. Art is a criticism of life not because it denigrates a civilization or state of being, but because it observes without scruples or censors of any kind. It's one place where we can always expect painful candor. ■

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GALLERIES

"Floating," an exhibit of mixed-media assemblages and sculptural installations by May-ling Martinez go on view at the Flor y Canto Gallery with a reception on Saturday, February 15, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at the School of Art Design and Art History at San Diego State University. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, traditionally, the act and the art of collecting have been at the heart of what art museums do, and many assess a museum's success in part by the scope, size, and quality of its collections. "Look. React. Engage: The Art of Collecting at Two San Diego Museums" explores themes ranging from issues of connoisseurship, challenges of documentation and collections care, and the relationship collectors, curators, and viewers develop with particular artists and periods. Prints and paintings by George Bellows (1882-1925), Harry Sternberg (1904-2001), and experimental photographic prints by Herbert Ohm (1898-1972) are on exhibit through Sunday, April 13. The works are drawn from the collections at the San Diego Museum of Art and the Center Museum itself.

"Public Projects" is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated

by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

In "the playground," the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. "the instruments," on display in the museum's Tower Gallery, is a swing and a seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, in the silver-producing city of Taxco, William Spratling trained silversmiths in the 1930s. The remarkable changes in Mexican silver design are traced in "Maestros de Plata — William Spratling and the Mexican Silver Renaissance," opening on Sunday, February 16, and continuing through Sunday, May 11. From this workshop emerged talented Mexican silver designers who in turn began their own workshops, many of which continue to create today. Works by Spratling are included in the exhibition, along with pieces by designers such as Héctor Aguilar, Valentin Vidaurreta, Margo de Taxco, Ana Brilanti, Antonio Pineda, Salvador Terán, Matilde Poulat, Hubert Harmon, Agnes Seebass, Tane, and the Castillo family.

The process of transmitting an aesthetic from one generation to the next is illustrated in "Mingei Legacy," an exhibition featuring work by Shoji Hamada, Kanjiro Kawai, Bernard Leach, and their successors opening on Sunday, February 16. Work by Hamada and Kawai reflects the living traditions of pottery making, which they imparted to their apprentices, who learned technical skills and the "intimate connection between life and work." The exhibit closes on Sunday, April 13.

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The James L. Greaves Collection is an assemblage of more than 230 pre-Columbian objects dating from the First Century to about A.D. 1500. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. "Pre-

Columbian Art — Marine Animal Forms” is an ongoing exhibit. 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 pro-

lific career. The show — boasting 48 works: 10 major, large-scale paintings and 37 related sketches, collage studies, and photographs — concludes on Sunday, April 13. Kelly has made a new work, *Red Green Blue*, 2002, for this exhibit.

Los Angeles-based sculptor Peter Shelton has unveiled his newest work, *ghandiG*, cast in bronze and standing nearly 30 feet high. The work's elongated appendages and truncated torso exemplify the playful anthropomorphic qualities of Shelton's organic creations. The piece, inspired in part by the physique and clothing of Indian statesman Mahatma Gandhi, will remain in the museum's plaza for at least two years.

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 Peeliu Island by Fee *films* are paired with small, black-and-white snapshots made by Russell Fee (the artist’s father) in 1944 in “The Peeliu 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,

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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 Rosell, working in a variety of media. “Axis Mexico” is said to reveal the impact of Mexican art on the evolving global art scene while highlighting Mexico as an axis for the circulation and exchange of art and ideas.

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Pruning Projects

She begged reporters not to use flashbulbs, since "bright pops put him in an artillery frame of mind."

Cherry Jones, Swoosie Kurtz, and now Ellen Burstyn! They've headlined the Globe's last two shows. Are we in some theater Hall of Fame or what? Jones and Kurtz starred in *Imaginary Friends*, which closed on Broadway recently after a modest run (metaphorically speaking: strong tenor, weak vehicle). Burstyn is performing solo in *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*, an adaptation of Allan Gurganus's epic novel. She's onstage for two and a half hours, playing dozens of characters, re-creating 100 years of Southern history — in particular, the Confederacy from a woman's point of view.

Every local actor should study Burstyn. Or try to. You want to see what makes her tick, how she builds a character — in seconds — how she moves, speaks, engages an audience, digs for emotion, and then just *pures* it onstage. Problem is: you can't analyze her craft. She pulls you through it, into the person she plays, the story she tells. She does what all great actors do: she focuses you.

Burstyn plays Lucy Marsden, wife of Captain William More Marsden. He enlisted in the Confederacy at 13 ("General Lee was already running out of living bodies to put the gray on and get shot at"). He didn't become a Captain until long after — got the promotion because his tales, many quite "tall," were

so good. Born in 1885, Lucy missed the war by 20 years. She married the Captain when she was 15, he, 50. For three decades she gave "tours of Captain Marsden," the oldest living Confederate soldier. She begged reporters not to use flashbulbs, since "bright pops put him in an artillery frame of mind." The Captain's treatment of women suggests that, in the South, there were several kinds of slavery. In fact, if he were the only example, "Southern gentleman" would be an oxymoron.

In the book, and now the play, Lucy tells "his war stories and my peace ones," and tells all: about her Jekyll/Hyde marriage-battlefield, a desentimentalized Civil War, how it feels to outlive an era, and about white and black Southern women, "trained to act batty-brained," who must create themselves from scratch.

The 875-page book is a big, Rabelaisian read. Adapter Martin Tahse, however, has yet to condense it into a workable monologue for the stage. His set pieces re-create the book's highlights (Sherman scorches the Captain's mother; how the Captain died) — and Burstyn makes them unforgettable. But the long, antsy narrative flits about, not always aware of the difference between minor detail and emphatic point. The play isn't up to Burstyn's talents as yet. Revisions could add

signposts and a sturdier spine.

Burstyn's craft is invisible. The Globe's design work, however, too often calls attention to its techniques. Slides tell stories, sounds squeak and bray, lighting conjures sunrises and the smoky twilight of midday skirmishes. The designers appear determined to help Burstyn, and the audience, get through burdensome material, so much that the production is as antsy as the script. These "helping" effects not only call attention to themselves, they annoy.

Were we in a real theater Hall of Fame, Burstyn would do a more minimalist version of this show — both script and audio/visual enhancement — in the intimate Cassius Carter.

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In 2020, an 8.7 earthquake wipes out Los Angeles and most of Orange County. Spared the havoc, San Diego and northern Mexico must work together, sharing water rights, power, sewage. An idea becomes inevitable: why not tear down the rusted 2000-mile steel wall and join Alta and Baja into "Nuevo California"? San Diego and Tijuana become one city. Why not? They're practically one already. A seismic



Ellen Burstyn in *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*

Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All, adapted by

Martin Tahse from the novel by Allan Gurganus

Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Don Scardino; cast: Ellen Burstyn; scenic design, Allen Moyer; costumes, Jane Greenwood; lighting, Kenneth Posner; sound, Peter Fitzgerald; projections, Wendall K. Harrington

Playing through March 8; Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 619-231-1941.

Nuevo California, by Bernardo Solano and Allan Havis, based on material researched and developed by Bernardo Solano

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Sam Woodhouse; cast: Dora Arreola, John Campion, Jennifer Chu, Mark Christopher Lawrence, Steve Lipinsky, Catalina Maynard, Gino Monesinos, Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson, Fernando Flores Vega, Raquel Presa; scenic and lighting design, Trevor Norton; costumes, Melanie Watnick; sound, George Ye; choreography, Dora Arreola

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THEATER

catastrophe could create an unforeseen unity — or is that unthinkable?

Bernardo Solano and Alan Havis's *Nuevo California*, in its world premiere at the Rep, takes place in 2028. Although a woman is U.S. president, separatists — including the “All-White, Circumcised Militia” — are more right-wing than ever. Oil has been discovered. And here's ecological justice: Kumeyaay natives own the rights to “40,000,000 beautiful barrels a day.” The new Pope, Felipe, hails from Mexico, sings on CDs, and envisions a world without borders. Is he in tune with higher truths or just “another mad dream of a dark, remote heaven”? An assassin's bullet takes him down. A grassy knoll of suspects could have fired the gun: CIA, Vatican mafia, drug lords, presidents of Mexico and the U.S. The new Pope's clarity threatened them all.

The best thing about *Nuevo California* is the play's existence. San Diegans would rather bask in “America's Finest City” PR than face problems that question the image. In theater, we have to snippet out local relevance from plays set elsewhere.



Jennifer Chu, John Camion, Raquel Presa in *Nuevo California*

Based on over 200 interviews, *Nuevo California* holds a mirror up to us, today, and asks, “Should we fortify the border fence to protect our respective national interests — or tear it down, politically, economically, and culturally and find a way to define ourselves as a unified ‘DiegoJuana’ region?”

The second best thing about *Nuevo California*: it doesn't raise these questions naïvely. At once a mystery, love story, serial news event, multicultural musical, and verbal hybrid, the play itself is border-free. Disparate voices have their impassioned say. *Nuevo* doesn't supply answers but shapes the size of the question.

As a work of art, the piece still needs tinkering. Parts have an “I've done my homework” quality — straight sociology — and include ma-

terial that could be condensed or cut. The first act setup is an imaginative and funny glimpse into the region 25 years from today, however. But Act Two has at least four different plays, maybe more, and their through-lines cross and tangle. In effect, *Nuevo* has yet to find a hybrid form to accommodate its plural subject matter.

The Sam Woodhouse-directed production runs, in the parlance of *Ben-Hur*, at ramming speed. A game cast of nine sprints over Trevor Norton's set — a mound of sand; the wall, a flimsy menace, in rear. Amid the grit, Woodhouse sculpts snatches of mysticism worthy of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's “magic realism.” *Nuevo California* is outsized, hyper-flawed, funny, contentious, and definitely worth seeing. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches

At the end of UCSD Theatre's terrific production, the cast takes a bow. Eight people. But where are the rest? Tony Kushner's 20 characters were so vital and sharply defined, surely it took more than these folks. And Kevin Judge's minimalist yet intricate set (including a metallic apparatus overhead that could have flown at Kitty Hawk) dwarfs the actors. But it didn't when they performed one of the most important dramas of our time (a play, angry Louis Ironson tells us, about “the limits of tolerance...and underneath all the tolerance is intense, passionate hatred”). Credit to director Meredith McDonough and to a covey of technical wizards (when Kushner wants theatrical magic — “it's okay if the wires show” — they deliver with videos, snakes of neon lightning, and the flapping of giant wings). And credit to Jennifer Anderson's costumes, from a big white comforter to homeless dishabille, to a tux: *Angels*, “A Gay Fantasia on National Themes,” spans the country, social class, race, and creed, and has much to say about each. But credit most of all to the eight actors — Alex Cranmer, Brian Slaten, Christine Albright, Corey Brill, Adam Smith, Amy Stewart,

Owiso Odera, and Simone Moore — for bringing the big one home and letting it howl.@rating:Critic's pick. MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH FEBRUARY 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the “Hives,” in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and “girl groups” of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the “Junkman,” was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing “a-changin'” back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Berzerkergang

Sledgehammer Theatre stages the world premiere of Kirsten Brandt, Michael Severance, and Jessa Watson's contemporary retelling of the rise and fall of Valhalla, based on Wagnerian operas, *Poetic and Prose Eddas*, and *The Nibelungenlied*. Severance and Watson codirected. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, THROUGH MARCH 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Carpetbagger's Children

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the West Coast premiere of Horton Foote's memory play about three sisters and their Union soldier-father. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

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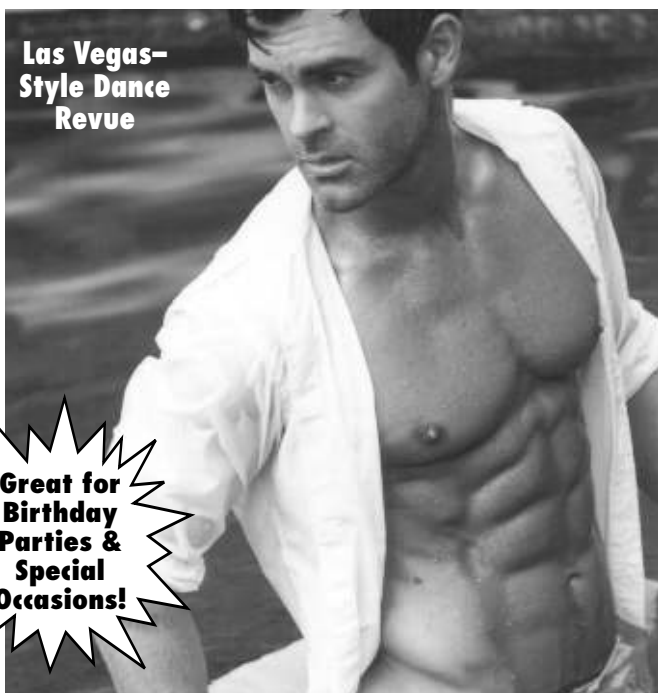
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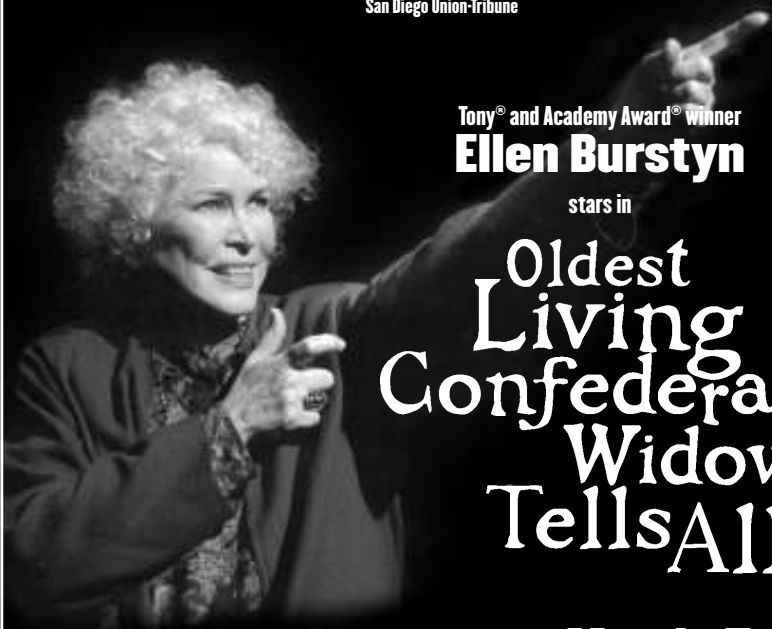


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Fatal Attraction

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Bernard Slade’s thriller. Blair’s get-



Angels in America

ting a divorce. Her husband’s coming to their beach house. Murder’s also on the way. Raylene Wall directed.

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Fridays with Maureen

Beacon Theatre stages San Diegan Cuauhtemoc Q Kish’s parody of *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Kish’s comedy details “the unlikely friendship between a very big girl, with an even bigger mouth, and her gay counterpart.” Pam Benjamin directed.

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AcroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a “challenge match” against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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Lance Corporal Josh Gracin, used to sing at county fairs around his native Detroit. On January 29, some 25 million viewers saw the

Marines who made it in music.

Gracin, 22, lives on base with his wife and ten-month-old daughter. He is two and a half years into a four-year stint with the corps, assigned to the First Maintenance Battalion of the First Force Service Support Group. "I work in supply and



USMC'S IDOL LOSES PRIVACY

"Brenda Gracin said 'higher authorities' intervened on behalf of her singing offspring to delay his posting to the Mideast hot spot. *American Idol* had to work with Washington to get Josh out of the deployment," Mrs. Gracin told a source.

When I asked Gracin last Friday in a phone conversation about the *Post* article, a voice spoke up — not Gracin's — identifying himself as First Lieutenant Daniel G. Rawson. (Rawson had not previously identified himself as being on the line in the 15-minute conversation I had had thus far with Gracin.) Rawson said he had a prepared statement on the matter. Rawson then forwarded, via e-mail, the USMC's official statement that

said, "There have been recent reports, some quoting family members of Gracin, that erroneously state Marine Corps officials intervened to 'exempt' him from ongoing deployments.... Lance Cpl. Gracin was not exempted from deployment. Along with other members of his unit, he was scheduled to remain behind at Camp Pendleton in support of Marines in the forward theater, as well as other missions the Marine Corps may be ordered to fulfill."

On February 25, Gracin will compete against seven other contestants. He admits he is not a fan of the multi-tone vibrato (warbling) style used by many contemporary pop and R&B singers.

"I try and stick with a true vocal tone. I don't try and overdo it."

— Ken Leighton

It was the case of "Beauty and the Bouncers" on a recent episode of *Judge Judy* (aired 2/3/03 in most markets).

"Erin Ackerman says nightclub owner David Hodges owes for an assault committed by bouncers at his club," stated the show's narrator. "David says Erin



THE BELLY UP MEETS JUDGE JUDY

was drunk and belligerent." Belly Up Tavern owner David Hodges appeared before the cantankerous magistrate to defend himself against a suit brought by a female patron who claimed bouncers forcibly removed her from the bar with no cause, pulling down her halter top and exposing her breasts in the process.

Ackerman, a 30-ish blonde wearing a woman's business suit with her hair pulled into a tight ponytail, admitted sharing a bottle of wine over dinner with friends before going to the club but denied being intoxicated or drinking at the Belly Up. "It was actually so crowded, I couldn't find my way to the bar, let alone order a drink." She said she decided the bar was "way too overwhelmingly

crowded for me.... I was headed toward the exit when two to three men approached me from behind...they wrestled me to the ground and picked me up by my ankles and my wrists and carried me out the front door. During the struggle, unfortunately my tube top had slid down around my waist...my whole upper body was exposed."

She claimed to have "minor scrapes and bruises all over my body," but could produce no photos of her injuries. She filed a report with the San Diego Sheriff's Department "not even two days later."

"Was it at the suggestion of your lawyer that you called and made this sheriff's report?"

"I do not recall..."

"Sure you do,"

interrupted Judge Judy. Ackerman admitted that she later saw a chiropractor about possible injury to her back. "The chiropractor you went to...was recommended by your attorney," the judge stated. When the woman acknowledged this, Judge Judy turned to her bailiff and commented, "It's almost like I have a crystal ball."

Tavern owner Hodges was

the inside track

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Camp Pendleton Marine sing his audition song "All or Nothing at All" for TV's *American Idol*. The short segment was what the judges used to select the final 32 competitors. Gracin made the cut. The final competition airs this week.

American Idol has become a huge hit, pushing Fox-TV in first place among the big four networks.

If *American Idol* makes him a star, he would join Shaggy and the late Freddie Fender as former Pendleton

administration."

Gracin says he is "constantly ribbed" by his fellow Marines. "They are always ragging me about how I could salute [people in] civilian attire [on TV]."

But Gracin appears on *American Idol* with the blessing of top USMC brass. In fact, the *New York Post* reported last week that Gracin's mother said the Marines kept Gracin out of harm's way so he could do the show.

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accompanied by a club employee and an "independent witness" named Joe Taylor, a patron on the night in question who claimed no personal acquaintance with Hodges. Taylor said he heard "a ruckus," saw a bouncer telling the plaintiff, "You can't go around shoving people," and the plaintiff "basically turned to him and told him to go [expletive] himself.... He put his hand on her arm and said, 'You have to leave the premises...' and she started to swing." He testified that two more bouncers intervened. "She was fighting so hard, she slipped and she went down onto the ground on her back. She was kicking and trying to punch, scratching, and that's when she was exposed on her top." He said Ackerman was picked up and carried to the front door.

Judge Judy noted that Ackerman's own police report acknowledged that she was "buzzed" at the time. The plaintiff denied that the security guard spoke to her or asked her to leave and said, "I

did not swear within the club."

Hodges produced a witness to testify about Ackerman's intoxication while Ackerman's witness said that bouncers grabbed her from behind without stating who they were or why she was being ejected.

Judge Judy then read aloud from a police report filed by a deputy police officer who spoke with the plaintiff outside the bar shortly after the alleged assault. The report stated, "Ackerman was very drunk, she smelled strongly of alcoholic beverages, her movements were slow and uncoordinated, and her speech was slurred." The report also said that police considered arresting her that evening for being drunk in public.

"Miss Ackerman, you don't have a case. You can't hold your alcohol, you shouldn't drink alcohol.... You behaved badly and that's what happened, you got thrown out. Live with it. Good-bye."

Ackerman's lawsuit against David Hodges and the Belly Up Tavern was summarily dismissed.

"I just wasn't comfortable that they got away with manhandling me the way they did, so I tried to make a point out of it," said Ackerman of the case. "I wasn't at fault, whether I was drunk or not.... I should have been

treated a little differently."

— Jay Allen Sanford

"I think Soma is way cool doing what it's doing for the San Diego music scene. Unfortunately it's not going to do great things to the Scene or Epicentre."

Ray Gaebler, 22, is the guitarist with One Side Red. He says Soma is a good thing in spite of the fact it is making a giant sucking sound, attracting major-name bands who would have otherwise played at the Scene in Clairemont Mesa or the Epicentre in Mira Mesa. All three are all-age venues.

"Look what happened to the Used. They canceled their [January 15] show at the Scene at the last second. That show sold out in less than a day. There were rumors at the time that they were going to reschedule the show at Soma, which holds 3000 [main stage holds 2400]. The Scene only holds 700. Sure enough, today I hear that the show has coincidentally moved over to Soma [on March 22]... I heard rumors that Lagwagon is going to play Soma, and they haven't played here other than the Warped Tour since the last Soma was open [in 1999]."

"As far as I'm concerned, I don't feel threatened by Soma," said Jim Diez, director of the Epicentre's Music Industry Institute, which oversees the live band

bookings at the 525-capacity venue.

The Epicentre has hosted such major names as Jimmy Eat World, Box Car Racer, and the Ataris. Diez says he has upcoming dates with Ben Kweller and "some of the guys from Tenacious D."

He adds that the Epicentre has a different goal than Soma. "We want to focus on helping younger bands. We're a teen center [with support from the City of San Diego]. Ninety percent of the decisions that are made here are made by teens," Diez said young bands get to learn how to record, play, and promote live shows at the Epicentre.

The Scene is a for-profit venture. Co-owner Sean Brandes says he has noticed Soma has been booking a few national bands that might have played his Clairemont Mesa venue. Brandes says if a band is worth 1000 or 1500 tickets, he doesn't blame them for playing Soma. But he says the competition will be for the national bands who are worth 500 tickets.

Soma owner Len Paul admits he won't win every single midrange national act. "Thrice played for me on New



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ONE SIDE RED SHOWS SOFTER SIDE

Year's Eve, and they are coming back to play the Scene," he admits. Paul says everything is just business.

"Lagwagon is a perfect example of the many bands who have passed the San Diego market since there hasn't been a room big enough to hold them. Let's assume they are worth 1500 tickets. Before Soma came back their option was to play a 700-seat room twice. But that is not cost effective. So bands like Lagwagon have been skipping San Diego entirely."

"Lagwagon is not a confirmed show yet," said Paul.

One Side Red appears tomorrow at Dream Street in Ocean Beach with Jiggawatt. Admission is \$6.

— Ken Leighton

Over 1200 local music lovers paid to see seven local bands perform at the new Soma on January 31. Hornswaggled, Underminded, Agent 51, Causeway, One Track Mind, Early Times, and Mikey's Attic performed.

Len Paul says nothing like this has happened in the five years since Soma has been out of the picture.

"I'm still trying to figure it out," said Robbie Blatt, guitarist with One Track Mind. "Our usual draw would be 40 or 50. But now, since we're playing at Soma, it increases every time."

While Paul basks in band appreciation, he is also living down a reputation for playing hardball against competitors.

Sean Brandes, co-owner of the Scene, says, "I've heard [Paul] tells bands they can't



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play Soma or any other place.... Maybe it's okay from a straight business policy, but you don't want to stifle a band's development."

Paul admits Soma has a "7- to 10-day" prohibition on local bands playing anywhere else before they play Soma. "But for national acts it's 30 to 60 days."

— Ken Leighton

Michael Hernandez, of the local band Lualta, was coming out of a pub downtown when he heard a guy in the street singing. "He was an older black guy with a hat that had a silver shiny star on it. He was singing lyrics like 'Girls love sex' and 'Ain't no party like a butt-naked party....' We asked him if he wanted to open for us at the Kensington Club on February 8. He said, 'Yeah...' [and] gave us a cell phone number, but it never worked. Finally, after four days of trying [to call], we just drove down looking for him.... We found him in the Gaslamp area singing. He said somebody stole his

phone, but he confirmed he'd open for us...and he gave us a CD that had a Xeroxed picture of him in a pimped-out suit."

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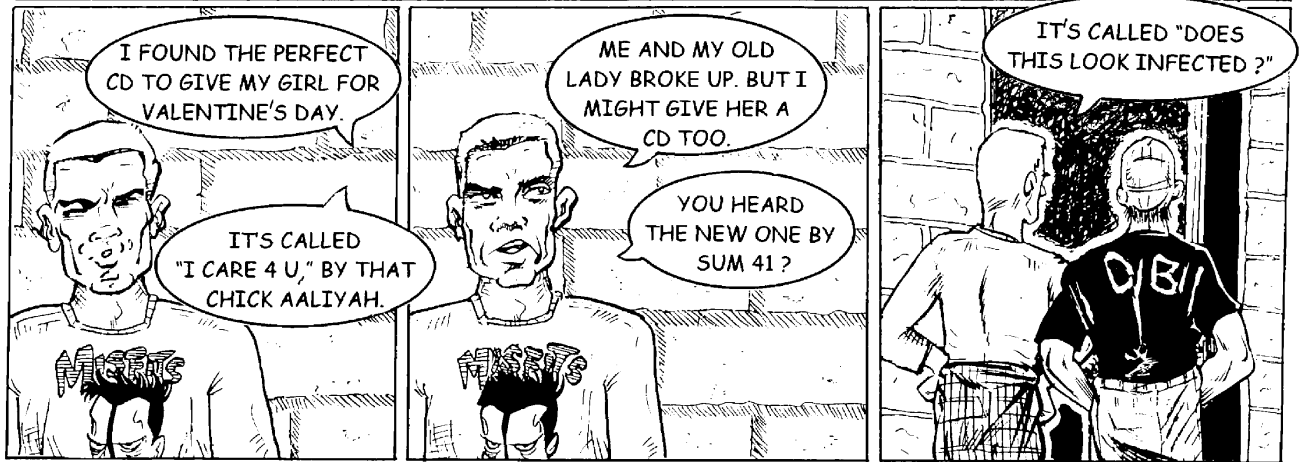
Soma on Valentine's Day. Gaslamp James you'll have to search for yourself downtown.

— Josh Board

Earl Thomas was happy that he used Capricorn studios in East Village to record a four-song EP. That EP and a showcase in L.A. got him a recording contract with Memphis International Records. The label, based in

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JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Memphis and L.A., is co-owned by Warner Bros. exec Bob Merliss.

"Part of the deal was [Memphis] wanted the masters to those songs.... When we finished [recording] Brian [Stratman, Capricorn co-owner] told me I could have the masters on CD format, and I could have them at 1 o'clock the next day. I said fine. One o'clock came and went."

Thomas started panicking when the recording contract showed up and he needed the masters. "Then I noticed there was some hemming and hawing," said Thomas. "[Stratman] said, 'Your stuff is gonna be difficult to access.' I said, 'Stop. Do you have my shit or not?' He said he didn't know. He said he

was not in the habit of keeping masters once the recording has been released. I



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

THOMAS HAS RECORDING WOES

told him I did not release anything. I just put out 300 CDs to get attention and to

sell at gigs. They didn't even have bar codes. I said, 'This is my property; I paid for it, and before you destroy it, you need to ask me.' Eventually he said they had a malfunction in the machinery. Why didn't they tell me that in the first place?"

Thomas said he went in and re-recorded the four songs at Capricorn at no extra charge for the studio, but he had to pay for the engineer.

Another local artist who did not want to be identified said, "It's a fairly new studio. These things happen."

Why wasn't the material backed up?

When asked about the Thomas recordings, Stratman said, "I told him he needed to come and retrieve his master files. He had numerous

occasions to get the master recordings. I can only take so much responsibility for people's stuff. I have a lot of people coming in here to make records every day. It was a drive that failed. I cannot be responsible for storing people's files long term. People have to be responsible for their property. I told him he needed to buy an external hard drive to back it up, and he didn't buy it."

Earl Thomas appears 5 p.m. Sunday at Winston's in Ocean Beach.

— Ken Leighton

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Ear Fetish

"When something like this retails for \$50,000, it should be a beautiful piece of furniture."

You're sitting in what should be the dining room," says Ken West.

In any other home, this would be where the big meals are eaten. Instead, I am seated dead center on a leather couch in what could pass for the starship *Enterprise's* transporter room. It is West's high-tech stereo lounge in his Chula Vista home.

"I went to the builders before they started," he says, "and I told them what I wanted." Per the specifications of West and an audio design consultant, the contractors deleted decorative columns and covered picture windows. They added extra insulation and doubled up on the drywall. "It gives more soundproofing," West explains, "and it allows for better bass retention."

West is a commercial photographer by trade and an audiophile by avocation. He slips out of his shoes before entering the room and cautions me that no one comes in here "other than myself and a few friends; housekeepers don't come in here," he says. Nor does his wife or teenage son. "Here's the problem: there's too much expensive stuff sitting around that's gonna get nicked, dinged, or messed up, and that just can't happen. It's just me. It's basically my den."

In the dim of West's stereo room, tiny green power lights glow like the eyes of jungle cats. He runs down a list of gear: "We have the Clear Audio Insider Reference audio cartridge, which is the needle, and that's mounted on the Clear Audio Master Reference turntable, which is the record player. That feeds into the Aesthetics Audio phono stage, which amplifies the tiny little signal coming off the needle and sends it directly to the pre-amplifier, which is a Balanced Audio Technology VK 50 SE. The pre-amp boosts the signal even more and sends it to the amplifiers, which are Audio Research VTM 200s. And then they...send the signal to the speakers. All the cabling is by Silversmith Audio, and all the power cords are by Shunyata Research." West says he also owns a Marantz SA1 CD player. "That'll play super-audio CDs as well."

West, like any true audiophile, has gone to great lengths to enhance the good and eliminate the bad sounds from his listening environment. "If you can treat a room acoustically — just like a recording studio is treated to remove unwanted reflections, reverberations, echo, things like that — you're gonna get a much cleaner sound," he says. For example, large, intricate handmade wooden structures called "bastones" — which

sound as if they are from another country but are hand made in the U.S. — are mounted on the room's back wall. "What those will do is disperse sound on the horizontal plane and absorb sound on the vertical plane. It helps give the room

an added sense of ambience."

There are also fabric-covered baffles in the corners, which are attached to ceiling and floor. "Those are called tube traps," he

says. "They absorb low frequencies. That's where most rooms have their difficulties. Low frequencies," he confides, "love to hang out in corners of rooms."

West also felt a need to isolate his music room's power supply. "We had to literally have a second breaker box installed because all this equipment is extremely sensitive to the quality of electricity that comes into the house."

Says West, raw house current is noisy. "There's a whole lot of radio frequency interference that comes in on the power lines. There's a whole lot of other types of grunge that, let's just say, hitches a ride onto the electricity as it comes off of our main power source, which travels throughout your entire neighborhood. So if some guy up the street is running a drill or a band saw, those types of mechanical devices produce a lot of electromagnetic interference as they suck up the AC off the line. That will come right into your stereo system where," he says, "it tends to inhibit the signal."

I confront the twin seven-foot-tall wood towers at room center. "You're looking at a speaker system that has two main columns and two subwoofers," West tells me. "Each one of these subwoofers [the largest of the speakers in a system and designed to reproduce the lowest frequencies] has two 18-inch drivers in them," West says. "The main columns have 18 midrange drivers and 36 tweeters [a tweeter covers the high frequencies] per side. They're called 'Pipe Dream' due to the internal bracing. There's actually a semicircular pipe that's on the inside that circles around the back of the speaker. It has some type of acoustic properties that allow the drivers up here to operate as efficiently as they can."

I remark that each of the speaker cabinets is also a beautiful piece of furniture. West agrees.

"When something like this retails for \$50,000, it should be a beautiful piece of furniture." He points to the grain. "That's called crotch mahogany."

West lifts a CD out of the rack, shucks the disc from its plastic case with almost surgical pre-

cision, and then begins to shoot at the mirrored surface with a small ray gun.

"Removes static electricity," he explains.

The first time I ever listened to a true high-end audio system was in the opera tenor Terry Phipps' bedroom in the early 1990s. That's where he and his wife Judy set up Terry's big Magnapan speakers — speakers that looked more like Japanese room dividers. The Phippses' master bedroom was small and square, and the dynamics were perfect. To listen to the stereo, one usually sprawled across the bed along with dogs, cats, and our various children. Laundry was stuffed into the stereo

cabinet for storage and dampening of vibration. Phipps purchased most of his gear used. "Hard-working guy with a family, middle-class man who's got this \$10,000 stereo.... I couldn't actually pay \$10,000 for it," Phipps says, "and still live with my wife."

Remembering this, I remark to West that he is fortunate to have scored a room other than the basement for his hobby.

"I've got the most understanding and tolerant wife," he says.

For the record, West ballpark what he's got invested in all his equipment, then asks me never to repeat the figure.

Bruce Heimburg has been in the audiophile hobby for decades. He spurned a law career and opened up a retail business catering to the needs of high-end audiophiles. Sitting in one of the listening rooms in his shop near the Sports Arena, he tells me that I could easily drop a quarter million dollars putting together a high-end sound system. "This stuff can add up into huge numbers. We do whole house systems," he admits, "that run to seven figures."

"It comes down to one simple word," West says. "Rush. And what I mean by that is, it's an absolutely overwhelming emotional and intellectual experience when you're connecting with a piece of music." He tells me that the goal of all this engineering is to reproduce pure and natural authentic sound.

"That's exactly what we're trying to do," he says, "to recreate that moment in time. It also makes this [stereo] a time machine," he reasons, "because what it does will play back the greatest performances and the greatest performers very



Ken West

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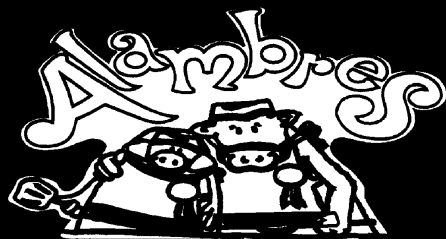
accurately who are no longer with us or who can't come to your home or who you can't go see... They're gone, but we have their recordings, and we have to treat them like gold."

The CD is finally ready and presumably static-free. West lowers the room lights a tick, then slides the disc into the maw of a golden machine — the SA1. He adjusts the master gain (which is the volume), and the big stereo begins to hum like a living thing. Then the music comes on loud through those big crotch wood speakers. West has selected a choral piece, and what surprises me most is this: the sound is good but not great. In a way, the listening experience is anticlimactic. In fact, the stereo does not show off its real stuff until West cues up a plain vinyl record — technology that is a good century old — on the acrylic turntable. As the record plays, the juxtaposition of low-tech and high-tech is stunning. It sounds as if there are real musicians hidden in the room, performing. And that's why most audiophiles prefer vinyl to CD.

On the difference between the two formats, Bruce Heimburg told me earlier, "[The] CD has...brought a lot of people into music that didn't have an interest in it before. But [a] CD is a homogenized sound that really isn't representative of what man can do. Records," explained Heimburg, "have the ultimate advantage. They are an actual portrayal of the sound that was played into the microphones. And everything is there. Twenty decibels down into the noise floor of the record, there's audible signal as to what kind of guitar, what kind of piano they were playing. That signal, along with the noise, is gone in a CD." ■

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Of sound, as it relates to vision and color, he termed "the monkey of light."

I left the good reader only last week listening to Rachelle Ferrell on the third floor of an enormous music emporium on the Champs Élysées. (The reader has been left worse places, I feel certain.) Actually, I was rather dismissive of this grand boulevard last week, so perhaps you'll allow me to make amends. The boulevard, 1.58 kilometers in length, stretches between the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe. It was originally built in the open countryside (Elysian Fields) by the celebrated landscape gardener, one André Le Nôtre, who was also the landscape gardener of Versailles (and that amounts to quite a bit of planting, pruning, weeding, and the rest, my dears). It is the upper part of the great avenue that is flanked by hotels, restaurants, luxury shops, theaters, cafés, and RECORD STORES. The Champs Élysées has a considerable musical history. Allow me to quote from the Michelin *Paris Plan*, maps 17, 16, and 29.

From the place de l'Alma, walk up the Avenue Montaigne. The magnificent Théâtre des Champs Élysées appears on the left-hand side. Perhaps the most notorious first night in 20th-century musical history took place here on May 29, 1913, with the premiere of Igor Stravinsky's *Le Sacre du Printemps*. Continue up the Avenue Montaigne to the rond-point Avenue des Champs Élysées, where Meyerbeer died (at No. 2). Turn left up the Avenue des Champs Élysées, and a few hundred yards up on the left-hand side is No. 67, the site of the house where the ballerina Fanny Cerrito lived and where Verdi stayed in 1865. Continue to the Arc de Triomphe, and take the Avenue Carnot. Ravel lived at No. 4 from 1908 until 1917 and composed several of his greatest works here, including *Ma Mère L'Oye*, *Daphnis et Chloé*, and the *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*. The Hotel Splendide (No. 1 Avenue Carnot) counted among its guests Stravinsky at the time of the premiere of *Le Sacre du Printemps* in 1913 and Kurt Weill in 1933.



Jean-Philippe Rameau

The same might not be said of Island Avenue in Sherman Heights. Though, in fairness, Paris began as a settlement on the Seine, no one seems to know quite when, on the small island of Ile de la Cité, inhabited by a Gallic people known as the Parisii, and was taken over by the Romans in 52 B.C., who called it Lutetia. The San Diego de Alcalá Mission dates from 1769, the year the Concert Francais, the Concert Talien, and the Concert dea Amaterus were founded in Paris, the last with Francois-Joseph Gossec as its conductor, later on commissioning Haydn to compose his *Paris Symphonies*. Mozart first visited Paris in 1763, returning in 1766 and 1778. Also strolling around the Champs Élysées during this period would be Voltaire, Rousseau, Diderot, and D'Alembert.

Also walking around Paris at this time would have been Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683–1764), composer, harpsichordist, organist, and composer of many works for harpsichord and better known still for his operas. Only Bach

and Froberger, among Baroque composers for keyboard, give me as much pleasure as Rameau. Rameau, who was edu-

cated by the Jesuits, had a great friend among the Jesuits, a scholar by the name of Father Lewis Bernard Castel. Father Castel is a most interesting character; you will not find his name in many musical compendia, but you will in a few. Castel invented what he called the "ocular harpsichord," which is a harpsichord designed to make colors appear alongside the notes he was playing on the instrument.

The good Father came upon this idea after reading the studies of another Jesuit, a German named Kircher, who maintained that anything perceptible to the ears could be rendered perceptible to the eyes. Of sound, as it relates to vision and color, he termed "the monkey of light,"

simian lucis. Father Castel was much taken by this notion and sat down with his friend Rameau to discuss it at length, upon the conclusion of which discussion the Father set forth on his curious labor. It was a labor in which he encountered many obstacles, not the least, the skepticism and ridicule of his detractors. But on the 21st of December, 1755, the day of St. Thomas, patron of the incredulous and of harpsichords, the Father sat down at his instrument with great success, so that when C was heard, blue would be seen; when B was heard, red would be seen, and so on. This early experiment in synaesthesia was relatively crude, involving colored strips of paper encased by cartridges, but this notion of translating sound into color would continue over the next two centuries and into our new millennium.

Paris was good at the Baroque and the 20th Century — not so busy as the Germans and Austrians in between, but it never really mattered terribly because anybody who was anybody (and had the means to) came to Paris to create, perform, and enjoy the artistic milieu and the city's countless pleasures. Paris has always been very good at getting civilized people together to listen to musical performances of the first order, more often than not by foreign artists, jazz and pop and world, as well as classical.



Bob Dylan

In fact, on this latest trip to Paris I just missed a couple of Bob Dylan concerts — but not the taxicab driver who dropped me at the Gare du Nord for my train ride back through the "Chunnel" to London. Figuring me as an American, and about his age as well, the driver (in excellent English) regaled me with highlights of the concert, which was so well attended a second performance had to be added the next evening. So you see, M. Dylan, like Messieurs Haydn and Mozart, found Paris stimulating.

So did Miles and Monk and Clifford Brown, Coleman Hawkins, Don Byas, Charlie Parker, Gerry Mulligan, and countless others, mostly black, who found Parisians appreciative of jazz and colorblind, with regard to its practitioners,

a large improvement in both regards — especially the latter — to the situation in their native land. The record stores of Paris are as well stocked with jazz titles as any in America, and better than most. One interesting disc I found was called *La Kemia*, and another was *Rezerv: Radio Amigo*,



Cyril Atef

both of them featuring a trumpet player named Antoine Illouz, who claims Algero-Moroccan and American origins and has played with a number of well-known artists in both jazz and classical music — including Eddy Louise, Martial Solal, Salif Keita, Manu Dibango — and produced five solo albums. I was especially interested in this performer because his

mother is the Franco-American composer Betsy Jolas, whom we shall visit again next week. (Genes, genes, genes...)

La Kemia disc is a trio performance, with Illouz, Cyril Atef (of French-Iranian heritage) on percussion, and Mehdi Haddab (Franco-Algerian) on the oud, a short-necked, unfretted, double-necked lute played with a plectrum, originally from Iraq and Syria. It's a lively disc with 11 cuts, mixing not only the oud but a couple of instruments I'm afraid I can't tell you much about: the *lothar* and the *berimbau*. To all of the above add sampled material, "treated or not with special effects." The group calls their style "Electro-Maghrel," and the sound is very "now," integrating dub, funk, and assorted Spanish and French rap elements, i.e., extremely multicultural with a tilt toward North Africa, like Paris itself.

The *Rezerv* disc is along a similar vein but a quintet in collaboration with musicians from the Dominican Republic. You see what happens, don't you, when a Franco-American post-serial composer marries an Algerian? And they produce a son much taken with Miles Davis and the jazz trumpet and raised in the multicultural Paris of the '50s and '60s. I think, somehow, Father Castel would have approved. ■

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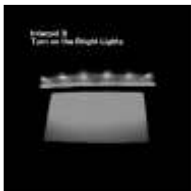
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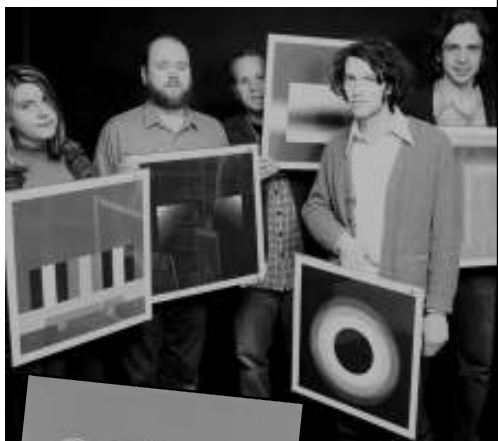


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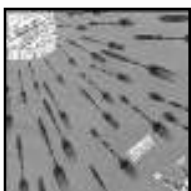
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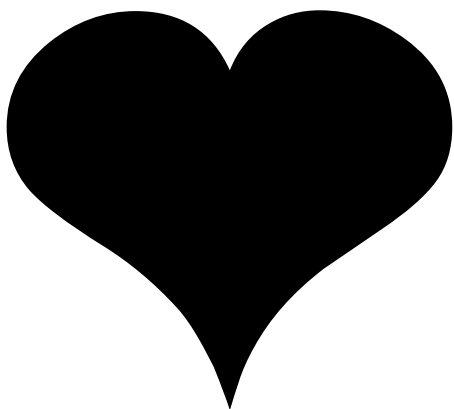
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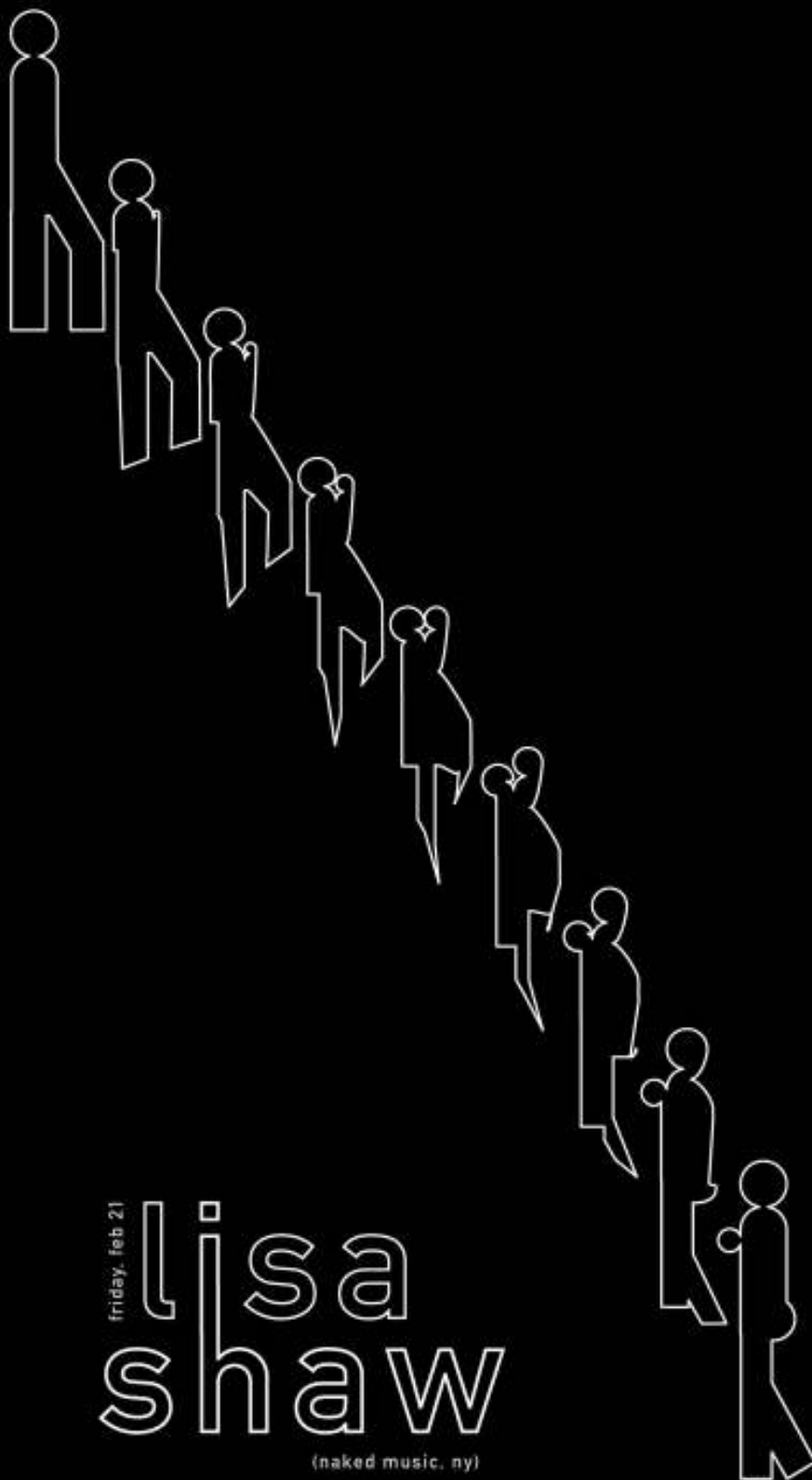
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POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel
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The Disco Pimps: Fifth Qtr.
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John Garcia: Martini's
Paul Greg: Martini's
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Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
K-Love: 4th & B
Cyndi Lauper [603]: Viejas Casino
Liquid Blue [606]: Viejas Casino
Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
The New Breed Band: The Alley
Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill
NRG: Jimmy Love's
The Orbitz: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and Spirits
Linda Roth: Martini's
Super Funk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's, Henry's Pub
Sylvia Lorraine: Martini's
X-Cel: Viejas Casino

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: The Kensington Club
Gerald Albright [673]: 4th & B
Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina
Joe Azarello: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar
B-Side Players [649]: Fifth Qtr.
Steve Baker: Dizzy's
Patricia Barber [661]: The Casbah
The Ray Barrie Band: Viejas Casino
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Bastista: Trattatoria La Strada

Tom Bishop: Dizzy's
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
Patrick Burke: Dizzy's
John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill
Brian Culbertson [674]: 4th & B
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Ken Dow: Dizzy's
Fattburger: Humphrey's
Aubrey Fay: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Glen Fisher's Gomango Invasion Orchestra: Humphrey's
Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge
Fowl Play: Dizzy's
Hollis Gentry [644]: Coyote Bar and Grill, Humphrey's
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, Humphrey's
The Jazz Allstars: Jimmy Love's
Art Johnson [631]: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar
Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill
Ned Landau: Miracles Cafe
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
The Gary LeFebvre Big Band: Dizzy's
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
Alejandro Montaner: 4th & B
Duncan Moore: Dizzy's
Mystique: Jimmy Love's
Nova Menco: Humphrey's

Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort
John Opferkuch: Dizzy's
Sue Palmer [641]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grill
Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill
Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern
Calvin Romance: Humphrey's
Rick Ross: The Beach House
Rick Ross-Piano [659]: Moray's Lounge
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
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Ronnie Stewart: Dizzy's
The Will Summer Group: The Gordon Biersch Brewery
Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
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
Andy Villas-Boas: Dizzy's
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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Diego Roots: Blind Melons
T. Irie Dread: Blind Melons
General Jah Mikey: Winstons
Ikah Love: Cannibal Bar

Ishmael & the Peacemakers: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
Jah Blood & the Fire Angels: Winstons
Pepper: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Psydecar [740]: Belly Up Tavern
Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Beach House
Star Shak: Henry's Pub

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Derek Duplessie & the Truckee Band [767]: Dizzy's
High Desert: Second Wind (Escondido)
Kennard & Miller: Don's Cocktail Lounge
Nitro Express: Ron's Red Eye Saloon
Dwight Yoakam: 4th & B

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Almost Alone: 4th & B
Ashley: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
Ellen Bass: Dizzy's
Fred Benedetti: Dizzy's
Berkley Hart [880]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Bitty Bums: Lestat's Coffeehouse
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John Foltz: Miracles Cafe
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The Justin Brothers: The Beach House
Kaki King: Belly Up Tavern
Brian Koehler: Tomiko Bar & Grill
Allison Lonsdale: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Kippy Marks: Sassafras Bar and Grill
Kristi Martel: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Bill Mayes [836]: Hot Monkey Love Cafe
Cici Porter: Dizzy's
Tommy Price: Kelly's Pub, MCP's Irish Pub and Grill
Ron's Garage: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
The 7th Day Buskers [812]: Dizzy's
Bill Sherman: Jammers Java
Victoria Rose: Sassafras Bar and Grill
Robert Wetzel: Dizzy's

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Baja Blues Boys: Cafe Crema
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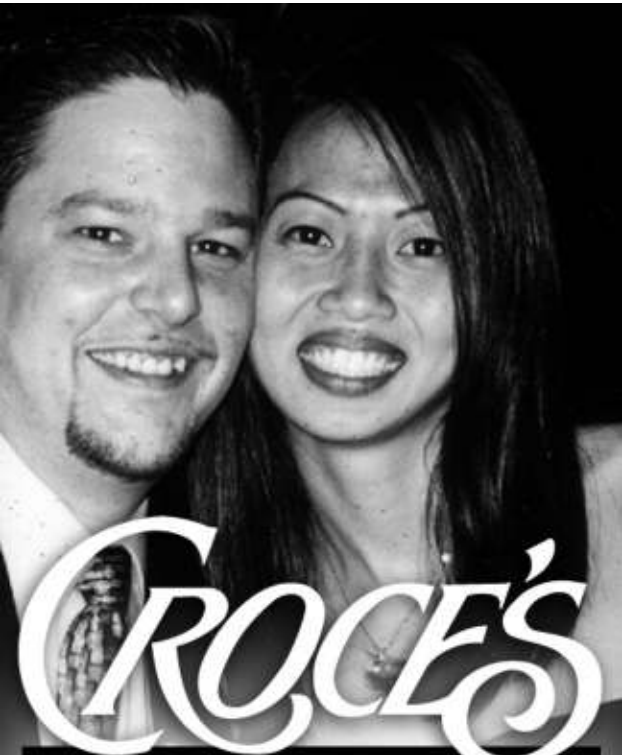
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Acapulco: Saturdays, in the cantina, Comfort Zone, DJ Primo mixes hip-hop, old skool, classic rock, and Top 40. 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-578-6390.

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.

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Brown Sugar: Fridays, good vibes and urban music with DJ Myxzlplix. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2233.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

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Club Tropics: Thursdays, DJ Sticky spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402.

Fluid: Saturdays, dance, hip-hop, and house. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Thursday, February 13, Valentine's Day Jam. Sunday, February 16, Presidents' Day Jam. 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.

NOTE
BY DAVE GOOD

It was the cover of Let Them Eat P**** that first drew my attention to the band Nashville Pussy, not their music. Pictured were two lusty women wearing jazzy underwear and cowboy hats and more or less riding, if you will, two men's shiny bald heads. What was this about? I listened anyway and found my original appraisal held true — that the picture was way better than a single note on the record, and I felt soiled and ashamed for having parted with my hard-earned cash. Well, not really.

The members of NP are unencumbered by great musicianship. They look to be right out of a trailer park, are loud as a carnival ride, and their songs reek of beer, fried-chicken grease, motor oil, and sex. They are an event, not unlike Wendy O. Williams (famous for use of explosives and bits of

gaffer's tape strategically placed on her otherwise nude figure). You go see Nashville Pussy for the spectacle of it. Back in the day, there was bassist-cum-porno-queen Cory Parks (replaced by Katielyn Campbell) blowing great fireballs across the stage, faux girl-on-girl sex, and old bald-headed Blaine Cartwright thrashing at his guitar and grinding out vocals that could have been written by the night guy at the Pussycat Theater. The name Nashville Pussy came off of Ted Nugent's Double Live Gonzo. A Georgia-based hardcore punk metal gig, NP were founded in the mid-'90s by the improbable husband-and-wife team of Cartwright and one Ruyter Suys, a chick guitarist who prefers tight jeans and a see-through bra for stagewear. NP first got national exposure on a Marilyn Manson tour, where they fit right in with that big mood-sex circus. Lest I haven't quite nailed down the Nashville Pussy experience, perhaps this will help. It's a quote



from Suys, or at least all I care to repeat of it: "We want to unbuckle the Bible Belt," she says, "and..." I leave the rest to your imagination.

Whole Hog, the Underhills, and the Glossines also perform. (To hear a sample of Nashville Pussy, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4154.)

NASHVILLE PUSSY, Brick by Brick. Thursday, February 13, 8 p.m. 619-275-5483 or 619-220-8497. \$10.

The Pompeii Room: Fridays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, '80s, and reggae. Saturdays, hip-hop and old skool with Boy Toy Jesse. Sunday, February 16, Presidents' Day Jam. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040.

Pure: Saturdays, Liquid, ladies' night, resident DJ Showtime spins hip-hop and Top 40. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; 21 and up. 8125 Balboa Avenue (at Highway 163), Kearny Mesa, 858-538-PURE (7873).

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

Studio West: Three Saturdays per month, hip-hop, old skool, R&B, and NYC house with DJ Bob One and DJ Van; 21 and up. Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. Special Valentine's Day Event this Friday, February 14, at the Blue Agave, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., 6608 Mission Gorge Road, Allied Gardens, 619-521-3194. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163; 21 and up. Information, 619-465-5827.

Underworld: Sundays, dark-electro and industrial noize with DJs Bryan Pollard, Franck H-Bomb, and Grendel Prime; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2233. Information, 619-465-5827.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.

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, 7:30 pm, *David Lindley*, *Wally Ingram*, and *Kaki King*. Friday, 9:15 pm, *moe*. Saturday, *Tristan Prettyman*, *Big Provider*, and *Wonka Bar*. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *Psydecar*, reggae, funk.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. 1-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *the In'l Silver Strings Submarine Band* featuring *Billy Watson*, blues, jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock. Saturday, *the McNallys*, classic rock.

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, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Dan*

Connor, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol*, blues. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Hollis Gentry*, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Billy Watson*, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Northstar*, pop rock.

Danato's Ristorante, 1280 East Vista Way, Vista. 760-724-7242. Thursday, *Tony Soraci*. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *the Rich Martin Singing Show*.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic.

Jammers Java, 218 A North El Camino Real (in the Wiegand Plaza next to AMC Theaters), Encinitas. 760-942-JAVA. Saturday, *Bill Sherman*, acoustic.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *Streethart*, classic rock. Saturday, *Chill Boy*, blues.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Lencioni*. Sunday and Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson*, piano and vocals.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Reeve Oliver*, *Buckfast Superbee*, and *Bad Credit*. Tuesday, *Small Town Heroes*.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 pm, to 10:30 pm, *John Foltz*, contemporary. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Ned Landau*, jazz.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, *the Credit Union*, swing. Friday, *El Jardin*, disco. '80s, hip-hop. Saturday, 10 pm, *DJ Vann* and *DJ Bobone*. Sunday, salsa rock. Wednesday, 9:30 pm, *DJ IISmooth*.

Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina, 5256 South Mission Road, Bonsall. 760-945-1250. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *Frank Alves*, contemporary jazz.

Ron's Red Eye Saloon, 1448 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-

NOTE

BY WILL CRAIN

All the young dudes in the garage bands of the 1960s wanted to be Mick Jagger. But somewhere along the way, for a variety of reasons, the garage rock revival allied itself with punk rock. This presented a problem: How do you reconcile an anti-rock-star spirit with a musical style inspired by the ultimate rock star?

The White Stripes seem to be genuinely troubled by the incongruity. The Hives ignore it, and Pelle Almqvist plays up his rated-G Jagger image for all it's worth. The **Makers** take a third approach.

In the 1990s, the Makers were probably the best garage/punk band in the world. They were certainly the best I saw.



They had the requisite '60s instruments and sound, speeded up to hardcore tempos. They also had a decidedly post-1977 punk attitude: One album cover featured a middle finger pointed at the viewer. They also had touches of glam, in singer Mike Maker's flamboyant outfits and Jaggeresque stage moves. But a few years ago, the Makers decided to let their retro calendars move forward a few years. Or maybe it was backwards. Either way, they grew their hair long, stopped pretending their last names were all "Maker," wrote longer songs, and started recording concept albums about the rock 'n' roll lifestyle. Talk about punk rock heresy! When I saw them last year, I felt as if I'd accidentally wandered into a concert by an Aerosmith tribute band. You might call it a sellout, but it's unclear if anyone's buying. Lots of young hipsters are sporting *Exile*

on *Main Street* haircuts these days, but are we ready to declare '70s arena rock cool again?

Tori Cobras and **Midnight Evils** also perform.

(To hear a sample of the **Makers**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4209.)

THE MAKERS, The Casbah, Thursday, February 13, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

4881. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Nitro Express*, country.

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *Big Blue Cat*, rock. Saturday, *Slacktone* and *Surf Report*, rock.

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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, *the Pinwheels*, *Ladwig*, and *Hence the Name*, alternative. Friday, *Maiz* and *Diego Roots*, reggae. Saturday, *Waveless Dave & the Noboreds*, *3 Against 1*, *Shaggin' Wagon*, and *Goblin*, alternative. Sunday, *T. Irie Dread*. Wednesday, *K-23 Orchestra* and *Sa-Da-Tae Allstars*.

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Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablu* with *Kymberlee Maxine*. Friday, *Aubrey Fay*. Saturday, *Dora Hall & Mixed Company*. Tuesday, *the 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.

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*.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogle*, singer, pianist.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *Oscar Aragon* and *Southbound 5*, rock. Saturday, *Ishmael & the Peacemakers*, reggae. Tuesday, 8 pm, *the Ben Taylor Band*. Wednesday, 10 pm, *the Om Trio*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Pink Froyd*, rock. Friday, *the Clumsy Lovers*, alternative. Saturday, *Blind Luck*, *Big Wu* and *Tea Leaf Green*, rock. Sunday, *Earl Thomas*, *Pissing Razors*, *Stretcher*, *Thought Experiment*, and *Good Intentions*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday, *General Jah Mikey* and *Jah Blood & the Fire Angels*. Wednesday, *the Mammals*.

SAN DIEGO

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Nashville Pussy*, *Whole Hog*, *the Underhills*, and *the Glossines*. Friday, *Dodecanerom*, *El Santo*, *Exhausted P*, and *Fate Turns Grey*. Saturday, *Crank Wrench Audio*, *Speedrail*, *Drag Mites*, and *Freak Circle*. Wednesday, *Damnation*, *Warface*, and *Mortuus Terror*.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Wednesday, *the Big Rig Deluxe*, rock.

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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 pm, *School Daze*. Friday, 9 pm, *R.O.K.*, rock. Saturday, 9 pm, call club for information. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Angel Hayes*, blues. Monday, 8 pm, blues jam. Tuesday, 8 pm, *Waveless Dave & the No Boreds*, rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, blues. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, live blues. Sunday, noon to 3 pm, *the Will Summer Group*, jazz.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco, retro. Tuesday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Star Shak*, reggae, jazz, Latin funk.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Thursday, *Bill Mayes*. Friday, swing. Saturday, live rock/alternative band. Sunday, salsa. Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Cypher*, hip-hop.

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Album Name: *Upsetting Normal People* (2002)

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4) Together

Price/Where Available: M-Theory Records in South Park for \$3.99

Band Members: Edward Tadross (vocals, keyboards, guitar), Thomas Taraci (lead guitar), Jeremy Copp (bass), Todd Parker (drums)

Extra Info: Idiot Wind originated in the fall of 2000 when lead vocalist Eddie Tadross and guitarist Tom Taraci first met bassist Jeremy Copp at a road rage class — during breathing exercises.

Website: www.idiot-wind.com

Escondido-based alternative rockers Idiot Wind capture a taste of the mundane on their rather gloomy four-track EP. The album

consists of four repetitive melodies where the same standard three-chord guitar method is employed. The opening track starts off very promis-

Thursday, call club for information. Friday, 8 pm, *Novamenco*, Latin jazz. Saturday, 5:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, *Hollis Gentry*, *Len Rainey*, *Fuzzy Rankin*, *Jonny Viau*, *Reggie Smith*, *Calvin Romance*, and *Glen Fisher's Gomango Invasion Orchestra*. Sunday, 8 pm, *Savoy Brown*, blues rock, and *Chet and the Committee*. Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, 8:30 pm to midnight, *Fattiburger*, jazz. Wednesday, call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

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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, *Deadbolt* and *the School Girls*. Saturday, *Agua*

Dulce and *the LaTanya Lockett Band*, jazz/blues.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is folk/alternative. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *the Bitty Bums*. Friday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Berkley Hart*. Saturday, 9 pm to midnight, *Allison Lonsdale*. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Kristi Martel*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Mustard Seed*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Nite Life*, blues. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Frank Drennen*, acoustic. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Point Blank*, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Friday, *DJ Phil G.*, *DJ Duane*, and *DJ*

ing, giving the listener a false hope that the song may actually be upbeat. However, after a few notes, the melody plummets down into the low, dismal notes of an electric guitar.

The band tries very hard to come across as metal in the second track, "Chapter Two," in which lead vocalist Edward Tadross sounds as if he is trying to mimic Trent Reznor.

The most promising song on the EP is the last track, entitled "Together." In it, frontman Edward Tadross sings/moans, "*The bitter taste/ it hangs/ it's hanging on/ where was I when you were not around/ I'd like to see your face but now it's drowned/ I'd like to leave this place for solid ground.*"

This is the only track where Tadross's voice seems to be filled with genuine emo-

Shine, alternative rock. Saturday, *Rhino Bucket*, *Wood*, and *Hard Echo*.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Shirley Allen*, piano. Sunday through Tuesday, *Jim Guerlin*, piano.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Thursday, *Session*, *Magdalene*, *Stardog*, and guests. Friday, *Vital Few*, *Say From Charms*, *the Color Turning*, and *One More Weekend*. Saturday, *Coheed & Cambria*, *One Line Drawing*, *Hopesfall*, and *Waiting for Autumn*. Tuesday, *Further Seems Forever*, *Elliott*, *the Beautiful Mistake*, *Watashi*, and *Open Hand*, alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Cornerstone*, classic rock.



Idiot Wind

tion. In the previous tracks, his slurred speech and dreary accounts of lost love and inner pain come across as overdone.

Utter despair appears to be what the band is going for, but an air of pretension is what they achieve. Maybe they need to put more rage in their music and keep it off the streets.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Powerthud*. Saturday, *Deke Dickerson* and *Dick Smiley*.

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CLIENTELE: 21-and-up in the lounge; 75% Caucasian, 15% African-American, 10% Latino; 60% male; all different ages, from early 20s to senior citizens
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HOURS: Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m., weekdays 11 a.m.; kitchen closes at 10 p.m., and lounge closes...? "When the music ends, we close," says the bartender. (California bars must close by 2 a.m.)
DRINKS: Sam Adams, Karl Strauss,

Wednesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Martini's, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Music is contemporary/variety. Thursday, *Linda Roth*. Friday, *Carol Curtis*. Saturday, *Patrick Hill*. Sunday, *John Garcia*. Tuesday, *Paul Greg*. Wednesday, *Sylvia Lorraine*.

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Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues. Thursday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Friday, *Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars*. Saturday, *Family Style*. Sunday, *Red Lane*. Monday, *Blue Label*. Tuesday, *the Texas Twisters*. Wednesday, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, *the 80z Allstars*, pop. Saturday, *Jungle Boogie*, pop.

Sassafras Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, *Kippy Marks*, violinist.

normal look, aside from a nice water fountain in middle; lounge has four TVs, 12 big booths, 25 seats at bar, some black-and-white framed photos of San Diego and surfers; big stage for the band in front of dance floor

DECIBEL LEVEL: 106 during a smokin' version of "Rock This Town" by the Stray Cats' former bass player (117 last week at Casa Picante)
WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH: Los Creepers
QUOTABLE: "Turn up the heat, Sonny!" said an 80-year-old between songs (he stayed on the dance floor the entire two hours)

Tio Leo's has locations in Mira Mesa, Mission Gorge, and Carmel Valley, besides this one near Mission Bay. General manager Rod Guidi tells me, "Hot Rod Lincoln has played here every Thursday for the last 8 years. And each month, 12 of the bands we have are bands that have been playing here for 10 years or more." He continues, "I

was bartender here 17 years ago and 12 years ago started booking bands.... With a central location, it's not like the Gaslamp, where lots of people are coming. It's just us and O'Connell's in this area. Now we get good crowds, and not just 'scene' people."

I've seen the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash here, as well as Deke Dickerson; Slim Jim Phantom and his Stray Cat partner Lee Rocker play here often.

"I'm here at least twice a year," Rocker tells me. "I love it. It's a nice venue. Other than playing here in San Diego, the only other place was at Hootenanny [a West Coast music festival]."

Three men in their late 70s come into my view. I ask one how often he comes to Tio Leo's. He said, "All the time! It's the best place to dance. People that come here love to dance. They may look like greasers and hoods, but they're nice people who love the music."

— Josh Board

Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Sunday, *Julio & Fran*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals. The Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*.

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“Hasta la vista, baby,” I said, as I plunged the struggling monster headfirst into a pot of boiling water and slammed down the lid. Yeah, it was really hard for me to kill something — I’m so tenderhearted I sometimes apologize to the weeds I’m pulling. But hey, it wasn’t all that bad. They don’t scream.

What am I talking about? Local spiny lobsters, in season for barely four more weeks. If you don’t get yours now, better start singing, “See You in September.” Or October.

It all started when I answered an ad in the *Reader*. “Lobster Lounge,” it read. I was merely curious, envisioning a bunch of lecherous crustaceans in plaid polyester — Leisure Suit Langostas. What arrived instead was a long, tall drink of a man named Doug Knapton. He’s a lobsterman by day, cabbie by night — and he delivers. Formerly a fisherman in Alaska, he’s now a seasonal lobster trapper off Pacific Beach, where he’s turned his swimming pool into a saltwater live tank. There he keeps his catch alive and aswim until you call him and order some spinies. Since my particular neighborhood of San Diego is a vast culinary wasteland, the prospect of getting live lobsters delivered direct was mighty appealing. Doug charges just \$10 a pound, but there’s one catch: there’s a minimum — the longer the trip, the more you have to buy. Since I’m a fair distance from PB, the first time I had to buy five lobsters, for a total of \$70. Doug brought them in a bucket and told me to put them in containers in the fridge (I used the crispers), covered with a wet tea towel to keep them moist, cool, and presumably content for a couple of days.

Having several scrumptious lobsters on hand simultaneously proved to be not much of a burden, although it was a little weird that, whenever I opened the fridge, the largest lobster would start pounding on his jail walls, waving his antennae, and demanding one-on-one combat. The first night we chose a female (wider hips and good guesswork) for plain boiled lobster with drawn butter. The next night, the big bruiser became Lobster Santa Maria (recipe to follow), re-creating a treat I’d relished at Zocalo Grill. The same evening, wanting my crispers back, I dispatched the rest of the spinies to lobster heaven and placed their well-wrapped, cleaned tails into the freezer for later Langosta Puerto Nuevo, truffled lobster potato salad, or anything else lobsterly that I fancy in the next few weeks. (Once frozen, they’ll keep for about



Doug Knapton

three months, but the flavor is best if they’re used quickly.)

Doug also periodically carries local rock crabs and spider crabs. But as he was leaving after delivering that first order, I suddenly remembered the incredible “live” (just killed) sea urchin served in its shell at Zenbu in La Jolla. A lobster’s very favorite dinner is sea urchin, so where you find one, you’re likely to find the other. Did Doug ever get them? “I haven’t so far, but I have friends who dive,” he answered. I put in a standing order for a bunch of them, whenever he could get some. About a week later, my kitchen sink held eight hard-shelled blossoms gently waving their long magenta spines. That’s where the adventure really began, since I’d never personally met a live urchin before. (Instructions for what to do with the critters follows in the recipe section below.)

The urchins averaged about a pound each, and the price was \$20 for the octad. Usually urchins are priced much steeper than that because of their high mortality rate — they don’t live for long once wrenched from their homes, even in a saltwater

tank, so only a few seafood wholesalers are willing to carry them. (You know your urchin died if its spines fall out.) I also bought a couple more lobsters to make Doug’s travel time worthwhile. They were in the other half of the sink when I started cleaning the urchins, and boy, did they ever get excited at the aroma.

The part that’s prized as *uni* sushi is the roe — the golden substance with the melting texture of foie gras and the aroma of a clean beach. Commercially, sea urchins are graded. Golden, relatively firm roe are Grade A; darker-colored or spotty roe are Grade B; mushy blobs are Grade C. My octet turned out to contain one Grade A, six Grade B, and one Grade C. My boyfriend and I consumed the Grade A on the spot — instant sashimi. I wrapped the other roe well in plastic wrap to keep them moist and put them in the refrigerator while I prepared Patrick Ponsaty’s Sea Urchin and Parsley-Leek Velouté soup. The next day some roe became the lightly baked sea urchin appetizer from New York’s Le Bernardin. On the third day, the remaining *uni* (including the

Seafood Sources

LOBSTER LOUNGE (Douglas Knapton), 619-890-0624. Live local lobsters during season (October–March), rock and spider crabs, sea urchins on occasion. Orders by phone, delivered free, minimum purchase depends on distance.

CATALINA OFFSHORE PRODUCTS, 5202 Lovelock (at Morena), Linda Vista, 619-297-9797; www.catalinaop.com. Full line of seafood, including sushi-grade products. Open for retail buyers Monday–Saturday 1:00–4:00 p.m., or will ship overnight FedEx. They prefer that for pick-up you order on their website before coming in.

SEA FRUITS, 2870 Main (at 28th Street), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3727. Seafood wholesaler (open to the public in a small way) with live tanks of local and Maine lobster, crabs. Open Monday–Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For admittance: Go up short staircase, ring bell, wait.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES: Anthony’s Fish Grotto retail outlet, La Mesa; Point Loma Seafoods, Point Loma; 99 Ranch Market, Kearny Mesa.

Grade C specimen) all went into sea urchin butter. I used some of the butter for the final glaze on Lobster Americana and froze the rest. As for the shells, they’re now looking weirdly beautiful and scaring the hell out of the neighborhood cats who would otherwise be digging in my newly seeded veggie beds. For some mysterious reason that goes beyond mere spininess, the urchin shells really freak out the felines.

Extracting and cleaning the roe had proved to be an easy but tedious business. That’s why chefs usually buy *uni* already cleaned by deft, patient ladies wearing shower caps and surgical gloves. For many local chefs, I learned, the source is in a Morena District mall with a big Sears outlet, near the railroad tracks. Catalina Offshore Products is a seafood wholesaler that also sells to the general public. You can have your seafood shipped to you FedEx (at great cost, naturally) or just pick it up. Along with *uni*, Catalina’s wares include lobsters, scallops, clams, geoduck, ahi, hamachi (yellowtail), tuna (including sushi-grade *toro*), and a host of other fishy

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characters. They prefer that you place your order via their website (www.catalinaop.com), so that it can be ready when you arrive. (And if you love seafood, a visit to the website is itself a fabulous, fact-packed treat.)

The rub is that there's a rather hefty minimum size for all orders, usually more than a small family can eat in an evening, so unless you do a group order with your neighbors, you'll probably end up freezing the extra. Prices range from really low (for miscellaneous fin fish on special) to \$25 a pound for *toro*. Their cleaned *uni* is \$14 for 80 grams of sushi-quality Grade A (about 5 ounces), \$8 for the same quantity of cooking-quality Grade B, and \$20 for a three-pound bag of Grade C. Whole live urchins are \$5 per pound, with a three-pound minimum (about three urchins — yielding five or six ounces of roe, with the grading entrusted to Lady Luck).

Was there, I wondered, any closer-to-home source of live seafood, with no minimum pur-

chase? Point Loma Seafoods is well out of the way for me, and 99 Ranch Market is even farther (the last time I bought crabs there, they suffocated on the way home). Anthony's Fish Grotto's retail fish store in La Mesa sometimes carries live spinies, but on the way home from that Terra Incognita, they'd probably die of old age. And while some supermarkets have live tanks for Maine lobsters, I've never seen local spinies there except already cooked — overcooked, to my taste. For that matter, in most of the area south of University and east of Route 163, there's not even a major supermarket. The only noncanned ocean product in constant supply at the local superettes is frozen farm-raised tilapia, a most regrettable fish.

By happy coincidence, my sweetie and I recently happened to be driving through Barrio Logan and spotted a sign: "Lobsters, \$6.95/lb." We parked immediately, rang the doorbell, and waited a few minutes until sales manager Tomás Henriques let us in. Sea Fruits is primarily a wholesaler, but they will sell to the public. Mr. Henriquez led us inside to the tank room, which had a glorious aroma of clean seawater. The \$6.95-per-pound

lobsters turned out to be culls — small Maine lobsters that had each lost one claw in their own Gulf Wars. There were several higher grades of Maine (available year-round) at slightly higher prices, tanks full of spinies sorted by size but all available at \$12.95 a pound (including the huge guys), and tanks full of live local rock crab, selling for less than \$3 per pound. Usually they carry Dungeness crab from up north, too, but this was just before the Chinese New Year, and the total supply of Dungeness was already in Chinese hands — it's a favorite treat for Tet. The rock crabs I took home were no less tasty, maybe even better for being local folks.

HOW TO DEAL WITH LIVING LOBSTERS:

Doug brought his lobsters over in a deep bucket with bagged ice underneath them and a wet towel on top of them. Sea Fruits packed the crabs loosely in a large paper grocery bag set inside a plastic sack (to keep the paper from leaking all over the car), so they had plenty of breathing space. At supermarkets, though, fishmongers usually wrap live crustaceans tightly in a plastic bag and then swathe the bag in

white butcher paper, which risks smothering the livestock before it arrives in your kitchen. If you know you're going to buy crustaceans, bring a picnic carrier and buy a bag of ice, but don't open it; put the ice in the bottom of the carrier and have the fishmonger dump the critters in there.

There's a lot of controversy about the most humane way to kill lobsters. (The lobsters haven't yet stated their preference.) With spinies — precisely because their carapaces really are spiny, hence hard to handle — the easiest method (for you, not them) is to put on a cooking mitt, pick them up, and plunge them into a large pot of lightly salted water at a roiling boil and slam on a lid. To simply cook them and serve them, boil 8 minutes for a one pounder, 10 minutes for a one and a quarter pounder, 12 minutes for a one and a half pounder. Cooking a whole group? Do them in several pots, batched by size. If you want to finish cooking the lobsters by some other method (grilling, broiling, baking), boil them for a long minute, then pull them out and chill them under cold running water until they're cool

enough to handle.

The flavor of Maine lobsters is a little more delicate — and because the claws are rubber-banded, they're a little easier to manipulate. To kill them before cooking them by some other means, use the spiny lobster par-boil method. But for simple cooking, their flavor and texture are optimal when they're steamed (not boiled). Place a wire steamer rack in the bottom of a large soup pot, add water up to just under the rack, and bring it to a boil. (If the steamer rack isn't tall enough, given the large pot, you can set it atop three or four sturdy coffee cups of all the same height.) Put the lobster(s) on the rack, cover, and steam for about a minute longer than the times listed above for boiling.

To clean a lobster (whether partly or fully cooked), remove the liquids, saving the red coral and green tomalley for other use, if desired. (One use for the coral: use the recipe below for sea urchin butter, substituting coral.) Remove the grey-white "devil fingers" and any intestinal matter or weird stuff; tug out the tough thin cord that, in a spiny lobster, runs lengthwise through the back of the tail. With spinies, most of the meat

is in the tail, so if you're squeamish or pressed for time, just break off the tail with a firm twist, to save yourself the hassle of cleaning the thorax.

I religiously save all lobster shells, freezing them in plastic Ziplocs if I can't get to them right away. They're the basis of lobster stock, one of the most useful substances a seafood lover can ever have on hand. Most general-purpose cookbooks and many "chef cookbooks" have recipes for the stock. It, too, can be frozen for a month or three, preferably portioned into one-cup glass jars, like the pickling jars you can buy at many groceries. (In my experience, the stock keeps its flavor much better in glass than in plastic.)

One of the aptest and most delicious treatments of local lobster is the Lobster Santa Maria from Zocalo Grill. It's spiced like the best Puerto Nuevo lobster, but the flesh is more tender and clean-tasting since there's no initial deep-fry in lard. The recipe, from chef Mark Adair, has evidently been reduced by computer from larger, restaurant-size quantities, so the measurements are a bit odd. Common sense and tasting as



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LOBSTER SANTA MARIA
(Adapted from Mark Adair, Executive Chef, Zocalo Grill and Brigantine Restaurants)

Ancho Butter (4 servings)
2/3 pound butter, softened
1 sprig cilantro
4 teaspoons ancho chili paste (or powdered chile ancho or pasilla)
1/3 cup cilantro, chopped
1/3 cup chives, chopped
1/3 cup scallions, chopped
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons shallot, minced
2 teaspoons salt
2/3 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons fresh garlic, minced
4 teaspoons lemon zest, minced
2/3 fluid ounce tequila (Reposado is the best choice)

Salsa:
2/3 cup chunky avocado purée
1 serrano chile, seeded and chopped
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons cilantro leaves, chopped
1/3 cup finely chopped fresh tomato
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons minced onion
1 tablespoon lime juice
2/3 teaspoon Cajun Magic for Seafood or Mexican seafood seasoning mix
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Lobsters
4 large local spiny lobsters (2–3 pounds each)
1 or 2 lemons, cut into 8 wedges for garnish
4 cilantro sprigs

Accompaniments
Rice, cooked pilaf-style, dotted with black beans
Seasonal fresh vegetables of your choice

1. Combine all the Ancho Butter ingredients, mixing well. (You can use a food processor.) Lay out on parchment or wax paper and roll into logs. Keep in freezer. To use, cut into 1-ounce slices and keep chilled in the refrigerator until ready to serve.
2. Combine salsa ingredients and mix well. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper and let sit for one hour to develop the flavors.
3. Kill lobsters by parboiling them for about two minutes (as described above). When they're cool, split them in half lengthwise and clean them. (Don't bother finding and removing the "devil fingers": they're covered by a plate of cartilage in large spiny lobsters.) Brush the cut sides of the lobsters with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper and grill or broil until done (about 8 minutes). Arrange on heatproof plates or a platter with rice and vegetables. Top with slices of Ancho Butter and briefly glaze under broiler. Remove from heat and top with salsa. Garnish with lemon wedges and cilantro sprigs.

HOW TO DEAL WITH LIVE SEA URCHINS:
Sea urchins, as you'll discover,

are an extremely primitive life form, with not much going on inside them. Wearing a cooking mitt, turn your urchins so that the "mouth" is at the top. To extract the roe, you'll need to cut the shell all around a little below that, so that you can get fingers or a spoon inside. It's best to work at the side of the sink; it's a messy business. Put the cooking mitt on your secondary hand to hold the urchin steady. Take a small, sharp knife and work the point into the shell at a downward angle at the place where you want to start the cut, making a hole large enough to insert your scissor blades. The urchin is now a former urchin. Take a sturdy pair of scissors (good poultry shears are the best choice), and cut all around the shell until you can pull out the mouth piece (no pun intended). Gently pour off the liquid from inside the urchin. Inside the shell, you'll find two semi-solid substances — gooey dark matter and golden roe pillows. If you have very small hands, you can reach in and delicately extract the roe with your fingers. Otherwise, spoon everything out onto a plate, making sure to reach "under the rim." Pick through and separate the gold from the black; keep the gold. Have a bowl of cold water on hand to clean the roe (don't put them under running water, the roe are liable to dissolve). Use tweezers to remove as much of the dark matter as possible. As you finish each urchin, wrap the roe in plastic and refrigerate them to keep them moist and fresh.

Some recipes call for serving sea urchins in their shells; to do this, lightly scrub the insides of the shells with a vegetable brush, then bake at 200° F for 20 minutes or until the spines dry out. Let cool a little and gently rub off all the spines with a thick cloth or oven mitt, leaving rather beautiful small bowls. Sea urchins will keep in the coldest part of the refrigerator, well wrapped (preferably over bags of ice or gel-packs) for three days at best quality, two more days with some deterioration of flavor. Kept too long, they develop an iodine undertone.

One splendid use for a small quantity of sea urchin is the following gala soup. It sounds more difficult to make than it actually is, taking under an hour of easy work solo, or 25 minutes if you enlist a "sous chef" to help.

SEA URCHIN AND PARSLEY-LEEK VELOUTÉ
(Adapted from Patrick Ponsaty, Chef of El Bizcocho at Rancho Bernardo Inn)
4 servings

1 cup whipping cream
salt and white pepper to taste
1 medium leek, cleaned and chopped in 1-inch sections
6 shiitake mushrooms, thinly sliced
3 tablespoons butter
1 cup whole milk
1 cup water
1/2 head cauliflower, broken into small florets
1 bunch Italian parsley, washed well and stems removed

2 cups heavy or whipping cream
1 1/2 cups clam juice
2 oysters, chopped, with their juice
Juice of two lemons
Roe from 3 sea urchins
1 ounce sevruga caviar (optional)

1. Beat whipping cream to soft peaks. Fold in salt and white pepper to taste. Reserve in the refrigerator.
2. In a small sauté pan over medium-low heat, cook the leek and shiitake mushrooms in the butter, covered, without browning, until they are tender. Reserve, covered.
3. In a medium saucepan, combine 1 cup milk with 1 cup water over medium-low heat. Add the cauliflower and season with salt and white pepper to taste. Poach until the cauliflower is tender but still has some crunch. Set aside in the liquid.
4. Bring a medium pot of heavily salted water to a rapid boil. Cook parsley for 2 minutes, until it turns bright green. Remove from the pot and plunge parsley into an ice bath or rinse for a minute under cold water. Press the parsley leaves in paper towels and squeeze out excess moisture. Place leaves in the bowl of a blender.
5. In a heavy saucepan, bring the heavy cream to a boil. Add the hot cream to the parsley in the blender and purée for 2 minutes, until the mixture is smooth and creamy. Set aside. Meanwhile, check the shiitake mixture and cauliflower and gently rewarm on the lowest heat if they've cooled too much.
6. Heat the clam juice over medium high heat in a large saucepan. When it boils, add the parsley cream, oysters with their juice, and the lemon juice. In each soup bowl, spoon in one quarter of the leek-mushroom mixture, followed by one quarter of the cauliflower. Lay three pieces of sea urchin on top of the vegetables. Ladle on enough hot soup to cover the vegetables and urchin. Add a spoonful of the whipped cream and a dollop of caviar, if using. Repeat the steps with three more bowls and serve immediately.

Sea Urchin Butter
This is a delicious substance for finishing off simple dishes involving almost any sort of seafood or "glazing" a seafood stew. You can use dark, broken, or mushy roe for it, so long as the flavor is still good. I froze the part of the butter that I didn't need immediately, portioning it out into very small glass bottles (from pimientos and cheap caviar). Measure the amount of sea urchin roe you want to use for the butter, then return it to the refrigerator. Let an equal amount of unsalted butter soften. When butter is ready, force the roe through a medium strainer. If you're making a large quantity, place butter in a bowl and, using a hand-held electric mixer, gradually incorporate the roe. For a small quantity, place roe and butter together in a mini-size food processor and pulse rapidly until mixed. Chill or freeze until ready to use. ■

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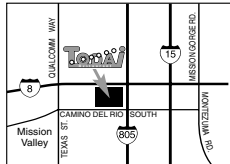
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"We have one left. Sal, my husband, stops roasting at 6:00 p.m."

I can't believe this place!" This is me, nose to the window as Hank and I drive back from a job he had in Poway. I'm looking for a place to eat. Just to snack, really. Hold the fort. Carla has frozen beef pies ready to toss in the oven at home.

"No wonder East County people are thin," says Hank. "They've got nowhere to eat."

Fact is, we've been driving and driving, out of Poway, up toward Ramona, down through the traffic clog of Lakeside. Maybe we blinked. We just didn't see anywhere in our price range to stop and chow down. So now we're headed into El Cajon, along Main. It's dark already.

"Hey! On the right!"

This brightly lit, cream-colored place has a big "OPEN" sign in the window.

"Bakery, dude. What have we got to lose?"

Hank pulls to a stop right in front. "Nuna's," it says. Signs talk about "gyros," "bakery," "chicken."

"Well, well, well. This is much more than a bakery," I say. I'm smelling roasted chicken. I'm seeing rotisserie lamb, beef.

"Hi, guys," says the lady behind a display case of baklava. "What can I get you?" Karen. It turns out she's Chaldean. Christians, mostly from Iraq. I'm not surprised, in a way. I've been told 35,000 Chaldeans have settled around El Cajon. So we're talking the whole panoply of eastern Mediterranean cooking here.

"Dude," I say to Hank, "we're in luck."

Karen hands us little yellow menus.

"Look," says Hank. "A whole chicken for \$4.95."

A half chicken is \$2.95. And this is interesting: chicken "stuffed with seasoned rice and ground beef then cooked rotisserie style," \$7.95.

They have pita sandwiches, of course, like #18, *gus*, also known as *shawerma* ("marinated and spiced slices of beef stacked on a spit and grilled against an

open fire"), for \$3.50, gyros for the same price, and falafel ("crushed garbanzo beans, fava beans, and split peas mixed with natural spices, then deep fried") for \$2.50.

"No, no, no, no, no, dude," says Hank suddenly. "Here's what was meant to be."

He points to the entrées. "I know it looks expensive, but we split, okay?"

His finger stabs at #6, "Whole Stuffed Chicken" entrée.

"But see? It comes with pita bread, hummus, tabouli, sauce, tomatoes, pickles."

"But \$11.95, dude."

"We have one left," says Karen. She points to a whole roasted chicken sitting under a lamp. "Sal, my husband, stops roasting at 6:00 p.m."

"We'll take it," says Hank, and heads for a table. "Six bucks each for a whole stuffed chicken and all those fixings? Can't beat it," he says.

I see Sal taking a big oval platter and

wrapping it in silver foil before disappearing into the stainless-steel kitchen area.

Everything here looks new. Guy named Fadi comes in, asks for a whole chicken. "Sorry, last one's just gone," Karen tells him. She looks over at us.

"See?" says Hank. "If I hadn't moved decisively..."

Five minutes later Karen brings over good, solid silver cutlery and plates of hummus and tabouli and pita bread. We're all over it. The hummus is great, and the tabouli — a mix of shredded parsley, tomatoes, green onions, and couscous — gives a nice, sharp taste.

But it's when Sal turns up carrying this bi-ig silver-foil oval platter with the chicken that we just sit and shake our heads. In the center is the chicken, steaming, roasted, golden, and whole. Yellow basmati rice bulges out from inside and sits all round the bird. Toasted almonds are scattered on top of the rice. The edge is decorated with a kind of color guard of pickled beets, tomatoes, and raw onion slices. The whole thing is sprinkled with what looks like dark red coffee grounds. Sumac, Sal says. It's a feast for the eyes. Sal offers to cut up the chicken, but no. This is finger work. We each rip off a leg. Hank opens up a pita bread and stuffs it with onion, hummus, and tabouli. "The perfect side," he says.

So, basically, we have a ten-minute silence except for the squish of teeth and the slurp of

(\$1.25) iced teas to help it all down. The masterstroke is those toasted almonds. They, like, kick everything else into action.

"The other thing," Hank says, wiping his mouth, "is this *feels* like a feast. Plus it's a kind of healthy meal, dude. The rotisserie chicken fat drips off before it gets here."

Bottom line is the chance of it all. And the fact that, to look at this modest place, who'd know what feasts lay within? So cool.

Sal comes over to see how we're doing. Turns out he came out of Iraq 25 years ago. "And remember," he says, "Chaldeans are their own people. They have their own language, their own religion, and me, I don't even remember a lot about it back there. I was 12 when I came over."

But he does remember the spices. And, no, he won't tell what that spicy kick in the chicken comes from. "That's my secret," he says.

They named the place after their daughter. "Nuna" is her nickname. We end up munching a couple of baklavas Lebanese style (50 cents), splitting the chicken we haven't even touched yet, packing it in boxes to go, and swearing we're coming back.

We get in the car. Hank hands me his cell phone.

"Call ahead," he says.

"What?"

"Tell Carla to leave those pies in the freezer." ■

The Place: Nuna's Restaurant, 550 East Main Street, El Cajon (619-579-6862)

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Cindy Bartelli was tired. Upon arriving in San Diego five years ago, she spent two months as a server at the Kensington Grill before taking over as general manager. Then, when the owner opened Chive down in the Gaslamp, she began managing there as well. "I kind of stepped away," she recalls. "I was really, maybe looking to get out of the industry." Then she heard from a friend that the Nose, a Hillcrest restaurant and wine bar, might be going up for sale, and something sparked.

Bartelli hails from Chicago, but her interest in wine was born in Kansas City. As a server and eventual manager at the Classic Cup restaurant, she had studied under local wine guru Doug Frost, a Master Sommelier and Master of Wine. As burned out as she was on restaurants, she still had "a passion for the wine end of it," and the Nose proved too appealing to pass up. "Everything fit into place. I adore Hillcrest. I like little neighborhood restaurants. And it was kind of a no-brainer on location."

Well, almost. Hillcrest offers a wealth of foot traffic and restaurant-friendly residents, but the restaurant, located on the north side of University Avenue between Fifth and Sixth, manages to remain somewhat isolated amid the bustle. Though she is flanked by the Apparel Zone and Celadon Royal Thai, Bartelli says that "everybody across the street said, 'You're going to have a hard time.'

There's just something about the foot traffic that stays over there [on the south side of the street]."

She and co-owner Peter LaVecchia needed a big fat visual hook, something to make people cross over. They found it in the brilliant blue light

that now emanates from the translucent panels behind the bar, spiking out into the night through the raft of windows that line the restaurant's front wall. Surrounding the backlit panels are hundreds of lengths of stacked white PVC pipe, each deep enough to hold a bottle of wine, though it

is not Bartelli's goal to fill them all. A few of the pipes are lit from within by the same blue light as the bar, but overall, she wanted the circular ends of staggered pipe to evoke a cluster of grapes.

"A friend of mine who is an interior designer came up with the whole bar wall system," she grants, but professional design assistance ended there. Creating the look "was a low-budget labor of love. We spent a month ordering the pipe, cutting it, sanding it, cleaning it. We did pretty much everything ourselves. We definitely felt like, to get attention in this spot, we had to drastically change the image. We wanted to do something with a little more energy, a little more modern, a little more funky."

They got what they were after. Red floors lined with silver baseboards give way to twilight blue walls and a radiating fuschia ceiling. The back wall is silver, as are the powdercoated wrought-

iron chairs, which feature blue rubberized fabric on the seats. The bar top is blue, the front is stainless steel, and the rail is heavy-duty plumbing pipe. A friend covered the wooden tables with mosaic tile; Bartelli built the banquettes and sewed the multicolored pillow-backs.

"My experience — just like down at Chive — was that if you did something that looked cool, that was enough to get them in the door. Then if you were doing something of quality or something [different from what] everybody else was doing, that was enough to keep them coming back. The hardest part is getting them there." The new restaurant/wine bar, now named Crush, opened on November 6 of last year, "and for the first couple of months, it was about looking cool. It was a lot of bar business. Nobody cared that we had a kitchen, nobody cared that we were doing wines. But that only lasts so long. Now that we've got them in there, now that we have an audience, we're really pushing the menu and the wines."

Since January 1, Crush has employed chef Colin MacLaggan, the former executive sous chef at Arterra. The menu changes weekly. The wine list, which also changes weekly, is geared toward the interesting and the inexpensive. With the current grape glut in California and the ever-increasing presence of good, cheap imported wines, "You don't have to spend a lot of money to drink good wine." Three-glass flights run between seven and ten dollars and include such categories as "Rosés" and "International Whites" (Australian Marsanne, French Sauvignon Blanc, and Spanish Albarino) along with standbys like California Chardonnay. "We try to offer flights to pair with food. The rosés go great with our duck confit and with the scallops over risotto and braised artichokes. When I pair a lot of whites with artichokes, I'm finding a really acidic aftertaste, but the rosé really handles it well." Glasses run between 5 and 12 dollars, with



Cindy Bartelli

most coming in under 10 dollars; a limited selection of bottles is also available.

Bartelli sees herself as a less-expensive complement to the Wine Lover, situated a block or so away. They send bargain-hunters her way; she sends people looking for more exalted offerings their way. But after the Wine Lover closes for the night, she's it. "This place is a ghost town at 10 p.m.," she marvels. "It's dark, there is nobody open." When she arrived, she saw an untapped market. "Not everybody goes to bed at 10. If you just count the people getting off work at restaurants, that's huge. We serve food late, until midnight, and we've got a really loyal group from Laurel and the Prado and downtown. Even if people work down there, they're usually heading this way, because this is where they live. They come up the hill, they stop on their way home, and we're open." ■



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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

BISTRO SOLEIL 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. Most French food in Encinitas is of the weighty cream-and-*demi-glace* traditional genre. Soleil offers an alternative with a seasonal menu of light, herbal Provençal specialties. The emphasis is on seafood, and on olive products instead of dairy. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *cog au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

I TRULLI TRATTORIA 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An instant hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that co-exist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and some modicum of creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner or expect an hour's wait on any night of the week. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/01)*

TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

TIP TOP MEATS 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This

geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

VIGILUCCI'S 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W. (10/01)*

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisserie chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is "Cajun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), *dolmades*, *tyropita*, and good gooey *spanakopita*. Although the salad dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DICRESCENZO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style deli in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang's creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably



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still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there's a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/00)

THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE

15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don't miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef/co-owner, originally from Brittany, produces superb nouvelle cuisine, with a menu of fresh dishes changing seasonally. Reservations strongly advised. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

MIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Faire, Escondido, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

EPAZOTE SOUTHWEST RESTAURANT

1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT

315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PACIFIC COAST GRILL

437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under \$10. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, and a variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR

11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (6/00)

TONY'S JACAL

621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has

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passed through these portals. Try the “La Colonia” combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And “Jalac”? It means “shack.” Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

LA JOLLA

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city’s best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

FRENCH PASTRY SHOP 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego’s first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a l’orange, with “early bird” bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W.* (5/02)

GEORGE’S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George’s, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive. George’s gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W.* (9/99)

INDIA PALACE 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, *fish masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don’t miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — *N.W.* (6/01)

THE PANIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as bev-

erages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for “saint,” and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (4/99)

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there’s a vast selection of “rock and rolls” — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they’re fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won’t need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

ADAM’S STEAK N’ EGGS 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam’s has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak’s a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won’t need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

ALADDIN’S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

DUMPLING INN 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 848-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It’s located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center, among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, stores with jewelry, fresh fish, even Feng Shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious, but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried Three-Ingredients *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are chal-

lenging, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don’t miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you’d be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn’t “Americanized.” Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the “de-fatted pork shoulder,” the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (4/99)

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There’s also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street’s best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City “let the bon temps rouler” feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen’s attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

JARED’S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton’s, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

RANCHOS COCINA 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you’ll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don’t have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it’s stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce

of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (6/01)

SPORTSMEN’S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego’s late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the “fruits of the sea” and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They’re famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

BIG KITCHEN 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn’t just a restaurant, it’s the social center of the universe — and Judy “The Beauty” Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy’s Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans’ fave may be the “vegie option”: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you’re waiting, they always have this “out there” eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like “Will Be President For Food.” Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

JYOTI-BIHANGA 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you’ll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a “Peace Blossom,” or boarding his Italian “*Treno della Pace*.” Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped “Neatloaf” bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, “Infinite Blue” (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway (at 25th Steet), Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don’t be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo’s wonderful specialties include *cochinilla pibil*, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas* (traditional bells) and old photos of Arturo’s hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closes early Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

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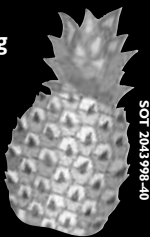
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MAILLO'S CAFE 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheese-burger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE DELI 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/99)*

VESUVIO GOURMET 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

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ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson Avenue (corner of Arnele Avenue), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ASWAN 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell Street), La Mesa, 619-697-0361. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant "where the Mississippi meets the Nile." Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's *Somalian sambussas* (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) — each savory filling is differently seasoned. Then dive into a bowl of co-owner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can taste the Big Easy in every bite of NOLA-born chef Patrick Kavanaugh's Louisiana dishes, including an unbeatable jambalaya, or you can opt for African specialties such as *tibsi*, *zigni*, *Somalian spaghetti*, or a vegetarian sampler. "All you can eat" weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *halal* (Muslim-butchered). Lunch/dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch/dinner weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smokers' patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily; lunch and dinners Monday through Thursday; three

meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

WOODSTOCK'S PIZZA 6548 El Cajon Boulevard (at Rolando Boulevard), College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight — your 32-oz. Karl Strauss drops from \$4.25 to \$2.50. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (4/02)*

FAR EAST

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of the way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. The food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner; kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

RAMON'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (2/00)*

CELADON ROYALTY THAI RESTAURANT 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the "Chef's Specialty" items on the menu to find the best and rarest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordi-

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nary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee* duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — N.W. (5/02)

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for \$9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

COTTAGE CAFE & GARDEN GRILL 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian, Italian, and Greek, too. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. A full range of Polish specialties shows up on the weekend all-you-can-eat buffet, with stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful — it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

ELAGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogitos cuilacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

ELINDIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," *nam pla*. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry,

you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branstion pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

DOWNTOWN

BANDAR FINE PERSIAN CUISINE 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low-fat, and a blessing to the sight as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

BAY CAFE 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, breakfast to pre-dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Eating's an adventure at this coolly minimalist urban bistro where chef A.J. Voytko does his magic with a seasonally changing menu of inventive "modern cuisine." Dishes alternate between high-risk global fusion and stringently simple combinations that place outstanding ingredients (including free-range chicken and veal) at center stage, accompanied by a revelatory repertory of exotic vegetables. The worldwide wine list offers over 50 choices by the

glass. Reserve for weekend dinners, when a chic young crowd pours in. Full bar. No cell phone use inside. Dinner nightly, with weekend service to 11:30 p.m. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street (at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great Gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

GARGOYLE GALLERY & CAFE 1845 India Street (at Fir Street), Litty Italy, 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it's mostly modest *panini* ("small bread")

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SPICE HOUSE CAFE 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your “head feels like an old potato” and your “tongue like a button hook” (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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PRIMAVERA 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco,

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SUSHI SUSHI 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 300, Seacoast Plaza, Imperial Beach, 619-429-4373. Imperial Beach's only sushi bar really tries hard. With its pine sushi bar with roto-polished steel backboard, its white paper lanterns and paper and wood screens, its water-rooted bamboo growing out in weird shape — it feels like you've been teleported to the Ginza. Even the dishes are little pieces of art. Cheap but delish choices include *katsudon* (breaded pork, onions and egg over rice) or *nabeyaki udon* (thick noodle soup with carrots, egg, chicken, fish cake and a side dish of deep-fried battered shrimp). Or tackle a combo *bento* tray (rice, soup, salad, plus two items from a list that includes squid teriyaki, *gyoza*, *sashimi*, and *panko* fried oysters). Or just go the “tapa” way, ordering sushi dishes one at a time. Your local honor-dish: the “I.B. Roll,” filled with salmon egg, smelt egg, cream cheese, and avocado wrapped in salmon. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

SWADDEE THAI 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the satay, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

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(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.)

BIG BOY RESTAURANT 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho “royal” hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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mer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the

backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

CIEN ANOS Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262, altacocina@ cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are

mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone or e-mail) are strongly advised; ask for directions. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

LA ESPADANA 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available

in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MALECON DE PUERTO NUEVO Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town.

Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

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D'LISH PIZZA AND PASTA 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

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The job of dispensing information does not excuse the documentarian from dispensing it artfully.

The best \$24.95 I can ever remember spending was a couple of weeks ago at Tower Records for a three-hour DVD entitled *Listen to Britain and Other Films by Humphrey Jennings*. The disc was produced by Image Entertainment, the same outfit that put out my DVDs of Alain Resnais's *La Guerre Est Finie*, the one Resnais feature missing from the retrospective at the American Cinematheque three years back, and Michelangelo Antonioni's never-in-theaters, never-on-video *Le Amiche*. It's astounding what's available on DVD these days.

The present disc contains a generous selection of Jennings's wartime work for the British Ministry of Information, the "other films" besides *Listen to Britain* being *London Can Take It*, *Words for Battle*, *Fires Were Started* (a/k/a *I Was a Fireman*), and *A Diary for Timothy*, plus "bonus" footage from that last one of Dame Myra Hess at the piano, playing the unabridged first movement of Beethoven's *Appassionata* sonata. It

makes room as well for one postwar work, *Family Portrait*, which would prove to be Jennings's last. (His life and work were cut short in 1950 when at the age of forty-three he pitched off

a cliff in Greece while scouting locations for a film to be called *The Good Life*.) In addition, there is a helpful intro-

ductory essay in the accompanying booklet by Dean W. Duncan of Brigham Young University. This is not invulnerable to cavil (I feel sure he was thinking of the Beethoven snippet in *A Diary for Timothy*, rather than the Mozart snippet in *Listen to Britain*, when he stresses that the latter is German music), but it covers so many essential points as to rob me of much of my incentive to write about the subject. What is there left to say?

Jennings is one of my heroes. He enjoys a permanent place on my personal Mount Rushmore of documentarians alongside the American Robert Flaherty, the Frenchman Jean Rouch, and the German Leni Riefenstahl. It is to these that I lift my eyes — it might appear as though I am rolling my

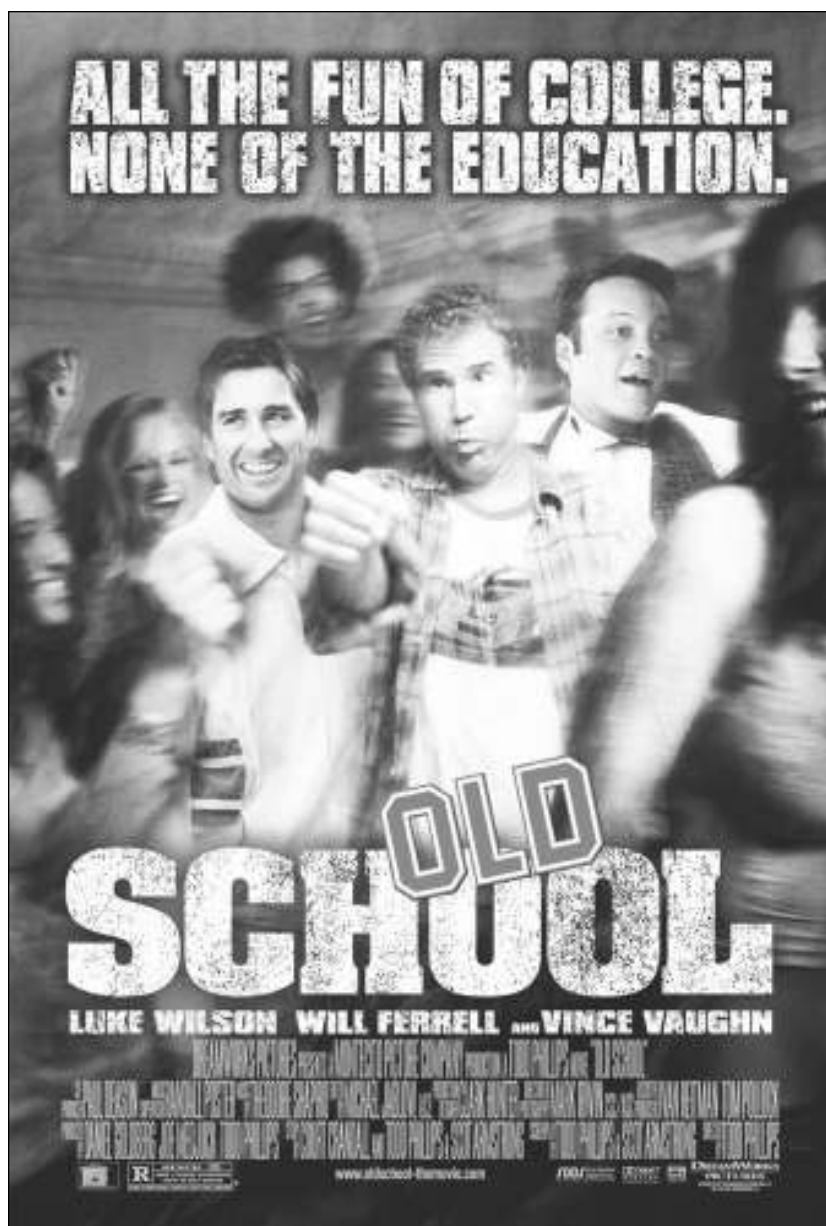


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eyes — when I am sitting through yet another cut-and-paste documentary of talking-head interviews and/or archival footage and/or blurrily blown-up video and/or sonorously didactic voice-over. It is these that stand tallest for the principle that the job of dispensing information does not excuse the documentarian from dispensing it artfully.

Flaherty and Rouch, who between them have pretty much laid down the laws for ethnographic filmmaking, did a great deal to nudge the nonfiction film in the direction of the fictional one, fully understanding the importance of storytelling. But Jennings, outwardly a propagandist like Riefenstahl, if a more legitimate journalist too, has of all documentarians the most

to teach to the fictionists. (Jennings, in turn, got a lot from the Russians, documentarians and fictionists alike, theories and practices, Eisenstein, Pudovkin, Vertov; he did not get his vision, his sensibility, his warmth.) His star pupils, on my grading curve anyhow, though I have no knowledge of their direct study of him, have been Alain Resnais and Terence Davies.



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No doubt the best classroom for this purpose would be the film singled out in the title of the anthology, *Listen to Britain*. Susan Sontag, who has always shown a propensity for can-niness and cunning, never seemed to me cannier or cunninger than when she put this film among her all-time top ten in the once-every-decade crit-ics’ poll conducted by the British film magazine, *Sight and Sound*. (One decade ago? Two decades?) At a mere eighteen minutes, it may be the most perfect, most sustained, most com-compact, most complex of Jennings’s films.

Done with no narration whatsoever and only a snatch or two of wafting di-alogue, it is a free-associative montage of the sights and sounds of England under the Blitz, selected and arranged with a surrealist’s gift of incongruity and surprise: an audience of women listens to a vocal recital in a church while their doughboy helmets hang in the cloakroom; a man in a business suit strides off to work with one of

those helmets slung at his hip; a car-avan of tanks rumbles past a village tea shop; etc., etc.

On the most literal level, this emerges as an invaluable record of the time and place (a record of the intan-gible spirit even more than of the obvious adversities), with a message whose relevance extends throughout each of the other films in the group and on into posterity: that we are all in the same boat, and we all have an oar — or a rudder, or a compass, or a bailing pail, as the case may be; we all have a part. It is remarkable how inward-looking, how unconcerned with demonizing the enemy, this and its companion films are: how differ-ent, may I say, from the mood and mentality of post-9/11 America; how truly (to take a phrase from Shake-speare) noble in mind.

On top of that, what it still today can impart to the fictional filmmaker (if I might cram it into a nutshell) are the lessons of how a big picture can be put together of the smallest and scant-est of pieces, how fragmentation can accelerate rather than disrupt the train of thought, how leaps of lyricism can outdistance the soundest links of logic, how discontinuity can mirror as well

as stimulate the process of cognition, how meaning can be cultivated in the spaces *between* shots — in the connec-tions, the contrasts, the correspondences. At least traces of these lessons have trick-led down in some form, for a timely example, to *The Hours*, with its knit-ted shawl of sisterhood thrown round the shoulders of three generations.

A bit of a Renaissance man, a bit of a romantic, a bit of an impression-ist, a bit of a surrealist, a bit of a cubist, a bit of a leftist, and a lot of a humanist, Jennings was interested in duality and multiplicity, in simultaneity and par-allelism, in disparity and divergence, in contradiction and paradox, in hid-den depths and invisible realities, at the same time as he was interested in things like harmony and unity. These were equally human concerns and artistic concerns. It is fitting that E.M. Forster, with his creative credo of “only con-nect,” should have been tapped to write the narration of *A Diary for Tim-othy*, a sort of photo-album-in-motion for a baby born on the fifth anniver-sary of the outbreak of the war, when the end was in sight and a future could begin to be contemplated. (Baby boomers viewing the film today will realize, with an added measure of rue-fulness, that this tiny Timothy is *them*.)

The booklet informs me that “Only Connect,” just to retailor the fit, was also the title of a remembrance of Jen-nings by the British critic and later filmmaker Lindsay Anderson.

Apart from the “bonus,” I had seen all of these shorts before, and *Listen to Britain* numerous times, but the title that made the disc a must-have was the feature-length *Fires Were Started*. This had long been on my short list of movies I hoped to be able to see at some point before I gave up the ghost. (As had Antonioni’s *Le Amiche*.) It is not strictly a documentary at all, maybe a semi-documentary at most, composed as it is of re-enactments of one day in the life of a single firehouse in the early months of the war — prior to the unification of firefighters under the National Fire Service — and one night of battling a hellish blaze at the docks, in defense of an imperilled mu-nitions ship, in the midst of an air raid.

Of course even Jennings’s stricter documentaries, like Flaherty’s, per-mitted some staging and some amateur “acting.” And all of them exhibit this one’s solid camera placements, pre-cise framing, and beautiful but flat, somber, unromanticized lighting. Of course, too, the people are real peo-ple — working firefighters, not

professional actors — and they come across as all the more human for their unrevealed inner selves, their freedom from psychological dredging, their opaqueness. (One of them, presum-ably not playing “himself,” will be swallowed in the flames.) The hour-by-hour linear narrative naturally lacks the flexibility of the other films in the collection, and yet the scenes of the camaraderie between the men and their performance of their tasks could have been undetectably chopped up and sprinkled into any of those oth-ers. I would not, however, want to have skipped a single frame of the lengthy stretch after the newcomer at the sta-tion sits down at the piano in the rec room: the importance of music and song in Jennings’s films irrepressibly calls up those of the above-mentioned Terence Davies. (Not just the music and song, but the importance also of fragment, vignette, random moment: enter Alain Resnais.) I now can go to my grave with one fewer regret.

I am only sorry I cannot tell you where you can go to see these films. You could certainly ask at your local video store. Or you could fork over \$24.95 to Tower to order another copy. It would be a good investment. These are not number-one-at-the-box-office ephemera. These are films for the ages. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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About Schmidt — Alexander Payne’s late-life-crisis comedy about a retired Omaha insurance executive who now begins to wonder what it was all about. Jack Nicholson may be too big a star, or too hip a one, in relation to his surrounding cast (chosen with care down to the smallest role), but you cannot fault his effort: his frog-on-a-lily-pad lethargy, his flat-footed waddle, his comb-over, his open embrace of humiliation, in total harmony with the understated grotesquerie around him. Much of the fun of the movie, much of the comic cushion against the harshness of its vision, is in seeing King Jack demean himself. Payne, a perfectly named if not perfectly spelled filmmaker, evinces a fine eye for the topographical and architectural barrenness of America’s Heartland (what someone might see as a “visual correlative” of the hero’s spiritual state), and a fine ear, as well, for the clichés, the jocularities, the pieties, the mendacities of social lubrication. The opening retirement party (“Nice event”), the invited but unwanted visit to the office of the hero’s yuppie successor at Woodmen of the World Insurance, the funeral reception, the nautically minded tourist from Eau Claire (“Ahoy!”), and the climactic wedding bash are all on a par with the wickedest tortures devised by Ring Lardner or Sinclair Lewis. Some scenes, it’s true, go too far; and the voice-over device whereby the hero pours out his heart in letters to his six-year-old Tanzanian foster child (“For years now she has insisted that I *sit* when I urinate”) is as facile and as far-fetched as it is funny. To be more precise: very, very. (The spoken name alone — Ndugu — is a push-button for laughs, no matter how many times it is activated.) The ending could arguably have been cut shorter for ambiguity, but while the teardrop and the smile might make things easier for seekers after a Bright Side, these emotional cues do not really clear up the ambiguity. With Dermot Mulroney, Hope Davis, Kathy Bates. 2002.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 2/14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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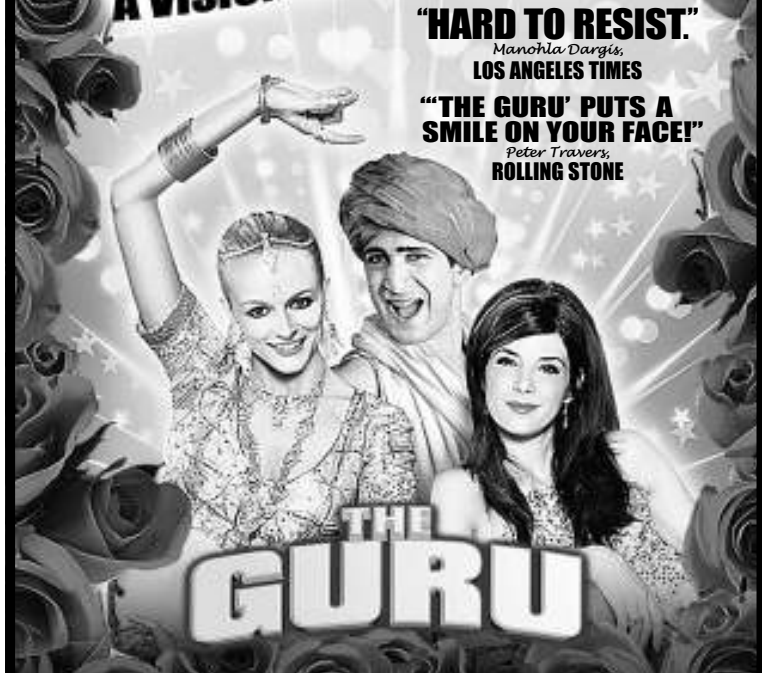
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Adaptation — The reteaming of the writer and the director of *Being John Malkovich*, Charlie Kaufman and Spike Jonze, has produced no less madness but much more method. Or anyhow more meaning. Kaufman, playing fast and loose with the truth, evidently set out in reality (though it doesn't seem his sort of project) to do a screen adaptation of Susan Orlean's nonfiction best-seller, *The Orchid Thief* ("It's that sprawling *New Yorker* shit"), and ended up by writing himself and his creative torments into the script ("That's what I need to do: tie all of history together"). More precisely, what he wrote into the script was a fatter, balder, lonelier version of himself (Nicolas Cage, in a characterization of unsparing physical detail), together with an identical twin brother who is also a screenwriter, albeit a happy-go-lucky hack: not so much a separate entity as an alternative self or a divisive inner voice. In short, Kaufman found a way to make a movie out of a mess, or vice versa. The surviving movie is still very much a mess: two movies in one, with attendant disruptions of momentum and shifts in tone. Susan Orlean remains in place as a central figure (played by Meryl Streep, whose director on *The River Wild*, Curtis Hanson, plays her husband), in tormented pursuit of her own story, that of a toothless redneck orchid cultivator (Chris Cooper, in his best role so far, and fully up to it). The movie has much to say, and much of it quite funny, about such large subjects as the solitary struggles of the writer in front of the blank page (how soon can 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.

★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 2/14; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Ararat — A stilted history lesson on the ethnic cleansing of Armenians by Turks during the First World War ("Do you know what Adolf Hitler told his generals to convince them that it would work? 'Who remembers the extermination of the Armenians?' "), this is evidently a subject close to the heart of the Armenian-Canadian director, Atom Egoyan. Evidently *too* close. He had the good sense to take an oblique approach to the subject, starting off with two separate families suffering internal rifts in present-day Toronto, scrambling the time-line, and sifting the historical horrors through the filter of a film-within-the-film. (The earliest dated scenes are a few glimpses of the artist Arshile Gorky, an Armenian refugee, at work in his studio in the Thirties.) We wait uneasily for the pieces to start to fit, yet once they do, the fit is forced:



Yojimbo

the disaffected son of a Turkish-Canadian customs officer lands the role of the villain in the film-within; and the Armenian-Canadian gofer on the film, returning from Turkish locales with sealed film cans, undergoes an endless interrogation by that same customs officer (on the very night, it turns out, that the film is unveiled at the Toronto International Film Festival!). All this obliqueness, all this nonlinearity, all this film-within-the-film detachment, all this layering and interweaving, cannot soften the bluntness of the point-making when we come to it. And nor can the unabating solemnity of the players (Christopher Plummer, David Alpay, Arsinée Khanjian, Elias Koteas, Bruce Greenwood, Charles Aznavour) mask the intermittent silliness. Though Egoyan may to an extent be shielded behind the fictitious filmmaker played by the soulful Aznavour, there is nothing about the footage of the fictitious film to hint that it's the work of a major director. It looks more like a made-for-TV movie, and an especially preachy, stagy, and fakey one at that. 2002.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Biker Boyz — Vroom-vroom-vroom-VROOOOM! Noisy nonsense about mostly black motorcycle clubs that get together for ritualized drag races ("We got a strict code

about hustling") or else, on one occasion, for a charity bike-wash to raise money for schoolbooks. There are no real bad guys, and only one dead guy. (But don't try this at home.) Laurence Fishburne is the heavy-set king of the hill — or "King of Cali," to use his official title — and Derek Luke is the lean and hungry up-and-comer, with Oedipal overtones. Orlando Jones, Djimon Hounsou, Lisa Bonet, Meagan Good, Vanessa Bell Calloway, Kid Rock; directed by Reggie Rock Bythewood. 2003.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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)

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.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

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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.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18;
FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER;
HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA
COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20;
OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY
PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; 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) held 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 cononymy whereby Clooney’s cohorts from *Ocean’s Eleven*, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon, pop up in bit parts as passed-over costants 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 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.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 16)

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.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Daredevil — Ben Affleck as the Marvel Comics superhero, with Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan, and Colin Farrell, directed by Mark Steven Johnson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/14)

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.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18;
GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13;
MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM
PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO
DEL REY 16)

Deliver Us from Eva — Romantic comedy starring LL Cool J and Gabrielle Union, directed by Gary Hardwick.
(CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

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; LA PALOMA)

Final Destination 2 — A premonition again cheats Death, and Death again sets out


to recoup his losses. Slapsticky shocker, with carefully and callously constructed chain reactions leading to ludicrously gruesome demises. Very little in between. With Ali Larter, A.J. Cook, Michael Landes; directed by David R. Kelly. 2003.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18;
GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13;
MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM
PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10;
RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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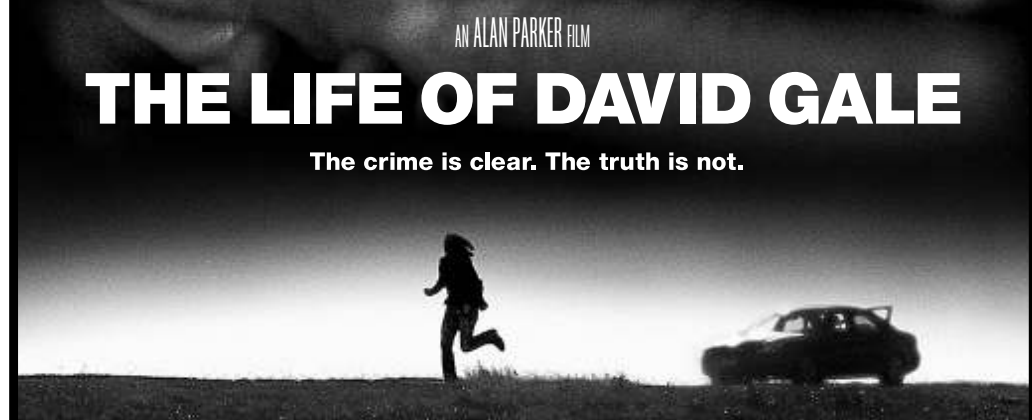
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marital infidelities and blow-ups (“My goddam sister! You’re an animal!”), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, 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 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)

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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 2/14)

The Guru — Daisy von Scherler Mayer’s comedy about an Indian dancer (Jimi Mitrì) in search of stardom in America; with Heather Graham and Marisa Tomei. (LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 2/14)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone — The children’s book by J.K. Rowling, now a movie by Chris Columbus — maker of, among others, *Adventures in Babysitting*, *Home Alone*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Nine Months*, *Stepmom*, and *Bicentennial Man*, chief rival of Steven Spielberg for his in-touchness with the Inner Child. No longer applicable, quite plainly, will be the line of defense to the effect that, however good or bad it might be, the kids at least are *reading* it, reading *something*. Even if you haven’t read it yourself, you can infer a slavish fidelity to the text on the grounds that no special-effects movie, no “event” movie, no movie scored by John Williams, would otherwise keep so leisurely and strung-out a schedule of dramatic incident. It’s more a matter of going new places and meeting new people (or new owls, goblins, trolls), a social schedule. The bespectacled little hero, if you didn’t know, is a put-upon orphan who, on reaching his eleventh

birthday, and despite the interference of an abusive adoptive family of Dickensian grossness, discovers that he is a natural-born wizard and is eligible for admittance into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, there to develop his infinite inner potential. In short, he is a close cousin to every neglected, unappreciated, unloved, scorned, mocked, but ultimately (sweetly, revengefully) triumphant hero out of Hans Christian Andersen’s fairy tales. In the end, his plodding path will lead him to a confrontation with the evil entity who slew his parents. But this destination is not signposted with the efficiency or urgency of a *Hamlet* (for instance). Maybe admirers of the book will be content with what amounts to an ancillary text of lavish illustrations. Still, it’s not the, or a, book. More bluntly, it’s not anything special. With Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Robbie Coltrane, Ian Hart, Alan Rickman, Richard Harris, and Maggie Smith. 2001.

★ (PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

High and Low — Out of an Ed McBain 87th Precinct novel, Akira Kurosawa has fashioned a formula kidnapping melodrama that, elaborated to two-and-a-half hours, manages to engage all his burning moral concerns, undimmed, as well as all his ingenuity as an action director unsurpassed on the wide-screen. Kurosawa makes good use of McBain’s knowledge of familial police operations, the pep talks, teamwork, joshing, etc. But besides that, he shows an excruciating appreciation of the ironies and ambiguities in the conflict between the Haves and the Have-Nots (the High and the Low, if you will) that isn’t quite equalled in American detective fiction — McBain, McGivern, MacDonald, Macdonald, McAnyone — maybe in Dostoevski or Dickens. The plot is laid out in precise and evocative arenas (the haughty hilltop mansion occupied by the kidnap victims and, far below, the sleazy, neon-lit Ginza strip haunted by the psychopathic kidnapper); it is continually tricky and surprising (an early twist, for instance: the abducted boy turns out, after the first ransom demand, to be not the son of the rich shoe manufacturer but the son of the chauffeur); and it is faultlessly paced and timed (the mounting tensions of almost an hour of claustrophobic, stage-like drama inside the mansion are explosively released in a frantic scene aboard a rattling express

train; the kidnapper, halfway through, finally makes a slithery, unpredictable entrance, sighted first as a reflection in a pool of water and followed along narrow streets, stairs, halls, to a tiny room where he gloats over his newspaper notices; and the clues and revelations, ferreted out only with difficulty and patience, are met by oddly appealing outbursts of trumpets on the soundtrack and, on one special occasion, by a splash of pink on the black-and-white film stock). Toshiro Mifune is fine, strong, restrained, as the shoe man; but he takes second place to Tatsuya Nakadai as the humble, humane policeman in charge of the case. Nakadai’s reactions — his eyes bug out unnaturally, like a strangulation victim, and his chin drops to his chest, when the kidnapper, under surveillance, incredibly bumps into Mifune in front of a shoe-store window — serve as a sort of mirror or model for audience reactions. His supporting performance is the epitome of unselfish sideline-sitting. 1963.

★★★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/13)

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.

★★★★ (ENCINITAS 8, FROM 2/14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 2/14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 2/14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days — The hot-shot ad exec will win the big diamond account if he can first win the private bet that he can make any woman fall in love with him in ten days. But his competition for the account knows that the chosen woman is writing a first-person magazine article on how to ruin a relationship in that same amount of time. Fun, no? Well, no. (Despite the maniacal energy brought to it by Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson.) It is both completely nonsensical and, if you have seen enough bad movies, completely predictable. With Adam Goldberg, Michael Michele, Shalom Harlow, and Bebe Neuwirth; directed by Donald Petrie. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Innocents — Jack Clayton’s superbly, subtly, suggestively atmospheric rendition of the Henry James ghost story, *The Turn of the Screw*, with steady help from the wide-screen black-and-white photography of Freddie Francis (then at the brink of a new career as a director of grade-B Hammer horrors). Deborah Kerr’s portrayal of the spinsterly governess contains all the complexity demanded by the wisd-up Freudian interpreter, as well as all the moral urgency necessary for steadfast believers in Good and Evil. With Pamela Franklin, Martin Stephens, Michael Redgrave. 1961.

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The Jungle Book 2 — Animated sequel to the 1967 Disney film, with the voices of Haley Joel Osment, John Goodman, and Phil Collins, directed by Steve Trenbirth. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/14)

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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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;
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PLAZA 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers — Another three hours on the journey of a thousand miles, with pretty much the entire third hour given over to a single indecisive battle. (And now: “The battle for Middle-earth is about to begin.”) The viewer who did not scrounge up the video of Part One for a refresher, or who has not committed the Tolkien books to memory, might have some difficulty getting his bearings. More simply, the storytelling is terrible. (Yeah, sure, the technology is terrific.) Every now and then someone, usually Viggo Mortensen or Orlando Bloom, will give a decent impression of being a legendary hero in a timeless landscape, but the point and purpose remain vague generalities. And the subhead of Part Two notwithstanding, it will be futile to search for 9/11 prophecy beyond (once again) the vaguest generality: “So much death! What can men do against such reckless hate?” With Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Bernard Hill; written and directed by Peter Jackson. 2002.

★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Love Liza — The grief-stricken 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)

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.
● (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; VOGUE)

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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Philadelphia Story — Philip Barry's dose of Thirties highlife (it tickles the nose and makes the head light) is brought from stage to screen by George Cukor and Company, with as much reverence and care and deliberateness as if they all thought they were handling a play by Molière. Cary Grant and James Stewart are, respectively, Cary Grant and James Stewart, and quite fine. Katharine Hepburn is overboard. 1940.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/16)

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 inerascable early 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)

The Quiet American — A tale of political intrigue complicated by romantic intrigue in Indochina in the early 1950s: an idealistic and myopic American secret agent played by Brendan Fraser, and an aloof, effete British journalist played by Michael Caine ("Sooner or later," he is admonished by a native, "one has to take sides if one is to remain human"), in gentlemanly — and discreetly symbolic — competition over a passive Vietnamese concubine. This treatment of the Graham Greene novel stays truer than Joe Mankiewicz's 1958 version to the spirit of the original, though it goes outside it in its godlike omniscience on the coming Vietnam War, complete with an historical update in the epilogue. More than a mere remake, more than a simple reprise, it amounts to a retrospective and newly appreciative view of the book, a validation of it in hindsight. (For all its distant perspective, the film has lost little in topicality: America is still the cop on the world beat.) Of course we can scarcely be surprised, in an age whose top spy writer seems to be Tom Clancy, that Greene would come across more than ever as a deep thinker and a subtle moralist: everyone in

his smoke-gray world is tainted, and the man who holds the moral high ground in one sector of the battlefield will find himself far down the slope in another. Australian director Phillip Noyce, who coincidentally has handled a couple of the Clancy transplants to the screen (*Patriot Games*, the best of them, in addition to *A Clear and Present Danger*), keeps a steady hand on the throttle, such that the slightest infusion of suspense (running out of gas in the dead of night in the Vietnam back country and seeking refuge in the handiest watchtower) is worth more than all the explosions in the latest Bond caper. With Do Thi Hai Yen.

2002.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 Gulpiil. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Rashomon — A pregnant parable on truth and the eye of the beholder. The construction is neat, tight, and schematic (four conflicting points of view on a mysterious forest killing), whereas Kurosawa's treatment is full-blown (torrential rains, hysterical performances) and long-drawn-out. Toshiro Mifune, Machiko Kyo, Takashi Shimura. 1952. ★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/13; SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/16, 2 P.M.)

The Recruit — A nothing-is-what-it-seems spy game from director Roger

Donaldson, who gave us (most relevantly) *No Way Out*. That grouping of words even crops up in a climactic line of dialogue: “You’ve got *no way out* but me.” Is this just a coincidence or is it an encryption? In that same vein, one might wonder whether the hero’s part-time job as a bartender alludes (less relevantly) to the same director’s *Cocktail*. Is this a way of insinuating that Colin Farrell, linked with Tom Cruise in *Minority Report*, is now the new Cruise? (The old, in case you hadn’t noticed, has entered middle age.) In any event it is while mixing drinks that the hero, a computer whiz who “majored in Nonlinear Cryptography” at MIT, is first contacted by a CIA recruiter, a self-proclaimed “scary judge of talent,” who then puts our man through his paces at a sort of spy boot camp, “affectionately known as The Farm,” before handpicking him for the top-secret assignment of ferreting out a mole. We can be grateful that the unspooling plotline has not been weighted down with extraneous action (beyond the hero’s ferocious workouts on a punching bag: those, and the forty square inches of tattoos on his upper arm, tell you he’s no nerd), but the filmmakers seem a little anxious, a little apologetic, about it, throwing in a lot of wasted motion by way of a restless camera and a rushed pace. The actors — the weary know-it-all, Al Pacino, alongside that thin-skinned innocent, Farrell — contribute their share of wasted motion, and add to it a lot of

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wasted emotion as well. These florid performers give the impression that “The Company” as presently constituted is less suited to saving the world than to singing Verdi. With Bridget Moynahan and Gabriel Macht. 2003.

★ (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)

Sanjuro — In the sequel to his *Yojimbo*, Kurosawa, keeping a smart eye on the box-office, choreographs even wilder, grander action scenes; however, the inherent confidence and joviality of a successful film formula somewhat diminish the misanthropic, iconoclastic snarl of the

earlier film. Mifune, Nakadai, and Kurosawa’s stock company of jibbering-monkey performers remain tremendously energetic. And the climactic toe-to-toe, draw-and-slice showdown features a sword trick so neat and so devastating that no one — not anyone in the film nor anyone in the audience — can believe his eyes. 1963.

★★★★ (KEN, 2/19 AND 20)

Secret Ballot — Absurdist political comedy set on Election Day in Iran, more precisely the desolate island of Kish in the Persian Gulf. The officious election official, a city woman in a heavy chador that leaves only her face exposed and requires constant readjustment, has until five o’clock to round up every vote on the sparsely populated island, and by God she means to do it, escorted by a burly, meaty-faced soldier with a too-small hat (like Chaplin, like Langdon), a rifle, and a jeep. A fugitive in flight from authority gets run to earth: “We must have his vote!” A list of ten candidates will be presented to everyone (or photos of them for the illiterate), from which the voter is to select two, even if his preferred candidate is nowhere on the list, even if he recognizes

none of them. One old man wants to vote for Allah alone. With time running short, the law-abiding soldier stops at a red light in the middle of nowhere, though they haven’t seen another car all day. In the by now familiar Iranian way, nobody smiles, and everybody tirelessly repeats themselves. Writer-director Babak Payami, not one of the hitherto familiar names (but Mohsen Makhmalbaf is credited with the story idea), exhibits total assurance to go along with, and lend support to, a balky, mulish pace. He shoots predominantly in long shot, careful, purposeful compositions that hold the screen and are long held. Apart from the marvelous sense of landscape, of entering it and of moving around in it, the distances from the camera generate an air of watchfulness and patience. Democracy advances slowly. Nassim Abdi, Cyrus Ab. 2001.

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/18, 6:30 P.M.)

Seven Samurai — Kurosawa’s inspiring action film — inspiring particularly to John Sturges’s *The Magnificent Seven* — about a loose-knit team of free-spirited,

unemployed samurai who are hired for pittance to defend a farming village against the local hunts. The movie itself could be called loose-knit too; but because the action scenes, like the characters, are wonderfully varied and energetic, it is one of the least tedious three-and-a-half-hour movies in existence. Takashi Shimura, Toshiro Mifune. 1954.

★★★★ (KEN, 2/14 THROUGH 18)

Shanghai Knights — Sequel to *Shanghai Noon*, reteaming Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson, directed by David Dobkin.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sling Blade — Billy Bob Thornton’s Karl — a borderline moron released from a

mental institution twenty-five years after murdering his mother and her lover — is a striking portrait, difficult to recognize as the same man who, for instance, was once the bullying cardsharp faced down by an unarmed Wyatt Earp in *Tombstone*: “Are you gonna do something, or are you just gonna stand there and bleed?” That man. The makeover is top to bottom. To begin with, there’s the neo-Medieval bowl haircut and the unchanging costume of gray shirt buttoned up to the neck and blue pants stopping a couple of inches short of the ankle. Then there’s the pugnaciously outthrust chin and the lips drawn taut into a chimplike grin. And then there’s the Southern drawl lowered an octave or two so as to sound something like Froggy of the “Our Gang” comedies after his pubertal voice-change, something like a dubbed Italian muscleman grunting with the effort to topple a pillar or roll a boulder, something like the grinding gears of an eighteen-wheel semi on a steep downgrade. This frightful growl is punctuated at intervals with a throat-clearing “mmm-hmm” or, less affirmatively, more ruminatively, a mere “mmm.” All of which is quite fascinatingly and entertainingly

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Daredevil; The Jungle Book 2; Talk to Her; The Guru; Shanghai Knights; How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days; The Recruit; The Hours; About Schmidt; Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Gangs of New York; San Diego Jewish Film Festival

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Adaptation (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Mon. (10:50) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Ararat** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:00) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (10:40) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15; Sat.-Mon. (10:30) 1:55, 5:05, 8:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:55) 5:05, 8:15

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Daredevil; The Jungle Book 2; About Schmidt; Shanghai Knights; How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days; Final Destination 2; The Recruit; Darkness Falls; Kangaroo Jack; The Hours; Just Married; Catch Me If You Can; Chicago; The Lord of the Rings: The Two

Towers; 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, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30; **Bowling for Columbine** (R) Fri. 1:15, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 4:10, 7:05, 9:25; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri. 1:25, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. 1:25, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45; Wed.-Thu. 1:25, 4:20, 9:45; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Daredevil; The Jungle Book 2; Deliver Us from Eva; The Guru; Shanghai Knights; How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days; Final Destination 2; The Recruit; Antwone Fisher; Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Darkness Falls; Chicago; Kangaroo Jack; The Hours

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cineraama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 5:20, 9:35; Mon. (1:05) 5:20; Tue.-Thu. (5:20); **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Mon. (11:00, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50; Tue.-Thu. (3:30, 5:40) 7:50; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri. (3:25) 7:40; Sat.-Mon. (11:10, 3:25) 7:40; Tue.-Thu. (3:25) 7:40; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri. (1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Mon. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 7:50; Tue.-Thu. (3:20, 5:40) 7:50; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri. (1:55, 3:45) 5:30, 7:15, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:55, 3:45) 5:30, 7:15, 9:00; Mon. (12:00, 1:55, 3:45) 5:30, 7:15; Tue.-Thu. (3:45, 5:30) 7:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri. (1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. (3:30, 5:30) 7:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00; Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 5:20) 7:40

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Sanjuro (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 5:15, 9:30; **Seven Samurai** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:30; Sat.-Mon. 3:00, 7:30; Tue. 7:30; **Yojimbo** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 7:15

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Far from Heaven (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:10, 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (10:45) 1:50, 4:10, 7:20, 9:45; Tue. (1:50) 4:10, 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (1:50) 4:10, 7:20, 9:45; **Frida** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Mon. (10:55) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; **Love Liza** (R) Fri. (4:40) 10:05; Sat.-Mon. (11:25) 4:40, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (4:40) 10:05; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:40; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55;

Sat.-Mon. (11:05) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Trouble in Paradise, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 8:50 p.m.; **One Hour with You**, Friday, 7 p.m.; **Belle of the Nineties**, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Jane Goodall’s Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 5:00; **Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 3:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 3:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00; Sat. 10:30; Sun. 11:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35) 7:00; Sun. (12:35); Mon.-Thu. (12:35) 7:00; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (3:40) 10:15; Sun. (3:40) 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:40) 10:15; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:15) 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:20, 10:10; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:45, 10:10; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40) 6:55; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:20); **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:10) 7:15, 10:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:15, 4:00, 4:40) 7:15, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:05, 2:35, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 9:40; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:25) 10:30; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:30) 7:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:00) 7:50; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:05, 10:25; **Old School** (R) Sneak Preview Sun. 7:30; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:15) 7:10, 9:45; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 6:50, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:10, 2:40, 3:10, 4:35, 5:05) 5:35, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55, 10:25; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15, 9:25; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55) 5:50; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15, 9:25; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:25) 8:20; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 12:05, 2:10, 2:40, 4:45, 5:15) 7:20, 7:50, 9:55, 10:25; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:00) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG)

Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:05, 5:15) 7:25; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:35

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Mon. (11:40, 3:20) 7:05, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 9:45; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:50, 3:00) 7:15, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:25, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 1:00, 3:55) 4:45, 7:30, 8:10, 10:00, 10:40; Mon. (12:10, 1:00, 3:55) 4:45, 7:30, 8:10, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50) 7:30, 8:00, 10:05; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:05, 3:40) 7:20, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 9:30; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:20, 3:30) 4:05, 7:50, 8:30, 10:30; Mon. (12:30, 1:20, 3:30, 3:50) 7:45, 8:30, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (1:10, 2:00, 4:20, 5:10) 7:25, 8:10, 9:55; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 1:40, 3:45) 7:00, 9:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 3:05, 5:00) 7:00, 9:15; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:45, 3:10) 8:05, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:40, 10:00; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:20) 4:20, 7:40, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:35, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:30; Mon. (12:00, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30, 5:55) 8:25; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:30) 7:00; Tue.-Thu. (12:20, 4:55); **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 1:50, 3:50) 5:50, 7:50, 9:50; Mon. (11:50, 1:50, 3:50) 5:50, 7:50; Tue.-Thu. (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:35) 9:55; Mon. (3:35); Tue.-Thu. 8:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 5:35, 7:45, 10:00;

original, but at the same time is too much of a stunt to be taken entirely seriously. The humor and paths around this character (e.g., his habit of standing outside a door without either entering or knocking, just waiting to be found there) are really pretty easy to come by; and Thornton, who also wrote and directed, comes by them in bucketfuls. The central situation — the befriending of Karl by a young boy whose single mother is victimized by an abusive lover — is dripping with sentimentality. The writing often sounds a lot like overwriting — stilted and literary. The directing, even more often, looks a lot like underdirecting — a dimly illuminated image and a disinterested camera disposed toward time-saving and money-saving long takes. Still, a sufficiently likable little movie, notwithstanding the two-and-a-quarter-hour duration that taxes the boundaries of littleness. With Lucas Black, Natalie Canerday, John Ritter, Dwight Yoakam. 1997.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 2/13)

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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 2/14; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12, FROM 2/14)

Trouble in Paradise — Two congenital

jewel thieves of opposite sexes and a mouth-watering millionairess (mouth-watering not just for her millions) form a romantic and larcenous triangle in what’s supposed to be Depression-era Europe. But the breathlessly sustained levels of artifice, insouciance, and cold-blooded wit carry it into a world all its own. Or all Lubitsch’s own. They also carry it into an unassailable place in the canon of High Camp. Written by Samson Raphaelson; with Herbert Marshall, Miriam Hopkins, Kay Francis, Edward Everett Horton, and Charles Ruggles. 1932.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/13, 7 P.M., AND 2/14, 1:30 AND 8:50 P.M.)

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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 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

8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 5:30, 10:15; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:45, 7:45; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Wed. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Daredevil; **The Jungle Book 2**; **The Hours**; **Shanghai Knights**; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days**; **Deliver Us from Eva**; **Final Destination 2**; **Biker Boyz**; **The Recruit**; **Darkness Falls**; **Kangaroo Jack**; **National Security**; **Just Married**; **Antwone Fisher**; **Chicago**; **About Schmidt**; **Catch Me If You Can**; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers**

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:35) 7:05, 10:00; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 4:45) 9:30; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:15, 12:35, 2:20, 2:45, 3:00, 4:50, 5:15, 5:30) 7:15, 7:40, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:35; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:30) 7:25; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10) 8:00; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:15, 4:30) 6:45, 9:45; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:35) 10:25; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:25, 2:40, 3:40, 5:15) 6:55, 7:55, 9:35, 10:30; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 12:55, 2:30, 3:00, 4:55, 5:25) 7:10, 9:30; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 6:50, 9:55; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:45) 7:50; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:05) 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:25

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 8:00; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 5:00; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:00, 10:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Shanghai Knights; **Kangaroo Jack**

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Rd. (619-474-8571)
Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 5:25, 10:00; Mon. (1:00) 5:25; Tue.-Thu. 7:50; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 5:10, 7:50, 10:15; Mon. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:45; Tue.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:00; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; Mon. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:10; Tue.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 7:40; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; Mon. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40; Tue.-Thu. (3:55, 5:55) 8:10; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

(12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 5:20) 7:45; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:45, 3:30) 5:25, 7:20, 9:10; Mon. (12:00, 1:45, 3:30) 5:15, 7:00; Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 4:45) 6:30, 8:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:15) 4:20, 6:25, 8:40; Mon. (12:10, 2:15) 4:20, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. (3:50, 5:55) 8:00; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (3:25) 7:50; Tue.-Thu. (3:50, 5:50); **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10; Mon. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55; Tue.-Thu. (3:10, 5:30) 7:50; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:40, 9:50; Mon. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25; Tue.-Thu. (3:05, 5:25) 7:40

NORTH INLAND BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Mon. 11:30, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45; Tue.-Thu. 2:30, 5:15, 7:45; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Tue.-Thu. 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri. 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Tue.-Thu. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri. 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Mon. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; Mon. (2:10) 4:35, 7:05, 9:25; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:05, 9:25; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 5:05, 7:50, 10:20; Mon. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 2:00, 3:15) 4:45, 5:40, 7:30, 8:10, 9:55, 10:35; Mon. (12:10, 12:50, 2:35, 3:15) 5:00, 5:40, 7:25, 8:10, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:20, 2:15, 3:40, 4:50, 5:55) 7:25, 8:10, 9:45; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 5:10, 8:30; Mon. (1:45) 5:05, 8:30; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 5:05) 8:30; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:45; Mon. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 9:50; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:25, 7:40, 9:30; Mon. (12:00, 2:00, 3:55) 5:50, 7:30, 9:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:55, 3:50, 5:40) 7:30, 9:10; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (12:40, 2:50) 4:55, 7:10, 9:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 3:15, 5:15) 7:15, 9:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (1:00) 4:40, 8:20; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 4:55) 8:20; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; Mon. (1:05, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 7:55, 10:05; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Mon.

(12:30, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (2:25, 5:10) 7:40, 10:00

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Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Mon. 10:15, 12:45, 5:30; Tue.-Wed. 10:15, 12:45; Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 5:30; **Final Destination** (R) Fri.-Sun. 3:15, 8:00, 10:15; Mon. 3:15, 8:00; Tue.-Wed. 3:15; Thu. 3:15, 8:00; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:45

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SAN MARCOS

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2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Daredevil (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25; Tue.-Thu. 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Mon. 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15; Tue.-Thu. 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 7:00, 9:20; Tue.-Thu. 2:05, 4:25, 7:00, 9:20

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Adaptation (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Chicago (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **The Pianist** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:45, 5:00, 8:15; Sun. 10:30, 1:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 1:45, 5:00, 8:15; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 4:15) 7:20, 10:25; Mon. (1:10, 4:15) 7:20; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 5:30) 8:30; **Daredevil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; Mon. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50; Tue.-Thu. (2:55, 5:20) 8:15; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:15, 5:40) 8:00, 10:30; Mon. (1:05, 3:15, 5:40) 8:00; Tue.-Thu. (3:25, 5:35) 7:50; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 4:10) 7:30, 10:15; Mon. (1:15, 4:10) 7:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:45, 5:40) 8:25; **The Jungle Book 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10, 5:30) 7:45, 9:45; Mon. (1:00, 3:10, 5:30) 7:45; Tue.-Thu. (3:10, 5:15) 7:30; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:05, 5:15) 7:35; Mon. (12:50, 3:05, 5:15); Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 5:10); **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:45, 4:30) 8:15; Tue.-Thu. (3:15) 8:00; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 4:20) 7:15, 10:00; Mon. (1:30, 4:20) 7:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:40, 5:25) 8:10; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:50; Mon. 7:35; Tue.-Thu. 7:40

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Bowling for Columbine (R) Fri. 8:45; Sat.-Mon. 6:15; Tue.-Thu. 8:40; **Far from Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. 6:20; Sat.-Mon. 3:40, 8:40; Tue.-Thu. 6:15; **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, 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30,

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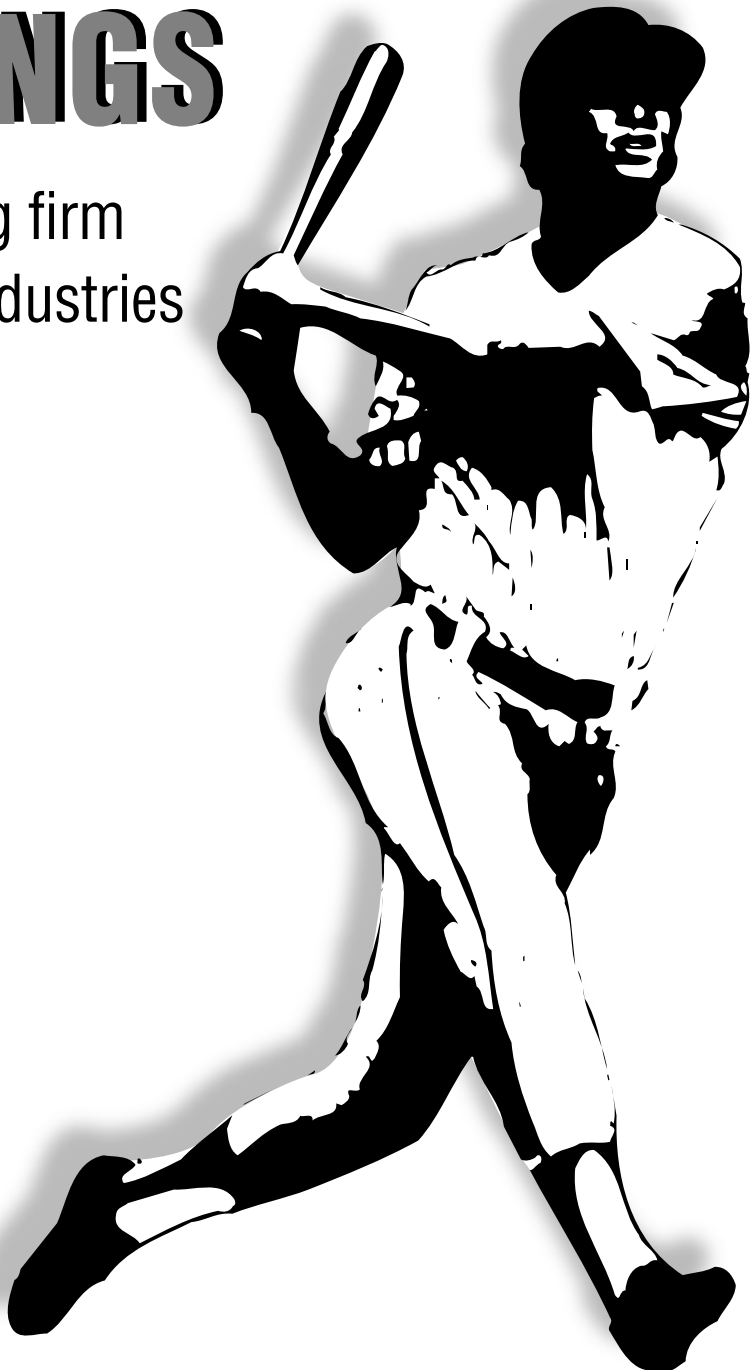
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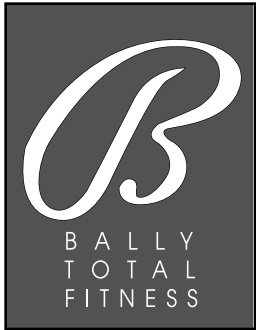
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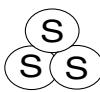
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It was last Valentine's Day — a bunch of friends got together and all went up to Big Bear, and we snow-boarded and snow-skied. It was a bunch of girls and a few of our guy friends who didn't have Valentines, so we all decided to go up there. It was a fun weekend.



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It was disappointing. My sister and I were at a bar, by ourselves. Neither of us had Valentines. Bad Valentine's Day.



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AUDITIONS. La Jolla Playhouse will be holding auditions for its intensive, 5-week Summer Conservatory for high school students. For information and application, go to www.lajollaplayhouse.com. Applications are due 2/18/03. Auditions will be held 2/22, 2/23, 3/1, 3/2/03.

AUDITIONS. Beverly Hills model management company looking for new talent now for national commercials, magazines for spring and summer season. Serious inquiries. 310-360-1240; 310-360-6992.

AUDITIONS. "Perfect Wedding," Scripps Ranch Theatre, 2/24, appointment only. Open walk-in auditions held 2/25, beginning 7pm. 2 males, 25-35; 3 females, 21-31; 1 female 40s. Modest stipend. Plays weekends, 4/25-5/17. Head shot, resume and prepared, short monologue required. Call for appointment, 858-272-3343; e-mail: rcdrexler@worldnet.att.net. More details: <http://www.scrippsranctheatre.org/>.

AUDITIONS. The Muse Theatre is casting for "The House of Bernarda Alba." Needed: women of all ethnicities, ages 18-80. Auditions are 2/22/03, beginning at 1pm. The Actors Asylum, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard. 619-239-2894.

AUDITIONS. Award winning film maker shooting 35mm short film. Bilingual Hispanic males, all ages. Open call February 15, 9am. 10417 Hermanos Road. 858-277-6970.

AUDITIONS. Dancers wanted to form a dance troupe as backup to pop recording artist. Must have a job. www.shemmfanclub.com or 619-852-7436.

AUDITIONS. "Lysistrata," the original anti-war play by Aristophanes, directed by Christopher R. A 2-minute prepared piece is preferred. Appointments, 619-224-0499.

AUDITIONS. Sketch comedy/music TV show seeks male actors, age/look 18-25. Singing a plus. February 15 and 16. Call for details. 619-283-7601.

AUDITIONS. "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress." Tuesday, 3/11, 7pm. Roles for 5 women and 1 man. Howard Brubeck Theatre, San Marcos Campus, 1140 W Mission Road. Call backs, Wednesday 3/12, 7pm. More information, contact Michael Mufson, 760-744-1150 x2456; mmufson@palomar.edu.

CLOTHING COMPANY SEEKS attractive models 18-26 years, female/male for San Diego photo shoot, 2/15-2/17. No experience needed. Send photos/info to talent@sonnyblack.com or 800-865-7789.

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DANCE AUDITION. Sunday, February 16, 2003. FusionForce Dance Troupe is seeking hip-hop dancers. Advanced jazz dancers also needed for separate jazz group. Pre-audition workshops available February 9th. For more information, contact 619-448-0164 or visit www.fusionforce.org.

DANCE AUDITIONS! 2/23 at 10am at Evoke Dance Studios for 35mm musical comedy shooting mid-April. For more information call Julia at 619-857-8108.

EXTRAS NEEDED for local independent movie! All types and ages. For information, come see us this Sunday, 2/16 at Kobey's Swap Meet, space J-13.

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ATTENTION: DIVORCED DADS. Have you completed a child visitation by Dr. Stephen Doynoe? Contact Fathers for Fair Visitation, 760-612-6036.

AURA HEALINGS. Tuesday healing night, 7-9pm, 2141 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Aura healings and chakra balancing. Earth and Sky Church, 760-631-7900.

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HAVE QUESTIONS about your sexuality? Friendly group meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm for discussion, support, social interaction. Community Church, 115 Thorn, Hillcrest. 858-259-8019.

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MEDITATION. Free classes on Thursdays, 7pm; Saturdays, 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. Donations accepted, not required. www.dharmacenter.com or 858-616-6308.

MEN AND WOMEN, ages 20-55, who have high blood pressure needed for a research study of the effects of stress on the immune system. Please call for more information, 619-543-5831.

MENOPAUSE DEPRESSION STUDY. UCSD seeks menopausal women, ages 45-65, nonsmoking, not currently using hormones and experiencing depression for research study using antidepressant and hormone replacement therapy. Must not be using either currently. Overnight hospital stays required. 619-543-5575.

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RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME support/education groups. Year 2003 meeting reminder. November 16, 2pm, Green Hospital at Scripps Clinic, 10666 North Torrey Pines, La Jolla. Gracie, 760-489-1201 or Sharon, 858-558-7681.

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VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused/neglected children need you! Over 7500 children in foster care waiting for help. Become a child advocate. Information sessions: 1/28 and 2/25. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019; www.voices4children.com.

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DEAR ST. JUDE TADEO. Thank you for prayers answered speedily!

HOWEVER DISGUISED, key agenda: Global genocide. How it to be faced, handled, solved, resolved requires "mind power" that we "use less than 2%." Fit mildly.

IN MEMORY of the Columbia Space Shuttle and her crew. February 1, 2003. Go with God.

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MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

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Opposable Thumbs

Two eyebrows also: Brains, beauty, happy, caring heart, very fit 38, 5'6", 135lbs., brown/blue, runner, loves hiking, sailing, cooking, music, adventures! Needs: Strong, capable, 36+, taller, accomplished, good guy. Disqualifications: Addictions, diseases, sadism, psychosis, swastikas. (2/19) ☎50420

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 32, 5'5", athletic build, intelligent, independent, sexy, financially secure, part-time mother, seeks attractive, intelligent, confident, active gentleman, 30-45, to enjoy San Diego. (2/19) ☎50408

CUTE, FUN, TALL BLONDE, 45, fit, nonsmoker, enjoys workouts, reading, conversation, movies, music. Looking for nonsmoker, fit, smart, funny, honest, for exclusive relationship. (2/19) ☎50429

PRETTY, ACCOMPLISHED, creative, cerebral, romantic, 40s, professional. Loves travel, reading, cultural activities. Seeking 46-56 year-old, accomplished, very intelligent, professional male, at least 5'10", who values integrity, humor, ideas, life. (2/26) ☎50466

BORDER PATROL AGENT wanted. Fishing for elusive, tall, blue eyed, steel head in Ocean Beach. Sought by tall, happy, curious redhead. (2/19) ☎50423

EXOTIC HAWAIIAN BEAUTY queen. Integrity, model, artist, author, dancer, athletic, never married. You: never married,

quality, military a plus, 37-60. (2/26) ☎50444

FUN, FLIRTY, 50, blonde/blue, white, educated, independent. Looking for companionship/relationship with man, 47-55, who likes to cook and dance, on the wild side. (2/26) ☎50457

SLEEPLESS IN SAN DIEGO. Seeking soul mate. Me: very young, mid 50s, attractive, physically fit, active, European born/educated, multilingual. You: successful, degreed professional, 54-68. (2/19) ☎50431

Ebony and Ivory

Classy, attractive, feminine, black lady, 50ish, nonsmoker, with style, grace, charm and presence. Loves dressing up and going to theatre, restaurants, movies or whatever! Wants to share a first class, monogamous relationship with a nonsmoking, financially secure, generous gentleman, 50+. Someone who values integrity and mutual respect for each other. Let's explore each other's world! (2/26) ☎50454

DYNAMIC, TALL, FIT, SEXY, fun loving, 58. Seeking quality gentleman for life's adventures. We enjoy cycling, running, good music, theatre, the outdoors, and spontaneous fun. (2/26) ☎50439

CHARMING DECORATOR, 40, smart, petite, health conscious, blue eyes. Seeking active, executive boyfriend. Let's bike, sightsee, opera, hold hands, make plans. (2/19) ☎50414

ARTISTIC, ADVENTUROUS and attractive, 48, graduate student looking for man who is a good communicator and loves to explore new possibilities. youthful outlook important. (2/26) ☎50451

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, nice figure, pleasing personality. Seeking 55+, tall, unencumbered, romantic, outgoing, cuddly teddy bear type for a monogamous relationship. (2/26) ☎50433

CAPTIVATING GREEN-EYED redhead, accomplished professional seeks intelligent, self-assured, honorable communicator who lights up my face and heart when he walks in the room. (2/19) ☎50410

ANYONE WITH GOOD MIDWEST values? Smart, beautiful, fun, 35, duke basketball

fan, looking for intelligent down-to-earth, very attractive, 30-40 single guy. Any-one? (2/19) ☎50405

POSITIVE, AFFECTIONATE, romantic. Feminine, fun artistic female, desire man of depth, integrity, humor. Prefer 45-60, nonsmoker. Travel, sports, jazz, gourmet cooking. Seeking long-term relationship. (2/19) ☎50397

SEEKING MY VALENTINE, must either be light, dark or white chocolate, sweet, romantic, 26-45, honest, sincere, for dating attractive, shapely Latin lady. (2/26) ☎50445

FRIENDLY, ENERGETIC, romantic. I am a 38 year-old, black woman. I'm 5'4", 135lbs. I am looking for someone who is funny, romantic and passionate! (2/19) ☎50427

YOU: PASSIONATE BRUNETTE? Italian? Attractive, 35-47, over 5'10"? If so. Me: Intense, pretty, blonde, 41, would love to meet you! (2/26) ☎50437

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, travels. (2/19) ☎50406

RECENTLY PAROLED AFTER 20 years of single motherhood! Ready to enjoy freedom. Red/blue, 52, 5', 135lbs., independent, casual, girl next door type. (2/26) ☎50448

SENIOR BLONDE CUTIE, FUN to be with, sense of humor, enjoys RV travel, cruises, outdoor life, easy living, laughable, hugable. Seeking retired, fun guy. (2/26) ☎50432

NONSMOKER, BLONDE, vivacious, active, degreed professional, respectful, communicative, compassionate, intelligent, kooky, awake, playful, affectionate, seeks Caucasian, brains before brawn, 5'11", 180lbs., 250lbs., seeks similar male. (2/26) ☎50455

CHRISTIAN, fun, loving, cute, redhead, 5'3", 120lbs. Looking for good humored man, between 55-65. Would have in common: personal relationship with the lord, love music, health, sports, traveling. (2/19) ☎50424

SEXY BLACK FEMALE, 33 years, looking for much older man, over 65 for fun. Must be giving. (2/19) ☎50421

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic, very loving and sincere. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it big boy. (2/26) ☎50435

AUSTRALIAN DESIRED BY world citizen. Still haven't given up! Where's my counterpart from down under? Brunette, insightful, will talk, listen and share her time! G'day! (2/26) ☎50450

YOU: 40+, GROWING spiritually, 5'10"+, kind, gentle, emotionally supportive, humorous, positive, active, outdoorsy. Me: 41, blue eyed brunette, spiritual, fit, nur-

turing, healthy, intelligent, creative, adventurous! (2/26) ☎50453

MY NAME IS TARA, I am new to San Diego and would like to meet some people. (2/26) ☎50463

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, blue-eyed blonde, 5'8", 125lbs., classy, 52. Seeking handsome, intelligent, active professional. (2/19) ☎50417

AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE, living in Rancho Bernardo. If you like dancing, long walks, dining out, movies, travel, sitting by a fire, sharing conversation. Contact me. (2/19) ☎69248

CANNOT HEAR OR SEE WELL and my feet hurt. Need affectionate guide and masseur, tall, 40-55, active, to help me paint the town. (2/26) ☎50438

LOVE, NOT WAR! Peacenik, 48, 5'9", natural, free spirited, son 14, seeks under 50ish, comely, easygoing, balanced, intellectual Leftist, marching, Dog Beach, treks, blues, poetry. (2/19) ☎50415

REGISTERED NURSE, professor, Masters, 49, ex-beauty queen, funny lady, secure, looking for tall, nonsmoker, educated, sensitive, into commitment, not games. Hurry! (2/26) ☎50447

SYNCHRONICITY-attractive, energetic, enthusiastic, independent, devoted, young 50 invites ageless, any race. Chemistry, friendship, love, awareness,

truth, meditation, fitness, fun! E-mails, leave return phone! (2/26) ☎50471

CUTE GUY WANTED! You: Good looking, 21-31, 5'10"+, no receding hair. Me: Cute, fun, athletic, sweet, sensual, passionate, spontaneous. Love travel, tennis, beaches, dancing. Call! (2/19) ☎50418

BLACK WOMAN SEEKS Mr. Wonderful. I'm an easygoing, honest, loving and caring person. Looking to find the same. (2/26) ☎50442

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD 40s. Outgoing, adventurous, movies, dining, weekend getaways. Comedy clubs. Seeking professional, intelligent, romantic, fun loving man for friendship. Exploring the city, endless possibilities. (2/26) ☎50467

I AM GORGEOUS, delightful, loving, down to earth, 49, blonde, professor, funny, one of a kind. Looking for tall, educated nerd, looking for his princess! (2/26) ☎50464

SEEKING BEST FRIEND. Looking for someone that does not do drugs, smoke, lives with mom, unemployed. Myself: independent, college degree, enjoy movies, dinner, weekend trips. (2/26) ☎50443

ACTIVE, BALANCED, sensitive, Miata driving woman, seeks honest, tall, athletic man that's secure, outgoing and not afraid of commitment. Let's laugh, communicate, experience life together! (2/19) ☎50416

GREEN-EYED LADY, attractive, earthy, 44, outdoorsy, kind, great sense humor, nonmaterialistic, Project Wildlife volunteer. Seeking soul mate. Let's enjoy life together! (2/26) ☎50436

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, sexy, smart, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate, friendship, sportive, spiritual/nonreligious, no previous kids, 35-48, 5'9" +. No Republicans. (2/26) ☎50465

SENSATIONAL, SEXY, MORE. Energetic, spirited, romantic, compassionate, successful woman, seeking sensitive, loyal man; to share commitment, excitement, romance. Let's embrace the journey and experience life! (2/19) ☎50422

FIT, FEMININE, 40, seeking life partner. Enjoy diving, hiking, sailing, travel, dancing, fireplaces, DVDs, conversation, theatre, tenderness. Balanced blend of elegant and casual. Friends first. (2/26) ☎50468

NICE RUSSIAN BLONDE, slender, kind, 51, 5'3", 145lbs., Spanish speaking, music academy chorus conductor. Seeking professional gentleman with good character, healthy lifestyle, for family life. (2/26) ☎50399

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AFRICAN AMERICAN professional, 40s, 5'10"+, athletic, educated, sincere, sought by petite, fit Caucasian female, young 50s, for fun, friendship, romance. Healthy lifestyle/fitness important. (2/19) **☎**50430

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. (2/26) **☎**50434

YOU: 35-45, TALL, HONEST, sincere, happy with life, great humor, nonsmoker. Me: 5'10", love family, snow skiing, classic cars, motorcycles, travel, restaurants. Anything in common? (2/26) **☎**50452

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, educated, athletic, intelligent, petite, European with a lot of business ideas. Seeking successful, monogamous, rich, well dressed, funny gentleman for good relationship, 45-55. (2/19) **☎**50426

LOVE COMES IN MANY colors/packages. 50-year-old African/American woman.Pretty, active, well built. You: Any race or age. No married/attached men. (2/19) **☎**50409

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, young 50, mellow, educated, secretary/psychology. Democrat, union, pacifist, Sierra, semi-vegetarian, yoga, buddhist, hike, swim, boat, ski, folk, jazz, comedy, nieces, Clairemont. (2/26) **☎**50449

CHOCOLATE, RED WINE, hard kisses! Ready? Red hot! Ample, voluptuous beauty seeks valentine, 32-42, for friendship, dating and endless possibilities. (2/26) **☎**50469

ADVENTUROUS, TALL, slim, Jewish female seeking down-to-earth, tall, fit, professional Jewish male, 38-50, nonsmoker, with integrity for long-term relationship. (2/26) **☎**50458

LOVING, KIND, SWEET, christian, passionate, affectionate, movie, travel, easygoing, outgoing, beach camping, 21-32, nonsmoker, music, honestly. Seeking long term relationship, cuddling, romance, casual dating, attractive. (2/19) **☎**50412

CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE. Early 40s, single white mother, native Californian, beach/surf lover, seeks similar man to hang out with and have fun. (2/26) **☎**50440

WE'RE BOTH LOOKING for a long-term, loyal relationship with chemistry, communication, honesty. Petite, 40, seeks that special someone, 35-50, weekend get-aways, movies, fun times. (2/19) **☎**50403

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, single mom, blonde hair, brown eyes. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, fit gentleman. Down to earth, nonsmoker, good sense of humor and good personality. (2/26) **☎**50462

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GUY. I'm attractive, 52, 5'5", spiritual. Seeking sincere, honest, man and a great kisser, 40-55, for happiness, love, romance and life. (2/26) **☎**50441

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SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic. Enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65. Wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (2/19) **☎**50404

YOU ARE INTELLIGENT with personal style, who likes music, hiking, learning. Black woman, 41, seeking fun and possible, relationship with healthy, youngish nonsmoker. Race unimportant. (2/19) **☎**50396

TALL, VERY ATTRACTIVE, free-spirited, brunette, Caucasian, professional in her 50s, with energy and integrity. Seeking male companionhip and perhaps someone to cherish. (2/19) **☎**50401

INTELLIGENT, HONEST, sensual, 54, 5'2", curvy, long blonde/blue, seeks sincere, confident, degreed, strong, successful, over 5'8", special man for our best relationship ever! (2/19) **☎**50419

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially stable, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (2/19) **☎**50425

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HEY THERE... I'M A SINGLE dad, am stable and secure in my life, but just looking for someone to share that with. (2/19) **☎**69228

PROFESSIONAL DENTIST, Caucasian, 5'10", curly brown/blue, fit, energetic, adventurous, nonsmoker, open-minded, free-spirited. Do everything and like anything that you do. You: 35-45. (2/26) **☎**69325

HELP ME FEED THE DUCKS at the lake across the street. Sensitive Lakeside

homeowner, 60, 5'11", 150lbs., needs your caring, affectionate companionhip. Enjoys movies, music. (2/26) **☎**69319

Music Of The Heart

Handsome musician, film composer, 5'11", youthful, 58, financially secure. Enjoys music, films, nature, stimulating conversation. Seeking smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter, love. (2/19) **☎**69255

INTELLIGENT FEMALE with business or computer education/experience wanted by successful internet investor. Single white male, 40, 6', 195lbs., blond hair, green eyes. (2/26) **☎**69293

COMMUNICATION, HUMOR, fitness, hugs, adventure, travel, great views, success, hiking, biking, ocean walks. You: under 39, smile often, unpretentious, don't excessively drink/smoke, seeks exclusivity? (2/19) **☎**69245

YOUR WISHES, MY DESIRE. Strikingly handsome, 6'1", 47, 185lbs., emotionally/financially secure, trainable. Seeking tall, assertive, mature, sublime woman to love, honor, respect and obey. (2/19) **☎**69217

HERPES, BUT HEALTHY. African-American male, 6', athletic, seeks white/Latina for music, golf and travel. 30-40. Me: 45. (2/19) **☎**69225

MALE, 36, AVERAGE BUILD, 6'1", black hair, blue eyes, intelligent, spiritual, physically/emotionally healthy, creative, happy, never married, nonsmoker, musician, student and career professional. (2/26) **☎**69288

ROMANTIC CHEMISTRY! Tall, handsome, fit, successful professional, 41, well groomed, unencumbered and sometimes even spiritual. Available for relationship, weekend getaways, passionate roommate, intimate conversation. (2/19) **☎**69222

ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 48, 6', 182lbs., athletic, professional, biking, dancing, hiking, jazz, foreign films, arts, wines, metaphysics. Seeking Asian female, 33-50, attractive, athletic, North County. (2/26) **☎**69306

SOUTH SIDE BLUES! 47, from Chicago, loves restoring old cadillacs and suzukis. Needs dog loving, nonsmoker, attractive

female, kind, fit, for eternal love, romance. (2/19) **☎**69239

ROMANTIC, AFFECTIONATE, sensual, passionate, easygoing, down to earth. Seeking a Caucasian, 18-35, for friendship or relationship. Height and weight are unimportant. Full-figured a plus. (2/26) **☎**69272

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African American/white, 64, 6'4", 210lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (2/19) **☎**69266

ACTIVE, INTENSE, 65, white male, 5'10", 165lbs., advance degree, semi-retired seeking 58-65 woman, well proportioned, fit, conversationalist, outdoorsy, independent, ready to travel. (2/26) **☎**69283

HANDSOME, TALL, FIT, confident, personable, passionate, caring, 44, 6'2", 200lbs. I believe in working hard, having responsible fun. Seeking soul mate. Pretty, slim, intelligent. Nonsmoker. (2/26) **☎**69342

REALM OF POSSIBILITY: Passion, fun, intellectual stimulation, romance, laughter, connection, belonging. Me: 6'4", 48, funny, affectionate, articulate, cute. You: 5'6"-", 31-45, adventurous, cute, curvy, ready! (2/26) **☎**69338

FORMER EDUCATOR, 65, 6', 180lbs., attractive, financially and emotionally secure, nonsmoker, enjoys travel, dancing and the arts. College Area San Diego seeks slender, feminine woman. (2/19) **☎**69261

TIGERIFIC: attractive, employed, intelligent, playful, sleek, white tiger, prowling singles jungle. Adventurous, enchanting, insatiable, open-minded, purrsonable, uninhibited feline/tigrress/wildcat, 21-35. You meow? Lakeside. (2/26) **☎**69321

CHRISTIAN, TALL, FIT, blond, 40, coastal, educated, content, prayer, bible study, fellowship, ministry, books, scrabble, conversation, hiking, kayaking, running, Baja, nature, seeks godly woman that appreciates life's simple pleasures. (2/19) **☎**69262

I'M NOT A TALL handsome Adonis, wealthy, erudite, scintillating conversationalist, world traveler, gourmand. I'm

just an ordinary 72-year-old with qualities you might like. (2/26) **☎**69292

WIFE WANTED. White, 50, enjoy cooking, car races, car shows, swap meets, sense of humor, top 40 music, easygoing, hard worker, nonsmoker, active. (2/26) **☎**69277

NO LUSHES! HALF BREED, Native American/European, liberal, longhaired, professional, 38, good body, witty, caring, enjoys ocean, art, conversation, personal growth. Seeking intelligent, communicative, 23-40. (2/19) **☎**69246

JUST MOVED HERE and don't know anybody, so call me. I'm 25, I like bars, The Simpsons, the beach and I'm extremely handsome. (2/26) **☎**69295

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. (2/19) **☎**69249

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. (2/26) **☎**69281

NORMAL GUY, 45, seeking someone for friendship and ? (2/26) **☎**69290

MONKEY BOY SEEKS monkey girl for monkey business. Me curious George, you curious georgette? Let's get junglicious and hit the bush. 40-ish, fit, funny. (2/19) **☎**69256

SUCCESSFUL, SENSITIVE, intelligent, good natured, affectionate, light brown, blue, 5'9", nice appearance, trim and youthful at 55. Relationship minded, financially secure, childless, North County homeowner. (2/26) **☎**69305

East Indian Man

Looking for your knight in shining amour, the most important man in your life? Seeking female. Me: 28, 5'7", 140lbs. Seeking committed relationship. You: 33-36. Love travel, adventure. (2/19) **☎**69270

SINCERE CHRISTIAN MALE, 34, seeks Asian christian female, 24-37, for great

times and possibly more as we progress. Let's get together. (2/26) **☎**69309

HEART OF GOLD, educated, tall, dark,handsome, brown/blue, Caucasian seeking romantic valentine for loving/laughing, monogamous relationship with beautiful, sweet, healthy woman, 21-35. (2/26) **☎**69291

INTELLIGENT, business-minded, white male, early 40s, 5'7", seeks fun, loving, petite female, for friendship, dating, romance. I'm well traveled, like cooking, movies, weekend getaways. (2/26) **☎**69329

DO YOU LIKE BEACH WALKS, movies, music? I'm 5'11", 210lbs, brown/blue, 53, and am a peace officer. Seeking female who likes to have fun. (2/19) **☎**69258

WE'RE BOTH HONEST, ambitious, sweet, active, bright, responsible, sincere, fun, practical, patient, understanding, unencumbered, traditional, slenderish, Caucasian. Tall, 41 seeking 29-34 for friendship, commitment, family. (2/19) **☎**69218

GO AHEAD, LET ME MAKE your day. But then again, only you know that it was I that has been in your dreams. (2/26) **☎**69284

CAN YOU APPRECIATE A nice guy? 36, African American, employed, own place, handsome, looking for attractive, significant other. Race open. (2/26) **☎**69308

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SWEETEN MY DAYS! Somewhat cool/street smart, working dude, 8/14/50, moderate vises. Seeking book smart, nicely packaged, molecular structure/estrogen laced, tomboyish, little sugar babe. (2/26) **☎**69324

HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, successful executive, 50s, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit, professional lady, 35-55. (2/19) **☎**69240

SEXY, MATURE, OLDER WOMAN sought by tall, attractive, white male, 51, I'm loving, caring, financially/emotionally secure, easygoing, unencumbered, very affectionate, warm and romantic. (2/19) **☎**69254

ARE YOU: Voluptuous, sexy, curvaceous, open-minded, exotic lady? I'm a 35, secure, white, adventurous gentleman, looking for an exciting, fulfilling relationship. Enjoy playful pleasures. (2/19) **☎**69263

GENTLE, HANDSOME, PLAYFUL man, medium 5'8", 40s, looking for intelligent, awesome, Asian-Latin, 37-45. Bananas or twinkies OK. (2/19) **☎**69215

WOMAN OF COLOR for Italian. Artist, professional, 50s. Are we spiritual, mellow, fit, attractive. Happy, enjoying life, adventurer. Passionate, sexy, financially secure, a little wild. (2/19) **☎**69232

21-31, ASIAN, WHO IS NICE, honest, loving and a free spirit. Me: 31, preschool teacher, who loves football, soccer, beach, family and working out. (2/26) **☎**69312

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OFFICER AND GENTLEMAN seeks pretty woman. Resembles Kenny Rogers, Hemingway, Jerry Garcia! Likes dancing, nature, tennis, books, music, fireplaces, travel, birds, dogs, cats, corvettes. You? (2/19) ☎69253

CONSCIOUS BLACK MALE, 45, 6'4", 185lbs., seeks younger female with soul mate potential. I am low keyed, laid back. You: intelligent, attractive, slender to medium. (2/26) ☎69335

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, North County, professional, 41, 6'1", slim, athletic build, loves to travel and play. Seeking athletic lady for biking, tennis. Thick legs a plus! (2/19) ☎69257

BLONDE, SMART, SLIM, FIT? Executive, engineer, MBA, 41, 6'3", 175lbs., slim, fit, well dressed, trendy, Spanish descendant with accent, manners, personality and values. (2/26) ☎69317

SPECIAL PRINCE, TALL, blue/blond, handsome, 50s, nonsmoker, healthy, strong body, professional, homeowner. You: 47-58, lovely face, slender, considerate, understanding, good morals, caring listener, communicative. I'm 48. (2/26) ☎69298

JONDALAR ALOBAR seeks Ayla Kudra. Anytime you're ready... (2/19) ☎69234

6'3", WELL BUILT, 30s, athletic, dashing, black man, beach-area homeowner, ambitious seeking tallish, in shape female, active fun, chats, romance, week-end trips. Any race. (2/19) ☎69230

WIDOWER, HOMEOWNER, handsome, fit, 5'11", 182lbs., 60s, blue eyes, blond hair. Seeking Carlsbad area, pretty, active lady for relationship, drives, hikes, dining, movies, love, etc. (2/26) ☎69314

HANDSOME, 52, BLACK gentleman seeks sexy, attractive, white woman for kisses, laughter, movies and jazz. Romantic nonsmoker, no drugs, all good reasons for fun. (2/26) ☎69323

HOT FUDGE SUNDAES are my favorite treat! How about you? Tall, fit, white professional seeks, fit sweet but sensuous African American female to spoil completely. (2/26) ☎69303

HOLD IT SEXY LADY. You deserve an honest, handsome, passionate, muscular, fun-loving, homeowner, professional to spoil you. Be 30s, nonsmoker, curvaceous, intelligent, uninhibited, beautiful. (2/26) ☎69316

I'M 36, MALE, 5'8", 155lbs., attractive, honest, loving, caring person, living alone, seeking someone between 25-34 for long-term relationship with trust, love, respect, honesty. (2/19) ☎69251

BE MY VALENTINE, 5'10", 180lbs., very young 42, athletic, attractive, successful, adventurous, romantic, honest, intelligent, silly, goofy, loves beach, outdoors, travelling. You: fit, attractive, happy. (2/19) ☎69265

FREQUENT SAN DIEGO visitor. White, financially secure, seeking special lady to enjoy the finer things San Diego has to offer. Age to 50. Race unimportant. (2/26) ☎69278

LATINO MAN, WHITE, 5'7", 48, 170lbs., educated, honest, learning English, nonsmoker, hard worker, romantic, good character/personality. Seeking woman for long-term relationship. Attractive, honest. (2/19) ☎69220

SEEKING LOW MAINTENANCE, slender, calm, easygoing, non-nocturnal woman, 35-65, who goes to sleep by 9pm. (2/19) ☎69229

REAL FRIEND. Magical feeling equals real possibility of core happiness. Are our paths to meet after 40 years walking, running, playing? (2/26) ☎69294

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, slender, single, white male, 50, employed, affectionate, enjoys dinner, movies, indoor/outdoor, activities, hugs, kisses, seeks woman under 50 for a relationship. (2/26) ☎69339

PETITE, MATURE WOMAN for buddhist man. Age 50-60. Please send a picture. I enjoy walks in nature, on the beach, and kissing. Good combo? (2/26) ☎69343

LONELY MEDICAL DOCTOR, 44, 6'1", 200lbs., with small child, seeks upbeat, professional woman, 29-39, for happy times. Operators are standing by. (2/26) ☎69327

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (2/19) ☎69238

WONDERFUL MAN, 46, white, attractive and emotionally available. Open to friendship, fun, intimacy, spiritual evolution. I am sincere, open-minded. Please trust your inner guidance. (2/26) ☎69300

ROMANTIC, ITALIAN professional, 40s, handsome, intelligent, youthful look, fun, fit, varied interests. Seeking 35-45, attractive, trim, intelligent, affectionate woman looking for legendary romance. Race open. (2/19) ☎69267

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, 47, sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, reliable, 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffeehouses. Seeking marriage minded, attractive, blonde female, 33-41. Be my lady. (2/26) ☎69311

ROCK AND ROLL LOVERS! Fit, handsome, tall professional, good bad boy, 39, responsible, eclectic rocker, huge heart. You: slim, attractive, cool, ready for love, 30-40. (2/26) ☎69331

SWEETHEART WANTED. 6'1", 195lbs., hunk, retired, successful businessman, widower, financially secure. Seeks attractive, voluptuous, pretty, white lady, 48-65, dates, fun, laughs, possible long term. Hurry. (2/19) ☎69221

HANDSOME DOCTOR, 39, Jewish, quiet, creative, humorous, tall, very fit, plays 3 instruments, loves music, writing books, creative ventures, seeks 1 very intelligent, sensitive female. (2/26) ☎69332

NORTH COUNTY, HANDSOME, sincere, sensitive, romantic Caucasian man, 33, seeks fit, affectionate, sincere lady in 20s-30s for fun, romance, long talks and quality times. (2/19) ☎69252

ATTRACTIVE BLACK MALE, active, 6', romantic, sexy, adventurous, athletic, like to bike, swim, run. Race unimportant, concerts, travel, movies, dinner. Seeking female, long term relationship. (2/26) ☎69301

HONEST AND CARING FOUND here. Successful, degreed executive, 39, who has it together, both emotionally/financially. Looking for a best friend for long-term relationship. Been described as attractive, romantic, witty and humorous. Seeking attractive, loving, outgoing woman, ready for something real and wonderful. (2/26) ☎69330

YOUR WANTED WHITE MALE, 60, 6', 175lbs., honest, enjoy movies, travel, estate sales, mountains, life, walks. You: petite to medium, nice smile, not perfect, 40-60. (2/19) ☎69237

TALL, HANDSOME, LATINO, romantic, part-time dad. Seeking tall, romantic, slender, very affectionate, very attractive, loving, sincere, 40-50, woman, long-term relationship, South Bay area. (2/26) ☎69326

LOOKING FOR LOVE. Single male, 45, 6'4", is seeking female, 30-49. Must be sophisticated, outgoing, romantic, sexy, beaches, read this ad and call. Let's meet. (2/26) ☎69328

SEEKING LADY FOR WEEKEND fun, De Anza Springs Resort, Colorado River, camping, fishing, 4 wheeling, Vegas, Lake Havasu, walks. 59, 6', white male, 200lbs., beard. (2/26) ☎69279

60 AND STILL SEXY, retired professional, fit, attractive, romantic, seeks youthful nonsmoking lady, over 55, who loves life, romance, commitment, hugging, friendship, dancing, moonlight, future. (2/26) ☎69276

TALL, WHITE, 6'2", 150lbs., tall. Seeking white female, open minded, fun, curious, voluptuous, south county, under 70, over 21, all welcome. Hurry, let's enjoy life. (2/26) ☎69274

SEEKING MEXICAN WIFE. Caucasian gentleman, 38, 5'8", slender, financially secure, handsome, romantic, trustworthy. Seeking younger, slender, cheerful woman wanting children and willing to relocate. (2/19) ☎69243

LIKE NATURE, HIKING, camping, swimming, traveling, music, art, movies, photography, books, history. I'm tall, slim, athletic, health-conscious, professional, educated, bright, witty, agnostic, 59. You? (2/26) ☎69296

ATTRACTIVE, CHARMING, cat lover from midwest, 42, seeks adventurous, creative and confident woman with open heart and mind, to share love of travel and music. (2/19) ☎69235

YOUNGER WOMAN! Older man, 69, Sean Connery look alike, down to earth, athletic, communicative, fun, well adjusted, passionate, vegetarian, camper, hiker, kayaker, seeks equal adventuress. (2/26) ☎69299

CHIVALROUS, ROMANTIC, gentleman, 27, 6'1, student, future airline pilot, intelligent, humorous, athletic nonsmoker, enjoys traveling, dancing, walking. Seeking caucasian nonsmoker without children. Weight/height proportionate. (2/26) ☎69322

ROMANTIC PROCESSOR SEEKS ingenious muse software to drive him. You're 34 to 48 with a good heart and graceful ways. (2/26) ☎69286

ASIAN WOMAN YOU: 45-55, slender, attractive, authentic, financially stable, healthy. Me: Compassionate, communicator, educated, sensual, financially free, caucasian, good looking, physically fit, 5'10", 178lbs., 59. (2/26) ☎69273

HOT SPRINGS in nature surrounded by snow on a cool day, 40, 6', 168lb., white, attractive, excellent shape, athletic, intelligent, creative, funny, North Park resident. (2/26) ☎69287

HANDSOME, WHITE MALE, looking for China doll, 43-58, for dance, music, laugh, dinner and exchange love. An excellent English and American culture teacher. (2/26) ☎69341

CHRISTIAN, RECOVERING alcoholic, 44, gentle, kindhearted, affectionate, open, trustworthy, reflective not shallow. Like reading, personal growth, scripture, healthy cooking, nature. Seeking Christian woman, similar interests. (2/19) ☎69224

SEEKING FRIENDS FIRST relationship, must be fun and outgoing and not flakey. Enjoys beach and other fun activities, kids OK. (2/19) ☎69242

GENTLEMAN WIDOWER, very active, healthy, positive, upbeat attitude, nonsmoker, 84, seeks retired, unencumbered lady counterpart, free to travel, for friendship/companionship, romantic, long-term relationship. (2/19) ☎69227

COOL, CALM AND AVAILABLE.(2/19) ☎69216

WARM BROWN EYES. Kind, masculine, employed male, professional, 6'2", slender, clean-cut. Seeking relationship with strong, feminine lady, 40-55, emotionally available. I'll put you first. (2/26) ☎69334

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HAPPY, ATTRACTIVE, buddhist, 34, seeks lasting love with excellent, natural woman. I'm kind, playful, honest, progressive, intelligent, progressive, straight-edge, fun, professional, thoughtful, vegetarian, dependable, outdoorsy. (2/26) ☎69336

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ATTRACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS, north coastal homeowner. 43, brown/blue, 5'9", 170lbs., hiking, biking, skiing, surfing, travel, music. Seeking attractive fit, spontaneous woman for dating/relationship. (2/26) **☎**69275

ITALIAN MAN, 39, 6'1", honest, sincere, enjoys movies, walks on beach. Easygoing, home oriented, seeking slender, attractive woman for meaningful relationship. No drugs, smoking, games. (2/26) **☎**69280

ATTRACTIVE, RELIGIOUS, science woman wanted that's a church musician like me. Organist, choir director, comes from a good family, no drugs, no children, sincere, kind. (2/19) **☎**69214

SOUL MATE SOUGHT. White male, 32, 6'1", 210lbs., humorous, honest, affectionate. Seeking female to cherish and love, chemistry important, age unimportant, don't miss out, call. (2/26) **☎**69304

45, 5'8", 155lbs., monogamous, no children in household, homeowner, nonsmoker, degreed professional, Point Loma, no dogs, metaphysical approach to life, seeks similar, 40-50. (2/26) **☎**69282

OUTSTANDING MALE, 37, handsome, sincere, affectionate, loving, funny, muscular/fit, professional, 5'10", 175lbs., blonde/blue, seeks attractive younger, healthy, fit, open-minded female for relationship. (2/19) **☎**69233

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Are you fundamentally funny? Serious about your life, but know when and how to have fun? I'd love to meet you. I'm Tim, 25, very ambitious, very creative, extremely fun. I'm looking for a woman around my own age, goal oriented, silly, with a great smile, self-confident, sexy. No smoking/drugs please. (2/19) **☎**69219

GOOD MAN LOOKING FOR good woman. I'm 6', 200lbs., better than average looking. Professional musician. Want a music lover who is attractive and available. (2/26) **☎**69337

MALE, RETIRED, easygoing in nature. Desire long-term relationship. Looking for a nice lady, 55-60, good sense of humor and fun to be with. (2/26) **☎**69289

INTELLIGENT, OUTGOING, athletic, black gentleman. Seeking friendship of 1 special lady for long term happiness. Let's meet and share smiles and pleasant conversation. E-mail me. (2/19) **☎**69241

ATTRACTIVE LATINO, 42, young at heart, financially secure professional, very affectionate, passionate, loving, humorous, fun, 5'8", 160lbs. Seeking sincere woman, any nationality. (2/26) **☎**69313

RUSSIAN WOMAN SOUGHT by honest man for friendship, sharing, talking, beach, walks, age 30 through 54. Desire to practice Russian language. Please call. (2/26) **☎**69315

HAPPY, HONEST, adventurous guy seeks good woman. Love the outdoors, sunsets, mountains, the beach, dogs. Looking for a secure, stable woman to enjoy life with. (2/19) **☎**69244

HISPANIC TEDDY BEAR, 31, seeks honest, caring, affectionate, nonsmoking, white/Hispanic female, 18-36. Loves movies, dancing, being silly, exercise and loves to laugh and more. (2/19) **☎**69259

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COLLEGE AREA. \$500, \$300 deposit. Room available in 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with 3 males. Share utilities. Contact Ernie, 619-665-9731.

COLLEGE AREA. \$500, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Talmadge. Washer/dryer, storage, deck overlooking canyon, digital cable/Internet. Nonsmoking preferred. Pets possible. jasontecza@cox.net or after 9pm, 858-663-0588.

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ENCINITAS. \$650 each. Share 4 bedroom house. 2 bedrooms available. Very large backyard, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, 1 mile from beach. Clean, quiet. No pets/smoking. 1/4 utilities. Available 3/1. 760-943-1516.

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ENCINITAS. \$600, utilities, deposit. 1 room in 3 bedroom house. Roommate wanted. Washer/dryer. No drugs, smokers or pets. Tom or Alan, 760-632-6344.

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LA JOLLA/UNIVERSITY CITY. \$800 plus utilities. Large, clean, 2-story townhouse

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LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$600/month, \$400 deposit. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Garage for storage, washer/dryer. Beach 3 blocks. No pets. 619-235-2415, x16825.

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LA MESA. \$525/month. Room for rent. Private bath, quiet, pool. Near Grossmont College, trolley, freeways. Attractive grounds, laundry, recreation room. Prefer female. 619-697-8512.

LA MESA/GROSSMONT. \$425, 1/3 utilities, \$200 deposit. Nice house, quiet neighborhood, easy freeway access, washer/dryer, cable Internet. No smoking, drugs or pets. 619-697-8004.

LA MESA/SDSU. \$550/month. Looking for nonsmoking female to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with another male and female. Large yard, washer/dryer, jacuzzi, cable included, quiet neighborhood. Available now. Richard, work, 619-466-3115.

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LEUCADIA. \$650. 3 bedroom house, quiet neighborhood, utilities included, washer/dryer, own bathroom. Have dogs. No smoking. Available 3/1. 760-753-2032.

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MIRA MESA. \$800, master, or single room with private bath. \$575. Available immediately. 2 story, 3-1/2 bedroom, 3 bath, pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer. 858-578-3177.

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MIRA MESA. \$600/\$525. Share large house. Master or single rooms available. Cable and phone in room. New carpet/bathroom. Quiet neighborhood, good location. 858-271-4584.

MIRA MESA. \$490 includes all utilities, \$450 deposit. Room in super deluxe home. Garage, washer/dryer, cable, phone jack, kitchen privileges. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-695-0975.

MIRA MESA. \$660, 1/2 utilities. Share large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, washer/dryer in unit, 2 big balconies, lots of closet space, new paint/appliances, pool, jacuzzi, parking. Nonsmoker. 858-663-3125.

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BAY PARK. Big 2 bedroom, 2 bath, quiet end of town, washer/dryer in unit, dishwasher, gated, covered parking, pool/BBQ. No pets or smoking, please. \$1295/month. 619-807-2369.

BAY PARK. \$795. Studio. Living room, bedroom, kitchenette. Includes utilities and cable. Furnished. Separate entrance. Washer/dryer. On quiet culdesac. Off-street parking. Nonsmokers. 858-272-1594.

BAY PARK. \$2800. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with bay view and fireplace. New remodel/appliances, washer/dryer, 2 car garage. Available 3/1. 858-451-6297.

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washer/dryer, gated, walk to bay, 2 parking, 2514 Clairemont Drive. 619-275-3461.

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CARDIFF. \$1950/month. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Panoramic ocean view, Cul-de-sac street. Beautiful landscape, large yard. Yard maintenance included. Available 3/1. 760-815-2097; 760-815-4059.

CARDIFF. \$1425, includes utilities. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath suite, deck, ocean view, garage. 2 off-street parking, laundry. No pets/smoking. Available 3/1. 760-942-7857.

CARDIFF. \$1250, 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhouse. Park Place. 2 parking spaces, fireplace, washer/dryer, refrigerator. No pets/smoking. 760-634-9791.

CARDIFF. \$1750. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Ocean view, 2-car garage, water/garbage paid, 1-year lease. No pets. 858-481-1467.

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CARLSBAD. \$1500/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath remodeled condo. Garage, ocean views, pool, spa. Free on-site laundry. Pets OK. 760-942-7335.

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CARLSBAD. \$945. Quiet, cozy 1 bedroom cottage. 1 block to beach. New carpet, paint. Large private yard, deck. Laundry, storage, parking. No dogs. Non-smoking. 760-944-1762.

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CARLSBAD. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Pool jacuzzi and clubhouse. Pets OK. 5 minutes to beach. Call Lance, 760-855-1860.

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spa. 3539 Brookfield. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

CARLSBAD. \$1395, 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious 2-story condo on the cove. On-site laundry. No pets. Available now. Barbara McLain Properties. 760-434-6161.

CARLSBAD. \$1075. Large 1 bedroom, top floor end unit condo with garage, fireplace, view balcony, washer/dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher. 7704 Caminito Tingo. Available 3/1. 760-518-4388.

CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE, SOUTH. \$1100. Desirable area. Walk to ocean, lagoon. Balcony view. Quiet, bright. 1000 square foot. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, corner apartment. Garage available. No pets/smoking. 699 Eaton. 760-967-8121.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. \$1250-\$1295, 2 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful newer complex above golf course. Washer/dryer. Air conditioning. Fireplace. Pool/spa. 2381 Caringa. Manager, 760-431-7575.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1700. 2 master bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, condo. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi and gym. 858-481-1049.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1500. Elysian 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo, lower unit. 1088 square feet. Fireplace, pool, spa. 12646 Carmel Country Road #150. Rita, 858-688-5975.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1490. Upper 2 master bedroom, 2 bath, view, balcony. New carpet. All appliances, washer/dryer. Pool, gym, tennis. Water included. Available now. 858-342-8713.

CASA DE ORO. \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, recently remodeled, washer and dryer hookups, dishwasher, air conditioning, ceiling fans, near all. Quiet area. Sorry, no pets. 3939-8 N. Bonita Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

CHULA VISTA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, landscaped, view, gardener, pets, garage, dishwasher, refrigerator, hardwood/tile, freeway close. Remodeled kitchen/bathroom/windows/floors/fencing/lighting. \$1675. Dan, 858-829-2021. Wendy, 619-206-8046.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. \$2100. New 3 bedroom, 3 bath unfurnished house. 2-car garage, deck off master, family room/fireplace, den. Many upgrades, fully landscaped. 858-458-9700x107, kjones@c3.bz.

CHULA VISTA. Two wooded apartment communities! Both offer excellent location! Laundry, barbecues, off-street parking. The Forest. \$795. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ceiling fans, dishwasher, swimming pool. The Park. \$775. All utilities paid. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Breakfast bar. Cat OK. 556-581 Arizona Street. www.sdreader.com/rent/2031. 619-691-9415.

CHULA VISTA/SOUTH BAY. \$1895/best. Newer, large 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house, hardwood floors. Beautiful inside/out, laundry room, large yard, garage, gardener. 760-815-1054.

CHULA VISTA/RANCH DEL REY. 4 bedroom, 3 bath on quiet cul-de-sac. Shows like model. Spacious family room and yard, perfect for entertaining. Available 3/1. \$2400/month, gardener included. 619-742-0205.

CHULA VISTA. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, 1-car garage, own yard, quiet, near all. Washer/dryer. Available 3/1. Please call for more information, 619-422-2260.

CHULA VISTA. \$1790 per month. Otay Ranch. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, 1615 square feet. No pets. Available March 2003. 619-300-0471.

CHULA VISTA. \$675, spacious 1 bedroom downstairs with patio. Cozy, quiet, secluded. Walk to all shopping. 32 unit security complex. 619-42-5855.

CHULA VISTA. \$725/month. \$150 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084.

CHULA VISTA. New studios, 1 bedroom apartments from \$550-\$750. 2 bedrooms, \$895-\$1250. Three bedrooms \$1250-\$1650. Quiet neighborhood. Fee. www.rentwave.com. Toll free. 1-888-575-3179.

CHULA VISTA. \$950, 2 bedroom, 2 bath

view. 2-car garage. Available about 3/15. Harriet, agent, 888-322-8722.

CHULA VISTA. \$995. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated, central air/heat, dishwasher, balcony, laundry, off-street parking. Available now. Deposit \$500. No pets. 619-425-6511.

CHULA VISTA. \$1750. Fabulous 1928 Spanish home, completely renovated 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer, fireplace, garage, private yard. No pets/smoking. Includes gardener. 619-222-4851; 619-884-3557.

CHULA VISTA. 1 and 2 bedrooms, \$695-\$975. Spacious, well maintained garden apartments. Swimming pool, laundry. Freeway close. Great neighborhood! 1 bedroom: 619-425-9962. 2 bedroom: 619-585-0766.

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CHULA VISTA. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large, very clean, well-maintained, quiet complex. Laundry, parking, barbecue, patio. Drive by 577 Oxford, call for appointment 619-427-0700 or 619-426-3699.

CHULA VISTA. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, Third and H, next to Gateway Plaza and Superior Court. Beautiful complex, laundry, parking, quiet. 619-426-3699 or 619-427-0700.

CHULA VISTA. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful, spacious, with 1-car garage in award winning complex. Washer/dryer. No pets. 255 Ash Avenue. Manager, 858-585-1959.

CHULA VISTA. \$1350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Beautiful, spacious, with 2-car garage in award winning complex. Washer/dryer. No pets. 255 Ash Avenue. Manager, 858-585-1959.

CHULA VISTA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$750. \$500 deposit. Laundry. Parking. 583 Park Way. 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool/spa setting. Fresh paint. Lots of storage. \$735. 2412 Fairmount Avenue. 619-269-4707.

CITY HEIGHTS. Newly remodeled senior community! 55 and up! 1 and 2 bedrooms available now. Garden setting. Secure gated entry. Underground parking. Close to shopping, freeways and bus lines. www.sunriseliving.com, Ray, 619-583-5409.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$650, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special, \$200 off first month's rent. On-site laundry. Nonsmoking building. Gated community. 3435 42nd Street. www.sunriseliving.com, call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1250 per month/\$1000 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, 1 car garage. Laundry room, new windows/carpet/paint. Fenced front and back yard. 4437 Texas Street. 858-488-5810.

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CITY HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom duplex Craftsman, Hardwood, dining room, large living room, fireplace, washer/dryer, 1-car garage, off-street parking. Near urban village renovation. \$1085. 619-239-0029.

CITY HEIGHTS. Azalea Park. \$1450 per month. Beautiful house, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, garage, hardwood floors, all appliances, washer/dryer. Close to all. Appointment, 619-501-6717.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$900. Cozy 2 bedroom cottage. Off-street fenced yard. Security windows and door. Storage room available. Gas stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hook-ups. 2 minutes from I-15. Pet OK. Available 2/28. 619-518-3723.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, very private, clean, laundry room on site. Centrally located, near park and easy access to freeways. 3666 42nd Street. www.cethrom.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Second floor. New refrigerator, new paint, laundry, parking. 4085 Estrella Avenue. 619-255-1492.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$535. Studio, utilities included, parking, on-site laundry room. Quiet, charming unit with a view of the park. 2501 Tuberosa. 619-280-8681.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725. Deposit \$600. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator,

THE READER PUZZLE

Across

- Sound before "Thanks, I needed that!"
- TV's "____: Miami"
- Misdeeds
- Like overused gym clothes
- Something to take, carefully
- Vampire in Anne Rice novels
- Punishes, old-style
- Magazine store?
- Upfront money
- Scout's quest, maybe
- Lose ground?
- TV's Winfrey
- One of the friends on "Friends"
- Wading bird
- Lassoed
- Disorderly place
- WWW address
- April initials
- Center X or O
- Singer Sumac
- Beverly Hills handouts
- Watch in disbelief
- "____ kleine Nachtmusik"
- No-win situations?
- Punch bowl item
- "Sexy" Beatles girl
- Half-price ticket
- Blackthorn fruit
- Setting
- Academia's offerings
- Weaken with water
- Bus. or res. number
- 11,000-foot Italian peak
- Roast hosts
- They may be B.C. or A.D.
- Expression of pride?

Down

- Sp. title [or a variation on a theme]
- Pinocchio, at times
- Loan figs.
- Madrid money that's moot
- Suez, for one
- Crab, movement-wise
- Loan-making org.
- Money guru Greenspan
- Davis who won an Oscar for "Jezebel"
- Bring
- Abbr. in many Quebec names
- Barber's obstacle
- Bourbon and others: Abbr.
- 2002 World Series champion
- Really irks
- Neighbor of Swe.
- Rolled over, say

- Bleak
- Graceland, e.g.
- Great weights
- "Ally McBeal" actress de Rossi
- Wimbledon's ____ Garros
- Like some parties
- "Curses!"
- Like a 3-4-5 triangle
- Tried to hurt
- Return to theaters with never before seen footage, say
- Stitch
- Square dancer's need
- World Cup sport
- Fill with joy
- Thwarts
- Washington bills
- Prefix with -derm
- "Hercules" TV spinoff
- Ruler until 1917 [or the last variation on a theme]
- Juice drink suffix
- What an airball doesn't touch
- Special touch, in brief
- Place with a feed trough

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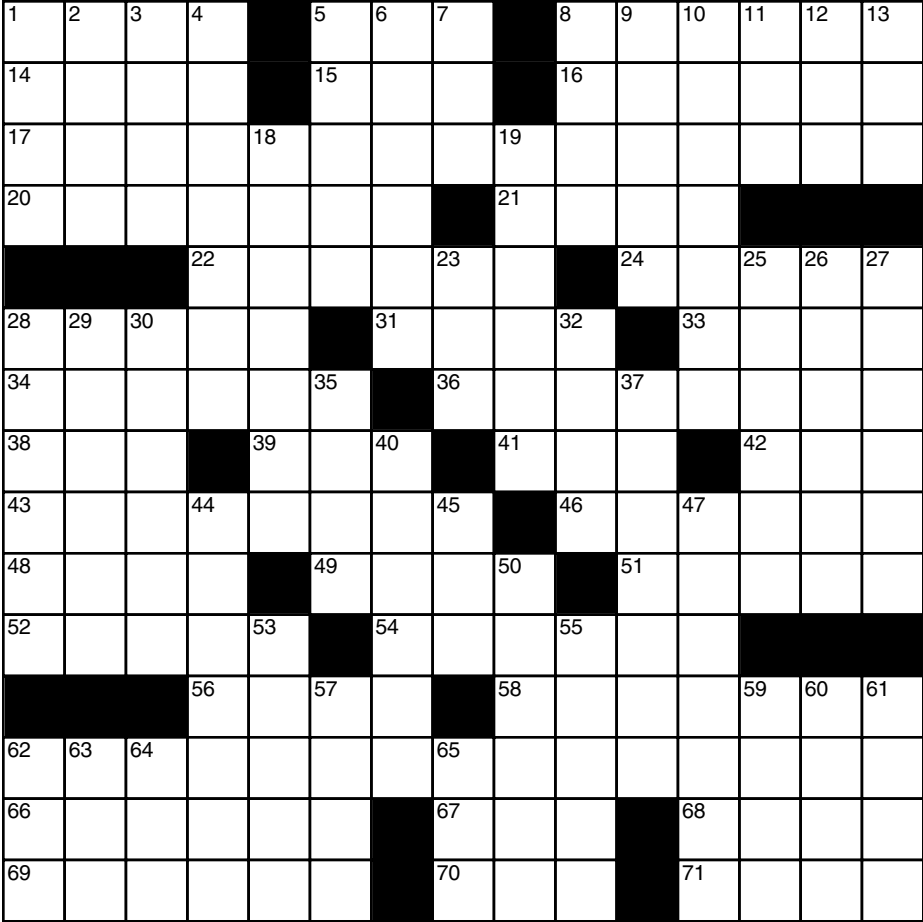
- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
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CITY HEIGHTS. Refurbished 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. \$500 deposit. Laundry, parking, newly remodeled building. 4142 44th Street. 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725. Spacious 1 bedroom, upper corner. Brand-new paint and carpet. Off-street parking. Laundry onsite parking. 3696 Marlborough. Cogan Properties. 619-281-0925.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$675. 1 bedroom duplex, small, cute, quiet, yard, off-street parking.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 2/6/03.

Of the 78 entrants, 73 were correct. The winners are:

- M. Pagtakhan, *San Diego*
- Tom Stam, *San Diego*
- Constance Towey, *San Diego*
- Jason Cohen, *San Diego*
- Joyce Bahrt, *La Mesa*

Near all. No pets. 4037 Menlo Avenue. 619-275-2648.

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HILLCREST. \$1150. Spacious, quiet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, tiled kitchen, appliances, garage. Nonsmoking. Available 3/7. 4048 Alabama. Manager, 619-269-5237.

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HILLCREST. \$1200. Nice 2 bedroom, attractive fourplex, freshly decorated, spic 'n' span, large kitchen, ample closets, lovely patio. Walk Hillcrest. Available 3/1. Appointments, 619-296-9418; 619-670-0624.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom cottage. \$1595. With garage, fireplace, redwood deck patio, sand sun porch. On best street in Hillcrest. Drive by 1237 Pennsylvania Avenue (in rear). Call 619-447-6556.

HILLCREST. \$825. Lovely studio, private terrace with bay view. Hardwood floors. Immaculate. Quiet, gated, garden complex. 2920 First Avenue. 619-861-0789.

HILLCREST. \$1950. Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Recently redecorated. 1550 square feet. Balcony, view, all appliances. Pool, tennis. Near Park and shopping. Coral Tree Plaza, 3635 7th Avenue. 858-278-6135.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den townhouse. Gleaming hardwood floors, washer/dryer, assigned parking. 619-296-2877.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Central location, near shops. Barbecue area. Must see! 3607-C Third Avenue. Cal-Prop Management, 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. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$850-\$950. Large 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Near Mercy Hospi-

tal. Laundry, verticals, carport. No pets. 4045 Eighth Avenue. 619-269-5879.

HILLCREST. \$1125. 2 bedroom, built in 1920s, quiet parklike setting, gas included, laundry, nonsmoking. 4554 North Avenue #5. 619-269-4314.

HILLCREST. \$850-\$950. Large 1 bedrooms, 1 baths. New carpet. Laundry. Assigned parking. Pool. Pets negotiable with deposit. Available immediately. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

HILLCREST. \$1350. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet. Laundry. Assigned parking. Balcony. Pool. Pets on approval. Available 2/15. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

HILLCREST. Must see, vintage hardwood floor 1 bedroom apartments at historic Casa Grande, 1751 University Avenue, \$875/\$850. Available March. Charming studios and 1 bedroom with hardwood floors, canyon view, in Banker's Hill, 3102 First Avenue, \$725/\$850, available 3/10/2003. Cat accepted. See by appointment. 619-299-7727. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Extra large apartment. 2 master bedrooms, 2 baths. Laundry room, covered parking. Pet OK. Near hospitals, shopping. 635 Bush (off Dove). 619-298-4446.

HILLCREST. \$775. 1 bedroom, Senior complex. Completely refurbished. Gated, elevator, recreation room. On-site laundry. 1220 Robinson Avenue. Manager, 619-291-7284 or 619-846-6615.

HILLCREST. Cute, cozy studios, \$785; large 2 bedrooms, \$1450, with fireplace/balcony, in the heart of Hillcrest with canyon views, pool, laundry 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. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs unit. Gated building with detached garage. New carpet. Balcony. Air conditioning. Tropical setting. Laundry. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

HILLCREST. \$2200. 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. \$895. 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. \$995. Large 1 bedroom in restored Mediterranean style community. Gated, laundry, arched windows and doorways and more. 3967 Centre Street. 619-299-4666.

HILLCREST. Large studio \$695. Desirable Banker's Hill location. Full kitchen, bath, practical floor plan, laundry and storage. No pets. 119 W. Walnut Avenue. 858-454-2803.

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. \$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. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs in Victorian home. Balcony, hardwood floors. Very unique. 3730 8th, walk everywhere. Drive by and call, 619-295-6771; 619-889-6771.

HILLCREST. \$1100 rent. \$500 Deposit. 2 bedroom apartment with balcony. No pets. At 4030 Front Street #12. Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$895. 1 bedroom apartment. Available immediately. Hardwood floors, tile, gas range, microwave, fans. Assigned parking. Quiet. Convenient location. No pets. 3680 Park Boulevard. 619-291-5660.

HILLCREST. \$1075. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new ceramic tile and berber carpet flooring. Designer renovated unit, bright, gated bamboo courtyard. 619-325-3700.

HILLCREST. \$925-1095. Nice, unfurnished large 1 and 2 bedroom. New paint. Full-size appliances. Gated building/parking. Quiet. Great location. No pets. 1756 Essex. Available now. 619-298-4256.

HILLCREST. \$1250. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Solid oak hardwood floors. 2 parking spaces. Laundry. Available March 9. 3828 3rd Avenue. 619-295-7113.

HILLCREST. Studio. Murphy bed, stackable washer/dryer hookups, balcony, freshly painted, spa, weight room. 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$1400. 3 bedroom apartment. Pets OK on approval. Garage, fireplace, dishwasher, laundry, close to everything. Available 3/1. 3969 Normal Street. www.geocities.com/normalapartments/. Brian. 858-442-7873.

HILLCREST. \$965. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spanish style complex in heart of Hillcrest. Gated entry, laundry. 3932 8th Avenue. 619-298-2069.

HILLCREST. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, completely remodeled. Washer/dryer, large yard, new appliances, hardwood floors, carpet in bedrooms. Quiet location. Pets OK. 619-549-4959.

HILLCREST. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Fireplace. New carpet. Laundry facilities. Gated parking. End unit. Available 3/3. 3672 Georgia Street. Call Jeff after 10am for appointment, 619-542-0708.

HILLCREST. Lovely 2 bedroom cottage. \$1100. Hardwood floors, breakfast nook, laundry facilities, street parking. No pets. 1821 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Dishwasher. Fireplace. Washer/dryer hookup. 2 car garage. 3865 Albatross. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

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. \$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. \$825 studio. \$1200, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Deposit \$750. Hardwood flooring, beautiful view, available immediately. 2311 4th Avenue. 619-843-7827.

HILLCREST. \$1650. Deposit \$1650. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, cathedral ceilings, 2 off-street parking spaces. 4064 First Avenue. 619-843-7827.

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. \$1375. 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. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, washer, dryer. 3805 Herbert Street. Agent, 619-471-1755.

HILLCREST. \$1050. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom with dining room (or office) and garage. New carpet. No pets. 3831 First Avenue #6. Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$900. 1 bedroom cottage. Stove, refrigerator, private patio, nice shared lawn area. 4227 Fifth Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071 or www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. \$950. Large 1 bedroom apartment, upstairs unit in heart of Hillcrest. New floors, carpet, gated parking, laundry, walk to everything. Pet considered. Nonsmoking. 3780 5th Avenue. Frank, 619-295-4270.

HILLCREST. \$1300. 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. 3588 First Avenue #7. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher. Private setting. Parking. Laundry in complex. Clean, well maintained. Available 2/17/03. Cassidy, broker. 619-275-LIST.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1795. Stunning, huge (approximately 1500 square feet) vintage Craftsman 2 bedroom nonsmoking duplex. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Balcony. Courtyard. Laundry. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 1930s French Normandie house, 3 bedroom, 1 bath \$1700. Hardwood floors, garage, huge yard, storage for small boat, 4611 North Avenue. 619-294-8737.

HILLCREST/MORLEY FIELD. \$1550. Craftsman house, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, available 3/1. Washer/dryer, fireplace, re-

cently painted, storage in garage, fenced yard. First, security. 619-379-6241.

HILLCREST/University Heights. \$1300. Enormous, newer 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet/paint. Single garage, unit laundry, 2 balcony patios. Immediate move in. 4545 Georgia Street (near Park/Adams). 619-255-7860.

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/UPTOWN. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, opposite ends, walk-in closets, storage, 2 parking, laundry in unit, patio, 1st floor corner, poolside view. 619-298-5728.

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/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1395. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, condo. Wood laminate floors plus garage in desirable location. 4436 Arizona Street #8. 858-492-8745.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Den. garage. Patio. Lots of windows. No dogs. Available now. 3125 First Avenue. 858-484-2763.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, \$1550. Large 2 bedroom, urban loft. Quiet, canyon view, hardwood, fireplace, deck, laundry hook-ups, high ceiling. Cats OK. 4538 Maryland Street. 619-298-5066.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. Open Saturday, 11am-1pm. 1 bedroom, 2 bath. Bonus room with Murphy bed. 1200 square feet. Corner unit. Security parking. Walk to Balboa Park and Hillcrest. Small pet OK. \$1575. 619-744-4008.

HILLCREST/DOWNTOWN. \$700-\$750. Studios. One with bay/downtown views. Quiet. Utilities paid. Security building. Laundry. 2142 5th Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$675. Large studio. Upstairs. Lots of light. Large windows. Full kitchen and huge bath. Charming. Available 2/20. 3970 Goldfinch. Call 619-297-7368.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. Move-in special! \$725. Large studio. Great location. Parking space and balcony. Near downtown and freeways. 619-299-5718.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New appliances, carpet, paint. 1800+ square feet. Quiet, secluded. Laundry room. Gated parking. Pool table. Message, 619-293-3378.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2-car garage, very affordable, newly remodeled condo. Minutes to beach! Interested? Please call 858-344-3804.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Redecorated! Parking, laundry, 3 blocks to beach. 243 Ebony Avenue. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$785. 2 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, nice area. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

IMPERIAL BEACH, \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Spacious/clean, quiet complex. On site laundry, off street parking. Professional landscaping, near beach. 619-427-0700 or 619-426-3699.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$929. 2 bedroom. Charming units, courtyard setting, parking, on-site laundry. \$500 deposit. Must see! 1193 Florence. Call for details 619-280-8681.

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/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.

KENSINGTON. \$1175. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner suite, view, skylight, all amenities. Security building. Garage available. No pets. Call 858-456-2098.

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. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with garage and appliances. Hardwood floors, beautiful layout and accents throughout. \$2200 plus deposit. 4929 Westminster. Agent, 619-280-7399.

KENSINGTON. \$1595. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, charming breakfast nook, hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry hook ups, garage, fenced yard. 4392 Marlborough. 619-698-6911.

KENSINGTON. \$1650. Spacious 2 bedroom Craftsman. Fireplace. Hardwood floors. Security system. Laundry. Private

yard. Walk to village. No smoking! No pets! 619-584-1945.

KENSINGTON/PARK. \$1475/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. \$950. 1 bedroom, newly refurbished apartment on second floor. Parking and laundry, gated building. Available now. 4100 Adams Ave. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON, \$900.Nice, large 1 bedroom with garage. Gated. Great Village location. 4101 Park Place. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. \$1350. New live/work lofts, 2-story 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer, air conditioning, no pets. Starbucks building on Adams. 858-259-4994. www.kensingtonplaza.com.

LA COSTA. Ocean/lagoon/golf views! 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo, 2-car garage, 2 balconies, patio, pool, spa, storage, new kitchen. \$1800. 760-602-5072.

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 condo. \$1600/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Security gates and parking. Air conditioners. Over 1400 square feet. CB Property Management, 858-488-2228.

LA JOLLA home. \$2150/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Panoramic view of mountains, city lights. Gourmet kitchen, 2-car garage. No pets, nonsmoking. Fully remodeled. CB Property Management, 619-203-2424.

LA JOLLA SHORES. \$2500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath hideaway. Southwestern decor. Tile floors. Fully furnished. 2 blocks to beach. Garage. Pets negotiable. Boone Property Management, 858-274-0307.

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. 1 bedroom condo on Herschel Street for lease. Gated complex with secure parking. Washer/dryer and balcony. \$1500/month negotiable. Call, 760-522-2930.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Pseudo studio (no oven or stove). Very rustic, very small. \$800/month, first and last, includes utilities. Quiet pet OK. 858-459-7916.

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. \$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. \$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. \$1550/month. Unfurnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Lease. Patio, fireplace. Parking. Laundry. Block to Windansea. No pets. 858-459-8943.

LA JOLLA. \$2000. Beautiful, Sante Fe style 2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished home in the Shores. Laundry. 1 car garage. Private patio. Fireplace and Spanish tile floors. Call Bob at 858-344-7418.

LA JOLLA. Bird Rock area, \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, beach cottage, hardwood floors, near schools/shopping/beach. Quiet, pets OK, no deposit, washer/dryer, dishwasher, large yard, fireplace. Excellent condition; available. 858-945-2600.

LA JOLLA. \$1150. 1 bedroom. Verticals, fixtures. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry. Security parking. No pets. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-756-9941 or 858-456-1432.

LA JOLLA. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, in the heart of La Jolla. Can be used as office or residence. Stove, refrigerator, newly refurbished. 760-613-1350.

LA JOLLA. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage, new carpet, new appliances, washer/dryer, gardener. Close to town. 858-349-8125; 858-459-6640.

LA JOLLA. \$1550/month. Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Wood floors, refrigerator, washer/dryer, 2 underground parking spaces, near shopping/UCSD. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-337-1630.

LA JOLLA. \$500 move-in special! \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Apartments in the vil-

lage. Intercom entry. Fireplace. Microwave. Dishwasher. Laundry. Verticals. Underground parking. No pets. 7575 Eads Avenue. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. 1/2 off first month and 1/2 off 7th month! \$1350. 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. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 parking, will consider small pet. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath. 2 cars, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. Vast view. \$2550/2 bedroom, 2 bath, (furnished, add \$200.) Upper 1 bedroom/\$1550. Near beach, tennis, cafes. Truly "In Eden," 616 Prospect. Appointment, 858-729-0342.

LA JOLLA. \$2300 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. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1 block to beach, street parking. No pets or smoking. 1-year lease. \$2375. 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. \$1545. Charming 1 bedroom cottage. Very close to beach. Pets OK. Hardwood floors. Nice neighborhood. Wonderful courtyard. Call Matt, 602-821-9301; Janie, 858-699-0426.

LA JOLLA. \$825. Nice upstairs studio. 1 block from Windansea. Near bus/market. 6-month lease. No pets please. 396 Kolmar. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$1950 2 bedroom, 2.5 baths. Dishwasher, washer/dryer, refrigerator. La Jolla Tennis Club. Available 3/1. 3956 La Jolla Village Drive. 858-459-7476 or 858-405-3842.

LA JOLLA. \$1150-\$1195. Large 1 bedroom, 1/2 block to Windansea beach! Newly remodeled! 363 Playa del Sur. 858-270-5500.

LA JOLLA. Presidents Day specials at Saturday 2/15 open house. Refreshments plus! 1/2 block to ocean. Studios, 1, 2 bedrooms, \$1099

LA JOLLA/UTC. Stylish Italian sophistication! Courtyards with fountains. 4 resort style pools with spas, sun decks. High tech fitness center. Full time activities director. Studios, 1, 2 and 2 bedrooms plus den. Full size washer/dryer. The Villas of Renaissance, 5280 Fiore Terrace. 888-218-0377. rental-living.com, visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. 1 bedroom plus loft. All appliances, upgraded, large master bedroom, garage. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1230. Upper 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage, balcony, washer/dryer. New carpet/paint, pool, spa, excellent location. Available now. 88111-H Gilman. 619-445-3822.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Condo, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, top (3rd) floor, skylights, 4 underground parking spaces, 2 pools, jacuzzis, saunas, racquetball. \$1450. kerlick@cox.net. 619-589-9404.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1350/month. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Pool, jacuzzi, racquetball. 858-229-4340.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath furnished townhome. Quiet, 2-car garage, patio, pool/spa. No pets/drugs. 858-699-2075.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 bedroom townhome. 2-car garage. Immaculate grounds. \$1590. Available March 1. 858-453-7770.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1225/month. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath with loft, washer/dryer, new appliances. Pool, spa. Big windows. No pets, nonsmoking. Negotiable lease. 858-459-5965.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Avanti 3 bedroom, 3 bath, family room plus garage. Largest townhouse floorplan. Feels like a house! Washer/dryer. Very light and bright. 619-296-2787.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium. Balcony. New paint. Fireplace. Oak cabinets/trim. All appliances. 2 secure parking spaces. Pool, spa, tennis. \$1695. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

LA MESA Village condo. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1460 square feet. Dishwasher, washer/dryer, cable, underground parking, secure building, trolley downstairs. 619-549-6127.

LA MESA. \$900 plus move-in special! Spacious 1 bedroom. Newly renovated community. Air conditioning. Patio/balcony. New appliances. Large closets. Berber carpet. Wood flooring. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Saunas. Laundry. Near trolley, Grossmont Mall, SDSU, 32nd Street, Miramar. Cat friendly. Model Open! Villas at La Mesa, 8515 Chloe Avenue. 619-460-7955.

LA MESA. \$1700. Block to village/trolley at Paseo. New Premier townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Double garage. Fireplace. 1300 square feet. All amenities. Available 3/1. 860-862-9634. whtree@aol.com.

LA MESA. \$99 Move in special on approved credit. \$730. Deposit \$350. Studio. \$1050. 2 bedroom. Deposit \$500. Includes carport space and storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated community. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Carport, hardwood floors, ceiling fan, washer/dryer included. Eat-in kitchen. No pets. 4426 Rosebud Lane. Agent, 619-461-1564.

LA MESA. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Air conditioner, pool. On-site manager. Off-street parking. 4465 Rosebud Lane. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sara, 619-303-7745 or Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

LA MESA. \$795. 1 bedroom, cottage-style duplex. Hardwood floors. Ceiling fans, close to shopping center. Utilities included. Also available studio, carpet, unfurnished \$650. 619-465-8258. www.floir.com.

LA MESA. \$850. Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry room on site. Parking on site. Close to shops and freeways. 4515 Third Street. Available now. Glenna, 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$1050. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry room on site. Parking on site. Close to shops and freeways. 4515 Third Street. Available now. Glenna, 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$695. Junior 1 bedroom with patio. Garage included. Onsite laundry. No pets. Quiet complex. Call 619-462-1550.

LA MESA. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Private yard, garage, fireplace,

hardwood floors, gardener. Must see! Extra large family room. Great neighborhood. Message, 619-589-6520.

LA MESA. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Gated complex, parking. Elevator. View of beautifully landscaped courtyard. Laundry room. Spa. Cat OK. 619-464-5592.

LA MESA. \$885. One month free, pets on approval. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, very clean. On-site laundry, off-street parking. Beautiful location. 4763 Jessie. 619-504-4995.

LA MESA. \$1135. One month free, pets on approval. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Very clean, beautiful location. 4763 Jessie. 619-504-4995.

LA MESA. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Hardwood flooring, new carpet, microwave, dishwasher, enclosed patio, close to Lake Murray. 5543 Shasta Lane. 619-725-3648, 619-846-6615.

LA MESA. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Covered parking, patio, hardwood/tile floors. Pool, spa, laundry facilities. Close to freeway, public transportation, shopping. 619-462-6414.

LA MESA. \$940. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs unit, gated complex, air conditioning, laundry, near village. Available now. 4641 Date Avenue. Donna, 619-469-3809.

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his April 22, 1955, obit. He died at 81. (L.W.’s uncle Eli Blackmer owned San Diego’s first music store, served a couple years as superintendent of schools, and had the masonic Blackmer Lodge 442 named after him.)

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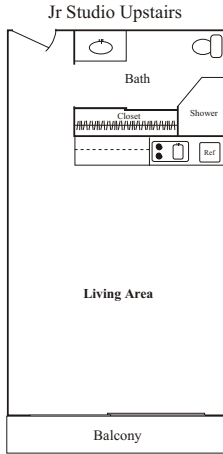
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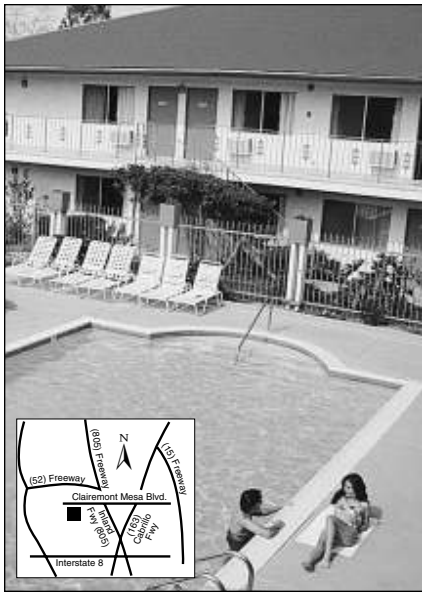
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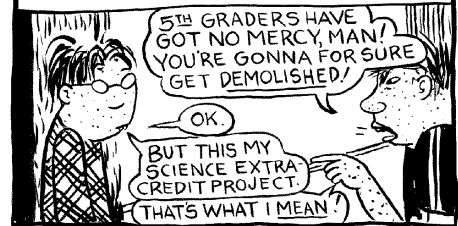
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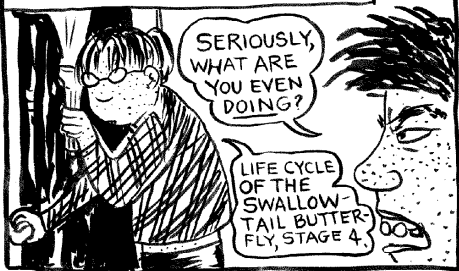
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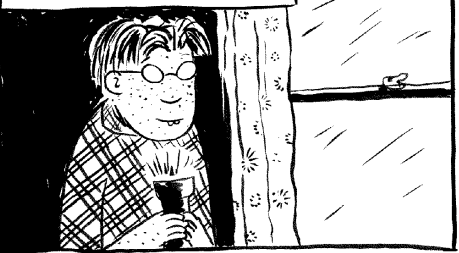
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CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 9am-noon, Sunday, 2/16. Waterfall, pump, fireplace mantle, screen, disposer, exhaust fan, shoji screen, ceiling fan, furniture, hardware, books. 3246 Old Kettle Road.

COLLEGE AREA. Saturday/Sunday, 2/15-2/16, 10am-3pm. Vintage Haywood-Wakefield furniture, kitchen supplies, dining, living, desks, everything must go. 4605 Esther Street.

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LA JOLLA. Alley/moving sale. 8am-2pm, 2/22. Multifamily. Everything for a home, must go. Golf clubs, tennis rackets. Between 7200 Draper Street and Eads Avenue.

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MISSION HILLS. Yard sale. 7am-1pm, 2/15. Refrigerator, clothing, small tables, dishes, collectibles. 1875 Washington Place (corner of Pringle).

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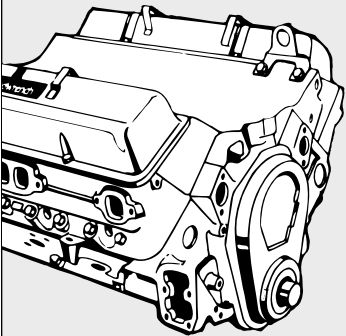
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CHEVY TRACKER, 1999, 2 door, convertible, automatic, air conditioning, cassette. \$7997. Vin-934092. Courtesy Chevrolet, 619-297-4321; www.courtesysandiego.com.

CHEVY TRACKER, 2000, 4x4, blue, automatic, CD, air conditioning, power windows/door locks, cruise, tilt, roof rack. \$9997. Vin-925091. Courtesy Chevrolet, 619-297-4321; www.courtesychevrolet.com.

CHRYSLER FIFTH AVENUE, 1986, 4-door sedan, blue, gray leather, loaded, grandmom's car, 88K miles, \$600/best. 619-417-5030.

CHRYSLER NEW YORKER, 1983, runs well, new paint, Japanese engine, new stereo, new muffler, many extras. For

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CHRYSLER SEBRING LXI, 1988, CD cassette, leather, moon roof, ABS, power windows/locks. \$9977. Vin-085932. Courtesy Chevrolet, 619-297-4321; www.courtesysandiego.com.

CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY, 1994 mini-van, 118,000 miles, clean. Removable mid-row (captain seats) and back seat sofa, seats 7, all electronics, sound system. \$3000. 858-697-6070.

CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LXI, 1997, burgundy, new tires, front brakes, battery, 1 year mileage plus warranty remaining, excellent condition. \$7750/best. Evenings, 858-513-7567.

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DODGE RAM 1500 SLT, 1994 Laramie, V-8 318, long bed, burgundy with gray interior, automatic, power everything, air conditioning, matching shell, carpet kit, \$8500/best. 760-436-4246.

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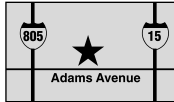
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LEAD STORIES

— Harold Camping, the host of a moderately prominent international Christian radio call-in show, recently told his listeners that Satan has taken over “all” churches and that people of faith should do their worshipping elsewhere. Apparently, pastors all over the United States are outraged, with some attributing drops in attendance (and contributions) to Camping, whose Oakland, Calif.-based organization reported donations of \$12 million in 2000.

— Among the rap lyrics penned by condemned murderer John Taylor, 38 (convicted of killing five New York City Wendy’s employees in a 2000 robbery), during his two days on the lam before his arrest (and revealed by prosecutors in January) (Taylor’s spelling): “so now you know how I go/ They got my face on the worlds most wanted show/ on chanel five showing live/ you’ll think I’m famous/ I’m airing world wide/ I’m a stick up kid so swift you see/ in and out like 1 2 3/ I said give me the doe you say no, no?/ Is it no you said stick some lead to your head/ guess what punk now your dead/ with all that blood bursting out your Head.” Taylor now says he’s sorry for the killings.

Reader’s Choice

— If it hadn’t been for the metal detector at the Regina, Saskatchewan, airport, the woman might still wonder why her stomach pains, following June 2002 surgery, were persisting. When the detector relentlessly beeped but no metal could be found on her, she scheduled an X-ray and discovered that a 12-inch-long surgical retractor had been left inside. (A study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in January estimated that 1500 items were left inside surgery patients in 2001.)

By 2008, an Olympic Sport

— Matthew and Elaine Sweetapple recently invented a “game of skill, power, speed, and endurance,” consisting of a biodegradable ball (smaller than a golf ball) placed in a urinal, to be disintegrated by a urinator (either alone or in “competition”). The product, Peeball, was launched for sale (equivalent of \$1.70) late in 2002 by Great Britain’s Prostate Cancer Charity, which hopes

the novelty will call attention to its cause, in that players with prostate problems are typically poor at the game. Player strategies, basically, are (1) direct stream and (2) intermittent stream.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Two British zoologists and a psychologist started a business consulting firm in November to teach executives to handle risk based on lessons from animal behavior. Founders Alex Kacelnik and Sir John Krebs (University of Oxford) said it was their work with starlings and crows that told them that animals, including humans, approach risk in similar ways (e.g., a petroleum company exploring for oil is similar to a bird foraging for food).

— In December, the British subsidiary of the German firm Condomi selected 10 men from among 10,000 college students across Great Britain to be condom testers, paying them a rate of about \$170 per term to test for comfort and convenience, with unlimited supplies (of condoms, not partners). Newcastle University law student Dave Chapman, one of the 10, told a reporter in December that he thinks the assignment is “to get through as many as humanly possible.”

Science on the Edge

— Two University of Virginia neurologists told a professional conference in December that an egg-sized brain tumor in the orbifrontal cortex region was likely the only explanation why an appropriately behaving 40-year-old man suddenly became a pedophile, frequently seeking pornography and making subtle advances to children. After surgery to remove the tumor, the inappropriate urges disappeared for months, but when the urges returned, doctors found that so had the tumor.

— Researchers at the Jichi medical school in Tochigi, Japan, told *New Scientist* magazine in December that they had successfully removed the heads of infant rats, held onto them for 90 minutes, and replanted them onto the blood supply of the thighs of adult rats, with the brains continuing to develop for about three more weeks (e.g., mouths began to move, as if expecting milk). The researchers say their work is an “excellent model” for brain function in human babies.

People Different from Us

— Robert Covey, 21, said he found a bullet at around 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 11 and decided it would be cool to put it on the ground and shoot at it with his BB gun. He hit it on the third shot, causing the bullet to explode, sending fragments into his right forearm and left middle finger. He was treated at a Hot Springs, Ark., hospital and released.

Recurring Themes

— More People a Little Too Chummy with Animals: In November 2002, the Appeals Court of Massachusetts rejected a lawsuit by Robert and Anne Krasnecky of Ware, Mass., for “loss of companionship” of their seven pet sheep, which were killed by a neighbor’s dog. The court said “companionship” in the law referred only to humans, even though the Krasneckys considered the sheep their “babies,” spent six or seven hours a day with them, gave them names, celebrated their birthdays with special food and balloons, baked snacks for them, bottle-fed them, and allowed them the run of their house.

The District of Calamity

— In January, a 72-year-old woman was found dead in her Washington, D.C., apartment the day after a police officer had searched the apartment and failed to notice the woman’s leg sticking out from underneath a bed. (Two months earlier, D.C. paramedics had bagged the apparently dead body of a 49-year-old woman, but later, three morgue employees said they detected a slight pulse; however, she died for real a few minutes later.) On another matter, The *Washington Post* reported in October that the District’s payroll office, having already spent \$20 million on a new computer system that never worked, had just spent another \$14 million to transfer all the records back to the old, antiquated system, which led the *Post* to speculate that the squandered \$34 million is probably more than the entire D.C. jail population combined had ever stolen.

Inter-Species Upsets

— A cockfight handler, about to release his rooster into the ring to do battle, was killed when the rooster used the razor-sharp steel spikes on

his legs to slash the man’s thigh and groin, causing him to bleed to death (Zamboanga, Philippines, January). And a 43-year-old man died of a gunshot wound shortly after telling his wife he was going to use his rifle to club to death the couple’s Chinese shar-pei dog because it had bitten him; with no other explanation apparent, police suspect that the rifle accidentally discharged during the clubbing (Winchester, Va., January).

People with Issues

— Joseph Anthony Giannini, 53, who was well-known among neighbors and co-workers as a gung-ho, “war story”-telling retired Washington, D.C., police officer, died of a mysterious gunshot wound on Dec. 31 as he warmed up his truck. The *Washington Post* reported that Giannini had equipped his truck cab with squad car paraphernalia (siren, flashing lights, ticket books, etc.); held many police badges, ID cards, and police academy diplomas; and was a proud member of the local Fraternal Order of Police (which is restricted to officers and former officers). However, D.C. police had no record of Giannini’s having served with them, and the *Post* reporter said “most” of the badges and diplomas “appeared to be falsified” (and in fact, Giannini was once arrested for impersonating a police officer).

Also, in the Last Month ...

— Goalkeeper Richard Siddall stayed on the field for ten minutes after everyone else had left because the fog that caused the soccer game’s cancellation was so thick that he didn’t see the players leave (Sheffield, England). Toki Holden, 38, was arrested and her day-care center closed when state investigators accused her of giving a crying five-month-old boy a bottle spiked with Ny-Quil (Durham, N.C.). Paul and Hannelore Richter said they have been keeping a pet eel in their family bathtub for 33 years (transferred to a bucket when the tub is otherwise in use), first because their kids begged them to and later because the Richters feared it could no longer survive in the wild (Bochum, Germany).

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Benjamin has pneumonia. Again. My youngest child Benjamin had pneumonia two years ago when he was four months old. He scared me to death. I remember sitting in an examining room at Children’s Hospital on a Sunday afternoon. Benjamin’s whole body burned with fever. He lay limply against my shoulder and gazed out at nothing. He breathed too fast and too hard. After chest X-rays and I.V. antibiotics and a few more scary nights, Benjamin got better.

This time he scared me again. We’ve been sick for weeks. Every winter, my five children pass viruses and bacteria around like the Harlem Globetrotters warming up for a big game. First Angela and Lucy had strep. Then Johnny

had bronchitis. Then Rebecca had strep. In between, Benjamin had a fever and runny nose. After Rebecca’s bout with strep, Benjamin got another fever, cold symptoms, and a light-red pinpoint rash on his chest. I looked up Benjamin’s symptoms on the Internet. “Oh, my gosh,” I told my husband Jack. “I think he has scarlet fever.”

“Isn’t that bad?” Jack replied. “I didn’t think kids got scarlet fever anymore.”

“According to this website, scarlet fever is just strep. The strep bacteria produce a toxin. Some kids, usually younger kids, react to the toxin and develop a rash. That’s scarlet fever.”

I called the doctor. I took Benjamin in on a Tuesday. He cooperated the way he always cooperates at the doctor’s office. Not at all. The doctor lifted Ben’s shirt to look at the rash. Ben screamed and clung to me. The doctor laid her stethoscope against his hot back. Ben screamed and tried to squirm away as though he were Superman and the stethoscope were kryptonite. I pinned Benjamin to the examining table and held his arms while the doctor pried his throat open. “Throat’s red and blistered,” she said. “We’ll treat for strep.”

“Can you give me the lowest dose antibiotic you’ve got?” I asked. “He takes medicine about as well as he lets you examine him. I have to pin him down. Then he throws it up about half the time.”

The nurse gave Benjamin an injection. Three of us had to hold him down.

Benjamin perked up for a couple of days. Fever went away. Rash faded. Friday morning,

he woke up feverish again. Friday night, his fever spiked above 103. Saturday, I called the doctor and explained the situation. “Watch him for another day,” she said. “If he’s sicker tomorrow, we’ll be in the office.”

Saturday night, Benjamin got hotter. He lay in bed and panted like a puppy. He coughed great goopy coughs. “I think he’s got pneumonia,” I told Jack.

Sunday morning, I was the first one at the doctor’s office. Benjamin felt so bad he lay limply in my arms and let the doctor listen to his lungs. She listened a long time. “I think you’re right,” she said as she pulled the stethoscope away. “I’m hearing some fluid way down here.” She pointed to a spot on Benjamin’s lower back. “I can’t give him an injection for this,” she continued. “But he only needs to take the antibiotic once a day for five days. I’ll give you a little extra in case he throws it up.”

I took Benjamin home. Jack held Benjamin down and forced the first dose down his throat. “I feel better,” Benjamin screamed through clenched teeth.

“You’ll feel better after you take the medicine,” Jack explained.

Benjamin choked down the sweet, sticky teaspoonful of medicine. A moment or two later, he threw it up, along with his breakfast, all over the kitchen floor. Jack and I cleaned up the mess, then started again. “You’ve got to take the medicine,” I told Benjamin. “Or you won’t get better.”

The second dose stayed down. Benjamin spent the day dozing on the couch. “We’ll prob-

ably have a few more bad nights,” I told Jack. “But at least we’re over the worst of it.”

I was wrong. Sunday night after dinner, Angela complained that her stomach hurt. Angela, who is eight, often has unexplained ailments that materialize and then disappear with no treatment. “Angela,” I explained as I sat in the bathroom filling the tub with lukewarm water, “I’m sorry about your tummy. Benjamin’s burning up. I need to give him a bath to help him cool down.”

“But my tummy really, really hurts,” Angela moaned.

“Then sit next to the toilet in case you need to throw up.”

“Okay, Mommy.”

Moments later, as I lowered an unhappy Benjamin into the tub, Angela vomited her dinner into the toilet. “I’m so sorry, Sweetie,” I told her. “JACK!” I hollered.

Jack ran up from downstairs, where he’d been helping Rebecca, Lucy, and Johnny put away toys. He helped Angela get ready for bed while I finished Benjamin’s bath. “Hold me,” Benjamin said over and over again.

“I will, Buddy,” I crooned.

Angela threw up seven more times Sunday night. Rebecca threw up once. Jack tended to the girls. I spent the night tossing and turning next to Ben. In the morning, I threw up, too.

Jack stayed home from work and took care of us all. By Monday night, I felt much better. Rebecca went back to school Tuesday. Angela went back Wednesday. Benjamin seems to be getting better. I’m afraid to say we’ve seen the worst.

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